

Water User Associations (WUA)



Vision

Sustainable management of irrigation water resources in the Jordan Valley.

Goal

Farmers in the Jordan Valley (JV) organize themselves into Water User Associations (WUA) and into a federation in order to represent their interests in front of the Government and other institutions. Farmers take over the tasks of retail water distribution management according to a specific bylaw.

WUA Development Phases



Achievements

As per April 2010, 22 WUA in the Jordan Valley have been established, which cover almost 80% of the irrigated area in the JV. This has led to:

- A more efficient and decentralized irrigation water distribution.
- A more stabilized network water pressure and water structure.
- A decreased percentage in penalties related to illegal water use and in maintenance cases.
- An increased trust and cooperation between JVA and farmers.
- The transfer of water distribution tasks from JVA to 11 WUA.