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Quick Facts

Countries	Palestine, West Bank, Gaza
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2022-06-07
Borrower	Palestine Liberation Organization
Sectors	Law and Government, Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Project Cost (USD)	$ 30.00 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the objectives of the proposed operation are to: (i) improve public resource management and support inclusiveness, and (ii) strengthen governance in the water sector and accelerate the greening of the economy.

The first pillar of the operation focuses on improving public resource management and supporting inclusiveness. Under this pillar, the operation supports reforms to institute e-GP by automating all steps of the procurement process including planning, tendering, contract monitoring and eventually payment to increase the efficiency and transparency of the overall system. In addition, the first pillar supports efforts that the PA has adopted to enhance inclusiveness for the unbanked population through simplifying the requirements for financial inclusion accounts by canceling the proof of work and requiring zero fees. The last prior action under pillar 1 also supports the inclusiveness agenda by requesting line ministries to prepare gender responsive budgets.

The second pillar of the operation focuses on strengthening governance in the water sector and accelerating the greening of the economy. It ventures into an area that has not been previously covered by DPGs and which focuses on the green economy through amendments to the environment protection law to include articles related to climate change. The other prior action under this pillar supports reforms to enhance governance and service provision in the water sector by creating RWUs that will take on the role of water service provision from hundreds of Local Government Units, reducing fragmentation, improving governance and eventually achieving economies of scale in the sector. Both prior actions contribute to the resilience of the Palestinian territories.

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Bank Documents

- Appraisal Program Information Document (PID) - Supporting Transparency, Inclusiveness and the Green [Original Source]
- Program Information Document (Arabic) [Original Source]