

**Community Resilience and  
Development Programme**

**CRDP**

**Progress Report**

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## Introduction

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During the reporting period, a number of projects that were funded as part of the first round of funding ended while few others are in the closing phase. As for the projects for second round of funding in East Jerusalem, contracts were signed with ten organizations to implement projects in various fields such as renovation of schools, support employment of marginalized women and provision of space for sports and cultural activities, and support uninsured and visually impaired Jerusalemites. In close coordination with the Ministry of Planning and Administrative Development, Ministry of Local Government, Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Jerusalem Affairs, the Call for Proposals for the third round of funding was announced on 29th of May 2014. Building on the Community Assessment study targeted geographical areas for this round are: South Hebron, Jerusalem Governorate (East Jerusalem, Bedouin communities, North West of Jerusalem Governorates), Jordan Valley and Seam Zone. Selection of successful proposals will be done according to the main priorities (specified for each geographical area) of this round, which are: education, health, water, social welfare, economic development and agriculture. As a result of progress of all projects, projects' results contributed to CRDP four outputs, as originally planned. The second year report will provide in-depth information about the impact of the projects in the first round, progress of second round projects and an update on the status of the projects that will be selected as part of the third round of funding. The CRDP team is currently utilizing additional monitoring and evaluation activities in parallel to partners' efforts in reporting on the outcome of projects from both resilience and development perspectives.

### Part I Progress versus CRDP outputs

The following part provides a cumulative progress against CRDP outputs from the start of the programme on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 until this date.

#### **Output 1: Public and Social Infrastructure in Area C and EJ improved**

Under the **education sector**, quality of education and infrastructure of a number of schools in the most marginalized and threatened areas were improved. A total of 911 students in Area C and Seam Zone were provided with improved existing physical learning environment through rehabilitation of 38 school units (86% of targeted schools facilities). School units include classrooms, offices, toilets, playgrounds, computer and science labs and libraries.

As part of one of the educational projects in the Seam Zone, resilience of people was strengthened as a result to replacement of the classroom and office tents (provided for humanitarian purposes) by rooms (classrooms, offices and toilets) made from material from environment (e.g. hay and mud). The playground of the school was also rehabilitated. A 100%

of the students of the community are now studying in a better learning environment. Female students, whose families were reluctant to send them to nearby schools so as not to pass through the humiliation of security inspection, are now encouraged to pursue their education in their community. On another level, the readiness and participation of the community was enhanced by committing to designate a nearby parcel of land to expand the existing school so as to accommodate more students. Other actors are currently approaching the community to assist the people in various fields. Consequently the adaptive capacity of targeted Bedouin community was enhanced and their ability to mitigate the negative effects of the Wall was enhanced.

Moreover, as part of one of the educational projects in Area C, 186 students and 81 teachers have participated in a wide-scale of capacity building programme and in community service learning projects aimed at enhancing the quality of teaching and strengthening community-school relationship. Also, as part of this project targeting five marginalized communities in South Hebron hills in Area C the intervention contributed to the improvement of the schools' physical conditions, the provision of a safe and child-friendly space to study, the adoption of new teaching and learning approaches and strengthening community relationships. The high community support of these projects was instrumental in strengthening the school-community relationship. At the same time various communities were committed to provide all the support needed driven by strong belief in the benefits of education for males and females in providing future diversified sources of income and therefore resilience of their families.

In one of the targeted locations one of the projects was built on humanitarian projects by means of rehabilitation of classroom caravans and other infrastructure provided by OCHA. In other locations, the community momentum resulted from community mobilization has led to the construction of new schools by other programmes.

In **East Jerusalem**, education projects contributed to other unique resilience-based results. As the set of risks in East Jerusalem are different than those in Area C these projects contributed to enhancement of quality and relevancy (education-market) of vocational training programmes and the creation of jobs, and increased youth employability along expanding the provision of a combination of educational and psychosocial services. One of the projects implemented in the Old City contributed to strengthening resilience of 80 women and 318 male and female children and youth by facilitating special education counseling for children and their mothers. Having this achieved, the trained mothers and youth are able to provide similar services and training to other mothers and children in need. The psychosocial status of any community is key to their resilience and ability to develop.

Another project has developed and upgraded four courses based on market demand and institutionalized them in three major vocational centers/schools in East Jerusalem. Educational infrastructure of one of the vocational schools has also been rehabilitated so as to provide sustainable quality education. In addition to increasing the awareness of hundreds of youth in regard to offerings of vocational schools in East Jerusalem and aimed at supporting

marginalized youth, the project supported 70 out of 86 students (55% females) participating in long-term courses. (Note: employability indicator is contributing to Output 3.)

The third educational project in East Jerusalem has established a modern and first of its kind facility that will provide top of the art courses in the field of animation and multimedia that is demanded in the market. A group of female and male participants has already completed an intensive course. The college is currently expanding in promoting the new courses to both college students and participants from East Jerusalem neighborhoods. The preliminary feedback was extremely positive particularly from females who expressed willingness to start their own home-based business in the field. More results on this project will be collected in the next reporting period.

Under the **health sector, in East Jerusalem**, a community based health organization was able to mobilize around 3,000 Jerusalemites and enhance their adaptive capacity to deal with risks and disasters, particularly during clashes with Israeli authorities at Al Aqsa Mosque area and other areas in East Jerusalem. Three professional teams were also trained and deployed to provide emergency support to areas that are not covered by the Israeli medical organizations. Moreover, emergency health services to 45 residents using a special emergency vehicle during the extreme weather conditions were provided.

**In Area C**, three Bedouin communities, including 188 people of chronic diseases, 500 children, have improved access to health services (60% of Year 1 target). Aiming at building the knowledge inside communities so as to mitigate extreme livelihood conditions knowledge of health issues and challenges facing Bedouin communities were transferred to 26 Bedouin women from three Bedouin communities. This group of community leaders did not only provide a leading model to other female Bedouins but they also coordinated with other health providers in conducting medical visits while maintaining a database of health situation in their communities. These community leaders were able to mobilize 90 other volunteers during various health related activities.

Under the **energy sector, in Area C**, a total of 127 households (making a population of 790) in various Bedouin communities in the Jordan Valley and Bethlehem Governorate were provided with access to electricity via solar units. This provision led to an increase in studying hours of students by an average of 4 hours a day, improved health conditions and storage of food and dairy products as a result of the installation of small refrigerators, butter churns and solar lights and enhanced physical security by lighting the surroundings and charging mobile phones. In addition, the provision of mobile PV units saved time and energy for working women and saved on energy expenses at an average of USD90 per month for each of the households that relied on fuel for the generation of electricity. These mobile units have also reduced the risk of demolition by installing them in a way that could be easily dismantled and re-allocated during risks of demolitions.

The following table lists the projects which are being funded as part of the second round of funding under this output:

<b><u>Project</u></b>	<b><u>Implementing Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Volunteers for Jerusalem	<u>Saraya</u>	\$ 90,000
Renovation of St. Joseph Sisters' School in the Old City of Jerusalem	JRCCDA	\$146,400
To provide visually impaired Palestinians with a complete program to be positive contributors in their society	The Peace Center for the Blind	\$ 149,000
Creating a healthier learning environment at Rawdat El Zuhur	Rawdat El Zuhur	\$ 56,600
Renovation of the Industrial Islamic Orphanage	Dar Alaytam	\$ 150,000
The economic and livelihood situation of marginalized Palestinian women in East Jerusalem is enhanced through vocational education and entrepreneurship skills trainings	YWCA	\$ 129,930
Support for medical treatment of uninsured or partially insured poor and marginalized patients living in East Jerusalem	<u>Al Makassed Hospital</u>	\$ 150,000
Renovation of the surrounding space	Burj Al Laqlaq	\$150,000
Arts and Drama as a tool to cope with harsh living conditions in the poor neighborhoods of East Jerusalem	Palestinian National Theatre – Al Hakawati	\$ 90,000

## **Output 2: Improved Access to and Protection of natural Resources**

Being the most important need among communities and localities in Area C access to water (for both domestic and agricultural use) was targeted by four projects. A total of 132 households with a total of 1010 people benefited from increased accessibility to water resources.

In eastern slopes in Area C, 58 water cisterns have been rehabilitated in five marginalized communities. In addition, a total of 2,700 working days were created for skilled and unskilled workers. The harvested water is estimated by a total of up to 5,220 m<sup>3</sup> in the 58 cisterns saving a total of 106,960 NIS per year when compared to purchasing of water for the same quantity.

In Al Ma'sarah, in Area C, another threatened location in Bethlehem area adjacent to settlements, a historical place has been restored, consisting of an olive press, an old house, an

old spring, a cave and a water-well and rehabilitation of adjacent four dunums of land has been completed. More Palestinian and international visitors are currently visiting the area to show solidarity with the threatened community and therefore contributed to the increase of the overall security of the community.

### **Output 3: Economic Opportunities Enhanced Through Support to Livelihoods**

#### *Agricultural related economic opportunities:*

A total of 335 households benefited from four projects and a total of 1,441 dunums were rehabilitated and utilized. In Seam Zone, rehabilitation of 23% of underground wells were completed and led to an average reduction of 50% in cost of water and an increase of 40% in number of farmers farming their lands in the area. In Area C, 4.9 km of agriculture roads connected five communities were completed. This paved the way for the reclamation of 1,183 dunums and protection of two threatened areas.

#### *Non-agricultural related economic opportunities:*

In Area C, a total of 172 households were supported to improve their income, of which 55% are women-headed households (30% of Year 1 target). In East Jerusalem, as a result to other interventions (vocational training, animation and multi-media training mentioned above), 29 Jerusalemites (48% female) were employed until this date.

As part of supporting the Bedouin communities in east of Jerusalem governorate sewing machines were distributed to establish a sewing center at each of the three targeted Bedouin communities. As demanded by the communities themselves these centers will provide additional sources of income to a population of 474. They will also reduce the burden on Bedouin women to travel to neighboring towns to repair their clothes.

In other marginalized communities in Bethlehem and Hebron areas a total of 32 women-headed households were supported to start micro businesses and livelihood projects. Examples of these projects are grocery, poultry farming, sheep breeding and vegetable nurseries. Amenah, a lady who started the grocery project, pointed out that the project has been helpful to her as an individual and also to the whole community as people don't have to travel to the nearby villages or cities to get the items they need while available in the grocery.

In Bili'in, a large livelihood project located west of Ramallah has completed the terracing of 140 dunums of land in addition to founding the main facilities of the community park. A number of land owners and farmers in the area will directly benefit from this project along thousands of residents in Ramallah area. Work is still ongoing in Bili'in. The uniqueness of the project is that it revives a liberated land and builds on results of other previous agriculture and infrastructure projects in the area. Other donors and residents are also investing in the area.

In extension of the restoration of a historical place in Al Ma’sarah in Bethlehem area mentioned above, 40 women-headed households have increased their income through selling of embroidery and food items to increasing number of Palestinian and international visitors to the area.

The following table lists the projects which are being funded as part of the second round of funding and their corresponding CRDP output:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Implementing Partner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Economical support project for women	Al Mortaqa Women Organization	\$ 106,157.00

#### **Output 4: Rights of Palestinians are upheld**

Under this output three out of four projects are implemented in East Jerusalem and the fourth is implemented in Area C. Considering the uniqueness of needs in the Old City of East Jerusalem two of the projects targeted youth, women and children by providing them with a physical space to interact, develop life skills and participate in various cultural and sports activities. In total, 147 women, 60 children and 79 youth participated in various activities so as to provide a positive model to their peers that they could be active members in their communities. Four community initiatives were organized and six neighborhood committees were established.

The third East Jerusalem project focused on transferring the knowledge and expertise in building a nucleus Palestinian municipality in East Jerusalem. Pursuant to this goal, 26 community leaders were provided with access to municipality information and trained in various areas on how to deal with the Jerusalem Municipality and build the knowledge for the future Palestinian municipality.

The fourth project implemented in marginalized areas in South Hebron, in Area C, contributed to the targeted communities’ adaptive capacity to mitigate risks by means of empowering them to defend their sustenance in their communities. In this regard and combined with livelihood support mentioned above, 141 community members have received three specialized training on media and documentation of human rights violations and/or displacement incidents.

## **Part II Progress of partner’s projects**

The following part provides an overall progress per project on the target level.

20 Projects included in the first round of funding:

**Project No. 1:** *Improving the Quality of Children's life of the Marginalized Palestinian Communities through Education*

**Implementing partner:** Al Mawrid Teacher Development Center

**Project status:** project activities are completed.



Arab Ar Ramadin School in South Hebron Hills before and after renovation

<u>Target</u>	<u>Progress</u>
<p>Physical and teaching resources conditions in the <b>5</b> targeted schools have improved</p> <p><b>7</b> labs and libraries will be added in <b>5</b> schools</p>	<p>18 classrooms have been renovated and improved, in addition to one cafeteria and corridors in 5 schools in the South Hebron Hills</p> <p>4 labs and 1 library are added in 5 schools. 2 computer labs were added with the provision of 12 computers in each at Ramadin and Imnaizel schools. In addition, 2 science labs were added one in each of Ramadin School and Al-Twani school. Another library was furnished and provided with books. Four schools were provided with photocopiers, printers, LCD projectors and screens as needed. Three laptops have been provided to Al-Frijat, Wadi Assultan and Emnaizil schools.</p>
<p><b>100%</b> of teachers in the five schools are trained on effective teaching methodologies so as to improve performance of students</p>	<p>81 teachers = 100% of teachers in the five schools are trained on effective teaching methodologies and coaching sessions took place for teachers in their classrooms. In</p>



	addition, computer training sessions were provided to teacher.
<b>5</b> working days for each of the 5 schools on in-class training and evaluation on the use of new methods	A total of 86 teachers and principals from five schools have participated in developmental planning training courses.
<b>30%</b> of students participate in local community service initiatives	A total of 186 students and 48 teachers representing more than 30% of students and 50% of teachers participated in community service learning projects.

**Project No. 2:** *Ar Ramadin al Janubi and Dkaika primary school low environmental impact rehabilitation.*

**Implementing partner:** Vento di Terra

**Project status:** project activities are completed.



Renovation of Dkaika school

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<u>Target</u>	<u>Progress</u>
Existing school at Ramadin al Janubi has <b>3</b> classrooms; through renovation school will have 4 classrooms and is able to accommodate <b>30</b> students.	A total of 6 rooms, 2 offices and four toilets have been fully renovated at Ramadin al Janubi school. The school is able to accommodate <b>40</b> students. In addition, the fence of the Ramadin school which was knocked out during

	the winter storm is repaired.
The 6th grade classroom (caravan) in Dkaika school rehabilitated.	Caravan has been renovated where insulation has been improved as well as ventilation and winter drainage.
The existing electrical system in Dkaika school has been put in safe and is working and the photovoltaic system has been enlarged and is adequate to respond to the school electrical needs.	The existing electrical system in Dkaika school is enlarged, working and is safe. A total of 50 students (25 boys and 25 girls) of the school are benefiting from the intervention as well as the school administration.
Open play area is to be installed and planted with trees for children to play.	One open air play area has been installed and provided with swings, balance and other games. 38 olive trees have been planted. Around 50 children are utilizing the newly installed play area.
<b>12 workers</b> living in al Ramadin and Dkaika communities have been trained on alternative construction techniques	<b>10 workers</b> from al Ramadin community have been trained on alternative construction techniques.

**Project No. 3:** *Animation and Multimedia Studio AMS*

**Implementing partner:** **Wajdi University College**

**Project status:** Project activities are completed.



Participants of the animation and multimedia course

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<u>Target</u>	<u>Progress</u>
1 animation studio is furnished and equipped	An animation and multimedia lab for 20 students has been renovated and upgraded. In addition, 21 computer stations were provided for the AMS. As a result, 15 animation projects have been produced on CDs.
Capacity and technical skills of 50 Palestinian Jerusalemites have been strengthened in the animation and multimedia industry	20 Jerusalemites have completed first phase of training on multimedia and animation. 30% of trainees are involved in Hadeel project.
Increase in number of organizations or businesses who inquire about animation and multimedia services with Wajdi	Ministry of Education and Higher Education is currently redeveloping some of the courses within Wajdi's accredited programs. Other local businesses such as Hala Studio and a Jerusalem company are considering future work with Wajdi. In addition, Wajdi has been contacted by private consultants, Intertech in Ramallah, Al-Nasher and Al-Quds University.

**Project No. 4:** *A program of sustainable community Development*

**Implementing partner:** Spafford Children Center

**Project status:** project activities are completed.



One of the kids benefiting from the center's activities

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<u>Target</u>	<u>Progress</u>
<p>Psychosocial activities are provided by specialists to at least <b>200</b> children who have special needs</p>	<p>Psychosocial activities are provided by specialists to around 318 children who have special needs. Needed materials were provided such as library shelves, air conditioning, medical materials and educational toys.</p>
<p>Women's empowerment activities, including counseling services, are provided to at least 50 women so as to increase their resilience in the face of hardship</p>	<p>Counseling services have been provided to at least 80 women\mothers. These mothers come from mixed social and educational backgrounds and from different age groups. Their feedback after the services has been positive. 30% of these mothers would like to continue with similar courses.</p>
<p>At least 30 Jerusalemite youth benefit from workshops and activities that improve their self esteem</p>	<p>96 Jerusalemite youth has benefited from workshops and activities that improve their self-esteem. 20% of these participants reported having developed better coping skills.</p>

**Project No. 5:** *Intervention in EJ in order to promote the vocational education for the job replacement and job creation especially for vulnerable women and youth*

**Implementing partner:** Cooperazione Internazionale COOPI

**Project status:** Project activities are completed.

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<u>Target</u>	<u>Progress</u>
Increased young people, families, teachers and CBOs awareness and understanding of vocational relevance in improving employment and careers; a career guidance manual will be produced	6 Open days were conducted benefiting 317 school students, 40 principals, teachers and counselors and 64 students from the YWCA.
<b>70</b> men and women take part in vocational trainings	A total of 86 students (47 females and 39 males) have taken part in vocational trainings courses, out of which the project covers tuition fees for 70 students.
Beneficiaries have secured a job interview and supported in starting up their own micro enterprises	<b>22</b> beneficiaries have received support and training (6 males in ground tiles and 16 females in catering). These beneficiaries have been interviewed and received on-the-job training during the project. 10 beneficiaries (6 males and 4 females) have secured job placement. 16 (8 females and 8 males) received start-up kits.
Number of participants in the awareness events	Action has reached 435 beneficiaries through a total of 134 workshops on career guidance (addressed to 14 primary school classes and to 6 secondary school classes)
Number of youth students (at least 300) and teachers (at least 20) benefit from the improved teaching methods	A total of 23 teachers have benefited from training in lifelong learning. A total of 211 students have benefited from improved unconventional teaching methods.
Increased number of local businesses involved	A total of 29 businesses/employers have been involved.
Increased number of curricula courses upgraded or newly introduced	A survey has been conducted and 2 courses

	have been upgraded accordingly, which are EBMS at LWF, Graphic Design at the IIO and 2 new courses were introduced which are E-marketing and Sales at YWCA.
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**Project No. 6:** *Enhance readiness of Jerusalemites to respond to risks and emergencies*

**Implementing partner:** Nuran Charitable Association

**Project status:** project activities are completed.



Youth during the implementation of medical activities

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>10</b> qualified and trained specialists /doctors and rescuers are given specialized training on emergency situations	12 qualified and trained specialists /doctors and rescuers are given specialized training on emergency situations. They received 93 training hours.
<b>1,800</b> Adults develop knowledge and skills to deal with emergency situations and domestic injuries.	1069 adults and parents (616 men and 453 women) have been trained in 79 workshops in the area of public health awareness.
<b># of children who increased knowledge about dealing with emergency situations</b>	3312 children have been trained by qualified health professionals on 1 <sup>st</sup> aid and prevention

	actions, fire safety, nutrition, ...etc.
A spirit and culture of volunteerism among youth is promoted	There has been 23% increase in volunteers. 90 volunteers are currently involved in the simulation activities. 67% increase in number of volunteering hours.
At least <b>5</b> simulation exercises will be provided by volunteers	12 filed exercises of a total of 37.5 simulation hours in 9 premises were conducted. A total of 3, 174 benefited from these exercise including children, youth and adults.

**Project No. 7:** *Empowering vulnerable households in marginalized areas and improving their living conditions to mitigate impact of occupation restrictions*

**Implementing partner:** DanChurchAid

**Project status:** project activities are completed.



Solar panels in Arab Ar Rashaydeh

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>5</b> community committees formulated and the selected 48 households improved their awareness regarding solar energy applications and efficiency	<b>4</b> community committees formulated and 54 households improved their awareness regarding solar energy applications and efficiency
Solar panel units designed and established for <b>48</b> households and so provided with the	Solar panel units designed and established for <b>54</b> women-headed households and so

needed electricity for household, dairy processing and cooling.	provided with the needed electricity for household, dairy processing and cooling. An average increase of 4 hours is available for students to study and decrease in working hours.
<b>48</b> butter churns and <b>48</b> refrigerators provided to the women headed <b>48</b> households through which better quality and more hygienic dairy products resulted	<b>54</b> butter churns and <b>54</b> refrigerators provided to the women-headed <b>54</b> households through which better quality and more hygienic dairy products resulted. All 548 people who already received solar panels have expressed improved living conditions. Improved health conditions and storage of food and dairy products as a result of the installation of small refrigerators, butter churns and solar lights, and also provided access to TV and cellular charging were reported.

**Project No. 8:** *Improve livelihood of Bedouin families in area c through solar energy project*

**Implementing partner:** The Cooperative Society solar

**Project status:** project activities are completed.



One of the solar units provided and the other picture (to the right) is during the closing of the project.

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<u>Target</u>	<u>Progress</u>
Installation of <b>70</b> photovoltaic systems for <b>70</b> impoverished and marginalized Bedouin female headed households in Jericho and the Jordan Valley	<b>74</b> photovoltaic systems were installed for <b>74</b> impoverished and marginalized Bedouin female-headed households in Jericho and the Jordan Valley
49 Individual trainings on effective use of energy for family members of <b>70</b> households	<b>49</b> one-to-one trainings on effective use of energy have been done. Brochures and manuals have also been produced



**Project No. 9: Zahra - the Alternative Street**

**Implementing partner:** Al Hoash

**Project status:** project activities are completed.



The inauguration of the new facilities

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<b><u>Target</u></b>	<b><u>Progress</u></b>
Quality and visibility of cultural productions in Zahra Street is enhanced	<b>4</b> art and cultural events have been conducted. These events include 2 exhibitions, one show and one screening. More events are expected to have taken place in June.  <b>8</b> artists have been taking part in these events
Al Hoash acquires a welcoming, professionally equipped and expanded space for its diverse programs and activities	Al Hoash has renovated and equipped and expanded space for its diverse programs and activities. A bookshop was opened in May and a number of visitors have been visiting it.
Partnerships built between cultural organization, tourism sector and business and shop keepers.	Connections with different bookshops in other museums are made and exchange of art books with Copenhagen, Tokyo and Istanbul is undergoing.

**Project No. 10:** *Improving Access to Irrigation Water in the Seam Zone of Hableh, Qalqiliya and Jbarah*

**Implementing partner:** **We Effect**

**Project status:** Contract extended to 31/08/2014



The installed electrical pump at one of the wells

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
2 groundwater wells transformed into electrical pumping system and another upgraded its system parts	Transformation of 2 wells into electrical pumping system and upgrading of system parts of third well have been completed.
Decreased irrigation water costs and improved efficiency of wells	24 monitoring visits have been conducted and baseline tool has been developed against project indicators.

**Project No. 11:** *Improving Livelihood of Marginal and Herder Communities through Improved Access to Land and Water Resources*

**Implementing partner:** Palestinian Hydrology Group PHG

**Project status:** project activities are completed.



Works at one of the cisterns

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<b><u>Target</u></b>	<b><u>Progress</u></b>
<b>55</b> rainwater harvesting cisterns, with a storage capacity between 60 – 90 m <sup>3</sup> per cistern, will be renovated.	<b>58</b> rainwater harvesting cisterns, with a storage capacity between 60–90 m <sup>3</sup> per cistern, have been renovated.
At least <b>900</b> Unskilled and <b>300</b> skilled laborers worked on rehabilitating <b>55</b> cisterns	<b>2700 working days were created, 477</b> Unskilled and <b>124</b> skilled laborer worked on rehabilitating <b>58</b> cisterns
<b>60</b> herders (men) will be trained on water management skills and best water use practice combined with feed management and animal husbandry components and <b>50</b> women will be trained on hygiene practices and on best water use and reuse practices inside the house.	<b>60</b> herders (men) have been trained on water management skills and best water use practice combined with feed management and animal husbandry components and <b>50</b> women have been trained on hygiene practices and on best water use and reuse practices inside the house.

**Project No. 12:** *Safeguarding natural resources and environment protection in Area C localities at Bethlehem and Hebron Governorate*

**Implementing partner:** Applied Research Institute Jerusalem – ARIJ

**Project status:** project activities have been completed.



Waste water treatment unit after installation

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>50</b> vulnerable households (mainly women-headed households) installed wastewater treatment units and treating their generated wastewater in Area C of Tuqu', Wadi An Nis, Al Baq'a and Az Zuwedien areas.	<b>52</b> vulnerable households (mainly women-headed households making a total of 425 population) installed wastewater treatment units and treating their generated wastewater in Area C in Bethlehem (Tuqu', Wadi An Nis and in Hebron (Al-Baq'a and AzZuweiden <u>villages</u> ).
<b>50</b> HH are trained on the operation of the SSWWTP	<b>52</b> HH are trained on the operation of the SSWWTP. Where units have been installed and functioning, results show that the treatment plants are efficient.
<b>50</b> drip irrigation networks are installed for <b>50</b> HH (25 dunums)	<b>52</b> drip irrigation networks are installed for <b>52</b> HH ( 25 dunums)
<b>50</b> targeted HH are trained on the usage of treated wastewater for irrigation.	<b>50</b> targeted HH are trained on the usage of treated wastewater for irrigation.
<b>25</b> dunums are irrigated of fruit trees and other suitable crops with treated waste water in accordance with the MoA and MoEA standards.	<b>25</b> dunums are irrigated of fruit trees and other suitable crops with treated waste water in accordance with the MoA and MoEA standards.

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**Project No. 13:** *Livelihood Support to Palestinian Landowners at Jabel abu Zeid in the Bethlehem Governorate*

**Implementing partner:** ACTED

**Project status:** project activities are completed.



Agricultural Road, before and after rehabilitation

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
<b>1.2</b> kilometers of agricultural road rehabilitated	<b>1.9</b> Kilometers of agricultural road rehabilitated
<b>100</b> dunums reclaimed; cleared, prepared, fenced and planted: cleared out and fenced	<b>90</b> dunums reclaimed; cleared, prepared, fenced and planted: cleared out and fenced
<b>600</b> meters of access roads are opened: clearing rocks and ground leveling	To mitigate risks and following meetings with partner, it was agreed to shift the work on the main access road to smaller access roads to increase the rehabilitated area in the agricultural road.
<b>50</b> beneficiaries are trained in organic farming	A total of 19 beneficiaries attended 2 training courses and reported that training was beneficial and assured the good value of the training.
<b>250</b> olive and almond trees planted	1,497 olive trees were planted.

**Project No. 14: Al Shmoh Tourism Project**

**Implementing partner:**Al Shomoh Cultural Center

**Project Status:** project activities are completed.



The old house after renovation

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<b><u>Target</u></b>	<b><u>Progress</u></b>
<b>4</b> community structures renovated  <b>1</b> road and <b>1</b> parking area	<b>5</b> community structures (An old House, A water well, an old cave, an olive press and an old spring) have been restored through renovation.  In addition, the roof and the center stairs have been rehabilitated, a courtyard has been built in an old house and a hike trail has been established. 3 km of road are rehabilitated 1 parking area have been upgraded
<b>4</b> fields have terracing and landscaping	4 dunums have been terraced and fenced.
Number of facilities built to establish a local camping area	2 camping sites have been prepared and 2 Bedouin-style tents have been installed (15 square meters+ 25 square meters.
Local, regional, and international visitors to	Visitors are already visiting the location and

the South Bethlehem area have increased knowledge and awareness regarding Palestinian people's history, culture, rights, experiences, and hopes for the future.	are educated about the place. Visits have been coordinated through the connections with different movements and tourism agencies.
60 people completed English language courses	20 youth (10 male and 10 female) completed English language courses. 15 of them are participating in tourists visits as tour guides.

**Project No. 15:** *Empower women and youth in Bedouin communities economically and occupationally: Maan initiative, from the tent to the outside world.*

**Implementing partner:** Jerusalem Bedouin Cooperative

**Project status:** project activities are completed.



During one of the training graduation ceremonies and some accessories women made during the project

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<u>Target</u>	<u>Progress</u>
Females Bedouin developed skills that will enable them take an active role in their societies by becoming community mobilizers	18 Bedouin women attended training for 20 days and they become community leaders/mobilizers.
A rapid survey to identify people with disabilities and chronic disease is conducted in each community and a database is produced.	<b>13</b> individuals were identified with disabilities and <b>15</b> with chronic diseases in the three targeted localities as a result of a survey conducted for the purpose of identifying such

	cases.
The Jerusalem Bedouin cooperative has one vehicle for transportation.	<b>1</b> bus was purchased and female participants are encouraged to participate in training. 170 women have been benefiting from the bus services.
<b>1</b> sewing centre for Bedouin women is established and equipped in 4 locations.	<b>1</b> sewing centre for Bedouin women has been established and equipped in each of the 4 locations.
At least 2 medical days including health sessions will be conducted for locals in each target Bedouin community by health specialists.	<b>3</b> medical days have been organized in each of the <b>3</b> locations. 6 medical sessions were organized, 128 have received medical treatment and 60 have attended health sessions.
Local play areas and activities are provided for local children	Three play tents were installed in the three communities, one in each community. A total of 120 children are utilizing the new play area. 8 females participated in coordination and implementation of 12 activities and workshops in the three targeted communities.

**Project No.16:** *Enhancing Community resilience through Protection of Rights and Economic Development in the south Hebron hills.*

**Implementing partner:** ActionAid

**Project status:** project activities are completed.



Examples of women livelihood projects

Progress towards achievement of targets:



<u>Target</u>	<u>Progress</u>
<b>180</b> community members (90M,90F) have taken 100 hours of training on documenting human rights violations and/ or displacement incidents	<b>180</b> community members (90M,90F) have taken 100 hours of training on documenting human rights violations and/ or displacement incidents.
<b>30</b> community members (15M, 15F) have taken <b>40</b> hours of training on media and liaison	<b>30</b> community members (15M, 15F) have taken <b>45</b> hours of training on media and liaison.
<b>30</b> livelihood projects for women	<b>34 livelihood projects started</b>

**Project no 17:** *Promoting Human Security in Area C.*

**Implementing partner:** Taawon for Conflict Resolution

**Project status:** project has been extended to August 2014. Some activities are still ongoing.



During work at the park

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<u>Target</u>	<u>Progress</u>
<b>1</b> self sustainable eco-park is created	Trails and terracing around the park have been completed so as to provide farmers with access to their lands.

	Target population such as Bil'in residents are starting to use eco-park lands. Work is still on-going on remaining facilities.
Internal tourism is promoted and increased awareness on the non-violence struggle of the Palestinian people.	35 volunteers have participated in activities to keep the park area in suitable conditions.

**Project No.18:** *Development and resilience of Palestinian community in East Jerusalem*

**Implementing partner:** African Community Society

**Project status:** Contract has been extended to 31<sup>st</sup> of August, 2014. Some activities are still on-going.



One of the youth groups during outside activities

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<b>Target</b>	<b>Progress</b>
Establishing and enhancing the role of <b>5</b> youth committees in <b>5</b> different locations in Jerusalem; Old City, Beit Safa, Surbaher, Jabal Mukaber and Wadi Al Joz	<b>5</b> youth committees in <b>5</b> different locations were created.
Youth from the <b>5</b> locations attend trainings in media, radio, photography and journalism	A total of 79 youth in the 5 targeted locations took part in various training courses.
Youth from the <b>5</b> locations use the youth portal to upload photos and voice their issues	<b>1</b> youth website has been launched and <b>12</b> youth from target areas were training to become focal points and to update the portal content on a regular basis.
Voluntary community initiatives implemented	Wade Il Joz committee cleaned and prepared

<p>by each youth committee in their respective community.</p>	<p>a school that they are using as a space for meetings etc... Sur Baher committee cleared out and cleaned an old house that has been prepared to be used as a space. Jabl Al Mukaber Committee painted their community centre.</p>
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**Project No.19: Empowerment of female community leaders in East Jerusalem**

**Implementing partner:** Old City Youth Association

**Project status:** project activities are completed.



Youth during Debka training

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<b><u>Target</u></b>	<b><u>Progress</u></b>
<p><b>150</b> women partake in sports, educational or life skills classes</p>	<p><b>147</b>women partake in sports, educational or life skills classes</p>
<p><b>50</b> children and youth partake in sports and education classes</p>	<p>60 children and youth partake in sports, drama and education classes. <u>These youth attracted that attention of another 200 children during their activities especially during the Entertainment Day for Children</u></p>

	<u>which was also attended by mothers.</u>
5 networks with local NGOs 100% of staff will receive training on planning and/or project cycle management	Networking has been established with 7 local NGOs. 100% of staff will receive training on planning and/or project cycle management
1 folklore dancing group of OCYA is trained and participate in local competitions and festivals	1 folklore dancing group of OCYA is trained and participate in local competitions and festivals

**Project No.20:** *Towards a municipality for East Jerusalem*

**Implementing partner:** Al Maqdesee for Community Development

**Project status:** project activities are completed.



Photo taken during one of the training sessions

Progress towards achievement of targets:

<b><u>Target</u></b>	<b><u>Progress</u></b>
Technical capacities of 24 people strengthened as foundation stone for the administration of the future East Jerusalem Municipality	A total of 26 beneficiaries have received training in civil administration and local policies in EJ. Evaluation shows that there is 50% increase in participants' technical capacities. In addition, a training course was

	conducted for lawyers on Municipality procedures.
75% increase of understanding of management of Jerusalem Municipality among 24 beneficiaries.	It was evident through the pre and mid evaluation conducted that understanding of management of Jerusalem Municipality among 26 trainees has increased.
24 trainees became community facilitators and mediated between Palestinians living in the most problematic areas of East Jerusalem and the current Municipality and work to fulfill their needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Trainees have become more aware of the populations' needs.</li> <li>- 3 bimonthly newsletters and 100 copies of initial draft of "models for establishment a municipality in East Jerusalem" document were published.</li> </ul>

**Part II Risks**

Until this date, three partners faced occupation-related risks. Details are as follows:

A. On December 23, 2013, and during the rehabilitation of lands in Jabal Abu Zeid, in Bethlehem governorate by **ACTED** ICA confiscated the contractor’s bulldozer claiming that the land is state-owned. ACTED informed their lawyer, Mr Sani Khuri, who managed to release the confiscated bulldozer. On April 10, 2014, ICA demolished an area of 4 dunums. Farmers started rebuilding the demolished terraces with the help of volunteers from Combatants for Peace and the World Council of Churches.

Moreover, between June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 a total of 20 water tanks that were provided by the CRDP were confiscated by the ICA. As per ACTED’s lawyer, the main issue for ICA is the agricultural road, not the water tanks. CRDP team is currently following up with ACTED on the issue.

B. On October 27, 2013, a stop work order was issued to one of the facilities supported by CRDP in Bilin’s echo park implemented by **T’awon**. Bili’in community assigned a lawyer in coordination with the Popular Committee in Bilin and petitioned the case with Israeli courts. Until this date, no escalation was noticed from the Israeli authorities and works in the area has resumed.

C. On March 26, 2014, and during the implementation of **We Effect**’s project in the Seam Zone, confiscation of materials took place on March 26, 2014. ICA confiscated materials and

equipment needed for the rehabilitation of Hableh well. Several meetings took place between Frode Muring, the Special Representative of the Administrator of UNDP, Khaled Shahwan, Deputy Special Representative for Operations, Mohammad Khaled, Country Director of We Effect and the Swedish Consulate so as to release the equipment. On June 25, 2014, ICA released the equipment and installation at the site has been completed. However, the ICA did not allow to connect the installed pump via electricity. The well is now operational using the diesel engine until connection to electricity is permitted.

### **Part III Achievements and administrative updates**

- *Signing contracts as part of the second round of funding*

In presence of Ministries of Planning and Administrative Development and Jerusalem Affairs and CRDP donors the UNDP's Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People signed agreements with 10 NGOs on 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 with a total amount of USD 1.2 million. Projects provide support to interventions in various sectors such as education, economic development and culture and heritage.

- *Launching the third call for proposals (CfPs)*

As per Review Board's recommendation the third call for proposals for the third round of funding of CRDP was launched in May 2014 with a total amount of USD 5 million to support projects in Area C and East Jerusalem. The targeted geographical areas for this round are: South Hebron, Jerusalem Governorate (East Jerusalem, Bedouin communities, North West of Jerusalem Governorates), Jordan Valley and Seam Zone. Selection of proposals will be according to the main priorities of this round which are education, health, housing, energy, social welfare and agriculture.

The third round of funding was designed based on the findings of the community assessment conducted in 100 localities and communities in Area C in addition to national priorities of the Palestinian government as reflected in the plans of the ministry of Planning and Administrative Development, Ministry of Jerusalem Affairs, Ministry of Local Government and Ministry of Agriculture.

- *Networking and Consultation events*

As part of strengthening relationships among implementing partners as well as exchanging experiences and sharing information, CRDP team conducted two workshops: one for partners working in East Jerusalem and the other for partners working in Area C. Both workshops were

attended by representatives from partners, ministries and donors. In both workshops, there was a discussion on the best mechanisms to implement the projects in light of the challenges partners have been facing and on the most effective interventions so as to reach the desired impact in strengthening resilience of Palestinian people.

**Area C workshop** took place in Ramallah on June 10, 2014 and was attended by around 25 persons representing partner organizations for the first round of funding, donors and MOPAD. The following points were risks and challenges highlighted during the discussion:

- Risks associated with settlers and ICA practices in Area C.
- The psychological aspects as people are afraid of living in Area C.
- The vision of the Palestinian authority is not clear with regard to Area C planning and development. There is a need for more work on raising people's awareness of their rights in Area C.
- Land and equipment confiscation by Israeli soldiers, fees associated and the ICA attempts to forcing Palestinians to sign a document that they will not work in Area C.
- Duplication of projects and interventions in the same area by different actors.
- Organizations need more clarifications on how to use contingency money in CRDP projects. Partners were contracted and met to discuss this issue; however, they still need more clarifications.
- The issue of dealing with media as its effect and role can be positive or negative.
- There is a need to conduct a practical research and guidelines on Area C. The research would map all areas and indicated the types and levels of risks and the attainable technical measures.

The **East Jerusalem workshop** was held in Jerusalem on June 3, 2014 and it was attended by 30 representatives from partners from both the first and second rounds of funding. Sida has also attended the workshop. CRDP PMU facilitated the meeting so as to focus on exploring the sectors of priorities in EJ along identifying areas of interventions that could be targeted by CRDP. The below is a summary of the feedback:

- Support the viability of EJ NGOs
- Support comprehensive and long-term programmes
- Education, economic development, legal aid, housing and allocation of green spaces for Jerusalemites are the main sectors in need of support
- *Staffing*

Three new team members joined the CRDP team:

- Nada Nabris, Field Coordinator, started on 10 February 2014
- Rasheed Therah, Field Coordinator, started on 1 March 2014
- Mai Tamimi, M&E and Reporting Coordinator, started on 18 May 2014

**Part V Workplan of the next period**

Activity	Timeline			
	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Signing of projects of 3 <sup>rd</sup> round of funding				
Conducting CRDP External Evaluation				
Closing of projects of 1 <sup>st</sup> Round of Funding				
Assessing of projects of 1 <sup>st</sup> Round of Funding				
Monitoring of projects of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round of Funding				
Update 3 <sup>rd</sup> year Targets				
Launching of 4 <sup>th</sup> round of funding				