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#### **1. Background**

On September 2007, the USAID grant 294-A-00-07-00206-00 was awarded to WFP Palestine for the period 30 September 2007 – 29 September 2009. In September 2009, the grant was extended to 31 July 2012.

Below is the chronology of contributions under this grant:

- September 2007 - 7.9 million USD
- August 2008 - 7.075 million USD
- March 2008 - 5.0 million USD
- March 2009 - 3.0 million USD
- September 2009 - 39.3 million USD to be fully obligated by 31 December 2010

WFP has also received contributions from Food for Peace (FFP):

- April 2007 – 8,261,700 USD
- July 2007 – 8,118,000 USD
- May 2008 – 696,200 USD
- March 2009 – 6,381,900 USD
- March 2009 – 12,734,400 USD

The original grant was meant to support WFP food for work (FFW), food for training (FFT), life skills (LS) and assistance to vulnerable groups (AVG) projects in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. However, starting September 2008, beneficiaries under the FFW and FFT programmes were shifted to the Assistance to Vulnerable Groups programme. These projects are implemented in partnership with two US PVOs, CHF International and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) which received certification under US regulations to operate in Palestine.

A number of rules and regulations govern the implementation of this grant. These are embodied in the following documents:

- USAID WB/Gaza Mission Order 21 on anti-terrorism procedures. (Notice 2006-WBG-13, which includes vetting forms, anti-terrorism certification (ATC), prohibition against support for Terrorism and restrictions of facility names.)
- The standard implementation procedures for USAID-supported food assistance activities under the WFP's Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) in the West Bank and Gaza which has been updated in February 2009.
- The SIP was amended in February 2010 to account for changes of the LC structure
- Prohibition on financial assistance to the Palestinian Authority.
- Value added tax and customs duties.

On 23 December, the de facto authorities in Gaza suspended the operations of CHF International, the implementing partner for USAID contributions. Subsequent discussions between WFP and the de facto authorities enabled the lifting of the suspension and on 10 January CHF resumed operation in Gaza. The result was that the implementation of the Nov/Dec cycle was temporarily delayed but completed in full.

During the preparatory phase of the Jan/Feb distribution cycle, some LC members (13 out of 171) were summoned in January 2010 by the local authorities and asked not to continue working in such committees which are considered illegal by the de facto authorities. The immediate action of WFP prevented the local authorities from further summoning the LC members. However, despite all efforts exerted by WFP and OCHA, the local authorities insisted that the WFP/CHF LCs cease operation, arguing that it was against the law. In order to be able to start the distributions of the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle (Jan/Feb 2010), WFP in close consultation with CHF and USAID decided to go for the direct implementation i.e. without assistance of the LCs (SIP and AVG guidelines were updated accordingly). Noting that, WFP and OCHA will continue communicating with the local authorities to further explain the role of the LCs and – in coordination with CHF as well - to find a modality agreeable to all parties aiming at letting voluntary workers (grouped in LCs, or another name agreeable to all parties) working in the framework of this project. Following this decision, CHF managed to quickly appoint new staff (distributors, data updaters, security guards) to carry out the activities previously ensured by the local committees.

In order to notify beneficiaries of general food distribution in Gaza, WFP Cooperating Partner CHF used SMS software to text-message the coupon collection dates and locations. This process has been ongoing since the Jan/Feb 2010 distribution.

## 2. Delivery of Food Commodities to Cooperating Partners

**Table 1:** Depicts the total metric ton dispatched per commodity per cooperating partner for WB and GS from local suppliers and international suppliers

<b>Total MT of Commodities Dispatched to cooperating partners from local and international suppliers</b>				
<b>Commodity</b>	<b>CRS WB</b>	<b>CHF WB</b>	<b>CHF GS</b>	<b>Type of Procurement/ International or Local</b>
Wheat Flour	1,309	1,399	5,631	International/Local
Vegetable Oil	110	114	410	International
Chickpeas	67	99	357	International
Sugar	33	39	358	Local
Salt	33	19	71	Local
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>1,670</b>	<b>6,827</b>	

### 3. Implementation and Distribution:

#### **West Bank**

MAR/APR – completed

MAY/JUN – completed

#### **Gaza**

MAR/APR – completed

MAY/JUN – completed

For the above mentioned cycles, WFP locally procured wheat from Golden Mills for the West Bank and from Al-Salam Mills for the Gaza Strip. For the West Bank and Gaza Strip, sugar was procured from Zalmout Distribution Company and salt from West Bank Salt Factory. Chickpeas and vegetable oil were procured internationally.

#### **3.a West Bank**

**Table 2: Number of Localities reached in WB during the reporting period**

<b>Number of localities reached in each governorate (April to June 2010)</b>			
	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Localities</u></b>
<b>WB</b>	Hebron	CRS	46
	Bethlehem	CRS	24
	Ramallah	CHF	7
	Nablus	CHF	40
	Tulkarem	CHF	20
	Salfit	CHF	12
	<b>Total</b>		<b>149</b>

**Table 3: Number of people assisted in WB during the reporting period**

<b>Number of people benefiting from USAID food assistance (April to June 2010)</b>			
	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Beneficiaries</u></b>
<b>WB</b>	Hebron	CRS	38,540
	Bethlehem	CRS	10,017
	Ramallah	CHF	7,553
	Nablus	CHF	35,132
	Tulkarem	CHF	12,290
	Salfit	CHF	8,869
	<b>Total</b>		<b>11,2401</b>

- During the reporting period, two food distribution cycles were completed. As such, the tonnage delivered is approximately double the amount of the previous report. The cycle of March/April began on 1 April 2010 and the cycle of May/June concluded on 17 June 2010

**Table 4: Total MT distributed in WB during the reporting period**

<b>Metric Tons of Food Commodities Distributed to Beneficiaries (April to June 2010)</b>			
	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Metric Tons</u></b>
<b>WB</b>	Hebron	CRS	1,532
	Bethlehem	CRS	445
	Ramallah	CHF	138
	Nablus	CHF	1,120
	Tulkarem	CHF	458
	Salfit	CHF	323
	<b>Total</b>		<b>4,017</b>

### **3.b Gaza**

- During the reporting period, WFP and CHF continued to conduct random and targeted visits for the verification of beneficiaries and cleaning the AVG list. Further details regarding the outcome of these visits can be found in the cycle reports provided to USAID by the WFP Gaza office.
- During the reporting period, WFP and CHF used sms messaging and direct household visits to inform the beneficiaries of the coupon distribution date and location.

**Table 5: Number of Localities reached in GS during the reporting period**

<b>Number of localities reached in each governorate (April to June 2010)</b>			
	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Localities</u></b>
<b>GS</b>	Gaza	CHF	11
	Khan Younis	CHF	6
	North	CHF	4
	Dair Al Ballah	CHF	6
	Rafah	CHF	5
	<b>Total</b>		<b>32</b>

**Table 6: Number of people assisted in Gaza during the reporting period**

<b>Number of people benefiting from USAID food assistance (April to June 2010)</b>			
	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Beneficiaries</u></b>
<b>GS</b>	Gaza	CHF	71,808
	Khan Younis	CHF	37,201
	North	CHF	28,151
	Dair Al Balah	CHF	5,743
	Rafah	CHF	7,097
	<b>Total</b>		<b>150,000</b>

- 150,000 beneficiaries were reached twice as two distribution cycles started and completed during the reporting period (the cycle of March/April started on 11 April 2010 and completed on 29 April 2010 and the cycle of May/June started on 29 May 2010 and completed on 16 June 2010).

**Table 8: Total tonnage distributed in GS during the reporting period**

<b>Metric tons of food commodities distributed to beneficiaries (April to June 2010)</b>			
	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Metric Tons</u></b>
<b>GS</b>	Gaza	CHF	3,835
	Khan Younis	CHF	1,980
	North	CHF	1,508
	Dair Al Ballah	CHF	306
	Rafah	CHF	377
	<b>Total</b>		<b>8,006</b>

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