The United Nations Development Programme – Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (UNDP/PAPP) will be executing the Sixth (VI) Phase of the Poverty Oriented Employment Generation Programme in the West Bank and Gaza; funded by the Government of Germany through the Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau (KFW).

In this regard UNDP/PAPP in coordination with the Palestinian Ministry of Local Government, calls on the Municipalities, Village/Local/Regional/Joint Councils, Refugee Camps, Palestinian Government and Non-Government Organizations, to submit infrastructure project proposals in accordance with the following criteria.

**Targeted Areas:**

Priority will be given to all deprived Palestinian areas in the West Bank & Gaza Strip that are not classified as Municipality “A”.

**Nature of Projects:**

Projects in the following categories are eligible: agricultural infrastructure, cultural heritage rehabilitation, educational (additional classrooms or school extensions, rehabilitation of schools including sanitary facilities) and vocational infrastructure, health, kindergarten, parks, retaining walls, roads, sidewalks, social infrastructure, solid waste management, sports infrastructure, storm water canals, sewage, water (including reservoirs, water networks, etc), infrastructure supporting commercial zones of municipalities, and infrastructure supporting women and youth.

Excluded from funding are municipal and purely administrative buildings.

**Objective of the Projects:**

The objective of the proposals should be employment generation through infrastructure works as well as the supply of needed infrastructure of priority for the people of the community. Proposals will be evaluated based upon potential short term as well as long term employment generation opportunities. This includes the promotion of labour based designs, techniques and the effective utilization of local materials. (i.e. use of interlock tiling rather than asphalting of roads) Furthermore, they will be scored based on their sustainability and usefulness to the community.
**General Conditions:** (if one of the conditions are not met, your application will be disregarded)

- Applications must be fully completed, including sector specific forms.
- Only one proposal per submitting institution will be accepted. If more than one proposal is received, all applications will be disregarded.
- A minimum of 25% labor content must be proven.
- Should have no negative impact on the surrounding environment.
- No water projects in Area C without already approved licenses should be submitted.
- All submitting institutions must submit with their application a non objection for their proposal from the relevant national ministry or institutions.
- All projects must be for public purposes.
- The amount of funding requested must be sufficient to complete the entire project. Submitting institution co-financing “must be documented”, while projects may not be co-financed by other donors.
- All project proposals must include an operation and maintenance plan including how costs will be covered, that promotes the long term sustainability of the project.
- The KFW VI Programme is a tax exempted fund, therefore no tax claims will be funded/refunded through the Programme.
- The duration of the project must not exceed 12 months.
- Municipalities classified as A, B, C, or D must have submitted their 2006 Actual Expenditures and 2007 Planned Budget to the Ministry of Local Government
- All certified copies of supporting documents must be readily available if your proposal is selected for consideration including designs, permits, licenses, and proof of land ownership. If the documents are not available, your project will be disqualified.
- Proposals can be submitted in either the Arabic or English language.

**Priority will be given:**
- to women’s, youth, and projects for the elderly.
- to income generating projects.
- to those in the community who are considered handicapped or disadvantaged.
- to joint submissions by more than one community and/or in cooperation with an NGO.
- to projects that can document co-financing.
- to projects that have all documents and licenses ready.
- to needy communities not funded through KfW programmes in the past.

**Total allocated Funds/Project:**

The maximum financial allocation per project should not exceed €300,000 Euro.
**Executing Organizations:**

1. Municipalities
2. Village/Local/Regional/Joint Councils
3. Public Service Institutions
4. Palestinian Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations
5. Refugee Camp Committees
6. Cooperatives

**Questions:**

If you have any questions pertaining to the completion of the application form, please contact UNDP’s KFW Project Implementation Unit in Ramallah and Gaza, as well as local MLG offices for advisable (see contact details below).

**Submittal of applications:**

1. For all local governmental units that fall under the umbrella of the Ministry of Local Government, application forms can be obtained from the Local Government Departments in the West Bank and Gaza. Two applications must be submitted to the Ministry of Local Government Departments in the West Bank and/or Gaza Strip.

2. For Governmental and Non-Governmental Organizations as well as Refugee Camp Committees, applications can be obtained from the following UNDP offices:
   
   a) **West Bank:**
   
   The applications can be obtained and delivered to UNDP Offices:
   - Jerusalem – 4A Yacoubi St., Tel: 02-6268200, Fax: 02-6268222/3
   - Nablus – Rafidia St., Tel: 09-2381077, Fax: 09-2379627
   - Ramallah – **KfW PIU**, Al Qaser Building / Irsal St., Tel: 02-2988045, Fax: 02-2988049.
   - Hebron – Al-Haras area, Isra’ Building. 6th Floor, Apartment 4. Tel 02-229-7630

   b) **Gaza Strip:**

   The applications can be obtained and delivered to the UNDP office **(C/O the KFW PIU)** in Gaza City, Omar Ben Al-Khatab St., Tel: 08-2863364, Fax: 08-2822021.

   In addition, the application form can be downloaded from UNDP/PAPP’s website: http://www.undp.ps/en/aboutundp/forms.html
Application forms can be obtained beginning the 24th of April 2007 and deadline for submissions is June 5th, 2007.

No applications will be accepted after the deadline.