

# RCC member countries

## Jordan



### Country Information

**Region:** Western Asia

**Population:** Approximately 9.7 million

**Capital:** Amman

**GDP (US\$):** 40.068 billion

**Geography:** Jordan is mainly a desert, with some mountain areas in the west and north-west.

**General climate:** Jordan has a combination of Mediterranean and arid desert climates, with Mediterranean climates prevailing in the north and west. Generally, the country has warm dry summers and mild, wet winters.

**INFORM Risk Rating:** 4.1

### Risk Summary

- Earthquakes, flash floods, drought, locusts, snowstorms, frost, fires, chemical dangers, chemical, biological and radioactive contamination, armed conflict and mass population migration are Jordan's main threats.
- Due to Jordan's high population growth and density, and vulnerable physical infrastructure, the region's frequent seismic activity can have devastating impact.

- Recurrent droughts have also lead to economic stress, particularly on agriculture, and food insecurity.
- Rapid urbanization and insufficient drainage systems have increased the risk of flash floods.

## Disaster Management System

### National Level

- **The Higher Council of Civil Defense (HCCD)**

The HCCD is mandated to formulate plans for emergencies and disasters; establish public shelters; specify the duties of civil defense committees, Armed Forces, and Public Security; form civilian volunteer teams; demonstrate alarm techniques to citizens against emergencies and disasters; and recommend the budgets for emergencies and disasters.

- **The Relief Committee**

The Committee conducts needs and rapid damage assessments; provides logistics services for disaster relief; supervises national and international disaster relief operations; coordinates with the HCCD and civil defense committees; follows up on international appeals and external support; and reports to HCCD on relief operations.

- **Earthquake Technical Committee**

The committee trains relevant professionals in resistant building design; implements building codes; monitors the implementation of the building codes; identifies at-risk buildings; creates a database of engineering institutions for building evaluations and rehabilitation; and establishes an engineering emergency team in each governorate to assess and classify buildings affected by earthquakes.

## Helpful Links and Sources

Jordan country profile:

<https://data.worldbank.org/country/jordan>

INFORM country risk profile:

<http://www.inform-index.org/countries/country-profiles>

Jordan Disaster Risk Management Profile:

[http://www.jo.undp.org/content/jordan/en/home/library/crisis\\_prevention\\_and\\_recovery/publication\\_1.html](http://www.jo.undp.org/content/jordan/en/home/library/crisis_prevention_and_recovery/publication_1.html)

Higher Council of Civil Defense website:

<http://www.cdd.gov.jo/main.aspx>

Jordan risk profile:

<https://www.cadri.net/en/where-we-work/jordan>