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Support to the Palestinian Education Programme (SPEP)

**THEMATIC AREA**
Education + Poverty Reduction + Women Empowerment

**SECTOR / SUB SECTOR**
Social Development

**PROJECT AIM (OVERALL OBJECTIVE)**
The project aims to support the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education’s (MoEHE) efforts to provide quality education to the Palestinian student population, as well as to support its efforts in increasing the enrolment capacity of the educational system.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**
SPEP is operated through technical assistance to the MoEHE and a construction-rehabilitation component. As a whole, SPEP promotes a developmental approach focusing on the school as the main player for self-improvement. The technical assistance component is active in 24 pilot schools, 4 districts and 4 Universities with further dissemination to 36 schools. The construction and rehabilitation component is providing new educational facilities, rehabilitating existing ones, and educational equipments.

**OBJECTIVES**
- Increased enrollment capacity for both girls and boys
- Improved teaching and learning environment
- Strengthened capacity of the school for self-improvement by introducing the practice of school self-evaluation
- Promote partnerships between universities and schools in modern approach to teaching and learning
- Increased pedagogical use of Information Communication Technology ICT in the classroom
- Increased schools’ capacity to mobilize local resources through a community project funded with a micro-grant.
- Enabled teachers to achieve their improvement goals through Continuing Professional Education

**IMPACT STATEMENT**
Increase the access to schools in needy areas and improve the quality of education in the 60 schools targeted by the technical assistance.

**PROJECT DETAILS**
- Project Number: 43734
- Award Number: 39137
- Duration: 2005 – 2010
- Donor: Italian Cooperation
- Partner: MoEHE, 4 local universities and 24 pilot schools, University of Bologna (Italy)

**BUDGET**
- Total Budget: US$6,990,305
- Disbursement up to date: US$5,899,636.51

**Geographic Location**
West Bank and Gaza

**OUTPUTS**
- Building Additional Schools and Classrooms
- Improving the quality of education
- Rehabilitation of degraded and inadequate buildings
- Teaching Aids and Learning Materials.
- Teachers training.
- Technical Assistance.
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PROGRESS UP TO DATE.

- Construction of 4 new schools in West Bank.
- Rehabilitation of 19 existing schools
- Equipment and furniture distributed
- The school self-evaluation methodology has been introduced in the 24 pilot schools, each school working towards its own improvement plan
- Collaboration in each District between the university, the schools and the Office of Education is ongoing
- A "School development package for self-improvement" has been developed with the universities
- The distribution of funds for micro-grants to the 18 schools in West Bank has been completed; the entire projects have been presented in a workshop in 2009
- Training for ICT in the 24 schools has been implemented and continues. The ICT workshop has been completed on MARCH 2010 by Bologna University and MOHE.
- The implementation of the CPD component has been cancelled in an agreement with the MOHE.
- The Inauguration of Multipurpose Hall in Terra Santa School in Jericho took place on 23 Nov. 2010 in the presence of the Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Head of Italian Cooperation in Rome, UNDP SR, and the General Consul of Italy.

CONSTRAINTS (if any)

- Complexities of partners and Israeli-imposed constraints and mobility have caused delay against initial timeline of the project.
- Operations in Gaza

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