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Quick Facts

Countries	Palestine, West Bank, Gaza
Financial Institutions	European Investment Bank (EIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2019-11-14
Borrower	PALESTINIAN NATIONAL AUTHORITY
Sectors	Technical Cooperation, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 435.28 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 641.36 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the operation is a fully grant-funded project concerning the construction of a sea water reverse osmosis desalination plant with annual capacity of 55MCM in Gaza. It also includes the related renewable energy component, as well as a five-year subsidy of operating costs and technical assistance for project management and works supervision.

The project, responding to pressing humanitarian needs, is addressing the scarcity and safety of drinking water in Gaza, which affects 2 million people. It will help regenerate the coastal aquifer, improve living conditions, boost the economy by adding construction jobs and also provide water for industry.

The project comprises two main components:

1. A desalination plant equipped with an independent power generation facility, to be implemented under EIB's supervision.
2. An associated works component that will add a south-north carrier system, which runs 160 kilometers, to be implemented under the World Bank's supervision.

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- European Investment Bank (EIB)

Contact Information

Contact information not provided at the time of disclosure

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