

 Early Warning System

WB-P176199

Additional Financing Emergency SPJ COVID19 Response Project



Quick Facts

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| Countries | Palestine, West Bank, Gaza |
| Financial Institutions | World Bank (WB) |
| Status | Proposed |
| Bank Risk Rating | A |
| Voting Date | 2022-01-24 |
| Borrower | Government of West Bank and Gaza |
| Sectors | Education and Health, Law and Government |
| Project Cost (USD) | \$ 9.42 million |



Project Description

According to bank documents, the project objective is to provide cash support and short-term employment opportunities to vulnerable populations in the West Bank and Gaza affected by COVID-19, and in case of an Eligible Crisis or Emergency, respond to it promptly and effectively.

Component 1: Emergency Cash Transfers to the West Bank and Gaza (original allocation US\$20 million/revised allocation US\$25,826,084). The component will include two sub-components: (1.1) Emergency Cash Transfers to Households Vulnerable to Poverty in West Bank and Gaza (US\$17,292,719), and (1.2) Provision of Cash Transfers to Support Eligible Beneficiaries already receiving benefits from the existing CTP (US\$2,433,366). Approximately 111,016 households will benefit from component 1 (80,431 under sub-component 1.1 and 30,585 under sub-component 1.2), compared to the original end target of 89,400 households). The additional contribution of US\$5,826,084 will be financed by both the MNA and PURSE MDTFs.

Component 2: Cash for Work in the West Bank (C4W). This component will be expanded to reach additional beneficiaries in the West Bank. It will provide sub-grants to selected NGOs to implement C4W sub-projects employing targeted vulnerable populations, through temporary employment aimed to address health and social needs. The AF is expected to provide short-term, temporary employment opportunities for approximately additional 880 individual beneficiaries (of which at least 50 percent will be women), building on the delivery model developed for Gaza. This will bring the total number of beneficiaries from 3,060 to 3,940. Supported subprojects will focus on health and other social services provided by NGOs to vulnerable group and will also include economic livelihoods initiatives to assist vulnerable populations in the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. Services to support economic livelihoods will mainly be in the area of agricultural activities but other types of activities could also be considered. In the area of health, the project aims to support functioning of health clinics and other health services, including support to disabled and elderly populations, through addressing manpower constraints in the sector. Beneficiaries will also be employed as teachers in the education sector, as social workers providing psychosocial support, as workers to support women who have been victims of gender-based violence (GBV), and as providers of child services.

Component 3: Capacity Building Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation. No AF resources will be allocated to this component. As in the Parent Project, funds allocated from the TFGWB will continue to support project coordination, M&E, and all aspects of management, including fiduciary aspects, communication, and environmental and social safeguards related measures.



Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)



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