UNESCO Jordan would like to share some highlights from 2021, which were achieved as part of our engagement with the Government of Jordan, civil society, and other partners.

Significant progress has been made in enhancing access to quality education through strengthening the national education system, the implementation of UNESCO’s convening power and INSET projects. This progress is a result of our collaboration with the Jordanian Ministry of Education. In 2022, we will continue to focus on merit-based scholarships in the disciplines of Business, Creative Media Production and Information Technology. To mitigate the impact of COVID-19, UNESCO adopted blended/face-to-face and online seminars. This project is supported by GIZ.

System Strengthening Partnership with the Ministry of Education (MoE)

The successfully concluded Education Change Plan (ECP) included work based on the implementation of the Education Strategic Plan (ESP). The project was aimed at supporting the Ministry of Education to improve the quality of its education services by working on three main areas: Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), Teacher Education and Professional Development (TDP), and Education Management Information Systems (EMIS). The project, which has been extended from 2020 to 2025, activation of the ECP Partnership and it was re-nominated for the 2022 Global Partnership for Education (GPE) Platform.

Support to livelihoods through cultural heritage development

In Jordan, the site of Petra was inscribed on the list of the World Heritage in 1985; it is one of 24 heritage sites in Jordan protected under the terms of the 1972 World Heritage Convention adopted by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee. The Petra World Heritage Site has been severely affected due to the pandemic, with its tourism dependent livelihoods were severely affected. This project is supported by the GIZ.

Towards greater Inclusion and Diversity in Education in Jordan

In partnership with the Ministry of Education and the Higher Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, UNESCO Jordan has worked to make the education system more inclusive. The project is supported by the GIZ.

Employment opportunities for cultural heritage safeguarding in Jordan

In Jordan, a total of 128 workers, including 60 women and 68 persons with disabilities, benefitted from various employment opportunities. These were aimed at the protection of Jordan’s cultural heritage. This project is supported by the GIZ.

Technical Assistance for the Ministry of Education’s WebGIS School Maintenance System

To improve access to public information. This project is supported by the Multi Partner Trust Fund.

Risk prevention and heritage conservation projects at Petra World Heritage Site

Risk prevention works, including much-needed conservation projects, were undertaken at Petra World Heritage Site. These works, which included the provision of weather protection for 22 tombs, 8 monasteries and 3 churches, will help to protect the site’s cultural heritage. This project is supported by the GIZ.

Provision of YET, On-The-Job Training and Entrepreneurship Education to Youth Affected by the Syria Crisis in Jordan

This project aims at preparing young people affected by the Syria crisis in Jordan for the labor market. It is supported by the GIZ.

Production of Arabic high-quality podcasts for youth

Two new Arabic podcasts were launched to facilitate the entry of the 175 students to the labour market. Under this phase IV upgrade of the OpenEMIS platform, UNESCO experts supported the Jordan Ministry of Education. This project is supported by the GIZ.

Engaging with the Judiciary to support freedom of expression, access to information, and safety of journalists in Jordan

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Protection of amateurs and professionals from violence

In Jordan, 146 journalists, including 40 women, 67 men and 39 persons with disabilities, participated in training on podcast knowledge and skills. 10 podcast episodes will be produced in Arabic and English. This project is supported by the GIZ.

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