Introduction

In response to the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Emergency Social Protection and Jobs COVID-19 Response Project emerges as a beacon of hope for the people of West Bank and Gaza. Addressing both immediate needs and long-term resilience, our mission is to empower the most vulnerable communities through targeted, sustainable interventions.

Since the pandemic's onset in June 2020, the West Bank and Gaza have faced significant socio-economic upheaval. The situation worsened with the May 2021 crisis in Gaza, heightening the need for immediate and effective response. This project, anchored in the National Policy Agenda 2017-2022, is our commitment to turning the tide.

Although the SPJ project designed to mitigate the effects of poverty and unemployment due to the increasing spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in the West Bank, the project faced unforeseen circumstances and challenges due to the Gaza war in 2021 and in 2023. These events have compounded existing economic vulnerabilities and have pushed a significant number of palestinians citizens below the poverty line, making the continuation and expansion of this project essential to ease their suffering.

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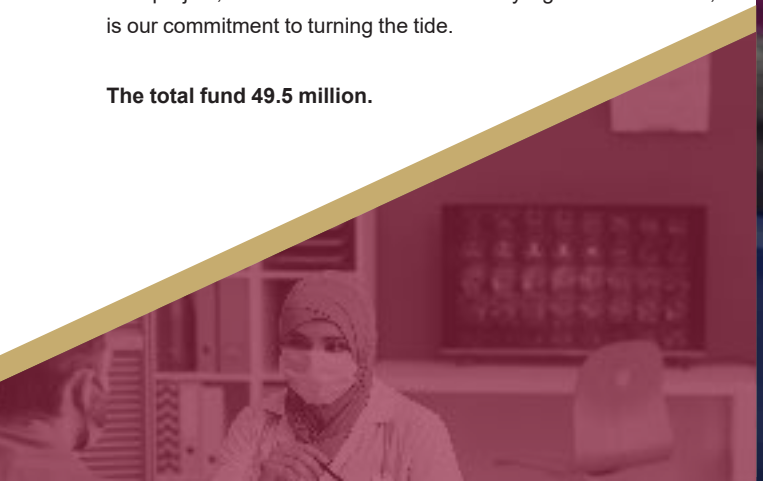

Project Partners

- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Social Development
- Ministry of Labor
- The Palestinian Employment Fund
- World Food Programme

Project Doners

- World Bank
- Additional Fund through World Bank by Norway, Canada, Ireland

Core Components:

Emergency In-kind and/or Cash Support

Offering a lifeline to those in dire need, our cash transfer program provides immediate financial and in-kind support to the most affected families.

Cash for Work

Cash for Work: Creating job opportunities, this initiative focuses on rebuilding communities while providing sustainable income sources.

Capacity Building

Investing in the future, we equip individuals and institutions with the skills and knowledge to thrive post-crisis.

Contingent Emergency Response

Ready to respond to future challenges, this component ensures preparedness and rapid action when needed.

For more information

Achievement's

Component: Emergency In-kind and/or Cash Support in the West Bank and Gaza

- 311,241 households received support of which 47% are female, surpassing the 182,152 target
- Ministry of Social Development (MoSD): 64,984 households, Ministry of Labor (MoL): 46,257 households, World Food Programme (WFP): 200,000 households
- The West Bank achieved 100.3%, and Gaza achieved 207.4%, resulting in an overall achievement of 171%.

Component: Cash for Work in the West Bank

- 3,965 beneficiaries received short-term employment of which 86% are female, surpassing the 3,940 target.
- 19,875 family members benefited indirectly through Cash for cash-for-work employment.
- provided services to approximately 643,787 indirect beneficiaries, of which 361,783 are females, including services for around 29,467 people with disabilities.

Component: Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC)

- 7,600 families received vital assistance through the CERC initiative, which was instrumental in offering prompt aid to those in critical need.

Meet Our Team

Our project is spearheaded by a dedicated team of experts and professionals, each bringing a wealth of experience and specialized knowledge.

Implementation Approach

Empowerment and Participation:

In our strategy, the focus is on empowering project participants, ensuring they are integral to every aspect of our project. By providing them with comprehensive training on health and safety procedures, acquainting them with the mechanisms for lodging complaints, and offering deep insights into Palestinian labor laws, we aim not only to address immediate needs but also to foster long-term societal transformation. This educational approach empowers participants to be well-informed, proactive contributors in shaping their own futures and in the development of their communities.

Transparency and Accountability:

Our project is committed to integrity, characterized by transparent processes and strict adherence to environmental and social safeguards. This commitment includes careful selection and contracting of Partner NGOs, careful validation and recruitment of beneficiaries, monitoring employment at hosting NGOs, and verifying their payments. These steps ensure that support is delivered effectively and responsibly to those most in need.

A Vision for the Future:

Beyond immediate relief, this project is a step towards long-term resilience and prosperity for the West Bank and Gaza.

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