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An advanced IBN training is delivered in locations where basic training was already conducted. This training will provide community leaders with advanced tools to identify and mitigate conflicts.

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS
Local government actors receive training on topics such as community engagement for local planning, project management and proposal writing. This training improves local development planning processes and public consultation mechanisms. Training for municipal staff focuses on the basics of community engagement and developing municipal theories of change.

COMMUNITY LEADER’S NETWORK SUPPORT
Mercy Corps supports the National Network for Social Cohesion and Negotiation Skills, a newly registered independent NGO consisting of 750 community leaders, by helping them professionalize their operations and further establish them as a key stakeholder within the local consultation processes.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT
Mercy Corps strengthens youth leadership and voice in governance decision making through key interventions:
• Peer-to-peer capacity building and learning exchanges around IBN skills and strategies to identify and reduce profound stress
• Youth-led initiatives that address needs and align with existing national strategies and plans
Through the apprenticeship program, Mercy Corps aims to link 258 skilled job seekers aged between 18-30 years old with local and private companies in five governorates of Jordan (Amman, Zarqa, Irbid, Karak, Aqaba). The program pays the first three monthly salaries of the apprentices including their social security. Mercy Corps and employers work with the apprentices to improve their relevant skills and enhance their knowledge during a three-month period, with the aim of cultivating permanent job opportunities for apprentices in the related sector.

Daman 2020 supported 25 at-risk businesses from all Jordan's governorates with one-time grants to facilitate market re-entry, including staff rehiring. The selected businesses benefited from grants ranging from 3,000 JOD to 7,000 JOD. The total amount supporting the (25) businesses is (125,000 JOD).

In December 2020, Mercy Corps launched a new campaign called “Support Youth Voices” that aims to create opportunities for increasing youth engagement to hold the government accountable by articulating clear policy tasks and using peaceful, influential tactics, as well as building responsive governance structures that are better able to inform and engage with communities on issues of shared concern.