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Quick Facts

Countries	Palestine, West Bank, Gaza
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2019-02-05
Borrower	Palestine Liberation Organization
Sectors	Law and Government
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Project Cost (USD)	$ 10.00 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the project objective is to enhance the institutional capacity of municipalities in the West Bank and Gaza for more accountable and sustainable service delivery.

The original project has four (4) components:

1. “Municipal Performance and Service Delivery” allocates performance-based grants for capital investments and operating expenditures through a transfer formula based on population, need and municipal performance;
2. “Capacity Development of Municipalities and Palestinian Institutions” supports municipalities to graduate to a higher performance category and supports building the capacity of national level institutions namely, the Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) and the Ministry of Local Government (MOLG);
3. “Municipal Partnership Projects” provides technical assistance to municipalities to engage more effectively with the private sector and develop joint and innovative investments for municipal service delivery and local economic development; and
4. “Project Implementation Support and Management Costs” provides monitoring and evaluation, outreach and communication, mobilization of local technical consultants for the engineering supervision of Component 1, and MDLF management cost.

The proposed additional funding will support activities that would scale up the MDP-3 support to 25 Gaza municipalities through labor-intensive O&M and municipal infrastructure development activities. The proposed AF will create a new component (Component 5 “Emergency Labor-intensive Gaza Municipal Services”). It will finance the costs associated with the scaling-up of MDP-3 support to Gaza municipalities to enable them to expand local services provision though labor-intensive O&M and municipal infrastructure development activities. The scale-up would thus finance:

a. O&M activities to restore or maintain critical municipal services given severe funding constraints facing Gaza municipalities (60% of additional funding, net of administrative costs). From consultations with all 25 Gaza municipalities and the MDLF, the O&M activities to be supported can include costs of labor, equipment and supplies for roads repairs and maintenance (filling of potholes, crack repair and sealing, etc.), periodic cleanup of drainage system, O&M of slaughterhouses, solid waste collection and sorting, fumigation, clean up and security of coastline and beaches.
b. Investment grants for Gaza municipal investments that employ labor-intensive methods in subproject implementation (40% of AF, net of administrative costs). The type of subprojects to be financed will be defined in the Project Operations Manual (POM) that will be revised to reflect these additional project activities. Municipal subprojects identified so far include roads, wastewater and solid waste management, parks and open space development, public markets, tax mapping, archiving of municipal records, solar energy, inventory of municipal assets, landscaping of road medians, etc.

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Bank Documents

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