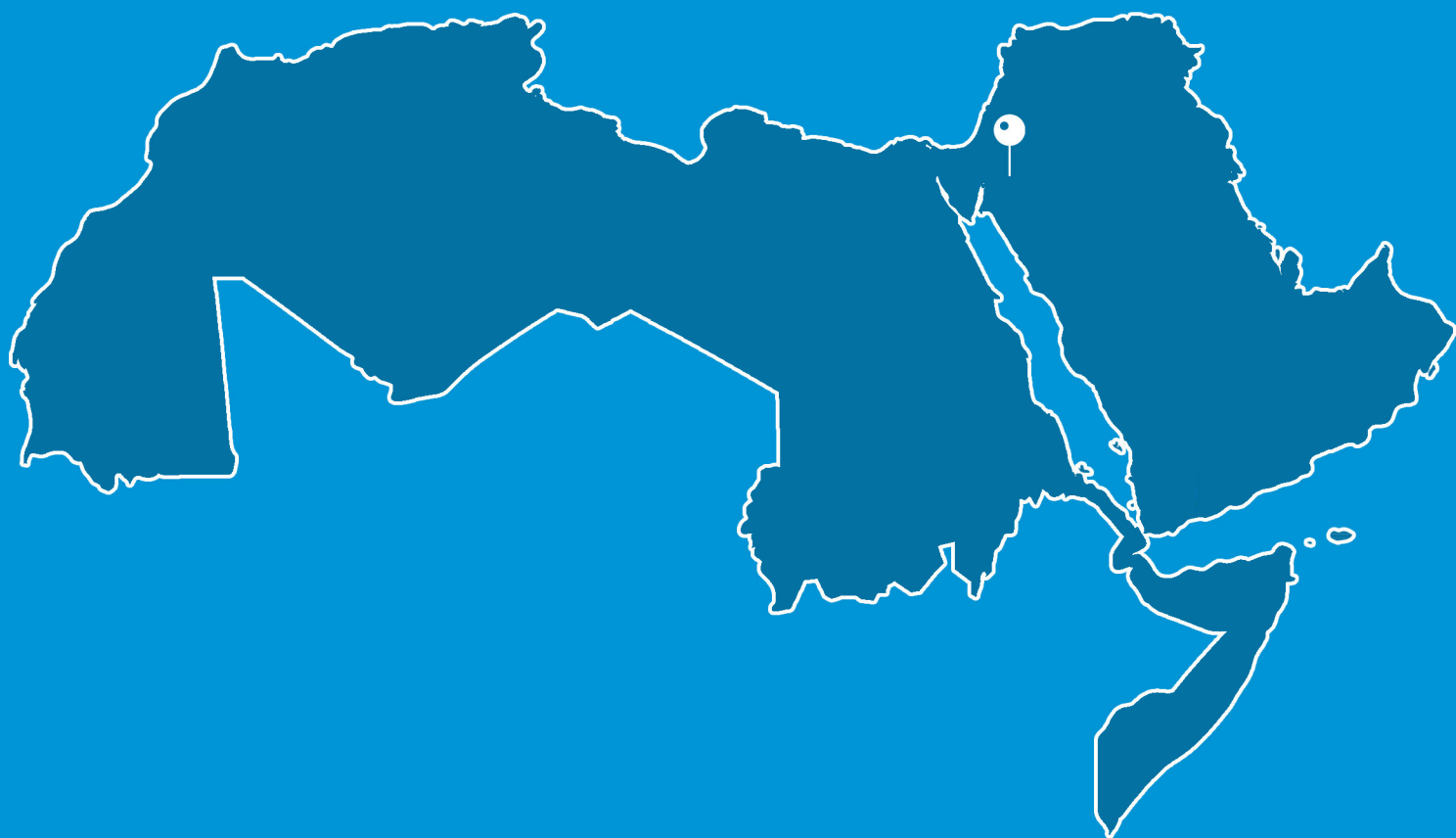


2019 Country Brief

# Jordan







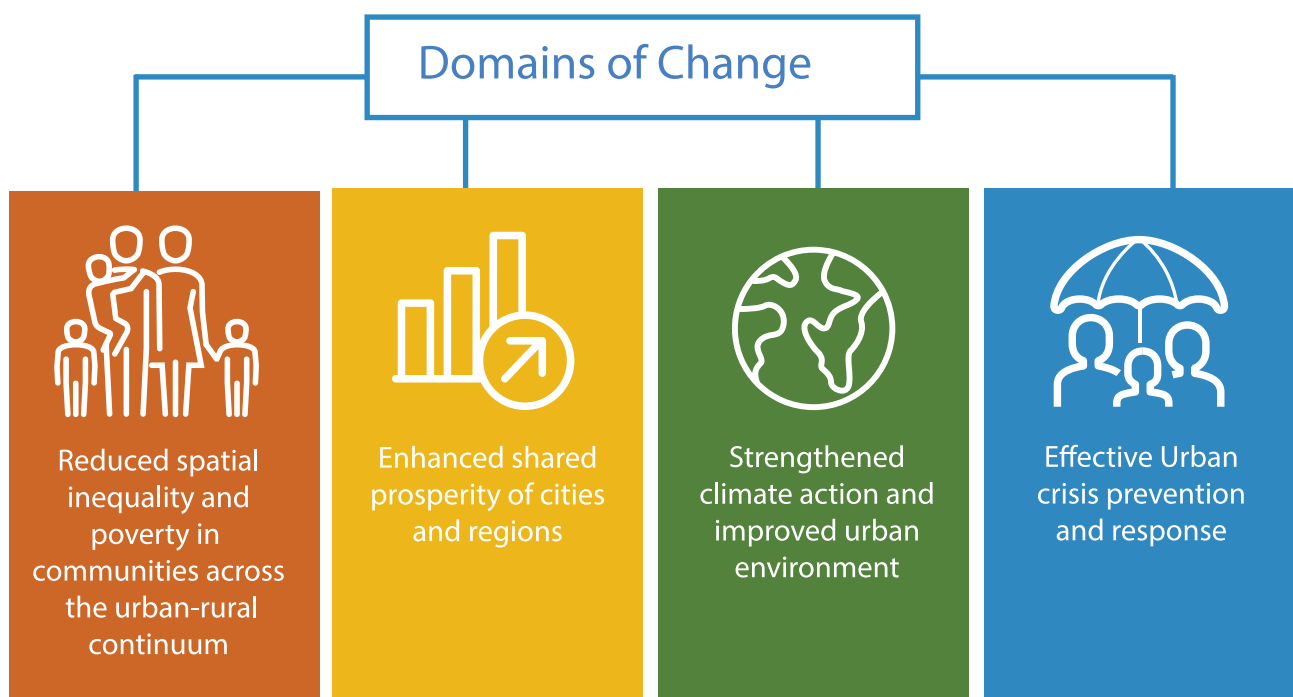
**UN-Habitat** envisions well-planned, well-governed, resilient and efficient cities and human settlements, with adequate housing, infrastructure, and universal access to employment and basic services. Its programmes and projects are designed to help policy-makers and local communities get to grips with human settlements and urban issues to achieve sustainable urban development to all. Applying its technical expertise, normative and operational work, UN-Habitat implements the New Urban Agenda and Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals, with a specific focus on SDG 11 – to make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable. As custodian agency, UN-Habitat plays a coordination role of monitoring and assessing the implementation of SDG 11 indicators.

In 2018 UN-Habitat launched an ambitious reform agenda to make the Agency more 'fit for purpose'. Its new Strategic Plan (2020 - 2023) reflects the new vision of the Agency and responds to emerging global priorities and is centered around four pillars;

reduced spatial inequality and poverty; enhanced shared prosperity; strengthened climate action and improved urban environment; and effective urban crisis prevention and response. UN-Habitat response spans four main drivers of change, namely policy and legislation, planning, governance and financing/implementation.



**Jordan** has been experiencing a steady increase in its urban population exacerbated by the successive waves of forced migrants from surrounding countries. Between 2004 to 2014, the population increased by nearly 87 per cent resulting in a wide range of urban challenges such as informal urban expansions, water deficiencies, shortage of housing and other basic services, increasing rental prices, environmental degradation and pollution and lack of decent job opportunities for all.

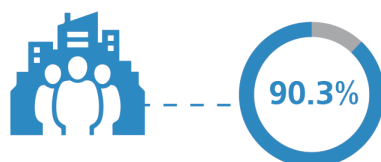


## Facts and Figures:

### Population <sup>(1)</sup>



### Urban population <sup>(2)</sup>



### Poverty <sup>(5)</sup>



as a result of **climate change** <sup>(8)</sup>  
Floods have killed **35**  
and affected **150,000**  
people in Jordan  
in **2018**

### Urbanization rate <sup>(3)</sup>



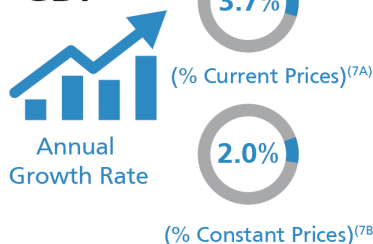
### Youth <sup>(4)</sup>



### Unemployment <sup>(6)</sup>



### GDP <sup>(7)</sup>



### Refugee population



Has the **second**  
highest share of  
refugees<sup>(9)</sup> per capita  
in the world; **89**  
refugees per **1,000**  
inhabitants (**2018**)

Other <sup>(16)</sup> : **1,687**

#### **Iraqi**<sup>(10)</sup>

Estimated total **750,000-1,000,000**  
UNHCR registered **67,266**

#### **Sudanese**<sup>(11)</sup>

**6,116**

#### **Syrian**<sup>(12)</sup>

Estimated total **1,400,000**  
UNHCR registered **654,568**

#### **Somali**<sup>(13)</sup>

**743**

#### **Palestinian**<sup>(14)</sup>

UNRWA registered **2,206,736**

#### **Yemeni**<sup>(15)</sup>

Estimated total **14,730**

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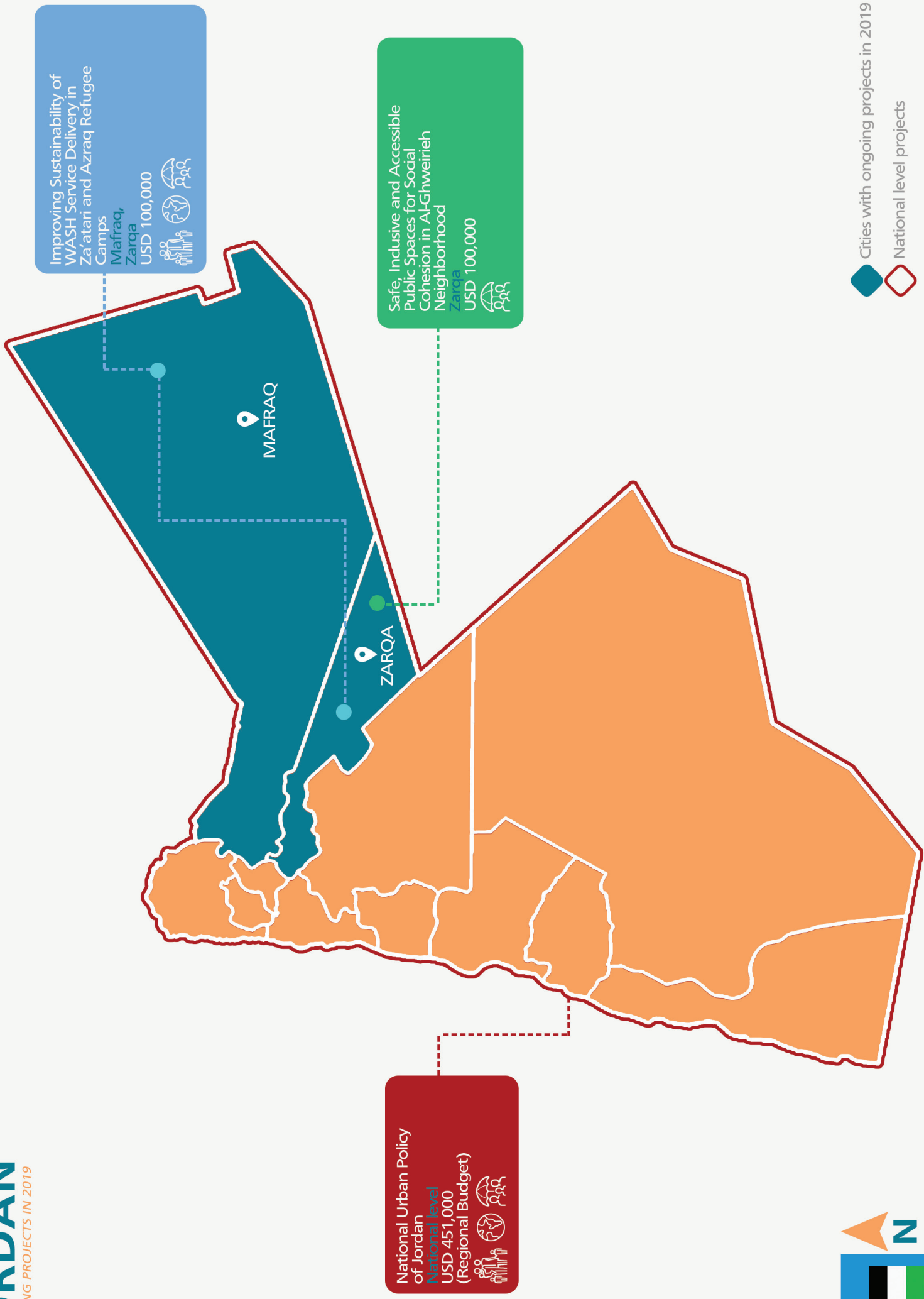
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 Cities with ongoing projects in 2019  
 National level projects



1 SUSTAINABLE, INCLUSIVE AND EVIDENCE-BASED NATIONAL URBAN POLICIES IN SELECTED ARAB STATES



2 SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC SPACES FOR SOCIAL COHESION



3 IMPROVING SUSTAINABILITY OF WASH SERVICE DELIVERY



Reduced spatial inequality and poverty in communities across the urban-rural continuum

enhanced shared prosperity for cities and regions

strengthened climate action and improved urban environment

effective urban crises prevention and response

### SUSTAINABLE, INCLUSIVE AND EVIDENCE-BASED NATIONAL URBAN POLICIES IN SELECTED ARAB STATES

Launched in 2018, the project aims to strengthen capacities of policy makers in four selected Arab States, (Jordan, Lebanon, Tunisia and Sudan for more informed, sustainable and inclusive National Urban Policies (NUP). It works with national, sub-national and local governments to strengthen their policy-making processes while promoting a participatory and inclusive approach. Jordan National Urban Policy defines a common vision for its urban future, promotes institutional collaboration

and policy coherence among all stakeholders responsible for urban affairs, and catalyzes more sustainable practices. It stimulates wide stakeholder consultation to ensure an open, and collaborative policy development process. The National Urban Policy, developed in partnership with the Ministry of Local Administration (MoLA), provides a coordination framework that builds on and complements the existing policies and development strategies of Jordan; brings coherence across various urban sectors and scales of urban management; and enforces resilience, sustainability, accessibility, and prosperity for all city dwellers.



Tailored National Training on NUP in Jordan October 2019. © UN Habitat

## SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC SPACES FOR SOCIAL COHESION

A public open space that enhances community cohesion and inclusiveness in Al- Ghweirieh Neighborhood was developed, promoting health and well-being for all citizens including refugees and vulnerable groups. The public space will contribute to creating an enabling environment that supports the community's rights, particularly women, youth and refugees on one hand, and delivering access to adequate urban environment on the other.

One year following its initiation, the project has succeeded in providing an adequate setting for social and cultural activities, instilling a mutual sense of pride and ownership among the locals, and shared dedication and stewardship for the spaces; continued well-being and fostered teamwork. The project has also generated employment opportunities among the locals during implementation phases.

The influx of refugees has exacerbated many issues in Zarqa, including unemployment, lack of affordable housing and lack of open spaces and green areas. Calculated at approximately 0.49m<sup>2</sup> of green area per inhabitant, residents in Zarqa suffered from the lack of safe and inclusive spaces and the lack of fund prevented the municipality from providing the needed space. In 2019, UN-Habitat designed and developed a public park in an inclusive and participatory approach together with members of the community. The design was collectively developed with community members through Minecraft workshops, and SGBV trainings were delivered to ensure accessibility of all members to the space. To date, the upgrading works have provided 15 job opportunities for locals in construction.



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