

Jordan Model Parliament' 2025-2026



Affirmed that unemployment is a major challenge before young people, noting that reducing unemployment to secure a better future for youth is his top priority

King Abdullah II bin Al Hussein

Name of the Committee: UNRWA

President's Name: Dina Wahdan

Issue: Tackling the youth unemployment issues in Jordan

Dear Delegates,

Welcome to the 2026 JMP UNRWA forum!

In this forum, delegates will have the opportunity to explore and discuss the education crisis and youth unemployment faced by Palestinian refugees. This includes understanding the issue of the quality of education that the Palestinians face in everyday life, along with the causes and consequences. Another issue to be discussed is the lack of job opportunities available for Palestinian refugees in Jordan.

Delegates must consider UNRWA perspective and solutions in their resolutions. Furthermore, it is highly recommended to read the entire president's packet thoroughly, along with background research. Armed with these facts, the resolutions should be plausible and able to be implemented as soon as possible. In other words, the resolutions should consider long-term benefits.

If a delegate is presenting his/her resolution, he/she should receive the full attention from all peers, followed by respectful feedback. It is important to keep in mind that all delegates' ideas are being respected and heard throughout all sessions.

I hope you will enjoy the time at this conference. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or the Chair for any questions you may have!

Best Wishes,
Dina Wahdan
President of UNRWA

Palestine refugees in Jordan face high levels of unemployment. Amongst young people, especially female youth, levels of joblessness are quite alarming. In Jordan, unemployment remains a major challenge, with young people bearing the brunt. Since 1991, the UNRWA microfinance programme has been providing sustainable income-generation opportunities for Palestinian refugees. Offering credit and complementary financial services to households, entrepreneurs, and small-business owners to create and sustain jobs, reduce poverty, and empower clients, in 2021, loans were extended to **29,111 clients** with a total value of US **\$25,415,575** in Gaza, the West Bank, Jordan, and Syria (UNRWA and SDG 8).

UNRWA partners with community-based organizations to promote the development and self-reliance of marginalised groups, including women, children, youth, elderly people, and persons with disabilities. Of the five UNRWA fields, four are employing a poverty-based targeting system using a proxy means test formula (UNRWA Report). This represents a change from the practice of assigning benefits on the basis of status, as in the past, to determining eligibility for benefits on the basis of a household's position in relation to the relevant poverty line.

Research Guide

I encourage you all to use websites ending in [.org](#), [.gov](#), and [.edu](#), as they are reliable sources for your research. Make sure to use peer-reviewed sources with knowledgeable authors and quality information. Please try your best to avoid using Wikipedia and any resources that lack supporting evidence. Wikipedia is considered an **unreliable source**, for it allows anyone, regardless of expertise, to contribute and edit its content. Information there could be outdated or misleading. Social media platforms are also unreliable sources of information.

For background research on UNRWA, I suggest you check <https://www.unrwa.org/> and <https://www.unrwa.org/tags/unicef>

Questions

1. How can UNRWA improve education while helping youth find jobs?
2. What stops young Palestinian refugees, especially women, from working?
3. How can the UNRWA microfinance programme better reduce unemployment?
4. What long-term effects could improving education and jobs have on refugees?
5. How can your resolution provide realistic UNRWA solutions for these issues?