Public and Social Infrastructure Development

UNDP’s infrastructure programmes and projects are developed and implemented in line with the Palestinian National Development Plan with the main goal of supporting economic and social development in the occupied Palestinian territory in preparation for statehood. UNDP’s targeted strategic infrastructure interventions are focused on five sectors including energy, transport, housing, education and health. These interventions contribute to:

- Implementing national development interventions towards state building
- Providing supplementary support to the Palestinian Authority and its institutions
- Complementing national interventions in areas where the Palestinian Authority has difficulty to intervene (Gaza, Area “C” and East Jerusalem)
- Providing strategic support and oversight to the Palestinian Authority’s initiatives in Infrastructure development
- Achieving sustainable development through the Millennium Development Goals

With a portfolio of over USD 91 million and a dynamic team of 60 technical experts in the West Bank and Gaza, UNDP is able to deliver high quality programmes in the fields of social and capital infrastructure, technical assistance and community service programmes.

**Infrastructure Interventions by Sector**

**Palestinian National Development Plan Infrastructure Objectives 2012 - 2014**

- Develop integrated and sustainable national infrastructure networks
- Secure supply of energy and natural resources
- Protect the environment
- Maintain the long-term quality, affordability and safety of infrastructure systems
- Ensure adequate, safe and affordable housing
Current Interventions

❖ Support initiatives to the housing sector in East Jerusalem with a total of USD 4.5 million

❖ Construction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs building in Ramallah with a total of USD 11 million

❖ Construction of the Place of Justice in Ramallah with a total amount of USD 24 million

❖ Construction of the Khan Younis Wastewater Treatment Plant with a planned investment of USD 55 million

❖ Upgrade works for the Gaza Power Substation totaling over USD 3.5 million

❖ Support the electricity sector distribution in Gaza totaling over USD 6.5 million

❖ Rehabilitation of 8 civil society institutions in East Jerusalem with a total amount of USD 1.7 million

❖ Construction of 3 wastewater collection system activities in the northern part of the West Bank totaling over USD 4.5 million

❖ Construction of 65 housing units throughout the West Bank totaling over USD 3 million

❖ Construction of the Agro-Industrial Park and connecting road in Jericho with a total of USD 3.8 million

❖ Construction of more than 500 housing units throughout Gaza with a total of over USD 15 million

❖ Rehabilitation of maternal health facilities in five hospitals and four primary health care centres with a total of USD 0.8 million

❖ Rehabilitation and construction of roads using crushed concrete materials with a total of USD 2.2 million

Past Accomplishments

❖ Constructed the south wing terminal of the Gaza International Airport

❖ Constructed a major sewage collection, treatment and effluent recycling system for the northern region of Gaza with a total value of USD 12.7 million

❖ Constructed and equipped a 20 ton/hr capacity citrus processing plant for USD 1.2 million in Gaza

❖ Designed and implemented emergency employment generation programmes to thousands of unemployed workers in the West Bank and Gaza totaling over USD 40 million

❖ Provided access to potable water for over 45 deprived communities in the West Bank, totaling approximately USD 12.7 million, in addition to capacity development programmes in the maintenance of water systems

❖ Constructed domestic water distribution systems for the cities of Rafah, Jericho, Hebron and Nablus old city, serving a population of over 260,000 people for approximately USD 21.3 million

❖ Constructed more than 275 water and wastewater activities in Gaza and West Bank which included wastewater collections systems and treatment plants specifically in Jabalia, Khan Younis, Ramallah and Jenin

❖ Constructed new schools, additional classrooms and vocational training centres for over 60 communities in the West Bank and Gaza, totaling over USD 18 million

❖ Construction of a football and sports stadium in Jericho with a capacity of 6000 spectators valued at USD 2.5 million

❖ Rehabilitated and developed the historic quarters and alleys of the old city of Bethlehem by rehabilitating many internal pedestrian roads, alleys and markets using employment generation techniques, in preparation for the Bethlehem 2000 millennium festivities. Total investment USD 6.5 million

❖ Constructed and equipped the first cultural palace in Ramallah for a total of USD 6 million

❖ Constructed three courthouse buildings in Khan Younis, Nablus and Jenin for a total of USD 6.2 million

❖ Rehabilitated and upgraded a major section of the Jericho-Taybeh road, connecting the West Bank northern cities with the Jordan Valley for a total of USD 1.2 million

❖ Constructed and upgraded seven general government hospitals in the West Bank cities of Jenin, Hebron, Beit Jala, Tulkarem, Qalqilia, Safit and Nablus with a total of USD 35.5 million

❖ Supported the Palestinian Authority in the preparation of a needs assessment study for early recovery and reconstruction in Gaza, following the Israeli military incursion of January 2009

❖ Participated and contributed to the establishment of many Palestinian Authority designated institutions such as the Palestinian Water Authority, Palestinian Contractors Union, Gaza Job creation programme, and others.

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