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**IN BRIEF:**

# MAKING EVERY WOMAN AND GIRL COUNT IN JORDAN

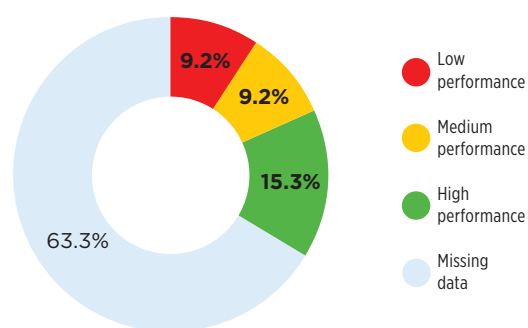
**THE ISSUE**

A national assessment on gender statistics in Jordan was conducted in 2019, revealing three inter-related challenges:

- Gender statistics have not been included in Jordan's national statistics legislation, or in a National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS). There is a lack of coordination between government institutions on statistical data production, in particular when it comes to gender statistics and sex- and age-disaggregated data.
- There is also limited institutional capacity for production, research and training on gender statistics in both the national statistics office as well as line ministries. Jordan faces challenges in technically demanding areas such as measuring time-use on unpaid care and domestic work, and costing a gender-based violence survey.

**FIGURE 1**

How is Jordan doing on gender data?



Source: [Women Count Data Hub](#)

- There is limited analysis of statistical data, limited use of statistics by most policymakers and decision-makers and there are limited means used to disseminate data in a timely way.

## WOMEN COUNT RESPONSE:

- **Creating an enabling environment:** technical assistance is being provided to national stakeholders on gender statistics and ensuring data and analysis are integrated in planning documents (including the NSDS).
- **Increasing data production:** technical capacities of the Department of Statistics (DOS) will be strengthened to map gender-related SDG indicators and analyse data on women's economic empowerment.
- **Improving data accessibility and use:** production and dissemination of gender statistics knowledge products, including country gender equality profile and training for subnational stakeholders on how to use and disseminate gender statistics data will be organized.

## RESULTS

Activities in 2019 focused on planning, including conducting a national assessment and finalizing project document. Some key results include:

### 1. Creating an enabling environment

- **Government commitment to improve gender statistics was strengthened as a result of improving collaboration between DOS and JNCW.** The national assessment, developed in partnership with UN Women and DOS, identified the main gaps to the availability, accessibility and use of gender data in Jordan and highlighted key opportunities for institutional capacity-development and gender-responsive policymaking. The assessment was presented at a validation workshop in October, which brought together 45 representatives – from DOS, government ministries, the Jordanian National Commission for Women (JNCW) and institutions supporting policy research and formulation on gender issues, international stakeholders, relevant Civil Society Organizations and private sector entities. As a result, there was a strong commitment from both the Department of Statistics and the Jordanian National Commission for Women to address pervasive gender data gaps.
- **Jordan began implementing an Institutional Capacity-Development (ICD) Framework for gender mainstreaming across 12 different government institutions.** With coordination and technical expertise

from UN Women, it is the guiding framework that lays the foundation to enhance the organizational environment to support national partners to mainstream gender through training and capacity building activities. UN Women is working with the Ministry of Institutional Performance Development (MOIPD) to implement the framework, link it with official policies and procedures on mainstreaming gender. DOS is among the national entities UN Women has worked with on the ICD, which will help to create a suitable infrastructure and enabling environment to support mainstreaming gender and reporting on SDGs at the institutional level. The support to different line ministries focuses on building strong capacity to enable proper data production and analysis.

### 2. Increasing data production

- **UN Women's support resulted in improved monitoring and reporting on the SDGs.** As a result of strengthened partnerships between the Department of Statistics and the Jordanian National Commission for Women (JNCW), facilitated by UN Women, SDG indicators formed the basis for data collection and analysis to inform Jordan's Beijing+25 report.

### 3. Improving data accessibility and use

- As 2019 marked the first year of the Women Count project in Jordan, these activities will begin in 2020.

## PLANS FOR 2020\*

- Providing technical assistance to national stakeholders on gender statistics and ensure integration in national and subnational level planning documents, including the NSDS in partnership with PARIS21;
- Strengthening capacities of DOS to improve coordination on the production and use of gender statistics;
- Producing and disseminating country gender equality profile;
- Conducting rapid gender assessment on the impact of COVID-19;
- Organizing trainings to strengthen the capacities of data users to analyze gender statistics.

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\* Plans for 2020 may be further adjusted to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.