

 Early Warning System

WB-P507278

Social Protection Enhancement Project II



Quick Facts

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| Countries | Palestine, West Bank, Gaza |
| Financial Institutions | World Bank (WB) |
| Status | Proposed |
| Bank Risk Rating | B |
| Voting Date | 2025-04-07 |
| Borrower | Government of Palestine - The Ministry of Social Development |
| Sectors | Finance, Law and Government |
| Investment Type(s) | Grant |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 20.00 million |
| Project Cost (USD) | \$ 20.00 million |



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the objective of this project is to provide integrated cash assistance and social services to selected NCTP beneficiaries and to strengthen the adaptive and shock-responsive capacity of the national social protection system.

The proposed Social Protection Enhancement Project Phase 2 (SPEP2) builds on the achievements of the SPEP, by complementing cash assistance through the CTP with social services and strengthening the SR and CMS to make social protection more responsive to shocks, inclusive and effective in supporting the needs of the poor and vulnerable populations. The SPEP2 comes at a critical time in the PA's Relief and Recovery Plan to strengthen these foundations in preparation for the reconstruction. SPEP2 will focus on expanding identification of potential beneficiaries for social protection programs and improving the effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery to better support the needs of poor and vulnerable populations, particularly in times of crisis, and enhancing the institutional capacity of the MoSD.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The project has limited and manageable environmental risks and impacts including (i) Occupational health and safety associated to hiring different types of workers to support social registry, cash assistance and social services activities, (ii) safety and security related to ongoing escalation in different regions of the West Bank, both assessed under ESS2, and (iii) negligible impact on resources efficiency, and limited pollution risk related to the generation of end-of-life e-waste associated with procurement of ICT equipment's assessed under ESS3. Based on the above, the environmental risk is assessed low.

Certain social risks have been identified at the appraisal stage and assessed as moderate since they are expected to be temporary and can be mitigated in a predictable manner. These are summarized as: (i) potential exclusion of marginalized people and households (e.g. unaccompanied children, people with disabilities (especially women and girls), women headed households, elderly, people living in remote locations etc.) from project benefits due to inadequate dissemination of information, outreach and stakeholder engagement; (ii) safety and security of project workers, and potential lack of availability of workers' accident insurance; (iii) community health and safety issues due to potential exposure of marginalized people (especially children, women, and people with disabilities) to sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) and sexual harassment (SH) in exchange for project benefits and during verification of non-registered and selected NCTP households conducted by researchers and case managers to create family plans for wrap-up around services appropriate to their specific circumstances and needs; and (iv) limited experience of the PMU to manage social risks in accordance with ESF requirements. The social risk is assessed moderate.



Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

Special Financing (Grant): US\$ 20.00 million



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Bank Documents

- [Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Social Protection Enhancement Project II](#)
- [Appraisal Project Information Document \(PID\) \(English\)](#)
- [Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary \(ESRS\) - Social Protection Enhancement Project II -](#)
- [Concept Project Information Document \(PID\) \(English\)](#)
- [Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) - Social Protection Enhancement Project II - P507278](#)
- [Project Information Document \(Arabic\)](#)
- [Revised Environmental and Social Commitment Plan \(ESCP\) Social Protection Enhancement Project II \(P5](#)
- [Stakeholder Engagement Plan \(SEP\) - Social Protection Enhancement Project II - P507278 \(English\)](#)



Other Related Projects

- WB-P160674 Social Protection Enhancement Project