

# **Jordan**

## **Report on EMF Activities**

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#### **Background**

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan covers a land area of 90.000sq. Kms. The Jordanian Climate is semi-arid with rainfall ranging between 50 mm to about 600 mm. The population of Jordan is 5.16 Million (2002).

#### **Chronology of Telecommunication Sector's Development**

1921	The Department of Post and Telegraph ( DPT) was set up. It provided telegraph and post services to the recently established Trans-Jordan Emirate
1930	Cable and Wireless Company, the British Telecommunications giant. Assisted the DPT in developing telecom services and international links. The association with Cable and Wireless lasted for almost four decades.
1951	The Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephony (MoPTT) was established as the successor of the DPT and telecommunications took on a new meaning for Jordan.
1971	The Telecommunications Corporation (TCC) was established as a government controlled entity responsible for various telecom services, including telephone, telegraph and telex.
1973-1985	Jordan's telecom network expanded significantly; with the boom in oil prices and the expatriates' remittances, the economy thrived and so did public spending by the government on networks.
1995	The Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (TRC) was established as independent body.
1995	The Telecommunications Law No. 13 of 1995 was passed, providing the legal basis for reform. As a result, the TRC was created.

#### **Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (TRC)**

##### **Major Duties and Responsibilities**

- To regulate telecommunications and information technology services in the Kingdom in accordance with the established general policy
- To establish the basis for regulation of the telecommunications in accordance with rules and instructions issued by the Board for this purpose
- To protect the interests of users to ensure that the conditions of Licenses are observed

- To prepare and adopt the terms and conditions and criteria for the granting of Licenses for networks and telecommunications services , and for the use of the radio frequency spectrum

### **New Policies and Legislations regarding the Exposure to EMF**

- 2002** The Telecommunications Law No. 13 of 1995 amended by Law No. (8) for the year 2002
- 2005** Guidelines for limiting Exposure to EMF were set up.

### **Areas of Public concern and National responses**

Governmental Intersectorial Committee was formed in order to answer public inquiries, questions and claims related to Health exposure and environmental impact

### **General Research Activities related to EMF**

As there are no research activities related to EMF Health conducted in Jordan Yet, Jordan uses the scientific researches and studies provided by WHO and other international agencies. Ministry of Health in cooperation with academic and scientific institutions will conduct some research and studies specific to Jordan regarding Health and Environmental Impact.

### **Public Information Activities**

In the other hand , MOH will cooperate with various governmental and non governmental organizations to set up programs for needed public information activities in the near future .