

Minutes of Meeting of the Stakeholders Committee Number (3) MCA-Jordan

At 11 am of Monday, September 9, 2013, the Millennium Challenge Account-Jordan (MCA-Jordan) held the third official Stakeholders Committee meeting with the presence of the persons whose names are enclosed. The presentation of the meeting is also attached. The meeting activities and discussions were as follows:

- Sofian Qurashi, Communications & Outreach Director, welcomed the attendees and underlined the Stakeholders Committee role in providing consultations, suggestions, and feedback to MCA-Jordan.
- Eng. Kamal Zoubi, MCA-Jordan CEO, and Alex Russin, MCC Resident Country Director, greeted the Stakeholders Committee thanking them for their attendance and commitment.
- Eng. Louis Qaqish, Water Network Project Director, shared the status of the project's six contracts adding that two contracts have been awarded; one for the primary and secondary network for Zarqa Governorate as a whole and the other for the tertiary network in Batrawi area/Zarqa.
- Eng. Mohammad Ababneh, Wastewater Network Project Director, explained that the project's 3 contracts will cover 170 km of works, highlighting the areas that will be covered by the project. He also highlighted the accomplishments to date for each contract such as finished works and employment rates. Next steps will include studying citizens' applications that were not covered in the initial project plans. Additionally, a tender is being prepared that is designed to reduce sewage overflow by cleaning wastewater networks pipes. Eng. Ababneh said that MCA-Jordan applies high-standard health and safety measures at the project such as securing trenches with barricades, offering pedestrian and vehicular crossings, and displaying warning signs.
- Eng. Mai Abu Tarbush, Environmental and Social Director, explained to the attendees the grievance mechanism that allows citizens to file complaints directly to MCA-Jordan. She also discussed the public meetings, which the company regularly organizes to educate citizens of upcoming works, as well as other awareness tools such as company signage. She emphasized that the company engages in local community activities and supports women participation in line with MCC gender integration policy. She concluded the presentation by explaining the Trafficking in Persons policy that protects workers' rights.
- Qurashi announced the end of presentation and invited members of the Stakeholders Committee to board the bus on a tour to different locations of the Wastewater Network Project. The committee visited a site in Zarqa, stopping at Hay Maasoum Bridge before visiting another site in Russeifa.