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Quick Facts

Countries	Jordan
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2022-07-13
Borrower	MINISTRY OF WATER AND IRRIGATION - HASHEMITE KINGDOM OF JORDAN,SPECIAL PURPOSE ENTITY(IES)/FUND
Sectors	Water and Sanitation

Project Description

Accoridng to bank provided information, the primary objective of the project is to provide 300 million cubic metres (MCM) of potable water to Amman and other governorates in Jordan and, possibly, to areas along the project pipelines route. The water will come from a seawater reverse osmosis plant south of Aqaba and will be conveyed to Amman via a new, approximately 420 km long water conveyor that would run for most of its part parallel to the existing Disi Conveyor.

Jordan has one of the lowest levels of water availability per capita in the world, which is anticipated to decline even more over the next years. This is due to an increase in population (expected to increase by 2047 from the current estimated 10 million to 18 million inhabitants) and the consequences of climate change in the country. In that context, the AAWDCP is expected to contribute to the following objectives: (i) increase the resilience of the water supply by substantially increasing water production by providing up to additional 300 million cubic metres of water per year to Amman; (ii) adapt to and potentially mitigate the impacts of climate change; and (iii) create jobs both during construction and operation.

The project is a high priority for the Government of Jordan and supports the EU and EIB objectives in the country. Specifically it is in line with:
- National priorities, in particular the National Water Strategy 2016-2025, which identifies projects that contribute to a resilient water sector as a key priority for concessional financing.
- EU policy objectives, as the project is included among the flagship initiatives identified in the EU Joint Communication on Renewed Partnership with the Southern Neighbourhood, published in February 2021.
- The EIB's objectives under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI), specifically the development of social and economic infrastructure, as well as the Bank's Water Sector Lending Orientation, Adaptation Plan and Climate Bank Roadmap.
- Sustainable Development Goal #6, which calls for ensuring availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, and #11 (make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable).

Investment Description

- European Investment Bank (EIB)

Contact Information

Contact information not provided at the time of disclosure

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Bank Documents

- Environmental and Social Data Sheet (ESDS) - AQABA-AMMAN WATER DESALINATION & CONVEYANCE [Original Source]
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) - AQABA-AMMAN WATER DESALINATION & CONVEYANCE [Original Source]
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) - AQABA-AMMAN WATER DESALINATION & CONVEYANCE - An [Original Source]
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) - AQABA-AMMAN WATER DESALINATION & CONVEYANCE - No [Original Source]

Other Related Projects

- MIGA-15501 Aqaba Desalination Plant Phase 1
- AIIB-000976 Jordan: Aqaba-Amman Water Desalination and Conveyance Project (AAWDCP)