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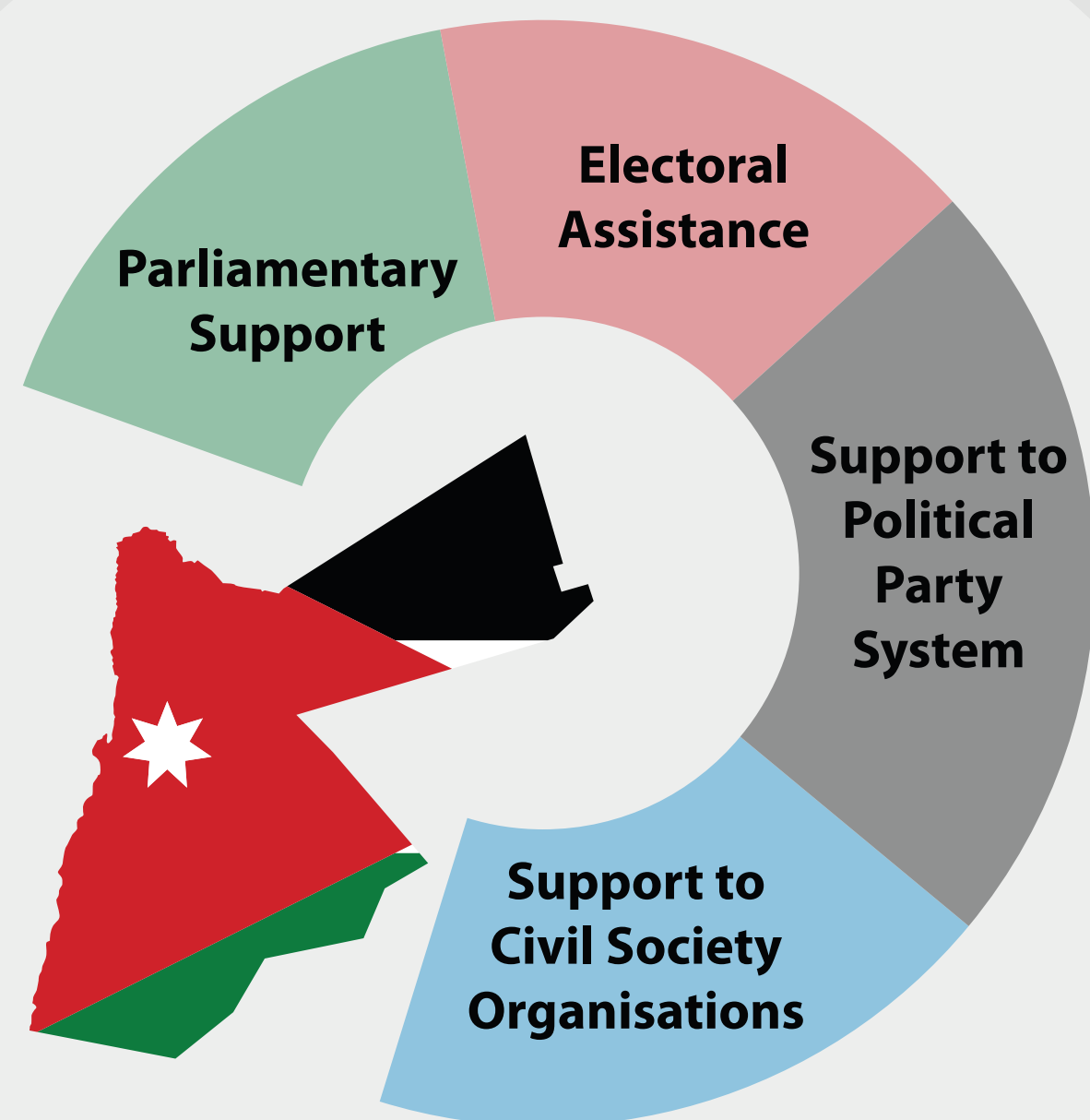
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INTRODUCTION

The European Union (EU) funded Programme titled 'EU Support to Jordanian Democratic Institutions & Development - EU-JDID' encompasses four components:



The components 'Parliamentary Support', 'Electoral Assistance' and 'Support to the Political Party System' are implemented by the consortium-led by the European Centre for Electoral Support (ECES). The Consortium is composed of European Partnership for Democracy (EPD), Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD), Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD) and French Agency for Media Cooperation (CFI). All the consortium members are part of EPD, which is the most important network of European civil and political society organizations working on democracy assistance. The fourth component of EU-JDID, 'Support to the Civil Society Organisations', is implemented by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID).

The Programme takes into account the lessons learned from the previous EU funded democracy support projects and aims to build on the significant achievements of the implementer's prior engagement in Jordan, creating continuity and coherence whilst supporting further strengthening of key institutions.

OBJECTIVES



OVERALL OBJECTIVE

EU-JDID Programme aims to support Jordan's reform process towards the consolidation of democracy and the promotion of inclusiveness of national policy and decision-making. The Programme also intends to enhance women and youth inclusion and foster a stronger democratic and tolerant political culture.



SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Component 2 Electoral Assistance

Enhance the functioning of the Independent Election Commission (IEC) and other key stakeholders, contributing to elections conducted in a professional, transparent and credible manner.

Component 4 Support to Civil Society Organisations

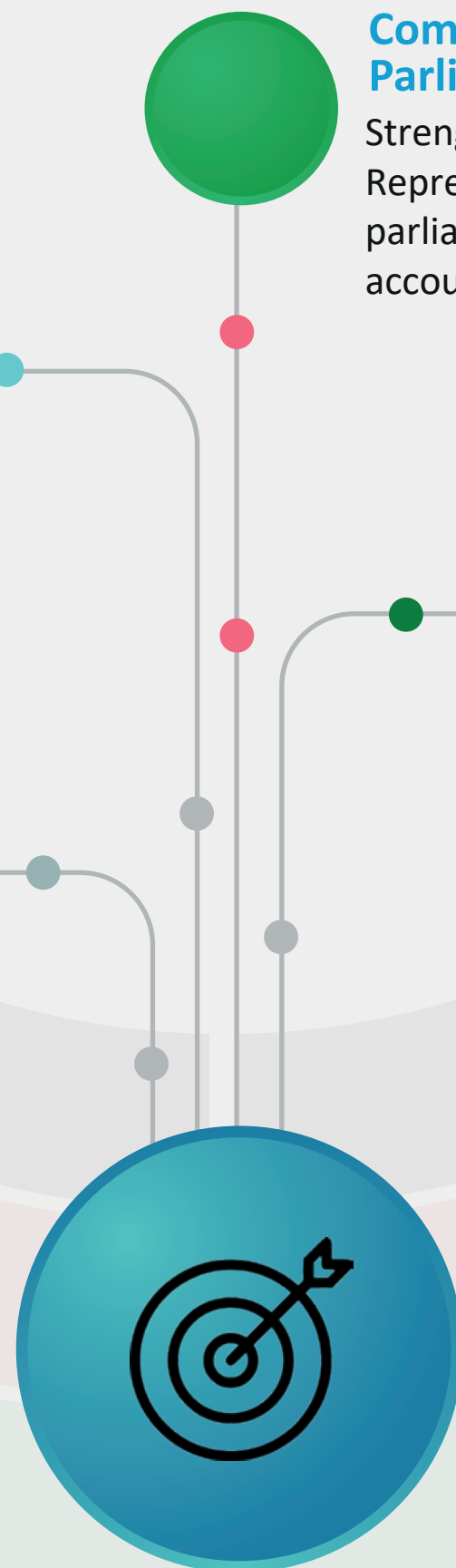
Strengthen the contribution of civil society to democratic governance and policy-making and foster the development of active civil society organisations (CSOs) in the promotion of political participation, advocacy, electoral observation and parliamentary monitoring with a focus on women and youth.

Component 1 Parliamentary Support

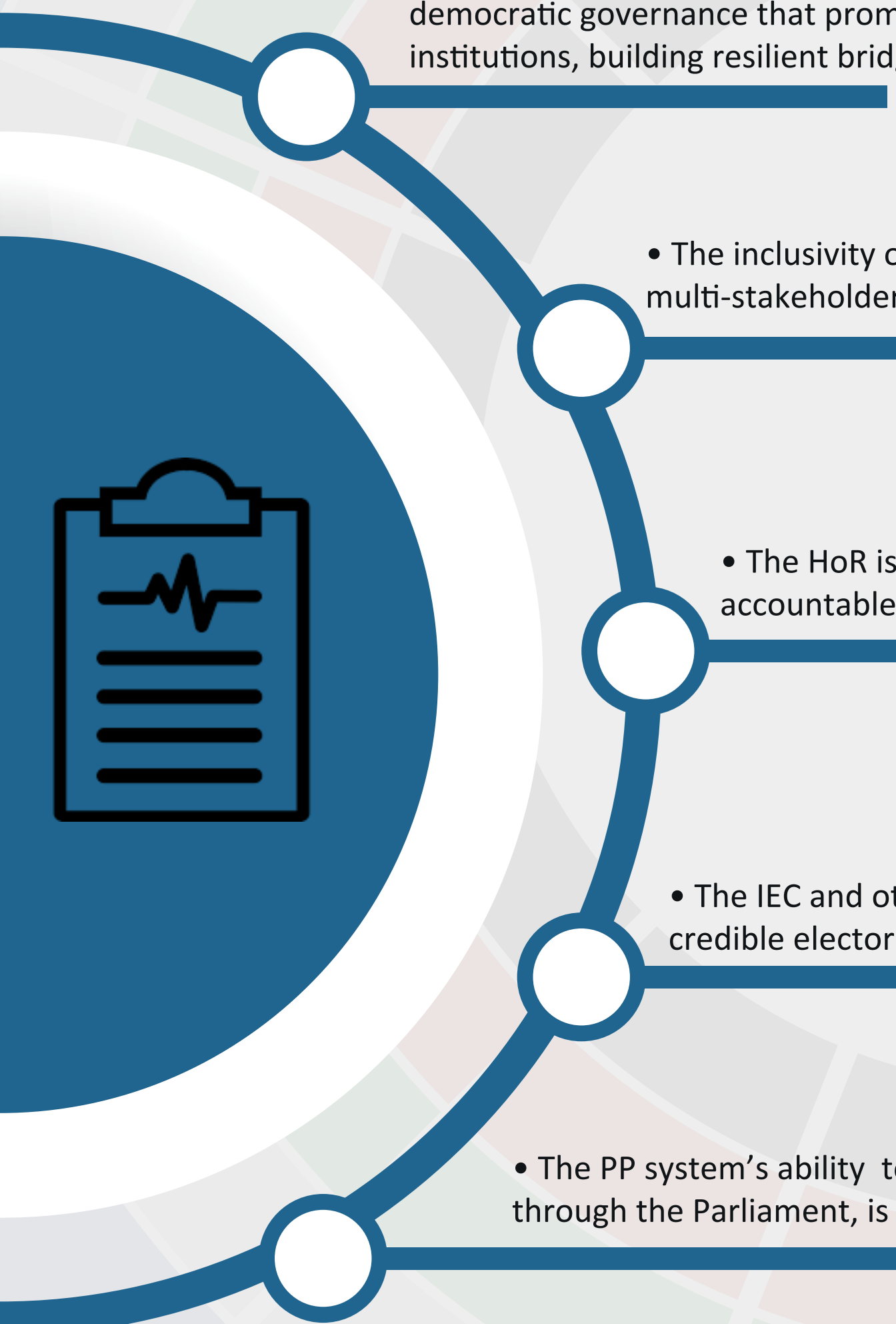
Strengthen the functioning of the House of Representatives (HoR) in exercising its core parliamentary functions in a professional, accountable, and transparent manner.

Component 3 Support to Political Party System

Support the political party (PP) system in contributing to democratic governance and policy-making.



EXPECTED RESULTS



- Jordan's reform process is supported through a multisectoral approach, further consolidating democratic governance that promotes increased coherence and high performance of all democratic institutions, building resilient bridges between elected institutions and citizens.

- The inclusivity of national policy and decision-making processes is enhanced through sustained multi-stakeholder dialogues.

- The HoR is reinforced in exercising its core parliamentary functions in a professional, accountable, and transparent manner.

- The IEC and other key stakeholders' capacities to contribute to professional, transparent and credible electoral processes are strengthened.

- The PP system's ability to contribute to democratic governance and policy-making, in particular through the Parliament, is enhanced.

COMPONENT 1

PARLIAMENTARY SUPPORT



150 tablet devices delivered to the HoR and Mobile Device Management (MDM) software installed on all devices. Use of tablets by MPs and parliamentary staff, financial savings for printing costs and a significant decrease in the use of paper were achieved.



One study tour organised, where two staff from the HoR Legislative Studies and Research Centre (LSRC) participated in the conference, organised by the International Federation of Libraries Associations, to enhance their research capabilities.



Advisory support provided for the development of an E-Parliament, environmental and tablet policies.



ICT senior expertise provided to assess the HoR Archiving System.



E-Parliament expertise provided for establishing a roadmap of ICT needs of the House, an expert report produced.



High level expertise provided on Human Resource management; one report produced on training strategy, strategic plan and HR capacity strengthening; final overview of content and template for a 'Handbook on Human Resources' produced.



Desk review conducted on the existing legal framework regarding the roles and responsibilities of parliamentary committees in Jordan. Interviews conducted with Heads of Department and committee staff. Outline of the 'Handbook on Committee Processes' developed and approved by the HoR Secretariat.



14 parliamentary research and committee staff trained on budget oversight, ahead of the submission of the annual state budget by the government to the HoR.

COMPONENT 2

ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE



5 study tours implemented to enhance exchanges among electoral administration and with electoral stakeholders



IEC Knowledge Hour



English courses



Advisory support provided for the preparation of the IEC's training and capacity development plans. A pilot test exploring short, medium and long-term staff needs and requirements ahead of the 2020 elections was conducted.



For the IEC certification process against ISO standards, Jordan became a member of the Working Group #3 assigned to review the ISO/TS 176 Standards.



Advisory, technical and operational support provided for the establishment of Jordanian Electoral Training Research Center (JETRC).



ICT support provided for conducting needs assessment, establishing the necessary linkages between the two IEC Data Centers. Upgrading hardware and software of Digital Media Unit's (DTM's). ICT material delivered to equip the training and meeting rooms with the required audio-visuals conference systems.



Legal, technical, operational and logistical support provided for the Decentralisation and Municipal Elections of 2017.

- Door-to-door voter education campaign; one nationwide survey on the logistical aspects of the implementation of individual distribution of awareness raising material completed.
- IEC volunteer database and application developed; IEC volunteers website developed.
- Mobile application for IEC staff communication developed; in-house video material for voter education produced.
- Conduct of media monitoring and digital media analysis.
- Website hosting space purchased to upload voting instruction files for each local council and link them to the IEC database.
- Support provided to the launch of a theatre play developed in-house by IEC to promote democracy and political participation.



COMPONENT 2

ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE

- Logistic support provided for IEC meeting with Heads and staff members of election committees ahead of the 2017 local elections.
- 10,000 CDs, containing soft copies of the Electoral Atlas, voting instructions, voters list pertaining to their particular constituency, and awareness material, produced and distributed to candidates.
- 600 copies of the Electoral Atlas, a document containing the most updated information on Municipal and Decentralisation elections, were produced.
- 4,200,000 awareness raising “ how to vote” leaflets were developed and produced.
- Analysis of the Municipal and Decentralisation laws based on observations and recommendations of observers’ missions conducted. Recommendations for amendments/modifications based on field feedback submitted.



Logistical and operational support provided to IEC for the organisation of the 15th International Electoral Symposium and International Awards Ceremony, which gathered: 212 Election Practitioners/Experts representing 58 countries (29% of the participants were women).



Support to IEC Mission to Pisa, Italy for the signature of the Trilateral Memorandum of Understanding between IEC, ECES and Sant’Anna School for Advanced Studies (SSSA) with regards to the Master in Electoral Policy and Administration (MEPA) and the JETRC.



Detailed inventory of the IEC’s central and local warehouses conducted. Itemized and digitized bar-coding of more than 368 block items (9000 individual items) and data upload on the new Warehouse Management System (WMS) completed.



Branding for IEC’s events and activities produced.



Three White Papers on electronic voting, out of country voting, and the use of bio-metrics as voter verification methodology produced.



A Training of Trainers (ToT) on Leadership and Electoral Management Skills for Electoral Stakeholders (LEAD) implemented for 30 IEC staff (of whom 31% were women).

COMPONENT 3

SUPPORT TO POLITICAL PARTY SYSTEM



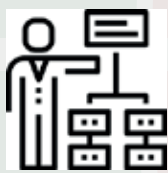
Three workshops conducted for all PPs on the financial by-laws with the collaboration of MoPPA. Up to 39 parties attended the workshops, which represent 80% of Jordanian PPs.



Five out of ten planned training sessions organised and conducted so far with young political and civic actors to strengthen their capacity to proactively engage in political processes. Participants' age ranged between 18 and 30. 35% of the participants were representatives of civic actors, and 65% were political party members (41% of all the participants were women).



A ToT organised to strengthen the capacity of MoPPA staff and civil society partners on coalition building (24 participants of whom 25 % were women).



Strategic planning expertise provided to support MoPPA in the development of its Multiannual Strategic Plan 2017 - 2020. A 3-day training workshop on Strategic Planning and Key Performance Indicators was held. 24 MoPPA staff attended the training of whom 25% were women.



A 2-day training workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation of Parties' Performance held. 22 MoPPA staff members attended the training of whom 32% were women.



One meeting organised to present electronic archiving system. A comprehensive IT need assessment to follow.



An event held on 8th March 2018 to celebrate the of International Women's Day. Around 70 participants attended the event (women representatives of political parties, women trainees of the young political and civic actors training programme as well as MoPPA female staff).

One video of the women's day event produced and available on EU-JDID official website and social media platforms.



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