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Press Release

UNDP/PAPP launches its mid-term strategic framework jointly with the Ministry of Planning

Jerusalem, July 08th 2008: H.E. Dr. Samir Abdullah, Minister of Planning, and Mr. Jens Toyberg-Frandzen, UNDP/PAPP Special Representative of the Administrator, announced the mid-term strategic framework 2008 - 2011 for the United Nations' Development Programme in the oPt, on Tuesday, July 08, 2008.

With this framework, UNDP/PAPP reinforces its commitment to supporting socio-economic development in the oPt, exploring new approaches, and drawing on its corporate capacities and strategic partnerships.

Highlighting the areas of priority in the framework over the next four years, namely poverty reduction and democratic governance, UNDP/PAPP Special Representative of the Administrator, Mr. Toyberg-Frandzen underlined that the document itself was a result of a highly collaborative and inclusive process involving the government, civil society, private sector and in close consultations with other development partners.

Dr. Samir Abdullah, Minister of Planning stated that this strategic vision is the outcome of true cooperation and coordination between UNDP and the Palestinian Authority. "Linking this plan with the PRDP is a critical step in aligning development initiatives with national interests. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate UNDP for its continuous efforts to help the Palestinian people towards establishing their state". He added.

The framework identifies UNDP/PAPP's vision as "a leading and responsive development agency working together with the Palestinian people to fulfil their vision of a peaceful, sustainable and equitable society by promoting democratic governance, human development, human security and livelihoods."

To achieve this vision, UNDP/PAPP will promote sustainable livelihoods, economic recovery and self-reliance through: a) broad-based human development and promotion of the achievement of the MDGs, b) improving essential infrastructure for economic and social development, and c) enhancing equitable economic development. It will also enhance the development of efficient and accountable institutions through strengthening a) inclusive participation and b) responsive governing institutions. Other key cross-cutting dimensions that will be addresses in all programmatic endeavours include capacity development, gender, environmental sustainability, and crisis sensitivity.

"UNDP/PAPP considers Palestinian sustainable development as a key engine for socio-economic growth and stability. The strategic framework outlines the future shape of our assistance to the Palestinian People, allowing us to make a sustainable impact in areas of pivotal importance, furthering the socio-economic advancement of the Palestinians and the effectiveness and responsiveness of their institutions", said Jens Toyberg-Frandzen, UNDP Special Representative of the Administrator. "Although focus is on development, we will always retain our flexibility and responsiveness to early recovery, with a commitment to ensure results and impact", he added.

Since the establishment of the Palestinian Authority in 1994, UNDP/PAPP, in partnership with public, private institutions, civil society and donors, has invested over US\$700 million in support of the Palestinian people.

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