

FINAL REPORT – VAVROUŠEK SCHOLARSHIP

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YEAR OF STUDY: 2nd master's degree

TOPIC OF THE INTERNSHIP: Green skills and climate change in Jordan

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: 12 000 CZK

COUNTRY OF IMPLEMENTATION: Jordan

PERIOD: 02/10/2023-19/02/2023

- **Brief description of the internship:**

During my internship in Jordan, I had the opportunity to work on a project with a focus on the green transition and green skills of Jordanian youth. This internship was a unique and enlightening experience that allowed me to dive into the world of environmental sustainability and youth empowerment. The main objective of my internship was to **conduct research on the green skills** and aspirations of Jordanian youth. To achieve this, I developed a comprehensive questionnaire and conducted interviews with young people across the country. The data collected through these surveys and interviews were crucial in understanding the perceptions and needs of Jordanian youth in relation to environmental sustainability.

One of the most rewarding aspects of this internship was the opportunity to compile the gathered data into **draft policy papers and position papers**, which will be in future sent to local policy makers and NGOs. By translating the research findings into actionable policy suggestions, we aimed to promote sustainable practices and policies that could benefit both the environment and the youth of Jordan.

In addition to the research and policy work, I also had the chance to lead workshops on climate change and environmental sustainability. These workshops were designed to raise awareness among Jordanian youth about the pressing issues surrounding climate change. It was inspiring to witness the engagement and enthusiasm of the participants as they learned about the global environmental challenges and discussed potential solutions. These workshops not only empowered the youth with knowledge but also fostered a sense of responsibility and commitment to taking action to mitigate climate change.

- **Description of the activities:**

The activities I engaged in during my internship in Jordan were multifaceted and had a significant impact on the broader goal of promoting environmental sustainability and raising awareness of climate change among Jordanian youth.

First and foremost, I conducted extensive research on several key aspects. This research delved into the green skills possessed by Jordanian youth, focusing on their knowledge and abilities related to environmental sustainability, as well as their aspirations in

this field. Furthermore, I investigated the broader concept of green transition, exploring how Jordan's economy and society were shifting towards more sustainable practices. Additionally, I examined the effects of climate change on Jordan and how these changes were affecting the local environment, communities, and individuals.

The insights gained from this research were pivotal as they formed the foundation for the development of policy papers and position papers. These documents synthesized the data and findings into comprehensive reports that outlined the challenges, opportunities, and recommendations for policymakers, NGOs, and other stakeholders. These papers were instrumental in advocating for evidence-based policies that could effectively address the environmental concerns and empower Jordanian youth in their journey towards sustainability.

In addition to research and policy work, I also had the privilege of preparing and leading workshops aimed at raising awareness of climate change. These workshops were designed to engage Jordanian youth in discussions about the urgency of climate action, the impacts of climate change on their local communities, and the various ways they could contribute to a more sustainable future. Through these interactive sessions, we not only educated the participants but also inspired them to become active advocates for environmental preservation, making them change agents within their communities. These activities collectively contributed to the promotion of environmental awareness and positive action in Jordan.

- **Benefit of the internship for student and partner organization:**

- Benefit of the internship for student**

- My time in Jordan was not only professionally enriching but also a cultural experience that broadened my horizons. I had the privilege of working with a diverse and passionate team of individuals who shared a common goal of promoting sustainable practices and empowering the youth of Jordan. I was also fortunate to interact with the local community and learn about their perspectives on environmental issues.

- In terms of my personal growth, my internship in Jordan was a valuable experience that allowed me to contribute to the global effort to address climate change and support the green transition. I had the opportunity to conduct meaningful research, create impactful policy documents, and inspire Jordanian youth to become active agents of change in their communities. This experience deepened my understanding of the importance of sustainable development and the pivotal role that young people can play in shaping a greener and more sustainable future for their country and the world.

- Benefit of the internship for partner organization**

- When it comes to the benefits of the internship for the partner organization, the hosting organization received strategic support and new perspective and expertise for the research, data collection and analysis, workshop facilitators for active work with youth, support with social media campaign and help in drafting position paper and policy paper. I believe I also

enriched the office with my enthusiasm and different cultural aspects.

- **Presentation of the outcomes of the internship:**

The outcomes of the activities conducted during my internship in Jordan were both tangible and transformative.

Firstly, the emphasis on self-development, including learning Arabic, significantly enhanced my cultural understanding and ability to communicate effectively with the local community. This not only enriched my personal experiences but also allowed me to engage more deeply with the individuals I interviewed and interacted with during the research process. Learning the Arabic language was a valuable skill that enabled me to connect with the Jordanian youth on a more profound level, fostering trust and mutual understanding.

Secondly, the collection of data and research on Jordanian youth had a lasting impact. The information we gathered served as a valuable resource for policymakers, educators, and organizations working towards empowering Jordanian youth in the context of environmental sustainability. By providing insights into the green skills and aspirations of young people, our research laid the foundation for informed decision-making and targeted interventions, contributing to the development of policies that better catered to the specific needs of this demographic.

Moreover, the series of workshops on climate change and sustainability played a pivotal role in raising awareness among Jordanian youth. By conducting a total of 10 workshops, we not only imparted knowledge but also ignited a sense of responsibility and agency among the participants. Many of them left the workshops with a newfound commitment to taking action and advocating for sustainable practices, which is a testament to the effectiveness of these initiatives.

Lastly, the experience of helping compile policy papers and official documents, including position papers, provided me with valuable insights into the world of policy development and advocacy. I acquired skills in crafting well-structured, persuasive, and impactful documents that can influence decision-makers and promote positive change. These skills have proven to be instrumental in my career development and have allowed me to contribute to various initiatives beyond the scope of my internship, making it a truly transformative experience.

FINAL BUDGET:

Budget	Unit	Price per unit	Number of unites	Total	Contribution from Vavroušek Scholarship
Personal costs	2	2500	2	5000	0
Travel costs	2	3000	2	6000	6000
Transportation costs	Plane/train ticket				0
Accommodation	2	8000	2,5	20000	6000
Food	2	5000	2	10000	0
Consumables, equipment	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0	0	0	0	0
Total				31 000	12 000

Photo report:



Figure 1 In front of our office in Amman



Figure 2 One of the climate clubs and my workshop



Figure 3 Focus group: analyzing the situation of Jordanian youth



Figure 4 In the conference on green transition in Jordan



Figure 5 Climate workshop I led for early youth.



Figure 6 Local meals in the hosting organization



Figure 7 The beautiful Amman



Figure 8 Jordanian solid waste management in practice



Figure 9 The future is green: Green Development Forum



Figure 10 Eating in office again



Figure 11 Jordanian pavements do not let so much space to walk on



Figure 12 I was in Jordan during Czech presidential elections and therefore, I voted from the Embassy