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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ANERA	American Near East Refugee Aid
BJM	Beit Jala Municipality
CACB	Catholic Action Club
CEP	Civic Engagement Program
CHF	Community Housing Fund
CRS	Catholic Relief Services
CSO	Civil Society Organization
ICCE	International Center for Contemporary Education
IOCC	International Orthodox Christian Charities
LHA	Life and Hope Association
MCI	Mercy Corps International
NGO	Nongovernmental Organization
OTI	Office of Transition Initiatives
PA	Palestinian Authority
PCDCR	Palestinian Center for Democracy and Conflict Resolution
QADS	Qatanna Association for Development and Strengthening
RFA	Requests for Application
FI	Relief International
SC	Save the Children
SSCSC	Salfit Sport, Cultural, and Social Club
UHIGA	Universities and Higher Institutions Graduates Association
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VC	Village Council
WVI	World Vision International

I.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Civic Engagement Program (CEP) aims to support US foreign policy objectives towards a viable, democratic Palestinian state living in peace and security with Israel and her neighbors by providing a flexible grants program focused on visibly improving the quality of life for Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. CEP II is a \$19,999,969 follow-on program to CEP I (which began in January of 2008). It builds on interventions originally undertaken from June 2005 until December 2007 under the United States Agency for International Development (USAID)'s Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI) to bolster prospects for peace in the region.

An important addition to the new program is the capacity building component that did not exist under OTI or CEP I. CEP II will identify 10 institutions, including public and semi-public offices as well as nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) working in the different sectors as long-term partners, to help them improve their structure, efficiency, and service provision capacity.

CEP II started in October 2008 with two strategic objectives aimed at promoting stability and democratic reform in the Palestinian Territory. However, recognizing the critical role of the humanitarian assistance to the people in the Gaza Strip after the Israeli "Cast Lead" military operation that started 28 December 2008, CEP II has added two new strategic objectives for the current phase of program implementation.

The four objectives of CEP II are:

- 1) Support initiatives and processes that support a democratic, peaceful, and prosperous Palestinian state.
- 2) Strengthen reform-minded Palestinian leaders and institutions in support of improved service provision and increased responsiveness to citizen needs.
- 3) Supply basic humanitarian commodities to disadvantaged groups, to preserve hope and moderation among impoverished populations.
- 4) Distribute food and relief items directly or through work and training, to preserve hope and moderation among impoverished populations.

The program complements other activities of the USAID/West Bank and Gaza Mission, and targets critical, time-sensitive initiatives consistent with the Mission's transformational development goals and US foreign policy objectives.

This report covers the period from April through June of 2009.

2.0 PROGRAMMING

The quarter's major achievements included the following.

- During this quarter, CEP II has completed, or is in the process of implementing, 43 grants for a total of \$12,476,253. These grants include Gaza humanitarian assistance emergency efforts, ongoing West Bank Democracy and Governance activities, and USAID logistics support operations.
- CEP II has completed the second round of requests for application (RFA) for Gaza Emergency Response for which nine US NGOs and one non-US NGO are in the process of implementing humanitarian assistance projects.
- Upon request from USAID, CEP II has launched and processed the third round of RFA among 10 US NGOs which have the capacity and the presence in the Gaza Strip to provide additional humanitarian assistance, with a ceiling of \$750,000 per grant.

The project's current activities are focused on two basic programming areas—emergency assistance grants in the Gaza Strip, and grant activities in the West Bank that promote political reform. Highlights of those program areas follow.

Emergency Assistance Grants – Gaza

As USAID continues its response to the humanitarian crisis that resulted from the Israeli “Cast Lead” operation in Gaza, every effort has been made to concentrate the Mission's collective resources to alleviate suffering of disadvantaged people in Gaza. Due to the unique and flexible nature of CEP's task order contract, CEP has been asked to serve as the primary mechanism for emergency response efforts by funding a group of high-value (\$250–750K) grants to US organizations on the ground with capacity to distribute a variety of food and non-food items to those in need throughout Gaza.

Under the initial response, CEP II has launched the first round of RFAs for Gaza emergency assistance. Six emergency grants were provided to six international NGOs. As for the second round of RFAs, 10 grants were provided to nine US NGOs and one international organization. The nine US NGOs included: World Vision International, International Orthodox Christian Charities, Relief International (RI), Save the Children Federation, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Mercy Corps International (MCI), American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), CARE International (Care), and CHF International (CHF). ACTED is the non-US NGO. These international NGOs were awarded grants up to \$750,000 each, to provide affected families with basic commodities in consistency with USAID humanitarian relief plans.

CEP II has launched a third round of RFA for Gaza Emergency Response among 10 US NGOs which are present in Gaza and capable of delivering the needed humanitarian assistance according to USAID plans. Eight out of the 10 NGOs have responded and their applications have been evaluated and are in the process of obtaining USAID approvals for grant awards.

Reform Promotion Program Grants – West Bank

CEP II's efforts have been channeled into empowering local governance and local initiatives that support a peaceful and a democratic Palestinian state. As USAID has identified Jenin Governorate to be a target area for support, CEP has initiated a great number of activities in Jenin. USAID's West Bank/Gaza Mission Director Mr. Howard Sumka inaugurated three projects in the northern West Bank in cooperation with local councils and municipalities. In Jenin, Mr. Smuka inaugurated a new public park and community hall in Deir Ghazala village. This hall has become a source of income for the village council. In Tulkarm, the Eastern

public transportation square was also inaugurated. This square will play an essential role in enhancing law and order, as it will limit the traffic chaos caused by buses and taxis in the city center. In Salfit, Mr. Sumka inaugurated the rehabilitation of Deir Istiya old town with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a tour in the old town. The total value of the three projects is \$426,000.

As for the capacity development component, six NGOs were identified and plans for CEP II's interventions were prepared and will be sent to USAID for approval. Five NGOs were selected from the West Bank and one from Gaza. They include the following: Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Hebron South Chamber of Commerce, Palestinian Center for Mass Communications (Hebron), Palestinian Olympics Committee, the Syndicate for Psychosocial and Social Workers (Nablus), and the Life and Hope Association (Gaza).

2.1 POLITICAL SITUATION

The main important political trends and developments during the quarter were as summarized below.

Internal Palestinian Politics: Internal Palestinian factional dialogue is still ongoing in Cairo with no major breakthrough. The last round of dialogue between Fatah and Hamas delegations, which took place at the end of June, ended without resolving any major impediments. Arrests and counter-arrests by Fatah and Hamas forces have hindered efforts to restore political unity. President Mahmoud Abbas's Fatah group accused Hamas of arresting dozens of Fatah activists in the Gaza Strip. Fatah was in turn accused of arresting Hamas members in the West Bank. Both groups deny that the arrests are politically motivated. Sources stated on media stations that the latest round of talks had stalled due to disagreements over a mechanism to end factional arrests. However, and on an optimistic note, the Egyptian government insists on the possibility of signing an agreement by end of July.

Sixth Fatah Conference: The issue of conducting the sixth Fatah conference is still an arena of conflict among the major players in Fatah. This is due to the long struggle among the old and new guards. As this report is being written, conflict between Fatah leaders is still taking place regarding where the conference would be held. The "Old Guard" prefers to have it abroad, while President Mahmoud Abbas and the young leaders of Fatah want the conference to be held in the Palestinian city of Bethlehem.

The Palestinian Authority: On May 19, 2009, the new Palestinian government, headed by Prime Minister Salam Fayyad was sworn in. The government is composed of 20 ministers, eight of them Fatah members, four representatives of other secular factions, and eight independents. Several of the ministers are new. The new government has two main priorities: rebuilding the Gaza Strip and creating the conditions necessary to ensure the success of the national dialogue between Fatah and Hamas. Events on the political front will remain unstable, as the government will disband as soon as the internal Palestinian dialogue in Cairo reaches a national consensus, which will make it possible to form an agreed-upon government that can end internal conflict between the two main factions.

Gaza Strip: The political situation in the Gaza strip is extremely fragile. As the blockade continues and Hamas stays in power, Gaza border crossings remain mostly closed. Only Humanitarian Assistance is allowed in. Gazans, therefore, suffer major political, social, and economical stresses. The situation remains unstable and at a great risk of major conflict.

2.2 ECONOMIC SITUATION

Under US pressure to ease restrictions of access, Israel has recently removed some West Bank checkpoints. Though limitations on checkpoints remain in place, the easing of some has helped revive the Palestinian economy. Since May 2009, Israel has allowed Palestinian-Israelis to access markets in the north of the West

Bank especially Nablus and Jenin, though it allows shoppers to only come in private cars and only on Saturdays.

As for the Palestinian Price Index, it reached 123.05 in May 2009, an increase of 0.40% percent compared to April 2009, with most of the increase being experienced in the West Bank, while prices, on average, fell in the Gaza Strip. The volume of registered fuel sales in the Gaza Strip continued to decline in May 2009. No gasoline and no benzene have been imported for the private sector since November 3rd 2008, and only 5.4 tons of gas was allowed in for use by the private sector during May. The economy of Gaza remains in recession and will require great international effort for it to be revived.

2.3 PROGRAMMING IMPLICATIONS

In response to the above conditions, and in continuation of the previous period's tendency to focus on satisfying the most urgent needs on the ground, CEP II continued to identify opportunities to help economic and political recovery with its partners and to respond to emerging needs. Most of the activities that were identified and cleared during the reporting period in the West Bank were infrastructure-oriented. This is meant to improve the daily life of Palestinians and to provide people with tangible results. Since the Palestinian Authority (PA) has been focusing on the implementation of the Security Plan, USAID channeled its efforts to improving the economic conditions in parallel to the PA's efforts to implement Law and Order. Projects also focused on empowering local moderate leaders and councils, and supporting local initiatives to help build a democratic and peaceful Palestinian state.

In Gaza, the CEP grants responded to the humanitarian emergency situation. Activities focused on the delivery of food and non-food items, hygiene and kitchen kits, tents for the displaced residents, etc. CEP II also funded US NGOs present in Gaza, collaborating to increase the capacity to deliver support to Gazans.

3.0 CEP II PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The following summarizes the specific project activities CEP implemented and completed during the past quarter.

3.1 PROJECTS COMPLETED

ARDWBG300 YC Rehab/Equipment Salfit

This grant provided Salfit Sport, Cultural, and Social Club (SSCSC) with sports equipment and material in order to help the club perform some renovation works. This grant included the provision of gym equipment, office equipment, sports equipment, mobile basketball rings, and equipment for the club's football, basketball and table tennis teams, in addition to renovating the club premises. The project is valued at \$111,181.

ARDWBG308 LC Road Rehab Al 'Eizariya

This grant aimed to increase public confidence in the leadership of Al 'Eizariya Local Council by increasing their ability to improve appearance and safety in public spaces of the old town. USAID/CEP partnered with Al 'Eizariya Local Council to rehabilitate alleys in the old town, including stone tiling, lighting, and installation of some public furniture. Al 'Eizariya Local Council utilized its own technical teams and will mobilize community volunteers to implement the activity. The grant funded activities that demonstrate positive change in a critical area that has been isolated from greater Jerusalem due to the completion of the Separation Barrier. This project is valued at \$162,143.

ARDWBG324 PFBS Medical Supplies Gaza

This grant provided critical non pharmaceutical medical commodities to allow Patient's Friends Benevolent Society, a prominent NGO health service provider in Gaza City, to improve its ability to deliver essential healthcare to an increasing number of vulnerable individuals who cannot pay the high costs of private clinics but cannot receive adequate care at Ministry of Health administered clinics due to their diminished capacity and high demand to provide healthcare in an emergency situation. This project is valued at \$40,640.

ARDWBG332 MCI Emergency Assistance Gaza

This grant supported Mercy Corps International (MCI) capacity as an international NGO working in Gaza Strip, to help alleviate the humanitarian situation. Through this in-kind grant, MCI was provided with food staples, medical supplies, and hygiene items to be distributed to vulnerable and war-affected families. USAID/CEP will procure the needed items in the West Bank and deliver them through United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) logistics Support to Gaza, to be handed to MCI for distribution. This project valued at \$250,000.

ARDWBG335 CRS Emergency Assistance Gaza

This grant supported CRS's capacity as an international NGO working in Gaza Strip, to help alleviate the humanitarian situation. Through this grant CRS handled the procurement process to purchase food parcels to be distributed to vulnerable and war-affected families in Gaza through its local partners and volunteers. This project is valued at \$250,000.

ARDWBG336 CARE Emergency Assistance Gaza

This grant supported Care International as an international NGO working in Gaza Strip to help alleviate the humanitarian situation. Through this Standard Agreement grant, and in cooperation with USAID/CEP, Care International provided immediate humanitarian assistance for 1,000 families in Gaza who were affected by the crisis through the emergency provision of basic non-food items, such as blankets, personal hygiene kits, and household cleaning supplies to residents displaced by the ongoing conflict. This project is valued at \$249,989.

ARDWBG338 RI Emergency Assistance Gaza

This grant supported Relief International as an international NGO working in Gaza Strip to help alleviate the humanitarian situation. Through this Standard Agreement grant, and in cooperation with USAID/CEP, Relief International provided immediate humanitarian assistance for 2,350 families in Gaza who were affected by the crisis through the emergency provision of needed food, non-food items and medical. This project is valued at \$250,000.

ARDWBG339 ANERA Emergency Assistance Gaza

This grant sought to support ANERA's capacity as an international NGO working in Gaza Strip to help alleviate the humanitarian situation. Through this in-kind grant, ANERA handled the procurement process to purchase food parcels that were distributed to vulnerable and war-affected families in Gaza through its local partners and volunteers. This project is valued at \$250,000.

ARDWBG340 Crèche Food and Fuel Supplies Bethlehem

This grant supported the Holy Family Children's Home (Crèche) in Bethlehem to fulfill their mission in defending the rights of women and children and to guarantee a safe shelter and safe delivery for babies and mothers. USAID/CEP supplied the Crèche orphans' center with food and heating fuel for three months. This project is valued at \$60,830.

ARDWBG343 ANERA Emergency Response Gaza

This grant supported ANERA as an international NGO working in Gaza Strip to help alleviate the humanitarian situation caused by the latest Israeli military operations in Gaza. Through this grant, and in cooperation with USAID/CEP, ANERA provided immediate humanitarian assistance for 4,500 families in Gaza who were affected by the crisis through the emergency provision of basic food items. This project is valued at \$746,000.

ARDWBG344 IOCC Emergency Response Gaza

This grant supported International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) as an international NGO working in Gaza Strip to help alleviate the humanitarian situation caused by the latest Israeli military operations in Gaza. Through this grant, and in cooperation with USAID/CEP, IOCC provided immediate humanitarian assistance for 6,000 families in Gaza who were affected by the crisis through the emergency provision of

basic food and non-food items, such as hygiene kits and blankets. This project is valued at \$749,725.

ARDWBG345 CARE Emergency Response Gaza

This grant supported Care International as an international NGO working in Gaza Strip to help alleviate the humanitarian situation caused by the latest Israeli military operations in Gaza. Through this grant, and in cooperation with USAID/CEP, CARE International provided immediate humanitarian assistance for 2,000 families in Gaza who were affected by the crisis through the emergency provision of basic food and non-food items, such as Hygiene kits, schoolchildren kits and clothing kits. This project is valued at \$747,834.

ARDWBG347 SCUS Emergency Response Gaza

This grant supported Save the Children (SC) as an international NGO working in Gaza Strip to help alleviate the humanitarian situation caused by the latest Israeli military operations in Gaza. Through this grant, and in cooperation with USAID/CEP, SC provided immediate humanitarian assistance to 8,300 families in Gaza who were affected by the crisis through the emergency provision of basic food and non-food items, such as cleanup kits, home repair kits and clothing kits. This project is valued at \$727,251.

ARDWBG348 CHF Emergency Response Gaza

This grant supported Community Housing Fund (CHF) as an international NGO working in Gaza Strip to help alleviate the humanitarian situation caused by the latest Israeli military operations in Gaza. Through this grant, and in cooperation with USAID/CEP, CHF provided immediate humanitarian assistance for 3,400 families in Gaza Strip who were affected by the crisis through the emergency provision of basic food and non-food items, such as hygiene kits, child psychosocial kits and clothing kits. This project is valued at \$749,999.

ARDWBG349 WVI Emergency Response Gaza

This grant supported World Vision International (WVI) as an international NGO working in Gaza Strip to help alleviate the humanitarian situation caused by the latest Israeli military operations in Gaza. Through this grant, and in cooperation with USAID/CEP, WVI provided immediate humanitarian assistance for 8,928 families in Gaza Strip who were affected by the crisis through the emergency provision of basic non-food items, such as blankets and Hygiene kits. This project is valued at \$717,666.

ARDWBG353 MC Sidewalks Construction Beit Jala

This activity supported Beit Jala Municipality (BJM) by increasing its capacity to respond to residents' urgent appeals to increase public safety of students and pedestrians on the roads of Beit Jala. USAID/CEP partnered with BJM to construct 700m of sidewalks which will serve three schools and 4,000 Al-Sider neighborhood residents in Beit Jala. This project is valued at \$94,250.

ARDWBG355 MC Peace Run Beit Sahur

This grant supported the holding of a Peace Run, a yearly youth activity in Beit Sahur that promotes the mayor's efforts to find peaceful methods for conflict resolution. USAID/CEP supported Beit Sahur Municipality in organizing the Run, in making it more visible, and in having a larger impact through the provision of T-shirts, winners' trophies and medallions, banners, posters, and flags. This project is valued at \$7,440.

3.2 PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION/ WEST BANK

ARDWBG301 VC Public Park Bizzariya

Through this grant, USAID/CEP partnered with Bizzariya Village Council (VC) in order to build a four Dunam public park on top of a hill nearby the village. The work included leveling/terracing of certain areas, building retaining and boundary walls, building a sanitary facility, and the installation of kids games and sunshades. USAID/CEP contracted a qualified contractor to execute the works. This project is valued at \$240,290.

ARDWBG304 MC Girls' School Jayyus

USAID/CEP partnered with Jayyus Municipality to construct a new primary girl's school. The new two-floor building will consist of six new classrooms, a teachers' room, a corridor, and a sanitary unit with a total area of about 675m². The municipality contributed to this activity by providing a land plot of 732m², on which the school will be built. The municipality also paid the cost of designs and paid the cost of the full time technical supervisor during the construction phase. This project is valued at \$244,242.

ARDWBG305 VC Main Roads Beautification Deir Ghazala

In order to capitalize on USAID/CEP's previous intervention, USAID/CEP collaborated with Deir Ghazala VC to build retaining walls, install curbstones and plant seedlings at the village's four entrances, in addition to upgrading the VC accounting system in order to have an efficient and up-to-date system. Before carrying out these activities, the grantee held a town hall meeting with the community and discussed the value and impact of the previous and current projects with USAID. This project is valued at \$208,950.

ARDWBG306 VC School Building at Tayba

Through this grant, USAID/CEP collaborated with At Tayba village council to construct a new boys' basic school because the old school in the village does not meet the needs of the growing population. It is a very old building that has to be demolished. The new building will consist of eight classrooms, a teachers' room, conference room, a corridor, and a sanitary unit with a total area of about 755m². This project is valued at \$240,340.

ARDWBG310 JEC Disabled Equestrian Rehab Jericho

This grant seeks to enhance the peace initiatives of JEC, as an active and moderate NGO in Jericho, which aims at meeting a strategic objective of creating a positive and peaceful environment in the area. JEC encourages disabled youth in the West Bank and Israel to engage in equestrian sports and has expanded its services to include them. This project will upgrade the main pathways of JEC (260m²), rehabilitate the watching hall (130m²), and equip the "Therapeutic Riding for the Disabled Program Center" with two mounting ramp wheelchair lifts, five specialized riding aids, and five western saddles to ease disabled access to JEC services. This project is valued at \$96,740.

ARDWBG312 MC Sports Field Rehab Kharas

This grant seeks to strengthen the moderate leadership in Kharas Municipality and enhance its public outreach amongst youth in Kharas. USAID/CEP partnered with Kharas Municipality to upgrade the town's sports field to create a venue for youth to spend time in constructive social and sports activities. The project is upgrading the sports field through enlarging it to acceptable standards (from 60x80 to 70x100), the construction of boundary walls, ground leveling and smoothing, and installing fence and lighting. This

project is valued at \$114,300.

ARDWBG313 CACB Rehab Equipment Bethlehem

This activity developed the physical capacity of the Catholic Action Club (CACB), an active civil society institution in Bethlehem, to respond to the needs of its constituency by upgrading its multi-purpose hall, the cinema, and a children's play area. USAID/CEP supported the installation of air conditioning units for the public hall and the cinema hall, and the rehabilitation of the toilet units to allow for a suitable venue for public activities. USAID/CEP also supported the provision of office equipment to enhance the managerial performance and organizational ability. This project is valued at \$117,700.

ARDWBG320 VC Girls' School 'Anin

Through this grant, USAID/CEP partnered with Anin village council to construct an annex building to the girls' secondary school. The proposed is being constructed near the existing secondary girls' school. The annex building will consist of three classrooms, a teachers' room, school manager room, secretary room, a corridor, and a sanitary unit with total area of about 540m². This project is valued at \$217,768.

ARDWBG322 TGYC Sports Equipment Jenin

Through this grant, USAID/CEP partnered with Tura al Gharbiya Youth Club in order to provide the youth club with sports equipment including gym equipment; equipment for the club's football, basketball, and volleyball teams; and essential furniture for the club, besides rehabilitating the only sports field in the village. Moreover, under this grant students of the ninth and tenth grades, as well as the teachers and club members, have engaged in a series of three-month interactive workshops that address good citizenship issues. This project is valued at \$60,500.

ARDWBG356 Al-Ihsan Peace March Beit Jala

This grant seeks to empower Al-Ihsan Society as a moderate NGO through material support to the group that organizes the annual Peace March as a community initiative in Beit Jala. USAID/CEP is assisting AL-Ihsan Society and its scout troop in organizing the march through the provision of scouts' uniforms and scouts' tools to improve the visibility of the march and to empower the group to become more effective in future similar events. This project is valued at \$19,350.

ARDWBG363 QADS Kindergarten Rehab Equipment Qatanna

This activity aims at enhancing the capacity of Qatanna Association for Development and Strengthening (QADS), as an active moderate Civil Society Organization (CSO), and improves child learning and health conditions in "Zuhur Qatanna" Kindergarten. USAID/CEP partnered with QADS to rehabilitate the kindergarten spaces, and supply furniture to increase the functional capacity of the organization which will enable it to better serve the community in Qatanna. This project valued at \$87,010.

3.3 PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION/ GAZA

ARDWBG315 PCDCR Democratic Forums Gaza

This grant strengthened the moderate political camp in Gaza through establishing six democratic forums covering three main governorates in Gaza. Through this grant, CEP collaborated with the Palestinian Center

for Democracy and Conflict Resolution (PCDCR) to create the six democratic forums in three main governorates in Gaza with the participation of 150 moderate leaders, academics, and youth. The participants engaged in a series of four discussion meetings—two groups in each of the three governorates of Gaza City, Dier El Balah, and Khan Younis—on political developments and governance topics during a period of three months. This project is valued at \$12,840.

ARDWBG316 UHIGA After-School Program Khan Younis

Through this grant, USAID/CEP partnered with Universities and Higher Institutions Graduates Association (UHIGA) to implement an after school program for 200 traumatized school students from Khan Younis that have been exposed to violence during the Gaza Strip invasion and are experiencing some learning difficulties. This program engaged students between the ages of eight and 12 years old in supplementary classes of Arabic, English, and Math during 40 days, followed by psychosocial support activities. This project is valued at \$58,625.

ARDWBG317 LHA After-School Program Jabalya

Through this grant, USAID/CEP partnered with Life and Hope Association (LHA) to implement an after school program for 200 traumatized school students from Jabalya that have been exposed to violence during the Gaza Strip invasion and are experiencing some learning difficulties. The after school program is engaging students between the ages of eight and 12 years old in supplementary classes followed by psychosocial support activities. This project is valued at \$55,130.

ARDWBG354 ICCE Educators Training Gaza

Through this grant, CEP partnered with the International Center for Contemporary Education (ICCE), to conduct a training course for 44 educators and to produce a guide/manual based on the training interaction and results. The manual will be handed to the trainees at the end of the course, to encourage active learning, create a peaceful teaching environment, and introduce supplementary educational techniques. The manual will also be distributed to 156 activists belonging to 50 NGOs working in the education field to maximize its outreach impact as well as active individual educators and trainers. Moreover, this manual will also be a teaching guide for educators who will be staffing the ICCE Youth Club Programs in Gaza in the future. USAID/CEP will pay for professionals and the production of materials for trainers. This project is valued at \$40,794.

3.4 GAZA EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANTS AND SUBCONTRACTS

ARDWBG329 PCDCR Milk & Blankets Gaza

This grant seeks to support PCDCR, a moderate grassroots organization working in Gaza city, to provide humanitarian assistance at a time of crisis in Gaza. Through this in-kind grant PCDCR is provided with blankets and powdered milk to be distributed to needy families in order to help alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. This project is valued at \$49,055.

ARDWBG334 CHF Emergency Assistance Gaza

Through this Standard Agreement grant, and in cooperation with USAID/CEP, CHF International is providing immediate lifesaving, humanitarian assistance for 1,150 families in Gaza who were affected by the crisis through the emergency provision of food and non-food items. CHF International will purchase a set list of food and non-food items, and distribute them to pre-identified beneficiaries. This project is valued at

\$250,000.

ARDWBG341 CHF Plastic Sheets Gaza

This grant seeks to support CHF as a leading international organization that addresses the humanitarian situation in Gaza. Through this grant CHF is helping war-affected Gaza residents to seal their shelters. CHF will be provided plastic sheets and tape that will be used to close casements caused by the Israeli air strike. This project is valued at \$500,340.

ARDWBG342 MCI Emergency Response Gaza

Through this grant, and in cooperation with USAID/CEP, MCI provided immediate humanitarian assistance for 2,000 families in Gaza who were affected by the crisis through the emergency provision of basic food and non-food items, such as cleanup kits, home repair kits, and clothing kits. This project is valued at \$749,523.

ARDWBG346 CRS Emergency Response Gaza

Through this grant, and in cooperation with USAID/CEP, CRS is providing immediate humanitarian assistance for 2,000 families in Gaza who were affected by the crisis through the emergency provision of basic food and non-food items, such as cleanup kits, home repair kits, and clothing kits. CRS will also help organize 12 events for 600 children in total, providing children with colored pencils, coloring books, sets of socks, and candies. This project is valued at \$733,867.

ARDWBG351 RI Emergency Response Gaza

This grant seeks to support RI as an international NGO working in Gaza Strip, to help alleviate the humanitarian situation caused by the latest Israeli military operations in Gaza. Through this grant, and in cooperation with USAID/CEP, RI is providing immediate humanitarian assistance for 3,500 families in Gaza who were affected by the crisis through the emergency provision of basic food and non-food items, such as kitchen and repair kits. RI is also supplying mattresses and blankets to 1,862 families. This project is valued at \$750,000.

ARDWBG370 IOCC Humanitarian Assistance Gaza

This grant supports IOCC, as an international NGO working in Gaza Strip, to help alleviate the humanitarian situation caused by the latest Israeli military operations in Gaza. Through this grant and in cooperation with USAID/CEP, IOCC provides short-term emergency humanitarian and life-sustaining assistance for 4,355 vulnerable and displaced families in the northern areas of Gaza who have been severely affected by the recent war and conflict. This project is valued at \$749,853.

ARDWBG500 Sepi Sun Transportation Gaza

This contract seeks to facilitate the transportation of humanitarian relief commodities to Gaza Strip by providing a common transportation facility that is practical and efficient for shipment of humanitarian goods. This contract is valued at \$585,585.

ARDWBG501 Concord Warehouse Gaza

This contract seeks to provide a common warehousing facility that is practical and efficient to facilitate the shipment of humanitarian relief to Gaza. Under this contract, CEP rents a warehouse in Ramallah and hires a warehouse supervisor. This project is valued at \$88,358.

3.5 INDICATOR REPORTING

Given the continuously changing political environment in which West Bank/Gaza USAID programs operate, and CEP's mandate to support reform and those who promote the two-state solution, it is necessary for the project to conduct regular analysis at the program and strategic levels.

Each CEP grant project measures progress against established project indicators (see Table 1). CEP indicators were chosen by CEP staff in collaboration with USAID. They are predominately output indicators; that is, they measure the direct product of project activities. The table below shows the actual outputs for CEP II completed grants (actual results achieved per indicator during the period 1 April -30 June 2009).

TABLE I – CEPII INDICATORS		
(Actual results achieved per Indicator during the period 1 April 2008 - 30 June 2009)		
Objective	Indicators	Actual Outputs
2. Strengthen Reform-Minded Palestinian Leaders and Institutions in Support of Improved Service Provision and Increased Responsiveness to Citizen Needs	No. of male beneficiaries	4,800
	No. of female beneficiaries	4,300
	No. temporary job-days (people x days)	420
	No. temporary jobs created (positions)	7
	No. of youth facilities equipped	1
	No. of pieces of equipment (other than computers) provided	80
	No. of youth centers furnished	1
	No. of square meters of side walks	1,200
	Linear meters of retaining walls, fences, and terraces	1,200
	Square meter of asphaltting road area	1,400
	Length of road in meters that had new traffic signs, guardrails, or thermoplastic paint installed	3,000
	Linear meters of trench asphalt reinstatement	1,500
	No. of children/youth participated in non-violent activities	300
	No. of teachers/professionals (adult) participated in non-violent activities	18
No. of publications/newsletters/brochures in non-violent related activities distributed	6	

TABLE I – CEPII INDICATORS		
(Actual results achieved per Indicator during the period April 2008 - 30 June 2009)		
Objective	Indicators	Actual Outputs
	Value (\$) of leveraged funds for participating groups/communities	3,000
3. Supply Basic Humanitarian commodities to disadvantaged groups, to preserve hope and moderation among impoverished population	No. of Food packages /hot meals distributed	300
	No. of clothing packages distributed	
	No. household items distributed	500
	No. of medical aids/ special needs units distributed	29,070
	No. of individuals benefited from Humanitarian aid	46,200
4. Distribute food and relief items direct or through work and training, to preserve hope and moderation among impoverished population.	No. of households reached	35,559
	No. of farmers benefited	3,578
	No. of localities reached	229
	No. tons of flour distributed	18
	No. liters of olive oil distributed	6,629
	No. metric tons of food commodities distributed	629
	No. of people benefiting from USAID supported food assistance	251,830
	Temporary jobs created (positions)	209
	Temporary job-days (people x days)	6,408
Common Indicators 3 & 4:	Indicator 1: No. of male beneficiaries	155,565
	Indicator 2: No. of female beneficiaries	127,221

4.0 IMPLEMENTATION

During the reporting quarter, 12 activities were cleared valued at \$2,958,731. In addition to the emergency humanitarian relief assistance in Gaza, the new grants addressed a wide range of grant activity critical to the support of Palestinian reform-minded institutions and democratic processes. The following represents the various stages of CEP II West Bank/Gaza grants:

- **Under Implementation** (currently active grants):

Gaza Strip:	8 grants valued at	\$2,934,677
West Bank:	11 grants valued at	\$1,647,190
Total:	19 grants valued at	\$4,581,867

- **Completed** (grant activities completed but pending administrative actions such as final payments and title transfers before closing out):

Gaza Strip:	12 grants valued at	\$5,729,104
West Bank:	5 grants valued at	\$ 741,247
Total:	17 grants valued at	\$ 6,470,351

- **Closed** (grant activities completed, reports, and payments accounted for, and final compliance check completed):

Gaza Strip:	2 grants valued at	\$40,145
West Bank:	0 grants valued at	\$0
National	0 grants valued at	\$0
Total:	2 grants valued at	\$40,145

- **Cancelled** (previously “on hold” grants cleared by USAID to cancel, and met reporting and compliance requirements—the dollar figures below are only those expended to date and not the original obligated amount):

Gaza Strip:	5 grants valued at	\$840,330
West Bank:	1 grant valued at	\$212,900
Total:	6 grants valued at	\$1,053,230

- **Rejected** (“yellow-lighted” grants which were cancelled before the team had the chance to fully develop to be submitted for “green-light”):

Gaza:	1 grant valued at	\$0
West Bank:	0 grants valued at	\$0
Total:	1 grant valued at	\$0

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