



Supporting the Rule of Law in the Palestinian Territories: Bridge Project for Judicial Training

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Project Description:

PAPP recognizes that the strengthening of the Palestinian judiciary in terms of independence, impartiality and competence, requires, among other things, providing initial and continuing education to judges, public prosecutors and judicial administrators. As a USAID- funded training program ended in September 2004 and as a EU-funded program will not start before 2006, UNDP has responded to a proposal made by the Palestinian Judicial Education Committee and the Public Prosecution Office (the "Training Committee") and had accordingly made an Appeal to international donors for a " bridge" project which would keep the momentum. The project consists of the following components:

- Train the trainers consisting mainly of a 3-week trip of a core group to an internationally recognized training institute;
- Preparatory training for recently appointed judges (less than 3 years) and public prosecutors (less than 2 years);
- Continuing education on specific topics and especially new laws;
- Preparation of training materials;
- Training in case management for administrators

Objectives:

1. The Palestinian judiciary that will be enabled to operate more effectively in dealing with the increasing needs of the society. This will enhance the relatively low public confidence in the judiciary as well.
2. The Palestinian society, making the citizens more confident on the court, and eventually strengthening the much desired rule of law in the society.

Locations: West Bank and Gaza Strip

Products (as of end – May 2006):

Outputs:

- Judges and public prosecutors are more competent in terms of skills and knowledge.
- They are more aware of their rights and duties.
- The public is more confident in the Judiciary.
- The JEC is ready for the establishment of the Judicial Training Institute. JEC capacity be built