

Public Information Summary

Host Country	Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
Names of Borrowers	Al-Nayi for Informational and Communicational Consulting Company and Al-Mirnaah Investment & Business Development Company, each incorporated in Jordan
Project Description	Development of essential, state-of-the-art information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure in Jordan while providing a critical interconnection point for an Internet cable system connecting Europe and Asia, and refinancing of \$3.7 million outstanding short- and medium-term debt from local banks
Proposed DFC Loan/Guaranty	Up to \$14 million for a term of up to 15 years
All-Source Funding Total	\$17,593,778
Policy Review	
Developmental Objectives	The Project is expected to have a highly developmental impact in Jordan through an increase in the bandwidth capacity and speed for ICT services in the country. The telecommunications sector is a critical part of Jordan’s economy, directly contributing 12% to the country’s GDP and enabling over 17,000 jobs. ¹ Yet data remains expensive compared to peers and speeds are below the global average. ² By increasing capacity and redundancies in data infrastructure, the project is expected to enhance Internet latency for end users by at least 30ms and significantly drive down data costs in Jordan.
Environment and Social Assessment	Screening: The Project has been reviewed against DFC’s categorical prohibitions and determined to be categorically eligible. Project’s supporting subsea cable landing stations and terrestrial cable systems are screened as Category B under DFC’s environmental and social guidelines because impacts are site-specific and readily mitigated. This Project has been reviewed against findings in the 2021 State Department Human Rights Report for Jordan. Risks relevant to construction projects include restrictions on freedom of association, discrimination, and restrictions on foreign workers’ ability to leave the country. The Project will be required to adopt policies respecting

¹ <https://www.jic.gov.jo/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/Sector-Profile-ICT-Final-Apr-2018-2.pdf>

² <https://www.ifc.org/wps/wcm/connect/546e1011-3f4b-4aed-a849-c2e82dfc0a06/CPSD-Jordan-main-report.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CVID=nQanXR0>

workers' rights regarding freedom of association, EEO and non-discrimination, and a policy against forced labor.

Applicable Standards: DFC's preliminary environmental and social due diligence indicates that the Project will have impacts that must be managed in a manner consistent with the following of the International Finance Corporation's (IFC) 2012 Performance Standards:

- PS 1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts;
- PS 2: Labor and Working Conditions;
- PS 3: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention; and
- PS 4: Community Health, Safety, and Security.

Land rights and rights of way (ROWs) have been or will be acquired along existing public road networks and other public lands for the cable and fiber networks with minimal and temporary disturbance; on willing buyer, willing seller basis terms along vacant land for the other components; and no physical or economic resettlement is required to execute the Project. No habitats of significant biodiversity value or cultural heritage are found on the site, and the Project will not adversely impact Indigenous Peoples. Therefore, PS 5, 6, 7, and 8 are not triggered by the Project at this time.

In addition to the Performance Standards listed above, the Project will be required to comply with applicable provisions of the IFC Environmental, Health and Safety General Guidelines (April 30, 2007), and the IFC EHS Guidelines for Telecommunications (April 30, 2007).

Key Environmental and Social Issues and Mitigation: Environmental issues of concern for the Project include the need for a robust Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) including labor and occupational health and safety, emergency preparedness and response, and subcontractor management.

ESMS: The Project has adequate E&S Policies and Procedures, including a Stakeholder Engagement Plan and grievance mechanism as well as a Joint Health and Safety Committee that oversees occupational health and safety (OHS) matters and a "Green Team" to oversee e-waste management. Additionally, all Project contractors will be required to have Environmental Management Systems that are compliant with and certified under ISO 14001 and 45001 to enhance environmental and OHS performance and manage environmental and OHS risks in a systemic manner.

Labor and Occupational Health and Safety: The Borrowers have an adequate OHS Policy and Procedures Manual that will cover all project workers, and each subcontractor will be required to develop their own OHS plan for their work activities. Additionally, the Borrowers represent that all Project subcontractors will be required to have OHS

	<p>Management Systems that are compliant with and certified under ISO 45001 to provide a healthy and safe work environment for Project employees. The Project will be required to develop an overarching labor policy addressing worker rights and protections and system for monitoring contractors' compliance.</p> <p><i>Emergency Preparedness:</i> The Borrowers have a basic checklist for its emergency procedures, including instructions for evacuation and contacting the relevant authorities. The Borrowers will also have a Quick Reaction Team that will be responsible for coordinating evacuations, rendering first aid, and restoring company operations after an emergency.</p> <p><i>Hazardous Materials:</i> Any redundant electronic equipment will be donated to other associations, charities, or companies. If electronic equipment is beyond repair, The Borrowers will utilize the service of a licensed local e-waste management company to recycle or discard this type of equipment.</p> <p><i>Traffic:</i> The fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) cables will be trenched ~30 cm (~1 foot) underground within a designated utility ROW. The Borrowers have a Traffic Management Plan for the FTTH installation activities, which includes requirements/mitigation measures for adequate signage, traffic management (including flagging), and pedestrian safety.</p> <p><i>Waste Management:</i> Construction wastes, any unused excavated materials, and any general wastes generated during operations will be removed from the site as soon as possible and transported to a designated dump site using a licensed third-party contractor.</p>
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