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## IMPROVING THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN JORDAN THROUGH COMBATING CHILD MARRIAGE AND PROMOTING POSITIVE MASCULINITY

FACT SHEET FOR THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE JORDANIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN (JNCW), JORDAN AND RDPP



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The Jordanian National Commission for Women

**Duration:** 2019 - 2022

**Budget:** 740,920 EUR

**Geographical area:** Across Jordan

**RDPP thematic area:** Advocacy

**Direct beneficiaries:**

- 1800 students aged 14-17
- 300 university students
- 60 school counsellors

**Target groups:**

- Parliamentarians and policy makers
- Shariah judges, family reconciliation committee members, and preachers
- Ministries of Health, Education and National Assembly for Curriculum Development, and Awqaf
- Higher Population Council
- CBOs, NGOs, INGOs

approval for child marriage cases, through training 25 judges on the consequences of child marriage, in coordination with the Judicial Institute. The members of JNCW partner network will be trained to replicate a similar training to at least 20 CBOs within their communities.

### II. Communities' attitudes and behaviours toward child marriage and other gender-related issues are improved

JNCW will develop a toolkit on positive masculinities, conduct advocacy campaigns at the community level on positive masculinities followed by a training of trainers targeting school counsellors, and a masculinity programme targeting 1,800 youth aged 14-17 in at least 60 schools across Jordan, as well as in 3 selected universities. JNCW will also support a review of public school curricula to mainstream gender perspectives, in cooperation with the National Center for Curriculum Development and Ministry of Education.

### III. JNCW and partner capacities in managing women-related interventions are improved

In cooperation with the High Population Council, JNCW will train at least 90 NGO and CBOs staff on sessions on various social, medical, psychological, economic and other consequences of child marriage as well as skills to influence knowledge, attitudes and practices in their communities. Training of trainers will also be conducted to the JNCW partner network and the Gender Equality and Mainstreaming Working Group which includes relevant ministries, national organizations, and women's civil society organizations. JNCW will also conduct a survey on related services provided by NGOs and CBOs at national and sub-national level.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The project's overall objective is to contribute to a safe environment for women and girls in Jordan through the prevention of negative practices and behaviours focusing on child marriage as a form of Gender Based Violence (GBV). It works towards three objectives:

### I. Capacities, attitudes and knowledge of stakeholders regarding implementation of legislation and practices linked to child marriage are positively influenced

JNCW aims at supporting Shariah courts across Jordan in reducing the application of exceptional

