

Official Gazette

We, Abdullah II Ibn Al-Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, By virtue of Article (31) of the Constitution, And based on the decision of the Council of Ministers dated 11/2/2024, We order the enactment of the following Regulation:

Regulation No. (8) of 2024 National Registry of Government Investment Projects

Regulation Issued pursuant to paragraph (a) of Article (5) of the Public-Private Partnership Projects Law No. (19) of 2023.

Article 1

This Regulation shall be called the *National Registry of Government Investment Projects Regulation for the year 2024*, and shall enter into force as of the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Article 2 – Definitions

For the purposes of this Regulation, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings assigned thereto, unless the context indicates otherwise:

- **Ministry:** Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation.
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- **Registry:** The National Registry of Government Investment Projects established in the Ministry pursuant to the provisions of the Public-Private Partnership Projects Law.
- **Entity:** Any ministry, department, official public institution, public agency, council, authority, municipality, company wholly owned by the Government, or any of the aforementioned entities in which the Government or any of them owns more than 50%.
- **Committee:** The Government Investment Projects Committee formed pursuant to this Regulation.
- **Unit:** The Government Investments Management Unit in the Ministry.
- **Government Investment Project:** Any project under the supervision and responsibility of a government entity, listed in the Registry, with its capital expenditures allocated in the General Budget Law, aiming to develop fixed financial assets or provide/improve public services.
- **Partnership Project:** Any activity aiming to provide or improve a public service under a long-term contractual relationship between the government entity and the private sector, based on risk-sharing, under the supervision and responsibility of the contracting entity, and listed in the Registry.
- **Proposal Memorandum (Government Investment Project):** A preliminary document prepared by the government entity proposing the project, submitted to the Unit for initial evaluation under this Regulation.
- **Proposal Memorandum (Partnership Project):** A preliminary document prepared by one or more government entities pursuant to the Public-Private Partnership Projects Regulation.

- **Preliminary Feasibility Study:** Initial analysis of the economic feasibility of a partnership project or government investment project proposal.
- **Detailed Feasibility Study:** Comprehensive analysis of the feasibility of a government investment project covering institutional, technical, financial, economic, legal, environmental, social, and public safety aspects, including sustainability, prepared by the government entity and submitted to the Unit for evaluation.
- **Evaluation:** The analysis conducted on a project proposal memorandum to determine its effectiveness, efficiency, importance, sustainability, and impact.
- **Executive Program:** A program of no less than three years prepared by the Ministry, setting priorities for government investment projects and partnership projects, aligned with sectoral strategies.

Article 3

a. All approved proposals for government investment projects and partnership projects shall be listed in the Registry in accordance with this Regulation. b. The Registry aims to:

1. Provide a comprehensive database of projects and archive their documents, including studies, technical standards, and evaluation criteria.
2. Adopt a unified approach in project selection and evaluation.
3. Provide a monitoring mechanism for projects throughout their stages.
4. Ensure optimal use of public resources.

Article 4 – Committee

a. A committee called the *Government Investment Projects Committee* shall be formed, chaired by the Minister, with membership of the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Investment. b. The Committee shall:

1. Set general policy and determine priority sectors in the Executive Program.
2. Approve financial costs and timelines of projects.
3. Approve evaluation results of project proposals and their inclusion in the Registry.
4. Monitor performance indicators of projects to improve quality and achieve developmental goals.
5. Establish procedures to ensure efficient operation of the Registry.
6. Approve procedural manuals and templates for planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.
7. Address any other matters related to projects as presented by the Minister. c. The Committee shall meet upon invitation of its Chair, with quorum requiring attendance of all members. Decisions shall be taken unanimously within 30 working days of submission. d. The Committee may invite representatives of the concerned government entity to attend meetings regarding its project proposal, without voting rights. e. The Minister shall appoint a Secretary from the Unit to prepare agendas, record minutes, maintain records, and follow up on decisions.

Article 5 – Unit

The Unit shall:

- Manage and update the Registry, documenting studies and reports.
- Coordinate with the General Budget Department to determine capital expenditure ceilings for priority projects.
- Contract experts for preliminary feasibility studies of partnership projects when required.
- Prepare procedural manuals and templates for project selection, evaluation, and monitoring.
- Evaluate government project proposals and feasibility studies, and submit to the Committee for approval.
- Evaluate partnership project proposals and coordinate with the Ministry of Investment.
- Register approved proposals in the Registry and notify entities.
- Provide technical support to government entities during project stages.
- Review amendments to project costs or timelines.
- Receive periodic reports from entities, monitor outputs, and ensure developmental objectives are met.
- Monitor community engagement activities during project stages.
- Perform any other tasks assigned by the Minister or Committee.

Article 6 – Registration Procedures

Government entities shall submit a proposal memorandum including:

1. Summary description, objectives, and importance.
2. Estimated capital and operational costs.
3. Alignment with national priorities.
4. Target beneficiaries.
5. Economic, social, and environmental benefits, including climate change response.
6. Project risks.
7. Previous projects in the same sector.
8. Entity's capacity to bear costs.
9. Technical description.
10. Project readiness.
11. Timeline.
12. Any other relevant information.

Article 7–11

- The Unit shall review proposals, request additional information, and conduct preliminary evaluations within 15 working days.
- Preliminary feasibility studies for partnership projects must be completed within 60 working days.
- Detailed feasibility studies are required for government projects exceeding 10 million Jordanian dinars; for projects below this threshold, the Committee decides whether a study is necessary.

- Evaluation criteria include project nature, alignment with government priorities, costs, benefits, readiness, and institutional capacity.
- Partnership project evaluation criteria include alignment with PPP policy, operational transfer to private sector, economic feasibility, risk transfer, climate adaptation, cost recovery, institutional capacity, international precedents, and financing potential.

Article 12

The Minister shall issue periodic comprehensive performance reports on government investment projects based on recommendations of the Unit.

Article 13

The Committee shall issue the necessary instructions to implement this Regulation.

Article 14

The *National Registry of Government Investment Projects Regulation No. (27) of 2021* is hereby repealed.

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