Creating Sustainable Green Jobs for Refugees and Host Communities through the Green Economy in Jordan

Timeline: June 2023 - May 2026 (36 months)
Budget: 6M USD (Fund by KOICA 5.58M USD & Co-funded by GGGI 0.42M USD)

Background
Jordan faces resource scarcity, particularly in water and fossil fuels, necessitating a transition towards a more sustainable and resource-efficient economy. Environmental challenges, such as desertification, land degradation, and water scarcity, can be mitigated through green jobs that minimize the negative environmental impact of industries and encourage sustainable practices. High unemployment rates, especially among refugees, youth, and women, can be addressed by generating new green employment opportunities, targeting marginalized groups, and promoting social equality. Green jobs also contribute to climate change mitigation, helping Jordan meet its commitments under the Paris Agreement. Furthermore, green jobs projects align with the UN SDGs. The sustainable, inclusive green jobs project in Jordan will address the country’s economic, social, and environmental challenges.

Potential Impacts
By fostering green entrepreneurs, diversified new job opportunities in areas like renewable energy, waste management, sustainable agriculture, and eco-tourism will be created. This project also helps address skills gaps in the green labor market by enhancing workforce skills through comprehensive skill training programs. By focusing on refugees, women, and youth, social inclusion and gender equality are also expected to be improved. With strengthened green employment policy frameworks and institutional support, ultimately, the green jobs project will contribute to sustainable economic growth and economic diversification in Jordan by establishing an inclusive green employment ecosystem in Jordan.

Target Area
Amman, Mafraq, Irbid, Zarqa

Project Activities
Goal Establish an inclusive green employment ecosystem in Jordan
Outcome 1 Enabled Green Employment Environment equipped with the action plan and evidence of the economic and environmental benefits of Green Employment
Output 1.1 Jordan Green Employment Analysis in Jordan
Output 1.2 Capacity Development Training on Green Employment (GOJ)
Output 1.3 Action Plan to enable green employment environment
Outcome 2 Enhanced job seekers’ employability in green sectors through skill development and increased climate change awareness
Output 2.1 Integrated skill development training (1,000 people, 50% refugees, 50% women, 25% youth)
Outcome 3 Strengthened green entrepreneurs’ capacity and green start-ups’ activities
Output 3.1 Green Entrepreneurship training (660 people)
Output 3.2 Green businesses incubation & acceleration programs (220 people)
Output 3.3 Online green business acceleration platform equipped with training materials, tool-kits, advisory services

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