Introducing AL SALT

World Water Week in Stockholm, 28 August – 2 September, 2016
A few words about Al Salt

- Al Balqa governorate is one of the governorates of Jordan. It is located northwest of Amman, Jordan's capital. The governorate has the fourth largest population of the 12 governorates of Jordan, and is ranked 10th by area. It has the third highest population density in the kingdom after Irbid Governorate and Jerash Governorate.

- Al Balqa governorate comprising five brigades by administrative division (brigade Al Salt (Qasaba), the banner of Ain Al-Basha, a brigade of South Shauna, Deir Alla brigade, brigade of Mahis and Fuhais). Each brigade water held liable for the Directorate General with regard to the water sector, while the wastewater sector, it includes three brigades, all of which follow the water management Balqa province and its center (Salt).

- Al-Salt Municipality is located within Wadi Shue'ib area, it is bounded by Allan and Zerqa River from the north, Wadi Kafrein from the south, Wadi As Sir and Amman city from the east and the Jordan River from the west.

- The most memorable activities in the city are: tourism and agriculture as well as administration in government bodies.
Al Salt through pictures
Local community in Al Salt
Water in Al Salt
Al Salt and water

• The most important water-related challenges are:
  • The lack of water and lack of adequate water sources;
  • Increased the proportion of water losses due to network failures and pumps;
  • Lack of awareness among the citizens of the importance of water;
  • Ineffectiveness of laws to penalize the illegal use of water;
  • Increasing demand for portable water.
Al Salt and WATER SUM

- The solutions implemented with the help of the WATER SUM project:
  - Assessment of domestic public opinion for the city of Salt, to get feedback from citizens on the subject of water;
  - Educate citizens on energy conservation, water conservation and distribution of leaflets about water use and conservation;
  - Encourage the use of cutting water supply (the shower or faucet);
  - Grey water, several pilot projects for the use of grey water in homes where the number of citizens using this water to irrigate plants;
  - Water harvesting, to encourage people to dig wells, rainwater assembly.
How the WGS Initiative can contribute to water, stability and growth in Al Salt

• Needs and future opportunities:
  • Train workers in the water sector are well lead to the opportunity to contribute to the future to minimize losses and increase water stability;
  • The need to identify the root of the problem that will lead to opportunities in the future and the speed of solving the problem;
  • The need to spread awareness among citizens, especially housewives which will lead to future opportunity to reduce water consumption.

• How the initiative can contribute to development:
  • The Initiative is the development of the local water security plan for the city of Salt, and raising awareness among citizens through means of communication, television, radio, Internet, and newspapers.