Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People

Project Fact Sheet

Restoration of Homes in the Old City of Hebron

PROJECT AIM (OVERALL OBJECTIVE)
This project is a continuing effort to revive the old city of Hebron through the rehabilitation of the existing homes and infrastructure in the old city, encourage Palestinians to move back into the rehabilitated homes through low rents, and thus encourage the return of economic activity.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
This project is an important initiative for the people of Hebron. Many of the homes in the old city dating back hundreds of years, had fallen into disrepair and the economic life of the old city had virtually disappeared.

In an effort to revive the old city, the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee (HRC) was formed and its mandate was to rehabilitate the existing homes in the old city, encourage Palestinians to move back into the rehabilitated homes through low rents, and thus encourage the return of economic activity.

OBJECTIVES
- To rehabilitate and restore homes and infrastructure in the Old City of Hebron.
- To create short term employment opportunities through labor intensive methods.
- To re-inhabit the homes and restore a semblance of economic activity in the area.

PROGRESS UP TO DATE
- Approximately 36,618 direct workdays have been generated.
- 66 Apartments were rehabilitated and restored.
- 240 persons have moved into the buildings.

OUTPUTS
- The programme provided improvement to the quality of living conditions of those residing in the old city of Hebron and helped in economic revitalization of the old city Market.

CONSTRAINTS (if any)
- 49 workers and engineers were arrested by the Israeli authorities during the implementation of the project for working during the curfew. As such works were severely curtailed and delayed.
- Israeli soldiers informed the (HRC) contractors that they were not permitted to work in the old city.
- the Old City of Hebron suffered through approximately 194 days of
Israeli imposed curfew for the period 15 November 2002 until 30 June 2003.

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