



Ministry of Planning & International Cooperation

The GCC Grant

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Broad coordinative endeavors were set between the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, the Ministry of Finance, and the General Budget Department with a view to select the projects to be submitted for funding. In this context, on 15/8/2012 projects proposed for funding covering the value of the grant were presented for the esteemed Council of the Prime Ministry, which in turn had given its approval to proceed with funding procedures.

The projects proposed for funding are classified in two groups as follows:

Group 1: Capital projects listed under the general budget law of 2012; at a cost of (3175) million Dollars; constituting (63.5%) of the total GCC grant. Funding such projects may contribute into reducing the budget deficit and the financial burdens faced by the government of Jordan. This will also support implementation ongoing developmental projects within all sectors, which would enable all ministries and corporations to deliver the services required thereby efficiently and effectively.

Group 2: This group includes new projects listed under the Executive Developmental Project (2011 – 2013) valued at (1825) million Dollars and constituting (36.5%) of the total GCC grant. Funding such projects may assist the efforts to address the national issues within the priority sectors such as energy, water, and local development. This will enable the government of Jordan to counter the challenges pertaining to the increasing cost of imported energy , improve water supply to all governorates and achieving developmental balance among the Kingdom's governorates, especially in the least developed ones. This would also help reduce the level of unemployment through creating new job opportunities and improving the relevance of the educational system outcomes with the needs of the labor market.

The Projects' Funding Mechanism of the GCC Grant:

- All donors were furnished with the list of proposed projects, of which the total cost is estimated at (5) billion USD, and which the Council of Ministers has approved to be submitted for funding from the GCC grant.
- Donors had informed GOJ that the GCC grant would be managed through their own financing funds. Based on that the Kuwaiti grant shall be managed by the Kuwaiti fund for Arab Economic Development, the Saudi grant shall be managed by the Saudi Development Fund, and the UAE grant shall be managed by Abu Dhabi development fund, while coordination with the Qatari ministry of finance & ministry of planning in respect of their grant is underway.
- As a result of the coordinative endeavors with the donors regarding the proposed projects, many of these entities expressed their interest in funding only a few manageable numbers of projects. GOJ were also told that it is necessary to consolidate small projects into one program for each sector. Other donors declared that they prefer to provide their funding in three phases. Nevertheless, all donors stressed that they do not fund any current expenditures, acquisitions, taxes or fees.
- Each donor entity had identified a number of projects among the listed ones which it would like to fund. Lists of projects valued at (1.25) billion USD were prepared for each donor, including notes and comments by the respective donor.
- Donors have also opted not to fund some continuous projects; as training programs or direct subsidy programs, or projects of which the implementation mechanism are in conflict with the requirements and standards of the funding entity.
- Funding agreements were signed for part of the proposed projects according to the terms and standards applicable at these funding entities, and in line with the Jordanian regulations and directives.
- Procedures of signing the funding agreements for the remaining GCC grant value are underway.

Mechanism of Implementing the GCC Grant:

- Projects funded through the GCC grant shall be implemented according to the requirements of the donors and in line with the Jordanian regulations and directives.
- New tenders documents shall be submitted to the donor to be studied and approved thereby. The technical committees' reports shall be submitted as well to be studied thereby and to approve the initial referral decisions.
- All funded projects shall be listed under the Budget law / Implementing Entities, to enable such entities implement these projects according to the procedure applicable therein.

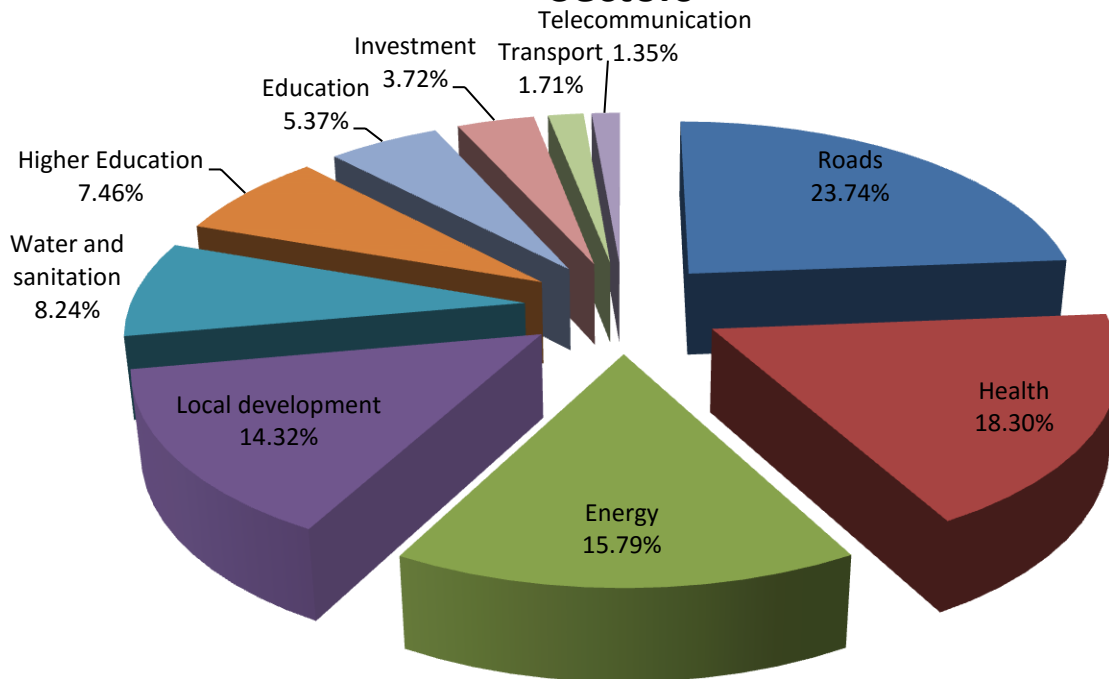
- All projects' claims shall be disbursed to contractors, suppliers, and consultant offices; after going through the full voucher cycle and as per proper procedures; from the budget of the implementing entities, where all claims shall be audited by the financial supervisory unit, and the Audit Bureau according to the procedures followed in each entities whether it was pre audit or post audit.
- Paid claims shall be submitted to the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation along with the supporting data and documents (referral decision, the signed contract/agreement, the technical committee's report, the paid payment voucher).
- The Ministry of Planning and International cooperation shall review the documents and prepare the withdrawal application for the donor according to the project funding.
- During the year 2019, the procedure was amended for the Saudi grant and the Kuwaiti grant in order to prepare transfer letters for the Central Bank.
- The concerned authorities (the Central Bank and Abu Dhabi Fund for Development) transfer the amounts paid to the treasury account.
- The Ministry of Planning and International cooperation in conjunction with the ministry of finance and the general budget department shall manage the GCC grant and follow-up on the funding and implementation of the projects, issue the necessary reports, and coordinate with the donors to answer their inquiries, in order to expedite the implementation of the funded projects.

Signed Agreements

The value of projects for which funding agreements were signed had reached around (3,711) million Dollars. The following is the list of agreements and memorandums of understanding which has been signed:

- Ten agreements to fund projects at a value of (1,250.00) million dollars from the Kuwaiti grant, during the period (2012 – 2017).
- Nineteen agreements to fund projects at a value of (1,250.00) million Dollars from the Saudi grant, during the period (2012-2017).
- One MOU to fund the UAE projects. The Fund approved on to fund projects valued (1,211.00) million dollars during the period (2013-2020).
- A Memorandum of Understanding with the government of Qatar was concluded on 26/9/2012.

Funded Projects Distributed According to Sectors



Funded Capital Projects

/the Saudi Grant

Million USD

Project Name	Ministry/Department	Total Cost
Construction & furnishing of the hospitals		334.33
Construct Al-Mafraq Hospital	The Royal Medical Services	29.28
Construct Jarash & Ajloun Hospitals	The Royal Medical Services	38.74
Upgrade the machines	The Royal Medical Services	2.69
Upgrade medical & non-medical spare parts	The Royal Medical Services	14.19
Upgrade the machines & equipment	The Royal Medical Services	54.17
Rehabilitate of Queen Alia's Hospital.	The Royal Medical Services	28.31
Prepare & equip the Stem-cell therapy center	The University of Jordan	21.20
Construct & equip Princess Basma Hospital	Ministry of Health	70.00
Construct laboratories for Food and Drugs	Food and Drugs Administration	6.00
Establishment of Radiotherapy Center	King Abdullah University Hospital	13.40
Rehabilitation and maintenance of King Hussein Hospital Center	The Royal Medical Services	4.35
Expansion of Al-Hussein Cancer Center	Al-Hussein Cancer Center	52.00

Project Name	Ministry/Department	Total Cost
Construction & furnishing of children schools and kindergarten buildings in different areas		92.78
Additions to the schools buildings	Ministry of Education	67.29
Add classrooms to the kindergarten	Ministry of Education	5.67
Develop education towards the knowledge economy (Second phase)	Ministry of Education	19.82
Construction & rehabilitation of the water & sanitation networks		160.70
Sanitation projects of west Jarash villages, (Al-Mazar), Mutah, & Al-Adnanyah	Ministry of water & Irrigation	20.35
Preparing and rehabilitating the water networks in Amman, Balqa, and Madaba for continuous supply	Ministry of water & Irrigation/ Water Authority	32.36
Improving the energy efficiency in the pumping stations	Ministry of water & Irrigation/ Water Authority	
Sanitation projects in different places in kingdom	Ministry of water & Irrigation/ Water Authority	32.93
Rehabilitation of Ajloun water network	Ministry of water & Irrigation/ Water Authority	26.88
Rehabilitation of Jarash water network	Ministry of water & Irrigation/ Water Authority	25.18
Construction pumping stations and a sanitation network in Zarqa governorate	Ministry of water & Irrigation/ Water Authority	23.00
Construction & Rehabilitation of Roads		461.30
Repairing the main, secondary, service, and rural roads and bridges	Ministry of Public works & Housing	67.37

Project Name	Ministry/Department	Total Cost
Queen Alia International Airport Road	Ministry of Public works & Housing	33.58
Linkage road of the New Zarqa hospital.	Ministry of Public works & Housing	7.05
Reconstruction of Zarqa road – Al-Omary border crossing.	Ministry of Public works & Housing	155.00
Desert Road (R15)	Ministry of Public works & Housing	138.30
Inter section of Greater Amman municipality	Greater Amman municipality	60.00
Upgrading the infrastructure of the universities and technical community colleges		73.00
The infrastructure of the public universities	Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific research	43.55
Improving the technical community in universities	Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific research	29.45
Shidiya Rail Way Link Project		12.15
Completing the infrastructure in the development economic zones		65.73
Completing the infrastructure of Mafrq, Irbid, & Al-Hussein Ben Talal Economic zone	Ministry of Finance	13.16
Completing the construction of the infrastructure of M'aan economic zone	Ministry of Finance	17.22
The infrastructure of the Dead sea eastern coast	Ministry of Finance	2.10
Complete the construction of Smart buildings in Irbid Development Economic zone	Ministry of Finance	3.25
Industrial Cities (Zarqa and Jarash)	Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply	30.00
Fiber Optic Project	The Ministry of Digital Economy & Entrepreneurship	50.00
The Total value of the Saudi grant-funded projects		1250.00

Funded Capital Projects

/The Kuwaiti Grant

Million USD

Project Name	Ministry/Department	Total Cost
The Health Sector Program		85.07
Renovation of the Hospitals' buildings	Ministry of Health	36.88
Upgrading the medical machines and devices, equip and furnish hospitals	Ministry of Health	9.02
Construction and expansion of hospitals / the treasury share	Ministry of planning & international cooperation	9.72
Support Prince Hamzah Hospital	Ministry of Health	9.10
Renovation of buildings for the medical services	The Royal Medical Services	12.86
Maintenance, expansion, and renovation of health centers	Ministry of Health	7.49
Education sector program		140.61
Maintenance and repairs of buildings	Ministry of Education	36.25
Furnish & Equip school buildings	Ministry of Education	19.31
Improve the schools electronic linking	Ministry of Education	7.38
Support the student fund	Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific research	64.46
Supporting Queen Rania Academe	Queen Rania Academe	9.92
Construct & develop technological and business incubators, and support computerization of universities	Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific research	3.29
Water & Irrigation program		79.05
Operate, maintain, and sustain dams	Jordan Valley Authority	6.69

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Integrated development program in Wadi Araba area	Jordan Valley Authority	2.35
Operate & maintain the trunk lines	Jordan Valley Authority	8.77
Rehabilitate the water networks in Irbid and Mafraq governorates	Ministry of water & Irrigation/ Water Authority	35.05
Rehabilitate the government wells	Ministry of water & Irrigation/ Water Authority	12.30
Dragging the water from Al mujeb Dam	Ministry of water & Irrigation/ Water Authority	13.89
Energy Program		211.39
Liquefied Natural Gas	Ministry of energy & Mineral resources and Aqaba Development Corporation	65.00
Renewable energy projects	Ministry of energy & Mineral resources	144.71
Mining for oil shale and mineral resources.	Ministry of energy & Mineral resources	1.68
Support the poor housing and technicians Program		91.57
Support the Agricultural Credit corporation	Ministry of Finance	21.15
Enhancing economic and social productivity.	Ministry of planning & international cooperation	65.82
Construct poor families housing	Ministry of Social Development	4.60
Municipalities and governorates development program		439.34
Municipalities' development	Ministry of Municipal Affairs	211.30
Governorates program	Ministry of planning & international cooperation	213.94
Supporting the Villages and Cities Bank	Villages and Cities Bank	14.10
Transport sector development program		202.97
Traffic safety on roads	Ministry of public works and housing	21.28

Project Name	Ministry/Department	Total Cost
Improve and implement expansion of roads	Ministry of public works and housing	49.93
Manage main through traffic roads	Ministry of public works and housing	10.53
Rehabilitate bridges and water facilities	Ministry of public works and housing	3.41
Establishment and maintenance of agricultural, secondary and rural roads	Ministry of public works and housing	66.62
Linkage of public transportation between Amman & Zarqa / the former Amman-Zarqa rail way	Ministry of Transport	32.10
The land Transport Regulatory Commission's projects	Ministry of Transport	19.14
The total value of projects funded through the Kuwaiti Grant		1250.00

Funded Capital Projects
/Abu Dhabi Development fund

Million USD

Project Name	Ministry/Department	Total Cost
Health Sector		259.67
Establish the tumors therapy center	The Royal Medical Services	14.00
Prepare & equip the tumors therapy center	The Royal Medical Services	21.20
Expansion of Al-Hussein Cancer Center	Al-Hussein Cancer Center	25.01
Development of Al-Hussein Medical City	The Royal Medical Services	11.86
Prince Hashem Bin Al Hussein Hospital	The Royal Medical Services	143.90
Specialization clinics project, nuclear medicine department and hemodialysis unit	The Royal Medical Services	43.70
General Education Sector		33.74
Establish schools (Construct 60 new schools)	Ministry of Education	26.69
Construct 25 primary schools	Ministry of Education	7.05
Water & Sanitation Sector		65.95
Rehabilitate irrigation projects	Ministry of water & Irrigation	17.33
Dams Construction	Ministry of water & Irrigation	48.62
Roads Sector		268.04
Construction, completion, expansion, and improvement of roads Program	Ministry of public works and housing	181.04
Amman Developmental Corridor	Ministry of public works and housing	87.00
Higher Education Sector		135.98
Support community colleges	Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific research	9.08
Public university development	Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific research	126.90

Project Name	Ministry/Department	Total Cost
Energy sector		374.76
Renewable energy projects	Ministry of energy & Mineral resources	142.00
Amman Strategic Reserve Terminal for Petroleum Products	Ministry of energy & Mineral resources	210.00
Liquefied petroleum gas port	Ministry of energy & Mineral resources	22.76
Investment, Industry and Trade sector		72.50
Expansion granaries	Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply	70.50
The Development Projects Fund		2.00
Local Development sector		
AL-Ma'awa Reserve		0.70
The Total value of the projects funded through the UAE grant		1,211.34