COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR AREA C AND EAST JERUSALEM (CRDP)

1. Summary
Addressing the needs of Palestinians living in Area C and East Jerusalem is essential for their wellbeing and social development. Responding to the needs of the population helps to enable them to achieve their primary goal to safeguard their livelihoods and stay on their land. The development potential of Area C is critical to the viability of the Palestinian State – an imperative acknowledged by a growing number of actors, including the PA, the UN, the EU, the AHLC and the Quartet. This programme is designed to address the challenges in Area C and East Jerusalem. Its objective is thus to empower local stakeholders, through the most suitable partners, to respond with resilience to threats that affect their sustenance on the land. To this end, the programme will contribute to:

i) prevent the erosion of living conditions of Palestinians in Area C and East Jerusalem that undermines their development capital;
ii) protect Palestinian land and property in Area C and East Jerusalem; and
iii) mitigate and ideally reverse migration flow from Area C and East Jerusalem by enhancing human security and livelihood of Palestinians.

The programme will assist the Palestinian Authority to plan, channel resources and implement actions for Area C and East Jerusalem to strengthen resilience of local communities and promote local development.

The programme will be implemented by a wide array of partners, including communities, grassroots organizations, local and international NGOs, based on their respective merits, and according to locally designed plans. The programme will facilitate a complementary approach and a transition process from humanitarian interventions towards development and will build initiatives that are of a development nature, but are currently not taking place in Area C and East Jerusalem.

2. Strategy
The desired goal of this programme is to empower local stakeholders in Area C and East Jerusalem to act with resilience and respond to threats that affect their sustenance on the land, injecting the development capital needed for Palestinian sustainable development.
To do so, the programme will work at four levels: small to medium scale community infrastructure, protection of natural resources, income generation and human rights.

- **Public and social infrastructure** in Area C and East Jerusalem. CRDP will support projects that have to do with small or medium scale social infrastructure supporting communities in the field of housing, expanding opportunities for education, facilitating a better access to health, providing communities with access to energy and other measures of basic (social) infrastructure.
- **Access to and protection of natural resources.** CRDP will focus on projects that help Palestinians access or protect their natural resources, for example, improving the water and sanitation situation at the community level; enhancing access to water; protecting and rehabilitating natural and historical sites; giving environmentally friendly and sustainable solutions to power needs.
- **Economic opportunities** enhanced through support to livelihoods. This will be done through support to small and medium enterprises and business ideas, agricultural projects or measures of land reclamation, among others.
- **Rights of Palestinian citizens** in Area C and East Jerusalem will be upheld through legal protection, advocacy and community participation and mobilization.

The CRDP is the result of a fruitful collaboration between the Ministry of Planning and Administrative Development (MOPAD), the United Nations Development Programme/Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (UNDP/PAPP), and the government of Sweden through Sida. MOPAD, representing the Palestinian Authority, is leading and coordinating the CRDP, while UNDP and Sida are facilitating and supporting it at the operational and strategic level. Other ministries and authorities will be involved at the operational level in order to assure a proper coordination, as well as humanitarian actors through the mechanisms already existing.

Civil society has a prominent role in the implementation of the CRDP on the ground, as they will submit their projects for approval according to CRDP strategic priorities to the different calls for proposals that will be published. Implementing partners will be selected based on their merits, capacities and the relevance of the projects within CRDP priorities.

### 3. Geographical and Thematic Scope:

The CRDP will serve communities in Area C of the West Bank, the Seam Zone and East Jerusalem. It will take into consideration the difference in context between Area C and East Jerusalem, while also recognizing their commonalities.

The CRDP is intended to facilitate the implementation of recovery and development interventions in Area C and East Jerusalem. It will thus only focus on interventions geared at empowering local communities. A special focus on gender and the role of women will guide programme interventions.

With regard to the timeline, the CRDP will provide for immediate, medium-term and, to the extent possible, longer-term interventions.

Information regarding the call for proposals will be available at the following link: [http://www.undp.ps/en/aboutundp/forms.html](http://www.undp.ps/en/aboutundp/forms.html)