Sahab municipality, Jordan
Lying southeast of the capital Amman, Sahab Municipality is a leading Jordanian municipality that aims to become a role model for other municipalities in the region in the field of sustainable urban development by becoming the “first municipality in the Middle East to be a green city it is part of COVENANT OF MAYORS”...
Sahab covers an area of 1370 hectares, and houses a population of 169,430 inhabitants, of whom 92,000 are Jordanians, 40,000 are Syrians and the remainder are labour migrants and expatriate workers from South-East Asia and Egypt. The municipality accommodates one of the poorest communities in Jordan with a poverty rate reaching up to 54%.

As a vibrant economic and industrial hub, Sahab’s development is characterized by rapid unplanned urbanization associated with a large refugee and migrant worker influx, which upsurged Sahab’s population from 43,909 in 2004 up to 140,000 in 2016, placing a constant and growing socio-economic and environmental pressures on the already struggling infrastructure and service-provision.
• **Population increase:**
  - In 1994: 20,000
  - In 2004: 43,909
  - In 2010: 82,000
  - In 2016: **169,000**

• **In Sahab refugees don’t reside in camps but inside the community alongside Jordanian residents**

• **Most Sahab refugees lack official papers and work permits, but found employment due to Sahab’s high economic activity and need for labor force in industrial city -> i.e. Sahab Municipality has silently supported their economic activity**
Existing Structural Pattern
Municipal Structure

- Sahab municipality was established in 1962, and in 2011 it became financially and managerially independent from the Greater Amman Municipality (GAM).
- Sahab is classified as B-category municipality in Jordan and its organizational structure complies with this category.
- Sahab Mayor elected by general vote every four(right) years.
- Municipality Council: President and (10) Members, seven out of whom are women.
- In total (402) employees and (108) cleaning staff.

Economic Significance

- The oldest and largest commercial center located in east Amman area 16km from Amman center.
- Serves as a market place for several villages in east Amman area.
- Core industrial area of greater Amman, housing two major industrial estates and numerous private industrial and commercial establishments.
- Key location on the main transport routes to Iraq and Saudi Arabia.
In line with its progressive philosophy and mandate, Sahab Municipality recognizes the local development challenges it faces on the socio-economic and environmental levels towards achieving holistic sustainable urban development and creating a healthy urban environment.
LED Aprroach in Sahab
Bus Station Rehabilitation
Hanger (to be used as children play area)
Proposed Project
PROPOSED Initiatives & Ideas

Mosque Plaza – Including Shopping Mall and Car Park (mixed used project where Syrian can sell their handicraft products)
Before

After Streetscape Improvements
Thank you

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