



Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People

Project Fact Sheet

Support to the Governance Strategy Group

PROJECT AIM (OVERALL OBJECTIVE)

To strengthen coordination and foster partnerships between the international community and the Palestinian Authority hereby promoting aid effectiveness and the development of sound and democratic institutions in the oPt.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

To strengthen PA-donor partnership and to streamline the aid management system in line with the OECD-DAC Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness the AHLC meeting in London on 14 December, 2005 as mentioned adopted a revised donor coordination structure. The new structure aims to facilitate the delivery and the further elaboration of the PA development plans, including the so-called "Medium Term Development Plan" (MTDP), in line also with donor strategies.

At the center of the 'to-be' local aid management system is the Local Development Forum (LDF). Four strategy groups (SG), on Governance, Economic Policy, Social Development & Humanitarian Assistance Group and Infrastructure Development are dealing with practical policy formulation, programmatic coordination and also perusing greater integration of donor projects with PA priorities in their respected areas. The LDF as well as the SG's are supported by the Local Aid Coordination Secretariat (LACS).

Above-mentioned aid coordination structure was to have been established in early 2006, but following Palestinian legislative elections on 25 January 2006 the situation in the West Bank and Gaza has deteriorated in a number of manners including that of coordination. In view of the prevailing situation, co-operation and coordination priorities have been established on an ad-hoc basis and the agreed upon coordination structure has not been properly established, as the situation has hampered the ability of key stakeholders to coordinate and cooperate.

This being said, initial steps have been taken to establish the agreed upon aid coordination structure including the re-profiling of the LACS and the formal establishment of one of the four strategy groups, namely the Governance Strategy Group (GSG) of which UNDP/PAPP has been requested to provide support.

The overall mandate of the Governance Strategy Group is to support the building of a viable Palestinian state. This means a state with genuine separation of powers, based on the rule of law, empowered with law enforcement capabilities and supported by a transparent, accountable, merit based and efficient administration.

In order to meet the above-mentioned objective, UNDP-PAPP will through this project, and in close collaboration with the EC and other key stakeholders support the aid coordination architecture and process in the oPt in order to contribute towards the establishment of the aid coordination structure and the efficient and effective delivery of

THEMATIC AREA

Governance

SECTOR / SUB SECTOR

Aid Coordination

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Number	00054690
Award Number	00046088
Duration	Apr 07 – June 09
Donor	EC/ECTAA
Partner	The Palestinian Authority/Ministry of Planning

BUDGET

Total Budget	US\$ 541,539
Disbursement up to date	N/A

Geographic Location

West Bank and Gaza

OUTPUTS

- 2 GSG meetings organized;
- Set-up of a governance department at the Ministry of Planning developed;
- TORs for Director-General, Deputy Director General and TOKTEN Consultant developed;
- Consolidated donor feedback to Palestinian National Policy Agenda submitted to Ministry of Planning and Prime Minister's Office;
- Team of the Quartet Special Representative integrated into GSG on Observer Status;



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- GSG Iftar organized;

OBJECTIVES

The objective of UNDP-PAPP is two-fold, namely to support the establishment of the aid coordination structure approved in late 2005, by ensuring its functionality, and to enable it to conduct the dialogue and policy processes it is mandated to facilitate in line with the principles laid out in the Paris Declaration (PD).

Accordingly, the purpose of the project is to assist in the co-ordination of international aid through the Governance Strategy Group. In particular, but not exclusively, the project will facilitate the interaction of appropriate PNA bodies with GSG stakeholders in preparing and implementing the governance strategy endorsed by the GSG. This will more specifically include the development of a scoping report that maps out co-ordination structures for governance sector, maps opportunities and makes recommendations for how best to make further progress in this sector.

IMPACT STATEMENT

Coordination between the PA and the International Community improved and aligned in the field of Governance.

PROGRESS UP TO DATE

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Project Document

Evaluation Report

English

Arabic



CONSTRAINTS (if any)

- Time constraints and workload of counterpart staff at the Ministry of Planning.
- Mitigating measures: Support in the establishment of a Governance Department at the Ministry of Planning;

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