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AFD GROUP AND Jordan



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€555 M
mobilized by AFD Group
over the period 2019-2022

More than 50%
of AFD activity focuses on
access to water and sanitation

96% of AFD Group projects
addressing gender issues,
over the period 2020-2022

AFD has been working in Jordan since 2006, primarily on issues related to climate change adaptation and social cohesion, through solidarity-based and sustainable investments. As key partners in the water sector, AFD and Proparco also support major infrastructure projects to preserve and promote access to water, addressing water stress in particular.

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OUR ACTIVITY IN **Jordan**

In the period 2023-2026, AFD Group focuses its actions and activities on **four pillars**:

- **Social cohesion**: in accordance with Jordan's economic modernization strategy entitled "For a better future", we support the creation of decent jobs (direct or indirect financing of small and medium-sized enterprises, vocational training, technical support for social protection services), the national strategy for women and gender equality policy, and support the most vulnerable communities (namely host communities and refugees);
- **Support for the modernization of public services and institutions** ensuring social cohesion and the rule of law in connection with the modernization program launched by the Jordanian authorities;
- **The long-term resilience** of the country's development model, combining water, energy and food security issues, natural disaster risk prevention, in a context of vulnerability to climate change;
- **Support for crisis management, border security and support for regional cooperation.**

1

Water and sanitation

Jordan is particularly affected by water scarcity and has significant investment needs, both to improve distribution performance and increase water reuse and to mobilize new resources. AFD supports the country's water strategy through public policy loans and technical assistance to public operators.

We help finance large-scale infrastructure projects which increase production and transfer drinking water to communities. The projects also treat wastewater, with priority given to the northern parts of the country hosting the largest number of refugees (with drinking water supplied to Wadi al-Arab and Irbid, and wastewater treated and reused in Balqa and Ramtha).

2

Social cohesion and governance

Alongside the European Union, AFD is supporting civil and commercial justice reform. In addition, it supports the national strategy for equality between women and men through a public policy loan dedicated to gender budgeting.

As part of the Minka Middle East initiative, AFD supports the strengthening of institutions dedicated to civil protection in areas hosting large numbers of refugees. It also supports training initiatives in Jordan, particularly led by Jordanian organizations in hotel management and manufacturing sectors.

In addition, in support of decentralization, AFD is supporting the transformation of the Cities and Villages Development Bank (CVDB) into the municipal development bank.

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Sustainable urban development

AFD supports the decentralization of the country and the good governance of municipalities. It supported the development of public transport in Amman, backing the first in-site dedicated bus network (BRT).

We have also managed a solid waste management program in the northern governorates with EU-delegated funds.

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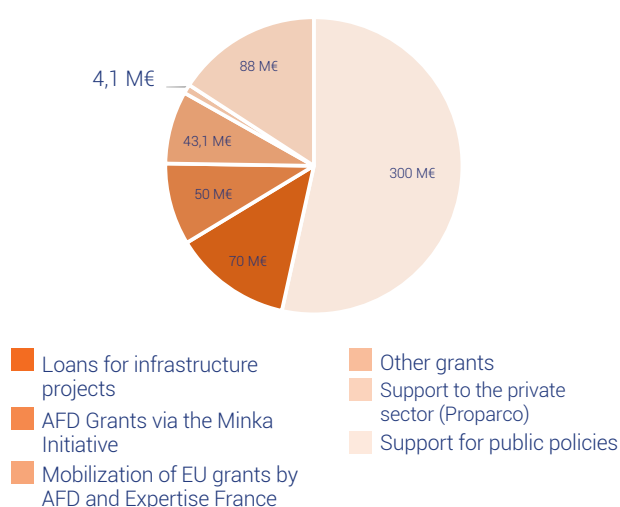
Rural development

AFD is working to improve the income regularity of rural Jordanians and Syrians refugees, who depend on the seasonal nature of agricultural activities, through the diversification of production, the adoption of better farming practices and the rehabilitation of processing units to facilitate access to the market. Through its support to civil society partners, AFD thus contributes to access to decent employment in agriculture.

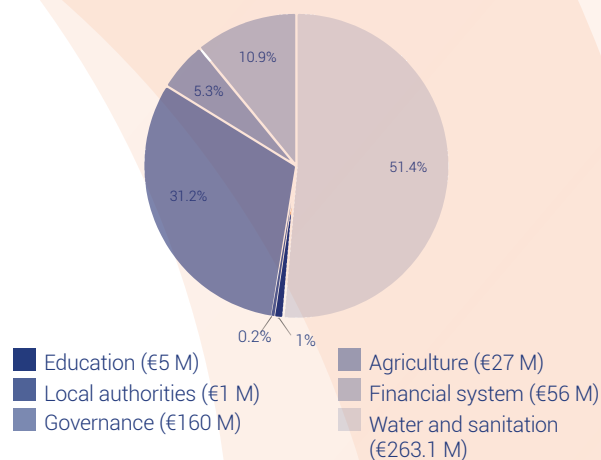
OUR KEY FIGURES IN Jordan

AFD Group operates in Jordan mainly through **subsidized sovereign loans** by financing large-scale infrastructure projects or by supporting sectoral public policies, and mobilizes technical assistance, mainly through the action of Expertise France. **Through the Minka Middle East initiative, in response to the Syrian crisis, we are supporting the most vulnerable communities, namely host communities and refugees.**

AFD Group commitments in Jordan (2019-2022)



Distribution of AFD Group's Activities by sector (2019-2022)



Proparco in Jordan

Proparco has been present in Jordan since 2009 and has committed **350 million dollars** in loans mainly to support large infrastructure projects through public-private partnerships for both renewable energy and water access.

More recently, it has extended a credit line to Jordan's third-largest bank aimed at supporting the financial inclusion of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), as well as financing and guarantees to support microfinance institutions and fintech companies.

Support for access to essential services, job creation and financial inclusion of SMEs, as well as the international expansion of Jordanian businesses are Proparco's three priorities for the coming years.

Expertise France in Jordan

In Jordan, Expertise France (EF) intervenes in three sectors with a total projects' portfolio value of **17 million euros**.

- **Governance of public institutions:** EF works with the Ministry of Finance to improve the management of local financial governance in the water sector and also contributes to the improvement of the rule of law and the modernization of justice.
- **Human development:** EF supports the social sector reform through projects financed by the European Union and the AFD, accompanying the modernization and improvement of the social protection system.
- **Stability, international security and peace:** EF supports the Jordanian Armed Forces in the framework of the Eastern Border Security Project and contributes to the capacity building of the Civil Protection.

EF is also engaged through two regional technical assistance facilities mobilized in Jordan, in the fields of anti-money laundering, counter-terrorism, and countering the financing of terrorism.

AFD Group contributes to the implementation of France's policies for sustainable development and international solidarity. The Group includes Agence Française de Développement (AFD), which finances the public sector, NGOs, research and training; its subsidiary Proparco, which is dedicated to the private sector; and Expertise France, a technical cooperation agency. The Group finances, supports and accelerates the transitions needed for a fairer, more resilient world.

With our partners, we are building shared solutions with and for the people in more than 150 countries, as well as in 11 French Overseas Departments and Territories. As part of the commitment of France and the French people to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, our teams are at work on 4,200 projects in the field. Our objective is to reconcile economic development with the preservation of common goods, from peace, the climate and biodiversity to health, education and gender equality.

Towards a world in common.



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