

The World Bank's Operations in West Bank and Gaza

June 2008

On-going Bank Group Operations

Project Name & Details	Description
<p>Solid Waste and Environmental Management Project (SWEMP). World Bank: US\$9.5 million Approval Date: October 10, 2000. Closing Date: June 30, 2009 Task Team Leader: Andrew Mokakha</p>	<p>The overall objective of the project is to implement an environmentally sound solid waste management system for Jenin District. This objective has been pursued through the construction of a controlled sanitary landfill in Jenin District (Zahrat Al- Finjan); rehabilitation/closure of uncontrolled dumps; improvement in solid waste management (SWN) services in the district through the supply of equipment and the strengthening of management and operation capacities' building institutional capacity in the newly created Joint Services Council (JSC) for regional SWM services; and strengthening the institutional and monitoring capacity of Environmental Quality Authority (EQA). The Project is managed by the Joint Services Council for Solid Waste Management (JSU). The EC is financing the supply of collection vehicles and transfer stations relation set-ups.</p> <p>To successfully complete the key project activities that have been delayed due to the prevailing socio-political circumstances, the project's closing date was extended from June 30, 2008 to June 30, 2009.</p>
<p>Emergency Water Project (EWP). World Bank: US\$12.5 million Approval Date: July 29, 2003 Closing Date: September 30, 2008 Task Team Leader: Sana Al Nimer</p>	<p>The main objective of the project is to support investments that would help alleviate the chronic shortages of safe water supplies; reduce water costs and health risks; and conserve scarce water resources by reducing system losses. The Project includes the following components: (a) Rehabilitation and improvement of Water Supply Transmission and Distribution System; and (b) Technical Assistance and Capacity Building provided to the Palestinian Water Authority.</p>
<p>Social Safety Net Reform Project (SSNRP). World Bank: US\$10.0 million plus US\$10.0 million additional financing approved in April 2008 Approval Date: June 3, 2004 Closing Date: June 30, 2012 Task Team Leader: Eileen Murray</p>	<p>The project was formally restructured in May 2007. The new project development objective is to mitigate the impact of the continued socio-economic crisis on a subset of the poorest and most vulnerable households. An additional is to strengthen the institutional capacity of Ministry of Social Affairs to manage cash transfer programs. The primary objective would be achieved by implementing a pilot incentive-based cash transfer mechanism with improved targeting modalities that would contribute to improving the living conditions of the beneficiaries. The Project also aims to strengthen the institutional capacity of PA agencies involved in the implementation of the proposed project, in particular in Ministry of Social Affairs.</p> <p>An Additional Financing of US\$10.0 million was approved on April 22, 2008 to help finance costs associated with the scaling up of the project and its transformation into a cash benefit program administrated by the Palestinian Authority, capitalizing on the Ministry of Social Affairs poverty targeting database.</p>
<p>North Gaza Emergency Sewage Treatment Project. World Bank: US\$7.8 million plus US\$12.0 million additional financing approved in April 2008 Approval Date: September 9, 2004 Closing Date: June 30, 2012 Task Team Leader: Sana Al Nimer.</p>	<p>The North Gaza Emergency Sewage Treatment project (NGEST) is the fourth in a series of Bank-funded water and sanitation projects since 1994. The Project consist of two parts Part A is addressing the immediate and impending health, environmental and safety hazards to the communities near the poorly-treated and rapidly growing sewage lake in the Beit Lahia area of North Gaza. And Part B - a long-term solution for the adequate treatment and disposal of wastewater in North Gaza, which entails the construction of a new wastewater treatment plant expected to be financed by various donors. Approximately 300,000 people living in North Gaza will benefit from this project. The project overall estimated cost is about US\$ 63 million.</p> <p>An Additional Financing of US\$12.0 million was approved on April 22, 2008 to support the original objectives and the overall project design and components. Specifically, the additional financing will cover the overrun cost of Part A and risk management activities.</p>



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<p>Land Administration Project World Bank: US\$3 million Government of Finland: US\$3.1 million equivalent Approval Date: January 26, 2005 Closing Date: December 31, 2008 Task Team Leader: Ibrahim Dajani</p>	<p>The objective of this project is to assess/learn the extent of commitment and readiness of the PA to reforming land administration by introducing policy, legal and institutional changes to achieve efficient procedures for the issuance of land titles and registration of property transactions, and transparent processes for the management and disposal of public land. The project is the first phase of a more comprehensive Land Administration Program, which aims at enhancing economic growth by improving land tenure security and facilitating the development of efficient land and property markets in rural and urban areas through the development of an efficient system of land titling and registration based on clear, transparent and coherent policies and laws and supported by an appropriate institutional structure. A second project which will build on the results and success of this first project is planned to be launched in 2009.</p>
<p>Tertiary Education Project World Bank: US\$10 million Approval Date: April 26, 2005 Closing Date: December 31, 2009 Task Team Leader: Adriana Jaramillo</p>	<p>The project development objectives are: 1) to improve the regulatory environment for tertiary education management, relevance and quality assurance; 2) increase internal and external efficiency of the tertiary education system, as a first step towards seeking sustainability; and 3) to create incentives and provide the basis for improvements in efficiency, quality and relevance of tertiary education institutions in order to meet the socioeconomic needs of the Palestinian population. The project provides technical assistance on defining policies consistent with increasing the financial sustainability of the sector and improving the capacity to respond to labor market needs. It also provides incentive mechanisms to improve quality and relevance of the programs offered. On a competitive basis, institutions will apply for quality and management grants, administered by a Fund mechanism. In addition the project will provide technical assistance to improve the management of the current student loans program managed by the MOEHE, and will set the basis for expansion of the financial resources available for funding the student aid programs. The EC is providing co-financing in the amount of € 6 million.</p>
<p>Gaza II Emergency Water World Bank: US\$20 million plus US\$5.0 million additional financing approved in April 2008 Approval Date: June 7, 2005 Closing Date: January 31, 2010 Task Team Leader: Khairy Al-Jamal</p>	<p>This Project is a follow-up to the previous GWSSP. The development objectives of this Project are: (a) to develop a sustainable institutional structure of the water and wastewater sector in Gaza by supporting the functional establishment of a Coastal Municipalities Water Utility, as well as by enhancing and deepening the involvement of the private sector through a three-year management contract; (b) to continue improving the water and sanitation services by rehabilitation, upgrading and expansion of existing systems and facilities; and (c) to strengthen the regulatory and institutional capacity of the Palestinian Water Authority. The whole population of Gaza (around 1.5 million people) are benefiting from the project.</p> <p>Additional financing of US\$5.0 million was approved on April 22, 2008 to supplement the project overrun expenses. This additional financing will furthermore strengthen the ability of CMWU to consolidate the ongoing institutional reform process by covering the operational expenses for one more year</p>
<p>Avian Influenza Prevention and Control Project World Bank: US\$10 million Global Fund for Avian Influenza US\$3 million Approval Date: September 7, 2006 Closing date: January 31, 2009 Task Team Leader: Lucie Tran</p>	<p>West Bank and Gaza has been considered at high risk for Avian Influenza due to the large number of migratory birds crossing the territories and the high risk of spreading the infection among domestic poultry. In April, FAO/WHO confirmed AI H5N1 presence in 8 locations in Gaza and preventive culling was concluded in the infected areas. The project aims to strengthen the public and veterinary health sectors to respond to possible future outbreaks. The overall responsibility for overseeing and coordinating institutional and implementation arrangements is vested with the National Emergency Committee for Avian Influenza Control (NCAIC) which is chaired by the Minister of Health, while funds from the Global Trust Fund (US\$3 million) are being implemented by UNDP, focusing on quick implementation of the most urgent activities.</p>

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<p><i>Second Emergency Municipal Services and Rehabilitation Project</i> World Bank: US\$10 million The Netherlands: € 5 million AFD: €12 million Approval Date: December 19, 2006 Closing date: June 30, 2009 Task Team Leader: Meskerem Brhane</p>	<p>A prolonged period of economic contraction has had serious consequences for municipal revenues and the ability of local governments to continue providing basic services. This has translated into sharply increased health, safety, and sanitation risks for the Palestinian population resulting from mounting solid waste, and deteriorating streets, water and wastewater networks, particularly in heavily populated urban areas. The objectives of EMSRP II are to (a) provide funding for infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance to help mitigate further deterioration in the delivery of essential municipal services, and (b) create temporary job opportunities at the local level through the launching of labor-intensive employment generation schemes. In addition, through the Municipal Development Lending Fund (MDLF), the Project would pilot innovative initiatives to improve municipal service cost recovery (through the introduction of pre-paid electric metering systems) and leverage partnerships with local NGOs to deliver services more effectively. The total cost of the project is currently estimated at US\$40.2 million with financing of US\$10 million from the Trust Fund for Gaza and West Bank (TFGWB), and further commitments from Netherlands and Agence Française de Développement. On-going discussions for funding with KFW and Sweden are likely to cover the balance.</p>
<p><i>Third Palestinian NGO Project</i> World Bank: US\$10 million AFD: €6 million Approval Date: December 19, 2006 Closing date: December 31, 2009 Task Team Leader: Meskerem Brhane</p>	<p>The objective of the project is to provide social services to those who are poor, vulnerable or affected by the deteriorating socioeconomic conditions by establishing an effective mechanism to improve the quality and sustainability of NGO social service delivery. The first two PNGO projects successfully built up Palestinian NGO capacity to carry out social service delivery activities. Now, there is a need to consolidate and sustain this capacity by moving the driving force for further NGO development firmly into the hands of the Palestinian NGOs. To this end, PNGOIII will support the transformation of the Project Management Organization (PMO), the implementing unit within the Welfare Association of the previous projects, into the NGO Development Center (NDC), an institution dedicated to grant-making and sector development. At the same time, the project will provide funding to develop and sustain specific NGO-sponsored social service delivery activities.</p>
<p><i>Emergency Services Support Program III</i> World Bank: US\$10 million Approval Date: December 13, 2007 Closing Date: December 31, 2009 Task Team Leader: Eileen Murray</p>	<p>The development objective of the Emergency Services Support Program is to mitigate the deterioration of service delivery brought about by the inability of the Palestinian Authority to meet its non-salary recurrent costs. The ESSP finances the non-salary expenditures of the key social ministries and based on the PA's recurrent expenditure program for these ministries.</p>
<p><i>Village and Neighborhood Development Project</i> World Bank: US\$10 million Approval Date: April 22, 2008 Closing Date: October 30, 2012 Task Team Leader: Meskerem Brhane</p>	<p>The objective of this project is to promote a coordinated development approach which builds the capacity of communities to plan for and manage development sources. The project will support small communities in planning local initiatives, prioritizing needs through an inclusive and participatory process. It will also provide small grants to support joint activities among several village councils for subprojects that are part of the local plan. This will provide incentives for small communities to work together and eventually amalgamate and become a municipality.</p>
<p><i>Electricity Utility Management Project.</i> World Bank: US\$12million Approval Date: May 15, 2008 Closing Date: June 30, 2012 Task Team Leader: Meskerem Brhane</p>	<p>The development objective of the Electricity Utility Management Project is to reduce the fiscal burden of the sector on PA's budgetary resources through inter alia lower deductions from clearance revenues for arrears owed to IEC. This will be possible through adoption of appropriate sectoral efficiency enhancement measures taken and the key performance indicators of the electricity distribution utilities that will include: (a) improved collection performance; (b) lower technical/non-technical losses; (c) reduction in payables to IEC on account of electricity purchase; and (d) consolidation and increase in number of consumers. The Project will also ensure that NEDCO is fully operational through financing necessary capacity building measures.</p>
<p><i>Palestinian Reform and Development Plan (PRDP) Development Policy Grant</i> World Bank: US\$40 million Approval Date: June 5, 2008 Task Team Leader: John Nasir</p>	<p>The operation is designed to support the PA as it implements the reform program detailed in the PRDP. To have the largest impact, the project focuses on two specific areas: (i) strengthening the PA's fiscal position; and (ii) improving public fiscal management. The Bank will support the PRDP process in two complementary ways; (i) it has established the PRDP Trust Fund as requested by the PA; and (ii) will provide a development policy grant of \$40 million.</p>

West Bank and Gaza Portfolio

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	Trust Fund for Gaza and the West Bank				Co-financing			
	Committed	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed	Committed	Disbursed	Undisbursed	Disbursed
	US\$ Million			Percent	US\$ Million			Percent *
CURRENT PROJECTS ¹								
011 Solid Waste and Environmental Management Project	9.5	9.0	0.5	95%				
04 Emergency Water Project	12.5	10.8	1.7	87%				
04 Social Safety Net Project	10.0	3.3	6.7	33%				
05 North Gaza Emergency Sewage Treatment Project	7.8	6.8	1.0	87%	4.6	0.0	4.6	0%
05 Land Administration Project	3.0	0.9	2.1	30%	1.5	0.9	0.5	63%
05 Tertiary Education Project	10.0	3.4	6.6	34%	3.9	1.4	2.4	37%
05 Gaza II Emergency Water Project	20.0	14.6	5.4	73%				
07 Avian Influenza Project	10.0	1.2	8.8	12%				
07 Palestinian NGO Project III	10.0	3.3	6.7	33%				
07 Emergency Municipal Services Rehabilitation Project II	10.0	3.5	6.5	35%				
07 Emergency Services Support Program III	10.0	1.9	8.0	19%				
08 Village and Neighborhood Development Project	10.0	0.0	0.0	0%				
08 Electricity Utility Management Project	12.0	0.0	0.0	0%				
08 PRDP- Development Policy Grant	40.0	40.0	0.0	100%				
Total	174.8	56.7	118.1	32%	10.0	2.4	7.6	24%
DONOR FUNDED TRUST FUNDS								
Palestinian Reform and Development Plan Trust Fund (PRDP-TF) ²					108.0	108.0	0.0	100%
Local Government Capacity Building					2.5	2.0	0.5	79%
Emergency Services Support Program					77.5	44.9	32.6	58%
Total					80.0	46.9	33.1	59%
COMPLETED PROJECTS ¹								
00 Electricity Sector Management Project	15.0	14.8	0.2	99%				
03 Emergency Services Support Project II	40.0	40.0	0.0	100%	71.6	71.6	0.0	100%
97 Palestinian Expatriate Professional Program	2.3	2.3	0.0	100%	0.3	0.3	0.0	100%
02 Emergency Services Support Project	20.0	20.0	0.0	100%	29.2	29.2	0.0	100%
04 Public Financial Management Reform SAO	20.0	20.0	0.0	100%				
97 Legal Development Program	2.8	2.5	0.0	89%				
96 Municipal Infrastructure and Development Project	40.0	40.0	0.0	100%	5.4	5.4	0.0	100%
97 Microenterprise Project	2.2	2.2	0.0	100%				
95 Emergency Rehabilitation Project	30.0	30.0	0.0	100%	63.9	63.9	0.0	100%
97 MIGA Fund	10.0	10.0	0.0	100%				
96 Emergency Rehabilitation Project II	20.0	20.0	0.0	100%	3.5	3.5	-0.0	100%
97 Community Development Project	10.0	10.0	0.0	100%	2.8	2.8		
01 Emergency Response Program	12.0	12.0	0.0	100%				
95 Education and Health Rehabilitation Project	20.0	20.0	0.0	100%	29.1	29.1	0.0	100%
99 Community Development Project II	8.0	8.0	0.0	100%				
97 Gaza Water and Sanitation Project	31.0	31.0	0.0	100%				
98 Palestinian NGO Project	10.0	10.0	0.0	100%	4.6	4.6	0.0	100%
99 Bethlehem 2000	25.0	25.0	0.0	100%	3.6	3.6	0.0	100%
97 Palestinian Housing Project	17.4	17.4	0.0	100%				
98 Gaza Industrial Estate	7.2	6.9	0.0	96%				
99 Southern Area Water and Sanitation Project	21.0	21.0	0.0	100%				
00 Health System Development Project	7.9	7.9	0.0	100%				
01 Education Action Project	7.0	6.9	0.0	99%				
03 Emergency Municipal Services Rehabilitation Project	20.0	20.0	0.0	100%				
01 Palestinian NGO II Project	8.0	8.0	0.0	100%	11.6	10.2	1.4	88%
02 Integrated Community Development Project	15.0	12.4	2.6	82%				
00 Municipal Infrastructure and Development Project II	7.5	7.3	0.0	97%				
Total Completed	429.2	425.5	2.8	99%	225.7	224.3	1.4	99%
TOTAL (Current & Completed)	532.0	482.3	49.7	91%	315.6	273.5	42.1	87%
CLOSED DONOR FUNDED TRUST FUNDS								
The Holst Fund					285.7	285.7	0.0	100%
Technical Assistance Trust Fund					23.6	23.6	0.0	100%
PEACE Facility					25.0	25.0	-0.0	100%
Public Financial Management Reform Trust Fund					273.4	273.4	0.0	100%
TOTAL DONOR FUNDED TRUST FUNDS					607.7	607.7	-0.0	100%
GRAND TOTAL	532.0	482.3	49.7	91%	923.3	881.2	42.1	95%

* For some cofinancing, investment income is added to the principal and disbursed, causing disbursements to go above 100%

1/ Year approved by World Bank Board of Executive Directors

2/ For more information on the Trust Fund please visit the website: www.worldbank.org/ps