

From Global Partner to Global Risk

How the USAID Dismantling Undermines U.S. Interests in Jordan

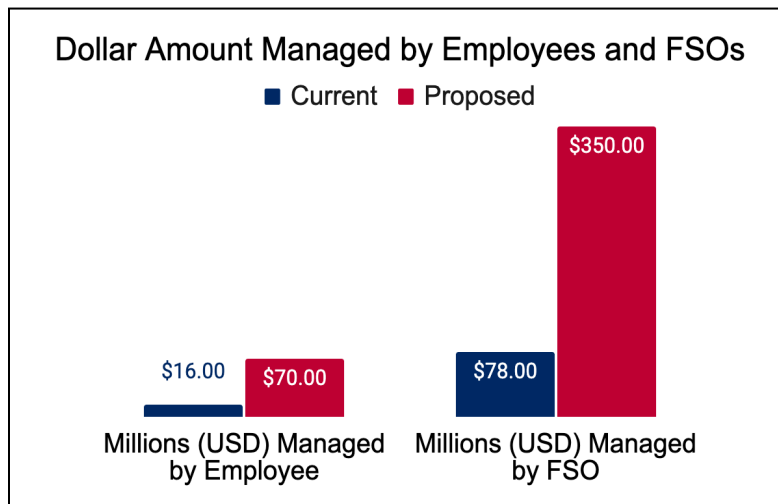
In Jordan, **programs under the U.S.-Jordan Memorandum of Understanding were abruptly frozen or canceled** via email communications originating from DOGE staff accounts. **U.S.-funded construction projects were abandoned mid-build** as implementing partners, cut off from cash flow, exhausted their working capital.

This severely eroded decades of trust with our ally; **Jordan hosts 60% of CENTCOM's regional assets and plays a central role in Middle East stability. Only after personal appeals by King Abdullah II were some programs reinstated**--and NSC and White House officials were reportedly surprised to learn they had been terminated in the first place.

No staff, no systems, no strategy

Secretary Rubio has **approved the continuation of 36 projects in Jordan**, with a total budget of over **\$2 billion**. Projects include supporting Jordan's water infrastructure and desalination efforts, regional energy transmission systems that counter Iranian influence in the sector, and the construction of schools and hospitals.

There is no clear plan for the State Department to obtain access to the USAID contracts and grants database (ASIST), the procurement platform (GLAAS), the financial system (Phoenix), or the thousands of key legal and reporting documents they contain. The State Department plans to hire *only* 30 staff to manage the existing portfolio of USAID's work in Jordan resulting in a **337% increase in oversight burden**, with no legal, contracting, or financial oversight infrastructure in place.



At these ratios, mismanagement of funds and program failure is not just likely—it's inevitable.