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Your Excellency,

Subject: Gaza Youth Employability and Protection project Progress Report

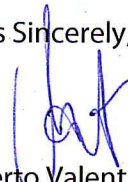
Reference is made to the contribution agreement between Japan and UNDP's Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People for the "Gaza Youth Employability and Protection" project, approved effective 17 March 2016.

I am pleased to submit herewith the third quarter's progress report for 2016, as per the Representative Office of Japan – RoJ's- feedback and clearance.

The report summarizes the progress of the project from 01 July 2016 till 30 September, 2016, 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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Special Representative of the Administrator
UNDP/PAPP



H.E. Mr. Takeshi Okubo
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Enclosure: Progress Report No.2



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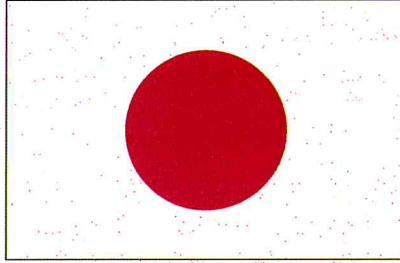
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Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People**

Country: occupied Palestinian territory

Donor: Government of Japan

Project: Gaza Youth Employability and Protection project

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From the People of Japan

Progress Report (2)
01 July - 30 September 2016

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.** PAL 10-99837
- (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. 2) 01 July 2016 - 30 September 2016
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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** youths 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 youths 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 through engaging **70** graduate youths in coding and numbering Rafah buildings.
- Supporting the Safe Summer Sea initiative, by providing decent employment opportunities for **60** lifesavers on the Gaza seashore.
- Improving the humanitarian, health, social and cultural services for the Gaza population through organizing apprenticeships for **300** youth in the most needed sectors mainly in health, education, Sport and reconstruction initiative.

(2) Project Components

Component	Budget (USD)	Project site
a. Employment opportunities for 130 youths in GIS works and public services	275,000	Rafah, Gaza, and North of Gaza City

b. Employment opportunities for 300 youths in education, health, agriculture, and private sectors	400,000	Gaza Strip
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(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				Ongoing/ on schedule	Completed						
		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 Selection of graduated youth to work on the GIS. 1.1.2 Contract with 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 preparing survey questionnaire. 1.1.4 Media campaign. 1.1.5 Create codification system on maps (office work), codification system piloting testing, and preparing street index. 1.1.6 Conduct doorway surveying. 1.1.7 Data mining, verification. 1.1.8 Establish database.	X	X	X	X								Ongoing/ on schedule	> (45 out of 70) youth benefit from rapid employment opportunities in the GIS works. > (3,100 out of 8,750) working days is generated. > (5,418 out of 18,000) building is inserted on the GIS system. > (48% out of 40%) of Graduated female is benefitting from emergency jobs in the GIS. Hiring a new group of 25 youth will take place in 2 months.			
Output 1.2: Employment opportunities for 60 lifesavers in Gaza seashore to support the safe summer 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 of the rapid employment schemes.												Completed	> (75 out of 60) youth lifesavers benefit from rapid employment opportunities > (5,700 out of 5,700) working days are generated.			
Indicated output	Activities	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	Timeframe			Schedule Status	Activities done in the reporting period	Remaining Work	Tasks & Measures	

<p>Output 2: Employment opportunities for 300 youth to improve the humanitarian, health, social and cultural services for Gaza people through apprenticeships</p>	<p>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 database to facilitate and centralize the collection of Project data. 2.6 Monitor and evaluate the impact of the Project on beneficiaries.</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>Ongoing/ on schedule</p>	<p>➤ (237 out of 300) youth benefited from rapid employment opportunities. ➤ (3,000 out of 25,750) working days are generated. ➤ (38% out of 30%) of graduated females are benefitting from emergency employment opportunities.</p>	<p>the recruitment of 63 graduated youth will be done within November 2016.</p>	
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Project Completion Date: The Project effective start date is 17 March 2016 and is planned to be completed by the end of March 2017.

3. Financial Report

Budget items (according to the proposal)	A. Original budget (according to the proposal)	B. Revised budget (if the original budget is revised)	C. Disbursement	D. Balance (B-C)	E. Rate of disbursement (%) (C/B*100)
Employment opportunities for 130 youth in GIS works and public services	275,000	N.A.	175,000	100,000	63%
Employment opportunities for 300 youth in education, health, agricultural, and private sectors	400,000	N.A.	120,000	280,000	30%
Project Operations	47,597	N.A.	0	47,597	0%
Communication and visibility	9,000	N.A.	0	9,000	0%
Partnership and Reporting	9,144	N.A.	0	9,144	0%
Sub-total	740,741		295,000	445,741.00	39.82%
GMS (8%)	59,259		8,966.33	50,292.67	15.13%
Total	800,000		303,966.33	496,033.67	38%

*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, realized 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.

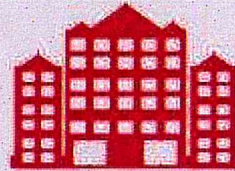
4. Any special notes or remarks

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

Output 1.1

Developing the GIS for Rafah

45



5,418 out of **18,000**
buildings in the
GIS system



Output 1.2

Employment Opportunities for Lifesavers



75

Supporting the safe
summer sea initiative
in Gaza seashore



Gaza Youth Employability and Protection Project

Output : 2 Employment opportunities for **300** youth

Sport



35

Supporting the sport initiative for children and disabled people

Municipalities



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Improvement of the database quality for the citizens' property

Education



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Supporting the academic achievement for students in the governmental elementary schools

Health



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Enhancement of the practical experience for junior doctors under the supervision of senior doctors

Gaza Reconstruction



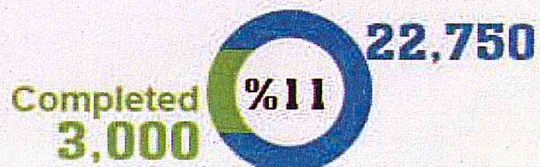
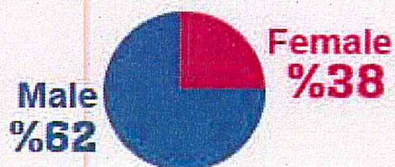
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Supporting the effort of Ministry of Public Works and Housing in monitoring & reporting about the progress of the reconstruction process

No. of Youth Employed

237

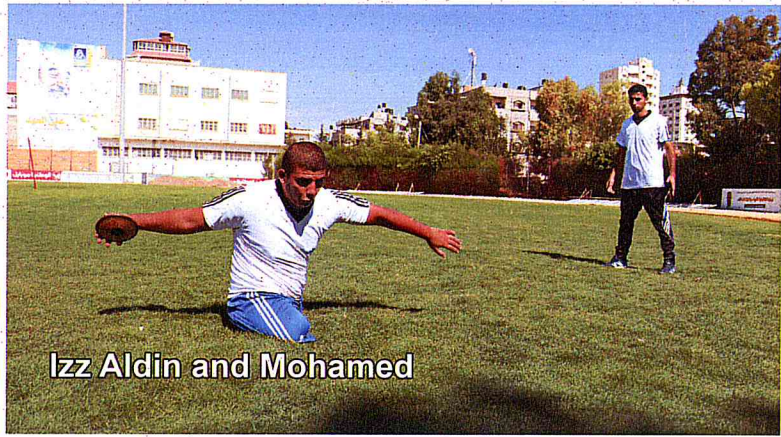
Working Days



Support the Sport Sector

Sport sector in the Gaza Strip suffers from lack of material and financial resources, which affects sport and athletes in the Strip remarkably. Therefore, the "Gaza Youth Employability and Protection" Project aims to support sport and athletes by promoting the quality and the quantity of the services, through employing 35 sport graduates at sport clubs and youth centers, to develop the trainers' experience and enhance their abilities in training the children, and encourage the people with disability to join the sport clubs.

Izz Aldin Altalaqh, one of the trainers in Aljazeera sport club, who trains basketball and tennis for people with disability, says "as a trainer I work with many brave and determined people who simply overcome their disabilities, and they challenge all the difficulties around them. In this Project, we do our best to train, support and help people with disabilities to

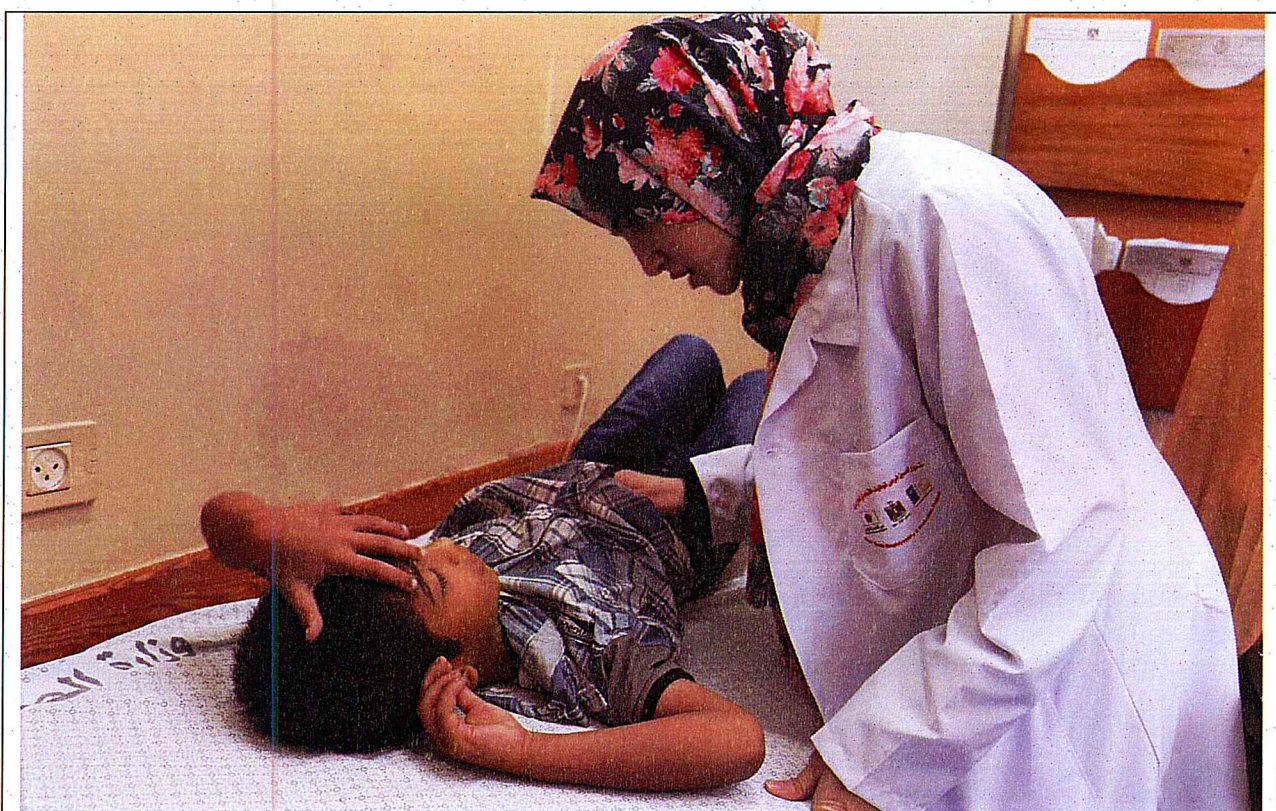


Izz Aldin and Mohamed

achieve their dreams and goals by competing in the local and international sport games. Their dream is to make it to the highest level just like Hussam Azam, who competes in the Paralympic games in Rio de Janeiro this year. Another determined athletic is Suha Maqat, who won the gold medal in the 200 meters' race in the Gaza Strip."

Mohamed Alselk, one of the fresh trainees in Aljazeera sport club talks about his experience t saying "after losing my three kids and my leg in the last war on Gaza I felt frustrated, depressed and lonely. I didn't know what to do but sitting inside my house, I felt that life is over for me and I have to sit and wait for death. Using wheelchair for the first time was difficult for me, for I had to deal with the stares and to accept people's pity. But then one of my friends advised me to go with him to Aljazeera sport club and there, surprisingly I saw many people with different disabilities playing sports, it seemed fun, so I decided to stay and watch. Then the coach told me to try playing basketball with the team, the idea was different but encouraging for me. At first it was hard to use the wheelchair in playing basketball, but then with their care and training, I defeated my disability and my grief, now I am able to play basketball easily, now I have a dream to become one of the best athletic, and compete in the local and international games."







6. Report authorization by UNDP/PAPP

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