

## Diesah

Within Aqaba Governorate (Diesah Area), a disclosure session was conducted on 16 December 2025.

The meeting was held at the Wadi Rum Tourism Center with representatives of the Tourism and Agricultural Sectors, and was attended by 11 participants aiming to present the project and the ESIA process and to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to raise questions, share concerns, and provide feedback regarding potential environmental, social, and economic impacts in the Diesah and Wadi Rum areas. The following provides a summary of the discussion key points.

**Table 1: Record of Diesah Disclosure Session - December 2025**

<b>Diesah – Tourism and Agricultural Sector</b>		
<b>Location:</b> Wadi Rum Tourism Center		
<b>No. of Participants:</b> 11		
<b>Participants:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Local community members</li> <li>▪ Agricultural and tourism sector representatives</li> </ul>		
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>
<b>Employment Opportunities and Local Procurement</b>	Discussions emphasized employment opportunities and the importance of local community participation	It was clarified that employment opportunities during construction will prioritize local residents within the areas where works are implemented. Recruitment will be conducted through the Ministry of Labor employment offices, national employment platforms, potentially through the “Sanad” digital application, and in coordination with a Community Committee including local representatives
	Concerns were raised regarding the use of labor from outside the area without adequate inclusion of local residents	It was reiterated that priority will be given to residents of the affected areas, particularly in roles aligned with their skills and qualifications, in coordination with national employment mechanisms and local representatives
<b>Environmental, Social, Health, Safety, and Security</b>	It was noted that following rerouting, the pipeline will not pass through the Diesah market and will instead be implemented outside the market area along open and uninhabited routes	It was clarified that the revised alignment avoids the Diesah market area and is planned through open lands and off-road routes to minimize disruption to commercial and residential areas
	Participants raised concerns regarding contractor impacts on traffic movement	It was clarified that the contractor will prepare a comprehensive Traffic Management Plan including traffic organization measures, identification of roads that may be temporarily closed, advance public notification, and consideration of alternatives to minimize disruption
	Participants proposed scheduling construction activities outside peak tourism seasons to reduce impacts on tourist access	The proposal was noted and documented. Construction planning will consider tourism-related sensitivities and seasonal factors
	Concerns were raised about indirect impacts on the tourism sector particularly access to camps during construction	It was clarified that traffic management and access arrangements will aim to maintain

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		safe access to tourism facilities and minimize disruptions during construction
	Participants requested designation of a representative from the Disi District or the Administrative Governor to oversee employment matters, contractor activities, and coordination of local participation.	The request was noted and documented. Coordination will be undertaken with the competent administrative authorities, including the Governorate and Municipality, in accordance with institutional procedures.
	Participants indicated that some presented plans appeared general and requested more detailed schedules specific to Diesah and Wadi Rum	It was clarified that a clear and publicly disclosed work plan will be prepared, detailing implementation phases, work organization, working hours, and supervision and monitoring mechanisms. Area-specific coordination will take place prior to commencement of works
<b>Land acquisition and compensation</b>	Participants requested clarification of the exact pipeline route due to overlap between agricultural and tourism land uses	It was clarified that alignment maps are available as part of the ESIA disclosure documentation, and further clarifications can be provided through ongoing engagement channels
<b>Community Support</b>	Participants indicated that the pipeline may interact with an existing earthen embankment (dam) requiring maintenance and suggested that the project support rehabilitation of the structure	The information was acknowledged and documented. Any interaction with existing infrastructure will be assessed technically in coordination with relevant authorities. Potential support measures will be considered within the scope of applicable project frameworks and institutional mandates
<b>Water share</b>	Participants highlighted ongoing water scarcity in the area	It was clarified that matters related to water allocation and supply fall under the mandate of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation. The concern was noted and will be communicated through the appropriate institutional channels.



Figure 1: Selected Photos from Al-Diesah Disclosure Session - December 2025