

## Project Status Report for Month Ending November 2017

Project Name:	Community Resilience and Development Programme (CRDP)	Donor (for 2017):	1. Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) 2. Austrian Development Agency (ADA) 3. Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC)
Project Manager:	Jamal Al Aref	Project Number:	00084013
Project Start	30.09.2012	Project End Date:	31.03.2018
Project Status:	Ongoing	Project Completion <sup>1</sup> :	96 % <sup>(1)</sup>

### Brief Summary

CRDP was designed to strengthen the resilience of Palestinians living in Area C and East Jerusalem to enable them to remain on their land. The project empowers local stakeholders, through the most suitable partners, to respond with resilience to threats that affect their sustenance on the land. To this end, the programme will contribute to the following:

- Preventing the erosion of living conditions of Palestinians in Area C and East Jerusalem that undermine their development capital
- Protecting Palestinian land and property in Area C and East Jerusalem; and
- Mitigating and ideally reversing migration flow from Area C and East Jerusalem by enhancing human security and livelihood of Palestinians.

The CRDP, in its fifth year, is the result of a fruitful partnership led by the Palestinian Government, funded by the Governments of Sweden, Austria and Norway since its inception and implemented by UNDP's Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (UNDP/PAPP). So far, the project targeted more than 80,490 Palestinians residing in Area C and East Jerusalem through the implementation of multi sectoral activities based on thorough community assessments and in coordination with projects' stakeholders. In Area C, the project has targeted 112 communities. Since April 2016, the project moved to the geographical cluster approach and two clusters i.e. Qalqiliya and Tubas Area C were approved by the CRDP Project Review Board. In East Jerusalem, a number of activities were designed to support Palestinians living in the 15 neighbourhoods (including Old City).

In 2017, 56 projects were ongoing (17 in Qalqiliya, 15 in Tubas, 22 in East Jerusalem, in addition to Area C Coordination Office (ACCO) and the Local Economic Development (LED)). As of the end of November 2017, fifteen of the projects have been completed. Due to the context of Area C and East Jerusalem; e.g. their legal status, lack of access and outreach of the Government of Palestine, there are more risks unique to the areas and thus risk management is an integral part of project management.

UNDP/PAPP closely monitors and updates the risks analysis to mitigate and manage risks. Some of the approaches for mitigation and management of risks are as follows: supporting initiatives not needing permits, community involvement, enhancing ownership and leadership of the Government of Palestine.

<sup>1</sup> 105 projects have been completed out of 110 projects. Progresses from still ongoing projects (5 projects) are not reflected in this achievement rate.

## Progress and Challenges (if any)

Since the start of the CRDP, a total of 110 agreements have been signed with various implementing partners. Out of these, the following five projects will remain ongoing to be completed in December 2017: ACCO, capacity assessment studies for the Local Government Units (LGUs) in Tubas and Qalqilia clusters (counted as two projects), the capacity assessment study for the Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in Qalqilia cluster in addition to the delivery of the school bus in Tubas cluster.

For the month of November 2017, the following progresses were made against each output.

### Output 1: Public and social infrastructure in Area C and EJRM improved.

- **Education:** Additional students of 6,113 including 3,765 female students enjoyed 51 physically improved educational units and activities in five schools in East Jerusalem, six kindergartens (AlYaser in Yubas, Qafr Qaddum, Qafr Lakef, Al Foudok, Jinsafut and Emmatain in Qalqilia) and six after school education centres in area C, in addition to benefiting from extra-curriculum and sports activities in East Jerusalem and area C communities. The physical improvement in 51 educational units includes the following: rehabilitation of school floors, improving a carpentry section in an industrial school, replacement for ground tiles, replacement of classroom's doors, shading an outside playing area, rehabilitation of a commercial kitchen in one of the schools and provision of summer camp needs for male and female students to raise their awareness about technical and vocational education and training. So far, a total of 9,698 students have benefited from improved educational units because of CRDP relevant interventions during 2017.

- **Health:** Around 823 uninsured or partially insured Palestinians living in East Jerusalem, including 419 females, have received subsidized health services at the three main hospitals (Al Makassed, Augusta Victoria & St. John ophthalmic hospital). In addition, the newly established fund-raising unit has succeeded in holding the first fund-raising event in Ramallah and raised around a quarter of a million US dollars.

- **Housing:** Mapping of the area east of the main road in Shu'fat and Beit Hanina neighbourhoods in East Jerusalem has been completed. This mapping study will form a guide to the Palestinians living in East Jerusalem towards areas that has potential to allow the construction of around 5,564 housing units targeting young families in East Jerusalem who do not own a house yet. In addition, at least 750 Jerusalemites have benefitted from active participation in 30 awareness sessions to counteract anguishes related to legal and housing matters in East Jerusalem.

- **Energy:** At least 520 Bedouin have benefitted from clean energy generated by 52 newly installed solar units (each unit constitutes four solar panels).

- **Culture & Social:** At least 18,146 Jerusalemites including 9,235 females have participated in numerous cultural and social activities in East Jerusalem aiming particularly at promoting youth engagement and preserving Palestinian Identity. In addition, the wider communities in Silwan and Beit Hanina are expected to enjoy open and green recreation spaces (public parks) in their neighbourhoods which will enable the public to spend quality time and relief their daily stresses. Moreover, an e-tourism application has been developed for visitors (both domestic and international) of East Tourism prior to its launching in December.

### Output 2: Improved access to sustainable livelihood and business opportunities.

- **Economic Opportunities:** Around 964 persons have benefited from economic assistance in 2017. In November 2017, a total of 129 fresh graduates including 80 females have been trained and found a job in East Jerusalem. Percentage of those who managed to secure permanent employment will be reported in December 2017. In

In addition, 30 Jerusalemite women-headed families (a total of 835 persons) have benefitted from economic assistance under the family unification activity. Moreover, Al Quds Cultural and Heritage Committee (ATIC) has been institutionalized and launched pursuant to the development of the strategic plan and agreeing on its by-laws by the founding six members.

- **Road Rehabilitation:** Around 18,500 Palestinians in Tuibas and Qalqilia clusters have benefitted from the rehabilitation of 28.3 km of agricultural roads during 2017. In November, at least 1,500 Palestinians in Tubas cluster have benefitted from the rehabilitation of 8.8 km of agricultural access roads. As a result of this intervention, it is estimated that the cost of delivering agricultural produce could decrease by at around 20%.

- **Water Networks:** Around 4,712 Palestinians in Tuibas and Qalqilia clusters have benefitted from the rehabilitation or installation of 21.3 km of water networks during 2017. In November, at least 39 Palestinian families (around 300 persons) in Tubas cluster have benefitted from the installation of 4,936 lm of water pipes. As a result, additional 350 dunums of agricultural land have been irrigated. In addition, around 3,890 Palestinians in Qalqilia cluster have benefitted from the rehabilitation of 12 km of water network that is being utilized for agricultural and domestic purposes. Owing to the rehabilitation, water loss has been reduced to a minimum of 10% (down from original 40% loss).

- **Study of water resources for agriculture in Tubas:** a study has been carried out and completed for the available water resources and their capacities in Tubas cluster. As such, the ministry of Agriculture can now better direct the water resources in Tubas cluster for agricultural use.

### **Output 3: Strengthened governance including human capital knowledge management and public participation.**

There is no update under output 3 from the August report.

### **Output 4: Supported nationally led developmental role in Area C and East Jerusalem**

There is no update under output 4 from the August report.

Ongoing projects as of November 2017 are on track. The following project is being followed up by the PMU:

#### **Al Himmeh Spring Project – Incident**

The local community and the lawyer both confirmed that there is no change in the status so far. A request has been filed by the community lawyer at court requesting the Israeli Authorities either to return the equipment or compensate the community for the damages.

#### **Al Maleh Area eviction Order – Potentiality for an Incident**

Checking with the community in Al Maleh, the community has confirmed that there has been no change in their status so far. Al Maleh community continues to live in the area and function as normally.

On the issue of staffing of the CRDP, an update will be given in December 2017 report.





CSO Fair that took place in Jerusalem on 4 & 5 November 2017, at Dar Al Tifl school



Providing training on use and maintenance of solar panel units at the Bedouin community of Al Maleh, Tubas Cluster on 12 November 2017



Puppet Workshop Training for children as part of the Support of CSOs in East Jerusalem, held on 16 November 2017 at the Palestinian National Theatre (Al Hakwati in EJ)



Sports League activity in Ein Beidah, Tubas cluster, on 12 November 2017



Qaoun Plain, Tubas Cluster with agricultural activities in the background as a result of opening of access road and installation of irrigation water network.





Meeting with a group of Austrian journalist, at the Austrian Hospice in the Old city of Jerusalem on 21 November as part of the group visiting beneficiaries who received economic assistance under CRDP interventions with families waiting for “family unification”.



A piece of modern carpentry machinery (out of around 13) received, installed and commissioned at Dar Al Aytam Industrial School in the Old City of Jerusalem, part of the CRDP assistance given to the school.



“Skills for Employment” , a CRDP activity in East Jerusalem, organized by the Welfare Association for the benefit of young Jerusalemites, on 18 November 2017



Fund Raising Dinner event for the East Jerusalem Hospitals Network to provide access to uninsured Palestinians in EJ, held on 26 November 2017 in Ramallah



Launching Event of "ATIC" (Al Quds Tourism and Heritage Council) on 28 November 2017



Shaded open areas in Burj Al Luqluq, Old City of Jerusalem