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Quick Facts

Countries	Jordan
Specific Location	Russeifa city
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2019-11-27
Borrower	Municipality of Greater Amman
Sectors	Climate and Environment, Infrastructure, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 4.63 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 9.26 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the investment involves rovision of EUR 4,200,000 for the construction of remedial infrastructure which involves a water tunnelling system that aims to drain a 200,000 m2 contaminated lagoon in the city of Russeifa (15 KM north east of Amman), to restore the original stormwater flow from Marka into Zarqa river, thus preventing the lagoon from forming again and mitigating the associated environmental hazards.

This contaminated lagoon was created due to the obstruction of natural water stream, which used to flow from Wadi Marka (a rainwater catchment area south-west to the lagoon), into Zarqa River (north-east of the lagoon). The obstruction, which was mainly due to industrial and mining activities in the area, resulted in complete blockage of water flow, thus creating a stagnant pond. With time, the lagoon got heavily polluted with industrial and domestic sewage, debris, waste, and other contaminants. The situation has significantly deteriorated since 2011, underpinned by the refugee crisis, which placed unprecedented pressure on the surrounding wastewater network resulting in more sewage leakages into the lagoon.

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