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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ASEZA Agaba Special Economic Zone Authority

CBJ Central Bank of Jordan

DLS Department of Lands and Survey

DoS Department of Statistics
GAM Greater Amman Municipality
GIS Geographical Information System

GOJ Government of Jordan HC Housing Corporation

HIS Housing Implementation Strategy

HUDC Housing and Urban Development Corporation

JEA Jordan Engineers Association
JNUP Jordan's National Urban Policy

JVA Jordan Valley Authority

LED Local Economic Development

LTRC Land Transport Regulatory Commission

MoE Ministry of Education
MoF Ministry of Finance

MOLA Ministry of Land Administration

MOPIC Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation

MoPWH Ministry of Public Works and Housing

MoSD Ministry of Social Development
MoT Ministry of Transportation

NGO Non-Governmental Organization

NHP National Housing Profile
NHS National Housing Strategy

NUA New Urban Agenda

PDTRA Petra Development and Tourism Region Authority

PPPP Public Private People Partnerships

RACI Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, Informed

RPA Regional Planning Authority
SDG Sustainable Development Goals
TOD Transit Oriented Development
UDD Urban Development Department

UN United Nations

USAID United States Agency for International Development

WB World Bank

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This guiding document is to be used by policy makers and stakeholders involved in formulating, developing, monitoring and evaluating housing policy as part of the Jordan National Urban Policy (JNUP). The guide addresses how housing can be incorporated into policies to promote sustainable development. It highlights key issues worth considering and is meant to be utilised as a means of providing direction and guidance to users through recommendations and checklists to mainstream several concurrent housing issues faced by Jordan.

The guide has five main parts, following the NUP framework. Part one (Section 3) introduces the rationale of why housing must be mainstreamed into the JNUP, outlining challenges and opportunities of housing development in Jordan. Part two (Section 4) explores what to recommend on housing on the various JNUP phases (feasibility, diagnosis, formulation, implementation as well as monitoring and evaluation), and pillars (capacity building, participation and acupuncture projects) in an integrated manner. Part three (Section 5) has recommendations on how to mainstream housing into the JNUP, highlighting practical recommendations through relevant global case studies. It provides implementation tools within an action plan for consideration, as well as envisaged timelines for each recommendation. A checklist for each recommendation is provided in Annex 2. Part four (Section 6) indicates where specific interventions, in terms of housing policy process decisions and actions need to be taken, and could be viewed as a road map to initiate the policy process. Part five (Section 7) provides an overview of who should benefit from the suggested housing policy interventions. A summary of the recommendations in this guide is provided below:



- **Recommendation 2:** Build Capacity to Collect and Analyse Data Related to Housing Needs and Monitoring.
- Recommendation 3: Build Spatial Planning Capacity of Public Authority Stakeholders.
- **Recommendation 4:** Implement the Formulation, Updating and Sharing of Data, in a Transparent Manner.
- **Recommendation 5:** Identify Potential Housing Acupuncture Projects and Criteria for Success.
- **Recommendation 6:** National Housing Strategy (NHS) Update Part 1: Conduct a Comprehensive National Housing Profile (NHP) for Jordan.
- **Recommendation 7:** National Housing Strategy (NHS) Update Part 2: Update Policies and Implementation Plan of National Housing Strategy (NHS) for Jordan.



Recommendation 8: Create an Institutional, Regulatory and Legal Framework to Support Implementation of the National Housing Strategy (NHS).



Recommendation 9: Secure Better Access to Appropriately Located Lands for Housing by Ensuring Comprehensive Planning Interventions are Aligned with National Housing Strategy (NHS).



Recommendation 10: Address Land Cost for Affordable Housing Part 1: Updates to Building and Zoning Regulations as part of Various By-laws to Compliment National Housing Strategy (NHS).



Recommendation 11: Address Land Cost for Affordable Housing Part 2: Updates to Taxation of Vacant Lands and Properties to Compliment National Housing Strategy (NHS).



Recommendation 12: Promote Starter Home Production Complimented with Self-Build and Subsidized Construction Strategies as Part of National Housing Strategy (NHS) Update.



Recommendation 13: Improve Financial Framework of Housing Loans as Part of National Housing Strategy (NHS) Update.



Recommendation 14: Promote Micro financing with Technical Assistance for Construction of Self-Built The Units as Part of National Housing Strategy (NHS) Update.



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