

## **Jordan Sweden Medical and Sterilization Company**

In line with the Jordan Sweden Medical and Sterilization Company's (JOSWE) goal to provide European markets with products that comply with international standards, the Company's Quality Director, Arwa Shahin, applied for a grant from the European Union (EU) and Jordan Enterprise Development Corporation (JEDCO) in 2012. The grant would potentially allow the Company to consult with European experts on the different requirements of the Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) certification, and thereafter secure its position as a reliable pharmaceutical manufacturer for the EU.

After the proposal was prepared in collaboration with Jordanian specialists, presented to and accepted by JEDCO and the EU, a study was conducted to analyze the gap between the Company's current standing and where it needs to be to receive the GMP certification. As such, a detailed plan was formulated. European experts were brought in for consultation and both parties worked together closely to map out an accurate representation of JOSWE's situation and the required development, after which the suggested recommendations were implemented. The grant offered by JEDCO and the EU covered training program expenses for numerous managers and executives, helping improve manufacturing practices to comply with GMP specifications. JOSWE's Quality Director, Arwa, was also sent abroad to participate in specialized training sessions.

JEDCO and the EU's support allowed JOSWE to make tangible changes and improvements, as well as to establish communication channels with multiple European experts. As a result, the Company expanded its laboratory facility and inaugurated additional production lines using both new, cutting-edge machinery and upgraded existing equipment.

JOSWE aims to grow existing and penetrate untapped markets. To this day, JOSWE collaborates with both European and local experts to constantly improve its operations and enhance its competitiveness within international markets.