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## **Japan and UNOPS Contribute to Improved Healthcare Services in Jordan**



Handover ceremony at King Hussein Medical Center @unops 2022

**Amman - August 24, 2022** – Representatives from the Embassy of Japan in Jordan, the Royal Medical Services (RMS) and UNOPS came together to mark the completion of the project which revitalized three critical RMS health facilities.

Funded by the Government of Japan and implemented by UNOPS, the “Urgent Operational Capacity Support to the Royal Medical Services for COVID-19 Response” project aimed at enhancing the operational capacity of the RMS to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and provide critical health services. Under the project, UNOPS rehabilitated and equipped the emergency department at the King Hussein Medical

Center in Amman, and rehabilitated the Intensive Care Units at Prince Zaid Hospital in Tafileh and Prince Ali Hospital in Karak, including upgrading of six isolation units.

Speaking at the ceremony, Dr. Yousef Zreikat, Director General of the Directorate of the Royal Medical Services said: "Collaboration between the Government of Japan and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has been extensive in many fields. Healthcare in particular, has received a great deal of support in the form of training, exchange of knowledge and expertise, and renewing of some of our outdated medical facilities."

The Ambassador of Japan to Jordan, H.E. Mr. SHIMAZAKI Kaoru said: "Based on the solid bilateral relationship with Jordan, Japan has been providing supports to enhance the operational capacity of RMS since 2019, helped by close collaboration of JAF. In response to COVID-19 ramifications, the role of RMS is becoming increasingly crucial in Jordan's health care system. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to RMS for their efforts in providing essential medical and humanitarian services not only to vulnerable Jordanians, but also to Syrian refugees to mitigate the various impacts of COVID-19."

"Today's occasion is a testament of the strong partnership between the Government of Jordan, the Royal Medical Services, the Government of and the people of Japan, and UNOPS - in supporting Jordan's health sector and its capacities.", said Muhammad Usman Akram, Director of UNOPS Multi-Country Office in Amman.

The project contributes to SDG 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

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