Zarqa City Development Strategy

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I. Acronyms

CA	City Alliance
CDS	City Development Strategy
CHTHIND	Cultural Heritage, Tourism and Urban Development Project (financed by the World
CHTUDP	Bank)
CLTF	City Level Task Force (for the CDS)
CVDB	Cities and Villages Development Bank
DLS	Department of Lands and Survey
DOS	Department of Statistics
DZC	Development Zones Commission
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GIS	Geographic Information System
GOJ	Government of Jordan
HPC	Higher Planning Council
HUDC	Housing and Urban Development Corporation
JEDCO	Jordan Enterprise Development Corporation
JIB	Jordan Investment Board
JIEC	Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation
JTB	Jordan Tourism Board
LDU	Local Development Unit
LED	Local Economic Development
LG	Local Government
MCC	Millennium Challenge Corporation
MOA	Ministry of Agriculture
MOE	Ministry of Education
MOF	Ministry of Finance
MOH	Ministry of Health
MOHE	Ministry of Higher Education
MOI	Ministry of Internal Affairs
MOMA	Ministry of Municipal Affairs
MOPIC	Ministry of Planning and International cooperation
MOPWH	Ministry of Public Works and Housing
MOTA	Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
OFDC	Orphan Fund Development Corporation
PDD	Planning and Development Department MOMA (from April 2010 onward)
PMU	Project Management Unit (RLDP)
RLDP	Regional and Local Development Project
SEZ	Special Economic Zone University of Multah
UOM	University of Mu'tah
UPRF USAID	Urban Planning Regulatory Framework United States Development Agency
VTC	Vocational Training Corporation
WAJ	Water Authority of Jordan
WB	World Bank
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I. Chairman of Zarqa Municipality committee Preface

In the beginning, I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all parties responsible for completing this work, which aims to develop a clear vision and comprehensive Development strategy for the City of Zarqa in all aspects.

City Development Strategy is considered an action plan for balanced development across the cities, which is prepared through active participation to improve the livelihood of all citizens, this strategy includes a general vision of the city and an action plan that aims to improve urban governance and management and increase the economic growth, in addition to attracting more investments in order to create more jobs and reduce poverty and unemployment and increase the services constantly.

And where each city has its own unique culture and situation, all different levels of citizens and institutions have to join their efforts to draw the future they want for their city, because they know what is best for their city and can identify their needs precisely, where the city leads its development on its own by the participation of all concerned parties in Zarqa, because the local ownership for the development and sustainability operation is the base.

In the end, I would like to express my gratitude to all who is participating and works for the development of the city, and I would also like to express my gratitude to the Ministry of Municipalities represented by his excellence the minister, in addition to the governor of Zarqa for their continues support for this project, also I would like to thank all the institutions and international organizations especially the World Bank and City alliance for their great role in this project.

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Chairman of Municipality Committee

II. Acknowledgements & Disclaimer

The goal of preparing the Zarqa City Development Strategy is the belief of Zarqa's residents and institutions in the importance of strategic planning and the existence of a plan to support economic growth in Zarqa. Considering it, a model for the implementation of decentralized planning and to ensure economic development by creating jobs opportunities, enhance productivity and focus on identifying projects in promising economic sectors of comparative advantage in the region.

This project was supported by the World Bank, Cities Alliance, and a broad range of participants from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the Cities and Villages Development Bank. A large segment of local leaders with economic visions from the public and private sectors contributed to the enrichment of the content of this strategy, under the patronage of the governorate and the municipality. Where the participants worked together with distinctive efforts during a number of workshops devoted to the discussion of the strategic themes, of which the vision, strategic goals, economic sectors, strategic directions and identifying a list of medium and long term projects. I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize that the content of this strategy does not represent my point of view, but represents the point of view and opinions of the participants from the residents of Zarqa, and participants from public and private sector entities.

I hope that I will have the opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to all who contributed extricating this project into existence, special thanks to the international expert of the cities development strategies, Mr. Angelo D'Urso, the project manager engineer Saleh Jaradat, as well as the Governor of Zarqa Mr. Sameh Al-Majali and Vice Governor for Development affair Mohammad Aqeel and the Local development unit in Zarqa, and thanks to the chairman of the municipality council Eng. Falah Amoush. I would also like to thank the Ministry of Municipal Affairs team for their continued support to secure all logistical and administrative support for this project.

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1. Executive Summary

The City Development Strategy Project for the city of Zarqa came with support from the World Bank, Cities Alliance and a broad range of participants from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the Cities and Villages Development Bank; where the city of Zarqa was chosen as the within a group of Jordanian cities as the nucleus to support economic development initiatives.

Various segments of societies in Zarga contributed to the formulation of the Strategy, through representatives from the public and private sectors, and civil society institutions, whom have shown distinctive effort to participate in three workshops that had been organized for the purpose of formulating this strategy. Where the participants assisted in identifying the priorities, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing the city and discussed in detail the most important challenges facing the development process and economic programs. They identified the most important comparative advantages of the city and the most important economic sectors that can be considered as engines for the economic growth of Zarga.

Participants also contributed in determining the vision of the city "Zarqa is an industrial and commercial city, an integrated environment, attractive to live, supported by a modern transportation network and infrastructure; benefiting from its competitive advantage, and managing programs and projects efficiently and effectively within the framework of wise governance to ensure sustainable development; thus reflecting positively on the lives of its citizens economically and socially." and set of short, medium and long term strategic goals that will make the city of Zarqa the focus of attention to investors. By defining a set of economic sectors with a competitive advantage and identifying a set of future strategic directions, where the strategic goals focused on:

1. The First Goal: Ensure that the population of Zarqa is benefiting from the available job opportunities, through:

- Provide a suitable work environment in terms of wages, availability of social security, job safety and job security.
- Effective use of vocational training centers, and the training centers available in the factories, to train the workers and develop their abilities and skills.
- Increase community awareness to encourage work in all professions and fields.
- Maximize the benefit of the presence of universities in Zarqa, and employment opportunities available in them.
- Benefit from the Free Zone in Zarqa, and employment opportunities available there.

2. The Second Goal: Ensure the results from the development process are reflected on the population of Zarqa, through:

- Focus on industries that are suitable for Zarga's environment.
- Coordination between the various institutions for infrastructure and projects.
- Ensure compatibility between the industrial areas and the diverse industries available in Zarqa.

- Linking the universities in the governorate with a good road network to reach various areas in the city.
- Include the universities within the borders of the municipality and in the City's Master Plan.
- Improve the transportation network between Zarqa and Amman in on hand, and the internal transportation network between markets and residential areas on the other hand.
- Improve the transportation network between Zarqa and the Jordanian border.
- Improve support services and facilities such as parking, complexes, and restaurants.

3. The Third Objective: Provide an integrated infrastructure to support the development process, through:

- Develop social responsibility towards Zarga.
- Create a legal framework that ensures that Zarqa benefits from its industrial sector, such as allocating a percentage of the job opportunities to the city.
- Encourage the creation of entities to service industrial areas.
- Focus on key and necessary industries that serve Zarqa.
- Benefit of students enrolled in universities located in Zarqa in terms of providing housing and services.
- Ensure the coordination and integration between the implementation entities and the government institutions in Zarqa.
- Structure that ensures the sustainability of the development plans, as well as the following-up, correcting any deviations, making recommendations, and monitoring the results.
- Provide and implement the legal framework to reduce the environmental and industrial contamination in Zarqa.

4. The Fourth Goal: Improve institutional structures related to the development process, through:

- Build and strengthen the partnership between the private and public sectors.
- Implement the supervisory role on the overall performance of the governorate.
- Link the output of educational institutions with the actual need of the labor market.
- Focus on key and necessary industries to serve Zarqa.
- Utilize the research centers, and community service centers in the universities; and provide the necessary training to take advantage of employment opportunities available.
- Implement the amendment of legislation to ensure effective financial management of municipalities.
- Promote Zarqa as the commercial center.

We have identified the strategic competitiveness of the city of Zarqa in the field of industry and trade, in addition to a range of other sectors that enhance the competitiveness of key sectors. The participants came up with a set of strategic directions that strengthen the competitiveness of sectors and help to create more jobs and reduce the problems of poverty, unemployment, contribute to strengthening the role of the private sector, provide funding for projects and build on the industry and trade potential available in the city, to achieve the vision. These directions illustrate the importance of training and changing the culture of the community in terms of work and productivity.

Participants also identified a list of urgent, priority projects for the city of Zarqa; were the projects were identified with details, in terms of defining the concept of the project, its stages, justifications, cost of the project, authorities in charge of implementation, time frame, positive effects on the city and region, and suggested funding sources; in addition to a range of other elements for identifying the projects.

To convert this strategy and its content, vision, strategic goals, and projects from just ideas on paper to implementation, participants identified an action plan for implementation of the Strategic Plan and its projects. One of the most prominent elements was the formation of a specialized economist team to take upon them the implementation of the Strategic Plan elements, and the role of communication with government and supporting agencies, provide funding for these projects, and works to build and launch a media plan to promote the strategy, increase the sons of Zarga loyalty to its content and its positive effects on Zarga and its inhabitants.



2. The Concept & Importance of Local Development (Jordan-Zarga)

2.1. The Concept of Economic Development

The local economic development is known as a methodology of work characterized by effectiveness and flexibility to respond to the requirements of regions and subregions, based on the accumulated experience of the municipalities and the regional economic development center. It focuses on stakeholders and local partners, capacity building, enabling them to transfer their knowledge and efforts, and increase their participation with the new local communities, through monitoring their hard efforts and practical application; carried out by specialized committees compromised of representatives in educational institutions, civil society organizations, trade unions and the private sector to make up the nucleus of an economic dialogue and partnerships between public and private sectors of local leaders working to on the economic strategy to open the door of opportunities that link projects with each other and also serve clarify trends and economic strategies prepared and to proposed by all the local levels.

According to the definition of the World Bank local economic development process is aimed to build economic capacity in local areas, in order to improve the quality and the future of the economy for all. A process involving public and private sector, entrepreneurs and civil society through their common and complementary work to create better conditions that support economic growth and job opportunities.

To comply with the referred Economic Development definition, a range of topics including the following were taken into consideration:

- -Holding workshops involving all segments of society in Zarqa city
- -Provide output strategy that identifies various promising economic sectors in the city of Zarqa, such as tourism, agriculture and livestock sectors and other supporting sectors which will be defined in detail in the next sections of the strategy.

2.2. General Local Economic Development Trends and Challenges

During the past decade, Jordan fully committed itself to the process of economic sector reform and liberalization of trade. Jordan achieved a strong economic growth in this field, where GDP growth rate in 2008, was around 7.6%. These achievements came as a result important reforms in fiscal and monetary policies that liberalized the markets, which opened the way for trade and investment, and the privatization of some government owned projects.

Knowledge of issues and the importance of local development in all competitive economic sectors is considered as a key goal in the national agenda; which focused significantly on the importance of achieving decentralization development in regional reform, strengthening institutional environment, re-engineering the process of resource distribution, varied growth plans between regions and improving the socio-economic conditions of the population in all regions. It also emphasized the need to enhance the methods and practices of democracy, provide modern education and training programs in institutions, and involvement of the private sector in planning and implementing economic projects and community initiatives aimed at bringing change.

Decentralization is not a new requisite, where the Jordanian government was keen since 2002 on formulating a plan designed to enable the development of governorates. These plans focused on the empowerment and development of various segments of Jordanian society, especially the empowerment of women to participate in the development of their own strategy and its implementation. And the involvement of citizens and civil society organizations in the planning process in the development of their communities, and elections of local representatives in the various councils that deal with this matter.

In efforts to achieve decentralization, two civil service chambers, The Executive Board and The Advisory Board were formed, in each of the governorates to oversee the decentralization process and to review, discuss and monitor local initiatives and manage the governorate.

Despite these efforts, no change was made on the general delegation of authority in governorate. Municipalities are still, for example, but not limited to suffering from the legacy of long years of central control and management, particularly since decentralization serves as the basis to create visions and to facilitate the process of change.

Despite these efforts and achievements, a range of critical economic challenges still exist, its continued presence, is an obstacle limiting the pace and process of economic development of Jordan in general, most important:

- Limited economic base and concentration on certain industries and economic activities in the governorates of the capital and Zarqa, where statistics and studies have shown that the majority of Jordan's population resides, these two regions accumulate for 54% of the total population, in addition to 80% of the total GDP.
- Pockets of extreme poverty still exist, where 14% of Jordanians under the poverty line.
- The contribution of women is still in limited sectors of the economy, contributing 14.7% of the total workforce for the year 2010.
- Given the size of foreign direct investment in real estate and clothing we can say that Jordan is still far from achieving its objectives of increasing investment in the service and manufacturing sectors, which depend heavily on labor.
- Unemployment reached 13% for the year 2010, the dependency ratio was about 68% in 2010, which is the lowest in the world, were 4 not working people are dependent on one active agent.
- The creation of employment opportunities currently available is insufficient to accommodate the numbers of developing the workforce.
- Scattered efforts of local economic development in different governorates, the absence of self-initiatives, clear visions and strategies on how to advance, leads to migration from the governorates to the capital, as well as failure to develop mechanisms to link affiliation to practical steps for the development of the governorates.

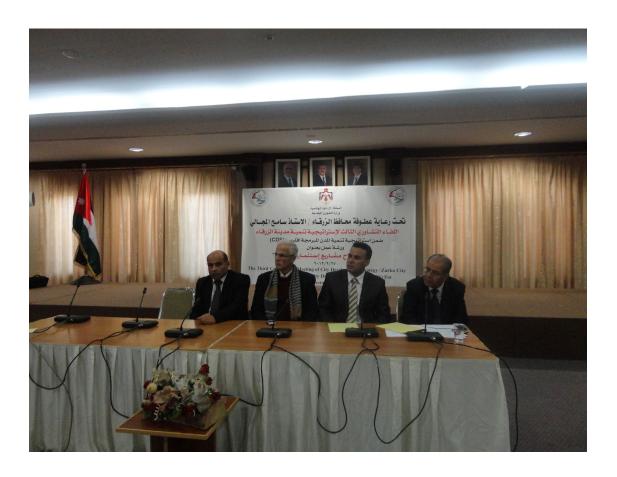
Centralized decision-making in the capital, where the administrative framework to achieve local economic development is still largely centralized, and the most important government departments that determine the direction and financing of local economic development are, the Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, the Ministry of Social Development, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Labor and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

2.3. Impediments to Economic, Social and Institutional Development

There is a set of economic, social and institutional constraints and challenges of in front of development process are as follows:

- Weakness or lack of efficient coordination between institutions and municipalities through the planning process: In Jordan, there weakness or lack of efficient coordination between institutions and municipalities through the planning process. Municipalities cannot deal with aspects of other infrastructure (e.g. water supply, sewerage, power supply, and phone network) because these services are under the authority of others. There is a need to establish coordination mechanisms to allow the participation of common development strategies and coordination of interventions.
- Lack of appropriate terms of reference (TOR) for plans from external sources: In general, the current practice in Jordan is to prepare plans without comprehensive TOR.
- Limited popular participation in the planning process.
- Weakness of civil society in the development sector, lack of ability to benefit
 from institutions and private sector companies such as the Free zone,
 Universities, in addition to the poor coordination between the community,
 universities and the local development efforts.
- Not linking scientific research to develop the industry and other economic sectors.
- Weakness in rehabilitation programs and the use of modern technology of the community, linking the educational outcomes with labor market needs, lack of trained Jordanian labor and reliance on foreign labor, lack of communication and benefiting from international expertise.
- Lack of research centers to conduct studies to determine the needs of the labor market, and lack of special programs for the preparation and qualification of future generations.
- Absence of institutional work and reliance on the individual and not collective work; planning is not comprehensive and individual realistic development plans and the instability of the successive policies.

- Imbalance in the structure of the data, the existence of an urgent need for a sound database for the Zarqa governorate to reach the needs of the main conservative and get rid of the bureaucratic procedures that impede investment, lack of facilities, and the absence of legislation to keep up with the pace of development.
- Lack of entrepreneurial culture, weakness of the private sector, citizens fear of
 exploitation in special project, it's preferred to be an employee, the reluctance of
 young people for manual labor and their tendency to prefer jobs (employee), and
 the unwillingness of citizens to have a comprehensive awareness of the laws and
 legislation.
- Lack of infrastructure to support investment, weak legislation incentive for investors, weak marketing policies and strategy, as there is weakness in attracting owners of capital for investment (funder) as well as the governorate residents' private sector reluctance to invest resources in the governorate.



3. Formulating Zarga City Development Strategy

3.1. Project Background

The City City Development Strategy (CDS) Project is supported by the Cities Alliance (CA), the World Bank (WB), the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Cities and Villages Development Bank. The main objective of the project is to increase the capacity of municipalities to plan and implement a number of investment projects in the short, medium and long term. The Ministry of Municipal Affairs began the implementation of this project on the four cities of Zarqa, Karak, Mafraq and Tafila. The implementation of these strategies was under the supervision of the international expert Angelo D'Urso, an expert in urban planning and city Development Strategy; who led the implementation of the contract terms with the consultants in charge of preparing the strategies for the four cities. The development of the strategy went through several phases within methodology adopted of a wide participation and representatives from a number of bodies and institutions in the public and private sectors, and civil society institutions.

3.2. Stages and Methodology for preparing Zarqa City Development Strategy

3.2.1. Phase 1: Data collection and analysis

During this phase Angelo D'Urso launched phase 1 of CDS, where he coordinated directly with the City Level Task Forced (CTLF), established with the Support of MOMA/Regional Planning Department-RPD (since April 2010 defined as: Planning and Development Department-PDD); the following activities took place during this phase:

• Launched an introductory workshop: The CDS Launch Workshop took place in Amman on 2nd December 2009 at Al Hussein Cultural Centre with the participation of 95 representatives of stakeholders from various Ministries, CVDB, Governorates, Municipalities, Joint Service Councils, Jordan Chamber of Commerce, UN HABITAT, French Development Agency-AFD, Department of Statistics, Universities, private sector, civil society representatives, etc. During the Launch Workshop, the consultant illustrated the methodology for data Collection, identified the various sectors included in the data collection process. During other subsequent workshops. an orientation was given on the necessity coordinate efforts between the staff at the CTLF, the four municipalities, the expert in Angelo D'Urso, and the Department of Regional Planning -Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MOMA). A meeting with representatives from the municipalities of Zarga, Mafraq, Zarga and Tafila was held on 25 / October / 2009, to discuss the City Development Sunday, Strategy CDS program.

- Data collection: The expert Angelo D'Urso gave a preliminary rapid review of legislation, national policies and regional strategies applied to cities and local governance. He also met with a number of officials in relation with the four cities and Jordan as a whole. Based on the preliminary review and on the meetings held, Angelo D'Urso, prepared a Data Collection Template to start collecting the information needed to establish the basis for the assessment of the city's competitive advantages; which was followed by training sessions on data collection methodology, given to the CTLF in each city. Subsequently each CTLF filled its Data Collection Template and delivered to the RLDP PMU and to the Consultant during the month of March, April and May 2010. The template was designed, to cover all aspects under CDS, including (1) Local Economic Development & Planning; (2) Local City Development Strategy, and (3) Urban Governance encompassing 10 different sectors as follow:
 - ✓ Sector 1: Municipal Structure and Human Resources;
 - ✓ Sector2: Existing Planning Instruments (Strategies, Master Plans, Zoning Plans, etc.);
 - ✓ Sector 3: Cultural Heritage and Tourism;
 - ✓ Sector 4: Natural Features (soils, geology, hydrogeology, climate, etc);
 - ✓ Sector5: Environmental Conditions (natural sensitive areas; risk areas, pollution, waste collection, etc,);
 - ✓ Sector 6: Infrastructures and services (road network, transport, water supply, wastewater, power supply, etc);
 - ✓ Sector 7: Social services (schools, health facilities, green areas, etc);
 - ✓ Sector 8: Socio-economic conditions (demography, education, employment, poverty, etc.);
 - ✓ Sector 9: Economic activities:
 - ✓ Sector 10: Financial resources

In addition to the Data Collection template, the Expert held a number of meetings involving several officials from the public and private sectors, and civil society institutions, including the Department of Statistics (DOS), the Department of Lands and Survey (DLS), Department of Regional Planning at the University of Balqa and other relevant authorities.

The preliminary SWOT Analysis: Based on data collected by CTLF on a
city level, the expert used a participatory approach to carry out a SWOT
analysis, by holding four workshops for each city, to assess
the competitiveness of cities and assist the cities in developing a strategic
planning framework aimed to identify their competitive advantage to

become engines of urban-regional economic growth, by building on ruralurban linkages. He opened the floor for participants to discuss and add additional strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

3.2.2. Phase 2: Identify consultants & prepare the City Development Strategy

During this phase advisers were selected to oversee the preparation of the strategy with the participation of the community in the four cities. The advisers began to coordinate with the CLTF to update the data contained in Angelo D'Urso's report. A work program of the participatory workshops objectives and main outputs were submitted; the implementation of these workshops was as follow:

Workshop 1: SWOT Analysis Discussion

During this workshop an invitation was sent out to various representatives of society, institutions in the public and private sectors, and other institutions to participate. The workshop was held on 22/7/2011.

The consultant presented the results of the SWOT analysis and opened the floor for participants to discuss them. At the end of the session the participants agreed on the content of the SWOT Analysis and that it reflects the current reality of the city.

Workshop 2: Formulation of a City Vision and identifying the Development Objectives, which was held on 28/12/2011.

The workshop was aimed to arrange the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats in terms of importance and priority from the participants' point of view, as well as agree on the City Vision in its final form. During this workshop participants also propose a set of medium term and long term development goals in which translates and reflects the city vision and make it viable.

The methodology adopted during the workshop, included a presentation form the consultant on the results of the first workshop, which included the strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats, followed by an explanation of the content of the SWOT questionnaire content, how to fill out and how each point is weighted to reflect the priority and importance.

The participants were then requested to arrange each point of the SWOT analysis (1-5), according to their point of view. The workshop was concluded by presenting the priorities of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, determining the city vision and identifying the medium term and long term development objectives.

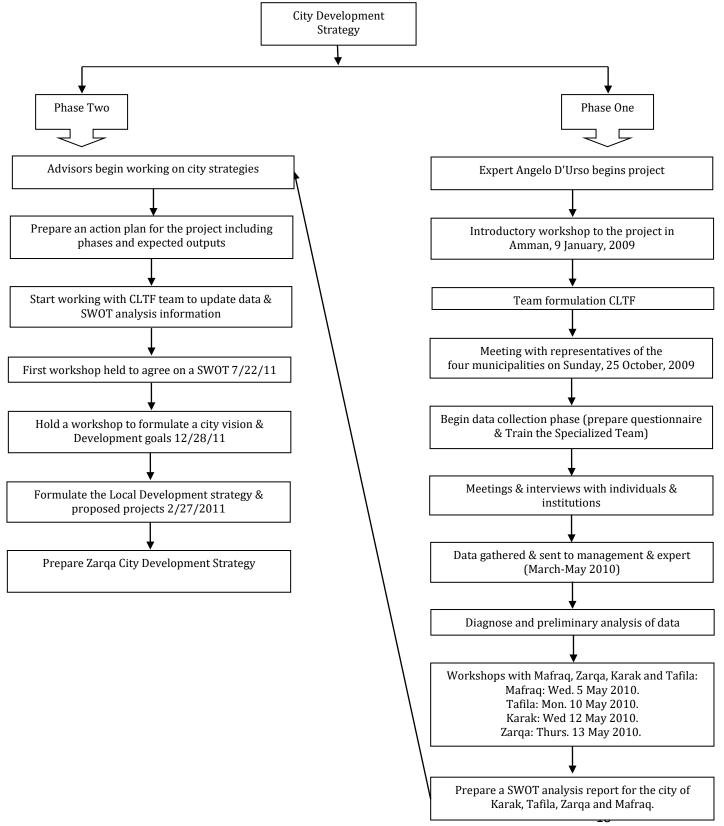
Workshop 3: Formulation of the City Development Strategy and proposed projects, which was held on 27/2/2012.

The workshops aim was to present the set of development goals that were agreed upon during the second workshop, identify the elements of the local City Development Strategy, propose and prioritize a set of medium term and long term projects based on a set of criteria agreed upon with the participants.

The adopted methodology included a presentation on the results of the first workshop, which included the strengths and weaknesses, opportunities, threats, and an overview of the results during the second workshop, which included prioritizing the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, formulating the city vision, city and identifying a set of medium term and long term development objectives, that are consistent with the city vision. After the presentation participants were divided into working groups to discuss the most important elements in Zarqa's Local City Development Strategy, in light of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, which are consistent with the city vision and the development goals identified during the previous workshop. Each group identified (10) medium term and long-term projects and prioritized them according to a set of standards focused on the compatibility of projects with the city vision, the medium term and long term development goals identified, viability and the benefits it would provide for the city and surrounding areas

3.3. City Strategy Implementation Structure

The diagram represents the steps and the implementation structure Zarqa City Development Strategy, through its various stages, where Project Manager Engineer Saleh Jaradat and supervisor of the project, Mr. Angelo D'Urso directly supervised the phases and approved the reports.



3.4. Participation and Consultation in Preparing the Strategy

While working through the phases of preparing the strategy, several meetings, workshops and interviews were held by the team, whether those meetings and workshops were held by Mr. Angelo D'Urso with local community in the public and private sectors and civil society organizations or direct interviews with officials in these institutions. As well as, the discussion session held by the four advisors responsible for preparing the city strategies prior to commencement of work on the initial stages of the project. There were a number of field visits to the city of Zarqa and meeting with officials in the municipality and the province as well as meetings with the city group to make the required modifications to the SWOT analysis update data contained therein before submission to the participants of the workshops.

A large number of participants from various representatives of the community attended the workshops implemented in Zarqa city:

- The Governor of Zarqa
- Heads of the municipal committees of Zarqa
- The Executive Board
- Members of the municipal council of the city of Zarga
- Heads and members of the Development unit in the governorate and the municipality of Zarqa
- Civil society organizations
- Representatives of different ministries and departments in the governorate
- Cooperative societies and charitable associations
- Youth organizations
- Representatives from the weekly & daily newspapers
- Women's associations
- Representatives of universities in the governorate
- Representatives from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs
- Representatives from the investors
- The private sector
- Other

The form of participation and methodology varied depending on the objectives of each of the three workshops that were held:

- Direct discussions, opening the floor for each participant to express his opinion on issues and topics that arise.
- Divided participants into groups for brainstorming sessions.
- Assigned participants to fill specific forms for the purposes of either collecting information or taking their views, such as weighting and prioritizing the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats, and in identifying, selecting, and prioritizing projects.
- Requested some specialists in the municipal work to provide some existing studies and plans that have been prepared in the past, to benefit from these efforts in the our discussions.

4. Zarqa City Profile

4.1. Brief History of Zarqa

Zarqa is word that goes back to Akadians, who are Arabs from the north of Arab island, they traveled to Iraq and established a civilization, and when the wanted to expand they invaded Alsham countries. Zarqa is formed of two Akadians words, Zar which means water and Qe which means a place.

They also called the river the Great River or the Alligators River, and then by time, a lot of changes made to the word Zar-qe and become later on Zarqa.

Zarqa have a great history shown in its name, as it been inhabited years before B.C, as many people have lived in this city because of the water it holds in that era.

The Human diversity in Zarqa led to enriching the social and economic life of Zarqa, which required a trade and management system to organize these groups and the relation with each other. In 18 Nov 1928 the Jordanian government issued an order to form a temporary municipal committee, and Baha Aldeen Abdallah was appointed president of that committee, then the committee started working on the infrastructure of Zarqa city.

4.2. Location

Zarqa is located north east of Amman, 20 KM away, it boarders Mafraq from north, and Amman from south, and its unique of its closeness to other provinces, it also has a Boarder point (Alomari) to travel to the Gulf states.

Boarders						
North	Mafraq					
East	KSA					
South Amman						
West	Jarash and Balqa					
الفرى المنافقة المنا						

Distance from other Provinces					
Province Distance to Zarqa					
Amman	22.20				
Irbid	88.50				
Ajloun	71.10				
Jarash	45.60				
Mafraq	45				
Balqa	44				
Madaba	54				
Karak	141				
Tafileh	205.3				
Maan	232.2				

4.3. Climate and Environment

Zarqa have a Desert Climate where its located in the dry areas of Jordan, in summer its hot and dry, and chilly in winter. The yearly raining levels don't exceed 250 ml.

Zarqa Topography:

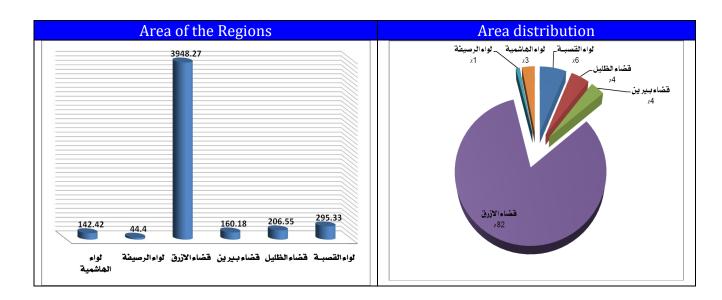
- Valleys: Zarqa Valley which separated between Horan and Balqaa.
- **Desert plateau:** from the eastern side of Zarqa.
- **Highlands:** Located to the west along the provinces of Jerash, Balqa.

4.4. Area

Zarqa Area is 4761 Sq km, which is 5.4% of the total area of Jordan.

The following diagram shows the area of Zarqa different regions and districts (Alweya and Aqtheyah), where the Azraq region forms 82% of the whole province, and Alhashemeyeh Region forms 1% only.

Region	Population density (Person / km 2)	Area (SQ KM)
Qasabeh	1531	295.33
Dhlail	50	206.55
Bereen	85	160.18
Azraq	9	3948.27
Rsaifa	6887	44.4
Hashemeyya	371	142.42
Total	182	4797.15



Source: Interior Ministry, 2010

4.5. Organizational Structure

Zarqa Governorate is divided administratively into three regions:

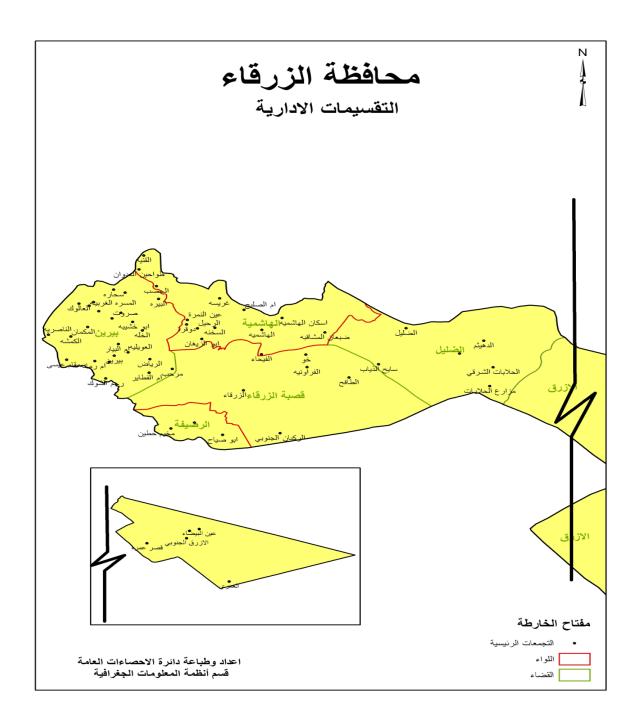
- Qasabeh
- Rsaifa
- Hashemeyyeh

It also includes the following three districts:

- Bereen
- Dhlail
- Azraq

As for the local councils in the province there are seven municipalities:

- Municipality of Greater Zarqa
- Municipality Rsaifeh
- Bereen
- Municipality of Hashemeyeh
- Dhlail
- Hallabat
- Azraq



4.6. Demographics

Zarqa is considered the third biggest province of Jordan as of population, with a population of 891,000 (2009) representing 14.9% of the total population of Jordan. The following table shows the population of Zarqa in 1979, 1994, 2004, and the predictions for 2009.

Year	Male	Female	Total
1979	162,056	147,349	309,405
1994	332,661	306,808	639,469
2004	413,380	385,620	799,000
2009	460,900	430,100	891,000

Source: Department of Statistics

The population density in Zarqa reaches 183 citizin/sqkm, it has a diversity in its citizens who live along controlled by Islamic values and Arab loyalty.

The citizens are distributed on 54 residential areas, most importantly Zarqa city which is the center of the province, the rest of the citizens live in different residential areas, where the percentage of the population living in urban areas in the province is about (95.1%) of the total number of inhabitants, while a rural population of (4.9). Qasabet al Zarqa largest population centers in the province with a percentage of (51.9%) of the population of the province, and it should be noted that the Palestinian refugee camps are located in Qasabet Zarqa (camp Zarqa), Rsaifeh (camp Hattin), Hashemeyeh (camp Sokhna).

The Zarqa community is considered a young community, as the percentage of people under the age 15 reaches 38.9% of the total Zarqa population, and people age between 15 and 64 form 58.1%, this group is considered the workforce of Zarqa with a total number of 506,399.

The following table shows some demographic indicators of Zarqa

Indicator				
Population	891.000			
Urban	95.1			
Rural	4.9			
Percentage from Jordan Population	14.9			
Male Ratio	51.7			
Female Ratio	48.3			
Under age of 15	38.9			
Age 15 - 64	58.1			
Age over 65	3.0			

Source: Department of Statistics

4.7. Economic and Social situation

Statistics show that citizens of Zarqa was able to occupy 11% of the total jobs created in 2012, which came after Amman (37%) and Irbid (19%). The statistics show that the total number of jobs created in 2010 was 66,000 new job opportunities, where 18,000 were created from the public sector, and 47,000 from the private sector. In 2009 the total number of jobs created was 42,000, which means the increase in 2010 was 12%.

- Workforce

Statistics show that the Economically Active population of Zarqa in 2010 reached 197,415 of which 171,497 is males and 25,918 is females. Of which only 172,804 is currently in jobs.

	Economically active			
Zarqa	Male	Female	Total	
	171,497	25,918	197,415	

- Unemployment

As for the unemployment in Zarqa, statistics in 2010 show that the unemployment rate in Zarqa declined 0.4% compared to 2009, in 2010 it was 12.5%, and in 2009 it was 12.9%.

The following table shows the Unemployment rates for citizens of Zarqa over the age of 15 for the years 2008-2010

	2008		2009		2010				
Zanga	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Zarqa	9.4	25.4	11.6	10.5	26.7	12.9	11.3	20.1	12.5

Source: Department of Statistics 2008-2010



- Poverty

The poverty percentage in Jordan in 2008 reached 13.3% according to the department of statistics. In Zarqa it reached 11.2%, and despite its dangerously high, it's still the lowest in Jordan. As in Mafraq it reaches 31.9%, and in Maan it reaches 24.2%.

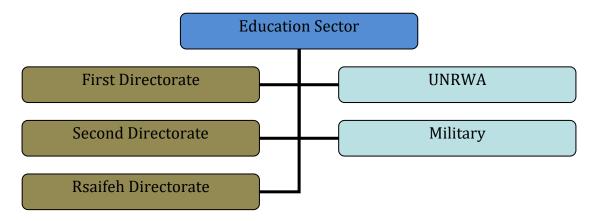
Zarqa	Poverty Percentage	Number of People in Poverty	Number of families in Poverty	Percentage of people in Poverty	Percentage of Families in Poverty
2008	11.2	91,456	11,589	11.7	7.9

Source: Department of Statistics 2010

4.8. Sectors

- Education

The Education Sector in Zarqa contains three directorates in addition to UNRWA schools, and military schools as shown in the structure below:



Schools' student numbers in Zarqa reach 250,000 students, of which 178,329 in public schools and the rest in private schools and UNRWA schools and Military schools.

As for high education in Zarqa, the following table shows the universities in Zarqa:

Number	University	Number of Students	Number of faculty teachers
1	Hashemite University	16466	450
2	Zarqa Private university	5106	1170
3	Applied Balga University	2248	88

The following table shows the colleges in Zarqa:

Number	Callaga	Party re	Dogion	
Number	College	Public	Private	Region
1	Zarqa College	*		Qasabah
2	Rafidah Nursing College	*		Rsaifeh
3	Zarqa National College		*	Qasabeh
4	Islamic Society		*	Qasabeh
5	Qortobah College for Girls		*	Qasabeh
6	Institute of Allied Health	*		Oacabab
6	Professions	·		Qasabeh

The following table shows the numbers of citizens in Zarqa who obtained higher education; they form 17.5% of the total population:



Qualification	Percentage	Number
College diploma	8.8	76,701
Bachelor	7.8	67,985
High Diploma	0.1	872
Masters	0.6	5,230
PHD	0.2	1,743
Total	17.5	152.531

- Health

There are 8 hospitals in Zarqa, of which 4 private sector hospitals; they include the necessary medical equipments. In addition to Prince Hashem Military hospital which has 355 beds. Currently, construction of a new Zarqa Public hospital is ongoing, which will hold 450 beds; this will improve the number of beds to families ratio in Zarqa.

Hospital	Rooms	Beds	Labs	Labor rooms	E.R	Xray
Public Zarqa	55	300	4	3	8	22
Prince Faisal	5	3	1	2	190	42
Alhekmeh	2	4	3	1	60	32
Qasr Shabib	6	4	2	1	70	37
Alrazi	2	1	2	1	30	14
Olive Mountain	3	4	2	1	68	35
Total	40	24	13	10	718	215

According to statistics published by D.O.S in 2010, more than 70.9% of the total population of Zarqa is medically insured through the health ministry, and the military, and UNRWA in addition to the private medical insurance.

- Industry and Trade

Zarqa is considered an industry pillar in Jordan for more than 50% of the Jordanian industry, which range from food products to steel and paper products. And based on the importance of this sector in Zarqa, comes the importance of the trade sector in Zarqa too. In addition, there are more than 4,000 registered traders in Zarqa.

The following table shows the numbers of industrial institution registered in Zarqa:

Sector	Number of industrial Institutions	Capital (million JD)	Number of workers
Leather and Garments	210	24.6	14761
therapeutic and medical supplies	8	11.3	349
Plastic and Rubber	44	5.5	540
Chemical industries, cosmetics	84	20.0	1525
electrical engineering industries and information technology	1949	10.3	4174
Wood and furniture	650	2.1	1091
Construction industry	603	51.8	3748
Packaging, paper, cardboard and office supplies	84	12.0	1224
Ration and food industries, agricultural and livestock	452	66.6	6244
Mining industries	4	0.06	18
Total	4.088	204.26	33.674

- Industrial Zones

Zarqa contains 15 industrial company that operates in qualified industrial zones in Dhlail (13 companies) and Rsaifeh (2 companies).

- Free Zone

The free zone in Zarqa was found in 1993 on a 5200 Donums land of which 3000 donums were developed to cope with the investment requirements in different sectors. Infrastructure were prepared and developed (roads, sewage, electricity, water, Bank and telecommunication services).

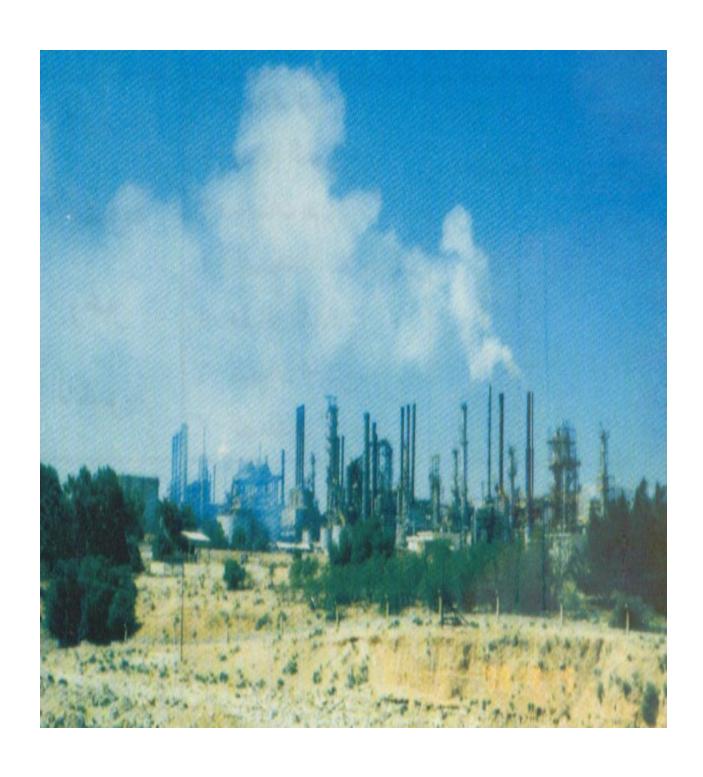
The free zone contains many warehouses, car showrooms, food products, clothes, spare parts, agriculture equipments.

- Social Security

Social Security is considered one of the most important pillars in the social and economic security through the insurances it provides. In Zarqa, the number of institutions that is included in the social security reached 3636 as of 31-12-2011 with employees included reached 44,349.

- Environment

Zarqa suffers from many issues regarding the environment; this was stressed on by the participants in the workshops. This is probably caused by the fact that Zarqa is an Industrial city, in addition to the petrol refinery and ALHussain Thermal station, in addition to traffic jams.



Environmental Pollution sites in Zarqa

Qasabet Alzarqa

Site	Problem	Solution	
Zarq Stream	The stream gets polluted	The Stream	
	by the sewage waste	rehabilitation Project	
	water that leaks into it.	Spraying of pesticides.	
	Hard waste		
	Leak of waste water from	Control plants located	
	the water purification	along the riverbed.	
	station		
Water purification	Bad smells.	Improve and	
Station	Leaking into the stream	development the	
		operating capacity of the	
		Station	
Crushers and quarries	Emissions of dusts.	Install filters	
	Bombings.	Spray water	

Hashemeyyeh

Site	Problem	Solution
Petrol Refinery	Emission of toxic gas	Filters installation
	The Oil used is full with	Reduce the percentage of
	sulfur	Sulfur in the oil
Alhussain Thermal	Emission of toxic gas	
Station		
Alkherbeh Alsamraa	Leakage of waste water	Rehabilitation of the
Station		Station
Steel Factories	Emission of toxic gas	Filters installation
Rafa Station for Waster	Bad smells	Improve the station
water purification	Diseases	capacity

Wadi Alosh

Site	Problem	Solution
Jordan Company for Steel	Emission of dangerous	The company signed a
production	gases	guarantee to install
		filters
Sekrab shops	Emission of gases	Find an alternative sites
	Views distort	Manage the burning
		operations

Rsaifeh

Site	Problem	Solution
Phosphate hills	Emission of dusts	The environment
	View distort	ministry is working on a
	Emission of toxic gases	project to solve this
		problem
Alkhamerah Jordanian	Waste water	The waste water is being
industries	Bad smells	transported and used to
		water plants
Pepsi pool	Bad smells	Stop the leakage of
	Pest problems	sewage water into it
		Pest control
Livestock market	Bad smells	Find an alternative
		location

Dhlail and Hallabat

Site	Problem	Solution	
Cow farms	Bad smells	Establish an organic	
		fertilizer factory to make	
		use of waste produced	
Crushers and quarries	Emission of Dust	Filter installation	
	Explosions	Water spraying	
Hekmat al Tojar factory	Bad smells	Filters installation	
Qualified industrial zone	Waste water	Establish a water	
		purification station	
Arabian Company for	Emission of Dust	Filters installation	
white Cement production	Baybas	Put the baybas into the	
		ground and mix it with	
		sand and water	

5. SWOT Analysis of Zarqa City & Their Priorities

During the second workshop, the participants agreed to prioritize the strengths, weakness, opportunities and threats according to their propinquity to the current situation of the city. The prioritization awarded based on weights that indicate importance (1-5). The participants agreed the SWOT analysis of the city is summarized as follow:

5.1. Prioritization of Strengths

- The Industry sector in the city gained first place with total of (425) points. In the perspective of the participants, Zarqa industry sector is extremely important and provides Zarqa with a competitive advantage. Zarqa is considered as the industrial hub of Jordan where more than 50% of Jordanian industries varied between food, chemicals and petroleum, as well as leather and paper industries, and iron, marble and brick factories are located. The participants believe that this factor should be a key part in the formulation of the vision of the city.
- The commercial sector took second place with total of (418) points. This is a reflection of Zarga's industrial sector, demographic status and population size, in addition to the presence of more than (4000) merchant registered with the Zarqa's Chamber This makes this factor Commerce. а basis anv initiatives and development projects to be seen in the city in the future.
- Geographical location: the geographic location of Zarqa is one of the main strengths from the perspective of the participants, which came in third place with the total (414) points. Zarqa is located near the capital Amman, thus making it a priority area on the government development agenda; in addition, it's located on the main international high that leads to both Iraq and Syria.
- Population Diversity: participants felt that the diversity of the population in Zarqa is a strength; it was placed fourth with total of (410) points. This could be due to the diverse ethnicities existing in Zarqa, which enjoys social interdependence among all spectrum of society in Zarqa.
- Demographics: Zarqa has a youthful population, this element was ranked fourth by the participants, accumulating (386) points. This is due to the fact that approximately 60% of Zarqa's population is ages 24 and under, with almost 39% ages 14 and under.

- Education Sector: Education is one of Zarqa's strong elements and advantage to the city; participants ranked education in sixth place with total of (377) points. People are well educated; in addition to that, there are a number of universities that contribute to strengthening this sector.
- Infrastructure: One of the strengths in the city of Zarqa, which was ranked last; with (280) points.

Table 1: Final Scores and Ranking of the Strengths (S)

Prioritization of Strengths by participants	Total Points	Ranking
Industrial Sector	425	1
Commercial Sector	418	2
Geographical Location	414	3
Population Diversity	410	4
Demographics	386	5
Education Sector	377	6
Infrastructure	280	7

5.2. Prioritization of Weaknesses

- Lack of coordination between the executive authorities of the city: The participants clearly stated that the lack of coordination between the executive authorities in Zarqa is one of the most imperative weaknesses; which came in first place with total of (356) points. This weakness reflects negatively on the integration of work needed, and hence on the quality of services.
- Air Pollution: one of the most important weaknesses in Zarqa is air pollution, resulting from the industries, traffic and vehicles, which was ranked in second place by the participants; with the total of (349) points. The participants emphasized the importance that this issue is one of the pillars that the future city vision includes.
- Water Supply: ranked in third place with (343) points, this is due to the wear of the network, leakage, and that the water supply system does not cover all areas in the city, leaving out many families. In addition the rotation system that is enforced doesn't cover the needs of the population.
- Road Network: The road network accumulated (340) points, ranking as the fourth point of weakness. The participants pointed the importance of addressing this problem and that the future city

- strategy needs to include radical solutions for it. This problem has caused traffic jams and congestion due to the narrow streets, lack of parking, and the continuous attacks on the streets.
- Playgrounds and Green Areas: Was ranked as the fourth weakness with (340) points (tied with road network). There is severe shortage in playgrounds, parks and green areas, in addition the few areas available are not maintained and well taken care of.
- Poverty: which was placed as the fifth point of weakness, with (338) points. Statistics revealed a poverty rate over 11%. Participants confirmed that the importance of the need of new developments and projects that will improve people's lives, alleviate poverty, and reducing the negative impacts to their lives.

Table (2) Final Scores and Ranking of the Weaknesses

Prioritization of weaknesses by Participants	Total Points	Ranking
Lack of Coordination between the Executive Authorities of the City	356	1
Air Pollution	349	2
Water Supply	343	3
Road Network	340	4
Playgrounds & Green Areas	340	4
Poverty	338	5
Slums	337	6
Public Transportation	336	7
Water Pollution	335	8
Waste Management	330	9
City Center	323	10
Cultural Heritage	314	11
Adequacy of Educational Facilities	312	12
Financial Situation of the Municipality	307	13
Municipality Employees	306	14
Adequacy of Health Care Facilities	305	15
Public Participation	301	17



5.3. Prioritization of Opportunities

- Expand the Boundaries of the Municipality: The area of Zarqa Municipality is 65 km2; the participants see that it is important to expand the municipal boundaries of Zarqa to the west and east to include the Hashemite University, the free zone, Zarqa Private University and Al-Sharq City. In their opinion the presence of these components (educational, industrial and population) will benefit the city. Participants ranked this as the first opportunity, with total of (396) points.
- Presence of Universities: a number of universities are located in the Zarqa that can be utilized for its benefit. such the Hashemite University, Zarga Private University and a School from the Balga University. These Facilities could be taken advantage of by utilizing the research centers, contribute solutions through their research, provide the necessary training to the community through their service centers, in addition to the benefit of students in the revitalization of Zarga residentially and commercially. Universities Presence was ranked in second place, with (342) points.
- The Presence of Free Zones: with a difference of one point between the opportunity of the presence of university, it was ranked third allocating (341) points. The importance and benefits of this opportunity is through the exploitation of the job opportunities and the importance of benefiting of the developments proceeds in it.
- The Light Rail between Zarqa and Amman: Came in fourth as an opportunity for Zarqa, with the (340) points. In supplying the Zarqa with a modern and sophisticated transport network; which will in return reflect positively on the commercial and industrial activity, facilitate transportation, and provide employment opportunities.
- Utilize the municipality land in implementing investment projects: This opportunity shared fourth place with the light rail project; total of (340) points. The participants believed that investing these lands in investment projects will benefit the residents of Zarqa's services and economy particularly if managed with high efficiently.

- Reform and rehabilitate Zarqa's stream: Ranked in fifth place, with (337) points. This is an opportunity to improve the environmental conditions, and reduce air and water pollution.

Table (3) Final Scores and Ranking of the Opportunities

Prioritization of Opportunities by Participants	Total Points	Rank	
Expand the boundaries of the municipality to include the free zone and the universities	369	1	
Presence of Universities (Hashemite University, Zarqa Private University, Branch of Balqa University)	3/1./		
Free Zones	341	3	
Light Rail project between Amman and Zarqa	340	4	
Utilize the municipality land in implementing investment projects	340	4	
Reform and rehabilitate Zarqa's stream	337	5	
Zarqa City Master Plan	329	6	
Invest the Grants from International Agencies	322	7	
King Abdullah bin Abdul-Aziz City	315	8	
Millennium Challenges Project	314	9	
Governorates Fund	297	10	

5.4. Prioritization of Threats

Results of the analysis showed that the threats that affect the city of Zarqa, from the viewpoint of the participants are as follows:

- Lack of tools to measure and reduce air and water pollution: This threat is one of the major threats facing Zarqa; the continuous pollution of the water and air will have a negative impact on the lives of the people and their continuity to live in the city. Participants stressed that the City Vision includes and refers to this subject; and to ensure that the industrial sector doesn't grow at the expense of the environment. This threat accumulated total of (384) points.
- The continued dumping of waste and the contamination of Zarqa's Stream: Again the issue of pollution in Zarqa is at the top of threats from the perspective of the participants. This issue ranked second with total of (378) points.

- The neglect of traffic problems and abuse on the streets within the city: the neglect of traffic jams and the frequent attacks on the streets within the city has deprived it from its attractive characteristics, and created a polluted, crowded, and chaotic city. This threat was ranked third with the total of (349) points.
- Migration of the population from Zarqa to Amman: the existence of migrations from Zarqa to Amman, in particular the areas of Abu Nasir and Shafa Badran. This threat was ranked fourth, with total of (348) points.
- Old City's loss of its traditional characteristics: This threat ranked fifth from the viewpoint of the participants, with total of (337) points; as a result of the attacks on the streets, overcrowding, poor hygiene, and pollution.

Table (4) Final Scores and Ranking of the Threats

Prioritization of Threats by Participants	Total Points	Rank
Lack of tools to measure and reduce air and water pollution	384	1
The continued dumping of waste and the contamination of Zarqa's Stream	378	2
The neglect of traffic problems and abuse on the streets within the city	349	3
Migration of the population from Zarqa to Amman	348	4
Old City's loss of its traditional characteristics	337	5
Weaknesses in project management	308	6
Continuation of the current relationship between the municipality and the Free Zoon	288	7

6. City Vision and Strategic Goals

6.1. Methodology

Before Workshops

- 1. Data gathering
- 2. Complete data and update
- 3. Data Analysis
- 4. SWOT Analysis

Workshops

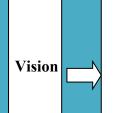
- 1. Deep discussions
- 2. Re-organize outputs and results
- 3. SWOT Analysis points
- 4. Identify city vision elements

Main indicators

- 1. Zarga Location
- 2. Industry and Trade
- 3. Environmental
- Situation
- 4. Transportation

Strategic Frame

Strategic Goals



- The First Goal: Ensure that the population of Zarqa is benefiting from the available job opportunities
- The Second Goal: Ensure the results from the development process are reflected on the population of Zarga
- The Third Objective: Provide an integrated infrastructure to support the development process
- The Fourth Goal: Improve institutional structures related to the development process



Action Plan

Identify a set of projects on the medium and long term based on the strategic directions and a set of standards:

- The projects must be based on the city vision and development goals
- The projects must reflect the needs of Zarga
- Implemental projects
- Projects wit positive effects on Zarga and province
- Projects that strengthen the strength points and limit the weakness points.

6.2. City Vision

Following the analysis and prioritization of SWOT analysis, participants agreed that there was a number substances for the city vision of which all participants agreed upon, namely:

- **The Industry sector in the city**: In the perspective of the participants, Zarqa industry sector is extremely important and provides Zarqa with a competitive advantage. Zarqa is considered as the industrial hub of Jordan where more than 50% of Jordanian industries varied between food, chemicals and petroleum, as well as leather and paper industries, and iron, marble and brick factories are located. The participants believe that this factor should be a key part in the formulation of the vision of the city.
- The commercial sector in the City: This is a reflection of Zarqa's industrial sector, demographic status and population size, in addition to the presence of more than (4000) merchant registered with the Zarqa's Chamber of Commerce. This makes this factor a basis of any initiatives and development projects in the future of the city vision.
- **Zarqa competitive advantage:** The geographical location, the diversity and demographics of the population, and education.
 - 1. Address the following weaknesses (Table No. 2):
 - Lack of Coordination between the Executive Authorities of the City
 - Pollution
 - Water Supply
 - Road Network and Transportation
 - Playgrounds and Green Areas
 - Povertv
 - 2. Exploit the following opportunities (Table No. 3):
 - Exploit the benefits of the presence of Universities and Free Zone.
 - Enhance the transportation system, through the Light Railway between Zarqa and Amman.
 - Reform and rehabilitate Zarqa's Stream, to ensure a positive environmental effect.
 - Exploit the municipality land for the implementation of programs and projects successfully.

- 3. Reduce, mitigate, and prevent the impact of threats (Table No. 4):
 - The continuation of pollution.
 - Continued neglect of traffic problems and abuse on the streets within the city.

Following the discussion it was agreed unanimously by the participants that the City Vision be as follows: -

"Zarqa is an industrial and commercial city, an integrated environment, attractive to live, supported by a modern transportation network and infrastructure; benefiting from its competitive advantage, and managing programs and projects efficiently and effectively within the framework of wise governance to ensure sustainable development; thus reflecting positively on the lives of its citizens economically and socially."

6.3. Strategic Goals

1. The First Goal: Ensure that the population of Zarqa is benefiting from the available job opportunities, through:

- Provide a suitable work environment in terms of wages, availability of social security, job safety and job security.
- Effective use of vocational training centers, and the training centers available in the factories, to train the workers and develop their abilities and skills.
- Increase community awareness to encourage work in all professions and fields.
- Maximize the benefit of the presence of universities in Zarqa, and employment opportunities available in them.
- Benefit from the Free Zone in Zarqa, and employment opportunities available there.

2. The Second Goal: Ensure the results from the development process are reflected on the population of Zarqa, through:

- Focus on industries that are suitable for Zarga's environment.
- Coordination between the various institutions for infrastructure and projects.
- Ensure compatibility between the industrial areas and the diverse industries available in Zarga.
- Linking the universities in the governorate with a good road network to reach various areas in the city.
- Include the universities within the borders of the municipality and in the City's Master Plan.
- Improve the transportation network between Zarqa and Amman in on hand, and the internal transportation network between markets and residential areas on the other hand.
- Improve the transportation network between Zarqa and the Jordanian border.
- Improve support services and facilities such as parking, complexes, and restaurants.

3. The Third Objective: Provide an integrated infrastructure to support the development process, through:

- Develop social responsibility towards Zarqa.
- Create a legal framework that ensures that Zarqa benefits from its industrial sector, such as allocating a percentage of the job opportunities to the city.
- Encourage the creation of entities to service industrial areas.
- Focus on key and necessary industries that serve Zarqa.
- Benefit of students enrolled in universities located in Zarqa in terms of providing housing and services.
- Ensure the coordination and integration between the implementation entities and the government institutions in Zarqa.
- Structure that ensures the sustainability of the development plans, as well as the following-up, correcting any deviations, making recommendations, and monitoring the results.
- Provide and implement the legal framework to reduce the environmental and industrial contamination in Zarqa.

4. The Fourth Goal: Improve institutional structures related to the development process, through:

- Build and strengthen the partnership between the private and public sectors.
- Implement the supervisory role on the overall performance of the governorate.
- Link the output of educational institutions with the actual need of the labor market.
- Focus on key and necessary industries to serve Zarqa.
- Utilize the research centers and community service centers in the universities; and provide the necessary training to take advantage of employment opportunities available.
- Implement the amendment of legislation to ensure effective financial management of municipalities.
- Promote Zarqa as the commercial center.

6.4. Strategic Directions for City development (by sectors)

The participants agreed to identify the following elements for the city development strategy:

First: Trade and Industry Sector

The Participants see the importance of Trade and Industry Sector in Zarqa, as it contains more than 50% of the Jordanian Industry, there was consensus by the participants on the need to strengthen the **following points**:

The Strengths of Zarqa in this area include:

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And build on the most important opportunities in the Trade and Industry sector that include:

- Expand the Boundaries of the Municipality: The area of Zarqa Municipality is 65 km2; the participants see that it is important to expand the municipal boundaries of Zarqa to the west and east to

include the Hashemite University, the free zone, Zarqa Private University and Al-Sharq City. In their opinion the presence of these components (educational, industrial and population) will benefit the city. Participants ranked this as the first opportunity, with total of (396) points.

- The Presence of Free Zones: with a difference of one point between the opportunity of the presence of university, it was ranked third allocating (341) points. The importance and benefits of this opportunity is through the exploitation of the job opportunities and the importance of benefiting of the developments proceeds in it.

The Participants realize the importance of reducing the effects of weaknesses and include:

- Road Network: The road network accumulated (340) points, which effects the Trade and Industry transportation, and the ease of transporting for the citizen to and from the factories. Ranking as the fourth point of weakness. The participants pointed the importance of addressing this problem and that the future city strategy needs to include radical solutions for it. This problem has caused traffic jams and congestion due to the narrow streets, lack of parking, and the continuous violations on the streets.

Face the current and future threats, such as:

- Lack of tools to measure and reduce air and water pollution: This threat is one of the major threats facing Zarqa; the continuous pollution of the water and air will have a negative impact on the lives of the people and their continuity to live in the city. Participants stressed that the City Vision includes and refers to this subject; and to ensure that the industrial sector doesn't grow at the expense of the environment. This threat accumulated total of (384) points.
- The continued dumping of waste and the contamination of Zarqa's Stream: Again the issue of pollution in Zarqa is at the top of threats from the perspective of the participants, which includes the pollution caused by the factories. This issue ranked second with total of (378) points.

Second: The Environmental Situation of the City of Zarga

The participants confirmed the importance of fixing the current environmental situation of Zarqa which is the pollution in all forms, to ensure the quality and health of the people of Zarqa, and the importance of the growth in the industrial and trade sector taking into consideration the environmental situation. Based on the analysis done, the following results appeared based on the participants view:

- Pollution: one of the most important weaknesses in Zarqa is air pollution, resulting from the industries, traffic and vehicles, the participants emphasized the importance that this issue is one of the pillars that the future city vision includes.
- Lack of tools to measure and reduce air and water pollution: This threat is one of the major threats facing Zarqa; the continuous pollution of the water and air will have a negative impact on the lives of the people and their continuity to live in the city. Participants stressed that the City Vision includes and refers to this subject; and to ensure that the industrial sector doesn't grow at the expense of the environment.
- Reform and rehabilitate Zarqa's stream: Considered as one of the important opportunities for Zarqa from the viewpoint of the participants. This is an opportunity to improve the environmental conditions, and reduce air and water pollution.

Third: Transportation

- The problems and challenges in the Transportation system in Zarqa and the roads network and Traffic jams, and to adopt projects to solve those problems. This was one of the pillars of discussion and research from the participants and the citizens in Zarqa which came as follow:
 - Road Network: The participants pointed the importance of addressing this problem and that the future city strategy needs to include radical solutions for it. This problem has caused traffic jams and congestion due to the narrow streets, lack of parking, and the continuous violations on the streets.
 - The Light Rail between Zarqa and Amman: the participants sees that it's important In supplying the Zarqa with a modern and sophisticated transport network; which will in return reflect positively on the commercial and industrial activity, facilitate transportation, and provide employment opportunities.

6.5. Set of programs, plans and operational policies

Work has been done on the preparation of programs, plans and operational policies for the implementation of the objectives and strategic directions focusing on the following:

- Create a suitable Working environment (Salary levels, social securities, Safety, job security)
- Activate the use of vocational training centers and the training centers in factories to train the employees and enhance the capabilities and skills
- Increase community awareness to encourage work in all professions and fields.
- Maximum use of the presence of Universities and Job opportunities available in it
- Maximum use of the presence of the Free zone and job opportunities available in it
- Coordination between different institutions in regard to projects and infrastructure
- Ensure the Integration between the industrial zones and the different industries in Zarqa
- Connect the Universities with a good road network
- Include the Universities into the Municipality boundaries and main plans
- Improve the Transportation system between Zarqa and other cities, and the internal transportation
- Improve the transportation network between Zarqa and the Jordanian Boarders
- Improve support services and facilities such as parking lots, and parks, and restaurants
- Develop the Social Responsibility towards Zarga
- Provide a legal frame to ensure that Zarqa benefits from the industrial sector, such as identify a minimum percentage from the jobs to be for Zarqa locals

- Encourage the establishment of the service entities for the industrial zones
- Focus on key industries and necessary to serve Zarqa
- Benefit from the universities' students (services, accommodations)
- Ensure coordination and integration between executive bodies and government institutions in Zarqa
- A Structure that ensures the continuity of the development plans and follow-up and correct the deviations and make recommendations, and monitor the results.
- Provide and Activate the legal frames to reduce the Pollution in Zarqa
- Build and enhance the partnership between the private sector and the public sector
- Activate the monitoring role on the overall performance through the Governorate
- Link the outcome of the educational institutions with the actual market needs
- Activating the research centers and community service in the universities, and provide the necessary training to take advantage of employment opportunities available.
- Activating the legislations and make necessary amendment to ensure effective financial management of the municipality
- Promoting Zarga as a Trade Center

7. Implementation plans according to the strategic goals

The implementation plans were prepared to align with the city vision and strategic goals of Zarqa.

Based on the city vision: "Zarqa is an industrial and commercial city, an integrated environment, attractive to live, supported by a modern transportation network and infrastructure; benefiting from its competitive advantage, and managing programs and projects efficiently and effectively within the framework of wise governance to ensure sustainable development; thus reflecting positively on the lives of its citizens economically and socially." And the strategic goals;

- The First Goal: Ensure that the population of Zarqa is benefiting from the available job opportunities
- The Second Goal: Ensure the results from the development process are reflected on the population of Zarqa
- The Third Objective: Provide an integrated infrastructure to support the development process
- The Fourth Goal: Improve institutional structures related to the development process

The following shows the Implementation plans according to city vision and strategic goals:

Sector	Action/Project	Time Frame	Implementing Entity	Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
	Alleviate wage levels to suit living standards, which include ensuring the compliance of minimum wage.	Short Term, Periodic Review	 Social Security Commerce Chamber Industry Chamber Ministry of Labor Confederation of Trade Unions Trade Unions 	 Ensure that the factories and companies comply with the minimum wage. Review the minimum wage every 2 years to cope with living costs and inflation Improve livelihood of the citizens Reduce poverty
Trade	Include all the workers and institutions in the Social security umbrella	Short Term	Social Security	 Include all workforce in social security Improve the livelihood of the workers and their families Reduce poverty
Industry & Trade	Set standards for health and safety in work environment	Short & Medium Term	 Ministry of Labor Confederation of Trade Unions Chamber of Industry and Trade Social Security 	 Build a national strategy for safety and health to reduce work accidents Reduce the fatal accidents by %50 Reduce the disability accidents by %50
	Activate the vocational training centers and link training with jobs	Short, Medium & Long Term	 Ministry of Labor Vocational Training Cooperation Chamber of Industry & Trade 	• Increase the

Give the people of Zarqa the priority in job opportunities	Short, Medium & Long Term	 Municipality of Zarqa Governorate of Zarqa Zarqa Industry Chamber Zarqa Trade Chamber Qualified Industrial Zones Authority Free Zone 	 Set 10% of jobs in Zarqa for its citizens Increase Job opportunities Reduce poverty and unemployment
Promote Zarqa commercially through holding trade exhibitions and conferences		 Municipality of Zarqa Governorate of Zarqa Zarqa Industry Chamber Zarqa Trade Chamber Ministry of Industry & Trade 	 Increase the traders coming to Zarqa Promote Zarqa and its products Increase sales Stimulate the trade movement
Promote the integrated services industrial zones	Medium & Long Term	 Municipality of Zarqa Governorate of Zarqa Zarqa Industry Chamber Zarqa Trade Chamber Ministry of Industry & Trade Jordan Investment Board 	 Increase the employed citizens of Zarqa Reduce poverty and unemployment Expand the benefiting of the competitive edge of Zarqa
Build systems for supervision and observation on the performance of Zarqa, which includes economic and services and social indicators	Short, Medium & Long Term	Municipality of Zarqa	 Guarantee the successful implementation of the KPIs Correct and defects the occur fast
The adoption of partnership councils to promote sectorial cooperation between the public and private	Short, Medium & Long Term	Municipality of Zarqa	 Increase the cooperation and coordination between the private and the public sectors and unify the vision and policies relating to Zarqa and its citizens in order to reduce Zarqas' problems

	Promote for corporate social responsibility	Short, Medium & Long Term	 Executive Board Advisory Board Charities Banks Companies Chamber of Industry & Trade Zarqa Governorate Zarqa Municipality 	Activate the role of the Citizen and social responsibility which will help in solving issues on economic and services and social levels
	Coordination with the Jordan Investment Board to develop an investment map for the industrial and trade sector in Zarqa which are based on analytical and realistic studies	Short, Medium & Long Term	 Jordan Investment Board Municipality of Zarqa Zarqa Chamber of Industry Zarqa Chamber of Trade Zarqa Governorate 	 New companies and investors Create jobs Reduce poverty and unemployment
	Reserve a percentage of jobs in universities in Zarqa for its citizens in addition to the community colleges	Medium &	UniversitiesMunicipalityGovernorateAdvisory Board	 Reserve not less than 20% of the jobs in universities for citizens of Zarqa Increase jobs Reduce poverty and unemployment
Higher Education	Provide training and studies for Zarqa through research and studies centers in the universities	Short, Medium & Long Term	 The Hashemite University Zarqa Private University Balqa Applied University/ Zarqa Branch Governorate Municipality of Zarqa Chamber of Industry & Trade Trade Unions Charities 	 Increase the numbers of trainees from Zarqa, which will prepare them for the market which will Reduce poverty and unemployment Create studies for Zarqa on different sectors and subjects
	Provide suitable dorms for students in addition to other students services	Medium & Long Term	UniversitiesPrivate SectorMunicipalityGovernorateAdvisory Board	 Increase jobs for Zarqa Citizens Reduce poverty and unemployment Improve livelihood of Zarqa Citizens

	Link the education outputs with the marker needs	Short, Medium & Long Term	 Universities Municipality Governorate Ministry of Higher Education Advisor Board Chamber of Industry & Trade 	•	Ensure jobs for fresh graduates Provide suitable jobs Reduce poverty and unemployment
	Linkage between Universities and the various sectors to provide environmental studies and feasibility studies	Medium & Long Term	 Universities Municipality Governorate Zarqa Industry Chamber Zarqa Trade Chamber Companies Manufactures Advisory Board 	•	Provide the technical support and experience for companies and different sectors which could reflect on performance and productivity
	Include the universities in the boundaries of Municipality of Zarqa	Medium Term	 Universities Ministry of Municipal Affairs Governorate Municipality 	•	Increase the Municipality earnings Expand the Municipality boundaries Make the universities closer to the components of Zarqa (Services, Management, Administration)
Environment	Promotion of environment-friendly industries	Medium & Long Term	 Universities Chamber of Industry Companies & Manufactures Zarqa Municipality Zarqa Governorate Ministry of Environment Ministry of Industry & Trade Ministry of Municipal Affairs 	•	Reduce the Pollution Move towards environment-friendly industries Improve the city of Zarqa and the livelihood of its citizens
	Provide and activate the environmental observatories	Short, Medium & Long Term	 Ministry of Environment Municipality Governorate Companies & Manufactures 	•	Provide true reading on the pollution Provide data to citizens and decision makers Identify the hot polluted zones in Zarqa

	Activate and update the environmental legislations Set increasing penalties and fines on factories that does not comply	Short, Medium & Long Term Short, Medium & Long Term	 Ministry of Environment Zarqa governorate Municipality of Zarqa Ministry of Municipal Affairs Ministry of Environment 	 Reduce pollution Improve the livelihood of Zarqa citizens Reduce pollution Make good use of the collected fines
	with the environmental standards	-	 Zarqa governorate Municipality of Zarqa Ministry of Industry & Trade 	
	Promote Zarqa as a clean city free of waste	Short, Medium & Long Term	 Charities Banks Chamber of Industry & Trade Mosques Schools Municipality of Zarqa Governorate of Zarqa 	 Prevent waste from being thrown around in Zarqa Promote for Zarqa becoming a clean city Make Zarqa more attractive
d Communication	Reconsider the place and management of the public transportation vehicles	Short, Medium & Long Term	 Advisory Board Transport Regulatory Commission Municipality of Zarqa Zarqa Governorate Buses & Coaches Owners 	 Create a suitable place and suitable management for public transportation vehicles inside Zarqa and other provinces Create a sound queuing and timetable systems Provide service facilities, which should be maintained by the governorate
Fransportation and Com	Create car parks for citizens and visitors	Short, Medium & Long Term	International DonorsPrivate SectorGovernorate of ZarqaZarqa Municipality	Reduce traffic jamsReduce pollution
Transpo	Pressure the implementation big transportation projects especially the light railway project between Amman an Zarqa	Short & Medium Term	 MP's & A'ayan Zarqa Advisory Board Zarqa Municipality 	 Ease flow of traffic Provide Employment Opportunities Reduce traffic congestion Reduce poverty & unemployment rates

	Repair and pave the internal network of roads	Short Term	Zarqa GovernorateZarqa MunicipalityMinistry of Public Works	Ease the flow of trafficReduce traffic accidentsMitigate traffic jams
	Improve the transportation network & roads between Zarqa, the governorates & the Jordanian border	Short, Medium & Long Term	Governorate of ZarqaZarqa MunicipalityMinistry of Public Works	 Facilitate movement & flow traffic from Zarqa to governorates & border areas Reduce Traffic Accidents
of Zarqa"	Expand the boundaries of Zarqa city, east and west to include the Universities, the Free Zone and the Sharq city	Short & Medium Term	 Prime Ministry Ministry of Municipal Affairs Municipality of Zarqa Governorate of Zarqa 	 Increase money supply of the Municipality treasury as a result of including Universities, Free Zone and other areas Increase the area of the city Exploit the advantage of having Universities & the Free Zone
Administrative and regulatory "Municipality of Zarqa"	Restructure the municipality and it's human resources	Short Term	 Municipality of Zarqa Ministry of Municipal Affairs International Donors Cities & Villages Development Bank 	 Raise core competencies & Skills of the Municipality of Zarqa employees Raise productivity Raise services levels provided to residents Ensure effective productivity of employees Develop indicators to assess the performance of Municipality employees Increase financial efficiency municipality
Admini	Design a development plan for the municipality that includes services, infrastructure & a Master Plan	Short Term	 Municipality Cities & Villages Development Bank Ministry of Municipal Affairs Grant & aid programs from the USA, Europe, Canada, Japan and others 	 Create a master plan for the city Improve the quality of services provided to citizens

Activate the role of the development units in the Municipality & the Governorate & increase the level of coordination	Short Term	 Governorate Municipality Ministry of Internal Affairs Ministry of Municipal Affairs 	Improve Municipality development performance which in return will reflect positively on the governorate and the lives of the citizens of Zarqa
Develop a website for Zarqa City in various languages, which include information, indicators & a documentary on Zarqa.	Short Term	Ministry of CultureChamber of IndustryChamber of TradeGovernorateMunicipality	Provide information about Zarqa, at a local, national and international levels
Provide observatories & information center for Zarqa	Short Term	 Universities Municipality of Zarqa Governorate of Zarqa Executive Bodies Department of Statistics 	Provide up to date information, utilize the information in decision-making and directing resources

8. List of the projects on medium and long term

In light of the participants identifying elements of the local development strategy and the strategic direction through setting policies and programs; the participants proposed a set of projects that are needed in Zarqa (The participants pointed that there is few entities that couldn't attend the workshop whom have a direct relationship with implementing these projects and they are considered as partners or financing entities, therefore, the strategy should be divided on these entities so the projects chosen will be considered and schedules for), the proposed projects where as follow:

First: Industry and Trade Sector:

1. Establishing an industrial city

	The required information			
Project Background	The city of Zarqa Characterized as an industrial city, as it contains about 50% of Jordanian industries, but they are spread all over Zarqa, this is causing lack of integration between the industries, which shows the importance of a fully integrated industrial city.			
Project Description	Establish an integrated industrial city, with a variety of disciplines, built according to in-depth studies, taking into account the environmental dimension, and support the employment of labor in Zarqa, which contribute to reduce the problems of poverty and unemployment towards a sustainable development of Zarqa and its citizens			
Justification for the project	 Provide a complete integrated industrial city provide real job opportunities for citizens and job seekers in Zarqa Reduce the problems of poverty and unemployment. Benefit from the project to promote the development of an industrial Zarqa. 			
Main Objective	Enhance the competitiveness of the industrial sector and improve the infrastructure			

Specific objectives	- Create job opportunities
	- Promoting sustainable development, based on work and production.
	- Reduce the problems of poverty and unemployment
Project work plan	- Preparation of a feasibility study for the project
	- Determine the stages of work for various components of the project
	- Processing different bids
	- launch the project
The expected outcomes and impacts of the project	An integrated industrial city with industrial that includes different industrial and productive sectors, food products, pharmaceutical, chemical, clothing, leather. Where there are many expected positive effects for the project at the level of enhancing the competitiveness of the industrial sector in Zarqa, and provide job opportunities, training, Which contribute to achieving sustainable development and reflect positively on people life economically and consequent positive impacts on the business situation and living conditions in Zarqa and its citizens as well as effects on other areas of the governorate and the neighboring governorates such as Irbid, Mafraq.
Project Risk	 Environmental risk and therefore must take into account the environmental dimension of establishing the city. Organizational risk and therefore must work to expand the municipal boundaries of the
	Zarqa east and west
The estimated cost	15.000.000 Dinars
Investment Cost for Project Implementation	 The preparatory phase 500.000 JD Feasibility study phase 250.000 JD Designs and, tendering and evaluation 400.000 JD Construction and implementation phase 13,850,000

Funding sources	 Ministry of Planning Ministry of Industry and Trade Industrial Estates Corporation. World Bank. Investment fund social security.
Partners	 The municipality governorate Ministry of Industry and Trade Ministry of Planning. Industrial Estates Corporation
	- Trade and industry Chamber
Priority of the project	in the long term
Preparation time for the	12 months
project	
The time required for	5 years
implementation	

2. Electronic Incubators project

	The required information
Project Background	Electronic Incubators project, contributing directly in the provision of specialized job opportunities, for the fresh graduates and community colleges graduates, and push towards improving the quality of life for the citizens, and creates a positive work culture in the Zarqa.
Project Description	The establishment of three electronic incubators, in cooperation with universities in Zarqa and especially Hashemite University, Zarqa Al ahlyeh, Applied Balqa.
Justification for the project	 Providing job opportunities for university graduates and community colleges in the Zarqa. Reduce the problems of poverty and unemployment. activate cooperation between universities and the community
Main objective	Provide job opportunities to absorb the fresh graduates, and linking educational outcomes with the needs of the market.
Specific objectives	 create job opportunities Promoting sustainable development, based on work and production.

	- Reduce the problems of poverty and unemployment.
Project work plan	 - Address the universities in the Zarqa - To provide the necessary funding - Preparation of designs - Processing of different bids - Start working on the project
The expected outcomes and impacts of the project	Contribute to the reduction of poverty and unemployment, and increase the number of available jobs for graduates, and to link educational outcomes with the needs of the market.
Project Risk	No risks
The estimated cost	250.000
Investment Cost for Project Implementation	Studies and, tendering phase 50.000 Implementation phase, 200.000
Funding sources	World BankThe Development Fund for the Governorates.Donors
Partners	UniversitiesMunicipalitiesGovernorates
Priority of the project	in the short term
Preparation time for the project	4 months
The time required for implementation	1 year

3. Establish a specialized training center for hybrid cars

	The Required Information
Project Background	Zarqa have a high proportion of the educated youth who is looking for job opportunities, and in the presence of infrastructure such as the vocational training centers, and because of the market leaning toward hybrid cars (environment friendly), this project will provide trained personnel and professionals in this area, and thus contribute to creating job opportunities and reduce the problems of poverty and unemployment.
Project Description	Establish a specialized center for training in repairing hybrid cars, which will graduate trainees to be professionally and technically qualified to repair and maintain hybrid vehicles
Justification for the project	The lack of specialized training centers in this area in Zarqa and the presence of a need to reduce the problems of poverty and unemployment that faced by the youth, especially that the community of Zarqa have a high percentage of educated youth who is looking for jobs
Main objective	Provide trained qualified human resources
Specific objectives	 Reducing the problems of poverty and unemployment Integration of youth in the labor market and get rid of the culture of shame Create jobs
Project work plan	 Provide suitable operator through the Vocational Training Corporation. Provide the necessary funding Preparation of designs Processing of different bids Start working on the project Provide management and trainers
The expected outcomes and impacts of the project	 - Creating job opportunities for young people. - Provide trained qualified human resources. - Take advantage of the center as an example that can be

	complemented in other governorates and other cities.
Project Risk	No risk
The estimated cost	150.000 JD
Investment Cost for Project	- Studies and, tendering phase 25.000
Implementation	- Implementation phase, 125.000
Funding sources	- Vocational Training Corporation
	- Ministry of Planning
	- Ministry of Labor
	- The municipality
	- Development Fund for Governorates
	- Jordan Enterprise Development Corporation
Partners	- Vocational Training Corporation
	- Ministry of Municipal Affairs
	- Ministry of Labor.
Priority of the project	In the short term
Preparation time for the	4 months
project	
The time required for	One year
implementation	

<u>- Second: Environmentally</u>1. Rehabilitation the Zarqa Stream

	The required information
Project Background	Zarga suffers from the endemic environmental problem and
, 3	one of these problems is called the Zarga stream, which suffers
	from high pollution, whether its because of the dumping of
	industrial or household waste, Or even the waste from Khirbet
	Al Samra, in addition to that the visual pollution of slums built
	on the sides of the stream, all this calls for the launch of a
	project that aims for the rehabilitation of Zarqa stream
Project Description	Rehabilitation of Zarqa Stream, and to ensure that no one
•	dumps waste in it, whether industrial or household products,
	so the stream will go back to being a tourist attraction that
	have a lot of parks and rests, in addition to the rehabilitation of
	water to be suitable for agriculture, and to contribute to the
	reduction of pollution in the Zarqa.
Justification of the Project	- High pollution that the steam suffers
	- Negative effects on the locals because of the pollution
	- Reduce the poverty and unemployment
	- Convert the area to an agricultural area
	 Making the stream and attraction point for tourist
Main Objective	The rehabilitation of the Stream and stop the pollution caused
	by it
Specific objectives	- Bringing the stream back to life as an attractive
	agricultural place
	- Create Jobs
	- Reduce Pollution
Project Work plan	- Preparation of a feasibility study for the project
	- Determine stages of the work of various components of the
	project
	- Processing of different bids
	- Start working on the project
The expected outcomes	There is a lot of positive effects for this project, such as
and impacts of the project	stopping the pollution problem caused by the stream, and
	making it suitable for tourist and agriculture, in addition to
	creating jobs.
Project Risks	No risk
The estimated cost	10.000.000 Dinars
Investment Cost for Project	- Preparation phase and studies 500.000 JD
Implementation	- Designs, tendering and evaluation Phase 500.000 JD
	- Implementation phase 9,000,000
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Funding sources	- Private sector

	- Ministry of Tourism
	- The Development Fund for the Governorates.
	- World Bank
	- Other international donors.
Partners	- The municipality
	- Ministry of Tourism
	- Ministry of Agriculture
	- Tourism Board
	- Universities
Priority of the project	With a special priority, and to start the launch directly after of
	the project studies
Preparation time for the	8 months
project	
The time required for	3 years
implementation	

2. Waste Recycling

	The required information
Project Background	Zarqa again suffering from the problem of pollution in general, and the problem of collection and disposal of waste in particular, people tend to burn their waste which will help in increasing the pollution which will affect negatively on the lives of citizens and their health
Project Description	Find a mechanism and an effective method to collect and recycle waste in Zarqa, to ensure stopping the problem of pollution caused by burning waste, as well as the possibility to benefit from the project to generate electric power, resulting from the methane gas. in addition to provide opportunities for jobs, and therefore clean the environment, create job opportunities and reduce problems of poverty and unemployment
Justification for the project	 Reduce the problem of pollution caused by burning waste. Benefit from this project through the provision of electrical energy that is environment friendly. Create jobs. Reduce the problems of poverty and unemployment
Main objective	Reduction of the pollution problem in Zarqa and its surrounding areas
Specific objectives	- Stop pollution - Create jobs Reduce the problems of poverty and unemployment
Project work plan	-Make a technical study for the project - present the project for the purpose of funding - Start the implementation of project

The expected outcomes and impacts of the project	There are many positive effects for the project, which is to reduce pollution, including reflecting positively on the lives and health of the citizens of Zarqa, in addition to create job opportunities that contributes to the reduction of poverty and unemployment, and to get a Clean Zarqa.
Project Risk	No risks
The estimated cost	10.000.000 Dinars
Investment Cost for Project	- Preparation phase and studies 500.000 JD
Implementation	- Designs, tendering and evaluation Phase 500.000 JD
	- The implementation phase 9,000,000
Funding sources	- Private sector
	- World Bank
	- Other donors
Partners	-The municipality
	- Ministry of Environment
	- Governorate
	- Universities
Priority of the project	In the medium term and long-term
Preparation time for the project	12 months
The time required for implementation	3-5 years

3. The renewable energy project and the generation of electricity from solar energy

	The required information
Project Background	The climate in Zarqa id close to the desert climate, and the sunny days is more than 300 days a year, in addition to Zarqa having a well qualified human resources (university professors) in each of the Hashemite University and Al-Balqa Applied and Zarqa Private universities, which helps to build, launch and manage such a project
Project Description	Exploit the climate and sunny days in Zarqa to generate the electricity that are clean and friendly for the environment, through the creation of fields for generating electrical energy through the sun, and thus reduce the pollution problems in Zarqa, and create jobs in the city and its surrounding areas
Justification for the project	Reduce the problem of pollution. Increasing the competitiveness of the industrial and commercial sector through the provision of energy at a lower price

	 A positive Investment and exploitation of the Zarqa climate. Provide job opportunities and sustainable development, therefore reduce problems of poverty and unemployment and improve the lives of people.
Main objective	- Reduction of the pollution problem and make Zarqa fully integrated environmental industrial city.
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Specific objectives	-Create jobs.
	- insert the concept of renewable energy practically in Zarqa
	and produce environmental friendly energy.
	- Reduction of pollution
project work plan	-Preparation of technical and financial study for the project
	- provide funding
	- Preparation of designs and engineering plans required
	- Bidding
	- Start the implementation of project
The expected outcomes	There are many positive effects for the project, which lies in the
and impacts of the project	reduction of pollution in addition to provide job opportunities,
In the property of the project	produce environmentally friendly energy at a lower price
	,thereby strengthen the competitiveness of the industrial and
	commercial sector in Zarqa
	commercial sector in Zarqa
Project Risk	Failure to provide the necessary funding
The estimated cost	15.000.000 Dinars
Investment Cost for Project	- Preparation and feasibility studies 500.000 JD
Implementation	- Designs, tendering and evaluation Phase 500.000 JD
	- The implementation phase 14,000,000
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Funding sources	-World Bank.
	- Grant programs of American, European, Canadian, Japanese
	and other
	- The private sector.
Partners	-The municipality
i di dici 3	- Universities
	- Electricity Generating Company.
	- Electricity Generating Company. - The Governor.
Driority of the project	
Priority of the project	This project can be phased on several medium-long term stages
Preparation time for the	One year
project	
The time required for implementation	3-5 years
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Third: - Transportation and communication sector:

1. Light railway project between Amman and Zarqa

	The required information
Project Background	The close distance between Zarqa and the capital Amman is
, ,	one of the strengths, Which make it the focus of the
	government and the national agenda, and since the Zarqa form
	the human, industrial and commercial force in Jordan, the
	movement of people and goods is one of the main pillars
	effecting Zarqa.
	Because of that the light railway project between Amman and
	Zarqa is considered one of the most important projects that
	support the direction of Promoting the Location of Zarqa on the
	commercial and industrial map in Jordan.
Project Description	Establishment of a light railway line between the Zarqa and the
	capital Amman.
Justification for the project	- Reduction of traffic jams.
	- Provide an organized transportation with specified
	frequencies
	- Facilitate the transportation of people and goods.
27.1.1.1.	- Create jobs
Main objective	Solve the problems of the external transportation between
	Zarqa and Amman, and the smooth flow of traffic for the locals
G . C . 1	of Zarqa to Amman and vice versa.
Specific objectives	- More organized Transportation.
	- Investment in the transportation sector.
	- Reduce the problem of traffic jams.
	- Create jobs. Peduce the problems of powerty and unemployment
	- Reduce the problems of poverty and unemployment
Project work plan	- Preparation of a feasibility study for the project
	- Determine the stages of work of various components of the
	project
	- Processing of different bids
	- Start working on the project
The expected outcomes	Create an organized scheduled transportation system,
and impacts of the project	effectively investing in transportation system, and provide job
	opportunities that reduce poverty and unemployment, reduce
	traffic jams in Zarqa.
Project Risk	Reduce the control of bus owners operating on the road
	between Zarqa Amman

The estimated cost	50.000.000 Dinars
Investment Cost for Project	- Preparation and feasibility studies phase 1,000,000 JD
Implementation	- Designs, tendering and evaluation Phase 2,000,000 JD
	- Implementation phase 47,000,000
Funding sources	Private sector
Partners	- The municipality
	- Ministry of Transport
	- Private sector
	- Transport Regulatory Commission
Priority of the project	In the long term
Preparation time for the	24 months
project	
The time required for	5 years
implementation	

2. Car parks

	The required information
Project Background	Zarqa Suffers in general and the city center in particular from congestion and narrow streets and lack of parking which affects the movement of people, vehicles and commercial traffic, especially if we know that a large number of vehicles park in the streets leading to a state of confusion which makes
	the city center crowded
Project Description	Establish a parking lot on a piece of land in the city center, within several floors and a capacity of about 1000 car, and provide it with all the means of public safety
Justification for the project	 Get rid of the problems of traffic jam in Zarqa Facilitate the entry and exit of individuals Stimulate the trade movement that was affected by the limitation of car parks
Main objective	Provide additional parking and get rid of the traffic jam in Zarqa
Specific objectives	 Stimulate the movement of individuals Stimulate the trade traffic Gaining revenue for the municipality by imposing a small fee on cars
Project work plan	 Provide a piece of land dedicated for the project provide the necessary funding Preparation of designs Processing of different bids Start working on the project
The expected outcomes	Stimulate business and trade and get rid of traffic jams, and to
and impacts of the project	achieve additional revenue for the municipality
Project Risk	No risk
The estimated cost	3.000.000 Dinars
Investment Cost for Project Implementation	 Purchase a piece of land 200,000 JD Preparation phase: 75,000 JD Feasibility study Phase: 75,000 JD Designs, tendering and evaluation Phase: 100,000 JD Construction and Implementation phase; 2,550,000 JD
Funding sources	- World Bank - The municipality - Baldiati project - Provincial Development Fund
Partners	The municipality
Priority of the project	In short term

Preparation time for the project	5 months
The time required for implementation	1 year

Fourth: Organizational:

1 - The expansion of municipal boundaries

	The required information
Project Background	Zarqa municipality suffers from the small space of 65 square km only, and the establishment of any investment projects requires the expansion of municipal boundaries, especially since the city suffers from crowded population. In addition, there are important parts of Zarqa is not included within the boundaries of the municipality such as east city and King Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz city and the Free Zone and universities, "the Hashemite and Zarqa Private" which means to deprive the municipality of a lot of revenue and earnings, In addition, create a situation of separation between the old city and new city, which makes the city lose its Featured character.
Project Description	Expand the municipal boundaries of Zarqa toward the eastern region to include the city of King Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz, and the Free Zone and Alhishmah University and Zarqa Al Ahlia in addition to expand its borders to the west to include the communities nearby within the Zarqa Governorate
Justification for the project	- Investment reasons - Strengthen the revenues of the municipality
Main objective	Maximizing the benefit of the municipality of Zarqa from its nearby areas
Specific objectives	 The ability to create new investments Additional financial returns to the municipality Preach the gap between the different parts of zarqa
Project work plan	submit an application to the competent authorities and take the approval
The expected outcomes and impacts of the project	Increase the area of the municipality, which helps in establish investment projects and supply the municipal treasury with returns like fees and taxes that can be collected from the residential, industrial and educational areas for the municipality and create job opportunities
Project Risk	Some parts of the Governorate might resist being included in the municipality boundaries
The estimated cost	20.000 JD

Investment Cost for Project	Legal advice 10.000 JD
Implementation	Documents, and meetings 10.000 JD
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Funding sources	Municipality
Partners	- The municipality
	- Governorate
	- Ministry of Municipalities
	- Free Zones
	- the Council of Ministers
Priority of the project	In the short term
Preparation time for the	3 months
project	
The time required for	One year
implementation	

2. Rehabilitation of the city center

	The required information
Project Background	the city center of Zarqa suffer from traffic jams, violation on the streets, narrow streets, un clean streets that are full of waste, all this led to Zarqa becoming less attractive city and negative impact on trade and reduce the chance of attracting visitors, students and employees
Project Description	Rehabilitation of the city center, and to stop the violation on the streets, and make some of its streets in the city center were cars are not allowed
Justification for the project	-Restore the spirit and glow to the downtown - activating the trade.
Main objective	Rehabilitation of the city center and make it an attractive place
Specific objectives	Stimulating the tradeReduce the traffic jamMake the downtown an attractive place
Project work plan	 Preparation of a feasibility study for the project provide the necessary funding Processing of different bids Start working on the project
The expected outcomes and impacts of the project	Revive the city center, stimulating the trade and tourism, thus creating new job opportunities and make the downtown a destination for the Zarqa citizens, in addition to reducing traffic jams and reduce pollution from vehicles.
Project Risk	There is no risk of the project especially if the car parking

	project is implemented too
The estimated cost	5.000.000 Dinars
Investment Cost for Project	- A technical study on the general situation of the city center
Implementation	100.000
F	- Preparation phase 100.000 JD
	- Feasibility study 100.000 JD
	- Designs, tendering and evaluation Phase 150.000 JD
	- The implementation phase 4,550,000 JD
Funding sources	- World Bank
	- Departments and agencies of other international donors
	- Development Fund for Governorates
Partners	- The municipality
	- Governorate
	- Private sector
	- Chamber of Commerce
	- Management of traffic / Public security
Priority of the project	In the short term
Preparation time for the	3 months
project	
The time required for	One year
implementation	

Fifth: - Gardens, parks and green spaces: 1 – Establishment of parks and green areas

	The required information
Project Background	the city of Zarqa is suffering from a shortage of parks and green spaces, , they are being violated and misused , which urgently require to begin to establishing a number of gardens, parks and Provide it with necessary services to manage, operate and maintain
Project Description	Establish an integrated Gardens that include places for play and entertainment, serving all ages and categories, that are managed and operated effectively, to be supported with all the infrastructure services and other services such as restaurants, cafeterias and parking
Justification for the project	Create an recreation area for the people of ZarqaCreate jobs.
Main object	Establish suitable gardens and parks for Zarqa citizens
Specific objectives	- Parks , playgrounds and green spaces to serve the citizens of the Zarqa - create job opportunities

The expected outcomes and impacts of the project	 provide pieces of land provide funding Preparation of designs and engineering plans for infrastructure Bidding Start the implementation of project Find places of recreation for the citizens of the Zarqa, and create jobs.
Droiget Dick	Door management miguge and abuse
Project Risk The estimated cost	Poor management, misuse and abuse 1.000.000 Dinars
Investment Cost for Project	- Preparation phase 50.000 JD
Implementation	- Studies and designs and, tendering 100.000 JD
Implementation	- The implementation phase 850.000
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Funding sources	- World Bank
	- Development Fund for Governorate
	- Private sector
	- grants and aids
	- International Programs (American, European, Canadian,
	Japanese and others)
Partners	- The municipality
	-Governorate
	- Private sector
Priority of the project	In the short and long term
Preparation time for the	12 months
project	
The time required for	3 years
implementation	

Sixth: projects that support the competitive sectors:

 $\ensuremath{\mathbf{1}}$ - Design a development plan for the municipality and its human and financial resource

	The required information
Project Background	Municipality of Zarqa suffering from several weakness points
	in its unqualified and untrained human resource and the rising
	number of employees, lack of database, information and
	computers that enable employees to accomplish business with
	the least possible time, Also the municipality suffers lack of
	income and lack of financial plans that indicate the
	mechanisms of exchange and how to increase the investment
	of the municipality through projects that generate more income

Project Degaristics	to the municipality, in addition to the problems and issues relating to the organizational structure and job descriptions and many other issues and weaknesses that indicate the need for a long term executive plan to prioritize these issues and needs and start including them in the municipality budget.
Project Description	Prepare a detailed plan to identify a set of projects that the municipality needs through building database, and improve the human resources and raise the education, training, as well as to plan financial resources and introduce a number of production and investment projects that increase the financial resources of the municipality.
Justification for the project	Get rid of the weaknesses points, improve human resources, increase their productivity and increase the municipality revenues
Main objective	Raise the efficiency of the municipality and enhance the human resources and increase the productivity and revenues
Specific objectives	 Develop a database Improve the mechanism of collecting the revenues Raising the proficiently level of staff Create a database for production projects for the municipality Preparation of job descriptions and evaluate the performance of employees
Project work plan	 - Assign a specialized consulting firm that works with the municipality team - Preparation of the study and evaluation of results - Search for funding to implement projects at the municipality level - Start the implementation of project
The expected outcomes	Improve the performance of municipality services, and create a
and impacts of the project	comprehensive database that show the status of various services, and improve the image of service providers in the municipality in terms of culture and technical capabilities and the growth in revenues and simplify the procedures and processes for the various reviewers.
Project Risk	No risks
The estimated cost	200.000 Dinars
Investment Cost for Project Implementation	- Preparation of TOR, tendering and evaluation Phase; 25,000 JD Implementation and preparation of study by consulting firm phase; 175,000 JD
Funding sources	grants and aids programs of American, European, Canadian, Japanese and other
Partners	Private sectorThe municipalityMinistry of Municipalitiesentities related to the work of municipality

Priority of the project	In the short term
Preparation time for the	2 months
project	
The time required for	One year
implementation	

2. Design a development plant for the municipality relating to infrastructure and services and master plan

	The required information	
The municipality of Zarqa suffers from many weak relating to the incomplete master plan that he organizing the city and divide the investment sectors and implement organizational rules that he achieving a balanced growth among projects, in a to some problems in infrastructure in roads and and sewage and pollution problems and many issues that need to be identified and put in an explan (long term) to prioritize these issues and including them in the municipality budget		
Project Description	Prepare a detailed plan to identify the form and content of the master plan and complete all its phases, and create a prioritized plan that include the most importance infrastructure projects needed	
Justification for the project	Get rid of the weaknesses and create a master plan that supports an organized growth to deferent sectors, and attract various investments, and to improve the infrastructure to cope with expansion in the city.	
Main objective	Raise the level of performance of the municipality through	

	the services and provide distinguished services
Specific objectives	- Create a master plan that fits the growth of the city
	- Improve the infrastructure
Project work plan	- Assign a specialized consulting firm that works with the
	municipality team
	- Preparation of the study and evaluation of results
	- Search for funding to implement projects at the municipality level
	- Start the implementation of project
The expected outcomes and	Improvements to the performance of the municipality,
impacts of the project	and create a master plan that help in identifying the
impacts of the project	growth patterns among the sectors, in addition to
	improving the image of Zarqa in terms of readiness of
	infrastructure for investments
Project Risk	No risks
The estimated cost	150,000 Dinars
Investment Cost for Project	Preparation of TOR, tendering and evaluation Phase: 20,000 JD
Implementation	Implementation and preparation of study by consulting firm phase: 130,000 JD
Funding sources	- Grants and aids programs of American, European,
	Canadian, Japanese and others.
Partners	- Private sector
	- Municipality
	- Ministry of Municipalities
	- Entities related to the work of municipality
Priority of the project	Short-term
Preparation time for the project	2 months
The time required for	1 year
implementation	

9. Prioritization of the Projects

The priority of the projects has been identified taking into consideration the group of criteria that have been made clear to them and include: -

- Projects must be within the vision of the city and its development goals
- Projects that reflect the urgent need for the city of Zarqa
- Projects are applicable
- Projects with positive effects on Zarqa, cities and neighboring Governorates.
- Projects that will enhance the strengths and reduce weaknesses.

Te priorities of the projects came as follows: -

Project	Repetition rate	Ordered by Priority
Rehabilitation of Alzarqa Stream	148	1
The Light Rail between Zarqa and Amman	116	2
Establishment of Public Gardens and Green areas	113	3
Waste Recycling	109	4
Establishment of Car Parks	101	5
Rehabilitation of City center	87	6
The expansion of municipal boundaries	80	7
Establishment of an Integrated Industrial Zone	67	8
Renewable energy project and the generation of electricity from solar energy	59	9
Designing of a plan for the restructuring of the municipality and the development of human and financial resources	28	10
Creating Electronic Incubators	28	10
Development of Master Plan	25	11
Establish a Training center that is specialized in hybrid cars	20	12

10. Action plan for implementation of the development strategy of the city of Zarqa

It was previously identified, the elements of the local development strategy and identify strategic directions through a set of policies and programs that enhance the strengths and reduce weaknesses were also review a range of projects proposed by the participants and prioritization, However there must be a clear action plan in terms of strategy, which enables the implementation of the strategic directions as well as projects that have been noted, taking into consideration that the required fund stated is for the financing of the activities and not to be salaries or incentives for the committees, the action plan came as follows: -

Procedure / Goal	Responsible	Timeline	Required	Sources of
	Parties		Fund (JD)	Fund
Activation of the role of the	-Governor	Constantly	50.000	- Municipality
Advisory Council or the	-Advisory			- Governorate
establishment of specialized	Board			- Ministry of
entity to oversee the	-The relevant			Municipalities
implementation of the content of	departments in			
the development strategy and	the public and			
project plans through the	private sector			
following:				
 Coordinate with different 				
parties for the purposes of				
starting the				
implementation of				
projects				
- Prioritization of policies				
and programs that have				
been mentioned in the				
strategy for the purpose				
of starting to implement				
to reduce the weaknesses				
of the city				
- Coordination to provide				
the necessary funding by				
the Action Plan for				
projects.				
projects.				
 attract local and foreign 				
investment				

Create a Supporting technical team for the Advisory Board to develop performance indicators to the development plan and list of projects and follow up the implementation of these projects	-Governor -Advisory Board - The relevant departments in the public and	Constantly	50.000	- Municipal - Governorate - Ministry of Municipalities
Develop an investment plan for the city include the priority sectors, and processing feasibility studies for projects to be presented to investors and international bodies	- An external consultant - Advisory Board	1 year	200,000	-Jordan investment board - Baladiati Project -Municipality - Ministry of Planning
Establishment of Trade and Industry promotion unit responsible of marketing Zarqa in relation to Trade and Industry that includes representatives from the Trade and Industry chambers and the private sector ,the unit will coordinate with the Advisory Council on the implementation of projects and follow-up tourism projects referred to in the Action Plan	- Trade and Industry chambers - Governor - Municipal - Jordan Investment Board	Constantly	300.000	- Provincial Development Fund - Baladiati Project
Launching a media campaign focusing on the concepts and the importance of work and productivity and the importance of training	- consulting company - Ministry of Labor - Vocational Training Corporation	6 months	300.000	- World Bank - Ministry of Planning - Other donors
Establish a specialized unit of environmental affairs, responsible for monitoring and follow up on environmental issues in Zarqa and coordination with all the concerned parties in coordination with the Advisory Council	- Ministry of Environment - Governor - Municipal - Petroleum Refinery Company	Constantly	300.000	- Ministry of Environment - Baladiati Project - Petroleum Refinery Company - other donors

11. Capital Investment Plan

Zarqa Local City Development Strategy identified a set of strategic goals, listed below:

- The First Goal: Ensure that the population of Zarqa is benefiting from the available job opportunities
- The Second Goal: Ensure the results from the development process are reflected on the population of Zarqa
- The Third Objective: Provide an integrated infrastructure to support the development process
- The Fourth Goal: Improve institutional structures related to the development process

The Strategy included a set of strategic directions, action plan, a range of activities and projects, thus the presence of investment costs associated with the implementation of these activities and projects. An estimated value of the funding needed to implement the list of projects referred to in the previous tables is around (109,770,000) JD , as well as the investment costs associated with implementing a set of activities and action plan referred to earlier.

As for funding sources, funding can be provided by various sources, including:

- The launch of an integrated governmental program that includes these projects where part of the financing of these projects comes from the Governorate Development Fund, especially infrastructure projects and projects related to training and capacity building.
- Financing of small and medium-sized projects by private sector companies in the region, such as phosphate and potash companies.
- Funding of some projects by the Central governments from the Municipalities Budget.
- Launch a municipality encouragement fund, all municipalities; projects are evaluated based on their impact on the dimension of local communities' development.
- Coordinate with government agencies such as the Ministry of Planning and international Cooperation, JEDCO, the Ministry of Tourism, and the Ministry of Finance to get some grants and support from international bodies for the implementation of some of the projects included in the plan.

12. Recommendations & Lessons Learned

Zarqa City represented the perfect model for preparing a city strategy for two reasons: First the urgent need for Zarqa to have an economic development plan to serve as a roadmap for the development of the city, and the development of its human resources and promising sectors with competitive advantage. Second, is the extent of awareness, diligence and cooperation extended by different segment of the community through participation in workshops; where they were attentive in selecting projects that reflect the urgent needs of the city, and putting forward unique ideas during the discussions. To ensure the benefit from this national effort, we must take the following recommendations and lessons learned into account:

First: In order for the positive effects of implementing the strategy to impact all parties in the private and public sector, it's important to adhere to the action plan, and form the committees and working groups put forward.

Second: The necessity of proceeding in the decentralization project, with some supervisory controls on the performance of municipalities

Third: Municipalities in various regions of the Kingdom suffer from the absence of a master plan that includes proper urban planning for the growth of the city, as well as, the development plans of projects within various sectors. The master plan should be formulated with broad participation of all institutions working in the public and private sectors, civil society institutions and other relevant authorities.

Fourth: The need to hold workshops for knowledge transfer within the borders of municipalities in the Kingdom to inform them, about Karak, Tafila, Mafraq and Zarqa's experience; and hold training workshops for Development Unit managers in these municipalities.

Fifth: Begin gradually to replicate this project on a number of new municipalities in the Kingdom, such as Ajloun, Jerash, Irbid, Ma'an, Salt, and Aqaba.

Sixth: Strengthen the governments' orientation towards increasing the municipalities' capacity, to be self-reliant and achieve their resources, and complete a set of investment projects that increase the municipality's revenue through partnering with the private sector in those areas.

13. ANNEXES

Appendix (1) SWOT Analysis Points Prioritized

Table 1: Final Scores and Ranking of the Strengths (S)

Prioritization of Strengths by participants	Total Points	Ranking	
Industrial Sector	425	1	
Commercial Sector	418	2	
Geographical Location	414	3	
Population Diversity	410	4	
Demographics	386	5	
Education Sector	377	6	
Infrastructure	280	7	

Table (2) Final Scores and Ranking of the Weaknesses

Prioritization of weaknesses by Participants	Total Points	Ranking
Lack of Coordination between the Executive Authorities of the City	356	1
Air Pollution	349	2
Water Supply	343	3
Road Network	340	4
Playgrounds & Green Areas	340	4
Poverty	338	5
Slums	337	6
Public Transportation	336	7
Water Pollution	335	8
Waste Management	330	9
City Center	323	10
Cultural Heritage	314	11
Adequacy of Educational Facilities	312	12
Financial Situation of the Municipality	307	13
Municipality Employees	306	14
Adequacy of Health Care Facilities	305	15
Public Participation	301	17

Table (3) Final Scores and Ranking of the Opportunities

Prioritization of Opportunities by Participants	Total Points	Rank
Expand the boundaries of the municipality to include the free zone and the universities	369	1
Presence of Universities (Hashemite University, Zarqa Private University, Branch of Balqa University)	342	2
Free Zones	341	3
Light Rail project between Amman and Zarqa	340	4
Utilize the municipality land in implementing investment projects	340	4
Reform and rehabilitate Zarqa's stream	337	5
Zarqa City Master Plan	329	6
Invest the Grants from International Agencies	322	7
King Abdullah bin Abdul-Aziz City	315	8
Millennium Challenges Project	314	9
Governorates Fund	297	10

Table (4) Final Scores and Ranking of the Threats

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Prioritization of Threats by Participants	Total Points	Rank	
Lack of tools to measure and reduce air and water pollution	384	1	
The continued dumping of waste and the contamination of Zarqa's Stream	378	2	
The neglect of traffic problems and abuse on the streets within the city	349	3	
Migration of the population from Zarqa to Amman	348	4	
Old City's loss of its traditional characteristics	337	5	
Weaknesses in project management	308	6	
Continuation of the current relationship between the municipality and the Free Zoon	288	7	

Appendix (2) List of Participants in Workshops 1. Workshop 1

No.	Name	Title/ Institution
.1	Sameh Al-Majali	Governor of Greater zarqa
.2	Abed Al- Mohdy AL- Domor	the Chief of Police Dep.
.3	Brigadier Mr. Ahmad Odinat	Director of Intelligence
.4	Colonel. Mr Marwan Syoof	Compassionate intelligence chief
.5	Coloel Mr. Waled Saub	Director of Civil Defence
.6	Brigadier Mr. Fawaz Oliyan	Chief of Police Dep./Rusaifa
.7	Eng. Saleh Abady	Director of Zarqa Works Department
.8	Dr. Bashar Abu Salim	Director of Zarqa Health Dep.
.9	Eng. Abd ALraheem AL- Zawahrah	Director of Zarqa Agriculture Department
.10	Eng. Nawaf AL-Doghmy	Director of Education
.11	Eng. Mohammad Abu Medan	Director of Zarqa water
.12	En. Ahmad Harahshah	Director of Municipality Affairs for Zarqa Governorate
.13	Eng. Kholod Maaitah	Director of government buildings / Zarqa
.14	Naeem Hadadeen	Director of Zarqa Culture Dep.
.15	Ma'moon AL-Omary	President of the Joint Services Board of Zarqa Governorate
.16	Jamal Batayneh	Director of Zarqa Awqaf
.17	Ramzi AL-Shaweesh	Director of Commerce and Industry
.18	Jalal Ahmad Ghareeb	Director of Social Development
.19	Hussein AL-Jboor	Director of Youth Welfare
.20	Eng. Suliman Abu Toaimah	Director of Electricity Company
.21	Eng. Rasmi Zghool	Director of Vocational Training
.22	Mashhor Tarawneh	Director of Zarqa Free Zone
.23	Eng. Abd AL-Majeed Khabour	Director of Environment
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.24	Romil Ghareeb	Director of the Office of Tourism and Antiquities
.25	Abed AL-Raheem AL-Zawahreh	All Jordan Youth Coordinator for the Zarqa Governorate
.26	Eyad Haddad	Director of Transport Regulatory Commission of Zarqa
.27	Mazen Karaymeh	Director of Zarqa Labor
.28	Mohammad Turky Bani Khalid	Director of Palestinian Affairs
.29	Eng. Ghaleb AL-Khawaldeh	Director of the Agricultural Credit Corporation of Zarqa Governorate
.30	Hani Abu Naeem	Director of Social Security
.31	Jamal Shhadah	Director of Zarqa Cooperation
.32	Hani AL- shawash	Executive Director for Petroleum Refinery
.33	Dr. Monther Kreshan	Dean of the Zarqa Faculty of Applied University
.34	Dr. Mausa AL- Momani	Dean of Faculty of Zarqa
.35	Malak Abu Zonot	Director of Vocational Training for female
.36	Mahmoud Shqerat	Director of retired military and veterans Office
.37	Ibtisam Altanas	Mawared Company Representative
.38	Jamal Hajeer	President of Zarqa Chamber of Commerce
.39	Omar Khalil	President of Zarqa Chamber of industry
.40	Amaal Salem	the Director of UNRWA/ Zarqa
.41	Falah AL- Omosh	Chairman of the Municipal Committee / Zarqa
.42	May Marji	Chairman of the Municipal Committee/ Hashimiya
.43	Tahssen Gahwaji	Chairman of the Municipal Committee/ Berrin
.44	Ibrahim AL- Hadded	Chairman of the Municipal Committee/ Ad-Dulayl
.45	Eng. Ghassan Zureigat	Chairman of the Municipal Committee/ Al Azraq
.46	Eng. Saleh AL- Abady	Chairman of the Municipal Committee/ Rusaifa
.47	Eng Qasem Dardour	Chairman of the Municipal Committee/al-Halabat
.48	Fayez Maharmeh	President of Contractors Association
.49	Salameh Ghowairy	Parliament Member
.50	Mohammad Khawaldeh	Advisory Board Member

2. Workshop 2

No.	Name	Sector
1.	Mr. Mohammed Aqeel	Governor Assistant of the Zarqa Development
2.	Eng. Mohamed Zawahra	Head of Zarqa Development Unit
3.	Mr. Ahmed Mohamed Khairi	All Jordan Youth Commission
4.	Hanin Kamal Mahmoud	All Jordan Youth Commission
5.	Nora Khalayleh	All Jordan Youth Commission
6.	Neda Makahleh	All Jordan Youth Commission
7.	Khloud Mohammed Taleb	All Jordan Youth Commission
8.	Mariam Ghowiri	Zarqa Municipality
9.	Dr. Mohamed Ahmed Rasheed	Islamic Education Charity Association
10.	Eng. Mohamed Zidan Qaisi	Head of the Agricultural Credit Corporation
11.	Khawlah Yousif Ali	Alrsifah Charity
12.	Omar Khattab Omar	Zarqa Culture Department
13.	Rowan Ziad Azem	All Jordan Youth Commission
14.	Suliman Daradkeh	Associations Head
15.	Saeed Abu Halima	Arab Company
16.	Abdul-Majid Khabour	Department of Environment
17.	Alaa Ahmed Saade	Company "private sector"
18.	Eng. Qasim Dardour	Al-Halibate Municipality
19.	Ibrahim Hamdan	Mayor of Al-Thaleel
20.	Eng. Ghassan Zureikat	Mayor of the Zarqa
21.	Said	Association to facilitate access to marriage
22.	Sabri Radwan	Zacharias Charity
23.	Jihad Fah	Free Zones Corporation
24.	Mohammed Abdullah Kandil	Civil defense
25.	Abdullatif Lutfi	Civil defense
26.	Lara Abdul Hameed	Zarqa Chamber of Commerce
27.	Wael Masri	Rusaifa charity
28.	Hammoud Yousif Zeuod	The Hashemite
29.	Ahmed Abdel-Ghani	Free Zones
30.	Jihad	Free Zones
31.	Eng. Mohammed Abed	Department of Government Buildings
32.	Eng. Suleiman Abu Toaima	Jordanian Electric Power Company
33.	Najeh Hisham	Civil Status and Passports
34.	Eng. Ziad Maaytah	Zarqa Municipality
35.	Eng. Saleh Al-Abadi	Department of Public Works and Housing
36.	Salem Othman	Al-Halibate Association
37.	Lama	Deaprtment of Education
38.	Dr. Muawiya Abedulmajeed	Bara Charity
39.	Amer Saleh	Shabib Media
40.	Nassif Ghassan Khatib	Al-Hikma Association
41.	Eng. Qasim	Municipality of Al-Hashmieh

42.	Adnan Ismail	Zad Al-Kheir Association
43.	Anwar Al-Majali	Oasis Association
44.	Shaker Al-Zouhrah	Zawahra Association
45.	Majid Ahmed Suleiman	Saad bin Maaz Association
46.	Fayez Iskaka	Zarqa Chamber of Commerce
47.	Alab Farah Haddad	Orthadox Association
48.	Hatem Mohamed	Merchant
49.	Shaher Mohammed Salman	Petroleum Refinery Company
50.	Shafa Qasim	King Abdullah Center
51.	Aisha Abu Shusha	King Abdullah Center
52.	Khetam Ibrahim Saleh	Family Affairs Welfare Association
53.	Entisar Abu Hawilah	King Abdullah Center
54.	Malek Ahmad	The Vocational Training Corporation
55.	Fouad Zeuod	All Jordan Youth Commission
56.	Mohamed Saad	All Jordan Youth Commission
57.	Aida Najeh	All Jordan Youth Commission
58.	Donna Rousan	All Jordan Youth Commission
59.	Badia Atwa	Nashmiate Association
60.	Arwa Abdul Razak	Zarqa Municipality
61.	Jihad Muhammad	Jihad Abu-Sharar Co.
62.	Eng. Tahseen Qahwaji	Chairman of Bairin Municipality Committee
63.	Eng. Saddam Khalayleh	Bairin Muncipality
64.	Nashat Majali	Jordan News Agency
65.	Iyad Khatab	King Abdullah Center
66.	Eng. Awad Barakat	Zarqa Municipality
67.	Rula Ziad	All Jordan Youth Commission
68.	Dr. Faisal Al-Ghazou	Ministry of Environment
69.	Eng. Ibtehaj Al-Tamimi	Zarga Municipality
70.	Muna Salim	Culture
71.	Osama Mohammed	Shoaa Association
72.	Eng. Farah Dawood	Ministry of Municipal Affairs
73.	Elham Zoubi	Ministry of Municipal Affairs
74.	Raghda Dweikat	Ministry of Municipal Affairs
75.	Khaled Alroajfeh	Ministry of Municipal Affairs
76.	Shady Alqtaunh	Ministry of Municipal Affairs
77.	Iyad Batoush	Tariq Public Security Center
78.	Dr. Abdulrahim Hamdan	The Hashemite University
79.	Mohammed Salameh	Al-Hashemieh Assocaition
80.	Dr. Abdulrahim Bashir	Zarqa Agriculture Department Head
81.	Nasser Darawshe	Labour Department
82.	Amjad Zawahra	Zarqa Youth Department
83.	Saleh Daifallah	President of the Associations Union
84.	Munira Saleh	Ministry of Culture
85.	Dr. Lail Al-Fayez	Head of Zarqa Health Department

86.	Eng. Salem Hiyari	Director of Engineering
87.	Zuhair Abu Khadija	Social Activist
88.	Kauthar Ghouiri	Women Committees Forum
89.	Hassan Deghimat	Zarqa Chamber of Industry
90.	Abdul Rahman Al-Absi	Dawayima Association
91.	Ziad Mohammed	Ziana Jewelry
92.	Hussein Mohamed	Department of Education
93.	Marwan Ahmad	Association of Yarmouk
94.	Hamid Mahmoud	Yajouz Association
95.	Eng. Mai Marji	Head of the Hashmite Municipal Committee
96.	Rasmia Abdul Rahman	Al-Safwa Association
97.	Fadi Maaytah	Area Manager
98.	Mazen Alkraima	Operations Manager
99.	Sabah Al-Anani	Hittin Women Camp Association
	Mohammed Habashneh	Associations Union
	Aida Al-Jamal	Social Activist
	Weam Omuri	Al-Bazar Charity
	Fatima Ajawi	National Forum
	Mona Abu Bakr Arslan	Sokhna Women Association
105	Mohammed Saudi	Al-Tafileh Association
106	Ezzeddine Mohamed	Chechen Charity
107	Rahma	Shuaa Al-Nour Association
108	Mohammed Abu Khalifa	Social Activist
109	Turki Mohammed Maree	Social Activist
110	Abdullah Khalayleh	Wattan Kidergaten Association
111	Eng. Riad	Zarqa Municipality
112	Eng. Humaidan Amoush	Zarqa Municipality
113	Hassan Amoush	Zarqa Municipality
114	Lubna Omar Kassem	Al-Hussein Association
	Abdelkader Nazal	Omar Bin Al-Khatab Association
116	Juma Mohammed	Hittim Women Camp
117	Rasmi Al-Ali	The Vocational Training Corporation
118	Fares Saleem	Al-Hikma Association
119	Samiha Chechani	Sokhna Women
120	Mohamed Nasri	Social Activist
121	Osama Hammour	Haimer Villiages Charity
122	Rizk Alaourtani	Prince Talal Housing Association
123	Mohammed Shorbaji	Islamic Cutlure Association
124	Hana Chachan	Heritage Preservation Association
125	Jamila Mashaqbeh	Women Committees Forum
126	Ahmed Abu Qtam	Social Activist
127	Suleiman Al-Khalidi	Anthalah Association
128	Mohammed Abed	Craftsmen Association
129	Basma Mohammed	Member of the Women's Committees

130	Lutfi Yousif	Amiriya Social Development Association
131	Sheikh Taysir Khalayleh	Social Activist
132	Fatima Khalayleh	Social Activist

3. Workshop 3

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3.	Ilahm Alzoabi	Ministry of Municipalities
4.	Ragh Dwaikat	Ministry of Municipalities
5.	Heba Zoabi	Ministry of Municipalities
6.	Khalid Rawajfeh	Ministry of Municipalities
7.	Shadi Qatarneh	Ministry of Municipalities
8.	Mohran Sahori	Ministry of Municipalities
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10.	Eng. Ahmad Lahham	Hussein Thermal Station
11.	Jamelah Talab	AlDlayl Women Association
12.	Sahar Mohammad	AlDlayl Women Association
13.	Fatmeh Mlouh	AlDlayl Women Association
14.	Edah Alathamat	AlDlayl Women Association
15.	Intesar Mohammad	AlDlayl Women Association
16.	Nafel Fahed	AlDlayl Women Association
17.	Ali Abdaljawad	Ministry of Municipalities
18.	Ghazi al Zawahreh	Water Authority
19.	Emad Abdalqader	Water Authority
20.	Eng. Eyad Alnemri	Alzarqa Engineering
21.	Eng. Omar Abu Resheh	Jordan Telecom
22.	Dr. Abdalkareem Alshawarbeh	Zarqa Health Directorate
23.	Eng. Khalid Ahmad	Zarqa Guiding Unit
24.	Nayef Al Sharafat	Social Security Corporation
25.	Shafa Qasem	King Abdullah Center
26.	Aesheh abu Housheh	King Abdullah Center
27.	Firyal Turki	Aloan Health Association
28.	Seham Alumari	Alyaqeen Association
29.	Reem Agha	Activist

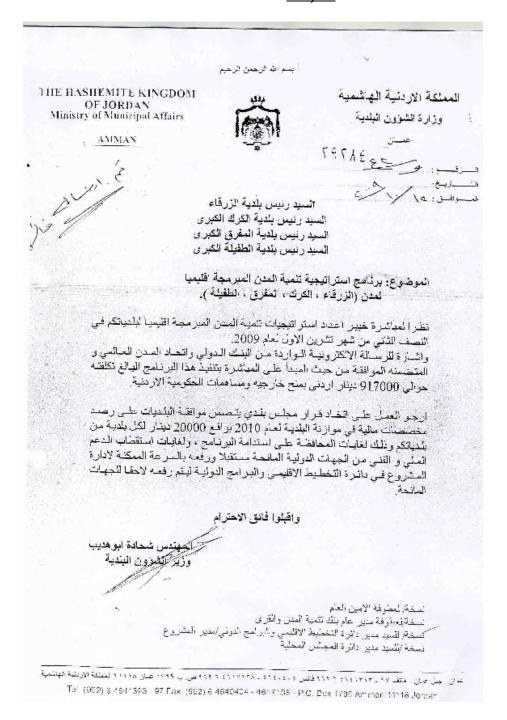
30.	Watfa Mahmoud	Social Activist
31.	Amerah Mohammad	Social Activist
32.	Rasmeyeh Mahmoud	Social Activist
33.	Khadra Abu shanab	Social Activist
34.	Mahmoud Abdalateef	Social Activist
35.	Eng, Mohammad Alzawahreh	Head of Zarqa Development Unit
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37.	Eng. Mahmoud Mohammad	Directorate of Government Buildings
38.	Eng. Jamal Shehadeh	Social Activist
39.	Ibrahem Abdalmonaem	Department of Antiquities
40.	Nisreen Mowafaq	Zarqa Development Directorate
41.	Ahmad Mohammad	Kolona AlUrdon Youth Organization
42.	Foad Saleh	Kolona AlUrdon Youth Organization
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44.	Maryam Alghwari	Zarqa Municipality
45.	Hassan Mahmoud	Zarqa Trade Chamber
46.	Malak Ahmad	Vocational Training
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48.	Mohammad Terawi	Farmer
49.	Yazan Mohammad	Farmer
50.	Eng. Ghaleb Hasan	Public Works
51.	Hasan Dghaimat	Zarqa Industry Chamber
52.	Yosra Abdalkareem	Working women Association
53.	Farah Jalal	Jordanian Association
54.	Mohammad Alhabashneh	Jordanian Association
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58.	Jehad Jamil	Zarqa Trade Chamber
59.	Wasfi Almomani	Zarqa Municipality
60.	Dr. Abdalraheem hamdan	Vice-president of Hashemite University

61.	Mohammad Abu Ali	Zarqa Governorate
62.	Dr. Mohammad Rasheed	Charity Society for Islamic education
63.	Ehab Hadid	Social Activist
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65.	Hussain Saadadin	Zarqa Trade Chamber
66.	Enaam Jodeh	Zarqa Environment Directorate
67.	Noor Ibrahim	Environmental Police
68.	Rasmi Zaghloul	Vocational Training
69.	Eng. Abdalkareem zawahreh	Kolona AlUrdon Youth Organization
70.	Rula Zeyad	Kolona AlUrdon Youth Organization
71.	Walaa Abdaljabbar	Kolona AlUrdon Youth Organization
72.	Eng. Mohammad Zidan	Agriculture Lending
73.	Manwar Mahmoud	Farmer
74.	Akram Abualfool	Zarqa Trade Chamber
75.	Fayez Ahmad	Zarqa Trade Chamber
76.	Eyad Haddad	Land Transportation Commission
77.	Soaad Alhabashneh	Retaining culture Association
78.	Eng. Khaldoun Khasawneh	Unions
79.	Ramzeyeh Al-khateeb	Women Union
80.	Saleh Alkhalayleh	Associations Union
81.	Satea Al madadha	Ministry of Industry and Trade
82.	Ahmad Yonis	Kolona AlUrdon Youth Organization
83.	Najah al Zain	Directorate of Operations in Zarqa
84.	Ali Maani	Ministry of Municipalities
85.	Dr. Mohammad Alshareaa	Petrol Refinery
86.	Elayyan Alzeben	Jordan Post
87.	Dr. Ali Qandil	Doctors Association
88.	Suleiman Rashed	Farmer
89.	Wesam Mashoor	Farmer
90.	Jameleh Almashaqbeh	Women Forum
91.	Mahfooth Abu Mahfooth	Zarqa Trade Chamber

92.	Eng. Fares Hassan	Alhekme Charity Organization
93.	Dr. Ahmad Elemat	Jordanian Association for fighting poverty and unemployment
94.	Abeer Jameel	Khawla Association
95.	Badeaa Al Hindawi	Khawla Association
96.	Rahma Isaq	Zarqa Development Committee
97.	Jibreel Awad	Social Activist
98.	Rahmeh Rasem	Kolona AlUrdon Youth Organization
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Annex (3)

Copy of the coordination letters between the Municipality, the Ministry of Interior Affair, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and the Local and Regional Development Project





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حرصنا على إنجاح العمل في برنامج استراتيجيات تتمية المدن المبرمجة إقليميا ضمن مشروع التنمية الإقليمية والمحلية لبلدياتكم

أرجو سرعة العمل على تشكيل فريق عمل على مستوى كل بلدية وعلى النحو التالمي :-

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 - 2. مدير البلدية .
 - 3 خمسة عضاء من المجلس البلدي.
 - 4. مدر اء كافة الدوائر في البلدية.
- مهندسو مديرية الشؤون البئدية في المحافظة.
- مهندسو مجلس الخدمات المشتركة في المحافظة.
 - 7. مندوبي بنك تنمية المدن والقرى في المحافظة .
- 8. مندوبي الدوائر الحكومية في المحافظة وزارة الأشغال العامة والإسكان بوزارة الصحة , وزارة التربية والتعليم وزارة السياحة والأثار ,وزارة التنمية الاجتماعية وزارة الداخلية , وزارة اللبينة وزارة العمل , وزارة المياه , الرى .
 - 9. رؤساء وحدات التنمية في بلديات المحافظة.
- 10 مندوبي المؤسسات الأهلية والنقابات والإتحادات العمالية والجمعيات الخيرية والجامعات والجامعات والقطاع الخاص والمؤسسات الصناعية الكبيرة وصندوق الزكاة وصندوق المعونة الوطنية.





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. ممثلين عن تجامعات الرسمية والخاصة في المحافظة.

بعض وجهاء المدينة .

و رئيس وحدة التنمية المحلية في المحافظة والبلدية .

. ممثلين عن الغرف الصناعية والتجارية في المحافظة.

- مدير مؤسسة الأعمار في المحافظة .

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Annex (4)

Media coverage of participatory workshops with the local community in the city of Zarqa

لقاء تشاوري لبحث مشروع استراتيجية تنمية مدينة الزرقاء

29/07/2011

الزرقاء - العرب اليوم - خالد الخريشا

عقد في مركز الملك عبدالله الثاني الثقافي بالزرقاء اللقاء التشاوري الاول لاصحاب الشأن " لبحث مشروع استراتيجية تنمية مدينة الزرقاء " والذي افتتحه محافظ الزرقاء سامح المحالي .

وقال المجالي ان "الزرقاء مقبلة على مشروع تحدي الالفية البالغة تكلفته 350 مليون دينار والذي سينهي مشكلات الزرقاء المائية اضافة الى مشروع ادارة الازمات الرامي لربط الدوائر والمؤسسات لايجاد بنى تحتية مميزة وخدمات شاملة تعالج القضايا البيئية والخدمية المختلفة التي يعاني منها ابناء الزرقاء".

وقرر المحافظ خلال اللقاء تشكيل لجنة لدراسة كافة الدراسات التي اعدها خبير التخطيط الحضري واستراتيجية تنمية المدن انجيلو دورسو من رؤساء بلديات المحافظة ولجان المرأة ومديري الدوائر والمؤسسات ذات العلاقة بالبلديات .

واشار رئيس لجنة بلدية الزرقاء المهندس فلاح العموش الى اهمية توسعة حدود بلدية الزرقاء نحو الشرق والغرب كون الزرقاء ذات الكثافة العالية سكانيا تعاني من ضيق حدودها البالغة 60 كلم2 العمل على رفع المستوى الاقتصادي للبلدية لواجهة المتطلبات الواجب تنفيذها من خلالها بعد ترحيل معسكرات الجيش التي كانت تعتبر رافدا اقتصاديا مهما مبينا ان ضم الجامعة الهاشمية والزرقاء الخاصة والمنطقة الحرة لحدود بلدية الزرقاء بات امرا ضروريا لتكوين قرى وتجمعات حولها تزيد من رقعة المدينة الحالية وتزيد من واقع التنظيم وتخفف من ازمات المرور الحالية داخل شوارع الزرقاء .

وكان مستشار استراتيجيات تنمية المدن المهندس محمد بني عامر استعرض حاجة الزرقاء للتخطيط الاستراتيجي العام وتحليل الوضع الحالي السكاني والاجتماعي والاقتصادي للزرقاء ونقاط القوة والضعف في مشروعاتها ومؤسساتها ومبينا التحديات التي تواجهها المتمثلة بتلوث الهواء الناجم عن المصانع وتلوث سيل الزرقاء ومركز المدينة المتدهور نتيجة ضيق الشوارع والارصفة وضعف التخطيط الحضري للمدينة نتيجة عدم توسعها افقيا وعاموديا والافتقار للموارد المالية لامتصاص التوسع والافتقار للتنسيق مع المؤسسات وعجز البلدية عن توفير بنى تحتية موازية للتوسع والتراكمات في الدين العام وعدم قدرة البلدية على توفير خدمات حسب المعايير المطلوبة بسبب الايرادات الضعيفة

عقد في مركز الملك عبدالله الثاني الثقافي في الزرقاء أمس اللقاء التشاوري الثاني لمناقشة "مشروع - **الزرقاء** استراتيجية تنمية المدن" والوضع الحالي والأفاق الاستراتيجية لمدينة الزرقاء

وقال مندوب محافظ الزرقاء لشؤون التنمية المتصرف محمد عقل الذي افتتح اللقاء إن التخطيط طويل الأجل يعكس التطلعات الحقيقية لتطوير أية مدينة بحجم الزرقاء وكثافة سكانها، داعيا الى بناء استر اتيجيات واضحة للواقع الذي تعيشه المدينة من مشكلات التعزيز نقاط القوة ومعالجة نقاط الضعف لتخفيف المشكلات التي تواجه سكان المدينة من بطالة وفقر. وأضاف أن الزرقاء جزء حيوي ومهم من المملكة وتحتاج الى تحسين وتطوير وتخطيط شامل وواضح المعالم مشيرا الى أنها مقبلة على مشروع تحدي الألفية الذي وقعت اتفاقية البدء بتنفيذه بكلفة 350 مليون دينار والذي سينهي مشكلات الزرقاء المائية إضافة الى مشروع إدارة الأزمات الرامي الى ربط الدوائر والمؤسسات لإيجاد بنى تحتية مميزة

وأشار مندوب رئيس بلدية الزرقاء/ مدير وحدة بلدية الزرقاء المهندس محمد الزواهرة الى أهمية توسعة حدود بلدية الزرقاء نحو الشرق والغرب كونها تعاني ضيقا في مساحتها البالغة 65 كيلو مترا مربعا، وذلك للعمل على رفع المستوى الاقتصادي لها لمواجهة المتطلبات الواجب تنفيذها بعد رحيل المعسكرات التي كانت تعد رافدا اقتصاديا معما لها

وبين المستشار الرئيسي للتطوير والتخطيط الاستراتيجي الدكتور محمد بني عامر أهداف اللقاء المتمثلة بتحليل نقاط القوة والضعف والفرص والتهديدات والتعرف على الأهمية النسبية من وجهة نظر المشاركين وصياغة رؤية مدينة الزرقاء المبنية على تلك النقاط وتحديد الأهداف الاستراتيجية للوصول الى الغايات والأهداف التي ترقى بالزرقاء نحو التقدم

ولفت الى حاجة الزرقاء للتخطيط الاستراتيجي العام وتحليل الوضع الحالي السكاني والاجتماعي والاقتصادي ونقاط القوة والضعف في مشرو عاتها ومؤسساتها مبينا أن التحديات التي تواجه الزرقاء تتمثل بتلوث الهواء الناجم عن المصانع والشركات وسيل الزرقاء والمصفاة ومصانع الحديد ومركز الزرقاء التجاري الضيق وضعف التخطيط الحضري للمدينة و عدم توسعها أفقيا و عموديا والافتقار إلى الموارد المالية والتنسيق بين المؤسسات و عجز البلدية عن توفير البنى التحتية

و عباً 150 مشاركا يمثلون المؤسسات والدوائر ذات العلاقة استبانة لبيان نقاط القوة والضعف لواقع الزرقاء والتهديدات التي قد تواجهها مستقبلا.-(بترا)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ek8T124Wzhw

مدينة الزرقاء لقاء تشاوري لمناقشة مشروع استراتيجية تنمية

ناقش اللقاء التشاوري الاول الذي عقد اليوم الخميس في مركز الملك عبدالله الثاني -(الزرقاء 28 تموز (بترا الثقافي بالزرقاء مشروع استراتيجية تنمية مدينة الزرقاء.

مقبلة سامح المجالي ان الزرقاء تحتاج الى التحسين والتطوير والتخطيط، مبينا ان الزرقاء وقال محافظ الزرقاء الزرقاء الرقاء المائية اضافة الى على مشروع تحدي الالفية البالغة كلفته350 مليون دينار والذي سينهي مشكلات الزرقاء المائية اضافة الدوائر والمؤسسات لايجاد بنى تحتية مميزة وخدمات شاملة تعالج القضايا مشروع ادارة الازمات الرامي لربط الدوائر والمؤسسات يعاني منها ابناء الزرقاء البيئية والخدمية المختلفة التي

الدراسات التي اعدها خبير التخطيط الحضري وقرر المجالي في اللقاء تشكيل لجنة لدراسة جميع تتكون من رؤساء بلديات المحافظة ولجان المرأة ومديري الدوائر واستراتيجية تنمية المدن انجيلو دورسو . بالبلديات والمؤسسات ذات العلاقة

حدود بلدية الزرقاء نحو الشرق والغرب واكد رئيس لجنة بلدية الزرقاء المهندس فلاح العموش اهمية توسعة للبلدية ومواجهة المتطلبات الواجب تنفيذها بعد ترحيل لما لذلك من دور في رفع المستوى الاقتصادي رافدا اقتصاديا مهما، مشيرا الى ان ضم الجامعة الهاشمية والزرقاء معسكرات الجيش التي كانت تعتبر الحرة لحدود بلدية الزرقاء بات امرا ضروريا لتكوين قرى وتجمعات حولها تزيد من رقعة الخاصة والمنطقة المرور

استراتيجيات تنمية المدن المهندس محمد بني عامر عرض حاجة الزرقاء للتخطيط وكان مستشار ونقاط القوة والضعف في الاستراتيجي العام وتحليل الوضع الحالي السكاني والاجتماعي والاقتصادي للزرقاء مشروعاتها ومؤسساتها.

شكلها المحافظ اجتماعات متتالية لوضع التوصيات المناسبة لجميع قضايا الزرقاء وتقرر ان تعقد اللجنة التي بها وتنفيذ مايتم ومشكلاتها والحلول المناسبة لها وفق جداول مدروسة بهدف رفعها للجهات المختصة للعمل الموافقة عليه .

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