

OFFICIAL STATISTICS

IN JORDAN IN FOCUS

Improving statistical data by introducing good practices closely aligned to European standards and principles of high quality

> **This is the fifth newsletter on the progress of the EU funded Twinning Project 'Strengthening the Capabilities of the Department of Statistics in Jordan'**

During the previous three months, thirteen activities were implemented.

The overall progress of the project is good and many tangible results have been achieved due to the high commitment from DoS as well as the MS experts.

The nine remaining activities will be implemented during the last two months of the Twinning project, which will end by the end of April 2015. At that time, 52 activities will have been implemented compared to the 47 activities initially planned.

Also at this stage, the remaining five benchmarks out of the total 22 are well on the way to be achieved.

In an interview made for this newsletter, his Excellency Dr. Qasem Al-Zubi, Director General of DoS expresses his satisfaction with the implementation of the Twinning project and all the results achieved so far. He believes this Twinning project is a success.

Dr. Al Zubi especially highlights the progress in the National Accounts component and the IT and Online Dissemination component. He is happy to see that the new website is almost completed and appreciated the work done on building a new online databank. Moreover, compiling the supply and use tables for 2010 covering the informal sector is a major achievement and will create great benefits for DoS in the future.



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Dr. Al Zubi emphasized that it has been a challenge to implement the activities in the Twinning project and at the same time plan the upcoming population census, which the DoS has been deeply involved in especially during the second half of the implementation period.

At the end, Dr. Al Zubi wished that all the experience gained by the employees would be of great help in the improvement of the DoS' work in the future and thanked everyone who works in this Twinning project from the RTA Office to the DOS Staff and MS experts who all contribute to it being a success.

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Project information is available at
www.dst.dk/jordan

MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE TWINNING PROJECT

BY COMPONENTS

National Accounts

The National Accounts System in Jordan will be updated to SNA2008 and will cover the informal sector

Sampling Methodologies

The capacity of DoS staff to understand and apply modern sampling techniques is improved

Quality and Metadata

Statistics published by DoS are quality assured and documentation is improved

IT and Online Dissemination

New database structure defined and online dissemination improved

