

Project Status Report for Month Ending September 2017

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| Project Name: | Community Resilience and Development Programme (CRDP) | Donor (for 2017): | 1. Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) 2. Austrian Development Agency (ADA) |
| Project Manager: | Jamal Al Aref | Project Number: | 00084013 |
| Project Start | 30.09.2012 | Project End Date: | 31.03.2018 (as per Amendment # 4) |
| Project Status: | Ongoing | Project Completion ¹ : | 76 % ⁽¹⁾ |

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 September 2017, 23 of the projects have been completed. Due to the context of Area C and East Jerusalem; e.g. their

¹ 84 projects have been completed out of 110 projects. Progresses from still ongoing projects (26 projects) are not reflected in this achievement rate.

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.

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, 26 projects are still ongoing in September 2017: 14 in East Jerusalem, 12 in Tubas and Qalqiliya clusters as well as ACCO, assessment of CBOs & LAs and the Youth Sports League. So far, progresses against each output are as follows:

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

- **Education:** 1,084 students including 651 female students enjoyed 18 physically improved educational units in 6 schools in Tubas and Qalqiliya clusters. These units include: construction of two water cisterns, rehabilitation of one water cistern, construction of four drinking facilities, construction of four school canteens, asphalted two playgrounds, constructing a wall, installation of outdoor games in four playing areas. So far, a total of 1,439 students have benefited from improved educational units as a result of CRDP relevant interventions during 2017.
- **Energy:** Two schools benefiting 635 students including 355 female students in Qalqiliya cluster have been using solar energy as a result of provision of two on-grid solar units. Due to utilization of solar energy, schools have been saving in average 1,400 NIS on monthly power costs and making revenue of 6,000 NIS monthly during summer. This revenue is resulted from selling the remaining generated electricity to the village councils. Such revenue will enable the schools to improve educational facilities and quality as needed which will in turn improve the education that students receive. This so far marks the total number of beneficiaries in the energy sector as a result of relevant CRDP interventions during 2017.

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

- **Economic opportunities:** In addition, one refrigerator truck has been provided to Al Aqaba Agricultural Cooperative in Tubas cluster to support sheep herders in collecting milk for dairy production. At least 40 families will benefit, however, more details on the impact of this intervention will be provided in the next report. These results are in addition to the previously reported 28 marginalized families who were economically supported in East Jerusalem.
- **Road rehabilitation:** 280 Palestinians have made better direct access to 175 dunums as a result of rehabilitation of 17.5 km of agricultural roads in Qalqiliya cluster. As such, a total of 19.2 km of agricultural roads with direct access to 350 dunums has been so far rehabilitated during 2017.

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.

On 13 September 2017, the CRDP Review Board had a meeting to discuss three projects submitted for review and approval by the PMU. The three proposed projects have been approved by the CRDP Review Board, and they are as follows:

Reprogramming from the originally approved projects:

- **Providing shaded areas within Burj Al Luqluq premises, approved budget USD 90,000 (this is a substitute project activity for Ard Al Ammeem Project which was originally budgeted at USD 100,000)**

This project will provide shading of internal spaces within the existing premises of Burj Al Luqluq, with a total area of 3,000 square meters and is scheduled to be implemented by end of November 2017. The shading of the areas will enable these open spaces to be utilized all the time to carry out youth, women and general sports activities within the premises.

- **Installing a water network in the Northern Jordan Valley, Tubas Cluster, approved budget USD 97,000 (this is a substitute project activity for Yarza Connecting dirt track which was budgeted at USD 80,000)**

The project entails installation of water network to irrigate an area of 200 dunams in the Northern Jordan Valley area (Bardala, Kardala and Ein Al Beida).

- **Additional Funding of the Youth Development Department (YDD) to carry out economic assistance to families waiting for family reunion in East Jerusalem**

The additional funding is in the amount of USD 56,000 (in addition to the original amount of USD 200,000) in order to render economic assistance to additional 8 families (families headed by women) to assist them during the period of their waiting to receive family reunion from the Israeli Authorities in East Jerusalem. With the additional funding, YDD would still be able to complete the project by end of November 2017.

Ongoing projects as of September 2017 are on track. The following projects are closely monitored by the PMU:

- **Silwan and Beit Hanina Public Parks – Ongoing Project in East Jerusalem**

The CRDP has been closely monitoring the progress of this project. The extent of progress marked during September indicates that the two projects have picked up good amount of pace. The PMU will continue its close follow-up to ensure that the implementing partner, IPCC completes the project on time by end of November 2017. Updates will be provided during the coming months reporting too.

- **Al Himmeh Spring Project – Recent Incident**

The PMU has checked with the local community lawyer who is handling the case of this incident with the Israeli Civil Administration (ICA). The Israeli Authorities were supposed to write back to the court providing the court with their rationale for confiscating the equipment and materials from Al Himmeh spring by 15

September while the lawyer confirmed that no response has been received from the ICA (at least the Lawyer has not received a copy of any response). The local community lawyer will now write to the court asking them to order the ICA to return the confiscated equipment/materials for Al Himmeh Spring. CRDP PMU will keep following up with the lawyer and provide further updates in the October 2017 report.

On the issue of recruiting additional staff for the CRDP, there is no new update further to the one given during August 2017 report.

Risk Register (if any)

There is no update from the July 2017 report.



Burj Al Luqluq – Current shading of open areas for youth activities



Burj Al Luqluq – By implementing the approved intervention, the youth can benefit from appropriate shading of open areas for their activities



Ras Al Teera-Qalqilya - Kindergarten previously lacking proper playground and shading.



Ras Al Teera-Qalqilya- Kindergarten after the completion of shading and the new playground.





Jeet -Qalqilya - before the the implemntation of solar panles



Jeet -Qalqilya - after the implementation of solar panles as a source of electricity in both Males and Females Schools.



Rawdat Al Zohour-East Jerusalem - During Interior structure improvements implemented



Rawdat Al zohour -East Jerusalem- Final rehabilitation results



Athletic Field during the first phase of infrastructure – Ein Al Beida, Tubas Cluster



The Final outcome of the project an international standard athletic field – Ein Al Beida, Tubas Cluster