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Small Things Count

Greening Public Buildings: A Community Model to Adapt to Scarce Resources

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Is there a National Strategy or other scheme for Environment, Water or Sustainable Development in your country?

Jordan Water Strategy

Jordan Environment Strategy

National Agenda 21

Jordan Agenda 2006-2015

Jordan Vision 2025

From which regional or international policy/scheme was it 'inspired'?

Jordan Environment Strategy- IUCN

Jordan Water Strategy- MDGs

Are Members of Parliament or other stakeholders involved? How?

No indication in the most recent document- updated Jordan Strategy

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- Stakeholders involved during the process of assessment is more than 1000 half of them is youth and women.
- The two projects took 18 months.
- 8 sites (2 mosques, 2 churches, 2 municipality buildings and 2 convention centers) in 8 governorates (Jordan has 12 governorates)- North, South, East and West.
- Activities include:
  - Installing photo voltaic cells to generate electricity from Sun.
  - Changing the single glaze into double.
  - Replacing bulbs with LED (mercury free).
  - Fixing water saving devices.
  - Digging traditional water collection cisterns.
  - Complete closed water collection system.
- Main themes: highlighting Jordan critical and scarce issues of water and energy, set education model for promotion and replication, engage stakeholders, training, raise awareness and influence all.
- USAID&Fhi360 and UNDP& international Coca Cola = 250,000 USD

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Achievements and impacts

Site	PVCs in KWp	% Reduction in cost	Bulbs No	CO2 emissions reductions in kgs	Double glaze in m2	Water harvested in m3	No of WSDs
Church 1	6	80	566	9027.95	37.5	70	33
Mosque1	6	95	198	9027.95	22.5	70	27
Jerash	6	77	412	9027.95	29.30	44	6
Hallabat	6	70	150	9027.95	62.5	-	16
Mosque2	10	93	276	14441.49	49.5	22	32
Church 2	10	68	444	14441.49	-	-	80
Youth house	6	50	300	9027.95	-	70	82
Dafyneh	3	100	-	-	-	-	-
Total	53		2346	78549.73	201.55	276	276

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JUSTIFICATION

Why did you choose to present this example from your country?

- Jordan is scarce in the issues of water, energy and arable land.
- Jordan is located in a turbulent region and thus needs to adapt to the strains exerting more stress on the scarce resources.
- Assist Jordan comply with the international conventions namely : The Climate change and minamata.
- Educate, raise awareness and enable communities to handle the new technology introduced.
- Economize in money.
- Reduce emissions and pollutants.
- Ensure and convince the communities and decision makers that small things count.
- Show the decision makers that CSOs is a strong ally to bridge in the remote communities and is able to assist the country in fulfilling its international obligations.
- Highlight the partnership and engagement of all stakeholders initiated by a national NGO.
- Emphasize the fact related to the availability of national supportive policies (encouring environment)

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SYNERGIES

Through what synergies was success achieved?

- Presence of national supportive policies such as the Renewable Energy Law and the Jordan Vision 2025.
- The availability of fund from international donors to implement such projects.
- The political turbulence the region is experiencing and thus support the country which is considered the only peaceful destination in the region.
- The community acceptance and the partial believe of the role of CSOs.
- The partial national policies that support CSOs in the country as arms of development namely in the remote areas and thus the recognition of being a good partner.

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CHALLENGES VS OPPORTUNITIES

Mention 1-2 challenges / obstacles in the your example

- Though Jordan is a scarce country in water, more attention was paid to the issue of PVCs.
- The electrical companies lengthy and time consuming procedures.
- The partial support to the CSOs in Jordan

Mention 1-2 opportunities in your example

- The model is excellent: engagement of international donors, national CSOs, private sector, the local communities with the custody of national authorities.
- Shows the important role of CSOs and thus presenting and improving its good image.

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KEY LESSONS LEARNT

What are the lessons learnt from this example that you would like to share?

- Never undestimate small things because they count.
- All stakeholders are needed to overcome national issues and comply to the international conventions and agreements.
- It shows how CSOs are acting as a bridge into the communities mainly the remote ones.
- International community support is valuable.
- Technology and know how are important factors to access.

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