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In Brief

Dr. Almasarweh has 25 years of academic, research, consultation, and management experience, during which he has applied demographic, statistical, sociological, social and health data analysis; research; advocacy; and training to the formulation of sound public policies in the Arab countries (KSA, UAE, Oman, Qatar, Libya, Jordan, Iraq, Yemen).

He currently holds a professor position at the University of Jordan. In his capacity as a local advisor, Dr. Almasarweh led and participated in seven national committees and taskforces charged with revising and updating Jordan's 1996 National Population Strategy. More recently, he participated in and managed several policy-oriented studies that were utilized in developing the Jordan National Population Strategy (2000-2020), the country's Reproductive Health Action Plan (2003-2012), National Agenda, Demographic Opportunity Document, and State of Jordan Population Report for 2011.

Dr. Almasarweh has also participated in several policy dialogues and contributed to the four most recent editions of the Jordan Demographic Health Survey (DHS), as well as a number of local training, advocacy and project coordination activities. He has solid knowledge of a number of demographic software packages.

Dr. Almasarweh participated in the Post-Cairo Conference (ICPD 1994) activities, where he contributed to the development of the UNFPA Programme Review and Strategy Development (PRSD) for the UNFPA Country Programme in Jordan (1998-2002 and 2008-2012) and 1st MDGs Report. Upon request from the Jordan National Council for Family Affairs, Dr. Almasarweh also reviewed inventory of family-related research and participated in the retreat for developing the Strategic Framework for the National Strategy for Jordanian Family and later in writing up the framework. Furthermore, Dr. Almasarweh worked with UNFPA/UNDP/Jordan to prepare the PSRD core thematic paper, to co-author a background document on population and development (1997), and to prepare a paper on Key Issues and Challenges Facing Population and Population Policies in Jordan (2006) and on Reproductive Health and Poverty Reduction- Policy Options (2012).

Prior to this, Dr. Almasarweh successfully served as a director and advisor for three USAID-funded projects with the University of Jordan and Higher Population Council (the Acceptability of Long-Acting Progestin Contraceptive Methods for Jordan Project; the Lactational Amenorrhea Method and Breastfeeding Support Project; POLICY/Health Policy Initiative/Project). Dr. Almasarweh was earlier awarded a UNFPA fellowship toward the completion of doctoral studies at Utah State University, where he obtained a PhD in Sociology/Demography.

Dr. Almasarweh has continued to expand his skills by participating in various international training workshops organized by: the U.S Census Bureau, Family Health International, Georgetown University, Population Reference Bureau, and Futures Group and focused on computer-based demographic analysis and research techniques and strategic planning for population and reproductive health. He also served as a trainer in several local and regional workshops (sponsored by UN agencies, USAID, EU) on population projections; censuses' and surveys' data evaluation and analysis; policy analysis, formulation and models; demographic analysis software (MortPak, PASEX, SPECTRUM) and analysis and dissemination of social, population, gender and vital statistics data.