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## 12th Meeting of the Jordan Response Platform for the Syria Crisis

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**Excellences,**

**Distinguished Guests,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I would like to thank you all for being with us today at this critical time. Challenges are accumulating since the onset of the Syria crisis overlapped with the global financial crisis, the global recession, Arab spring movement, and others.

As the Syrian crisis enters its tenth year, spill over continues to impact Jordan as it has met and exceeded its carrying capacity. The strain on Jordan's infrastructure, public service delivery, and overall economic well-being is severe. This has reversed many hard-earned development gains, increased public debt and taken the country off its sustainable development path. This year, things got even worse with the COVID 19 pandemic leaving no country without severe impact on its social, economic, and health conditions.

Jordan is trying to gain as much strategic knowledge and guidance as possible by coordinating and collaborating with the international community, as there are no prior comparable conditions similar to what we are currently going through.

At the present, Jordan is in urgent need for financial assistance as well as planning assistance to lead us to the bright side at the end of this gloomy tunnel. Jordan's situation is unique, and we need to plan strategies for managing not only the needs of refugees who cannot be integrated and have not resettled in a third country, but also the on-going budgetary, economic, social, and environmental burdens, and simultaneously responding to the pandemic; A response to the pandemic for all without any discrimination. We also cannot respond in isolation from the world. It is an international responsibility that we all stand together, hand in hand, to overcome this challenge.



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Over the years, the Government of Jordan tried its best to mitigate the effects through various channels. The Jordan Response Plan for the Syria Crisis was created to highlight the importance of supporting both refugees and vulnerable host communities. Host communities have been tremendously affected due to the crisis, as 90% of refugees are now living where Jordanians reside.

Managing such a long-term effect is a challenge. The main concern will be if the issue will still be considered as a humanitarian crisis, and if it will still attract the assistance of the international community.

In order to come up with the 2020-2022 JRP in cooperation and coordination with all partners, we were able to make changes in our planning process including the structure of the plan, its components, sectors, markers, and others that will be presented to you in this event.

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Due to the on going impact of the Syria crisis and the heavy pressure imposed on us in facing the global pandemic which has further drained our economy, MOPIC with the UN agencies also considered some changes with a humanitarian lens to efficiently respond to COVID-19 by adding a new annex to the plan – a work to be better integrated in the plan 2021- 2023 – to be more resilient and responsive to all challenges facing the Host community, refugees, and national capacities.

Going forward, I hope the new JRP will allow for further development, prosperity to Jordan, a more resilient host community and refugees, and be strongly equipped with the necessary resources to cope with the heightening burdens and pressures.

Thank you for your continuous support in sharing the burden with us. Looking forward to participating in Brussels conference with great expectations for a better life for all.

Thank you,,,