



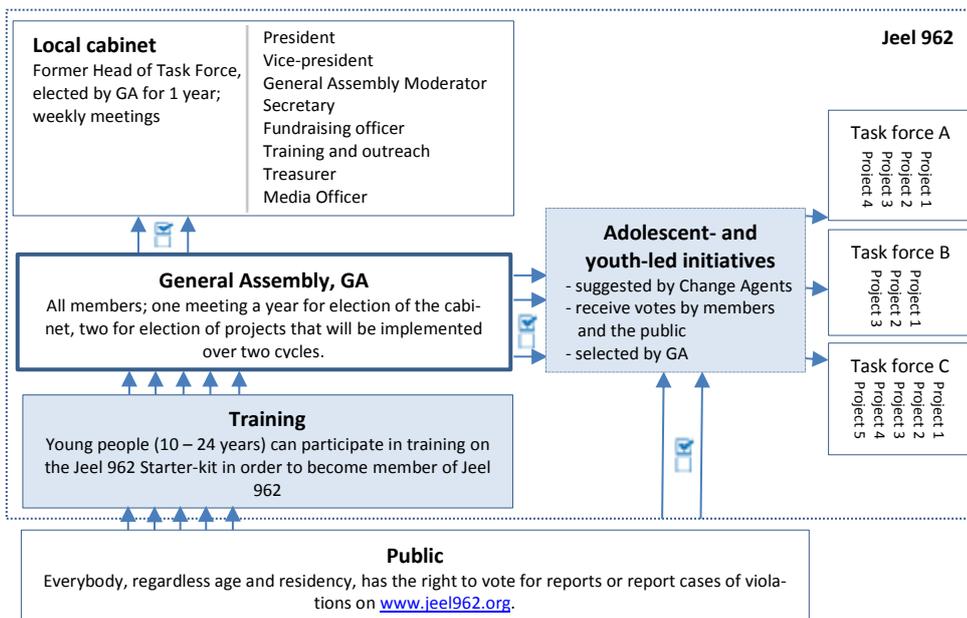
## BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE

Youth in Jordan have limited opportunities to participate in their communities, they are often excluded from taking decisions affecting their lives, and have a very limited say in how their community is managed and shaped. This lack of opportunities to actively participate in all matters of their concern was also highlighted by the Child Rights Convention Shadow Report.

In this context, the Youth Volunteer Network Jeel 962 was created. The overall objective of Jeel 962 is to bring together young members of society, strengthen their civic engagement skills, and link them with decision makers on local and national level in order to directly address social needs of young people's concern. As such, the Network creates an enabling environment for youth-led organizations and initiatives, and provides young women and men with the opportunity to meaningfully engage as active citizens, particularly in issue-based advocacy and decision-making relating to political, social, economic, educational, and cultural policy making and planning. Through using the Digital Engagement Platforms, the network will also reach out to communities with the most vulnerable children and youth.

## STRUCTURE AND PROGRAMME COMPONENTS

Jeel 962 is an election-based network through which young people can interact, learn, analyze, and take actions on rights. It offers a coaching process that builds the capacity of members and other young people to become active citizens and eventually effective change agents in their communities.



### Online engagement

Based on interactive technology, the Network opens more transparent channels for dialogue and community-driven solutions by giving youth the chance to enhance their contributions to society and act as active agents of development and empowerment.

The Digital Engagement Platforms (namely the Jeel962.org website, the interactive map and the mobile application) are open to anyone, whereas members are offered more possibilities to actively engage within the online and offline community.

*The platform is live, but currently still in the piloting phase.*

## FACTS AND FIGURES

Created in 2014 as "UNICEF Change Agents Network UCAN"; renamed to Jeel 962 in January 2016.

### Target Group

Youth and adolescents living in Jordan. Young people with specific needs and vulnerabilities, including girls in rural areas, refugees, or children with disabilities are particularly encouraged to participate.

**Membership:** Open to all young people in Jordan between the age 10 and 24.

### Reach

20,000 adolescents and youth are expected to be part of Jeel962 by the end of 2016.

### Partners

Jeel 962 partners with the private sector, NGOs, academia, government, civil society, and youth in facilitating dialogue, identifying pressing challenges facing youth and adolescents in Jordan.

### Support

UNICEF and Tech Tribes are the main supporting partners of Jeel962. The latter is a Jordan-based ICT for development (ICT4D) organization and provides technical support and mentorship.

### Vision

Jeel 962 aspires to become the region's biggest online youth hub for innovation

**Interactive Online Portal**



[www.jeel962.org](http://www.jeel962.org) is a youth friendly website which offers the possibility to engage with a wide range of youth, partners, and decision makers. Members can create personal accounts through which they interact with each other and collaborate on various initiatives and calls for action. The platform showcases the latest volunteer and training opportunities creating a space for engagement and improvement for youth all over Jordan both online and on the ground with various partners.

**Mobile Application**

An interactive Mobile Application is linked to the Online Portal. The application will engage young smartphone users with the wider network of youth and enable cross platform engagement among young people. It also yields a chance for anyone to report on issues of concern and have other users engage with them.



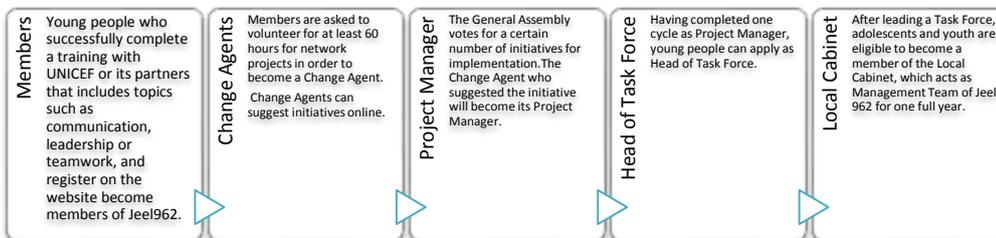
**Interactive Digital Map**



The Interactive Digital Map enables citizens, particularly youth, to report issues of their concern and share it publicly. Members and non-members can vote for these issues and make them a priority for users of the Portal. This also allows users to either act and advocate for the issue by creating on line campaigns or create a response offline by engaging their communities.

▪ **Adolescent- and youth-led initiatives**

Adolescents and youth who are part of the Network can not only suggest initiatives, but actively plan and implement initiatives in their communities. In 2016, three task-forces were created under which projects and initiatives can be proposed, planned and implemented. Priorities identified included Education, Rights of People with Disabilities, and Environmental issues. Accordingly, projects suggested for 2016 include spreading various formal and non-formal ethics education programs, and engaging in a campaign to advocate for the rights of youth with disabilities in the labor market.



**SUSTAINABILITY**

Jeel 962 is posing itself, its rationale and activities on the priority list of youth developmental efforts in Jordan. The Network is a priority for UNICEF, who will showcase and promote Jeel 962 across a wide range of sectors including government, private sector and partners for the scale up phase through 2017. Tech Tribes will act as the primary mentor in their first two cycles of projects through 2016, and as such ensure guidance and programmatic support for the members in their initiatives and projects. This period is aimed at creating a strong structure internally that will allow members and committees to take on the Network towards independence and internal governance as professionally and smoothly as possible.

**MONITORING – upcoming**

The network’s plans will be participatory developed and monitored, enabling efficient and consultative monitoring and evaluation of the activities implemented and verification of achieved results. The processes will include the youth members of the network, their mentors, and beneficiaries. The online portal will post and share lessons learned and experiences which will be disseminated widely to communities, giving other youth groups the chance to replicate initiatives from the shared experiences.

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