

BUILDING COMMUNITIES' FLOOD RESILIENCE PROJECT

2021 - 2023

345

individuals have died as a result of flooding in the last 50 years

\$ 29 M

the economic losses resulting from natural disasters over the last 30 years

35.71%

of Jordan's average annual natural hazards in the past century were floods

PROGRAM BRIEF

Despite being one of the most water-scarce countries in the world, floods are a common hazard in Jordan, with intensity and frequency expected to increase due to climate change. Mercy Corps Jordan is working with four flood-prone communities (both urban and rural), to measure their resilience, develop interventions with the communities to address flood risks, advocate with the government to address these gaps, and take learnings from resilience measurements and interventions to share with the government and global level policy conversations focused on climate change and disaster risk reduction. The program will also facilitate the development and training of community advocacy committees that will identify flood resilience support needs and advocate to local government stakeholders for better policies and investment. This participatory approach will equip communities with networks, platforms, and skills so they can actively engage with and influence local policies beyond the program period.

Donor: Z Zurich Foundation

Target Participants:

Local Community Members | National & Local Authorities

Implementing Organization:

Mercy Corps Jordan

Geography Focus:

Ma'en, Madaba
North Azraq, Zarqa
Wadi Mousa, Ma'an
Swiameh, Balaqa



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INTERVENTIONS



MEASURE COMMUNITIES RESILIENCE USING FRMC TOOL

Establish a baseline assessment by deploying the Zurich Flood Resilience Measurements for Communities (FRMC) tool in target communities to better understand needs and the current state of flood resilience. We will then work with communities to prioritize those needs and implement interventions across the 5 capitals of resilience (human, social, financial, physical, and natural). An endline assessment will be also conducted to evaluate the resilience score of communities.



IMPLEMENT COMMUNITY INTERVENTIONS TO BUILD RESILIENCE

Develop and implement interventions that will strengthen flood resilience across at least 4 flood-prone communities in Jordan.



BUILDING CAPACITIES OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The program will work on building the capacities of local community committees through training on policy analysis and advocacy skills. This will enable them to have the skills and knowledge to advocate for improved flood resilience policy and practices to the local and national government.



INFORM LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PRACTICE

Policy analysis will be conducted by the program to identify the opportunities of influence, and results will be shared with decision-makers in the concerned authorities to work together on taking effective steps to close flood resilience gaps.



ELEVATE EWS PLANNING DISCUSSION

The project will engage key national government stakeholders, such as the Ministry of Interior Affairs, the Ministry of Water, and the Ministry of Environment, as well as respective municipalities to elevate the importance of flood mitigation and community resilience. As policies around EWS and resilience are developed by the federal government, Mercy Corps will feed in learnings from the FRMC baseline study, share which capitals are in need of strengthening, and push overall systems and resilience approaches to natural hazards.

