

Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People



USAID's contributions to the Palestinian People through the United Nations Development Programme/Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People since 1985 totals approximately \$18.5 million.

Water & Sanitation:

“Upgrading of Water Resources.”

Project Signature Date: January 1996

Contribution: \$8,000,000

Status: Ongoing

This project was launched with the dual aim of securing sufficient and good quality water for the Palestinian inhabitants of rural areas of the West Bank, and enhancing effective management of water resources through training programs & community awareness campaigns. The project involves the construction of water mainlines, distribution networks, and reservoirs in a number of villages. In addition, this project is aimed at increasing access to water in Hebron City in terms of number of households and supply per household through rehabilitating and upgrading the existing water network as well as extending it to new residential areas presently not served. The project will also regulate and improve the distribution of the supply of potable water for domestic use, and conserve this scarce resource by eliminating water leakage.

“Upgrading of the Nablus Old City Water Network.”

Project Signature Date: August 1993

Contribution: \$1,696,772

Status: Completed

This project aimed at reducing water leakage, improving health conditions in the old city of Nablus, and contributing to the elimination of water deficiency problems in the area. The project focused on assisting the Municipality of Nablus in its attempts to fulfill the basic needs of the population through the construction of a water distribution network, the establishment of a leakage monitoring programme, and the implementation of an awareness campaign aimed at water conservation. All construction work was implemented through labour intensive methods in an attempt to create immediate job opportunities.

“Upgrading of the Rafah City Water Network & Reservoirs.”

Project Signature Date: August 1993

Contribution: \$1,412,252

Status: Completed

This \$1.4 million project was started in August 1993 in order to increase access to water in the Rafah and Gaza Strip areas, in terms of both the number of households reached

and the supply per household, through the rehabilitation and expansion of the old water network and the construction of two ground storage reservoirs and an elevated regulatory reservoir. The project also contributed to the alleviation of unemployment through the use of labour intensive methods.

“Rehabilitation of Water Networks in the Ramallah Region.”

Project Signature Date: October 1993

Contribution: \$1,894,165

Status: Completed

This project aimed at reducing water losses in the supply and distribution network of the Jerusalem Water Undertaking (JWU) as well as reducing the costs of JWU. This project also contributed to the alleviation of unemployment through the use of labour intensive methods in the rehabilitation of the main water lines and part of the distribution network in villages and cities in the Ramallah/EI Bireh Region.

“Sewage Disposal & Effluent Recycling for the Northern Region of the Gaza Strip.”

Project Signature Date: October 1985

Contribution: \$1,000,000

Status: Completed

Co-funded by UNDP, Japan and USAID, this \$8 million project, of which USAID's contribution was \$1 million, incorporated the construction of a sewage disposal, treatment, and recycling system for the Municipality of Khan Younis in order to re-cycle safe effluent water for agricultural use during the irrigation season. One of the main objectives of the project was the recharge of the aquifers in the area.

“Design of Taffouh Sewage Collection, Treatment, & Re-use Scheme.”

Project Signature Date: November 1996

Contribution: \$148,500

Status: Ongoing

The project entails the undertaking of detailed engineering designs for wastewater collection treatment, and a re-use scheme for the town of Taffouh on the outskirts of Hebron.

Employment Generation Programmes:

“Concrete Block Paving in Al-Rimal Quarter of Gaza City.”

Project Signature Date: April 1995

Contribution: \$4,000,000

Status: Completed

This project created emergency employment opportunities through small scale community infrastructure/construction works. The project mainly entailed the paving and tiling of approximately 28 kilometers of roads and sidewalks in Al Sabra and Al Fawayda quarters situated in Al-Rimal area of Gaza City through labour intensive methods.

Agriculture:

“Emergency Distribution of Agricultural Inputs in the West Bank & Gaza Strip.”

Project Signature Date: May 1992

Contribution: \$500,000

Status: Completed

This UNDP, USAID and Japanese co-funded project was launched in 1992 for a total cost of approximately \$1 million, of which USAID's contribution was \$500,000, and which

came in the aftermath of the disastrous 1992 winter season which destroyed many crops in the West Bank & Gaza Strip. It provided a variety of inputs to the most needy and affected farmers in order to enable them to produce the following season.