



Construction and Support to Strengthening the Institutional and Management Capacities of the Office the President)

Programme Area:

0200 General
Development
0240 Public
Administration
Construction

Project Number:

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Award Number:

00041252

Duration:

18 Months

Partner:

PECDAR & Office of the
President

Budget:

\$1,475,550

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JAPAN

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Project Description:

The Office of the President is possibly the ultimate focus of national and international communities including the Government of Israel in a highly pervasive portfolio which impacts on the overall fabric of the Palestinian overall operations and social life in a most realistic manner. In this context, this technical assistance to the Office of the President will provide technical assistance support to the Office of the President in Ramallah, West Bank as a central focus of national leadership and political decision making. Specifically, this technical assistance will build upon and support other on going PA decisions, plans and processes already initiated as a means to formulate a framework which will increase the options and entry points for a UN and other national and international institution building and governance support programs.

The immediate objective of this present technical assistance is two folded: Construction of the Presidential Office in Ramallah (Al Muqata'a) and secondly Rationalization of the management structures, procedures, communications, management information systems, and human resources within the Office of the President. This project will serve as an example that could be used as a pilot for other similar initiatives in the future

Objectives:

1. Phase One, which covers complete civil works and basic electro-mechanical works for the 4-story building with emphasis on the fourth floor. It is anticipated that about 22,000 workdays will be generated for this project.
2. Improve staff competency and technical proficiency in a broad array of public administration issues so that the Office of the President becomes more effective.

Locations:

Presidential Headquarters – Ramallah City.

Products (as of end – May 2006):

- Execution of Construction Works will start with the contractor awarded by PECDAR on 17 June 2006.

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- 2 Staff members were hired for 12 months, one as a legal Counselor and the other for the Public Affairs Post.

Outputs:

- The approach to training and the emphasis placed on adequate staff preparation is reflective of the spirit of an effective, efficient and responsive civil service.
- Completion of Phase One of the proposed works