

Amman green projects and community benefits



Amman: Demographics



Amman is the capital of Jordan with a population of more than 9 million

- More than 40% of Jordan's population is within GAM.
- The population of Amman is growing rapidly due to immigrants and refugees (Around half a million Syrian refugees are now living in Amman).
- The area is 800 km2 divided into 22 administrative districts



Greater AMMAN Municipality GAM

Amman Development challenges





Global responsibilities towards Climate

- Amman is committed to make the city healthy, livable and resilient and for that Amman had started long time, even before the Paris Agreement and the national commitments, many Projects to improve the services provided to the citizens but also that will contribute to the efforts of mitigation or adaptation of the climate effects.
- Amman was recognized through its efforts and is now a C40 city and one of the 100 resilient cities and is committed to the compact of Mayors and the Covenant of Mayors and other networks, which all work jointly to introduce projects and policies to preserve our environment.



National efforts

 Jordan is committed to the Paris Agreement signed in 2015

Amman Efforts:

- C40 member
- UCLG
- Global Covenant of Mayors
- 100 Resilient Cities
- ICLEI















Climate efforts

Contribution to the Global efforts through seeking to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals SDG's

Goal 7.

Ensure access to _____ affordable, reliable, ____ sustainable and modern energy for all.











100 RESILIENT CITIES

An environmentally proactive City

We will manage and fulfill climate change commitments, improve energy efficiency and energy security, apply green building codes and guidelines, manage our water resources efficiently, and improve our waste management system.

#ResilientAmman



GAM Green Projects and Policies

- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project
- Renewable Energy LED Street lightening Project
- Green Building Incentive Project
- Greener Amman Projects

•Amman Green 2020

•Green Infrastructure projects

- Solid Waste Management Project
- C40 Climate Action Plan
- GCAP green city action plan



























Improving Living Conditions in disadvantaged areas in Amman Project

Implemented by

Internationale ammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Green Infrastructure



In cooperation with



Greater Amman Municipality

Project Key Information

Jordan

Improving Living Conditions in disadvantaged Areas of Amman via the implementation of Green Infrastructure (ILCA)

Partners: MoEnv | GAM 07/2017 – 07/2022 Volume: EUR 5 million



Time Frame: July 2017 – July 2022; budget: 5 Million Euros

Target group: Residents of disadvantaged areas of Amman,

Beneficiaries: up to 150,000 residents (depending on density in the selected areas) / GAM and MoEnv beneficiaries of capacity building measures

Implementation: Disadvantaged areas of Amman, East Amman

Activities: Implementation of green infrastructure for the development and improvement of Public Open Spaces, access to services, community participation, capacity development for GAM and MoEnv employees; link to global agendas and National strategies



Definition

GI is, "a strategically planned network of natural and semi-natural areas with other environmental features designed and managed to deliver a wide range of ecosystem services. It incorporates green spaces (or blue if aquatic ecosystems are concerned) and other physical features in terrestrial (including coastal) and marine areas. On land, GI is present in rural and urban

settings" (European Commission, 2013, p.3)



Source: https://www.pngkey.com

Social Benefits of Green Infrastructure

At Individual Level



Physical activity has been shown to reduce stress and the risk of obesity, cardiovascular disease, hypertension, diabetes, stroke (Dalton & Jones, 2020), diminish vulnerability for bone fractures in women (Karlsson, 2004), and lead to improvements in mental health and overall health and well-being.

Info. Source: Urban Social Engagement Social Benefits of Green Infrastructure

Social Benefits of Green Infrastructure

At Community Level



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Site 1 – Leftover Land







Before

After



Leftover Land - Before

Used for parking diesel trucks and as a garbage dump

Conditions were quite poor with degraded soil and trash build-up

The community was not benefiting from this vacant land





Intervention

- Interlocked tiling on Juneid Street to reduce car speeds.
- Green wall to deal with difference in elevation.

Added sidewalk on Palestine Street.

Children's play area.

- Increased green cover and shading.
- Disability access through ramps and hand rails.

Added lighting fixtures.

Added picnic area with cement tables and seating.

Use of permeable materials to reduce water runoff.





Site 2 – Mahmoud Al Qudah Park





Before



After



Mahmoud Al Qudah Park - Before

- A 1500 Square Meter park in Naser. Centrally located adjacent to stores, schools, and residential buildings.
- Previous conditions include a football field that is in poor condition, insufficient seating and shading, and poor accessibility for the elderly and disabled. Green cover was also limited given the size.





Improved accessibility through the addition of slopes and handrails.Incorporated vegetation to improve water uptake and runoff.More play areas and zones added throughout park to allow for some privacy and more options.

Football park rehabilitation and the addition of a mini basketball court. Materials take into account former flooding issues.







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Site 3 – 7th Stairs – Badr



Before

After

Photo by: GIZ



7th Stairs - Before

Staircase located in Bader district in East Amman. It is a dense area surrounded with many residential homes and stores.

The stairs were in very bad shape:

- No railing
- Poor water drainage causing flooding
- Uneven steps
- Poor lighting





Blocks added for seating and to create a social area.

Lighting fixtures installed for better visibility and safety along the stairs.

Green walls installed in order to improve aesthetics and to increase green cover.





Urban Micro Lungs, how to grow the urban forest ten times faster

Objective of the measure:

Urban Micro-lungs' aims at improving quality of life in dense, disadvantaged urban areas by restoring urban ecosystems and increasing native biodiversity, while retaining water run-off, stabilising soil, regulating air temperature, decreasing noise levels and increasing carbon sequestration.

Methodology:

To secure the contribution of urban green and to enhance greening strategies innovative small-scale solutions are required. Urban in-fills, such as street islands or small leftover spaces present a unique untapped opportunity for innovative environmental recovery activities. The proposal adapts the Miyawaki method for the restoration and reconstruction of natural ecosystems, creating native, ultra-dense, highly biodiverse and multi-layered urban forests. The Miyawaki method starts with soil engineering; building soil life, fungal networks and biomass. Based on careful selection of primary and secondary species, it works towards accelerating natural growth processes of self-sustaining, maintenance-free native forests. While the method has been successfully tested in dryland areas and deserts in the Mediterranean, it will be applied to an urban area in the Middle East for the first time.

Capacity building in parallel to implementation supports partners to develop similar urban greening projects and integrate them as a measure within urban comprehensive design and planning in Amman.

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Urban Micro Lungs (UML) how to grow the urban forest 10 times faster?







Methodological Approach

•Main issue

Low proportion of urban green spaces in Amman puts pressure on the remaining biodiversity, contributes to poor air quality, noise pollution, higher risk of flooding and an increase in the urban heat-island-effect.

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These conditions are set to increase in severity, as Amman faces the impact of a changing climate.

Inhabitants of East Amman are among the most vulnerable to environmental impacts;

Main goal

Environmental restorations of the strongly degraded areas in East Amman;

Awareness among both the population and local authorities;

Innovation

The Miyawaki method for the restoration and reconstruction of natural ecosystems to create ultra-dense, highly biodiverse and multi-layered forests in dense urban areas in Amman is used.

Partners

- Ministry of Environment
- Greater Amman
 Municipality (GAM) with agricultural and district staff

Others Involved

- Tayyun: Local research studio in partnership with the Japan based Midorization project
- **Dibeen**: Local Community partner
- Royal Greens: Afforestation Implementation

Methodological Approach – Benefits and Potential of the Miyawaki Method





مداويات طبيعية

ANCIENT HEALERS

محاربات للتلوث

POLLUTION FIGHTERS



CARBON SINKS







ســلَّات غذاء FOOD BASKETS



موائل للحياة البرية WILDLIFE HABITATS







رافدات للمياه الجوفية GROUND WATER RECHARGERS



Miyawaki benefits ©Tayyun

أعمدة للاقتصاد الأخضر GREEN ECONOMY PILLARS



محسنات للمناخ المحلى MICROCLIMATE ENGINEERS



* حماية للأرواح LIFE SAVERS



مضاعفة كل الفوائد في جـزء من الوقــت

x10 FASTER x30 DENSER

MULTIPLYING BENEFITS IN A FRACTION OF TIME

Implementation



Natural Vegetation Training



Maintenance training



Site selection



Community outreach & site activations

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Soil test & analysis

Species survey & potential natural vegetation research Define plant community and procurement of native species

Soil engineering

Dense plantation & mulching

Maintenance



Site Validation Workshop

Implementation – Impressions from the Sites



Omar Al-Faisal Park in Marka District,

> 2 Plot-747/8 in Nasr District



























ILCA project online material

https://www.giz.de/en/downloads/ILCA_Factsheet_Mar2018.pdf

Midorization project & Tayyun online material

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