

Tabaaa

Strengthening Climate Resilience in Jordanian Communities

2025 - 2027

47.9 °C

was the highest recorded temperature in 2024.

17.6%

of Jordan's land area is at high risk for flash floods.

40%

of Jordan's groundwater basins are likely to be severely depleted by 2030.

PROGRAM BRIEF

Jordan, one of the most water-scarce countries in the world, is facing escalating climate-related disasters that threaten its communities, economy, and environment. Rising temperatures, declining rainfall, and more frequent extreme weather events—particularly flash floods and heatwaves—are straining the country's already limited water resources and disrupting agriculture. In response, Mercy Corps Jordan is implementing **Tabaaa: Strengthening Climate Resilience in Jordanian Communities**, a project co-funded by the Z Zurich Foundation and the Embassy of Switzerland in Jordan. Tabaaa is part of Mercy Corps' ongoing work under the Zurich Climate Resilience Alliance, which focuses on enhancing resilience to climate hazards globally. Through Tabaaa, Mercy Corps Jordan is strengthening climate change adaptation (CCA) and disaster risk reduction (DRR) efforts at both national and local levels. Nationally, the project supports the localization and enforcement of climate policies and promotes climate-smart investments to build long-term resilience. At the community level, Tabaaa works in five highly vulnerable locations -Wadi Musa, Azraq, Mlaih, Dieban, and Shobak- implementing locally driven interventions to protect water resources, reduce disaster risks, and support sustainable livelihoods. By integrating national-level policy action with grassroots resilience-building, Tabaaa empowers both institutions and communities to sustainably adapt to Jordan's growing climate challenges.

Donor:

Z Zurich Foundation | Embassy of Switzerland in Jordan

Target Participants:

Local Community Members | National & Local Authorities | Private Sector | Civil Society Actors

Target Reach:

The project will target a total of **80,000** individuals.

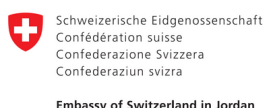
Geography Focus:

Mlaih, Madaba
Dieban, Madaba
Azraq, Zarqa
Wadi Musa, Ma'an
Shobak, Ma'an



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INTERVENTIONS



COMMUNITY CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Tabعاء strengthens community resilience through evidence-based, community-led interventions that address water scarcity, flash floods, and heatwaves. Using the Climate Resilience Measurement for Communities (CRMC) tool, the project will assess resilience gaps in five targeted communities -Wadi Musa, Azraq, Mlaih, Dieban, and Shobak- to ensure interventions are tailored to local needs. Findings will be shared with communities to foster transparency, encourage feedback, and guide the selection of climate resilience interventions. These interventions will combine advocacy, awareness campaigns, and disaster preparedness training with nature-based solutions and infrastructure improvements, such as managed aquifer recharge, slope stabilization, and rainwater harvesting.

By integrating scientific evidence with local priorities, Tabعاء ensures climate adaptation efforts are sustainable, inclusive, and community-driven, reducing climate risks and strengthening long-term resilience.



ADVOCACY AND INFLUENCE

Tabعاء adopts an integrated advocacy approach to strengthen and enhance CCA and DRR policies, ensuring they are effectively improved, localized, and enforced. At the national level, the project collaborates with key government institutions to integrate CCA and DRR into national development plans, improve policy frameworks, and promote climate-smart investments. At the local level, Tabعاء empowers communities through Local Advocacy Committees, equipping them with the tools to engage decision-makers and advocate for climate resilience priorities. Advocacy interventions will include policy dialogue forums, stakeholder consultations, technical assistance to government institutions, media campaigns, and knowledge-sharing events. These efforts will bridge the gap between national policies and local realities, ensuring that communities actively participate in shaping climate resilience strategies.

By strengthening governance structures and promoting inclusive decision-making, Tabعاء will help create a more responsive, climate-aware governance system in Jordan, ultimately driving systems-level change and enhancing the resilience of vulnerable communities.



CLIMATE INVESTMENT AND INNOVATION

Tabعاء aims to create an enabling environment for climate resilience investments in Jordan by fostering collaboration among government institutions, private sector actors, and development partners. Through advocacy, research, and stakeholder engagement, the project will help mobilize funding and incentivize climate-smart solutions, particularly for vulnerable communities. Using an open innovation model, Tabعاء will support the design and implementation of two climate-smart pilots, addressing key resilience challenges identified through CRMC analysis and related research. These pilots will demonstrate the viability of innovative adaptation solutions, encouraging broader adoption and increased investment in climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction efforts in Jordan.

By engaging decision-makers, promoting climate finance mechanisms, and showcasing scalable solutions, Tabعاء will drive long-term investment in climate-smart initiatives, strengthening Jordan's resilience to climate change.

