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Your Excellency,

Subject: Gaza Youth Employability and Protection Project Progress Report


Reference is made to the contribution agreement between the Government of Japan and UNDP's Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People for the "Gaza Youth Employability and Protection" project, approved effective 17 March 2016.

I am pleased to submit herewith the first quarter's progress report for 2017, as per the Representative Office of Japan's (RoJ) feedback and clearance.

The report summarizes the progress of the project from 01 January 2017 till 20 March 2017, and provides an overview of the achievements, challenges, lessons learned, financial status and the way forward.

We thank the Government of Japan for its contributions to UNDP, and look forward to strengthening our partnership in support of the Palestinian People.

Yours Sincerely


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**United Nations Development Programme
Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People**

Country: occupied Palestinian territory

Donor: Government of Japan

Project: Gaza Youth Employability and Protection Project

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Progress Report (4)

01 January - 20 March 2017

Progress Report

1. Report Summary

- (1) **Title of the project (according to the note verbal):** Gaza Youth Employability and Protection
- (2) **Project No.** PAL 10-99837, **Award No.** 44201
- (3) **Date of approval:** 17 March 2016
- (4) **Total project budget:** USD 800,000
- (5) **Scheme of the Project:** Japan Supplementary Fund

- (6) **Period covered by the report:** (Progress Report No. 4) 01 January - 31 March 2017
- (7) **Names of UNDP Officer in charge, and Project Manager with their contact address**
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- (8) **Name of Palestinian counterpart, title, and contact address:** Ministry of Labour, and municipalities in the Gaza Strip

2. Contents

(1) Summary of the project

The project aims at supporting early recovery efforts in Gaza through livelihoods stabilization. The project will be engaging **430** youth in the productive sectors in order to strengthen their coping ability and productive capacities in the current adverse environment. In addition, it will offer employment to the most vulnerable youth by using different schemes and job placements that are geared towards sustaining stability and contributing to strengthening social cohesion. The following activities will be carried out through the Japan Supplementary Fund:

- Developing the Geographical Information System (GIS) for the Municipality of Rafah by engaging **70** graduates in coding and numbering of Rafah buildings.
- Supporting the Safe Summer Sea initiative, by providing decent employment opportunities for **60** lifesavers working on the Gaza seashore.
- Improving the humanitarian, health, social and cultural services for the benefit of the Gaza population through organizing apprenticeships for **300** youth in the most needed sectors mainly in health, education, sports and reconstruction.

(2) Project component

Component	Budget (USD)	Project site
a. Employment opportunities for 130 youth in GIS works and public services	275,000	Rafah, Gaza, and North of the Gaza Strip
b. Employment opportunities for 300 youth in the education, health, agriculture, and private sector	400,000	Gaza Strip

(3) Project timeframe, schedule status, progress of activities, and tasks and measures

Indicated output	Activities	Timeframe								Schedule Status	Activities done in the reporting period	Remaining Work	Tasks & Measures	
		2016				2017								
		1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q					
Output 1.1: Employment opportunities for 70 youth in developing the (GIS) for the Municipality of Rafah	1.1.1 Select youth graduates to work on the GIS 1.1.2 Contract expert consultant to prepare training materials and GIS master planning coding 1.1.3 Conduct 2 trainings on data collection and system design and development, and prepare survey questionnaire 1.1.4 Conduct media campaign 1.1.5 Create codification system on maps (office work), codification system piloting, testing, preparing street index 1.1.6 Conduct doorway surveying 1.1.7 Data mining, verification 1.1.8 Establish database		X	X	X	X					Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ (70 out of 70) youth benefited from rapid employment opportunities in the GIS works ➤ (8,750 out of 8,750) working days were generated. ➤ (18,000 out of 18,000) buildings were inserted on the GIS system ➤ (50% out of 40%) of graduated females benefitted from emergency jobs in the GIS 		
Output 1.2: Employment opportunities for 60 lifesavers to support the safe summer sea initiative	1.2.1 Review household income survey and analyze the livelihoods baselines 1.2.2 Design the rapid employment schemes and beneficiaries' selection criteria 1.2.3 Identify and recruit beneficiaries for the rapid employment schemes		X	X						Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ (75 out of 60) youth lifesavers benefited from rapid employment opportunities ➤ (5,700 out of 5,700) working days were generated 			

Indicated output	Activities	Timeframe								Schedule Status	Activities done in the reporting period	Remaining Work	Tasks & Measures
		1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q				
Output 2: Employment opportunities for 300 youth to improve the humanitarian, health, social and cultural services for Gaza people through apprenticeships	2.1 Review household income survey and analyse the livelihoods baselines 2.2 Design the rapid employment schemes and beneficiaries' selection criteria 2.3 Identify and recruit beneficiaries of rapid employment schemes 2.4 Recruit graduated youth (women and men) 2.5 Develop an online data base to facilitate and centralize the collection of project data 2.6 Monitor and evaluate the impact of the project on beneficiaries									Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ (327) youth benefitted from rapid employment opportunities ➤ (25,750 out of 25,750) working days were generated ➤ (42% out of 30%) of graduated females benefitted from emergency employment opportunities 		
Project Completion Date: The project effective start date is 17 March 2016 and is planned to be completed by end of March 2017.													

3. Financial Report

Budget items (according to the proposal)	A. Original budget (according to the proposal) USD	B. Revised budget (if the original budget is revised) USD	C. Disbursement USD	D. Balance (A-C) USD	E. Rate of disbursement (%) (C/B*100) USD
Employment opportunities for 130 youth in GIS works and public services	275,000.00	N.A.	275,000.00	0.00	100%
Employment opportunities for 300 youth in education, health, agricultural, and private sector	400,000.00	N.A.	400,000.00	0.00	100%
Project operations	47,597.00	N.A.	14,957.42	32,639.58	31%
Communication and visibility	9,000.00	N.A.	2,856.00	6,144.00	32%
Partnership and reporting	9,144.00	N.A.	9,144.00	0.00	100%
Sub-total	740,741.00	N.A.	701,957.42	38,783.58	95%
GMS (8%)	59,259.00	N.A.	36,869.62	22,389.38	62%
Total	800,000.00	N.A.	738,827.04	61,172.96	92%

**It is important to highlight that the financial figures in this report are temporary figures, and may be corrected at a later stage due to exchange rate fluctuations, realised gain/loss or any other possible corrections. UNDP/PAPP's financial system operates in such a manner that the financial system closes in early December of each year and that final expenditure reports reflecting the disbursements and GMS of the previous year are only published in March of the following year.*

4. Any special notes or remarks

All the project's activities are being implemented and fully completed as planned. The remaining resources, amounting to USD 61,173 will be fully disbursed by 31 March 2017. During the implementation period, some lessons learned and opportunities were raised as highlighted below.

- **Lessons Learned:** Continued investment is needed in vocational and technical training to increase specialized skills to meet the local demands of the labour market (international demand in the area of e-work and outsourcing), especially for the benefit of persons with disability.
- **Opportunities:** Apprenticeship schemes have proved to be an effective mechanism towards meeting the needs of employers and graduates. Fresh graduates have the opportunity to build experience and network, while the employers receive subsidized

human resources. On the other hand, the public sector is willing to incubate the graduates and improve the level of service to people.

5. Pictures of project indicating before and progress of the project



Closing Ceremony of the Youth Employability project with the attendance of the Ambassador of Japan, UNDP Head of Office in Gaza and Mayor of Rafah





Biology teacher in class as part of the Youth Employability project in schools



Dentist attending to a young patient through a placement at a clinic as part of the Youth Employability project

6. Report authorization by UNDP/PAPP

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