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**Introduction,
Methodology, Report
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Introduction

This report, issued by Al-Hayat Center - RASED, is the third of its kind in monitoring the performance of Dr. Bisher Al-Khasawneh's government, covering the first nine months since its formation (12 October 2020 to 12 July 2021). It presents quantitative and qualitative data and facts that have been collected and analyzed based on scientific and objective methodologies, taking into consideration international best practices in this regard. It is noteworthy that RASED issued its first report on monitoring the Al-Khasawneh government, covering its first one hundred days. Furthermore, RASED issued its second report monitoring the government's performance over a period of six months.

Monitoring government performance is considered one of the most important elements when evaluating the ability of the government and public institutions to fulfill their commitments and provide the services within their responsibility, targeting citizens and society, as well as evaluate the extent of their effectiveness in pursuing the implementation of projects, achieving their set goals, and meeting the needs and aspirations of the community in a way that yields valuable returns for the Jordanian society, in accordance with standards of efficiency and effectiveness, to improve government performance.

Regarding the international standards governing accountability, it was found that accountability has two sources: legislation and principles of integrity. This means that the government is accountable for its performance and commitments stipulated in the constitution and other legislation. However, the government is also responsible for its performance, following the principles of integrity. This derives from ensuring the optimal use of resources, the fight against corruption, and the obligation to implement written and oral commitments while clarifying the reasons behind the decisions taken to the public and indicating the consequences of these decisions and other commitments.

The report aims to provide information on the government's performance, be used as a source of information indicating the shortcomings and achievements in implementating its commitments and provide recommendations that would develop its performance. The report's working team notes that a period of nine months may be insufficient to implement the majority of the commitments, particularly those whose implementation is related to the long-term. The report also aims at entrenching and increasing the level of social accountability of the government. It considers the presentation and accomplishment of commitments to be a strong indicator of the strength or weakness of the government performance for the current or future periods. The report also targets Jordanians by equipping them with a reference on government performance to enable them to exercise their role in monitoring, evaluating, and holding the government

accountable based on documented facts and information. Furthermore, the report targets the media as well as researchers, academics, and public opinion in general.

The report presents the government's commitments (from various sources) during the first nine months since its formation, from 12 October 2020 to 12 July 2021. The report also monitors the activities of the Prime Minister and members of the ministerial team and the cabinet's decision'. Futhermore, the report also provides information about defense laws issued or amended by the Al-Khasawneh government. The report includes an assessment of the ministries' websites and a qualitative analysis of the government's commitments relevant to the agricultural and water sector by following the mechanisms of the main qualitative interviews and focus groups.

Methodology

This report was prepared based on a clear research methodology that includes qualitative and quantitative indicators developed based on RASED's accumulated experience in preparing monitoring reports in accordance with some of the international practices that provide monitoring methodologies and scientific indicators to measure evaluate the level of government performance. It was prepared by Al-Hayat Center - RASED. The research team took a set of steps to prepare the report, represented by the following stages:

1. Information-Gathering Stage:

The research team collected information related to all axes of the report and used reliable sources of information, namely:

- A. The Official Gazette
- B. The official website of the Prime Ministry
- C. The official websites of Ministries
- D. The government's official website.
- E. The ministries' and ministers' social media accounts
- F. Jordan News Agency (Petra)
- G. The Google Search Engine: Only used when the research team could not find information in the sources listed above. This was the last stage of the search to ensure more standards of reliability and accuracy in the search.

2. Information Verification Stage:

Following the previous stage, a session was held for the working team, which the collected information was reviewed and verified for accuracy. Finally, a representative sample of the incoming information was reviewed and confirmed that the main sources received were approved in the research process.

3. Information Classification and Analysis Stage

After verifying the accuracy of the collected information, the report's axes were distributed among several research teams. Each team undertook the task of classifying the information within the axis that falls under its responsibility. Each team then worked on analyzing this information.

4. Information Verification from Relevant Ministries

After sorting the information related to government commitments, the working team contacted all ministries and the Prime Ministry to verify the information on the commitments and the level of implementation of these commitments.

5. Data Analysis and Validation with Stakeholders:

The analysis and verification stage was divided into two main categories. The first category was quantitative, which was represented by collecting the required information from their accredited sources. The second category was a qualitative analysis. Several stakeholders in this stage were selected by integrating the the largest number of stakeholders in evaluating the results and providing an impartial, transparent, and objective point of view to assess the true level of achievement in several targeted sectors. In addition, experts and representatives from sectors directly related to some of the commitments were invited, including civil society organizations, the private sector, and journalists, to participate in qualitative interviews and focus groups.

6. Community Participation and Input in the Report's Findings:

The work team shared the report conclusions with the community by holding a press conference to announce the report's most important findings. This was followed by publishing the report on the Al-Hayat Center-RASED's website and on social media (via the center's accounts), so the citizens could participate and comment on the results. In addition to collecting the contributions and input of those interested in the report results and analyzing them to include them in this report.

The Methodology of Preparing the Reports Axes

First: The Government's Commitments and Promises

1. The Collection of Commitments and Promises :

RASED tracked what was issued by the Prime Minister, Dr. Bisher Al-Khasawneh, in all government meetings, in addition to what was stated in the government statement, seeking the Lower House's vote of confidence⁽¹⁾. The team extracted commitments contained in these statements and analyzed the response letter to the Parliament's discussions. Moreover, all the Prime Minister's media meetings and field visits were monitored to identify the commitments made by the Prime Minister.

2. Classification of Commitments :

After collecting the commitments, the report team classified them into seven axes according to the type of each commitment as follows:

1. Administrative Reform and Anti-Corruption
2. Economic Reform
3. Development and Services
4. The Rule of Law and Human Rights
5. Foreign Affairs
6. Political Reform
7. Transparency and the Media

3. Tracking the Level of Commitments' Implementation :

The reporting team carried out extensive research relying on the information sources approved in this report to determine the level of implementation of the government commitments. It classified them according to the status of commitment. Furthermore, the team's distributed the commitments according to their content and sent them out to the executive authorities and ministries associated with them to verify the level of implementation. The levels of implementation were classified according to three scores that were selected based on RASED's experience in evaluating government plans and commitments and based on several international standards. These scores are:

(1) Rased Issues an Analysis of the Official Ministerial Statement presented by the Government during the confidence session <https://ibit.ly/wdRb>

- **Completed: The commitment is awarded this level when the following conditions are met:**
 - All material foundations of the commitment were executed.
 - There was a clear and proven outcome of the commitment.
- **In Progress: A commitment is considered «in progress» when the following conditions are met:**
 - Implementation of one or more of the material foundations of a given commitment has begun.
 - There was clear and documented evidence of implementation aimed at achieving the commitment.

For commitments that are in progress, the level of achievement was classified as follows:

- High
 - Medium
 - Low
- **Not Started: A commitment is considered «Not Started» if the research team did not find any evidence of starting to implement any of the committee's foundations.**

Second: Cabinet Members' Activities

To track the activities of the ministers, the team relied on the official websites and pages (as well as social media sites) of the government and ministries to collect information from all possible sources. The Jordan News Agency (Petra) was a valuable source of information. Ministries were also officially and in writing requested to provide information about the ministers' activities.

Third: Defense Orders and Notifications

All defense orders were issued under the Defense Law and published in the Official Gazette, and the amendments and notifications issued regarding previous Defense laws, were monitored. These orders were analyzed and converted into items within the main axes. Moreover, the reports and instructions published in the Official Gazette and issued under the defense orders were collected to analyze.

Fourth: Cabinet Decisions

The research team tracked all the decisions issued by the Cabinet and published them in the Official Gazette. The team also analyzed these decisions and classified them into the main categories and axes.

Fifth: Evaluating Ministries' Websites

The work team monitored all the websites of the ministries using the following axes:

- The effectiveness of the website (news update).
- Users' ability to access the website.
- The possibility to search on the website and the effectiveness of the search tool.
- The website's provision of smart applications.
- The provision of e-services.
- The presence of the ministries on social media outlets.

Sixth: Target Sectors

The research team targeted one of the most important sectors that greatly affects society and impacts citizens' daily lives and the stage's challenges. The sector is the agricultural and water sector. Other sectors will be addressed in future reports.

Executive Summary

This report provides a qualitative analysis of the performance of the Al-Khasawneh government during the first nine months of its formation. The report also monitors and analyzes all the commitments made by the Al-Khasawneh government. Two hundred and eight commitments were analyzed based on the axes on which the commitments were distributed along with their sources and the degree to which they were fulfilled. The report also carried out a focused analysis of the agricultural and water sector. The analysis was performed according to the methodology of conducting interviews with stakeholders in this sector, and holding meetings with focus groups of experts and stakeholders in the sector.

The report contained a set of comparisons between the Al-Khasawneh government and the last three governments regarding the number of ministers who formed the government. For example 40 ministers formed the Al-Khasawneh government in its first version and three amendments.. When comparing the number of ministers who formed the government in the first nine months with the last three governments, it can be seen that the number of ministers in the Al-Razzaz government in the nine months was 38 ministers, in Al-Mulki government 43 ministers, and in Al-Nsour government 35 ministers. Comparing the number of commitments made by the Al-Khasawneh government with the Al-Razzaz government within the first nine months of their formation, it is clear that Al-Khasawneh made 208 commitments, while Al-Razzaz made 297 commitments. On a similar note, the percentage of fulfilled commitments by the Al-Khasawneh government reached 10%, while that of the Al-Razzaz government reached 7% after nine months. As for the number of female ministers, the Al-Khasawneh government included three ministers, the Al-Razzaz government included eight ministers, the Al-Mulki government included four ministers, and the Al-Nsour government included one minister.

The report included a qualitative analysis that targeted specialists, experts, civil society institutions, former representatives, agriculture and water committee chairmen in most governorate councils (decentralized), and stakeholders in the agricultural and water sectors. A focused session in person and two sessions on the Zoom application were held, in addition to several telephone interviews. As a result, the results of the meetings and focused sessions' analysis showed that most stakeholders believed that the government's performance and commitment towards the agricultural and water sector do not fulfill the aspirations and do not respond to the sector's needs. They also found that the government's performance in this sector can be described as poor. One of the participants mentioned that the Ministry of Agriculture should have sovereignty in the agricultural sector, and the number of parties connected to it must be reduced. Most stakeholders said that it is necessary to instill and activate the rule of law in the sector to reduce areas of corruption that manifest themselves in the failure to truly implement the rules and regulations, particularly

in granting import and export licenses and expatriate agricultural labor permits. Most participants also mentioned that there was no coordination and participation among the parties and ministries concerned in the agricultural sector.

Stakeholders unanimously agreed over several recommendations. Those recommendations were: developing a national salvation plan to advance the agricultural sector, regulating the agricultural extension operations, ratifying the Chamber of Agriculture Law, enacting a new law for central markets, automating sales operations inside the markets. Additionally, reinforcing the Ministry of Agriculture and Water (MAW) with agricultural experts, approving a new marketing policy, and creating a mechanism for developing agricultural transport to markets were also recommended. The recommendations also included establishing a strong media arm for MAW to mitigate harmful rumors to Jordanian agricultural products, embark on investment in the food processing business, and stop importing locally-produced agricultural products.

The report includes an analysis of all decisions taken by the Al-Khasawneh government over the nine months since its formation. The number of decisions taken by the ministerial Cabinet amounted to 289 decisions, compared to 291 decisions for the Al-Razzaz government. Decisions were collected from official sources published in the Official Gazette, and all decisions were studied and analyzed based on a number of main axes.

The report also monitored defense orders issued by the Al-Khasawneh government in accordance with the Defense Law, which was published in the Official Gazette, or the amendments and statements issued concerning previous 13 defense orders and 29 statements related to previous defense orders. These orders were analyzed into main axes.

The team members traced all activities by the members of the Al-Khasawneh government since its formation nine months ago, collecting all activities implemented through reliable resources. As a result, the total of all activities undertaken by all government members was 1,867 activities, compared to 1,803 activities by the Al-Razzaz government. Twenty-six field visits by Prime Minister Bisher Al-Khasawneh were also monitored. The minister with most field activities was the minister of Agriculture, with 83 activities, followed by the Minister of Agriculture and Water with 73 activities, and the Minister of Culture with 63 activities. The work team also monitored all ministry websites based on the following axes: Website effectiveness, the potential for site users to communicate with the ministry, the ability to search using the site and the effectiveness of the search tool, the extent to which sites provide smart applications, the provision of electronic services, and the presence of ministries on social media platforms.

Recommendations

1. The government should provide measurable commitments that are specific to a timetable and connected to one implementing party.
2. Reinforce and develop government digital services offered by different ministries through their websites.
3. The government should instill the approach that strategies should be across governments and ministers as a work program. They are not connected to one person or a specific official.
4. The House of Representatives should reinforce its oversight role by examining the outcomes of this report and hold the government accountable based on the commitments it pledged to implement.
5. Reinforce the role of different media outlets and investigative journalism officials to undertake the role entrusted in them and periodically investigate and monitor the extent to which the government implemented its commitments, be fair to active ministries, and hold uncooperative ministries accountable.
6. RASED calls on the government to consult with the civil society in general and trade and professional unions in particular, if needed, to comprehend the needs of different sectors or before issuing any decisions or draft laws.
7. The government should cooperate with civil society institutions, activate the articles of the Freedom to Access Information Law, and reinforce the values of transparency and good governance.
8. Ministries should publish all news related to ministers' work and activity to ensure the implementation of the transparency principle and preserve citizens' rights to examine ministers' performance.
9. Establish a database for the agricultural sector to include all statistics, studies, and information specific to the sector.
10. The Ministry of Agriculture should reinforce its media role to mitigate rumors that damage Jordanian agricultural products' reputation.
11. Reduce water waste by implementing water harvesting programs and technologies, building additional dams, and implementing the national conveyor project to desalinate Red Seawater.



**Chapter One:
Government
Commitments**

1.1 Introduction

This chapter includes a quantitative and qualitative analysis of the total commitments made by the Al-Khasawneh government during its first nine months, in terms of the number of commitments, their sources, the main axes they were distributed to, and the degree of their achievement. It is worth noting that many commitments are difficult to measure because a large proportion of them are not linked to a set timeframe or implement ability, especially in light of the absence of a clear government executive program to measure against. Moreover, most of the commitments are related to the Prime Minister without referring to specific ministries implementing these obligations. This made the investigation and verification process more difficult to determine the specialized authority responsible for implementing the commitments..

1.2 Percentages of Government Commitments' Fulfillment

Within nine months, the government made 208 commitments. By analyzing the fulfillment percentages of the commitments, it becomes clear that the government has not started implementing 66 commitments or 32% of the commitments it made. In comparison, the percentage of completed commitments reached 10% or 22 commitments. The percentage of commitments in progress reached 58% or 120 commitments. As for the level of achievement of the commitments in progress, the percentage of those with a high level of achievement reached 17%, medium level reached 64%, and low level reached 19%.

1.3 Axes of the Government's Commitments

The commitments were analyzed in line with seven main axes, most of which were concentrated in the axis of development and services. The official number was 114 commitments with a percentage of 55%. The axis of economic reform followed this with 49 commitments at 23%; axis of administrative reform and anti-corruption by 22 commitments at 11%; axis of the rule of law with 11 commitments at 5%; axis of foreign affairs with six commitments at 3%; axis of political reform with five commitments at 2%; and the axis of transparency and the media with one commitment at 1%.

1.4 Sources of the Government's Commitments

Most of the sources from which the commitments were derived, they were issued by the ministerial statement, at 118 commitments or 57%. This was followed by commitments from the official meetings of the Prime Minister with various sectors of the Jordanian society. The total number was 65 commitments, or 31%. Those issued by the government's official response to the Parliament's discussions on the vote of confidence which reached 25 commitments at 12%.

The following table shows all the commitments made by the Al-Khasawneh government within nine months and the level of their implementation:

Table (1): Commitments made by the Al-Khasawneh government within Nine Months and the Level of their Implementation

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
1	An executive program for the years 2021-2024 that includes a comprehensive methodology for dealing with various economic, social, financial, and political issues, following national priorities in various sectors.	The Government	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	In Progress
2	Activate the partnership between the public and private sectors in full transparency and governance, by preparing projects that can be implemented from the financial, technical, and legal aspects, and submitting them to the private sector for implementation purposes.	The Government	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	Complete
3	Carry out structural reforms and promoting good governance in the energy sector.	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	Not Started
4	Carry out structural reforms and promoting good governance in the water sector.	Ministry of Water and Irrigation	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	Not Started
5	Carry out structural reforms and promoting good governance in the labor sector.	Ministry of Labor	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	Not Started
6	Intensify oversight, holding accountable all those who fail to provide public service and rewarding those with achievement.	The Government	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	In Progress
7	Enhance the level of services provided by the public sector to citizens.	The Government	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	In Progress
8	Implement a scientific study to structure the public sector	The Government	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	Not Started

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
9	Consider the possibility of the scientific merging of some ministries and bodies	The Government	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	In Progress
10	The government will welcome the communication and dialogue with professional unions with open arms, based on the role these national institutions play in serving their members and give voice to their professional issues.	The Government	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	In Progress
11	In the coming days, the government will submit a scientific study to his Majesty regarding the development of the administration and the draft laws that require amendment to proceed with this process.	The Government	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	Complete
12	The government will be committed to responding to parliamentary questions, interrogations, and inquiries within the legal periods.	The Government	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	In Progress
13	Pledge to provide all forms of support and assistance to the armed forces and security services, and to continue to take care of them and pay attention to them in terms of training, preparation, and arming.	Ministry of Defense/ Ministry of Interior	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	In Progress
14	Improve the conditions of retired military personnel	Ministry of Defense/ Ministry of Interior	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	In Progress
15	Improve the conditions of employees of the armed forces and security agencies	Ministry of Defense/ Ministry of Interior	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	In Progress
16	Strengthen the role of oversight institutions, granting them more independence, and activating their role in controlling any attempts or practices to encroach on public funds.	The Government	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	In Progress
17	Combat corruption in its various forms and manifestations, as well as financial and administrative corruption.	The Government	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	In Progress
18	Uphold the independence of the Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission and its support for the public system aimed at combating corruption and promoting the values of integrity.	The Government	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	In Progress

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
19	The government's willingness to cooperate with the Anti-Corruption Commission to work on filling some gaps in the legislation through which some may implement practices classified as corrupt practices or wasting public money.	The Government	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	In Progress
20	Work to correct any violations and defects included in the Audit Bureau's report in a manner that preserves the integrity of public money and prevents any violations of it.	The Government	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	In Progress
21	Adopt a methodology to stimulate economic growth that includes a common vision on the government's approach and program for managing the national economy in partnership with the private sector, and with the support of international institutions and donors.	Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation	Economic Reform	In Progress
22	The government commits not borrow a single penny to finance any additional current spending, and that any additional borrowing of any kind will be directed to investment and productive projects.	Ministry of Finance	Economic Reform	In Progress
23	Improve the purchasing power of citizens by enhancing social protection	Ministry of Social Development / Ministry of Finance	Economic Reform	In Progress
24	Take the necessary legislative and administrative measures to unify tax administration.	Ministry of Finance	Economic Reform	In Progress
25	Complete the bidding procedures for the national invoicing system, and submitting the tax computer system bid	Ministry of Finance	Economic Reform	Not Started
26	Improve tax and customs collection	Ministry of Finance	Economic Reform	In Progress
27	Accelerate tax services for tax-obligated companies and facilitate them through the Golden List program.	Ministry of Finance	Economic Reform	In Progress
28	Activate international cooperation to combat tax evasion by exchanging information and making use of agreements to prevent double taxation.	Ministry of Finance	Economic Reform	Not Started
29	Unify customs administration for all regions of the Kingdom.	Ministry of Finance	Economic Reform	In Progress

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
30	Activate tax and customs settlements and reconciliation committees to resolve outstanding issues.	Ministry of Finance	Economic Reform	In Progress
31	The government will carry out a qualitative shift in customs procedures and administration, digitize them, and review customs tariffs.	Ministry of Finance	Economic Reform	In Progress
32	Combat evasion, tax avoidance, and governing exemption.	Ministry of Finance	Economic Reform	In Progress
33	Address tax distortions and imbalances and fill gaps in the procedures of the tax system, by developing legislation that regulates this within the tax reforms measures for 2021.	Ministry of Finance	Economic Reform	In Progress
34	Re-disburse the increase in allowances for public sector employees, civil and military.	The Government	Economic Reform	Complete
35	Increase national exports	Ministry of Industry Trade and Supply	Economic Reform	Complete
36	Reduce the budget deficit by boosting domestic revenues, and addressing gaps and distortions in the revenues and expenditure.	Ministry of Finance	Economic Reform	In Progress
37	Open export markets for Jordanian products and conclude trade agreements that grant preferential treatment for these products in those markets.	Ministry of Industry Trade and Supply	Economic Reform	In Progress
38	Increase capital spending to drive economic growth.	The Government	Economic Reform	In Progress
39	Limit government purchases to the local industry and within the specified terms and specifications.	The Government	Economic Reform	Complete
40	Establish a sovereign investment fund, to which the government and foreign investment funds contribute, and open to Jordanian expatriates	The Government	Economic Reform	Not Started
41	Create economic and financial structural reforms aimed at improving the business environment.	The Government	Economic Reform	Not Started
42	Develop a rewarding system to stimulate investment and direct it geographically and sectorally to create job opportunities for Jordanians in the governorates, districts, and regions with high unemployment rates.	The Government	Economic Reform	Not Started

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
43	Automate permits related to the labor market	Ministry of Labor	Economic Reform	Complete
44	Focus on empowerment programs and strengthening the system of training and vocational and technical education to meet the requirements of the labor market	Ministry of Labor	Economic Reform	In Progress
45	Limit violations that occur in the work environment, such as child labor	Ministry of Labor	Economic Reform	In Progress
46	Reduce unemployment rates	Ministry of Labor	Economic Reform	Not Started
47	Control and regulate the labor market	Ministry of Labour	Economic Reform	In Progress
48	Develop the system of inspection, safety and occupational health in the labor sector	Ministry of Labor	Economic Reform	In Progress
49	Provide new job opportunities supported by the implementation of professional and technical training programs to meet the needs of the local and foreign markets, especially in the modern digital fields.	Ministry of Labor	Economic Reform	In Progress
50	Support the construction sector, given its important role in moving the national economy, and employing manpower.	Ministry of Public Works and Housing	Economic Reform	In Progress
51	Direct foreign aid towards national priorities related to filling financing gaps	Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation	Economic Reform	In Progress
52	Employ digital economy to boost economic growth.	Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	Economic Reform	In Progress
53	Develop political life and our democratic march through dialogue	Ministry of Political and Parliamentary Affairs	Political Reform	In Progress

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
54	Expand the participation of citizens in political life and national decision-making	Ministry of Political and Parliamentary Affairs	Political Reform	In Progress
55	Promote the decentralized approach in providing services and handling complaints.	The Government	Development and Services	In Progress
56	Reduce poverty rates.	The Government	Development and Services	Not Started
57	Organize children's nurseries.	Ministry of Social Development	Development and Services	In Progress
58	Establish a special fund for the elderly to support them with all necessary needs, and to ensure a decent life for them through the Ministry of Social Development.	Ministry of Social Development	Development and Services	In Progress
59	Continue to improve the school environment by constructing new school buildings and additions, and carrying out the necessary maintenance.	Ministry of Education	Development and Services	In Progress
60	Continue to develop the curriculum,	Ministry of Education	Development and Services	Not Started
61	Expand the enrollment of our children in kindergartens according to a specific plan to fully accommodate children from the age of five years within the next two years.	Ministry of Education	Development and Services	In Progress
62	Provide students in need with equipment and devices so that e-learning supports and enhances the development of a quality school education and higher education.	Ministry of Education/ The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research- Jordan	Development and Services	In Progress
63	Develop electronic educational content to be more interactive.	Ministry of Education	Development and Services	In Progress
64	Raise the competencies of teachers.	Ministry of Education	Development and Services	In Progress

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
65	Develop the option of distance education to be part of the educational process.	Ministry of Education	Development and Services	In Progress
66	Conduct a detailed study to apply multiple water harvesting techniques	Ministry Of Water And Irrigation	Development and Services	In Progress
67	Motivate local communities and the private sector to produce yields crops and industrial yields in the agricultural sector	Ministry of Agriculture	Development and Services	Not Started
68	Promote innovation and entrepreneurship in the agricultural sector	Ministry of Agriculture	Development and Services	In Progress
69	The government works to regulate the agricultural sector with the aim of relying on modern agricultural technologies	Ministry of Agriculture	Development and Services	Not Started
70	Support agricultural research and developing suitable varieties for our Jordanian environment	Ministry of Agriculture	Development and Services	In Progress
71	Support agricultural industries that depend on local inputs	Ministry of Agriculture	Development and Services	In Progress
72	Automate and digitize work in the agricultural sector, to increase productivity	Ministry of Agriculture	Development and Services	Not Started
73	A shift away from traditional agriculture	Ministry of Agriculture	Development and Services	Not Started
74	Support the stability of the agricultural sector and protecting its production, which is the base and lifeline of national food security	Ministry of Agriculture	Development and Services	Not Started
75	Implement the "agricultural map" project, through which we will invest parts of the treasury lands that are suitable for agriculture.	Ministry of Agriculture	Development and Services	In Progress
76	Provide a package of incentives to support farmers and help them overcome the difficult conditions faced by the agricultural sector.	Ministry of Agriculture	Development and Services	In Progress
77	The government will achieve total sufficiency of agricultural vegetables for this year 2021.	Ministry of Agriculture	Development and Services	In Progress
78	Focus on developing domestic tourism.	Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities	Development and Services	In Progress

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
79	Facilitate the entry procedures for patients into the Kingdom and ensure that the best level of treatment services is provided to them at fair and attractive prices.	Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities / Ministry of Health	Development and Services	In Progress
80	Support workers in the tourism sector and establishments in this sector within the announced support and protection programs, and through the Tourism Risk Fund.	Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities	Development and Services	In Progress
81	Secure the necessary facilities to sustain the work of tourist facilities and to preserve employment in them.	Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities	Development and Services	In Progress
82	Implement a strategic plan for tourism marketing and promotion.	Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities	Development and Services	Not Started
83	Complete the computerization of hospitals and health centers to save time and effort and contribute to providing high quality services	Ministry of Health	Development and Services	Not Started
84	Adhere to a transparent and open approach to publicizing the capabilities of our health system.	Ministry of Health	Development and Services	In Progress
85	Improve the infrastructure of hospitals and health centers and continuing to achieve their accreditation standards	Ministry of Health	Development and Services	In Progress
86	Supply hospitals and health centers with the necessary medical and nursing staff and equipment.	Ministry of Health	Development and Services	In Progress
87	The government will expand training and qualification programs to include new specializations and larger numbers to fill the shortfall in all specialties.	The Government	Development and Services	In Progress
88	Complete the necessary procedures to operate the National Center for Epidemics and Communicable Diseases Control to provide its services with efficiency and quality.	The Government	Development and Services	Complete
89	Provide free-of-charge vaccines to citizens within an integrated, accurate, fair, and transparent plan that takes into account giving it according to the priorities and internationally recognized needs, starting in the first quarter of the current year.	The Government	Development and Services	Complete

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
90	Field hospitals will have a tangible positive impact on improving the reality of health services provided to citizens after the COVID-19 crisis so that these services will be more efficient and fairer.	Ministry of Health	Development and Services	Complete
91	We strive to achieve comprehensive health insurance in all governorates.	Ministry of Health	Development and Services	In Progress
92	Launch of a new health insurance system that includes defined-benefit insurance packages, to involve the uninsured groups during the next two years, and we have started the necessary legislative and administrative procedures for this.	Ministry of Health	Development and Services	Not Started
93	Continue to develop food and pharmaceutical industries, maintaining strategic stocks of basic commodities, controlling prices, preventing monopoly, and ensuring the provision of goods to citizens at fair prices.	Ministry of Health	Development and Services	Not Started
94	Enhance the strategic reserve of basic foodstuffs, especially those not produced locally.	Ministry of Industry Trade and Supply	Development and Services	In Progress
95	Promote accountability values to achieve equitable distribution and reduce water losses by maximizing the benefits of digital transformation applications.	Ministry Of Water and Irrigation	Development and Services	In Progress
96	Execute major strategic projects to achieve water security for the Kingdom.	Ministry Of Water and Irrigation	Development and Services	In Progress
97	Digitize operating and collection systems related to the water sector.	Ministry Of Water and Irrigation	Development and Services	Not Started
98	The government will develop its capabilities in the water sector to cope with the exceptional circumstances of epidemics, floods, and attacks.	Ministry Of Water and Irrigation	Development and Services	Not Started
99	Provide a computerized database linking the municipalities with the relevant institutions in the public and private sectors, leading to a unified integrated comprehensive plan.	Ministry of local administration	Development and Services	Not Started
100	The government will work to assess the current decentralization experience, build on its advantages, overcome its disadvantages, and amend the draft local administration law.	The Government	Development and Services	Complete

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
101	The government will refer the new local administration bill to the House of Representatives, to make the necessary amendments to serve national goals.	The Government	Development and Services	Complete
102	Establish a comprehensive plan in cooperation with the municipalities and the competent authorities to protect agricultural property.	Ministry of local administration	Development and Services	Not Started
103	Study all matters related to the promotion of some administrative units that some members of the Parliament have demanded, to achieve public interest within the available capabilities.	Ministry of Interior	Development and Services	Not Started
104	Implement programs targeting youth, to enhance their participation in decision-making, and to activate their pioneering role in the development of their local communities.	Ministry of Youth	Development and Services	In Progress
105	Empower unemployed youth and employing them in all governorates regarding the agricultural sector	Ministry of Agriculture	Development and Services	In Progress
106	Study the possibility of transforming the sports complexes of the Ministry of Youth into a nucleus of youth cities, so that there is a city for youth in every governorate, in addition to continuing to support the sports, from clubs and national teams, in various activities and games.	Ministry Of Youth	Development and Services	Not Started
107	Encourage the establishment of extractive industries and transformative industries based on national raw materials	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources	Development and Services	Not Started
108	Develop the sector-based system to make Jordan a regional center for the exchange of energy in its various forms.	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources	Development and Services	Not Started
109	Enable foreign and domestic investment as key entry points to job creation and employment in the energy sector.	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources	Development and Services	In Progress
110	Implement the energy strategy for the years 2020-2030	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources	Development and Services	In Progress

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
111	Attract investments in the mining sector.	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources	Development and Services	In Progress
112	Reduce energy costs for the national economy.	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources	Development and Services	Not Started
113	Increase the contribution of local and renewable energy sources within total energy	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources	Development and Services	Not Started
114	Expansion of exploration operations for natural gas in the Risha field, by drilling more wells this year and in the coming years.	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources	Development and Services	In Progress
115	The government shall cooperate with the Parliamentary Energy Committee to discuss all issues related to energy in a manner that serves the supreme national interest in this strategic sector.	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources	Development and Services	In Progress
116	Prepare a strategy for the mining and mineral resources sector for the next ten years, to be followed by an implementation plan with specific timelines.	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources	Development and Services	Complete
117	Empower women in the labor market and raise their economic participation through the implementation of the flexible work system.	Ministry of Labor	Development and Services	Complete
118	Develop smart transportation systems.	Ministry of Transport	Development and Services	In Progress
119	Employ modern technologies and clean energy in the transportation sector	Ministry of Transport	Development and Services	In Progress
120	The government will continue to implement its strategy to create an advanced and sustainable public transport	Ministry of Transport	Development and Services	In Progress
121	The Fast Bus project is regularly scheduled between Amman and Zarqa, which is expected to be completed by the end of this year	Ministry of Transport	Development and Services	In Progress

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
122	The urban transport project inside cities.	Ministry of Transport	Development and Services	In Progress
123	Set up the Aqaba port projects system.	Ministry of Transport	Development and Services	In Progress
124	Capacity building of workers in the transport sector	Ministry of Transport	Development and Services	Not Started
125	Rehabilitate roads linking the Kingdom with neighboring countries within the available resources, according to priorities. There is an urgent priority to complete the desert road and the Baghdad International Road.	Ministry of Public Works and Housing	Development and Services	In Progress
126	Increase the available governmental open data sets and AI strategy.	Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	Development and Services	In Progress
127	Launch more electronic payment projects	Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	Development and Services	In Progress
128	Complete the legislative infrastructure necessary to achieve these goals related to the information technology sector	Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	Development and Services	In Progress
129	Continue to build an advanced digital infrastructure to enable smart cities, smart transportation means, health care, education services, and other areas.	Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	Development and Services	In Progress
130	Promote industrial development by making available the necessary digital technologies.	Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	Development and Services	Not Started
131	The government is working to complete the digital and integrated infrastructure, which will advance the digital transformation in the Kingdom and economic development projects.	Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	Development and Services	In Progress

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
132	Provide a single interactive government interface for all segments of society	Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	Development and Services	In Progress
133	Increase the competencies of Jordanian youth in modern technologies	Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	Development and Services	In Progress
134	Establish the national fiber optic network project.	Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	Development and Services	In Progress
135	Establish a comprehensive national data system.	Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	Development and Services	In Progress
136	Attract investments and opening regional and global markets to Jordanian projects and Jordanian entrepreneurs in the IT sector	Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	Development and Services	Not Started
137	A plan to develop digital government services through the implementation of the "Jordanian Strategy for Digital Transformation" and its roadmap.	Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	Development and Services	In Progress
138	The government will continue to study any measures that would enable Jordanian press and media workers to fulfill their role and mission under decent living conditions.	The Government	Transparency and the Media	In Progress
139	Cancel the instructions related to the non-renewal of passports of Jordanians residing abroad, whether sentenced or wanted for financial issues, with an emphasis that this procedure is consistent with the constitutional rights of citizens.	Ministry of Interior	Rule of Law and Human Rights	Complete
140	Commit to review legislation in order to address any gaps that are exploited by outlaws	Ministry of Justice	Rule of Law and Human Rights	In Progress

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
141	Expand the application of remote trials in line with international human rights standards, in a way that contributes to expediting litigation procedures and saving citizens' time, effort and financial costs.	Ministry of Justice	Rule of Law and Human Rights	In Progress
142	Review the Judicial Execution Law regarding the issue of imprisonment of the debtor or those who are financially insolvent, in consultation with the competent authorities, and in cooperation with the Lower House of Representatives, in a manner that preserves the balance and rights between the creditor and the debtor.	Ministry of Justice	Rule of Law and Human Rights	In Progress
143	The government is working to expand the application of alternative societal sanctions.	Ministry of Justice	Rule of Law and Human Rights	Not Started
144	Raise legal awareness among different groups of society through awareness campaigns emphasizing the principle of the rule of law and its implementation.	The Government	Rule of Law and Human Rights	In Progress
145	Commit to launch the National Strategy 2020-2025.	The Government	Rule of Law and Human Rights	Complete
146	Develop legislation related to sanctions in line with developments	The Government	Rule of Law and Human Rights	Not Started
147	The government will enhance its communication with the international community to shoulder its responsibilities and fulfill its obligations towards the consequences that Jordan shouldered and continues to shoulder as a result of the waves of refugees, and the increasing pressures that result from them on various sectors.	The Government	Foreign Affairs	In Progress
148	Increase the level of coordination, cooperation and mutual exchange with all, in a way that achieves our common interests and enhances our political, economic, commercial and investment relations.	The Government	Foreign Affairs	In Progress
149	The government will continue exerting all efforts to achieve a just peace that is based on international legitimacy decisions and is based on the two-state solution.	The Government	Foreign Affairs	In Progress
150	We will continue to confront all practices and violations committed by the Israeli occupation authorities.	The Government	Foreign Affairs	In Progress

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
151	Direct the ministerial team to intensify field work, communicate with citizens and seek their issues and needs, in all governorates of the Kingdom.	The Government	Development and Services	In Progress
152	Work to establish a joint economic city. Procedures are still in progress to be completed to start the implementation process on the borders between Jordan and Iraq.	The Government	Economic Reform	In Progress
153	Exclude Iraqi and Jordanian products from any import registration system applied to enter the markets of both brotherly countries.	The Government	Development and Services	Complete
154	Allocate a plot of land to the Iraqi and Jordanian company for industry and determining the cost of the rental allowance for the lands allocated to the joint economic city.	The Government	Economic Reform	In Progress
155	Renew the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two countries to import crude oil from Iraq for another year after agreement on the required amendments.	The Government	Development and Services	Complete
156	The government in addition to the Lower and Upper Houses Representatives are to handle the necessary communications with CSOs, municipalities, local communities, and political parties to work on developing legislation governing political life.	The Government	Political Reform	In Progress
157	The Procurement Department will announce a tender to approve the location of the detained vehicles and the tender will be referred according to the procurement system and the instructions issued pursuant thereto.	The Government	Development and Services	Not Started
158	Government support for the contracting and construction sector in Jordan as one of the main drivers of the various economic sectors.	The Government	Economic Reform	In Progress
159	The government's willingness to take mitigating measures on Jordanian farmers by creating export markets and developing food processing.	The Government	Development and Services	In Progress
160	The need to implement the projects presented by the Public-Private Partnership Project PPP for this year, which are ready in terms of feasibility studies and financial impact.	The Government	Economic Reform	In Progress
161	Develop and build 15 schools for the Ministry of Education, as part of the Ministry of Education's plan to establish 600 schools throughout the Kingdom.	Ministry of Education	Development and Services	In Progress

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
162	Construct buildings and yards for freight and passengers for the new land border crossing of King Hussein Bridge.	Ministry of Public Works and Housing	Economic Reform	Not Started
163	Activate the movement of transport and the flow of goods and commodities, and establishing joint investments between Jordan and Iraq.	The Government	Foreign Affairs	In Progress
164	Achieve a safe summer and open the sectors. Requires a two-way parallel paths along with the full compliance of everyone in terms of using protective measures against the pandemic, such as mask-wearing, physical distancing, and using sanitizers.	The Government	Development and Services	Complete
165	Strengthen the citizens' acceptance to register on the electronic platform , vaccine.jo, to receive the vaccination.	The Government	Development and Services	In Progress
166	Intensify control over individuals and establishments in bakeries and markets, especially in light of the expected developments in the weather, and to ensure that everyone is committed to wearing masks and observing physical distancing, and avoiding crowds and gatherings.	The Government	Development and Services	In Progress
167	Enable the National Center for Epidemics and Communicable Diseases Control to start its actual work within an institutional and legislative framework.	The Government	Development and Services	Complete
168	Carry out an immediate investigation into the oxygen failure at Al-Salt Governmental Hospital.	The Government	Rule of Law and Human Rights	Complete
169	Postpone the borrowers' installments from the Development and Employment Fund.	Ministry of Labor	Economic Reform	Complete
170	Reach, by next summer, a stage of epidemic stability and the opening of all sectors.	The Government	Development and Services	In Progress
171	Start preparations for holding the joint Jordanian Sudanese committee to agree on clear work programs to increase bilateral cooperations.	The Government	Foreign Affairs	Not Started
172	Develop the election law to achieve an effective democracy and to develop partisan life.	The Government	Political Reform	Not Started

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
173	A time table to regulate the dialogue and its stages to develop the ideas that are agreed on as the dialogue's outcomes. This will also proceed towards translating them into laws and legislation that achieve the objective for which it was development.	The Government	Political Reform	Not Started
174	Form a ministerial committee chaired by the Prime Minister. This will develop the public sector by handing the task of adopting policies, programs, and projects to develop the public sector and to study relevant legislation, Additionally it will adopt the outcomes of the Higher Committee for Restructuring the Government Apparatus.	The Government	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	In progress
175	Continue to provide citizens with agricultural products that are suitably priced and high quality.	Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Supply	Development and Services	Not Started
176	Automate operations inside the central market to serve farmers and merchants.	Ministry of Agriculture/ Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Supply	Development and Services	Not Started
177	Increase areas that are designated as handling inside the market to contribute to improvement the level of provided services.	Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Supply	Development and Services	Not Started
178	The first stage of the plan is to open and close sectors that will start on 6/1/2021. This will include the gradual reopening of some sectors and activities, as well as procedures to regulate the entry of those coming from outside the Kingdom. This plan will undergo review and assessment in light of the developments of the pandemic.	The Government	Development and Services	In Progress
179	The detailed document of the plan to achieve a safe summer will be published today to be available to the media and to citizens.	The Government	Development and Services	Complete
180	Strengthen the strategic partnership with the World Bank to support the government's efforts in the next stage in various aspects of priority.	The Government	Economic Reform	In Progress

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
181	Contribute to achieving the required economic recuperation and to overcoming the economic challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic in cooperation with the World Bank.	The Government	Economic Reform	In Progress
182	The government's support for entities operating on the Omar border center, (in terms of Interior Ministry staff and Customs Department), and willingness to provide all necessary needs.	The Government	Development and Services	Not Started
183	Put in place a strategy for transport that takes into consideration the set priorities and existing projects in the transport sector. Particularly the railroad project from Aqaba Governorate towards Al-Madouna.	Ministry of Transport	Development and Services	In Progress
184	The government's support for pharmaceutical industries and investment in the Sukhtian factory in Na'ur: protecting them procedurally, regulatory, and legislatively and ensure the rule of law on everyone.	The Government	Development and Services	Not Started
185	Facilitate procedures for investors and resolve any problems or obstacles facing them in the private sector and for local and foreign investors	The Government	Development and Services	Not Started
186	Provide public transportation for the Prince Hashim Bin Abdullah II City to the south of the city of Madaba to serve the youth and visitors to the athletic city	The Government	Development and Services	Not Started
187	Construct a realistic and applicable strategy for the transport sector based on scientific principles that combines financial considerations with the various patterned needs in the sector.	The Government	Development and Services	In Progress
188	The government is proceeding with the initial agreement to complete the railroad project, in addition to considering the high-speed bus projects, which is still underway	The Government	Development and Services	Not Started
189	Visit the Ghor Al-Safi youth club to examine the status of the playfield and to conduct the necessary maintenance in cooperation with the relevant parties	Ministry of Public Works and Housing	Development and Services	Not Started
190	Produce a two-year road map for projects, timelines, and financing windows, (whether from the treasury or partnerships between the public and private sectors or open to investment), including the railroad project that primarily extends from Aqaba to Al-Madouna	The Government	Economic Reform	Not Started

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
191	Develop sector projects and just policies for these sectors: Provided they include approaches with positive effect on the economy in general and on the various economic sectors in particular	The Government	Economic Reform	Not Started
192	Conduct a real review of the challenges and obstacles that face the industrial sector. This includes energy costs, in a manner that would strengthen the competitiveness of the sector, provide protection for industries, and encourage exports	The Government	Economic Reform	Not Started
193	The ministerial committee will continue its work and carry out field visits to examine the adopted measures and to ensure that all issues are being addressed. Particularly in relation to services provided to citizens and the obstacles that face investors, as well as the improvement of the economic reality in the governorates	The Government	Economic Reform	Not Started
194	Adopt all necessary measures to implement the royal directives aimed at improving the status of services provided to citizens and improve the economic situation. Particularly in the governorates and peripheral areas	The Government	Economic Reform	Not Started
195	Expedite the endorsement of the "national billing" system.	Ministry of Finance	Economic Reform	In Progress
196	The need to interact positively with complaints and contestations made by taxpayers regarding income tax estimates and to strengthen the mechanism of resolving administrative complaints before they reach the legal system	Ministry of Finance	Economic Reform	Not Started
197	Simplify and facilitate procedures of the income tax services for citizens, economic sector representatives, and investors	Ministry of Finance	Economic Reform	Not Started
198	Improve the status of services provided to citizens, improve the economic situation, particularly in the governorates and the peripheral areas Repeated ?	The Government	Development and Services	Not Started
199	Direct the ministerial committee, formed by the Prime Minister, to work extensively on addressing the presented issues and to file regular reports on the adopted measures	The Government	Administrative reform, anti-corruption	Not Started
200	Create an effective mechanism to market products provided by the Royal Academy for the Protection of Nature to ensure its sustainability and its ability to increase job opportunities	The Government	Development and Services	Not Started

No.	Text of Commitment	Relevant Ministry	Main Axis	Level of commitment
201	Increase the media promotion for services and products of the Royal Academy for the Protection of Nature to strengthen its marketing and tourism presence	The Government	Development and Services	Not Started
202	Focus on cultural awareness, and training programs conducted by the Royal Academy for the Protection of Nature on protecting forests from excessive logging and fires and on keeping the environment clean	The Government	Development and Services	Not Started
203	Create the appropriate mechanisms to market the products of developmental and tourism projects to benefit their produces and contribute to increasing job opportunities	Antiquities	Development and Services	Not Started
204	Facilitate licensing procedures for small and medium enterprises and facilitate licensing of their products to contribute to creating employment and job opportunities and to encourage entrepreneurial ideas and creative non-traditional projects	Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Supply	Economic Reform	Not Started
205	Prepare the catheterization department in Al-Bashir within one and a half months	Ministry of Health	Development and Services	Not Started
206	Resolve the incorrect aspects of removing violations in the Amman Municipality within appropriate legal frameworks	The Government	Development and Services	Not Started
207	Intensify monitoring of compliance of individuals and establishemtn with defense orders and instructions issued thereof, including mask-wearing, physical distancing, and gatherings.	The Government	Rule of Law	In Progress
208	Continue campaigns urging citizens to receive the vaccinations.	The Government	Rule of Law	In Progress

1.5 Implementing Government Commitments

• Completed Commitments:

1. Activate the partnership between the public and private sectors in full transparency and governance, by preparing projects that can be implemented from the financial, technical, and legal aspects, and submitting them to the private sector for implementation purposes

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Implementation

On 14/4/2021, the Council of Ministers, chaired by Prime Minister Bisher Al-Khasawneh, decided on regulation for the partnership between the public and private sectors for 2021.

2. In the coming days, the government will submit a scientific study to his Majesty regarding the development of the administration and the draft laws that require amendment to proceed with this process.

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Implementation

Re-disburse the increase in allowances for public sector employees, civil and military.

3. Re-disburse the increase in allowances for public sector employees, civil and military.

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Implementation

The issuance of instructions to grant additional allowances to employees for 2021, issued pursuant to Article 25 of the Civil Service Regulation number 9 for 2020 and its amendments in the Official Gazette.

4. Increase national exports

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Implementation

National exports in 2020 reached 5,044.4 million JD, an increase of 1.0% compared with the same period of 2019. Re-exports reached 595.3 million JD in 2020, a decrease of 34.6% compared with the same period of 2019. Imports reached 12,077.8 million JD in 2020, a decrease of 11.3% compared with the same period of 2019.

5. Limit government purchases to the local industry and within the specified terms and specifications

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Implementation

The Council of Ministers endorsed the Administrative Regulation for the Government Procurement Department for 2020, given the issuance of the Government Procurement Regulation number 28 for 2019, by which the Government Procurement Department became the legal predecessor of the unified procurement department and the public supplies department.

6. Automate permits related to the labor market

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

The Labor Ministry issues electronic services related to the non-Jordanian labor permits on the Labor Ministry's website (mol.gov.jo). The new electronic services allow for getting information about the registered labor force in each establishment using its national number, as well as information about the labor force using the permit number, information about the expatriate laborer using his personal number, and information about the expatriate laborer using passport details.

7. Complete the necessary procedures to operate the National Center for Epidemics and Communicable Diseases Control to provide its services with efficiency and quality.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

The Prime Minister chaired the first meeting of the National Center for Epidemics and Communicable Diseases on 3/3/2021. The center was established pursuant to royal directives to the government in the letter of designation.

8. Provide free-of-charge vaccines to citizens within an integrated, accurate, fair, and transparent plan that gives according to the priorities and internationally recognized needs, starting in the first quarter of the current year

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Implementation

The Jordanian Government and the United Nations Refugee Agency announced on 15/1/2021, the launch of the Jordanian National Vaccination Campaign, affirming that any person residing in the Kingdom, including refugees and asylum seekers, have the right to obtain the COVID-19 vaccination for free.

9. Field hospitals will have a tangible positive impact on improving the reality of health services provided to citizens after the COVID-19 crisis so that these services will be more efficient and fair

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Implementation

The Health Minister said that three field hospitals will be established in the northern, central, and southern regions at a total cost of 16 million JD.

10. The government will work to assess the current decentralization experience, build on its advantages, overcome its disadvantages, and amend the local administration law draft

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

Amending the Local Administration Law: The government withdraw the local administration law from the parliament to make some amendments, the Municipalities and Decentralization Law, so that there would not be major changes related to the municipalities due to the presence of experience.

11. The government will refer the new local administration bill to the House of Representatives, to make the necessary amendments to serve national goals

 Completed	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

After making necessary changes, the Legislation and Opinion Bureau sent comments about the legal structure of some of the articles of the local administration law draft to the Council of Ministers. They then sent it to the House of Representatives to make the amendments

12. Prepare a strategy for the mining and mineral resources sector for the next ten years, to be followed by an implementation plan with specific timelines

 Completed	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hala Zawati launched the Energy Sector Strategy for 2020 - 2030.

13. Empower women in the labor market and raise their economic participation through the implementation of the flexible work system

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Implementation

The Council of Ministers passed the instructions for flexible working hours in the civil service for 2021 and it was published in the Official Gazette. This will aid women in the labor sector

14. Cancel the instructions related to the non-renewal of passports of Jordanians residing abroad, whether sentenced or wanted for financial issues, with an emphasis that this procedure is inconsistent with the constitutional rights of citizens

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

The Prime Minister announced on 13/1/2021 that the government will work within days on cancelling the instructions to not renew passports of Jordanians residing abroad, whether sentenced or wanted for financial issues.

15. Commit to launch the National Strategy 2020-2025, updated in 2017

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Implementation

Prime Minister Bisher Al-Khasawneh launched the updated national strategy for integrity and fighting corruption 2020-2025, which stemmed from the national strategy that was launched in 2017. This updated strategy took into consideration changes in local and international information and requirements to maintain the constant improvement of the Commission.

16. Exclude Iraqi and Jordanian products from any import registration system used to enter the markets of either country

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

On 29/1/2021, the Chairman of the Jordan and Amman Chamber of Industry decided to exclude Iraqi and Jordanian products from any registration system for imports that is implemented for the purpose of entry into the markets of either country, and to maintain the exemptions on 344 Jordanian products from the Iraqi customs.

17. Renew the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Jordan and Iraq to import crude oil from Iraq for another year after agreement on the required amendments.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

Decided on 28/1/2021 between the Jordanian and Iraqi Prime Ministers, , both countries agreed to renew the Memorandum of Understanding to import crude oil for one year, after agreeing on all required amendments.

18. Achieve a safe summer and open the sectors. Requires the full compliance of everyone in terms of using protective measures against the pandemic, such as mask-wearing, physical distancing, and use of sanitizers.

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Implementation

On 26/5/2021, the Minister of Industry, Trade, and Supply announced the opening of several closed sectors in three main stages. It affirmed that this will be accompanied by extensive monitoring to ensure compliance with all protective measures as of June 1st as part of the plan to achieve a safe summer.

19. Enable the National Center for Epidemics and Communicable Diseases Control to start its actual work within an institutional and legislative framework

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Implementation

The first meeting of the Center was convened on 3/3/2021. Chaired by the Prime Minister, its board of directors includes the Health Minister and several expert doctors. The Center will provide diagnostic, training, and academic services. Its internal bylaws will be formulated in consultation with the Legislation and Opinion Bureau and the Institutional Performance Development Unit at the Prime Ministry.

20. Carry out an immediate investigation into the oxygen failure at Al-Salt Governmental Hospital.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

On 13/3/2021, the Amman public prosecutor stated that the Al-Salt public prosecutor arrested five officials from Al-Salt Hospitals on seven charges of manslaughter.

21. Postpone the borrowers' installments from the Development and Employment Fund

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Implementation

On 17/3/2021, the Board of Directors of the Development and Employment Fund decided, in a session chaired by Minister of Social Development and designated Labor Minister, Ayman al-Mifleh, to postpone the installments owed by borrowers for a period of six months. There will be no entailing any interest on the postponed installments, unless the borrower wishes not to postpone.

22. The detailed document of the plan to achieve a safe summer will be published today to be available to the media and to citizens.

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Implementation

The Minister of State for Media Affairs said on 27/5/2021 that the government put in place a gradual and clear plan extending until next September with the aim of achieving a safe summer in three stages.

• In Progress Commitments:

1. Raise legal awareness among different groups of society through awareness campaigns emphasizing the principle of the rule of law and its implementation

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Implementation

To mitigate the spread of the coronavirus, an awareness campaign was launched among traders. It focuses on commercial stores during Ramadan in order to raise awareness about the legally required health instructions and preventive measures.

2. The government will enhance its communication with the international community the consequences that Jordan handled and continues to handle as a result of the waves of refugees in the country and the increasing pressures that result from them on various sectors. It wants the international community to shoulder its responsibilities and fulfill its obligations as well

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Implementation

The Ministry of Health started to vaccinate the refugees registered with the UNHCR against the Corona virus as part of the national plan to provide the vaccine against the virus. Jordan is among the first countries in the world to provide the vaccine to refugees in its territories.

3. Increase the level of coordination, cooperation, and mutual exchange with all, in a way that achieves our common interests and enhances our political, economic, commercial and investment relations

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Implementation

Technical meetings of the Algerian Jordanian joint committee were held, and the tripartite summit was held between Egypt, Jordan, and Iraq.

4. The government will continue exerting all efforts to achieve a just peace that is based on international legitimacy decisions and is based on the two-state solution

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Implementation

The Minister of Foreign Affairs denounced the attacks by extremist groups against the Jerusalem residents in the Old City, which had been escalating since the beginning of the holy month of Ramadan. He affirmed the importance of consolidating international efforts to protect the Palestinians and ensure that Israel is held responsible as the occupying power.

5. We will continue to confront all practices and violations committed by the Israeli occupation authorities

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Implementation

Al-Safadi stressed the need to exert every effort possible to stop these provocations in the Holy City and to ensure the right of Palestinians to accessing the Holy Al-Aqsa Mosque / Al-Haram Al-Sharif

6. Direct the ministerial team to intensify field work, communicate with citizens and seek their issues and needs, in all governorates of the Kingdom

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Implementation

The Prime Minister begins and intensifies his field visits, reaching 26 visits since the government was formed.

7. Work to establish a joint economic city. Procedures are still in progress to be completed to start the implementation process on the borders between Jordan and Iraq

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Implementation

Measures related to the allocation of land for an economic city between Jordan and Iraq are completed. This effort started with a visit to Baghdad by the Minister of Industry, Trade, and Supplies, Engineer Maha Ali, with an accompanying delegation

8. Allocate a plot of land to the Iraqi and Jordanian company for industry and determine the cost of the rental allowance for the lands allocated to the joint economic city

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Implementation

Expedite the measures to establish an economic city and to enhance trade between Jordan and Iraq. The two sides completed procedures related to the allocation of land, which will enable the Jordanian Iraqi Company for Industry to start the necessary studies to establish the city

9. The government, in addition to the Lower and Upper Houses Representatives, will handle the necessary communications with CSOs, municipalities, local communities, and political parties on developing legislation governing political life

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Implementation

Minister of Political and Parliamentary Affairs Engineer, Musa Al-Ma'ayta, met the secretary generals of "Nature" party, Ali Asfour, "Modernization and Change" party, Dr. Nayef Al-Hamaydeh, "Al-Musawa" party, Muhammad Hasasneh, "Al-Islah" party, Zaid Al-Bakhit, and "Jordan National Party", Ali Al-'Alawneh, in the presence of the Ministry's Secretary General, Chairman of the Parties' Affairs Committee, Dr. Ali Al-Khawaldeh. The dialogue was organized by the Ministry over the laws regulating political life and is open to all for the purpose of achieving an effective democracy based on political plurality. The Minister requested the parties to send their suggestions about the legislations governing political life and the election and parties' laws, noting that dialogue is open to all members of society, with a focus on youth and women, because all are partners in developing political life.

10. The government supports the contracting and construction sector in Jordan as one of the main drivers of the various economic sectors and strengthens its ability to export engineering consulting services

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Implementation

The Cabinet of Ministers decided to extend its previous decision to exempt inheritance and conveyance procedures from registration fees, and to exempt apartments and land from registration fees and real-estate sale tax.

11. The government is willing to take mitigating measures for Jordanian farmers by creating export markets and developing food processing

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Implementation

To provide plentiful and diverse agricultural produce and increase work opportunities for farmers, the government implements strategic agricultural projects. These projects support food security by increasing production and productivity of agricultural systems.

12. The Public-Private Partnership Project (PPP) is ready for this year, in terms of feasibility studies and financial impact, and can be implemented

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Implementation

The partnership system between the private and public sectors for the year 2021 is ratified, for the purposes of identifying the stages of partnership projects and procedures. This implements the provisions of article 20 of the Private Public Partnership Projects Law number 17 for the year 2020.

13. Develop and build 15 schools for the Ministry of Education, as part of the Ministry of Education's plan to establish 600 schools throughout the Kingdom

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Implementation

The Ministry of Public Works and Housing awarded tenders to build 6 schools in a number of the Kingdom's governorates valued at 5.17 million JD, financed by a grant from Saudi Arabia (Saudi Development Fund).

14. Activate the movement of transport and the flow of goods and commodities and establish joint investments between Jordan and Iraq

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Implementation

The two countries' prime ministers recently agreed to increase cooperation in the fields of trade, investment, and others, which requires continuing to activate bilateral trade and motivate investments between both countries

15. Strengthen the citizens' acceptance to register on the electronic platform, vaccine.jo, to receive the vaccination

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Implementation

- The number of people registered on the vaccination platform exceeded one million.
- Launch campaigns to encourage receiving the vaccine.
- The number of those who received the anti-virus vaccine exceeded half a million.

16. Intensify control over individuals and establishments in bakeries and markets, especially in light of the expected developments in the weather, and to ensure that everyone is committed to wearing masks and observing physical distancing, and avoiding crowds and gatherings

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Implementation

Inspection teams affiliated with the Health Control and Inspection department at the Amman Municipality issued 77 warnings for establishments that violated defense orders during 687 visits.

17. Reach, by next summer, a stage of epidemic stability and the opening of all sectors

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Implementation

- Arriving at a safe summer and opening sectors requires passing through two simultaneous paths of total compliance by everyone in order to protect against the pandemic through wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, and using sanitizers.
- The second path is related to citizens registering on the platform allocated for receiving the Corona vaccine (vaccine.jo)

18. Form a ministerial committee chaired by the Prime Minister to develop the public sector by handing the task of adopting policies, programs, and projects to develop to the public sector and to study relevant legislation, as well as adopting the outcomes of the Higher Committee for Restructuring the Government Apparatus

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Implementation

A ministerial committee headed by the Prime Minister to develop the public sector was formed on 20/4/2021. It approves policies, programs, and projects used to develop the public sector and study relevant legislations, and adopts the committee's outcomes to restructure the government system

19. The first stage of the plan to open and close sectors will start on 6/1/2021, to include the gradual reopening of some sectors and activities, as well as procedures to regulate the entry of those coming from outside the Kingdom. This plan will undergo review and assessment in light of the developments of the pandemic

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Implementation

Plan to open a number of sectors gradually over three stages as announced on 26/5/2021 by the Minister of Industry, Trade, and Supply, Engineer Maha Ali.

20. Strengthen the strategic partnership with the World Bank to support the government's efforts in the next stage in various aspects of priority

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Implementation

The Jordanian Government and the World Bank signed 3 agreements on 13/7/2021 to finance priority projects for the Jordanian government with a total value of \$853.75. The purpose of the agreements is to support the government's efforts in the field of social protection system, the implementation of the economic reforms agenda, and revive the economy through supporting programs that enhance the continuity of work opportunities and jobs in the private sector, as well as supporting the improvement of the business and investment environment

21. Contribute to achieving the required economic recuperation to overcome the economic challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic in cooperation with the World Bank

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Implementation

A strategic partnership with the World Bank starts in order to reinforce social protection and employment, and to go ahead with economic and structural reforms that reinforce financial and fiscal stability

22. Put in place a strategy for transport that takes into consideration the set priorities and the existing projects in the transport sector, particularly the railroad project from Aqaba Governorate towards Al-Madouna

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Implementation

The Ministry of Transport is currently reviewing the national transport strategy and asserts the importance of building a realistic strategy for the transport sector based on scientific foundations that matches financial considerations and the needs of different modes in the sector. It is taking into consideration the set priorities and the current projects in the sector, particularly the railroad connection from Aqaba to Maduna, which attracts interest among important investors

23. Construct a realistic and applicable strategy for the transport sector based on scientific principles that combines financial considerations with the various patterned needs in the sector.

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Implementation

The sector's national long-term strategy of cooperation between the Ministry of transport and affiliated institutions and agencies, as well as the Ministry of Public Works, the Greater Amman Municipality, and the Aqaba special Economic Zone and the private sector.

24. Expedite the endorsement of the “national billing” system

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Implementation

The Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship, in coordination with the Ministry of Finance – General tax and Sales Tax Department, announced officially the release of a tender to develop, operate, and maintain the national invoicing system as part of the digital transformation process implemented by the government in all its institutions and official departments

25. Intensify monitoring the compliance of individuals and the establishment of defense orders and instructions issued thereof, including mask-wearing, physical distancing, and gatherings

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Implementation

- Concentrated tours to ensure adherence to health conditions.
- Defense orders and statements.
- Issuing citations for violators.

26. Continue campaigns urging citizens to receive the vaccinations

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Implementation

The Ministry of Health launched in cooperation with USAID a national awareness campaign to increase citizens' and residents' acceptance of the Covid-19 vaccine under the slogan: "With the Vaccine, I Protect Myself and Others".

27. An executive program for the years 2021-2024 that includes a comprehensive methodology for dealing with various economic, social, financial, and political issues, following national priorities in various sectors.

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Implementation

On Monday 16/2/2021 in Al-Husseinih Palace, His Majesty King Abdullah II received the government's Executive Indicative Program for the years 2021-2024, which was submitted by Prime Minister Dr. Bishr Al-Khasawneh. The program is based on continuing the structural and economic reforms, development of political life, and the rule of law by motivating investment and productive sectors and exports. This will increase work opportunities and employment and reinforce self-dependence.

28. Intensify oversight, holding accountable all those who fail to provide public service and rewarding those with achievement.

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Implementation

Prime Minister Dr. Bishr Al-Khasawneh issued directives on 13/3/2021 to carry out an immediate investigation in the case of Oxygen shortage in Al-Salt government hospital. He requested the public prosecution to start an investigation on Al-Salt Hospital and to hold those negligent accountable.

29. Enhance the level of services provided by the public sector to citizens.

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Implementation

The Ministry of Health announced its expansion in the provision of consultancy services for stopping cigarette smoking and the necessary treatment in 15 health centers distributed over the north, middle, and south regions, and to extend their services free of charge, in addition to 5 health centers which are already providing such services.

30. Consider the possibility of the scientific merging of some ministries and bodies.

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Implementation

Look into the possibility of merging some ministries and agencies to refine performance, improve the level of services, and control expenditure, according to the Minister for Developing Institutional Performance, Rabi'a Al-Ajarmeh, in a press release on 9/1/2021.

31. The government will welcome the communication and dialogue with professional unions with open arms, based on the role these national institutions play in serving their members and give voice to their professional issues.

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Implementation

Prime Minister Dr. Bishr Al-Khasawneh affirmed the professional and national role of trade unions and the government's commitment to work and participate with them to improve professions and upgrade the status of their members, and that the government, since its formation, was keen on meeting with civil society representatives. Such meetings, however, were delayed as a result of the pandemic and its spread across society. This meeting was on 18/1/2021

32. The government will be committed to responding to parliamentary questions, interrogations, and inquiries within the legal periods.

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Implementation

The Prime Minister continues his consultation meetings with parliamentary blocs. He affirmed during the meeting attended by several ministers on 3/1/2021 that the government is committed to working within a framework of cooperation and partnership with the council of representatives, according to the provisions of the constitution to surpass tough challenges facing the Jordanian state .

33. The government pledges to provide all forms of support and assistance to the armed forces and security services, and to continue to take care of them and pay attention to them in terms of training, preparation, and arming.

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Implementation

Introduce the Centaro tank into the third royal tank division / Prince Al-Hassan Bin talal armored division 60, as part of the upgrading and development of the Jordanian armed forces, Arab Army.

34. Improve the conditions of retired military personnel.

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Implementation

- Salaries of the retirees in previous years were increased. The last increase took place last year but the current program contributes directly to improving the living conditions of pensioners and promises a direct increase to their salaries.
- Nets were also allocated to serve military retirees and to facilitate their dealings at the Social Status Department.

35. Improve the conditions of employees of the armed forces and security agencies.

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Implementation

Launch the "Comrades in Arms" program which supports members of the armed forces and invigorates economic activities. The program would reduce the wait period to obtain a military housing loan in addition to including military retirees in the military credit fund services through the establishment of a financing window for them with supported interest rates, and to establish special tracks for retirees in all state departments, already being implemented by institutions.

36. Strengthen the role of oversight institutions, granting them more independence, and activating their role in controlling any attempts or practices to encroach on public funds.

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Implementation

The Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Supply and the control agencies entrusted, by Defense Order (20) to monitor the commitment of establishments and individual safety and protective health requirements, issued on 4/4/2021 298 citations for establishments and 165 citations against individuals inside establishments for failure to abide by defense orders and requirements, including failure to wear a mask and observing social distancing and non-crowding. Monitoring tours covered 14,707 establishments.

37. Combat corruption in its various forms and manifestations, as well as financial and administrative corruption.

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Implementation

Decision by the Integrity and Anti-Corruption public prosecutor to detain Al-Zarqa' municipality employee for a period of 15 days for investigation at Al-Juwaydeh Reformatory Center after he was accused of bribery. The Authority's council had agreed to refer an employee who was indicted in receiving a bribe of 2,500 JD to the judiciary.

38. Uphold the independence of the Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission and its support for the public system aimed at combating corruption and promoting the values of integrity.

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Implementation

Decision by the public prosecutor of the Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission to detain Al-Zaraq' municipality employee accused of receiving a bribe, for a period of 15 days.

39. The government's willingness to cooperate with the Anti-Corruption Commission to work on filling some gaps in the legislation through which some may implement practices classified as corrupt practices or wasting public money .

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Implementation

Prime Minister Dr. Bisher Al-Khasawneh affirmed support for the government of the Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission and enabled it to carry out its function of combating all forms of corruption and protecting public funds from any assault. The government is committed to dedicating the Commission's independence and support of the public system combating corruption and reinforcing the values of integrity in our society.

40. Work to correct any violations and defects included in the Audit Bureau's report in a manner that preserves the integrity of public money and prevents any violations of it.

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Implementation

Al-Jazy: rectifying 27 enquiries during June and following-up on enquiries mentioned in previous reports. He noted that the subjects of the enquiries included the presence of technical, administrative, and financial gaps that need to be rectified.

41. The government adopts a methodology to stimulate economic growth that includes a common vision on the government's approach and program for managing the national economy in partnership with the private sector, and with the support of international institutions and donors.

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Implementation

The University of Science and Technology signed a cooperation agreement with Jordan Hawawei Company to establish a specialized academy inside the university in the fields of cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and the fifth generation.

42. The government commits to not borrowing a single penny to finance any additional current spending, and that any additional borrowing of any kind will be directed to investment and productive projects.

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Implementation

The government has not borrowed to date.

43. Improve the purchasing power of citizens by enhancing social protection.

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Implementation

Targeted people were raised from 150,000 families to 185,000 families, with an increase of 35,000 families. The National Aid Fund budget was raised by 38% to implement the supplementary support program.

44. Take the necessary legislative and administrative measures to unify tax administration.

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Implementation

- The team entrusted with reviewing the documented enquiries at the Accounting Bureau completed all enquiries monitored in 2020.
- The team held a meeting to discuss the enquiries for December 2020, headed by the State Minister for Prime Ministry Affairs Ibrahim Al-Jazy and took all the necessary measures to rectify them.

45. Improve tax and customs collection.

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Implementation

Reform projects implemented by the department include serving taxpayers and upgrading reform project services addressing tax evasion and avoidance and pursuing evaders. These measures are to be framed within the department's institutional work.

46. Accelerate tax services for tax-obligated companies and facilitate them through the Golden List program.

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Implementation

The Golden List program helps committed companies by providing them with many benefits, including expansion, using the green track and pre-clearance service for all materials and many other services and benefits.

47. Unify customs administration for all regions of the Kingdom.

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Implementation

Dr. Muhammad Al-'Is'is, Minister of Finance, announced the reduction and unification of customs charges on postal packages and the increase of the ceiling for parcels subject to reduction two-fold, in addition to other simplifying measures in the field of e-trade for the purpose of making matters simpler for citizens and encouraging the logistics sector and entrepreneurs in e-trade to expedite the clearance process.

48. Activate tax and customs settlements and reconciliation committees to resolve outstanding issues.

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Implementation

The Reconciliation Committee continues to receive requests from taxpayers. In the same context, the Tax and Sales Tax Department called on taxpayers who have pending tax and sales tax cases and who wish to rectify them to apply to the Reconciliation Committee to study and rectify pending issues between taxpayers and the Tax and Sales Tax Department.

49. The government will carry out a qualitative shift in customs procedures and administration, digitize them, and review customs tariffs.

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Implementation

The Jordan Customs Department provided a number of electronic services on its website to improve the quality of service. these services included warehouse licensing applications, information request applications, and others.

50. Combat evasion, tax avoidance, and governing exemption.

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Implementation

The General Director of the Income and Sales Tax Department made a presentation of the department's performance in the field of collections and auditing for the year 2020 and the first quarter of the current year, in addition to tax reforms divided into three main groups, namely, a reform package allocated for combating tax evasion and avoidance, based on risk management according to international practices instead of relying on reports. It includes analyzing and studying financial statements for all sectors without targeting any specific sector or taxpayer, or even excluding any sector or taxpayer from implementing the plan.

51. Address tax distortions and imbalances and fill gaps in the procedures of the tax system, by developing legislation that regulates this within the tax reforms measures for 2021.

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Implementation

The Legislation and Opinion Bureau is concluding a discussion seminar on financial legislations and amendments to the tax law with the Legal Network for Arab Women. The Bureau director Fida' Al-Humud affirmed that the financial legislations reflect on the lives of citizens directly or indirectly.

52. Reduce the budget deficit by boosting domestic revenues, and address gaps and distortions in the revenues and expenditure.

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Implementation

Economic growth was estimated at 2.5%, with the same growth rate in local revenues after an expected decrease by the end of 2020 of -2%. The paper alluded to a number of items in figures and rates, namely, public revenues and public expenditure, general budget deficit, public debt, average economic growth, unemployment rates, and emergency spending during the Corona virus.

53. Open export markets for Jordanian products and conclude trade agreements that grant preferential treatment for these products in those markets.

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Implementation

The Jordan Strategies Forum launched a forum titled "Jordanian Products' Space, Export Commodities, and Opportunities for Reinforcing Jordanian Exports" to discuss the contexts of the Jordanian Exports Space Contexts, to be published by the Forum shortly.

54. Increase capital spending to drive economic growth.

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Implementation

Capital expenditure for the 2021 budget: Capital expenditure is expected to increase by about 24% or 498 million JD in 2020, to reach about a billion JD in 2021.

55. Focus on empowerment programs and strengthening the system of training and vocational and technical education to meet the requirements of the labor market.

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Implementation

- The Engineers' Association, the Ministry of Labor, and the Skills Development Commission signed two agreements to train and employ 1,030 male and female engineers.
- On another note, the Director of the head of the Technical and Vocational Skills Development Commission, Dr. Qais Al-Safasfeh, affirmed that the Commission's move towards the next stage will depend on implementing advanced vocational and technical training and education programs that depend on joint action between the public and private sectors, including the vocational apprenticeship.

56. Limit violations that occur in the work environment, such as child labor.

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Implementation

- According to the Ministry of Labor's response: three inspection campaigns were conducted in 2020 from 1/10/2020 to 31/12/2020.
- Conducting three inspection campaigns in 2021 from 1/1/2021 to 31/3/2021.
- The Minister of Labor launches the "I want to Work ... Learn" campaign on the occasions of World Day Against Child Labor.

57. Control and regulate the labor market.

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Implementation

Labor Minister Yousef Al-Shamali decided to adopt several measures that will facilitate the labor market's regulation and help business owners sustain the work of their establishment by encouraging them to renew the non-Jordanian labor permits that have not been renewed during the Coronavirus pandemic.

58. Develop the system of inspection, safety and occupational health in the labor sector.

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Implementation

- Launching the Himaya platform at the Inspection Department to facilitate citizens' presentation of complaints.
- The Ministry of Labor launches the 16th National Week for Vocational Health Safety under the slogan of "towards a safe summer" to spread awareness in the area of vocational health and safety.

59. Provide new job opportunities supported by the implementation of professional and technical training programs to meet the needs of the local and foreign markets, especially in the modern digital fields.

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Implementation

The Labor Minister and Minister of State for Investment Affairs, Dr. Ma'en Al-Qatameen, and the President of the Vocational and Technical Skills Development Commission, Dr. Qais Al-Safasfeh, signed four agreements on Thursday that provide 945 job opportunities for Jordanians.

60. Support the construction sector, given its important role in moving the national economy, and employing manpower.

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Implementation

The percentage of areas approved by the Engineers Association increased in January by 30.6% compared with the same period of last year. The head of the Engineering Offices and Companies at the Association, Engineer Abdullah Ghosheh, said in a statement on Thursday that the approved areas reached 867,000 square meters for existing and proposed projects, which is the highest number recorded for the same period since 2016.

61. Direct foreign aid towards national priorities related to filling financing gaps.

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Implementation

The Minister of Planning and International Cooperation signed a grant agreement by the Japanese Government to finance a project for strengthening security at border areas as part of the economic and social development program.

62. Employ digital economy to boost economic growth.

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Implementation

Launch the Grow Jordan program (business development) to encourage digital companies to expand and reach regional and global markets. The market includes providing grants to support the growth of the work undertaken by digital companies and companies that use technology in providing their services that seek to develop their business and secure new contracts in new regional and global markets.

63. Develop political life and our democratic march through dialogue.

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Implementation

H.E. Musa Al-Ma'aytah said during his meeting with several secretaries general of political parties: the government is committed to its program to develop political and democratic life. This meeting is the first for the government with the political parties to discuss the legislation that regulate political life, such as the election law and the political parties' law, to determine the challenges facing partisan work and to discuss mechanisms for encouraging the building of effective and far-reaching political parties and trends.

64. Expand the participation of citizens in political life and national decision-making.

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Implementation

The dialogues that the ministry is holding with the various parties and national figures have sought to be open to everyone in order to reach an agreement on achievable objectives and mechanisms in a manner that guarantees the development of partisan life and strengthens political participation. 33 out of 41 parties have benefitted from the financial support.

65. Promote the decentralized approach in providing services and handling complaints.

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Implementation

The government started to provide electronic municipal services and linked the municipalities to the Local Administration Ministry to strengthen the decentralization approach in providing services, addressing complaints, and providing a computerized database that connects the relevant establishments in the public and private sectors.

66. Organize children's nurseries.

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Implementation

The Ministry of Social Development spoke about putting in place “very harsh conditions” in relation to licensing home-based nurseries and regulating their work. These instructions are currently in the legislative channels and will be implemented as soon as they are issued”.

67. Establish a special fund for the elderly to support them with all necessary needs, and to ensure a decent life for them through the Ministry of Social Development.

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Implementation

The Secretary General of the Ministry of Social Development, Barq Al-Dmour, said on 14/1/2021 that the committee tasked with studying the establishment of a seniors' protection fund has completed the endorsement of a fund regulation draft in preparation for presenting it to the Council of Ministers. Currently, the regulation is with the Legislation and Opinion Bureau in the final legislative stages.

68. Continue to improve the school environment by constructing new school buildings and additions, and carrying out the necessary maintenance.

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Implementation

Discussing the project to develop 15 school buildings for the Ministry of Education. The project includes the building of 15 schools as a first trial period for a partnership project in the governorates of Amman, Zarqa, Madaba as part of the Ministry of Education's plan to construct 600 schools throughout the Kingdom.

69. Expand the enrollment of our children in kindergartens according to a specific plan to fully accommodate children from the age of five years within the next two years.

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Implementation

Finish the registration of kindergartens at government schools and expecting the admission of 65,000 students. The Director of Education at the Ministry said that admission in kindergartens at government schools is done according to priority, beginning with the poorest children (and the child's guardian would bring the documents that prove that), followed by the children living closest to the relevant schools, followed by the children of teachers and workers in the school, by no more than 20% of the total admitted children.

70. Provide students in need with equipment and devices so that e-learning supports and enhances the development of a quality school education and higher education.

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Implementation

The Ministry of Education said that its circulation about activating the computer labs in schools is aimed at students who do not have the necessary devices for distance learning or whose places of residence suffer for weak or lack of internet connectivity.

71. Develop electronic educational content to be more interactive.

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Implementation

On 28/2/201, Prime Minister Bisher Al-Khasawneh sponsored the signing of an agreement to develop and sustain the Darsak platform between the Ministry of Education and the Mowdou' website. This is aimed at distance learning development for school students. The platform was established through joint voluntary efforts.

72. Raise the competencies of teachers.

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Implementation

- The start of implementing the Ministry capacity building plan for educational leadership in the field to train in the educational leadership program.
- Adding new courses to the rank of teacher on the special website.

73. Develop the option of distance education to be part of the educational process.

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Implementation

The Prime Minister sponsored the signing of an agreement to develop and sustain the Darsak platform between the Ministry of Education and the Mowdou' website. The Prime Minister praised the great group efforts to ensure the sustainability of the distance learning process.

74. Develop smart transportation systems

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

Amman Bus: to improve public transport in the capital city of Amman by providing an exceptional transportation experience that is hi-tech and advanced involving electronic payment using charged cards with the ability to recharge the balance.

75. Employ modern technologies and clean energy in the transportation sector

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

The project to install 400,000 LED light units with funding from the municipalities and Fils Al-Reef to reduce the financial cost to the municipalities. Minister Zawati said that the Amman Municipality will operate several public transport buses using electric power as a trial for the first time in Jordan to build on the experience in the future.

76. The government will continue to implement its strategy to create an advanced and sustainable public transport

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

The Ministry of Transport prepared a national strategy for the transportation sector aimed at fulfilling the Ministry's vision and message in development the sector and make Jordan a regional transportation hub.

77. The Fast Bus project is regularly scheduled between Amman and Zarqa, which is expected to be completed by the end of this year. **الحالي**

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Implementation

On 27/7/2021, the Greater Amman Municipality launched the first stage of the trial operation of the Rapid Bus Transit in the capital city of Amman from Sweileh station north of Amman. The event was attended by Prime Minister Bisher Al-Khasawneh and several ministers, as well as Amman Mayor Yousef Al-Shawarbeh.

78. The urban transport project inside cities

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

- Launch of the Rapid Bus Transit.
- Amman Mayor Al-Shawarbeh affirmed that construction work on Al-Shaheed Street, Al-Sharif Naser Bin Jamil Street, and Al-Kindi Street will be completed before the end of next March.

79. Set up the Aqaba port projects system.

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Implementation

The Aqaba Development Company presents the results of the updated study on “the logistics of transportation and supply chain through the ports of Aqaba” in an online workshop. This study came as the culmination of the Company’s efforts and role in developing the transportation system and logistics in the Aqaba Special Economic Zone and implementing a set of projects in the ports sector, especially after completing and operating the new port of Aqaba and all its piers.

80. Rehabilitate roads linking the Kingdom with neighboring countries within the available resources, according to priorities. There is an urgent priority to complete the desert road and the Baghdad International Road.

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Implementation

The spokesman for the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, Omar Maharmeh, said that the percentage of completion of the Desert Highway reached 77%, that the project is proceeding according to its timeline without any obstructions, and that the budget allocated for the project covers it to its completion.

81. Increase the available governmental open data sets and AI strategy.

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Implementation

- Government entities possess, “the open government data platform,” an electronically readable open data set. According to conditions in the Jordanian license for open government data, the use of data sets published on the platform is allowed as well as reusing it and redistributing it.
- The government started to provide municipal services electronically.
- The electronic government service is activated.

82. Launch more electronic payment projects

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

Implement the government payment digitization project funded by the International Bank for Reform and Development.

83. Complete the legislative infrastructure necessary to achieve these goals related to the information technology sector

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

The Ministry is current reviewing the electronic transactions law to match the requirements of digital transformation, particularly signature and digital verification (digital identity) to determine the gaps and to propose necessary amendments to complete the digital system.

The Ministry also prepared a draft law for the protection of personal data in partnership with relevant partners in this field. The draft is being discussed in participation with the Legislation and Opinion Bureau.

84. Continue to build an advanced digital infrastructure to enable smart cities, smart transportation means, health care, education services, and other areas.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

- The Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship worked on building the government cloud accounting, which provides infrastructural services as a service to government institutions.
- The Ministry worked on building the government interconnection information system to advance the process of digital transformation through the exchange of data among the government institutions to provide comprehensive digital services, as well as providing several other systems related to the systems' integration: protected digital identity for citizens and electronic messaging system between the government institutions.

85. The government is working to complete the digital and integrated infrastructure, which will advance the digital transformation in the Kingdom and economic development projects

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

- Activate the electronic government to provide various government services electronically.
- The Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship worked on building the government cloud accounting, which provides infrastructural services as a service to government institutions, which would reduce costs and timelines and increase the security of information and the efficiency of services.

86. Provide a single interactive government interface for all segments of society

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

The presence of a Jordanian Government website that includes the websites of all ministries and official departments and means of communication with them.

87. Increase the competencies of Jordanian youth in modern technologies

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

- Launch the youth, technology, and jobs project under the name of Jordan Growth Incentives Program to encourage the growth of the digital sector.
- Support the military service program with technical skills in addition to vocational training.

88. Establish the national fiber optic network project.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

Linking 1,361 sites distributed as follows: 930 educational entities; 315 government entities; 116 health entities in various parts of the Kingdom.

89. Establish a comprehensive national data system

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Implementation

The Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship developed a unified database on the national level based on the idea of putting in place a single system that targets the chaos in the databases among the various government entities.

The unified national register is considered an integral part of the National Information System and one that provides the system with citizen-centric data and information.

90. A plan to develop digital government services through the implementation of the “Jordanian Strategy for Digital Transformation” and its roadmap.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

In its session on 7/6/2021, The Cabinet of Ministers approved the national strategy for digital transformation and the executive plan for the years 2021-2025, prepared in accordance with national policies and strategies as well as international trends in digital transformation.

91. The government will continue to study any measures that would enable Jordanian press and media workers to fulfill their role and mission under decent living conditions.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

- The government asserts that it is studying demands by print newspapers suffering from a financial crisis exacerbated by the Corona virus crisis and delays in paying employee salaries for months.
- The Jordanian Media Committee responded to suggestions to save the print newspapers.
- Mr. Dudin suggested a national fund to support the media while taking into consideration experiences in various countries.

92. Commit to review legislation in order to address any gaps that are exploited by outlaws

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

Execution departments in the courts have started to study the possibility for reactivating requests for the imprisonment of a debtor in execution cases and the issue will be under study next year after deciding to postpone imprisonment requests for each debt that does not exceed 100,000 JD in the wake of the current pandemic.

93. Expand the application of remote trials in line with international human rights standards, in a way that contributes to expediting litigation procedures and saving citizens' time, effort and financial costs

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

The Ministry of Justice affirmed that it is going ahead with implementing the infrastructure for the court sessions remotely with the Judicial Council, Public Security Directorate, and a number of partners. The second and third stages will be completed during the current year.

94. Review the Judicial Execution Law regarding the issue of imprisonment of the debtor or those who are financially insolvent, in consultation with the competent authorities, and in cooperation with the Lower House of Representatives, in a manner that preserves the balance and rights between the creditor and the debtor

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

The Minister of Justice, Dr. Ahmad Al-Ziyadat, said that the recommendations by the committee mandated to review the implementation law number 25 for the year 2007 requires the introduction of legislative amendments to 13 articles of the current law and to add two new ones.

95. Support agricultural research and developing suitable varieties for our Jordanian environment.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

The National Center for Agricultural Research adopted 6 new varieties of wheat and barley which will replace the old varieties within 3 years. The Ministry bought the agricultural product of wheat and barley for last year, which reached three times as much compared to the previous year. The center explained that “the products were purchased at the highest prices to encourage farmers and serve the agricultural sector.

96. Support agricultural industries that depend on local inputs.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

In the southern valley, the Ministry launched a developmental agricultural project to establish a tomato paste factory to freeze the product. It will form contracts with farmers for materials to be frozen in order to facilitate the marketing for farmers.

97. Implement the “agricultural map” project, through which we will invest parts of the treasury lands that are suitable for agriculture.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

In the ministerial statement, the Prime Minister said that the government is currently working on implementing the agricultural map project, through which we will invest part of the treasury's lands suitable for cultivation to expand the agriculture areas and to employ Jordanian hand labor and support food security.

98. Provide a package of incentives to support farmers and help them overcome the difficult conditions faced by the agricultural sector.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

In his ministerial statement, the Prime Minister said that the government is currently working on implementing the Agricultural Map project which will invest parts of the treasury arable land for agriculture in order to expand the agricultural land area, employ Jordanian labor, and support food security.

99. The government will achieve total sufficiency of agricultural vegetables for this year 2021.

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Implementation

The food materials sector contributed to supporting the Kingdom's stock of food during the Corona pandemic. The Jordanian food processing industries reached advance stages in quality and competitiveness and its products reached different international markets.

100. Focus on developing domestic tourism.

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Implementation

A competition was launched on 14/4/2021 aimed at documenting and preparing studies and plans for buildings and heritage monuments in the Kingdom's governorates, studying the ways to rehabilitate and operate them as part of the Ministry of Tourism strategies to preserve architectural and urban heritage.

101. Facilitate the entry procedures for patients into the Kingdom and ensure that the best level of treatment services is provided to them at fair and attractive prices.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

It was agreed during a joint meeting on 26/4/2021 between the Director of the Tourism Authority Managing Director and the Iraqi Ambassador on direct coordination between the Authority and the health office to hold meetings that could establish a specific mechanism to encourage health treatment tourism for Iraqi patients and to support this mechanism. They also discussed the provision of facilities to encourage Iraqi patients to receive treatment in Jordanian hospitals.

102. Support workers in the tourism sector and establishments in this sector within the announced support and protection programs, and through the Tourism Risk Fund.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

On 29/3/2021, members of the committee followed the recommendations of the parliament which called for the activation of the tourism risks fund, which was established to support the tourism sector and alleviate incurred damages due to the Coronavirus pandemic. It also postponed taxes, provided loans and facilities, and expedited the vaccination of citizens to achieve a safe summer and exit the pandemic situation in the Kingdom.

103. Secure the necessary facilities to sustain the work of tourist facilities and to preserve employment in them.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

Members of the Follow-Up Committee of House of representatives' Council demanded on 29/3/2021 that the Tourism Risks Fund, established to support the tourism sector and mitigate damages it may sustain as the result of the Corona pandemic, be activated, in addition to postponing the payment of taxes on this sector, and to extend loans and facilities to the sector as well as expediting vaccination of citizens in order to arrive at a safe summer and exit the pandemic state through which the Kingdom is passing.

104. Adhere to a transparent and open approach to publicizing the capabilities of our health system.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

According to the news brief on the developments of the pandemic, the Ministry of Health continuously reveals the hospitals' capacity in the Kingdom clearly and transparently in view of the Corona pandemic.

105. Improve the infrastructure of hospitals and health centers and continuing to achieve their accreditation standards.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

In a statement, the Jordan Strategies Forum demanded the restructuring of the health sector financially and administratively. It also demanded that preliminary health care, comprehensive health infrastructure, and developing monitoring and development, among other issues, be addressed because "they were neglected over the years," 14/3/2021.

106. Supply hospitals and health centers with the necessary medical and nursing staff and equipment.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

The Ministry of Health supplied Al-Salt Hospital with a medical instruments engineer who will be responsible for monitoring medical gases and their levels at the hospital and requesting supplies on timely basis.

107. The government will expand training and qualification programs to include new specializations and larger numbers to fill the shortfall in all specialties.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

The Ministry of Higher Education sponsored a meeting of members of the program to prepare and rehabilitate teachers prior to their service in Jordan with the presidents of the four Jordanian universities (University of Jordan, Yarmouk, Mou'tah, and Al-Hashimiyah) selected to participate in this program.

108. We strive to achieve comprehensive health insurance in all governorates.

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Implementation

Decision to extend the period for citizens with health insurance cards from the Social Safety Net category to benefit from civilian health insurance and for them to consider their cards automatically renewed until 30/4/2022, without the need to refer to the issuing office.

109. Enhance the strategic reserve of basic foodstuffs, especially those not produced locally.

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Implementation

The Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Supply affirmed that a sufficient supply of stored basic food materials is available until after the month of Ramadan, and that basic materials have been available and no incident would affect the food supplies in storage.

110. Promote accountability values to achieve equitable distribution and reduce water losses by maximizing the benefits of digital transformation applications.

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Implementation

Assaults against water supply pipes in the north were caught, supplying a cow farm and a brick factory. This was the result of an inspection tour by the Ministry based on information received. The Ministry is keen on inflicting heavy penalties against those who assault the water sector, reaching present sentences and large fines.

111. Execute major strategic projects to achieve water security for the Kingdom.

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Implementation

Project to rehabilitate and operate a water well in Shobak 15 in Ma'an Governorate to improve water supplies and secure additional water quantities with a 70 cubic meters capacity for areas in the Shobak district, valued at 359,000 JD, funded by UNICEF.

112. Implement programs targeting youth, to enhance their participation in decision-making, and to activate their pioneering role in the development of their local communities.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

- Conclude the activities of the “Managing Performance and Excellence” course organized by the Youth Leadership Preparation Center and the participation of the Ministry of Youth in the center, field, and sports cities.
- On another note, the Ministry of Youth Spokesman Omar Al-Azzam announced the beginning of registration for Al-Hussein camps for work and building for youth 2021.
- The Minister of Youth concluded the training camp for the Fifth National Meeting of Young Entrepreneurs on social media under the slogan “Entrepreneurship in Tourism,”. 50 young men and women have projects that qualify for the second stage.

113. Empower unemployed youth and employing them in all governorates regarding the agricultural sector.

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Implementation

In a meeting headed by the Agricultural Minister Engineer Khaled Al-Hunayfat and the presence of the organization's Managing Director Muhammad Al-Hiyari on 7/4/2021, The Agricultural Credit Organization's board of directors launched a group of agricultural and rural projects valued at 35 million JD in the form of interest-free loans.

114. Enable foreign and domestic investment as key entry points to job creation and employment in the energy sector

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Implementation

The wind energy project to generate electricity, funded by the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development in Ma'an, was inaugurated and will support development, create job opportunities, improve the environment, and reduce the oil bill.

115. Implement the energy strategy for the years 2020-2030

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Implementation

The parliamentary energy committee is discussing the energy sector strategies for 2020-2030. The strategy aims at diversifying natural gas sources and covering the Kingdom's needs for this material and developing production in Al-Risha field. It noted that "we are capable of extracting more than 29 million cubic feet of gas" from this field.

116. Attract investments in the mining sector.

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Implementation

The Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources launched, in cooperation with the Investment Commission today, several investment opportunities in the mineral and petroleum resources field in the Kingdom after the ministry identified the potential open areas for investment in petroleum and shale oil, and in mineral resources and strategic metals. This took place during a press conference on 29/8/2020.

117. Expansion of exploration operations for natural gas in the Risha field, by drilling more wells this year and in the coming years

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Implementation

Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources, Hala Zawati, said on Sunday 13/12/2020 that drilling operations in well 53 in Al-Risha field showed promising results. Meanwhile, exploration and drilling operations in fields 50, 51, and 52 continue in the field whose production capacity before well 53 was about 19 million cubic feet of gas per day. Zawati said in a press statement that the efforts by the National Petroleum Company resulted in quantities of gas flowing from the new well that would raise the well's productivity. Results of tests and evaluations of production quantities expected from the well will be known before the end of the year.

118. The government shall cooperate with the Parliamentary Energy Committee to discuss all issues related to energy in a manner that serves the supreme national interest in this strategic sector.

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Implementation

On 23/2/2021, The Energy and Mineral Resources discussed, in the presence of the Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Hala Zawati, several issues related to the transport and energy sectors. The committee discussed public and private transport vehicles using electric power instead of fuel to preserve the environment and reduce the financial burden for citizens, as well as investing the generation capacity for which the government pays a fee for generation companies.

119. Conduct a detailed study to apply multiple water harvesting techniques

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Implementation

The Ministry of Water, in cooperation with the Environment Ministry, is cleaning 60 desert waterholes and installing pumps to serve the local communities to benefit from water harvested free of charge.

120. Promote innovation and entrepreneurship in the agricultural sector.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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Implementation

On 2/2/2021, the National Agricultural Research Center signed a cooperation agreement with Al-Shabak Islamic Organization for Developing and Managing water Resources in the field of rehabilitating entrepreneurs and innovators.

• **Not Started Commitments:**

1. Attract investments and opening regional and global markets to Jordanian projects and Jordanian entrepreneurs in the IT sector

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2. The government is working to expand the application of alternative societal sanctions

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3. Develop legislation related to sanctions in line with developments

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4. The Procurement Department will announce a tender to approve the location of the detained vehicles and the tender will be referred according to the procurement system and the instructions issued pursuant thereto

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5. Construct buildings and yards for freight and passengers for the new land border crossing of King Hussein Bridge

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6. Start preparations for holding the joint Jordanian Sudanese committee to agree on clear work programs to increase bilateral cooperation

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7. Develop the election law to achieve an effective democracy and to develop partisan life

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8. A timetable to regular the dialogue and its stages to develop the ideas that are agreed on as the dialogue's outcomes and to proceed towards translating them into laws and legislation that achieve the objective for which it was development

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9. Continue to provide citizens with high quality agricultural products at suitable prices

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10. Automate operations inside the central market to serve farmers and merchants

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11. Increase designated handling areas inside the market to improve the level of provided services

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12. The government's support for entities operating on the Omar border center, in terms of Interior Ministry staff and Customs Department, and willingness to provide all necessities

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13. The government's support for pharmaceutical industries and investment in the Sukhtian factory in Na'ur and protecting them procedurally, regulatory, and legislatively to ensure the rule of law for everyone.

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14. Facilitate procedures for local and foreign investors and resolve any problems or obstacles facing them in the private sector

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15. Provide public transportation for the Prince Hashim Bin Abdullah II City to the south of the city of Madaba to serve the youth and visitors to the athletic city

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16. The government is proceeding with the initial agreement to complete the railroad project, in addition to considering the high-speed bus projects, which is still underway

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17. Visit the Ghor Al-Safi youth club to examine the status of the playfield and to conduct the necessary maintenance in cooperation with the relevant parties.

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18. Produce a two-year road map for projects and timelines and financing windows, whether from the treasury or partnerships between the public and private sectors or open to investment, including the railroad project that primarily extends from Aqaba to Al-Madouna

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19. Develop sector projects and just policies for these sectors, provided they include approaches with positive effects on the general economy and on the various specific economic sectors

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20. Conduct a real review of the challenges and obstacles that face the industrial sector, including energy costs, in a manner that would strengthen the competitiveness of the sector, provide protection for industries, and encourage exports

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21. The ministerial committee will continue its work and carry out field visits to examine the adopted measures and to ensure that all issues are being addressed, particularly in relation to services provided to citizens and the obstacles that face investors as well as the improvement of the economic reality in the governorates.

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22. Adopt all necessary measures to implement the royal directives aimed at improving the status of services provided to citizens and improve the economic situation, particularly in the governorates and peripheral areas.

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23. The need to interact positively with complaints and contestations made by taxpayers regarding income tax estimates and to strengthen the mechanism of resolving administrative complaints before they reach the legal system

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24. Simplify and facilitate procedures of the income tax services for citizens, economic sector representatives, and investors.

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25. Improve the status of services provided to citizens, improve the economic situation, particularly in the governorates and the peripheral areas.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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26. Direct the ministerial committee, formed by the Prime Minister, to work extensively on addressing the presented issues and to file regular reports on the adopted measures

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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27. Create an effective mechanism to market products provided by the Royal Academy for the Protection of Nature to ensure its sustainability and its ability to increase job opportunities.

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28. Increase the media promotion for services and products of the Royal Academy for the Protection of Nature to strengthen its marketing and tourism presence

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29. Focus cultural, awareness, and training programs conducted by the Royal Academy for the Protection of Nature on protecting forests from excessive logging and fires and on keeping the environment clean.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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30. Create the appropriate mechanisms to market the products of developmental and tourism projects to benefit their production and contribute to increasing job opportunities.

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31. Facilitate licensing procedures for small and medium enterprises and facilitate licensing of their products to contribute to creating employment and job opportunities and to encourage entrepreneurial ideas and creative non-traditional projects.

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32. Prepare the catheterization department in Al-Bashir within one and a half months.

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33. Resolve the incorrect aspects of removing violations in the Amman Municipality within appropriate legal frameworks.

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34. Carry out structural reforms and promote good governance in the energy sector.

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35. Carry out structural reforms and promote good governance in the water sector.

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36. Carry out structural reforms and promote good governance in the labor sector.

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37. Implement a scientific study to structure the public sector.

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38. Complete the bidding procedures for the national invoicing system and submit the tax computer system bid.

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39. Activate international cooperation to combat tax evasion by exchanging information and making use of agreements to prevent double taxation.

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40. Establish a sovereign investment fund, to which the government and foreign investment funds contribute, and open to Jordanian expatriates.

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41. Create economic and financial structural reforms aimed at improving the business environment.

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42. Develop a rewards system to stimulate investment and direct it geographically and sectorial to create job opportunities for Jordanians in the governorates, districts, and regions with high unemployment rates.

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43. Reduce unemployment rates.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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44. Reduce poverty rates.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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45. Continue to develop the curriculum.

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46. Motivate local communities and the private sector to produce yields crops and industrial yields in the agricultural sector.

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47. The government works to regulate the agricultural sector with the aim of relying on modern agricultural technologies.

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48. Automate and digitize work in the agricultural sector, to increase productivity.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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49. A shift away from traditional agriculture.

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50. Support the stability of the agricultural sector and protecting its production, which is the base and lifeline of national food security.

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51. Implement a strategic plan for tourism marketing and promotion.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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52. Complete the computerization of hospitals and health centers to save time and effort and contribute to providing high quality services.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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53. Launch a new health insurance system that includes defined-benefit insurance packages, to involve the uninsured groups during the next two years, and we have started the necessary legislative and administrative procedures for this.

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54. Continue to develop food and pharmaceutical industries, maintaining strategic stocks of basic commodities, controlling prices, preventing monopoly, and ensuring the provision of goods to citizens at fair prices.

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55. Digitize operating and collection systems related to the water sector.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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56. The government will develop its capabilities in the water sector to cope with the exceptional circumstances of epidemics, floods, and attacks.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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57. Provide a computerized database linking the municipalities with the relevant institutions in the public and private sectors, leading to a unified integrated comprehensive plan.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
	×	√	√

58. Establish a comprehensive plan in cooperation with the municipalities and the competent authorities to protect agricultural property.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
	×	√	√

59. Study all matters related to the promotion of administrative units that some members of the Parliament have demanded, to achieve public interest within the available capabilities.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
	×	√	√

60. Study the possibility of transforming the sports complexes of the Ministry of Youth into a nucleus of youth cities, so that there is a city for youth in every governorate, in addition to continuing to support the sports, from clubs to national teams, in various activities and games.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
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61. Encourage the establishment of extractive industries and transformative industries based on national raw materials.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
	×	√	×

62. Develop the sector-based system to make Jordan a regional center for the exchange of energy in its various forms.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
	×	√	√

63. Reduce energy costs for the national economy.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
	×	√	√

64. Increase the contribution of local and renewable energy sources within total energy.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
	×	√	√

65. Capacity building of workers in the transport sector.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
	×	√	√

66. Enhance industrial growth by allowing for the necessary digital technologies.

	Set Timetable	Identified Party	Measurable
	×	√	√

Chapter Two
Qualitative analysis
of the effects
of government
commitments on the
agricultural and water
sectors

2.1 Introduction

The team targeted agriculture and water sectors because of their significance; it provide urgent needs for all Jordanians, especially considering the challenges facing the Jordanian society after the COVID-19 pandemic. The Jordanian government made several commitments for both sectors, and the team organized several primary qualitative interviews. It also arranged for discussions with focus groups with several stakeholders on the commitments made by these sectors and their impact on society in general. These boiled down to eight qualitative interviews and two discussions with focus groups in which 20 experts, specialists, and stakeholders in the agricultural and water sectors participated.

2.2 Analysis of the focus groups sessions and the qualitative interviews

Most stakeholders and specialists in the agricultural and water sectors believe that the government's performance when it comes to the needs of those sectors was poor and that the commitments issued by Al-Khasawneh's government did not encounter many of the challenges facing the agricultural sector. Stakeholders also believe that the plans or procedures on the ground are not proportionate with the nature of the existing challenges and that the implemented commitments were not tangible or effective. One stakeholder said, "They are not even concerned about us." Furthermore, the Ministry of Agriculture does not perform its tasks to protect and develop the sector. The ministry's administration lacks agricultural competencies; one stakeholder stated, "You cannot give what you do not have." Many directorates affiliated with the Ministry of Agriculture also have a significantly poor performance. One specialist described it as follows: "The ministry has no vision."

Most stakeholders view that one of the most significant challenges facing the sector is the multiple authorities and references for the agricultural sector and the lack of coordination among these. An investor in the agricultural sector says, "The agriculture sector and the government are on totally different tracks," and there is no real political will to put the agricultural sector on the right track. One stakeholder adds, "The agricultural sector has no frame of reference," and the Jordan Chamber of Agriculture Law has not been approved. This means there is no adequate response to the problems facing the agricultural sector and that the Ministry of Agriculture should control all aspects of the agricultural sector. The commitments and promises made by Al-Khasawneh's government in the agricultural sector did not meet the farmers' ambitions. Additionally, the government did not consult with stakeholders about the commitments made towards the agricultural sector. A specialist in this sector says, "The government observes all this quietly and remains absent."

In discussing the lack of coordination and coherence in the information on the sector's requirements, one stakeholder commented, "The government has no understanding of who the farmer is." He attributes this to the lack of a database for the agricultural sector. A stakeholder says, "They do not have a philosophy about the issue," and scientific research in the agricultural sector is severely lacking. Moreover, realistic and applicable projects, plans, and studies are lacking, and the Ministry of Agriculture's role in presenting guidelines is poor. Most of them criticized the absence of the principle of the rule of law when it comes to the oversight in many aspects of the agricultural sector. Some stakeholders are demanding that legislation and laws concerning the ministry be amended and that agricultural concepts be defined. The media part of the agricultural sector is also weak and leads to the spread of rumors that harm the reputation of Jordanian agricultural products.

Most stakeholders believe that the government did not regulate the expatriate labor market in the agricultural sector and did not rectify the imbalances in issuing agricultural permits in coordination with the Ministry of Labor. There is a need to amend laws and legislation regarding agricultural labor in the agricultural sector within the Ministry of Labor to limit the trade in permits. Permit fees are also high. One stakeholder says, "The laws on expatriate workers are based on old information and statistics as these are not updated, so the laws do not keep pace with the times." This creates other problems as some of them turn into illegal workers, and some become investors in the agricultural sector, although they would be registered as expatriate workers.

The stakeholders touched on the Ministry of Agriculture's lack of commitment to transparency in granting import and export licenses for agricultural products. Additionally, the process of granting these licenses is not based on a clear database. There is also the challenge of following up on the policies on agricultural exports in countries that can be considered targets for local agricultural products. This is in addition to the imbalance in the Jordanian agricultural trade balance. Furthermore, the performance of embassies is poor, and there are no agricultural attachés with a mission to market the Jordanian agricultural sector in target countries. In contrast the process of exporting agricultural products needs many approvals from several parties accompanied by many difficulties in export procedures. Moreover, the fees imposed on exports are high. Some stakeholders see that some of the obstacles in the export process are political and dependent on the nature of relations with target countries.

Most stakeholders said that Al-Khasawneh's government did not provide solutions and alternatives to address the imbalances in the central vegetable market; one of them said, "They did literally nothing." They attributed the lack of solutions to the need to amend legislation and laws on marketing products in the

central market since there is also no system to track the source of agricultural products or examine them for residues. Oversight and the rule of law are not enforced on sales operations or on monitoring abuses in the process of depositing the “bonded” agricultural products intended for export. Influential people set prices and monopolize the operations of purchase and sales within the market. There are many sales cycles inside the market; one stakeholder says, “Farmers are unhappy; therefore, citizens are unhappy as well.” There is an overlap in the authorities’ powers that manage the central market, such as the Ministry of Industry and Trade and the Greater Amman Municipality.

In response to the government’s provision of an appropriate environment for investment in the sector, some stakeholders said, “There is nothing tangible or anything new.” The stakeholders believe that although Jordan enjoys a diverse agricultural climate, there are several challenges to investment, including the rise in the costs of production and its inputs. The high prices of fertilizers and pesticides is another issue, even though Jordan is one of the biggest exporters of phosphate and potash. Another factor is the rapid change in agricultural labor regulations and the lack of a database on agricultural patterns related to the agricultural sector that could enable investors to understand the nature of the Jordanian agricultural sector.

In response to whether the government controls digging for water wells and the process of granting permits to drill, one stakeholder said, “The number of wells violating laws is double the licensed ones.” Some stakeholders believe that the government has failed in controlling the violating artesian wells and the overuse of groundwater in the Shafaghouri areas. The government also failed to connect the process of granting licenses to dig artesian wells to agricultural spaces and allowed the direct sale of water. It has also failed in activating the rule of law against the attacks on water sources and networks.

Most stakeholders believe that the government does not have a strategic plan to manage the water sector and its repercussions on the agricultural sector or in applying water harvesting techniques and applications. For example, the government has not constructed embankment dams to exploit rainwater or developed or built new ones. One stakeholder says, “There is no clear strategic plan by the Ministry of Water and the Ministry of Agriculture to build dams.” The government has also failed to look for water sources and make optimal use of treated water to use in irrigating crops. Moreover, water prices are high, and so is the electricity bill due to pumping water.

The stakeholders unanimously agreed on several recommendations: raising the government’s awareness of the importance of the agricultural sector and its essential role in enhancing food security. They also recommended that a national team to rescue the agricultural sector be formed by including all parties

connected to the sector. The law on establishing the Jordan Chamber of Agriculture has to be approved due to its importance in organizing and caring for the interests of the agricultural sector. The law of the Ministry of Agriculture should also be amended to define agricultural concepts and how these work to ensure the ministry's sovereignty over the sector. An agricultural database that includes all statistics, studies, and information on the agricultural sector has to be built, and there should be a continuous follow-up on the changes in agricultural policies in the countries targeted by Jordanian agricultural products. Agricultural attachés have to be appointed, and the role of Jordanian embassies in target countries has to be activated. Transparency in the mechanism of granting import and export licenses should be adopted, and these should be based on a clear database in order to protect local agricultural products.

The recommendations also included limiting the excessive use of groundwater resources by enforcing the relevant laws and penalties. A law should be adopted to link the granting of permits for drilling artesian wells to agricultural spaces and limit the direct sale of water. Further, water harvesting programs should be implemented to provide water for farmers in the different regions. The use of treated water should be optimized for irrigation purposes in an organized and effective way. Scientific research in agriculture and agricultural guidance should be enhanced. Moreover, a clear agricultural strategy should be adopted, and a long-term strategy should be developed to replace expatriate labor with national labor. Violations that happen within the "bonded" agricultural system should also be limited, and the ministry's media department should stop rumors that hurt the reputation of Jordanian agricultural products. Farmers and their representatives should also be consulted before making decisions.

Most of the stakeholders stated that implementing of the following recommendations would lead to advancing the agricultural sector: strengthening and protecting national agricultural products and making use of raw materials such as phosphate and potash to manufacture fertilizers instead of exporting them and then importing them as fertilizers. The central market for vegetables should be reorganized to rectify existing imbalances: Sales operations should be completed there, and central vegetable markets should be established in various regions of the Kingdom. The law of the farmers' general union should be adopted, and the partnership between the public and private sectors should be enhanced. A marketing plan for agricultural products and industries should be developed, and a system should be set for tracking agricultural products and following the agricultural sector.

**Chapter Three:
Government
Decisions Issued
by Al-Khasawneh
Government in its First
Nine Months**

3.1 Introduction

During its first nine months, the Al-Khasawneh government took a set of decisions. The number of decisions taken by the Cabinet reached a total of 289 decisions. The decisions were collected from official sources published in the Official Gazette, were studied and analyzed based on several main axes.

3.2 The Axes on which the Decisions of Al-Khasawneh Government were Distributed

The decisions issued by the Al-Khasawneh government were distributed as follows: The economic reform received the highest percentage at 36%. The legislative axis followed it at 21%; the administrative axis at 18%; the development and services axis at 10%; the appointments axis at 8%; and the international agreements and treaties at 7%.

The following is a table showing all the decisions taken by the Al-Khasawneh government within nine months:

Table (2): Decision issued by the Cabinet within Nine Months

No.	Decision	Main Axis
1	Approval of a modified system for the environmental protection system in the Aqaba Special Economic Zone for the year 2021.	Legislative
2	Approval of the reasons for the draft amendment of the civil service system for the year 2021	Legislative
3	Approval of the reasons for a draft by law amending the system specifying the provisions of the main regulations for associations for the year 2021	Legislative
4	Settlement of the tax status of (284) companies and taxpayers, according to the principles of settling the pending cases between the taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department.	Financial and economic
5	Granting the Crystal Satellite Broadcasting Company a license to broadcast TV programs by satellite for five years	Administrative
6	Abd al-Fattah Muhammad al-Shalabi appointed General Director of the Jordanian Cooperative Corporation	Appointments
7	Approval of the draft law organizing the general budget and budgets of government units for the year 2021	Legislative
8	Adoption of the income tax system in development zones for the year 2021	Legislative
9	Approval of a draft amendment to the advertisement licensing system within the boundaries of Greater Amman Municipality for the year 2021	Legislative
10	Approval of the tax settlement of 244 companies and taxpayers	Financial and economic
11	Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Jordanian and Kuwaiti government in the field of meteorology, which was signed during the fourth session of the Joint Jordanian-Kuwaiti Higher Committee held in Amman.	International agreements and treaties
12	Extension of the previous decision regarding the exemption of transactions of inheritance transfer and registration fees, exemptions for apartments and land from registration fees and property sale tax until 30/6/2021	Financial and economic
13	Exemption of 80% of the fines for non-renewal of work permits for non-Jordanians wishing to remain in the Kingdom, who obtained work permits that were expired for more than 90 days, until 31/1/2021	Financial and economic
14	Approval of a memorandum of understanding between the Jordanian Ministry of Health and its counterpart in the Federal Republic of Russia, to strengthen cooperation in the fields of health care.	International agreements and treaties

No.	Decision	Main Axis
15	Approval of a memorandum of understanding for cooperation in the fields of family affairs and social development with the government of the State of Qatar, in order to strengthen cooperation between the two brotherly countries in the fields of family affairs and social development	International agreements and treaties
16	Extending the previous decision related to correcting the conditions of violating Syrian workers, exempting them from paying the sums involved in issuing work permits, while obliging them to conduct the necessary medical examination, until 31/12/2021	Financial and economic
17	Decision related to health insurance cards, their renewal, approval of dispensing medicines and letters of expired medical exemptions.	Development and services
18	Memorandum of understanding between the Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship in Jordan and the Ministry of Transport, Communications and High Technology of the Republic of Azerbaijan for cooperation in the fields of information and communication technology as well as postal services, with the aim of exchanging information and experiences in related fields	International agreements and treaties
19	Memorandum of Understanding with the Cabinet of Bosnia and Herzegovina on cooperation in the fields related to youth	International agreements and treaties
20	Stop direct and indirect (transit) passenger flights from the United Kingdom, from today until the third of next month (January 2021)	Administrative
21	Approval of a draft law amending the investment law for the year 2020	Legislative
22	Adoption of protocols to institutionalize procedures for the enforcement of the law ensuring the right to access information, and circulate it to ministries, institutions and government departments to adhere to accordingly.	Legislative
23	Adoption of the Jordanian policy for artificial intelligence 2020, and circulating it to ministries, institutions and government departments to adhere to it accordingly.	Administrative
24	Approval of an amending system for salaries and allowances for public security personnel for the year 2020	Legislative
25	Adoption of a modified system for the judicial service system for military judges and their allowances for the year 2020	Legislative
26	Approval of a modified system for the procurement system for the Civil Consumer Association for the year 2020	Legislative
27	Extending the deadline date for non-Jordanian workers to leave the kingdom to benefit from the exemptions granted to them until 5/31/2021	Administrative
28	Approval of the Companies' Liquidation System for the year 2020	legislative

No.	Decision	Main Axis
29	Approval of the recommendations of the Settlement and Reconciliation Committee, formed according to the principles of settling the outstanding issues between taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department, to settle the tax status of 770 companies and taxpayers.	Financial and economic
30	Agreeing to exempt those with scholarships from public universities from financial fines , regardless of their percentage, according to a set criteria	Administrative
31	Approval of increasing the amount allocated to the Emergency Expenditures Fund to confront the Corona pandemic, so that the ceiling of the fund becomes (JD100 million)	Financial and economic
32	Approval of the recommendations of the committee set up to study the tax distortions related to industrial production inputs, represented by reducing the general sales tax imposed on the production inputs of several foodstuffs in varying proportions.	Financial and economic
33	Approval of the recommendations of the Settlement and Reconciliation Committee, formed according to the principles of settling the outstanding issues between the taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department, to settle the tax status of 284 companies and taxpayers.	Financial and economic
34	Approval of the declaration of a marine reserve in the Gulf of Aqaba on 8/12/2020, to be the first marine reserve in the Kingdom	Development and services
35	Engineer Hussain Mahidat appointed as Secretary-General of the Ministry of Local Administration	Appointments
36	Approval for the government to bear the rate of 2% of the interest imposed on tourist guides' loans that were previously granted to them through the Central Bank's program to support small and medium enterprises	Financial and economic
37	Amending the previous decision regarding group and individual loans and rescheduling individual loans provided by the Development and Employment Fund	Financial and economic
38	Approval of an amended system for the equivalency of certificates for the secondary school certificate for the year 2020	legislative
39	Approval of a modified system for the Artistic and Cultural Movement Support Fund for the year 2020	legislative
40	Approval of a modified system for the administrative organization system of the Ministry of Culture for the year 2020 , for the purpose of integrating the Royal Cultural Center within the structure of the Ministry, and transforming it into an organizational unit in it	legislative
41	Approval of the system for canceling the administrative organization system of the Royal Cultural Center for the year 2020.	Legislative
42	Appointment of Dr. Muhammad Al-Halaiqa as the part-time Executive Chairman of the Economic and Social Council	Appointments

No.	Decision	Main Axis
43	Approval of the administrative organization system of the Ministry Of Awqaf And Islamic Affairs for the year 2020	legislative
44	Acceptance of the resignation of the Head of the Investment Authority, Dr. Khaled Al-Wazni	Appointments
45	Assigning the Secretary-General of the Investment Authority, Faridoun Hartouga, to act as acting head of the Investment Authority	Appointments
46	The retirement of the Secretary-General of the Ministry Of Water And Irrigation Eng. Ali Subuh, upon his request	Appointments
47	Approval of the draft general budget law and the draft budget of government units for the fiscal year 2021	legislative
48	Approval of an amended bylaw for the Jordanian Tourist Restaurant System for the year 2020	legislative
49	An agreement with the government of the Republic of Singapore to end double taxation in relation to income taxes, and to prevent and avoid tax evasion.	International agreements and treaties
50	Restructuring of the Board of Directors of the Radio and Television Corporation by appointing Ghaith Fadel Tarawneh as full-time chairman, with the membership of Director-General of the Radio and Television Corporation, Director of Moral Guidance, President of Artists' Association, Syndicate of Journalists, Najeh Abu Al-Zein, Yusr Hassan, Muhammad Yunus Al-Abadi and Dr. Khalaf Al-Tahat	Appointments
51	Prof. Azmi Mohafaza is appointed as a member of the Higher Education Council for the academic category.	Appointments
52	Appointment of Professor Maysa Baydoun as a member of the Higher Education Council for the academic category.	Appointments
53	Appointment of Dr. Shaher Shawabkeh as Director-General of the Department of Statistics	Appointments
54	The issuance of the Islamic Centers Regulation No. (107) of 2020	Legislative
55	The implementation of the first phase of the military service program was postponed due to the repercussions of the Corona epidemic.	Administrative
56	The issuance of a modified system for the environmental classification and licensing system for the year 2020.	Legislative
57	Restructuring a number of ministerial committees specialized in dealing with the Corona pandemic and mitigating its repercussions and effects.	Administrative
58	Approval of the National Center for Epidemics and Communicable Diseases Regulations for the year 2020.	Legislative

No.	Decision	Main Axis
59	Approval of the recommendations of the Settlement and Reconciliation Committee, formed according to the principles of settling the outstanding issues between the taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department, to settle the tax status of 170 companies and taxpayers.	Financial and economic
60	Memorandum of Understanding regarding higher education and scientific research with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research in the Republic of Iraq for the years 2020-2025	International agreements and treaties
61	Approval of the reasons for the draft amendment system for the Jordanian Armed Forces officers for the year 2020	legislative
62	Approval of the reasons for the draft amendment system for the Jordanian Armed Forces personnel for the year 2020	legislative
63	Approval of the reasons for the draft amendment system for the system of equivalency certificates from the secondary school certificate level for the year 2020	legislative
64	Agreeing to cancel service charges on imported oil derivatives via transit (through land ports).	Financial and economic
65	Amjad Al-Adayleh appointed as Jordan's ambassador in the Arab Republic of Egypt, and Jordan's permanent representative to the Arab League	Appointments
66	Approval of the administrative organization system for the Procurement Department for the year 2020, given the issuance of Procurement System No. 28 of 2019	legislative
67	Approval of a modified system for the procurement system for the civil consumer organization for the year 2020.	Legislative
68	Inclusion of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone by Resolution No. (9073), which includes reducing customs fines.	Financial and economic
69	Increasing the hours of the night curfew starting today, Monday, so that it starts for establishments from nine in the evening, and for individuals from ten in the evening until six in the morning.	Administrative
70	Exempting the owners and practitioners of the tourism professions licensed by the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority from license renewal fees, and any fees and financial allowances and land wages resulting from failure to renew the license or pay wages during the year 2020, in addition to reducing the allowance for waste collection and sanitation by 50 percent for one time only	Financial and economic
71	Exempting the owners and practitioners of the tourism professions who renewed the license for the year 2020 with the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority from the license renewal fees, and any fees, financial allowances and land wages resulting from the renewal of the license or the payment of wages during the year 2021, in addition to reducing the allowance for all waste and sanitation by 50 percent During 2021.	Financial and economic

No.	Decision	Main Axis
72	Applying the decision to reduce customs fines imposed according to the provisions of the Customs Law on open customs data (under the consumption status in the Aqaba Special Economic Zone) and considering all goods within the contents of these data restricted and not prohibited.	Financial and economic
73	Approval of the recommendations of the Settlement and Reconciliation Committee, formed according to the principles of settling the outstanding issues between taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department, to settle the tax status of 355 companies and taxpayers	Financial and economic
74	Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food in the Kingdom of Spain regarding cooperation in the agricultural field, with the aim of strengthening cooperation between the two countries in the agricultural fields, by sharing information, experiences and modern technologies.	International agreements and treaties
75	The issuance of a silver and bronze commemorative coin to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Jordan	Administrative
76	Approval of a draft law amending the Dental Association Law of 2020	legislative
77	Approval of an amending system for the king Abdullah Design and Development Bureau for the year 2020	legislative
78	Approval of amendments to the basis for settling the requirements of the taxpayer and the Income and Sales Tax Department for the year 2020	Financial and economic
79	Dr. Wael Al Hayajneh appointed Secretary General for Epidemics and Communicable Diseases at the Ministry of Health, and named Head of the Corona file in the Kingdom	Appointments
80	Approval of the national plan for the elements of the intangible cultural heritage for the years 2020-2024.	Administrative
81	Approval of an amended system for appointing to leadership positions for the year 2020.	Legislative
82	Approval of a modified system for the administrative organization system of the Ministry of Health for the year 2020	Legislative
83	Agreeing to consider the healthcare project submitted by the Saudi Jordanian Investment Fund to be covered by the provisions of Jordan Investment Fund Law No. (16) of 2016	Development and services
84	Approval of the private affairs system for those insured in the military for the year 2020	Legislative
85	Naming the Minister of State for Media Affairs, Ali Al-Ayed, as the official spokesperson for the government	Administrative
86	Approval of a draft amendment system for the Jordanian Armed Forces officers for the year 2020	Legislative
87	Approval of a draft amendment system for the Jordanian Armed Forces personnel for the year 2020.	Legislative

No.	Decision	Main Axis
88	Approval of the terms of reference document for the organizational structure to follow up the implementation of the ten-year strategy for inclusive education.	Administrative
89	Forming a committee headed by the Prime Minister and membership of several competent ministers to undertake the tasks of drawing and defining policies and strategies for inclusive education for people with disabilities and overseeing the strategy and its implementation plan.	Administrative
90	Approval of reducing work permit fees for non-Jordanian workers working in the agricultural and bakery sectors by 200 dinars out of 400 dinars for 3 months from its date.	Administrative
91	Assigning the Minister of Labor and Minister of State for Investment Affairs to raise a perception within two months of the new mechanism to be followed to manage the file of non-Jordanian labor permits and the necessary solutions to ensure that the demand for a reduction in work fees or any other exemptions for this sector is not repeated	Administrative
92	Agreeing to continue granting Jordanian telecom companies (Zain, Orange and Umniah) free additional radio frequencies (35 MHz for mobile communications and 10 MHz for fixed communications until 31/1/2021.	Development and services
93	Approval of exempting the debtors of the Jordanian Cooperative Corporation with 100 percent of the fines and legal interest owed by them, amounting to about 1.8 million dinars, provided that the loans owed by them are repaid until the end of the year 2021	Financial and economic
94	Approval of the agreement on the security link between the Ministry of Interior in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the Ministry of Homeland Security in the United States of America and its annex.	International agreements and treaties
95	Approval of the government security program agreement to be concluded between the Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship and Microsoft.	International agreements and treaties
96	Approving the recommendations of the Settlement and Reconciliation Committee, formed according to the principles of settling the outstanding issues between the taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department, to settle the tax status of 549 taxpayers,	Financial and economic
97	Approval of the instructions on the management of the Risk Account for the year 2021 issued in accordance with the provisions of Article (20 / D) of the Petra Development and Tourism Region Authority Law of 2009.	Legislative
98	The retirement of the Director General of the Department of Antiquities , Yazid Alian, upon his request.	Administrative
99	Approval of the administrative organization system of the Civil Service Bureau for the year 2021 AD, in line with the new tasks entrusted to the Bureau in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Regulation No. (9) of 2020	legislative

No.	Decision	Main Axis
100	Approval of extending the financial receipts for work permits for domestic workers and the procedures related to these receipts for 4 months, starting from 3/1/2021.	Administrative
101	Approval of a cooperation agreement between the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Supply in the Kingdom, and the International Finance Corporation on a project to reform business registration and licensing of \$ 3.5 million	International agreements and treaties
102	Approval of a memorandum of understanding with the government of the Republic of South Africa on bilateral consultations between them. Under the agreement, the two parties agree to hold regular bilateral consultations at the level of senior officials to strengthen and deepen their bilateral relations and exchange views on regional and international issues.	International agreements and treaties
103	Approval of the reasons for the draft law amending the Law of the Jordanian Armed Forces Martyrs Fund - the Arab Army and Security Services for the year 2021.	Legislative
104	Approving the reasons for a draft amendment to the reserved vehicles system for the year 2021 and sending it to the Bureau of Legislation and Opinion for approval.	Legislative
105	Approval of the decision of the Board of Directors of the Jordan Group for Free and Development, Zones which includes reducing the land wage fines owed by free zone investors by 50 percent.	Financial and economic
106	Approval of canceling the financial claims issued by the Customs Department such as import fines allowance for vehicle data cleared at Amman Customs Center, whose value exceeds 10,000 dinars before 21/9/2020.	Financial and economic
107	Approval of the Board of Directors' decision of the Aqaba Development Corporation that includes proposals to address the effects of the Corona pandemic on investment in the Aqaba Special Economic Zone.	Development and services
108	Approval of the implementation of the previous decision regarding exemption of tenants of municipal property and the Greater Amman Municipality from the period of work stoppage, so that the decision includes exempting tenants of ADC properties from the period of work stoppage and according to the period itself with a maximum of 25% of wages for the year 2020 and exempting any of the tenants of 25% in the event that he pays the amount due from previous years before the end of the business day 28/12/2021.	Financial and economic
109	Approval of a revised system for the judicial system for military judges and their bonuses in the General Intelligence Directorate for the year 2021.	Legislative
110	Approving the recommendations of the Settlement and Reconciliation Committee, formed according to the principles of settling the outstanding issues between the taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department, to settle the tax status of 360 companies and taxpayers,	Financial and economic

No.	Decision	Main Axis
111	Approval of a set of measures that included exemptions and postponement of dues for several sectors and economic activities, to sustain their work and mitigate the repercussions of the Corona pandemic	Financial and economic
112	Approval of a draft law amending the Companies Law for the year 2021	Legislative
113	Approval of a cooperation agreement between the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, the Greater Amman Municipality, and the International Finance Corporation on a building permit reform project.	International agreements and treaties
114	Approval of an agreement for cultural cooperation between the government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.	International agreements and treaties
115	Approval of the recommendations of the committee charged with developing a plan to address the impact of the Corona epidemic on the housing sector.	Development and services
116	Approving the recommendations of the Settlement and Reconciliation Committee, formed according to the principles of settling the outstanding issues between the taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department, to settle the tax status of 639 companies and taxpayers.	Financial and economic
117	Approving the adoption of the second of March of every year as a day for the city of Amman, as part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Jordan.	Administrative
118	Approval of the granting of a discount on taxes, fees, returns, compensation, and exemption from fines for the benefit allocated to the Ministry of Local Administration and the Greater Amman Municipality.	Financial and economic
119	Granting a discount to taxpayers of (20%) in the case of cash payment, and (25%) in the case of electronic payment, until the end of 30/6/2021.	Financial and economic
120	Exemption of tenants of municipal property and the Amman Municipality at a rate of (25%) from their wages for the amounts paid until the end of 30/6/2021.	Development and services
121	Reducing the number of board members in several government-owned companies.	Administrative
122	The abolition of the Board of Directors of the Aqaba Transport and Logistics Services Company, and its management directly from the Board of Commissioners in the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority / Transportation Directorate, due to the presence of a department specialized in transportation.	Administrative
123	Approving the recommendations of the Settlement and Reconciliation Committee, formed according to the principles of settling the outstanding issues between the taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department, to settle the tax status of 709 companies and taxpayers,	Financial and economic
124	Approval of principles and criteria for defining and preserving the urban heritage for the year 2021	تنمية وخدمات

No.	Decision	Main Axis
125	Approval of a memorandum of understanding between the Ministry of Education and the Arab Theater Authority in the Emirates, to develop the role of theater in the school framework and activate it at the national level, and to enhance cooperation and exchange of experiences between the two sides in this field.	International agreements and treaties
126	Approval of a draft law amending the Jordanian Armed Forces Martyrs Fund - the Arab Army and the security services law for the year 2021.	Legislative
127	Approval of an amended system for the recognition and equivalency of non-Jordanian higher education institutions for the year 2021	legislative
128	Approval of the issuance of commemorative postage stamps on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the founding of Jordan.	Administrative
129	Assigning all ministries, public and official institutions, government departments, bodies, authorities, Greater Amman Municipality, municipalities and shared services councils to take the necessary measures to exempt closed sectors according to defense orders, instructions, decisions and reports issued pursuant to them from licensing and buildings fees and land tax incurred by them during the year 2021 in proportion to the period of closure .	Development and services
130	Approval of the national framework document to reduce the cases of child labor and beggars, and a guide to procedures for dealing with the cases of child labor and beggars for the year 2021.	Administrative
131	Approving the reasons for the draft administrative organization system of the National Center for Cybersecurity for the year 2021 and sending it to the Legislation and Opinion Bureau for approval.	Legislative
132	Acceptance of the resignation of the Director-General of Customs, Abdul Majeed Al-Rahmaneh.	Administrative
133	Approval of a draft law amending the money exchange business law for the year 2021.	Legislative
134	Approval of the Agricultural Workers' Law for the year 2021, given the special working conditions for agricultural workers	legislative
135	Approval of the release of 30 percent of the investment taxi and Momayaz taxi offices, provided that the liberated cars, whose ownership was transferred in the names of individuals, continue to operate and manage them from the licensed offices, based on the instructions, foundations, and conditions for granting permits and licenses to taxi offices and cars operating under their management for the year 2013.	Development and services
136	Approval of submitting a tender to banks operating in the Kingdom, to provide government transfers to ministries and public institutions in foreign currencies, for a period of 3 years	Financial and economic

No.	Decision	Main Axis
137	Approval of a number of recommendations received from the Investment Council, in accordance with the provisions of Article (19 / B / 1) of the Investment Law No. (30) of 2014.	Administrative
138	Approval of the recommendations of the Settlement and Reconciliation Committee, formed according to the principles of settling the pending cases between the taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department, to settle the tax status of 483 companies and taxpayers,	Financial and economic
139	Supporting the Central Bank of Jordan programs related to providing liquidity and financing existing projects to support small and medium enterprises in light of the Coronavirus pandemic.	Financial and economic
140	Approval of the tax settlement of 894 companies and taxpayers	Financial and economic
141	Amending the foundations for settling outstanding issues between taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department for the year 2019.	Financial and economic
142	Approval of a memorandum of understanding between the Ministry of Education, the Supreme Council for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and GIZ	International agreements and treaties
143	Approval of the recommendations of the Settlement and Reconciliation Committee, formed according to the principles of settling the pending cases between the taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department, to settle the tax status of 982 companies and taxpayers,	Financial and economic
144	Accepting the resignation of the Secretary-General of the Ministry of Health for Epidemiology and Communicable Diseases, Dr. Wael Al Hayajneh, who is in charge of the Corona file.	Appointments
145	The dissolution of municipal councils, local councils, and the Greater Amman Municipality, starting today, corresponding to the 31st of March 2021.	Administrative
146	Forming committees to manage municipalities and the Amman Municipality Council during the next stage.	Administrative
147	The ministries, official departments, institutions, and public bodies will suspend their work on Sunday, corresponding to the eleventh of next April, on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of founding the Kingdom, and to declare April 16 as a national day for the Jordanian flag.	Administrative
148	Considering the expired health insurance cards automatically renewed for state employees and retirees, who deduct the value of the health insurance subscription from them on a monthly basis, until 31/12/2021 without the need to visit the issuing offices.	Development and services

No.	Decision	Main Axis
149	Approval of a memorandum of understanding with the German Federal Employment Agency / Federal Republic of Germany on cooperation in the field of work, to exchange experiences and special information in the field of labor	International agreements and treaties
150	Approving the recommendations of the Settlement and Reconciliation Committee, formed according to the principles of settling the pending cases between the taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department, to settle the tax status of 331 companies and taxpayers,	Financial and economic
151	retirement of the Director-General of the Media Commission, Dr. Theeb Al-Qarra, upon his request.	Appointments
152	Retirement of the General Director of the Land Transport Regulatory Commission, Salah Al-Lawzi, as he has reached the legal age.	Appointments
153	The appointment of Sharhabeel Madi as deputy chief commissioner of the Board of Commissioners of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority	Appointments
154	Appointment of Dr. Nidal Majali as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority	Appointments
155	Exempting Jordanians and Arabs from entrance fees for archaeological and tourist sites, during their visit to these sites, tomorrow, Sunday, the day of the Kingdom's main celebration of the centenary of the establishment of Jordan.	Development and services
156	Approving a regulation on the partnership between the public and private sectors for 2021 in implementation of the provisions of Article (20) of Law No. (17) of 2020 on Public-Private Partnership Projects for the purpose of determining the stages and procedures of partnership projects.	Economic Reform
157	The Cabinet's decision to approve the national registry regulation for government investment projects for 2021.	Economic Reform
158	The Cabinet's decision to approve a regulation to amend the regulation on licensing the profession of nursing and midwifery for 2021.	Legislative
159	The Cabinet's decision to approve a regulation on the administrative organization of the National Cyber Security Center for 2021.	Legislative
160	The Cabinet's decision to approve the amendment of the principles for delivering electricity to residential complexes outside the borders of the organization to be paid for by "the rural files." This would allow the delivery of electricity to residential areas consisting of three houses as a minimum instead of five, provided that they are served by a paved road and that the process is temporarily endorsed.	Development and services

No.	Decision	Main Axis
161	The Cabinet's decision to approve the amendment of the principles for delivering electricity to residential complexes outside the borders of the organization to be paid for by "the rural files." This would allow the delivery of electricity to residential areas consisting of three houses as a minimum instead of five, provided that they are served by a paved road and that the process is temporarily endorsed. This part is repeated	Development and services
162	Allowing citizens to go out for Friday prayers by walk for a period of one hour. To be determined by the Minister of Awqaf, Islamic Affairs and Holy Places. Those who go out to pray should abide by the approved health protocols.	Development and services
163	Extending the benefits period for citizens who have health insurance cards in the category of the social safety net, so they could benefit from the civil health insurance services. Their cards should count as automatically renewed until 30 April 2022 without the need to visit offices to issue them.	Development and services
164	Allowing beneficiaries of the above social safety net category to add their wives and their children, who have completed the age of six, on their cards as "beneficiaries."	Development and services
165	Allowing the renewal of health insurance cards for unemployed single girls, and for sons who go to university or college, if their cards expired during the previous years.	Development and services
166	The Cabinet approved the recommendations of the committee on settling pending cases between taxpayers, and the Income and Sales Tax Department, to settle the tax status of 458 companies and taxpayers, based on the requests they submitted to the committee.	Economic Reform
167	The Secretary General of the Higher Health Council Hikmat, Abu Al-Fool, is to retire since he reached the legal retirement age.	Administrative Reform
168	Christians who work in ministries, official departments, institutions, and public entities ,can have time off for Palm Sunday and for Easter according to the Eastern Calendar.	Administrative Reform
169	Completing the procedures for appointing candidates for the updated vacancies lists in the ministries and government departments for 2018-2019.	Administrative Reform
170	Announcing that ministries, official departments, institutions, and public entities will suspend their work on Saturday, May 1st, in celebration of International Labor Day.	Administrative Reform
171	Approving a regulation that amends the Economic and Social Council regulation for 2021.	Economic Reform
172	Approving three regulations to merge the Civil Defense Directorates and the Gendarmerie Forces into the Public Security Directorate.	Legislative
173	Approving the regulation to cancel the civil defense personnel insurance fund for 2021.	Development and services
174	Approving the regulation to cancel the sanctions fund regulation for civil defense personnel for 2021.	Legislative

No.	Decision	Main Axis
175	Approving a regulation that amends the sanctions fund regulation for members of the public security forces for 2021.	Legislative
176	The Cabinet approved the recommendations of the committee on settling pending cases between taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department to settle the tax status of 516 companies and taxpayers.	Economic Reform
177	The decision to allow the members of the temporary administrative entities of clubs, whose terms have expired, to continue conducting their business until the current circumstances improve and public entities can call for elections again.	Administrative
178	Completing the procedures for appointing candidates for the updated vacancies lists in the ministries and government departments for 2018-2019.	Administrative Reform and Anti-Corruption
179	Approving a draft law to amend the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Law for 2021.	Economic Reform
180	Approving a regulation that amends the regulation of real estate offices for 2021, for the purposes of governing measures related to combating money laundering processes.	Administrative Reform and Anti-Corruption
181	Approving a regulation to employ persons with disabilities for 2021.	Economic Reform
182	Approving a regulation to form the Umm Al-Rasas Municipal Court for 2021.	Administrative Reform
183	Approving a regulation to amend the civil aviation fees regulation for 2021.	Economic Reform
184	The Cabinet approved the recommendations of the committee that examined pending claims between taxpayers and violators. On the one hand and the Jordanian Customs Department on the other hand to settle 15 cases of taxpayers and violators provided that they commit to paying the total amounts remaining in the form of fees, taxes, or expenses within two months of issuing this decision.	Economic Reform
185	The Cabinet decided to appoint Tariq Khalil Musa Abu Al-Raghib as director general of the Media Commission.	Appointments
186	A draft law to amend the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Law for 2021.	Legislative
187	Announcing that ministries, official departments, institutions, and public entities will be off starting on the morning of Tuesday, May 11th, until the evening of Saturday, May 15th on the occasion of Eid Al-Fitr.	Administrative Reform
188	Approving a regulation to license currency exchange companies for 2021.	Legislative
189	Approving a regulation to amend the regulation on the military insurance fund for 2021.	Legislative
190	The decision to appoint Mansour Odeh Ahmad Al-Wreikat as the general manager of the Development and Employment Fund.	Administrative Reform and Anti-Corruption

No.	Decision	Main Axis
191	An official announcement: to have ministries, official departments, institutions and public entities suspend their work on Tuesday, May 25th in celebration of the Kingdom's Independence day.	Administrative Reform
192	A decision to postpone the payment of due installments by students who obtained loans from the student support fund for May, June, and July of this year.	Economic Reform
193	Approving a set of stimulating and mitigating measures in the Aqaba Special Economic Zone for 2021, in accordance with the decisions taken by the Cabinet on March 31st, 2021, to stimulate the national economy in 2021.	Economic Reform
194	Exempting citizens and economic establishments of 25% of the value of licensing fees for buildings, fees and incurred contractors' and engineers' fines until September 30th, 2021 if dues are paid over one payment. The exceptions include: violations, insurances to comply with the conditions of the construction project license, and parking fees.	Economic Reform
195	Exempting citizens and economic establishments of 25% of the value of the reorganization proceeds resulting from reconstruction projects until September 30th, 2021 if dues are paid over one payment. Exempting economic establishments of 25% of the value of banner licensing fees and annual service fees until September 30th, 2021.	Economic Reform
196	Allowing payment by installments of the fees for building licenses resulting from construction projects in the region until December 31st, 2021, whether these are for violations, fines, reorganization proceeds or fees.	Economic Reform
197	Extending the validity of the registered certificates needed for institutions to practice their activities and which expired after December 31st, 2020 until December 31st, 2021.	Financial and Economic
198	Extending the validity of registration certificates for institutions in the Aqaba Economic Zone that are active in the industrial, services, and agricultural sectors only and which expired after December 31st, 2020 until December 31st, 2021.	Financial and Economic
199	Postponing the payment of registration fees to next year except in the case of commercial activities.	Economic Reform
200	Mitigating measures on collecting the money owed by citizens and those due to economic activities. These include granting closed businesses that are unauthorized to work a 100% discount, as per the defense orders.	Economic Reform
201	Granting all economic establishments a 25% discount on all renewal fees.	Economic Reform
202	Granting a 5% discount on the prices of sold lands, and those purchased, by installments if the payment is made during 2021.	Economic Reform
203	Exempting people from taxes on buildings, lands, and property until December 31st, 2021, and exempting taxpayers of 100% of the fines they owe.	Economic Reform

No.	Decision	Main Axis
204	Beneficiaries of loans through the loan portfolio of the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority, and the Jordanian Hashemite Fund, that have their monthly installments due, are postponed until the end of December 31st, 2021.	Economic Reform
205	Creating a hundred temporary job opportunities for a period of six months for the purpose of planting palm trees at the entrances to the city of Aqaba.	Economic Reform
206	Approving the release of 30% of the total number of cars operating in any of the investment taxi offices, and the "Mummayaz" taxi, as specified in the contracts concluded with them, according to specific conditions.	Economic Reform
207	The ministers' decision to appoint retired Major General Ismail Al-Ghanmin as CEO and general manager of the Economic and Social Institution for Military Retirees and Veterans.	Appointments
208	Mitigating measures in the public transport sector in the Aqaba Special Economic Zone.	Development and services
209	The Higher Committee for Public-Private Partnership approved the registration of four projects, in accordance with the new partnership law, issued in 2020 at a capital cost of about 300 million Dinars to be registered in the national registry of government investment projects within the provisions of the law.	Economic Reform
210	The Cabinet approved the national registry system for government investment projects for 2021.	Economic Reform
211	Exempting establishments that stopped working, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, from a certain percentage of waste fees for 2020, to be determined by the suspension period.	Economic Reform
212	Approving the disbursement of financial claims for university hospitals from the emergency expenditure fund to confront the COVID-19 Pandemic.	Economic Reform
213	The Cabinet approved the appointment system for leadership positions for 202.	Administrative Reform and Anti-Corruption
214	The Cabinet approved the system of transferred prices, for income tax purposes, for the year 2021. This sets the necessary controls to prevent tax evasion and avoidance by international companies and to stabilize transactions in handling their taxes to align with international practices.	Economic Reform
215	Placing the Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture Engineer Mahmoud Khaled Al-Jama'ani on retirement.	Administrative Reform and Anti-Corruption
216	The Director General of the Agricultural Credit Corporation, Engineer Mohammad Issa Al-Hiyari, was appointed as secretary general to the Ministry.	Administrative Reform and Anti-Corruption

No.	Decision	Main Axis
217	The Cabinet decided to appoint Tariq Abdel Mohsin Al-Habashneh as the General Manager of the Land Transport Regulatory Commission.	Appointments
218	The Cabinet approved the mechanism of the agricultural industrial complexes project, to tempt the private sector to invest in the agricultural sector.	Economic Reform
219	The Cabinet approved the proposal, by the Minister of Agriculture, to increase the purchase price of grains by 50 Dinars per ton.	Economic Reform
220	The Cabinet agreed to continue granting the local telecommunications companies (Zain, Orange, Umniah, and Mada) free frequencies to enhance the process of remote education until June 30th, 2021.	Economic Reform
221	The Cabinet approved the committee's recommendations on settling pending cases between taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department, to settle the tax status of 845 companies and taxpayers.	Economic Reform
222	The Cabinet approved the committee's recommendations that examined pending claims between taxpayers and violators. On the one hand and the Jordanian Customs Department, and on the other hand to settle eight cases of taxpayers and violators provided that they commit to paying the total amounts remaining in the form of fees, taxes or expenses within two months of issuing this decision.	Economic Reform
223	The decision to reinstate the official working hours for public employees, from 8:30 a.m. till 3:30 p.m., as of May 30th.	Administrative Reform
224	Approving a regulation that amends the one on academic work in universities and colleges for 2021.	Development and services
225	Approving the decision of the Investment Council, that endorses the exemption of income resulting from the merger of companies operating in the banking sector from the income tax stipulated, by the enforced income tax law.	Economic Reform
226	Approving an agreement with the Government of the Republic of Kenya in the field of maritime transport.	Foreign Affairs
227	Appointing Jalal Salim Ahmad Al-Qudah as the General Manager of the Customs Department as of May 30th, 2021.	Appointments
228	Approval of a draft law attached to the General Budget Law for the fiscal year 2021, without allowing any additional budget deficit to be incurred.	Economic Reform
229	The Cabinet approved 15 systems to organize the work of several medical and health professions to complete the process of automating their licensing services their practice locations and improving the procedures for granting licenses, developing and facilitating these, and regulating and controlling the professions.	Development and services

No.	Decision	Main Axis
230	The decision to retire the two Ambassadors at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates, Sima Bahouth and Juma'a Al-Abbadi and Badriyah Belbeisi, the Secretary General of the Civil Service Bureau.	Administrative Reform and Anti-Corruption
231	A draft law attached to the budget so as not to incur additional deficit.	Economic Reform
232	Approving a regulation that amends the tax returns regulations, records, documents, and profit rates for 2021.	Legislative
233	The Cabinet approved a regulation amending the regulation on the regular Judges Club for 2021 to regulate the process of affiliating working and retired judges with the club, so they could benefit from the services it provides.	Legislative
234	The Cabinet approved the resignation of the Executive Chairman of the Economic and Social Council, Dr. Mohammad Halaiqa.	Administrative Reform
235	The Prime Minister stressed the government's support for the center's working entities, including the staff of the Ministry of Interior, its agencies, and the Customs Department and its preparation to make the necessary items available.	Economic Reform
236	Approving the exemption by 50% of advertisement fees on the fees incurred on billboards for the whole year of 2020 for advertising and billboards companies within the borders of the Greater Amman Municipality, in the Municipalities, and the Ministry of Public Works and Housing.	Financial and Economic
237	The Cabinet approved the framework agreement and the executive program for cultural cooperation with the Government of the Republic of Tunisia.	International Agreements and Treaties
238	The Cabinet decided to appoint Abdel Rahim Al-Hazaymeh as the general manager of the Orphans' Fund Development Corporation.	Appointments
239	The decision to approve a series of measures aimed at curbing the rise in the prices of basic materials in the local markets.	Economic Reform
240	The decision to approve the adoption of caps for the costs of sea freight to calculate taxes and customs fees until the end of 2021 to ensure that this reflects on the final price for the consumer, provided that a defense order is issued for this purpose.	Economic Reform
241	The approval to accelerate the implementation of projects that enhance food security in the Kingdom to support plant and animal resources sectors and delegate the Minister of Agriculture to develop an executive plan tied to a time frame for this purpose.	Economic Reform
242	The decision to approve the agreement (to be signed between the Ministry of Health and Sinopharm) to supply an estimated quantity of 300,000 doses of Covid-19 vaccines.	International Agreements and Treaties

No.	Decision	Main Axis
243	The decision to approve a bill/ draft law amending the Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances Law of 2021 to overcome the practical problems that hinder the application of some provisions of this law by detailing the criminal acts in the law and tightening the penalties prescribed for these acts based on their gravity.	Legislative
244	The decision to form a team (headed by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Local Administration) to intensify fieldwork, get acquainted with the status in the development and free sectors, and follow up on the performance of these sectors and the level of services provided to investors.	Administrative
245	The decision to approve the amended regulation of the Tourism Promotion Board for 2021.	Legislative
246	The decision to approve the regulation of alternatives to shelters, and support services for people with intellectual disabilities for 2021.	Legislative
247	Approval of the National Information Center system for Science and Technology of 2021.	Legislative
248	Approval of an amended regulation of the administrative organization regulation of the Department of Lands and Surveys of 2021.	Legislative
249	The decision to appoint Mohammad Oqlah Hussein Khashashnah as Secretary General of the Ministry of Environment, based on the results of the election held for appointing leadership positions since he scored the highest points among all applicants.	Appointments
250	Cancelling the right to mine glass sand ores granted to the Middle East Company for the Mining of Glass Sand in Al-Quwaira area, in the Aqaba Governorate.	Economic Reform
251	Exempting the income resulting from the merger of companies operating in the banking sector from the income tax.	Economic Reform
252	Issuing a decision to exempt Jordanians from entry fees to archaeological and touristic sites.	Financial and Economic
253	Exempting economic activities covered by the total closure of 100% of the licensing fees and fines for 2021.	Economic Reform
254	Granting a 25% discount to economic establishments in terms of fees, fines, and allowances due on the granted licenses to professions until July 1st, 2021.	Economic Reform
255	Extending the renewal period for licenses, fees and billboards.	Administrative
256	Exempting citizens and economic activities of 25% of construction fees, compensating buildings and parking fees until September 30th, 2021, provided they have not obtained a discount from the specialized committee.	Financial and Economic
257	Exempting people from taxes on buildings, lands and property until December 31st, 2021.	Financial and Economic

No.	Decision	Main Axis
258	Approving the recommendations of the committee on settling pending cases between taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department to settle the tax status of 1,237 companies and taxpayers with tax dues according to the provisions of the Income Tax Law and the General Sales Tax Law and based on the requests they filed to the Committee.	Financial and Economic
259	Approving the committee's recommendations that examined pending claims between taxpayers and violators on the one hand and the Jordanian Customs Department on the other hand to settle six cases of taxpayers and violators. This is provided if they commit to paying the full amounts remaining in the form of fees, taxes or expenses within two months of issuing this decision.	Financial and Economic
260	The Cabinet approved the national strategy of the Jordanian cooperative movement for 2021-2025.	Economic Reform
261	The Cabinet decided to appoint Abdel Fattah Al-Kayed as Executive Director of the Jordan Corporation for the Development of Economic Projects/ Jordan Enterprise Development Corporation.	Appointments
262	The Cabinet decided to appoint Dr. Zaid Ahmad Salim Al-Anbar as Vice-Chairman of the board of the Higher Education Accreditation and Quality Assurance Commission, and as a full-time member of the commission's board.	Appointments
263	The decision to appoint Dr. Sa'ad Oqlah Mahmoud Bani Mohammad as a full-time member.	Appointments
264	The decision to appoint Dr. Lamis Darwish Rajab as a part-time member of the board of directors.	Appointments
265	Confirming the government's support for the pharmaceutical industries and investing in them due to the added value they provide to the national economy and job opportunities.	Economic Reform
266	Confirming the government's readiness to facilitate procedures for local and foreign investors and solve any problems or obstacles they face in the private sector.	Economic Reform
267	The Cabinet approved procedures for legalizing and reconciling the conditions of non-Jordanian workers violating the laws in accordance with the Labor Law and its attendant regulations and instructions	Economic Reform
268	A draft law to abolish the law on the National Bank for financing small businesses for 2021	Legislative
269	A regulation that amends the regulation of the social solidarity fund for Sharia judges and legal aides for 2021 and a regulation amending the regulation of judicial services for Sharia judges for 2021	Development and services
270	Appointing Engineer Bashar Mohammad Kheir Batayneh as Secretary General of the Water Authority.	Appointments

No.	Decision	Main Axis
271	Approving procedures for legalizing and reconciling the conditions of non-Jordanian workers violating the laws, and addressing the imbalances in the Jordanian labor market in accordance with the Labor Law and its attendant regulations and instructions.	Economic Reform
272	The Cabinet approves the draft law for the development of the lands adjacent to the Baptism site for 2021.	Development and services
273	The Cabinet approved the reasons for a draft law that amends the Fatwa Law for 2021.	Development and services
274	Exempting non-Jordanian workers of restricted nationalities from the fine for delaying the renewal of the annual residence permit stipulated in the "Residency and Foreigners Affairs Law No. (24) of 1973" and its amendments.	Development and services
275	Adopting a regulation to amend the regulation of fees, returns and wages for the Jordanian Maritime Authority for 2021.	Economic Reform
276	Extending the previous decision regarding the exemption of transferring inheritance and exit transactions from registration fees and the exemptions of apartments and lands from registration fees and property sales tax until 31 December 2021.	Economic Reform
277	Extending the previous decision to grant discounts on taxes, fees, returns, compensation and exemptions from fines that are due to the Ministry of Local Administration and the Greater Amman Municipality.	Economic Reform
278	Exempting sectors closed by defense orders and the attendant notifications from all buildings, lands and property taxes for the closure period during 2021.	Economic Reform
279	The return of employees to work by 100% as of today, and the Audit Bureau and Internal Controls will be assigned with the task of implementing this decision.	Administrative Reform
280	Extending exemptions for apartments and lands from registration fees and property sales tax until the end of the year.	Economic Reform
281	Issuing the regulation on shelter alternatives and support services for people with intellectual disabilities for 2021.	Development and services
282	Forming a ministerial committee consisting of a number of ministers and officials to visit economic establishments and meet investors to identify issues and obstacles they face to deal with these and solve them at the highest levels.	Economic Reform
283	The Cabinet approved the committee's recommendations on settling pending cases between taxpayers and the Income and Sales Tax Department to settle the tax status of 766 companies and taxpayers with tax dues according to the provisions of the Income Tax Law and the General Sales Tax Law.	Economic Reform

No.	Decision	Main Axis
284	The Cabinet approved the Sports Federations regulation for 2021, which aims to support sports affairs and enhance its role in adopting the principles of ethics, sportsmanship, preventing discrimination, reducing hostility and stadium riots, and encouraging honest competition in all sports activities.	Economic Reform
285	The Cabinet approved the Administrative Organization regulation of the Ministry of Youth for 2021, by which the organizational structure that regulates the tasks of the Ministry of Youth is established.	Economic Reform
286	In its session held today, Wednesday, the Cabinet approved the national strategy for digital transformation and the executive plan for 2021-2025, which were prepared in line with national policies and strategies and global trends in digital transformation.	Development and services
287	The general manager of the Vocational Training Corporation, Ziad Obeidat is to retire due to reaching the legal retirement age.	Appointments
288	Ministries, official departments, institutions, and public entities will be off on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha, starting on the morning of Monday, July 19th, 2021 until, Friday evening, July 23rd.	Administrative Reform
289	The Cabinet approved the committee's recommendations that examined pending claims between taxpayers and violators on the one hand and the Jordanian Customs Department on the other hand. In the end, 15 settled cases of taxpayers and violators, provided that they commit to paying the full amounts remaining in the form of fees, taxes, or expenses within two months of issuing this decision.	Economic Reform

**Chapter Four:
Defense Orders and
Statements Issued
by Al-Khasawneh
Government within
Nine Months**

4.1 Introduction

The reporting team tracked all defense orders issued under the Defense Law published in the Official Gazette or the amendments and announcements issued regarding previous defense laws. These orders were analyzed into significant axes. In addition, reports and instructions published in the Official Gazette and issued pursuant to defense orders were also collected.

4.2 The Number of Defense Orders and Announcements Issued by Al-Khasawneh Government and the Axes to which they were Distributed

Al-Khasawneh government issued 13 defense laws and 29 subsequent statements of previous defense laws, which were distributed among the axes as follows: The development and services received 36%, followed by the rule of law and human rights with 33%; economic reform with 28%; and administrative reform with 3%.

Table (3) Defense Laws

No.	Text of Law/Announcement	Type	Axis	Issue Date
1	Announcement No. 11 based on the provisions of Defense Order 19 of 2020 regarding the government's plans to prevent the spread of the epidemic	Announcement	Rule of Law and Human Rights	1/11/2020
2	Announcement No. 12, based on the provisions of Defense Order 19 of 2020, related to preserving the health system and limiting the spread of the epidemic	Announcement	Development and Services	7/11/2020
3	Announcement No. 13, based on the provisions of Defense Order 6 of 2020, regarding payable workers' wages	Announcement	Economic Reform	8/11/2020
4	Announcement No. 14 based on the provisions of Defense Order 19 of 2020 regarding the extension of the voting period in the Kingdom	Announcement	Rule of Law and Human Rights	10/11/2020
5	Defense Order number 19 of 2020 issued pursuant to Defense Law number 13 for 1992	Defense Order	Development and Services	22/10/2020
6	Defense Order number 20 of 2020 issued pursuant to Defense Law number 13 for 1992	Defense Order	Development and Services	22/10/2020
7	Defense Order 21 of 2020 to ensure the continuation of the right of litigation and the regular functioning of the courts	Defense Order	Rule of Law and Human Rights	14/11/2020
8	Defense Order 22 to increase penalties for holding, organizing, and participating in gatherings	Defense Order	Administrative Reform/Anti-Corruption	15/11/2020
9	Announcement No. 15 based on the provisions of Defense Order 19 of 2020 regarding the closure of facilities and penalties for violations	Announcement	Rule of Law and Human Rights	15/11/2020
10	Defense Order No. 23 of 2020 authorizes the Minister of Health to hand over any hospital to receive Corona patients	Defense Order	Development and Services	17/11/2020
11	Announcement No. 16 based on the provisions of Defense Order 24 of 2020, related to the Estidama / Social Security Program	Announcement	Economic Reform	26/12/2020
12	Announcement No. 17 based on the provisions of Defense Order 24 of 2020 regarding the continuation and expansion of the programs of the Social Security Corporation	Announcement	Economic Reform	26/12/2020
13	Announcement No. 18 based on the provisions of Defense Order No. 6 of 2020 regarding compensation for the most affected workers	announcement	Economic Reform	30/12/2020

No.	Text of Law/Announcement	Type	Axis	Issue Date
14	Announcement No. 19 based on the provisions of Defense Order 6 of 2020 concerning the establishment of work system and the curfew for individuals	Announcement	Development and Services	30/12/2020
15	Announcement No. 20 based on the provisions of Defense Order No. 19 of 2020 concerning the establishment work system and canceling some clauses	Announcement	Development and Services	14/1/2021
16	Defense Order number 24 of 2020 issued pursuant to the provisions of Defense Law number 13 for 1992	Defense Order	Economic Reform	13/12/2020
17	Defense Order No. 25 of 2021 issued based on the provisions of Defense Law No. (13) of 1992 to review the procedures and measures taken by it during the implementation of the Defense Law in a manner that achieves the public interest of penalties for violations of preventive measures	Defense Order	Rule of Law and Human Rights	27/1/2021
18	Announcement No. 21 based on the provisions of Defense Order No. 19 of 2020 concerning the Facilities Work System	Announcement	Development and Services	31/1/2021
19	Notice No. 22 based on the provisions of Defense Order 24, in response to requests submitted by individuals and enterprises in debt to the Social Security Corporation to pay their debts	Announcement	Economic Reform	7/2/2021
20	Announcement No. 23 based on the provisions of Defense Order 19 of 2020 regarding the opening of universities	Announcement	Development and Services	31/1/2021
21	Notice No. 24 of 2021 based on Defense Order 19 of 2020 regarding travel times for individuals	Announcement	Rule of Law and Human Rights	7/2/2021
22	Defense Order No. 26 regarding the emphasis on prevention measures, social distancing, wearing masks, and toughening penalties for violators, as follows.	Defense Order	Rule of Law and Human Rights	20/2/2021
23	Announcement No. 25 of 2021 based on the provisions of Defense Order 6 of 2020 regarding the wages of workers not benefiting from the Estidama program	Announcement	Economic Reform	24/2/2021
24	Notice No. 26 of 2021 based on the provisions of Defense Order 19 of 2020 regarding penalties for violators of the curfew and closure of facilities	Announcement	Rule of Law and Human Rights	25/2/2021
25	Announcement No. 27 of 2021 based on the provisions of the Defense Order for the year 2020 regarding the closure of facilities	Announcement	Rule of Law and Human Rights	28/2/2021

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26	Defense Notice number 27 of 2021 issued pursuant to the provisions of Defense Law number 13 for 1992 to adopt the necessary measures to protect public health	Defense Order	Development and services	10/3/2021
27	Announcement No. 28 of 2021 based on the provisions of Defense Order 19 of 2020 regarding the extension of some provisions and clauses	Announcement	Rule of Law and Human Rights	10/3/2021
28	Defense Order number 28 of 2021 issued pursuant to the provisions of Defense Law number 13 for 1992 to limit crowds at rehabilitation centers to prevent the spread of the pandemic and to take into consideration the financial and economic conditions resulting from the pandemic	Defense Order	Economic Reform	11/3/2021
29	Defense Order number 29 of 2021 issued pursuant to the provisions of Defense Law number 13 for 1992 to affirm the government's role in supporting the sectors affected by the pandemic, especially the tourism sector, and to help this sector secure monetary liquidity and to alleviate damages incurred so that it is able to recuperate	Defense Order	Development and services	28/3/2021
30	Announcement No. 29 of 2021, based on the provisions of Defense Order 19 of 2020 regarding individuals' movement.	Announcement	Rule of Law and Human Rights	29/3/2021
31	Announcement No. 30 of 2021, based on the provisions of Defense Order 19 of 2020 regarding amending items three and five.	Announcement	Economic Reform	7/4/2021
32	Announcement No. 31 of 2021, based on the provisions of Defense Order 19 of 2020 regarding citizens' movement.	Announcement	Development and services	11/4/2021
33	Announcement No. 32 of 2021, regarding extending the Istitidama program's viability for salaries of beneficiary workers.	Announcement	Economic Reform	11/4/2021
34	Announcement No. 33 of 2021, based on the provisions of Item 8 of Defense Order 19 of 2020, regarding alleviation measures on persons' movement and transport.	Announcement	Rule of Law and Human Rights	20/4/2021
35	Announcement No. 34 of 2021, based on the provisions of Defense Order 19 of 2020, regarding persons' movement and closure of installations.	Announcement	Development and services	24/4/2021
36	Announcement No. 35 of 2021, based on the provisions of Defense Order 19 of 2020, regarding persons' movement and closure of installations.	Announcement	Development and services	29/4/2021

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37	Announcement No. 36 of 2021, based on the provisions of Defense Order 19 of 2020.	Announcement	Development and services	9/5/2021
38	Defense Order 30 of 2021, committing all installations that opened not to allow any person to enter unless they present a personal identification card, health verification code, or vaccination certificate through the Sanad application.	Defense Order	Rule of Law and Human Rights	16/5/2021
39	Announcement No. 37 of 2021, that regulates the benefit of workers in the tourism installations from the Istdama program, which is provided by the Social Security Corporation.	Announcement	Economic Reform	16/5/2022
40	Announcement No. 38 of 2021, allows some close sectors and activities to reopen provided they commit to public safety measures and allows those who received the first dose of the vaccination 21 days before moving during curfew hours.	Announcement	Rule of Law and Human Rights	1/6/2021
41	Defense Order number 29 of 2021 was issued under the provisions of Defense Law number 13 for 1992 to specify the maximum costs of transporting imported goods into the Kingdom.	Defense Order	Economic Reform	30/6/2021
42	Announcement No. 39 of 2021 based on the provisions of Defense Order 19 of 2020 that specifies measures to be applied as of Thursday, July 1st, 2021, because of the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic crisis.	Announcement	Development and services	1/6/2021

**Chapter Five:
Activities of Members
of Al-Khasawneh's
Government during its
First Nine Months**

5.1 Activities

The reporting team worked on tracking all the activities of the members of the Al-Khasawneh government since its formation nine months before. The collected activities were derived from trusted sources. As a result, the total activities of all government members reached 1,867 activities. This included 950 field visits and 917 office activities. The Minister of Agriculture was the most active in field activities with 83 activities, followed by the Minister of Water and Irrigation with 73 activities, and the Minister of Culture with 63 activities. Below is a table showing the activities that were counted according to each ministry.

Table (4): Activities of Members of Al-Khasawneh Government during Nine Months

Ministry	Office Visits	Field Visits	Total
Prime Ministry (the Cabinet)	24	26	50
Ministry of Agriculture	123	83	206
Ministry of Water and Irrigation	58	73	131
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	95	30	125
Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Supply	55	43	98
Ministry of Education and Higher Education	58	35	93
Ministry of Labor	43	50	93
Ministry of Culture	27	63	90
Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities	43	57	100
Ministry of Social Development	24	72	96
Ministry of Environment	39	39	78
Ministry of Finance	65	12	77
Ministry of Public Works and Housing	29	47	76
Ministry of Political and Parliamentary Affairs	28	47	75
Ministry of Youth	28	45	73
Ministry of Health	18	37	55
Ministry of Interior Affairs	26	28	54
Ministry of Awqaf	11	43	54
Ministry of Transport	30	19	49
Ministry of Information	-	46	46

Ministry	Office Visits	Field Visits	Total
Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation	41	4	45
Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	20	22	42
Ministry of Justice	22	12	34
Ministry of Local Administration	7	26	33
Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources	10	17	27

5.2 Ministries' Websites

The team monitored all the websites of the ministries relying on the following aspects:

- The effectiveness of the website.
- The users' ability to interact with the Ministry through the website
- The ability to search through the website; the website's provision of smart applications.
- The provision of electronic services.
- And the Ministries' presence on social media platforms.

In terms of the website effectiveness, the results showed that nearly 22 out of 25 websites were effective (updating news), which is 88%. On the other hand, three Ministries' websites were not active, registering 12%. The results also showed that 11 websites are available in Arabic and English, which is 44%, while 14 websites were only in Arabic, which 56%, including the Ministry of Foreign and Expatriate Affairs.

Table (5) shows the effectiveness of ministries' websites

Ministry	Effective/ Ineffective	Website in English	Special Application	Services provided through other application	Ministries' presence on social media
Prime Ministry	√	×	×	√	Facebook + Twitter
Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research	√	√	√	√	Facebook + Twitter + YouTube
Ministry of Finance	√	√	√	√	Facebook + Twitter
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	√	×	√	×	Facebook + Twitter + YouTube

Ministry	Effective/ Ineffective	Website in English	Special Application	Services provided through other application	Ministries' presence on social media
Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Supply	×	√	√	√	Facebook + Twitter + YouTube
Ministry of Interior Affairs	√	√	√	√	Facebook + Twitter
Ministry of Justice	√	√	√	√	Facebook + Twitter
Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship	√	√	×	√	Facebook + Twitter + YouTube + WhatsApp + Instagram + Messenger
Ministry of Local Administration	×	×	√	√	Facebook
Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation	√	√	×	√	Facebook + Twitter + YouTube
Ministry of Public Works and Housing	√	×	√	√	Facebook + Twitter + YouTube
Ministry of Social Development	√	×	×	√	Facebook + Twitter + Instagram + YouTube + Google Plus
Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities	√	×	√	√	Facebook + Twitter + Instagram + YouTube
Ministry of Transport	×	√	×	√	Facebook + Twitter
Ministry of Water and Irrigation	√	×	√	√	Facebook
Ministry of Health	√	×	√	×	Facebook + Twitter
Ministry of Agriculture	√	×	×	√	Facebook + Twitter + Instagram + YouTube + Messenger
Ministry of Labor	√	×	×	√	Facebook + Twitter + YouTube
Ministry of Awqaf	√	×	√	√	Facebook + Twitter + YouTube

Ministry	Effective/ Ineffective	Website in English	Special Application	Services provided through other application	Ministries' presence on social media
Ministry of Culture	√	×	×	√	Facebook + Twitter + Instagram + YouTube
Ministry of Education	√	√	×	×	Facebook + Twitter + YouTube
Ministry of Environment	√	√	√	√	Facebook + Twitter + YouTube
Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources	√	√	√	√	Facebook + Twitter + YouTube
Ministry of Political and Parliamentary Affairs	√	×	×	√	Facebook + Twitter + Instagram + YouTube
Ministry of Youth	√	×	×	×	Facebook + Twitter + YouTube

Regarding the user accessibility to the Ministry through its website axis, results showed that most websites provided a mechanism for communication between citizens and the ministry. However, few provided effective communication (with the minister or undersecretary). Six websites provided large-scale accessibility at the rate of 24%, while 18 websites showed medium levels of communication with the directorates and sections at a rate of 72%. On the other hand, one website showed poor communication or connection with officials, with citizens settling for sending a message only, at the rate of 4% of the total number of websites.

Regarding the website search axis and the effectiveness of the search engine, results showed that all government websites include a search engine except for one website. It was also evident that 80% of them were effective while 20% were not, meaning they did not provide accurate search results or provide no results.

As for the axis related to the extent to which ministry website provide applications that are easy to browse on smartphones, it was found that 14 websites provided smart applications at the rate of 56%. In comparison, 11 websites do not have smartphone applications at the rate of 44%.

Regarding electronic services provided by the ministries' websites, results showed that 23 government entities provide advanced electronic services. Those services include serving judicial statements, issuing

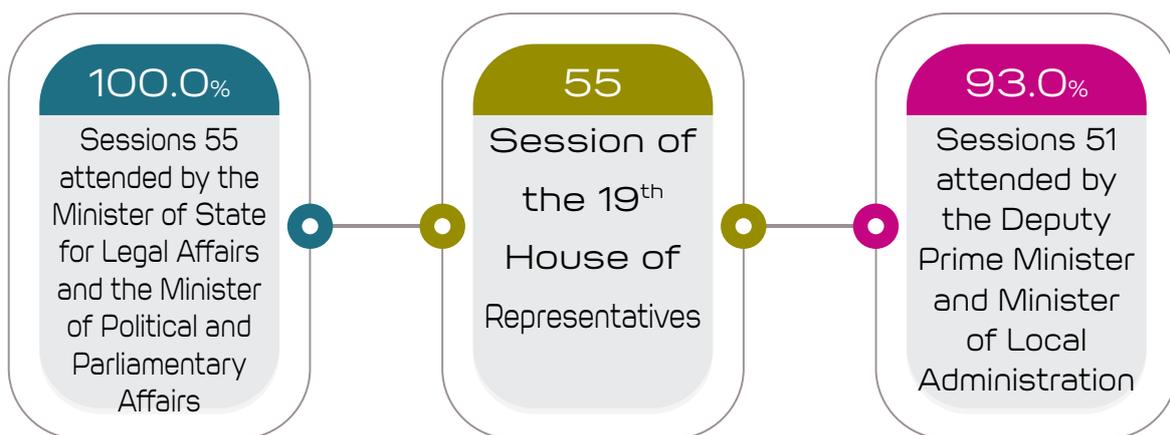
travel documents, authentication of documents, online payment for various services, import-export licenses, and many other services for users at the rate of 92%. Only two entities do not provide advanced services to their users at the rate of 8%.

As for the presence of ministries on social media platforms, results showed that all ministries (100%) have at least one presence or more on social media platforms.

5.3 The Extent to which the Government Interacts with the House of Representatives

The work team monitored the presence of government members at the 19th House of Representatives. The 19th House held 55 sessions, and the ministers attending the largest number of sessions under the dome were the Political and Parliamentary Affairs Minister and the Minister of State for Legal Affairs, both attending 55 sessions at the rate of 100%. This was followed by the Deputy Prime Minister and the Local Administration Minister at 49 sessions each, at the rate of 89%. The Foreign Minister attended the lowest number of 11 sessions at the rate of 20%.

Figure (8): Government interaction with the Parliament



**Chapter Six:
Comparison Between
Al-Khasawneh's
Government and
Previous
Governments**

6.1 Number of Ministers during the Six Months' Period

Comparing Al-Khasawneh's government with the last three governments regarding the number of ministers forming the government is concerned, we find that Al-Khasawneh's government was formed from 40 ministers in its first version, with three reshuffles over a period of nine months. Thus, the number of ministers in the Al-Razzaz government over a period of nine months was 38 ministers, that of Al-Mulqi's government was 43 ministers, and Al-Nsour's government comprised 35 ministers in the first nine months. Furthermore, regarding the number of female ministers, Al-Khasawneh's government included three females, Al-Razzaz government included eight, Al-Mulqi's included four, and Al-Nsour's government included one female minister during the nine-month period.

Figure (9): A comparison between Dr. Bishr Al-Khasawneh's government regarding the last three governments



6.2 Prime Minister's Field Visits during the Nine Months Period

The work team monitored the Prime Minister's field activities over the nine-month period. As a result, the number of activities and field visits carried out by the Prime Minister increased over the past three months by 20 visits, at the rate of 333%, against six field visits over the first six months of the government's life. Comparing with the activities of former Prime Minister Omar Al-Razzaz, we find that he carried out 101 field activities during the same period.

**Chapter Seven:
Public Comments
and Reactions on the
Report**

Within the framework of the continuous work of the reporting team in increasing community participation in monitoring the government's performance, the Center extended the opportunity for the public to comment and provide input on the report. This chance was made available immediately after the completion of the press conference held to announce the results of the initial report on 19/8/2021 and for a period of two weeks. In addition, the public had the chance to contribute to this report for a period of two weeks by utilizing the report's content on the Center's website and social media platforms. Finally, the Center also called on the government to comment on the report.

The following are the most important citizens' comments on the report and the government's reactions to the report:

The public's comments on the evaluation report of the Al-Khasawneh government's performance during nine months

The majority of the comments were in line with the results achieved by the report regarding the negative perspective towards the performance of the Al-Khasawneh government in the first nine months of its work. An example of the comments regarding the government's lack of abidance by implementing its various commitments to the target sectors stated in the report is: "We were hoping for more reforms and bigger results." Another commented about the ministers' activities by saying: "They were not up to expectations in terms of strengthening fieldwork." In the government's administrative reform area, the public's reactions affirmed the need for more genuine measures to strengthen the administrative report. According to one comment, "why doesn't the government care more about administrative reform." Another citizen commented: "There should be a focus on administrative reform because if it fixes the administrative system, it will fix the economic system."

Additionally, many citizens' opinions highlighted the absence of joint action between the legislative and executive authorities. One comment said that "the relationship between the parliament and the government is not just how many ministers attend the parliament sessions."

Some people's comments included suggestions, such as the need for the report to include an evaluation of the performance of the various ministries or the extent of the ministries' commitment to strengthening fieldwork and direct contact with the citizens. We hereby affirm that we will consider all the comments, opinions, and suggestions made by the public about the report. We will review them for the sake of progress and raise the level of our subsequent reports.

Reactions about the report

During the initial stages of preparing the report, the team contacted all the ministries regarding the commitments issued by each of them. Several constructive meetings were held with the government, represented by a group of ministers and government officials. During those meetings, good channels of communication were opened, and they included several aspects of cooperation and coordination in evaluating the general government performance. The government shared its indicative plan and the economic priorities plan, which we will be discussing in our next report one year since the government's formation. This demonstrates the government's openness to the various civil society organizations. These government reactions constitute a major step toward strengthening popular accountability and monitoring over the government's performance, which is the core of the report.



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