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Quick Facts

Countries	Palestine, West Bank, Gaza
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2019-05-16
Borrower	Palestine Liberation Organization
Sectors	Education and Health
Project Cost (USD)	$ 9.00 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the projet objective is to improve the coverage and quality of early childhood development services for children from gestation until age 5 in the West Bank and Gaza.

The project has three components:

1. Strengthening Early Healthcare, Nutrition and Stimulation ($3 million).
    i. Enhancing the quality of early healthcare and nutrition. This subcomponent will focus on improving nutrition for expecting mothers and young children.
    ii. Introducing parental education to promote early stimulation. In addition to early healthcare and nutrition, children need high-quality early stimulation in order to thrive. The objective of this sub-component is to introduce parental education on early stimulation as a key ECD service offered in WBG.
2. Improving Access to High-Quality Kindergarten Services ($4.7 million).
    i. Expanding Access to Kindergarten 2 (KG2). This sub-component aims to support MOEHE to increase KG2 enrollment, from a base of 72 percent. A mapping
    exercise and a costing analysis are being conducted to identify the most cost-effective model(s). Based on preliminary findings from these analyses (figure 8) and discussions with MOEHE, the subcomponent could potentially finance a hybrid expansion model.
    ii. Enhance quality of Kindergarten (KG) services. This subcomponent aims to enhance the learning experience in KG1-2 classrooms in WBG. To this end, the
    subcomponent will finance three areas.
3. Establish a Multi-Sectoral Information Management System for ECD ($0.5 million). While WBG has some of the most robust health, education and social protection information and management systems in the region, these systems have thus far operated in sectoral silos. The opportunities missed from the lack of information integration are manifold, but nowhere are they as apparent as in ECD. This component aims to establish a multi-sectoral information management system (MIMS) for ECD to (a) enhance the government’s ability to plan and coordinate amongst relevant sectors, and (b) provide timely ECD services that are responsive to children’s needs in WBG. The MIMS will be designed for use by all sectors involved in ECD service delivery (education, health, social development), thus promoting system integration.

Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

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Bank Documents

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