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# Horizons

For Green Development



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Horizons for Green Development (HFGD) is a **Jordanian non-profit organization** established in 2014 committed to empowering communities through **sustainable development**. As climate change heavily impacts our natural resources our mission is to contribute to alleviating water shortages, increased use of renewable energy and energy efficiency and improved food securities.

Close interaction with vulnerable societies helps us understand needs and gaps to better serve citizens. Civic engagement, initiating dialogue, strengthening capacities, income generating interventions, awareness and introduction of innovative solutions are jointly mobilized to act as change agents and improve thousands of lives. Advocacy and lobbying for improved national legislation and policies are also inextricably incorporated throughout our programs through the close interaction with decision makers at central and local levels.

# Executive Director Statement

I am delighted to present our 2019 annual report with additional successful stories on our programs, projects and initiatives. There is a compelling logic in our vision to be more than just an NGO, aiming instead to be a leading institution that will inspire other organizations to step-up their efforts toward a greener Jordan. The accomplishments, which were made in 2018, have been of continued progress leading to the new stories attained this year.

Despite the young age of Horizons for Green Development, I am proud to expand our work at regional and international levels, in addition to the various efforts performed at local and national levels. This is achievable due to the presence of a strong and fully committed team to the ambitious plan we have set out, and they perform their jobs up to the standards required. Therefore, I would like to extend my appreciation to every single team member, volunteer, and intern who presents the face of Horizons to our stakeholders every day.

I would like to praise the partnerships which were established, which without we could not realize this level of professionalism and extent of work. Working with local communities and marginalized groups is a privilege, and it brings meaningful essence to our mission and objectives.

In the end, I would like to invite you to join us on our mission. Together we can make a difference through passion, professionalism and an uncompromising commitment to helping marginalized people realize life in its full capacity.

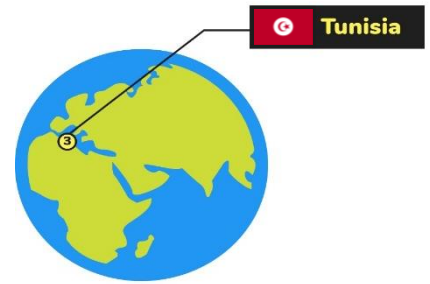
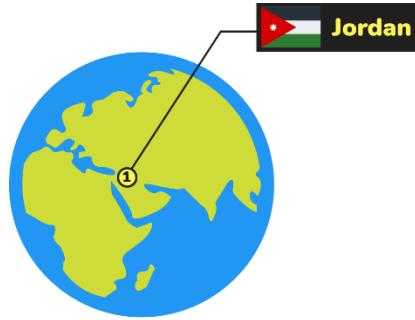
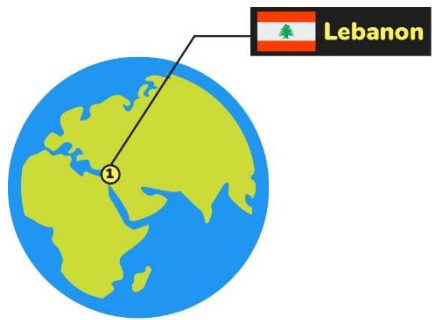
Rami El-Akhras



Horizons priorities revolve around:

- We invest in people with a passion to improve the world.
- End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- Social cohesion and promoting inclusion where women, men, girls and boys can achieve their full potential.
- Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.
- Contribute to realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a focus on SDG 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, and SDG 13

# Our Geographical Scope



## Our Team Member

12 Specialized staff members:

9 males

3 females

## CSR



Support activities implementation of International Center for Water and Environmental Research in Al-Balqa'a Applied University



# Partners & Donors

## International Partners



## National Partners



## Donors



## Memberships



## Board Members of



# Projects & Achievements

## Project

<b>Name:</b>	MINARET
<b>Location:</b>	Jordan (Alkarak) Lebanon (Jdeideh) Tunisia (Monastir)
<b>Funded by:</b>	SIDA
<b>Organizations Involved:</b>	RSS / NERC, IUCN & HFGD
<b>Period:</b>	2016 - 2020



The MENA Region Initiative as a Model of NEXUS Approach and Renewable Energy Technologies (MINARET) aims to address the unique sustainability challenges and opportunities of the MENA region by increasing local and regional sustainability capacities using the synergies between renewable **energy** technology and efficiency, **water** management, and **food** security. Horizons' had accomplished their role in the MINARET project by achieving project goals by implementing socioeconomic, water pilot action projects and capacity building in Jordan, Lebanon, and Tunisia.





- The MINARET project focused on the Mumia Falls Cooperative Organization as the socioeconomic component of the project in Jordan. The project aimed to build the capacity of the staff at Mumia while renovating their base of operation, in order to allow them to fulfill their duties and achieve their goals more efficiently and at a higher impact by holding eco-tourism and canyoneering trainings.
- MINARET helped to link organizations and products with Mumia in order to provide services to tourists and sell them organic and homemade products. The center will be beneficial to the environment by managing the number of tourists and their hikes. The center will provide job opportunities to locals in Al-Karak, including women who will be responsible for sourcing the food and gift products that will be sold in the nature shop in the center, and the bedding items used in the camp.



- For completing socioeconomic intervention in Al-Karak MINARET project provide a specific attention to women. During the implementation of the Mumia visitor's center component, the Manshiyah Women's Organization was tasked with creating handmade bedding for the center.
- MINARET project procure items for the organization while providing training with the goal of building the capacity of the organization in a way that meets the gaps identified in the gender baseline, which will also aid in the creation of jobs, increase socioeconomic wellbeing and will allow the women in the organization to enter the market in a competitive manner while collaborating with the Mumia Falls Visitors Center in providing any required printed/labeled items in the future.



- The Nature Hub in Monastir represents the socioeconomic pilot project for Tunisia. It is an intervention that utilizes the Nexus approach for climate change adaptation and mitigation to build institutional capacities while including women and youth in development projects. The project simultaneously tackles issues related to loss of biodiversity, climate change, and pollution, access to information and education, gender inequality as well as poverty.
- The Nature Hub will also benefit: **Academia, Small enterprises and Women CBOs.**



- This project is intended to collect rain water for irrigation of public spaces and for other uses (washes) without needing to use the drinking water network. The proposed location of the Project is near the sea port of Monastir, between the swimming pool and the stadium.
- The rainwater harvesting system will help reduce runoff in the municipality of Monastir, which limits the risk of flooding and pressure on storm sewers. In addition, during heavy rainfall, the storage of this water will, in part, prevent clogging of drains in stadium areas.



**1000 cubic meter**  
underground tank



- Training in managing revolving funds will be specifically targeted towards the Jdeideh Women's Organization as they are directly responsible for establishing and managing a revolving fund as a product of MINARET activities. The aim of the training is to allow them to ensure the sustainable management and growth of their revolving funds, as well as guarantee the most impact in their local communities. The revolving fund will be essential to the small community of Jdeideh that is heavily reliant on agriculture. The socioeconomic project by MINARET reduced the money spent on diesel through renewable energy and the savings will finance the revolving fund's loans, coupled with the water pilot action which saw the refurbishment of irrigation systems in the municipality; the revolving fund will boost the impact of these projects by providing seed money and loans to create more environmentally friendly projects in the area and sustain them, as detailed in the value chain mapping



- Gender mainstreaming is a necessary step in all humanitarian and development projects. Being aware of the importance of gender equality and defending it are both necessary steps for working towards sustainable development. All organizations must also be aware of the gender-specific risks and dangers that can lead to gender-based violence, and how to prevent and mitigate them.

Gender awareness training is inextricably linked to other elements of capacity building and it can be an integral part of other trainings. And while other trainings will target specific stakeholders, gender mainstreaming will apply to all stakeholders of the MINARET project, and it is not given to specific organizations only, but delivered to stakeholders involved in actual projects alongside stakeholders involved in decision making.



# Project

<b>Name:</b>	Education and Awareness for a Green Path and Sustainable Development in Jordan
<b>Location:</b>	Jerash, Amman & Aqaba
<b>Funded by:</b>	The European Union
<b>Organizations Involved:</b>	FPEC, JREDS & HFGD
<b>Period:</b>	2018 – 2020



With a vision to optimize the role of the communities to institutionally and sustainably push for policy revision, advocacy and awareness on environment and capitalize the role of environmental organizations to achieve Jordan’s 2020 sustainable plan by raising awareness on renewable energy and energy efficiency interventions, lobby decision makers for improved environmental policies, engage in dialogue with decision makers and government authorities, build capacities and raise awareness at different segments of society.

This project during its implementation strengthen the role of NGOs in policy development through lobbying for a green economy with senates and members of parliament as well as other public officials.



## Target

Contribute to building the capacity of trainers / young practitioners / human rights activists in Jordan

Increase the number of individuals who are able to apply “advocacy skills” in Jordan

# Project

<b>Name:</b>	Reducing Erosion in Northern Jordan through Employment Intensive Measures
<b>Location:</b>	Ziglab (Sharhabeel Bin Hasna) Dam - Irbid
<b>Funded By:</b>	GIZ
<b>Organizations Involved:</b>	ACTED, IUCN, REACH & HFGD
<b>Period:</b>	2018 – 2020



The project aims to reduce erosion in the dam catchment area while supporting the basic needs of vulnerable Jordanians host communities and to contribute to Syrians refugees' conflict. This project was designed to understand the hydrological status through scientific studies, which was performed by the IUCN ROWA. This was followed by recruiting short-term cash-for-workers from the host Jordanian communities as well as Syrian refugees to provide them with the opportunity to enhance their livelihood, and create a source of income. The project has taken into consideration several elements including providing healthy food options for workers. Horizons has been responsible for organizing the logistical elements of training the workers and providing daily meals to them. As well as guaranteeing that a gender perspective is respected in all elements of implementation.



142 Cash for Workers including 28 females and 114 Syrians

## Highligh



Awareness Session was held about COVID-19



Meals served by female CfWs to the workers

# Project

<b>Name:</b>	“Hawk Eye” – Raising Awareness and Changing Mentalities through the Development of a monitoring system regarding environmental problems
<b>Location:</b>	Jarash Governorate
<b>Funded By:</b>	Hanns Seidel-shifting (HSS)
<b>Period:</b>	2020



Hawk Eye aims to analyze the environmental situation of the Jerash Governorate while indicating the extent of the effectiveness of civil society institutions in developing awareness among young people of environmental issues. Afterwards, the project will aid in developing youth’s involvement in environmental matters, while building their relationship with the authorities responsible for environmental safekeeping; the Royal Rangers, in order to change environmental mentalities and behaviors of the public in the governorate. This approach will build the capacity of civil society in environmental safekeeping by giving a group of young men and women the opportunity to monitor and report any environmental issues or violations in their areas. Horizons for Green Development is implementing the activities of this project with the support of Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung in order to create a state of interaction and harmony among the youth of the governorate, highlighting the importance of the environment and taking care of it, developing and building their skills in monitoring and documenting environmental issues and violations, building mechanisms for cooperation and dialogue with relevant official and semi-official institutions for the sake of minimizing or stopping any violations or abuses of the environment through intervention and changing behaviors of the public.



## Target



11 Hawks was trained on observing the environmental problems and how to report them, in addition to came up with initiatives that help environment.



# Project

<b>Name:</b>	Enhanced Support to vulnerable communities to face COVID-19
<b>Location:</b>	Mafraq, Ramtha, Southern Amman
<b>Funded By:</b>	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Human Affairs (UN OCHA)
<b>Organizations Involved:</b>	FPEC
<b>Period:</b>	2020 - 2021



Refugees in Informal Tented Settlements (ITSs) are at increased risk of contracting the Covid-19 disease due to the overcrowded context in which they live, combined with poor access to basic services, which challenges people’s ability to apply public health measures such as social distancing, self-isolation and proper hand hygiene practices. During the Covid-19 crisis in Jordan, with 46% ITS respondents without access to improved water supply according to the Multi-sectoral Rapid Needs Assessment, this project aims to manage and minimize the risk of WASH related diseases including Covid-19 in particular, to ensure the safety of refugees and their coping mechanism until this Epidemic is revealed in those (60) ITSs and include (15) new identified ITSs in Mafraq and Ramtha; which are served by none and are in dire need for WASH services. Project will target the total (75) ITSs and provide them with access to improved hygienic practices, hygiene promotion and delivery of hygienic products and services on a sustainable and equitable basis including risk communication and community engagement; to help them to improve WASH services and face the Covid-19, while mainstreaming gender.

## Target



Produced and distributed 2000 Hygiene kits



Maintained 100 latrines



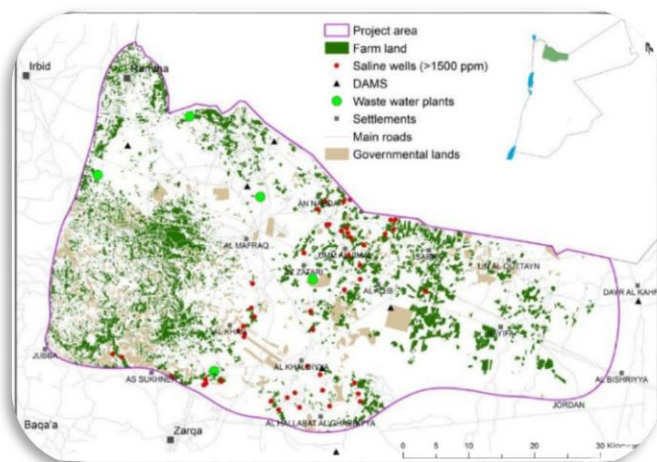
Supplied 41 new latrines

# Project

<b>Name:</b>	The Smart Development of Eco-Friendly Solutions and Economic Regional Agricultural Techniques (Smart Desert)
<b>Location:</b>	Mafraq, Ramtha, Zarqa (Highlands)
<b>Funded By:</b>	French Development Agency (AFD)
<b>Organizations Involved:</b>	IUCN, HFGD, GreenTech, INWRDAM & Blumont
<b>Period:</b>	2020 - 2023



With an overarching goal of economic empowerment of Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians in the agricultural sector, Smart Desert is designed to achieve two key objectives: (1) increased year-round income and (2) improved work conditions. Given the complex issues at stake, the project consortium will maintain a dual focus on “hard” and “soft” activities combining technical and business/socioeconomic aspects. Hard activities will focus on technical support to farms, agro processing facilities, and HBBs through a holistic water-energy-food-health nexus approach that includes the use of non-traditional water resources to reduce freshwater use, renewable energy to reduce operational costs, and smart crop selection and processing to improve agricultural productivity, economic output, and regularity of income. Smart Desert will support HBB, capacity-building, and business development, respectively—will be responsible for the project’s business and socioeconomic aspects. Also contribute to strengthening social cohesion among Syrian refugees and Jordanians by increasing cooperation towards shared goals and mutual benefits. In addition to taking into account the differentiated needs and vulnerabilities of Syrians and Jordanians, the project will use gender mainstreaming to help ensure benefits extend to both women and men. Given their role in improving the livelihoods of vulnerable women, especially widows and female heads of household, women-owned HBBs will be specifically targeted.



# Target



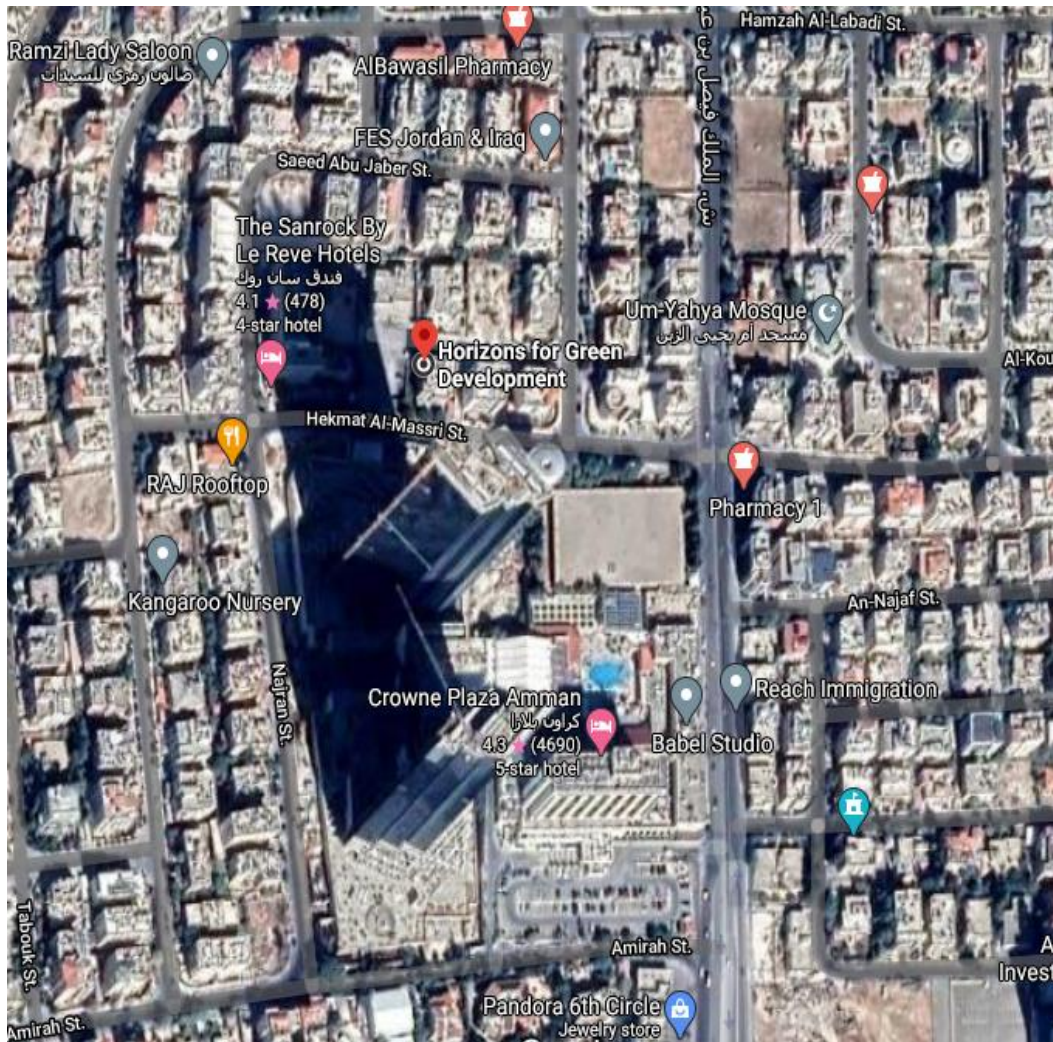
Collect 700 Survey



127 Existing HBBs & 127 new HBBs



Held 5 capacity Building trainings 16



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