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ABBREVIATIONS

AZ	Amman-Zarqa
AZB	Amman-Zarqa Basin
JVA	Jordan Valley Authority
MWI	Ministry of Water and Irrigation
WAJ	Water Authority of Jordan



1 GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Within the scope of work of the EU funded SWIM-H2020 SM, the project is implementing in Jordan an activity titled "EFS-JO-1: Mainstreaming Drought Risk Management, with a focus on proactive measures" This activity aims to support Jordan in enhancing preparedness and response to drought-related natural disasters and boost the resilience in the water sector through a series of interrelated activities that include training of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI) staff on the application of the "Water Evaluation and Planning" (WEAP) system for drought risk management. In order to achieve that, two training events will be conducted:

- Training no. 1, focusing on building the capacity of the MWI towards the efficient use of the WEAP water resources management model;
- Training no. 2, focusing on the application of the "Water Evaluation and Planning" (WEAP) system and integration with ArcSWAT hydrological modelling for drought risk management

This training report pertains to training no. 2 which took place at the Ministry of Water and Irrigation between 02 and 07 September, 2018

1.1 RATIONALE OF ACTIVITY

WEAP was selected as an appropriate tool to enable and enhance strategic water resource planning within the Water Policy Directorate of the Jordanian Ministry of Water and Irrigation (MWI). As part of task 5 of the above mentioned activity EFS-JO-1, SWIM-H2020 SM undertook a review and assessment of the current capacity of the WEAP model available at the MWI for Amman Zarqa Basin (AZB), with a view to identify gaps in the current simulation and existing conceptual model, required model enhancements, and data needs for adequate simulation (focusing on the pilot area of Amman-Zarqa Basin). To this effect, a demo model was built for the AZB, aiming to improve the previous WEAP results and better represent/ reflect the complete hydrological processes. The demo model has been built for AZB and was populated with relevant data. The model included the calculation of irrigation water demand, water balance and groundwater over-abstraction, and a full hydrological analysis for AZB. The model can also integrate (at a later stage) hydrological input data and crop yield requirements together with environmental and other restrictions allowing for the analysis and assessment of different sustainability aspects (e.g. water use efficiency, water productivity of irrigated crops, etc.).

2 OBLECTIVES OF ACTIVITY

The purpose of the current training was to build the capacity of the MWI staff in using WEAP as a tool for drought management and train them them on developing a node-based disaggregated water resources





management model of AZB in WEAP for assessing the water balance (i.e availability versus demand for the different economic sectors and demand nodes) using hydrological simulation processes.,

The AZB WEAP model allows for:

- Simulation of the hydrological balance in the basin (for a better representation, a link with the ArcSWAT model was implemented)
- Evaluation of the balance between groundwater recharge and abstraction for the period 2001-2015, the quantification of the groundwater over-abstraction, and the Investigation of the impact of the current practices (i.e. the actual groundwater abstraction) on the aquifer Linking the over-abstraction to specific water using sectors (domestic, agricultural, industrial) and Governorates' water demands
- Feeding data (over-abstraction/unmet demand) to calculate relevant drought vulnerability indicators useful in decision and policy-making

Supporting holistic water planning and drought mitigation in the AZ Basin by providing a decision support tool to the MWI whose staff have been trained to use and expand its application in other areas.

To improve the WEAP results and obtain a better representation of the physical hydrological processes, linkages to ArcSWAT have been established, so that the ArcSWAT output can be used to feed data into WEAP. In this regard, the MWI staff had also been trained on calibrating the WEAP model and linking WEAP to ArcSWAT..

After successful completion of the workshop, the participants will have a general understanding of how water resources assessment tools can be used to determine water demand and availability at the basin and sub-basin levels, a good knowledge on how to use the WEAP-ArcSWAT tool for the Amman-Zarqa Basin, and the capacity to make changes and build additional scenarios on the AZB WEAP system. and how to extract policy-relevant results from WEAP regarding groundwater over-abstraction assessment and drought management..

3 EXPECTED RESULTS OF ACTIVITY

After successful completion of the training, the participants will:

- 1. Have a general understanding of how water resources assessment tools can be used to determine water demand and availability at the basin and sub-basin levels, which constitute key components of drought risk management
- 2. Understand how link and use the WEAP-ArcSWAT models for the hydrological analysis of the AZ Basin.
- 3. Be able to calibrate and set up WEAP models for other basins for calculating water balance components and assessing groundwater over-abstraction and other key variables (e.g. unmet demand)
- 4. Be able to make changes and build additional drought modeling on the AZB WEAP system



4 PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS

- MWI staff directly involved in drought management, water resources management and planning, hydrological and water balance modelling (e.g. staff from the Water Policy Directorate and/or the Drought Management Unit of the MWI).
- Representatives from MWI Directorates and Units, the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ), and the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) are targeted in this training.

5 EVALUATION OF THE EVENT

5.1 RESULTS OF THE EVENT

A. Organizational, administrative and planning issues before and during the event

A set of 7 criteria (A1-A7, See table 1 below) was assessed by the participants, using a qualitative description ranging between "Excellent" to "Poor".

Figure 1 summarises the results of the evaluation for the organisational and administrative issues. Figure 2 focuses on planning issues. The total no. of replies obtained were 11.

The overall rating of 3.45 out of 4 (3.45/4) indicates that the event was well appreciated.

Table 1: Criteria for the evaluation of the organization, administrative and planning issues

A.	ORGANISATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND PLANNING ISSUES BEFORE AND DURING THE EVENT
A1	Efficient logistics: accommodation, transportation, location of venue and interpretation
A2	Handling of Emerging needs and attentiveness to participants concerns
А3	Adequacy of the presentations (Presentations correspond and contribute to the planned objectives and are conducive to enhanced shared understanding and participation on addressed topics)
A4	Clarity, coverage and sufficiency of concepts, objectives, anticipated outputs
A5	The materials distributed were helpful
A6	Efficiency and effectiveness of the facilitation
A7	Overall rating of the event



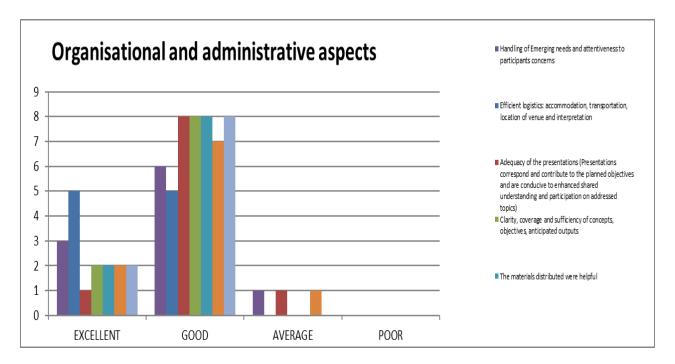


Figure 1. Organizational and Administrative Aspects

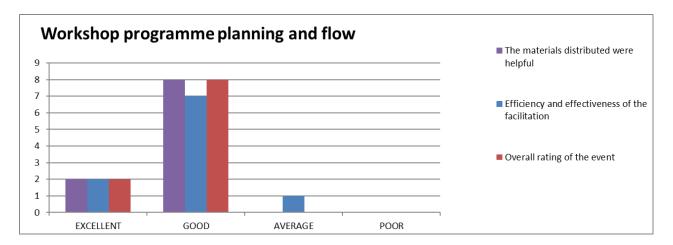
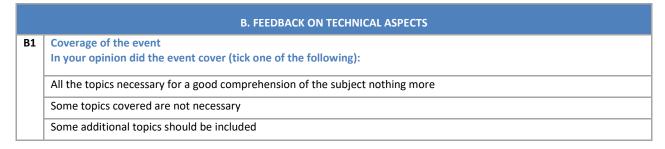


Figure 2. Worshop Program Planning and flow

B. Feedback by participants on Technical Aspects:

The figures 3-6 below present the feedback received from the participants on the technical aspects of the event (see table 2 for the criteria used for evaluation of the technical aspects of the training).

Table 2: Criteria for the evaluation of the technical aspects of the training







	B. FEEDBACK ON TECHNICAL ASPECTS
	No reply
	Total Replies
B2	Level of difficulty
	Difficult
	Adequate
	Elementary
	No reply
	Total Replies
В3	Length of the training In your view the workshop duration (tick one of the following):
	Longer than needed
	Sufficient
	Shorter than required
	No reply
	Total Replies

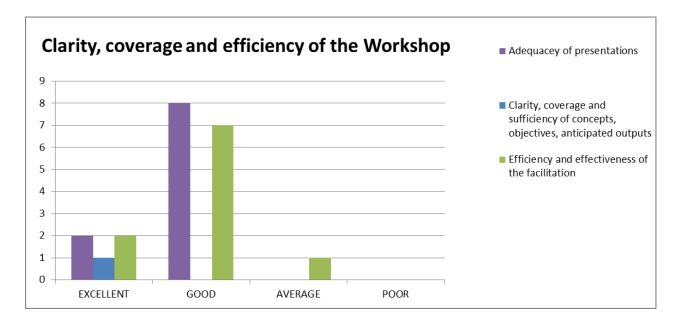


Figure 3. Clarity, Coverage and Efficiency of Workshop

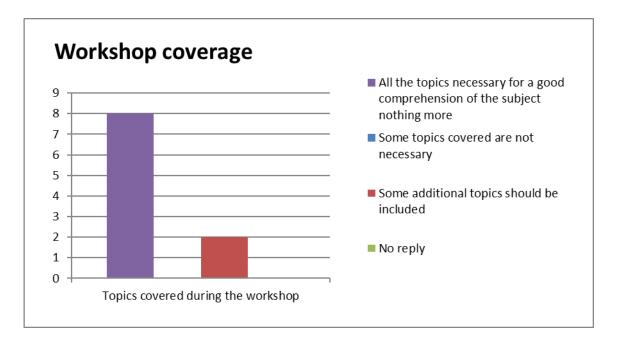


Figure 4. Workshop Coverage

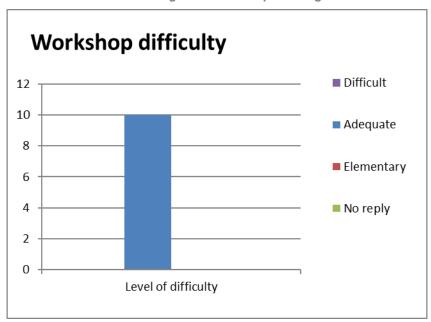


Figure 5. Workshop Difficulty



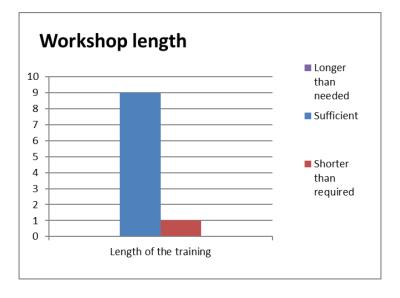


Figure 6. Workshop Length

A. Proposals for improvements

The participants were requested to respond to questions on the relevance of the training, and linkage with their future work, and suggest proposals for improvements. The following answers have been obtained:

B4	What is the most valuable thing you learned during the workshop (knowledge or	
D4	skills)?	
	How to build a groundwater balance and abstraction Model in WEAP	
	How to import data from ArcSWAT into WEAP model	
	Using ArcSWAT Hydrological Modeling	
		11
	Total Replies	
	How do you think that the current event will assist you in your future work on the	
B5	subject?	
	ArcSWAT:it depends if they use the model regularly or not, it is so helpful model because it	
	calculates the water budget so that Ministry of Water and Irrigation can rely in such models for	
	calculating the annual water balance.	
	WEAP_ groundwater balance Model will assist us in analyzing the drought events during the	
	last 15 years (2001-2015)	
		11
	Total Replies	
	Please indicate whether (and how) you could transfer part of the experience gained	
B6	from the event to your colleagues in your country?	
	The participants will work in groups and will exchange the data and information to reach the	
	good use of WEAP.	
	Transfer the knowledge in the examples given and presentations	
		7
	Total Replies	
B7	What did you like most about this event?	
	The event (it wasgood)	
	The attitude of the instructor and ability to clarify the ideas.	
		11
	Total Replies	
В8	What needs to be improved?	
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More time for such valuable course. More future scenarios for climate change should be introduced. Also more practices are very important specially through integrating ArcSWATand WEAP.		
Total Replies	11	

B. Remarks by the trainer

A set of 9 criteria (B1-B9, see table below) are used hereby by the trainer to provide an overall assessment of the event..

B1	Efficient and effective performance and interaction by participants
	A new knowledge has been raised for participants in this training, adding to their skills the knowledge
	on how to obtain hydrological input data for WEAP by using ArcSWAT Modelling.
B2	Efficient and effective cooperation and team spirit
	The participants were distributed into working groups and each group was assigned specific tasks
	based on their backgrounds and skills. The training showed high and effective cooperation
	accordingly.
В3	Level of achievement of planned objectives
	All planned activities were achieved.
B4	Did the event contribute to helping participants practice skills or gain knowledge related to course concepts
	Yes. All participants worked together in one team to maximize the benefit from using ArcSWAT and
	WEAP hydrological modelling. Every group of the participants worked on different concepts which
	were combined under one methodology.
B5	What worked well during the event
	Open Discussions, Building real-case model in AZ Basin for groundwater balance and abstraction
В6	What didn't work well and why
B7	What components/concepts did participants seem to understand well
<i>D1</i>	Integration of Rainfall and Runoff Modelling and Calculation of Water Mass-Balance.
B8	Were there any components/concepts that participants appeared to not understand
Во	Some concepts for customizing the data for ArcSWAT modelling because it requires an ArcGIS
	modelling approach an not all participants are very proficient in practicing the ArcGIS tools.
B9	What aspects of the event could be improved and what to be kept
פט	Participants need more time to be trained in more case studies and real data and examples.



6 ANALYSIS OF THE RESULTS OF THE TRAINING COURSE

The training succeeded in mobilising a good number of trainees that are implicated in water resources management and planning at the MWI, as indicated in Table 4 below.

Table 3: Workshop participation/ demographics

		Comments
Total No. of participants actually attending one or more training days	12	
Total No. of participants Planned to attend	20	The original plan (before the Terms of Reference (TORs) were changed) was to open the training for other relevant organisations such as the Ministry of Agriculture and NCARE and NGOs. This has changed in the revised TORs to target only MWI designated staff, being responsible for planning and water resources management in Jordan
Planned/Actual	60%	
Number of organisations/agencies/authorities that were represented	1	The training was intended for the MWI staff
Gender balance (% of women participants)	85.3%	
NGO representation: No. of participants from NGOs	-	The training was intended for the MWI staff

After the training workshop, an assessment questionnaire was distributed to test the level of knowledge of the participants in the various subjects of the training. Ten (10) participants of the twelve 12 (10/12) filled the assessment questionnaire.





7 CONCLUSIONS & OVERALL ASSESSMENT

This training focused on linking the WEAP and ArcSWAT models in order to use ArcSWAT model output as input to the WEAP hydrological parameters, and improve thus the hydrological modeling within WEAP. The MWI staff has been trained on multiple aspects: how to develop a groundwater balance model in WEAP in order to quantify over-abstraction and unmet demand, how to estimate water demands and supply requirements of the various sectors (domestic, agricultural, industrial), how to simulate the water cycle components in WEAP and further import ArcSWAT outputs in WEAP to strengthen these simulations, how to set-up basic ArcSWAT models, how to build future scenarios in WEAP and estimate water demand projections based on proxy data, how to link the WEAP-ArcSWAT models.

The training was well received, and the participants further developed their skills. They now have the ability to deal with different parameters and variables that define the conceptual design and structure of river basin water resources management model in WEAP and ArcSWAT. They are now able to develop small scale simulations of water balance and simulate future scenarios of water demand and availability.



8 ANNEXES

8.1 AGENDA

Day 1:Opening and O	verview	
9:00	Registration	All Participants
9:30	Opening Session Welcome Speech from MWI coordinator Opening Remarks Formulation of the Working Groups	
10:00	Demonstration of WEAP Model for AZ-Basin (Case Study for measuring groundwater over-abstraction) Catchment principle in WEAP Data integration of Evapotranspiration (ET), Precipitation (PPT) and Effective rainfall.	
11:30	Break	
12:00	 Actual Abstraction VS Simulation Calculating the GW Over-abstraction using Unmet Demand (New model thinking) Estimation of all Water cycle elements (ET, PPT, Runoff, GW-recharge) 	
12:30	Break	
13:30	Exercise for Calculating Water Budget by WEAP • Simplified Rainfall-Runoff Model • Setting up (data and methods) • Showing Results and Discussion	
15:00	Wrap up of Day 1	



DAY 2:	Hydrological Modeling Using ArcSWAT	
9:30	Day 2 Sessions	Working Group 1
10:00	Working Group 1:	Working Group 1
ArcSWAT Hydrological Modeling		
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 SWAT model overview and applications 		
	☐ Data Requirements, Format and Data Sources	
	☐ Conceptual Design of Hydrology in ArcSWAT	
11:00	Break	
11:30	ArcSWAT Modeling Procedures (Part 1)	
	□ Watershed delineation□ Land use and soil overlay	
	☐ HRU delineation	
	□ Weather Data	
	□ Model Run	
12:30	Break	
13:30	ArcSWAT Modeling Procedures (Part 2)	
	☐ Watershed delineation	
	☐ Land use and soil overlay ☐ HRU delineation	
	☐ Weather Data	
15:00		
13.00		
Day 3:	Scenario Building Using WEAP	
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9:30	Day 3 Sessions	Working Group 2
10:00	Working Group 2: WEAP Scenario Building and Strategy till 2025	
	Building list of strategies	
	Drafting Water Security Plan Scenarios	
	Drafting Optimistic Scenarios	
	 Drafting Future Water Projects Scenarios 	
 Drafting the Business as usual Scenarios 		
11:15	11:15 Break	
11:45	Continued	
12:30	Break	
13:30	Continued	
	Population Growth Scenarios	
	 Fluctuations in Per-capita Water Use Scenarios 	
15:00		





DAY 4:	Building WEAP Model (Linking Results from Arcs	SWAT with WEAP)
9:30	Day 4 Sessions	Working Group 3
10:00	Working Group 3:	Tronking Group o
10.00	WEAP-ArcSWAT Integration	
	Visualization and interpretation of SWAT outputs	
	 Reading Results and integration of WEAP- ArcSWAT 	
	☐ Input Data and Integration in WEAP	
	☐ Scale of Analysis	
11:00	Break	
11:30	Final WEAP Model Building (Part 1)	
	Catchment Modeling (Water Supply):	
	☐ ETP Data integration with WEAP and ArcSWAT	
	☐ Calculating GW-Recharge Rates	
	☐ Calculating Surface Runoff	
	□ Model Run	
12:30	Break	
13:30	Final WEAP Model Building (Part 2)	
	Demand Modeling (Water Demands):	
	 Identifying Demands (Domestic, Agriculture and Industrial); Defining Activity Level and the water use rate 	
	☐ Linking Demand-Supply Model	
	☐ Model Run	
15:00		
Day 5:	Scenario Building of WEAP	
9:30	Day 5 Sessions	Working Group 3
10:00	Final WEAP Model Building (Part 3)	
	Scenarios Integration (Different Options for Future):	
11:15	Break	
11:45	Continued	
12:30	Break	
13:30	Continued	
	Model Rrun	
	Discussion of the Results	
	Revision	
15:00		



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