

Who are We?

The United Nations Population Fund; One of the United Nations agencies working in Jordan.



What do we do?

Our mission statement says it all:

“UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, delivers a world where every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, every young person’s potential is fulfilled” .

UNFPA - Because everyone counts

UNFPA promotes the right of every woman, man and child to enjoy a life of health and equal opportunity. UNFPA supports countries in using population data for policies and programmes to reduce poverty and to ensure that every pregnancy is wanted, every birth is safe, every young person is free of HIV/AIDS, and every girl and woman is treated with dignity and respect.

What do we focus on in our work in Jordan?

As part of the global development system; UNFPA Jordan supports and monitors countries on the implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development plan of action and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, especially MDG 5, that focuses on improving maternal health.

UNFPA also focuses on improving access to reproductive health services, including family planning and promoting reproductive health rights which contribute in reducing both maternal morbidity and mortality.

When was the Jordan Office Established?

UNFPA started its programmes of cooperation in Jordan in 1976. UNFPA supports five-year programme cycles which are developed between the Government of Jordan, represented by the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation and UNFPA. Each programme cycle is based on achievements and lessons learned of the preceding cycles and the evolving national development priorities.

How do We Work?

UNFPA Jordan partners with government, other United Nations agencies, communities, Non Governmental Organizations, foundations and the private sector to advocate and mobilize resources to achieve sustainable development. UNFPA is fully committed to a more effective, coherent and better coordinated United Nations system that delivers as one.

UNFPA Jordan is currently supporting the Eighth Country Programme of Cooperation (2013-2017) which was developed within the overall framework of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) and the Common Country Assessment (CCA). The process of developing the CCA and the UNDAF was jointly conducted by the Government of Jordan and the United Nations organizations in Jordan.

UNFPA Jordan is committed to the government to focus on three main areas in the current country programme, which are:

- 1- Population Dynamics
- 2- Maternal And New Born Health
- 3- Gender Equality and Reproductive Health



In addition to the Regular Country Programme; UNFPA Jordan started its Emergency Program in Jordan early 2012, to respond to the reproductive health needs of Syrians women and girls and to ensure providing them with high quality life-saving protection services.

As part of its Emergency Programme, UNFPA works with national and international partners to provide services in three specific areas:

- Providing reproductive health services and promoting reproductive rights
- Gender based violence prevention and response
- Promoting healthy life styles, involving and responding to the needs of Young People.

Who Are Our Current Partners?

Partners in Regular Programme:

The Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation (MOPIC)
The Ministry of Health (MOH)
The Higher Population Council (HPC)
The Higher Council for Youth (HCY)
The Department of Statistics (DOS)
The Royal Health Awareness Society (RHAS)
All Jordan Youth Committee (AJYC)
The National Women's Health Care Center (NWHCC)
Y-PEER , The Youth Peer Education Network
The United Nations in Jordan



Partners in the Response Programme to the Syrian Humanitarian Crisis:

Jordan Health Aid Society (JHAS)
Institute for Family Health / Noor Al-Hussein Foundation (IFH/NHF)
Ministry of Health (MOH)
Family Protection Department /Public Security (FPD)
Aman Jordanian Association
International Rescue Committee (IRC)
International Medical Corps (IMC)
Un Ponte Per/ Jordan Women Union (UPP /JWU)
Y-PEER , The Youth Peer Education Network



The three main areas in the current country programme (CP 8)

First component : Population Dynamics and Development

In this component, UNFPA Jordan seeks to achieve the following:

- Strengthen coordination among stakeholders on issues related to population and reproductive health.
- Strengthen the capacity of national partners to conduct evidence-based research on population issues.
- Support the development and implementation of an advocacy and communication strategy on youth employment and entrepreneurship.
- Production of Jordan Population report bi annually.
- Continuing to build national capacity in results-based management, monitoring the Millennium Development Goals, and integrating population and gender issues into national development plans.
- Strengthen the national capacity for using routine administrative records and other related data sources in order to support more effective policies.
- Address data gaps (including data on persons with disabilities, the elderly and other marginalized populations).
- Support monitoring of the Millennium Development Goals.
- Support national preparations for the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) beyond 2014, by facilitating public debates on Jordan's position in the conference, in partnership with the Higher Population Council and other relevant stakeholders.



The Higher Population Council (HPC)

UNFPA will work with the Higher Population Council (HPC) on the formulation and implementation of national population policies and strategies.

What are the project main activities?

- Strengthen advocacy initiatives to insure integration of population issues in national plans and strategies.
- Support coordination role of the Higher Population Council (HPC) to follow up on implementation of demographic Dividend policies, population projection, migration, youth and media using clear criteria to ensure coordination effectiveness.
- Develop policy briefs and position papers in collaboration with Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation as required.
- Conduct national forums related to Demographic Dividend and the International Conference on Population & Development (ICPD).
- Conduct and follow up on all national preparations related to International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Beyond 20 which includes the development of the national report, conduct consultation meetings with stakeholders to discuss achievements, gaps and challenges for the implementation of ICPD Programme of Action, and official representation of Jordan in the regional and international arena.
- Raise awareness on International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) beyond 20 Program of Action.
- Prepare Jordan population reports.
- Develop analytical and in-depth research and studies on population and reproductive health issues.
- Build the capacity of the Higher Population Council (HPC) and national stakeholders to advocate for population issues by supporting their participation in conferences and training workshops.

What is significant about this partnership?

UNFPA partnership with the Higher Population Council (HPC) is essential as they represent the mirror image for UNFPA mandate at the national level. In addition to HPC's role in supporting the development of population policies and strategies; including strategies for reproductive health, migration and demographic Dividend.



Department of Statistics (DOS)

UNFPA will work with the Department of Statistics (DOS) in developing a technical assistance plan for the successful completion of the 2014 census and will be providing technical support in selected areas in this plan. UNFPA will provide support to the dissemination of census findings nationally and regionally and will be supporting the development of analytical researches and in-depth analysis of produced census.

UNFPA supports the production of population and reproductive health related data such as the Demographic and Household Surveys and Censuses.

The project also aims to raise awareness at the central, north and south levels on the main outcomes of the DHS reports. Special presentations based on regions prepared and presented to the public in national forums. Special attention is usually given to Badia area where a detailed report is produced for this region.



What are the project main activities?

- Provide technical and financial assistance for the Demographic and Household Surveys (DHS), in cooperation with both UNICEF and USAID.
- Raise awareness and dissemination of DHS results at the central, north, and south levels.
- Production of a special report for Badia region as part of DHS reporting process in addition to special presentations for the regions to be presented to the public in sub-national forums.
- Support the development of a technical assistance plan for a successful completion of the 2014 census and providing technical support in selected areas in this plan.
- Support the dissemination of census findings nationally and regionally.
- Development of analytical researches and in-depth analysis of census.
- Support the National Youth Survey in partnership with UNICEF and other donors.
- Support the migration national survey.

What is significant about this partnership?

The Department of Statistics is the official body for both issuing and approving national information and data. To advocate for “Informed Decisions” and “Evidence Based Policies”, UNFPA through its partnership with the Department of Statistics supports the production and utilization of population related data.

Shobak Sehetna..



The Higher Council for Youth (HCY)

For the sixth consecutive year, UNFPA and the Higher Council for Youth (HCY) are implementing the project “Shobak Sehetna”, one of UNFPA seventh country program projects. This project aims at creating a supportive safe environment for youth that enables them to adopt healthy life styles and to enhance their knowledge in the reproductive health concepts.

What are the project main activities?

The Healthy Life Style Camps are considered as the main activity for this project. The objective of those camps, which are conducted for six days, is to provide a comprehensive healthy environment for Jordanian youth to practice healthy behaviors and to learn more about their mental, physical and reproductive health issues. The idea of these healthy camps came with a comprehensive and creative approach that depends mainly on the self-life learning for young people by living the experience themselves in order to obtain knowledge, skills and practices that will help them in their future decisions and choices concerning their physical, intellectual and social health.

In these camps, the young people are trained on the “Healthy Life Styles Training Package” which was produced by UNFPA in collaboration with HCY. The package presents interactive, participatory and creative activities that are related to youth’s health and it encourages the young people to live and adopt a healthy style in their daily life. To ensure effective implementation and sustainability for the Healthy Camps, a special capacity building program is conducted targeting the Youth Centers Supervisors who are the main trainers in the healthy camps.

Also, UNFPA and HCY produced an interesting and innovative game targeting young people. The game, which is called “The Knowledge Game Box”, can be played individually or by groups in youth centers or other setting, and aims at providing scientific and simple answers to young people’s aged (15-24 years) questions regarding their reproductive health, healthy lifestyles and puberty.

What is significant about this project?

For the first time in this project, a “healthy day camps” will be implemented in the youth centers at the directorate level. This activity will be implemented during the centers’ working hours to meet the different needs of young people. This activity is developed to increase the number of young people benefitting from the project, especially the young people in youth centers who are unable to participate in the healthy lifestyle camps that include overnight stay.

SHABABNA (Youth for Health)..



The Royal Health Awareness Society (RHAS)

SHABABNA (Youth for Health) project started in June 2013 and being implemented through the partnerships between UNFPA and the Royal Health Awareness Society (RHAS). The overall objective of this project is to improve the quality of youth's life, including youth at risk, by helping them to gain knowledge, motivation and opportunities they need to make right decisions about their health with an emphasis on Reproductive Health (RH) issues and rights.

What are the project specific objectives?

- Raise awareness amongst university students on reproductive health issues.
- Incorporate Reproductive Health (RH) and Gender Based Violence (GBV) topics within the already RHAS developed university community materials and courses.
- Institutionalize the project components within both the university and its clinic activities and programs to ensure access to correct health information.

What are the project main activities?

The project implementation involves a series of interactive activities targeting university students, representatives from nursing faculties and the Royal Health Awareness Society (RHAS) technical staff including educational attractive material which will be designed by both UNFPA and RHAS targeting ten topics on both general and reproductive health issues. The selected team of trainers from the faculty of nursing will start training the students using participatory creative approaches to deliver health related messages, and they will encourage those students to design and implement innovative simple health initiatives to raise the awareness of their peers on different health & reproductive health issues.

These initiatives and information will also be linked with the university clinic, that should be a source to provide scientific simple information for the students on reproductive health and health issues.

What is significant about this project?

That this project targets both the faculty representatives and students, at the same time. Also, the integration of the reproductive health and gender based violence issues within these courses in different Jordanian universities is the significant marker of Shababna project.

All Jordan Youth Commission (AJYC)



Early in the year 2014, UNFPA Jordan signed a joint agreement with the All Jordan Youth Commission (AJYC)/ the youth arm of King Abdullah II Fund for Development.

The agreement aims at building the capacity of AJYC coordinators and the youth committee members on reproductive health and healthy life styles, and on using creative tools to design and implement edutainment and informative materials that enable them to institutionalize a new health program for young people, including groups at most risk, focusing on reproductive health issues in order to improve access to reproductive health services and information in addition to promote healthy lifestyle programs.

What are the project specific objectives?

- Build the capacity of the commission coordinators and young volunteers on reproductive health and healthy life styles, in three governorates, on film making, graphic design, theater and social media techniques.
- Production of different educational and media materials reflecting young people vision on RH issues.
- Institutionalization of the project component to become one of the main programs provided by the commission to its members and volunteers all over the Kingdom.

What are the project main activities?

UNFPA will work with All Jordan Youth Commission to conduct a training for the commission coordinators on reproductive health issues and rights in three selected governorates namely Irbid, Tafileh and Zarqa. The trained youth will be divided into specialized groups to participate in a series of training workshops on film making, graphic design, theater techniques and social media channels. As a result of these workshops, the young volunteers will be able to produce different informative & educational materials reflecting their views to promote healthy life styles and reproductive health good practices.

By the end of the project, the coordinators and volunteers of AJYC will conduct three events (one per region) that promote healthy life styles and reproductive health good practices, and presents their products.

What is significant about this project?

UNFPA partnership with All Jordan Youth Commission will give the project a national aspect, as the commission is the youth main arm of the King Abdullah II Fund for Development, which has access to Jordanian youth in the whole kingdom and at all levels, especially at the universities level.

Second Component:



Maternal and Newborn Health

UNFPA aims in this component to strengthen the national capacities to increase the demand for and the provision of high-quality, equitable reproductive health services for women and young people.

The Ministry of Health (MOH)

UNFPA aims through this partnership to strengthen the capacities of the Ministry to increase the demand for and the provision of high-quality, equitable reproductive health services for women and young people in MOH selected centers and communities.

What are the project main activities?

UNFPA will support the Ministry of Health to enhance existing maternal death audit system and its database. UNFPA will also support the Ministry in pilot areas to strengthen the delivery system and to ensure better reporting within the facilities to identify any avoidable factors which could improve maternal care in the future through providing technical expertise and training for maternal health professionals.

At the facility level, UNFPA will be piloting in two hospitals to strengthen the death audit system and to ensure better reporting within the facility to identify any avoidable factors which could improve maternal care in the future through providing technical expertise and training for health professionals.

UNFPA will also be working with the Ministry of Health in seventeen selected comprehensive health centers, in addition to the National Women's Healthcare Center (NWHC) in Tafileh, in order to provide life cycle-based comprehensive health services to women and girls, and to provide updated guidelines and protocols, in addition to building the capacity of the Ministry of Health to provide such services.

Moreover, UNFPA will also support monitoring and evaluation activities in addition to various awareness raising activities. To maximize the impact, UNFPA will ensure linkages among the piloted hospitals for the maternal death audit and the selected 18 comprehensive women health centers, as well as the community level activities. UNFPA will work closely with UNICEF, WHO, USAID and other concerned partners.

What is significant about this project?

UNFPA Jordan, and through this partnership with the Ministry of Health, will be able to support a monitoring system for pregnant women, and to improve the maternal care health services. Also, providing life cycle comprehensive health services for women in selected center will be scaled up among all MOH health centers.

Third Component:

Gender Equality and Reproductive Rights

UNFPA aims in this component at strengthening the capacity of national institutions to address Gender Based Violence (GBV) at the service level and within the national family protection framework. To achieve this objective; UNFPA will work closely with national stakeholders and in cooperation with UN Women and other United Nations agencies.

The Ministry of Health (MOH)

UNFPA will build on the work done with the Ministry of Health in the previous programme cycle (2008-2012) and will continue its coordination with UNICEF in the health facilities to enhance the institutional capacity of the Ministry to provide quality services for gender base violence cases. UNFPA will contribute to strengthen the institutional capacity and the role of Family Protection Section in the Ministry of Health. UNFPA will also continue supporting different types of capacity building activities for service providers with stronger focus on their attitudes towards GBV survivors and vulnerable groups including the disabled people; in addition to awareness raising activities on GBV for health service providers and for local communities.

UNFPA will also support the Ministry to increase the number of its trainers on GBV and to produce data on KAP “Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices” of service providers on domestic violence.

What is significant about this project?

This project will lead to instituting a detection, counseling and referral system in the Ministry of Health to combat violence against women and children within the national family protection framework.



Family Protection Department (FPD)

In order to support addressing gender based violence in the public health system within the overall National Family Protection Framework; UNFPA will provide support to the Family Protection Department and its sections to provide quality services for gender based violence issues and cases. This will be done through capacity building programs for FPD personnel to enhance their skills in dealing with gender based violence cases. UNFPA will also support FPD to develop a special unified training curriculum, and to review the qualitative specialization of the cases that the department deals with.



The National Council for Family Affairs (NCFA)

UNFPA will support the National Council for Family Affairs to review and update the National Family Protection Framework. UNFPA will also support NCFA to update and endorse the Jordanian Strategy for Elderly, and the new Family Protection Strategy (2014-2017). UNFPA will contribute to support NCFA to develop policy document on health sector related gaps in the family protection legislation, laws and regulations.

The Royal Health Awareness Society (RHAS)

UNFPA will work with the Royal Health Awareness Society, in addition to Shababna project, on integrating gender based violence issues within its developed university community materials and courses targeting nursing students in the Jordanian universities. The project will be piloted the Jordanian University for Science & Technology.

The Youth Peer Education Network in Jordan (Y-PEER)



Y-PEER, the Youth Peer Education Network in Jordan is a groundbreaking and comprehensive youth-to-youth initiative pioneered by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Y-PEER is a network of non-profit organizations and governmental institutions; its membership includes thousands of young people who work in many areas surrounding adolescent reproductive health in many countries around the globe which Jordan joined in late 2008.

Who are the Y-PEERians?

Members of Y-PEER include young people, active peer educators, trainers and youth advocates for adolescent reproductive health, youth participation and civic engagement.

What is the Y-PEER vision ?

To encourage young people to promote healthy lifestyles through peer to peer approaches and to empower young people to make responsible decisions about their lives and life style through interactive youth friendly methods and tools.

Y-PEER also aims to promote Healthy life styles among Jordanian Youth and to raise awareness on reproductive health and rights, using interactive and non-traditional tools and methods and validate their role to promote their reproductive health and rights.

How does the network function?

The Y-PEER network works on building the skills and capacities of young people through different training modalities, by providing youth friendly tools and activities that ensure building a healthy atmosphere to share experiences and communicating accurate information in an interactive, fun process, such as:

- Theater based training specialized for peer education
- Advanced training of trainers specialized for peer education
- Basic peer education trainings
- Civic engagement and campaigning training
- Interactive activities such as the 10 Days of Activism (10 DOA) annual campaign
- Participate in representing the network locally and globally in youth related activities

Since it's a youth network; Y-PEERians contribute in the resources, tools, training programmes and campaigns through online communication or meetings, and in coordination with different partners especially UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund.

Where does the network work?

The network is expanding all over the kingdom as the Y-PEERs are presented in most governorates in the North, Middle and South regions.

What can young people do with the Y-PEERs?

Young people are welcome to join the Y-Peer activities as friends of the network, and it's possible that those young people become official active members of the network through participating in one of the trainings (announced on the facebook page).

How did The Y-PEER Jordan Respond to the Humanitarian Crisis?

In response to the Syrian crisis, Y-PEER Jordan adapted the participatory peer to peer education manual in humanitarian settings, and trained hundreds of young Syrians inside the camps who then were supported to design & implement initiatives to reach out a wider number of their peers and raise their awareness on several topics including RH & GBV through an appealing interactive approach.

Apart from capacity building, Y-PEER provides an enabling environment for young people where they can participate in a variety of entertaining activities that potentiates their positive way of thinking and respond to the rapidly changing dynamics of their society.



UNFPA Jordan Response to the Syrian Humanitarian Crisis

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in Jordan provides technical and financial support to governmental and non-governmental partners to address reproductive health, gender-based violence prevention and response and youth issues, while working on capacity building and empowerment of the service providers to provide high quality services.

UNFPA Jordan has been active from the onset of the Syrian crises to respond to the needs of the Syrians both in the communities and the established camps, as well as other affected population. UNFPA Jordan scaled up its programs to cover the needs of vulnerable population with a goal of minimizing maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality, as well as reduce and mitigate the risks and consequences of GBV.



As part of its humanitarian programme, UNFPA works with national and international partners to provide services for three specific components:

- Providing reproductive health services and promoting reproductive rights.
- Supporting Gender based violence prevention and response.
- Promoting healthy life styles, involving and responding to the needs of young people.

Which areas UNFPA Jordan humanitarian programme is focusing on?

1. COORDINATION:

[reproductive health, gender-based violence and youth](#)

UNFPA chairs the national reproductive health sub-working group, and co-chairs the national gender based violence sub-working group. Also, In Za'atri, UNFPA co-chairs the youth task force, and reproductive health sub-working group.

Through these working groups, UNFPA coordinates the work of different national and international actors working in reproductive health and gender based violence (GBV) prevention and response. UNFPA takes the lead in assessing the situation and identifying the gaps related to its mandate, and works closely with other partners to address the needs.

UNFPA participates in other coordination groups such as the health, health sector strategic advisory group, camp management, non-food item distribution, protection and security working groups to ensure the specific needs of women and young people are taken into consideration by other stakeholders and addressed strategically.

2. CAPACITY BUILDING:

reproductive health, gender-based violence prevention & response and youth

UNFPA provides continuous technical support and capacity building for reproductive health service providers on Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP), national reproductive health protocols, Clinical Management of Rape (CMR) and referral pathways.

UNFPA is one of the leading agencies working to ensure humanitarian actors in the field are trained on Gender Based Violence (GBV). Service providers, religious and community leaders are trained on prevention and response to gender based violence including: survivor-centered case management, psychosocial, medical and legal support to gender based violence survivors, and gender based violence standards operating procedures (SOPs).

Also, UNFPA supports building the capacities of different organizations and institutions working with young people in humanitarian settings to qualify young trainers in the camps and communities.



3. SERVICE PROVISION:

reproductive health, GBV prevention and response

1. Reproductive health, and reproductive rights promotion:

27 reproductive health clinics established.

UNFPA supports reproductive health clinics providing antenatal care, postnatal care, deliveries clinic in Za'atari camp, family planning, education, one to one counseling, awareness sessions, sexually transmitted infection management, clinical management of rape, and referral services. UNFPA provides reproductive health education on family planning, health-related messages on early pregnancies, hygiene issues, breastfeeding, and awareness on available reproductive health services.

UNFPA static and mobile clinics provide reproductive health care to 2000 beneficiaries per week. Each month, around 100 babies are born in UNFPA clinics in Za'atari.



2. Gender Based Violence (GBV) prevention and response:

17 safe spaces (8 camps-based).

UNFPA's safe spaces are at the core of its GBV prevention and response strategy. In these spaces, women and girls meet, develop networks and learn about their rights and essential life skills, as well as access to specialized GBV services when needed.

UNFPA supports the provision of safe, confidential and survivor-centered to case management that support GBV survivors to access quality multi-sectoral (medical, psychosocial, legal and security) services according to the survivors needs and preferences.

UNFPA also provides comprehensive psycho-social support to women and girls through access to counseling, support groups, and recreational activities. UNFPA implements GBV prevention activities including: raising awareness on GBV issues, community mobilization, outreach and youth engagement.

Each week, 3000 women and girls access UNFPA supported safe spaces. In 2013, direct response services were provided to over to 1000 GBV survivors.

3. Young girls and boys (15-24 years)

UNFPA designed and implemented activities for young people (males and females) aged 15-24 years in the camps and within the host community. UNFPA also works on addressing the needs of young people by promoting healthy life styles, Y-Peer education approach, and raising their awareness on main topics related to young people, especially in humanitarian settings. The main topics include basic hygiene skills, how to prevent possible sexual and physical abuse and early marriage.



4. Supply provision: reproductive health kits and equipments

UNFPA provides emergency reproductive health kits and contraceptives to the Ministry of Health and all non-governmental partners providing reproductive health services in Jordan. These pre-packaged reproductive health kits contain essential drugs, equipment and supplies notably medicine for the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases (STIs), contraception methods including condoms, intra-uterine devices, contraceptive pills and injectables, and delivery kits. Post-rape kits that include post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) for the prevention of the transmission of HIV are provided to the facilities ready to provide clinical management of rape (CMR). UNFPA also provides other reproductive health equipment and ambulances.

