The U.S. Agency for International Development Community Engagement Project (USAID CEP) is a five-year, $50 million project implemented by Global Communities in Jordan.

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USAID CEP builds stronger, more cohesive and resilient communities to address evolving challenges in Jordan associated with regional instability, policy reform, economic conditions, and demographic changes. USAID CEP works with all elements of the community, civil society organizations, municipalities, local government entities, and the private sector to identify community stressors and find solutions to alleviate them. By the end of the project, communities will be able to:

- Engage continuously in identifying and prioritizing community stressors;
- Develop immediate and long-term solutions by accessing available resources through collaboration and partnerships with relevant stakeholders; and,
- Communicate effectively and transparently among each other to enhance community cohesion.

Currently, USAID CEP operates in 20 communities within four governorates, namely:

1) Mafraq Governorate: Hay Al Hussein, Hay Al Janoubi, Al Sarhan, Salheye w Nayfeh, Sabha-Dafyaneh, Um Aljmal and Hosh communities;
2) Irbid Governorate: Hay Al Jalama, Dabbet Nimer, Yarmouk Al Jedida, Moath bin Jabal, Khaled bin Al Waleed, Al Wastyah, No’aimeh region and Al Taybeh communities;
3) Tafileh Governorate: Ein Al Bayda, Al Hasa, Bseira, and Hid, Tien and Al-Mansoura communities; and,
4) Ma’an Governorate: Ma’an City.

USAID CEP CONSISTS OF THREE COMPONENTS:

COMPONENT 1: Community Engagement
USAID CEP works with community members to identify and prioritize community stressors and plan solutions to alleviate them. To ensure that, community members elect representatives to community enhancement teams (CETs) that work with municipalities, local governments and the private sector to manage projects and develop long-term plans that address their communities’ stressors.

COMPONENT 2: Networking
Networking activities are envisioned to increase community cohesion by helping build sustainable networks and relationships among USAID CEP’s stakeholders and partners to continue developing solutions to address community stressors.

COMPONENT 3: Conflict Management & Mitigation
USAID CEP builds the capacity of partner communities to identify existing and emerging stressors and proactively address them in a conflict sensitive manner. In addition, USAID CEP tracks on-going trends at the local level, and designs activities targeted to address emerging issues.

USAID CEP on Youth and Gender Empowerment
USAID CEP uses a gender mainstreaming approach to reduce gender inequality, create more opportunities for women and youth, and empower women and youth in their communities through developing youth and gender-focused projects and initiatives in each community. Additionally, CETs include women and youth to ensure they have equitable representation in community activities.

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