

Jordan

Australia's aid partnership with Jordan

Australia budgeted [A\\$144.6 million in ODA to the Middle East and North Africa for 2026-27](#). Australia has committed [A\\$130 million of humanitarian funding to Jordan since 2017](#) in response to the regional impacts of the crisis in Syria. Jordan's strategic location, its role hosting Syrian refugees, and its longstanding security ties with Australia make it a critical development and humanitarian partner. The Kingdom's population is approximately [11.5 million](#) with a [Gross National Income \(GNI\) per capita of US\\$5,260 \(2025\)](#).

Development challenges

Jordan ranks [100 out of 193 on the Human Development Index](#), with key challenges including:

- Hosting over half a million registered Syrian refugees
- Youth unemployment near 50%
- Low female labour-force participation
- Severe water scarcity and rising climate stresses
- Skills gaps that limit inclusive, private-sector-led growth

Priority sectors

[Australia's funding provides protection support for the most vulnerable refugees, and access to public education for refugee children in close partnership with the Jordanian Ministry of Education.](#)

Project spotlights

1. [Education for Syrian refugees in Jordan](#)

Delivered by: Save the Children

Objective: to help Syrian refugees in Jordan to catch up on missed education and set them up for their futures.

2. [From waste to work: Recycling in Za'atari refugee camp](#)

Delivered by: Oxfam

Objective: to turn waste management into an opportunity to address social, environmental and economic needs in Za'atari camp.

Sources

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