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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AADM	Al-Hares Association for Democracy and Media
ACTED	Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development
AISG	American International School Gaza
AMIDEAST	America-Mideast Educational and Training Services
ANERA	American Near East Refugee Aid
AISG	American International School Gaza
CACB	Catholic Action Club
CEP	Civic Engagement Program
CHF	Community Housing Fund
CRS	Catholic Relief Services
CSO	Civil Society Organization
HoH	House of Hope
IOCC	International Orthodox Christian Charities
IRD	International Relief and Development
JEC	Jericho Equestrian Club
LHA	Life and Hope Association
MCI	Mercy Corps International
NCD	National Council for Development
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
OTI	Office of Transition Initiatives
PA	Palestinian Authority
PCDCR	Palestinian Center for Democracy and Conflict Resolution
PFLP	The Popular Front to Liberate Palestine
PLO	Palestinian Liberation Organization
RFA	Requests for Application
RI	Relief International

RUSC	Rummana Union Sports Club
SCUS	Save the Children Federation
UHIGA	Universities and Higher Institutions Graduates Association
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
YYSC	Al Yamun Youth Sporting Club

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 is a \$25,000,000 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 has identified a number of institutions, including public and semi-public offices as well as non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working in the different sectors as long-term partners, to help improve their structure, efficiency, and service provision capacity. CEP has submitted to USAID a list of institutions and proposed activity ideas for each one. Upon approval from USAID, CEP will then work with the target institutions to develop an action plan of assistance to address their priorities, and will then clarify the approaches and packages of assistance to be provided (through grants and technical assistance).

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

The four objectives of CEP 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 July through September of 2009.

2.0 PROGRAMMING

The quarter's major achievements included the following.

- During this quarter, CEP has completed, or is in the process of implementing, 72 grants for a total of \$19,778,095. These grants include Gaza humanitarian assistance emergency efforts, ongoing West Bank democracy and governance activities, and USAID logistics support operations.
- CEP has completed the second round of requests for application (RFA) for Gaza Emergency Response for which nine US NGOs and one non-US NGO implemented humanitarian assistance projects.
- Upon request from USAID, CEP has launched and processed the third round of RFA among eight 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 are as follows.

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 the 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 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 (IOCC), Relief International (RI), Save the Children Federation (SCUS), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Mercy Corps International (MCI), American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), CARE International (Care), and Community Housing Fund (CHF) International. The Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development (ACTED) is the non-US NGO. These international NGOs were awarded grants up to \$750,000 each, to provide affected families with basic commodities consistent with USAID's humanitarian relief plans.

Due to the successes of the first and second rounds, CEP was tasked to launch a third round of RFA for Gaza Emergency Response among eight US NGOs which are present in Gaza and capable of delivering the needed humanitarian assistance according to USAID's plans. The eight US NGOs include: IOCC, RI, SCUS, CRS, MCI, ANERA, International Relief & Development (IRD), and CHF International. These international NGOs were awarded grants up to \$750,000 each, to provide affected families with basic commodities consistent with USAID's humanitarian relief plans. ACTED received a grant of \$249,100. The American

CEP Programs in Gaza January 2009 – Present

ARD/CEP implemented programs throughout the Gaza Strip:

- 757,892 families have benefited.
- 19 projects have been completed, totaling \$7,449,491.
- 26 projects are under implementation, totaling \$10,448,263
- 13 projects are under considerations, totaling \$10,475,164.
- 183 trucks have shipped goods to Gaza.
- 4,095 total pallets imported to families in need.

International School Gaza (AISG) also received two grants for a total of \$452,182 to provide school students with textbooks and school supplies.



Ni'ma Al Hamss, 60 year old mother of seven children and the family's only provider, received a hygiene kit at ACTED's Zeitoun distribution. Their house was damaged in the "cast lead" operation in December 2008. Ms. Al Hamss said as she wiped her tears: "Thank you for helping me provide for my seven children, thank you for alleviating our suffering. I do not know what I would have done without this assistance."

CEP Grants – West Bank

Ramadan Activities:

The holy month of Ramadan which began 22 August 2009 and ended 19 September 2009 presented a window of opportunity for CEP's grantees to empower their relations with their communities, and to enhance their responsiveness to citizens' needs. Ramadan grants focused on engaging youth in constructive activities, and improving the daily lives of poor Palestinian families, especially during Ramadan when expenditures usually increase.

In Jenin: USAID/CEP partnered with youth clubs throughout Jenin governorate to engage children and youth in constructive activities which can positively impact the community as a whole. USAID/CEP implemented four grants with four youth clubs in Jenin governorate. Through these grants, USAID/CEP helped empower and enhance the credibility of the clubs among the local community. The four youth clubs were: Jenin Sports Club, Al Yamoun Youth Sports Club, Ya'bad Sports Club, and Rummana Union Sports Club. Activities included football, basketball,

volleyball, and chess tournaments; and 16 cultural nights in which 2,650 school bags were distributed. Also, 2,200 Ramadan Iftar meals were served in all four locations. The total value of the four grants was \$135,000.

The closing ceremony for the Ramadan cultural and sports activities took place at the Jenin high school sports field. The football, basketball, and chess tournaments concluded prior to the closing ceremony, while the final round of the volleyball tournament took place at the beginning of the event, in which the Jenin Youth Club's team won the tournament. Jenin's Governor, Mr. Qadoura Mousa, thanked USAID for its continuous support to Jenin governorate, and added that USAID projects have significantly helped the Palestinian Authority's efforts to restore law and order throughout the governorate.



In Bethlehem: USAID/CEP supported Al Hares Center for Democracy and Media to conduct iftars for 1000 families and four Ramadan cultural nights in four villages in the western rural areas in Bethlehem. For the first time in 30 years a celebratory event took place in each one of these four villages. The night events offered Ramadan iftar meals for 250 poor families, and cultural nights were attended by over 800 people in a Ramadan tent set in the middle of each one of the four

villages. The performing band from Jerusalem conducted comedy sketches and folklore songs to help relieve political and social pressures within the communities.

In Hebron: In its efforts to empower local governance, CEP helped Hebron Municipality enhance its responsiveness to citizens needs. USAID/CEP partnered with the municipality during the month of Ramadan to revive the old city of Hebron and help create an attractive business environment and an enjoyable holiday season in the old city of Hebron.



Through this \$50,000 activity, Ramadan iftars were offered for 1,250 vulnerable families in the old city of Hebron. It is worth mentioning that the families that attended are ones who usually come to the Ibrahimi Mosque seeking charitable assistance. USAID/CEP also supported the municipality to decorate the old city of Hebron and create an uplifting holiday environment. Eight thousand linear meters of decorative colored lights were installed in the center of Hebron and the old city. Merchants and shop-owners in the city expressed their gratitude for USAID/CEP and the municipality for significantly reviving commercial activities in the city.

Capacity Development Component

In parallel with the Civic Engagement Program's ongoing in-kind grants activities, CEP will work on long-term capacity-building of six key local institutions throughout the West Bank and Gaza. The capacity-building approach will draw on local knowledge of service provision gaps and self-identified institutional capacity weaknesses of the selected target institutions. CEP intends to build a sustainable institutional basis for service delivery while promoting stronger channels of communication between end users and institutional service providers for hands-on civic development.

The Capacity Development Component of CEP addresses the second objective of CEP. CEP programs have worked with a number of Palestinian Authority entities and NGOs throughout the West Bank and Gaza at both the local and national levels. Through this wide network, CEP selected six institutions, which are:

- Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce;
- Hebron South Chamber of Commerce;
- Palestinian Center for Mass Communication (PCMC);
- Palestinian Olympics Committee;
- Syndicate of the Psychological and Social Worker; and
- Life and Hope Association.

Upon approval from USAID, CEP will then work with the target institutions to: 1) develop an action plan of assistance to address their priorities; 2) set clear objectives with detailed expected results and outcomes; 3) elaborate the packages of assistance to be provided (grants/technical assistance); and 4) establish an overall implementation schedule within a reasonable time frame.

CEP PROGRAMS IN RAMADAN
22 August-September 19

- **CEP's contribution in Ramadan:**
Jenin: \$135,000 Bethlehem: \$31,840 Hebron: \$97,423 Gaza: \$44,200
- **Number of Beneficiaries reached:**
Jenin: 3,900 Bethlehem: 3,000 Hebron: 14,500 Gaza: 1,200
- **Activities included:** Sports tournaments, cultural nights, iftar meals, clean-up campaigns, and holiday decorations.

SPECIAL FOCUS: JENIN GOVERNORATE

Recent security and economic development gains in the Jenin governorate have paved the way for increased US government assistance. As the Palestinian Authority launched the security plan in mid-2008, USAID identified Jenin governorate as a target area in the West Bank in an effort to maintain positive steps taken by the Authority to establish law and order. Estimates show that economic growth is rising in the West Bank from parallel actions by the Authority to restore law and order, and from donor's assistance to enhance economic activities.

Due to its unique rapid response capability, USAID/CEP was tasked to identify areas in Jenin where recent successes in the security arena can be balanced by assistance to local entities. In order to maximize its impact, USAID/CEP targeted particular areas in the Jenin governorates which are most affected by the Separation Barrier, mainly northeast and western Jenin. In these areas, CEP has partnered with selective local democratic government institutions, developing their capacities and funding projects which increase their responsiveness to citizens' needs. Projects have varied from workshops for youth and children to creating public venues (parks, community halls), construction of schools, and sports facilities. By supporting local entities, CEP aims to create a critical mass for positive social, political and economic momentum throughout the governorate.

USAID/CEP has helped to connect political stability with economic prosperity across Jenin. The Governor of Jenin, Mr. Qadoura Mousa reiterated at the closing ceremony of a CEP activity in Jenin: *"USAID projects have significantly helped the PA's efforts in restoring law and order throughout the governorate. I thank USAID for its irreplaceable assistance..."*



CEP Engaged Youth and Children throughout Jenin in constructive Ramadan activities through sports tournaments, iftars, and cultural nights. Activities have been covered widely by local news media.

CEP IN JENIN GOVERNORATE

NOVEMBER 2008- PRESENT

- CEP's contribution in Jenin has totaled \$1,634,577.
- Number of beneficiaries in Jenin reached 63,565 families.
- Activities include: school construction, creation of public venues (parks and community halls), institutional capacity development, youth and community engagement programs.
- For the next period, activities are expected to total \$894,500.
- Expected number of beneficiaries will approximately be 61,060 families.

2.1 POLITICAL SITUATION

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

Internal Palestinian Politics:

- **The Egyptian Plan and Reactions by Palestinian Factions:** On 10 September 2009, Egypt presented a comprehensive proposal to resolve the outstanding issues dividing Palestinians, building on seven rounds of dialogue since the early months of this year, and based on the holding of elections in the first half of 2010. Reactions to the Egyptian proposal for the unity government have been mixed. Most Palestinian factions with the exception of Fatah released official statements on their reactions to the Egyptian plan. Some Fatah members expressed their reservations around the suggestion of the plan to postpone the elections for the Palestinian Legislative Council and the Presidency, but no official reaction has been released.
- **Elections:** Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has pointed out his intention, in accordance with Palestinian law, to decree Presidential and legislative elections to be held in the West Bank and Gaza at the expiry of the term of the current Palestinian Legislative Council in January 2010. Hamas has, however, indicated that it will not permit the holding of elections in Gaza before an agreement on national unity is reached.
- **PA's efforts to restore Law and Order:** The Palestinian Authority (PA) continued to ensure law and order in West Bank cities and towns. The trend of reduced Israeli military operations since June 2009 is evident. In addition, the PA has implemented new traffic laws, and has become aggressive in charging fines for those who abuse the law. The impact of this is very apparent, as it is common now to see Palestinians in taxis and private cars with their seatbelts on, something which has been missing until a month ago.
- **The PLO:** There have also been important political steps on the Palestinian side under the leadership of President Abbas. On 26 August, the Palestinian National Council—the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO)'s legislative body—met in Ramallah, the first such meeting since 1988. Six new members were elected to the PLO Executive Committee.
- **Fatah Sixth Conference:** Fatah convened its Sixth Conference in the movement's 45-year history on 4 August 2009 in the West Bank city of Bethlehem. The conference was an historic event and a milestone in the movement's history and perhaps for the Palestinian people as a whole. It was the first Fatah conference to take place on Palestinian soil. Election results were important, as an intriguing mix of veteran and new popular leaders who represent young and old generations were elected. The conference ended with the elections of new members for the central committee and the revolutionary council. The new central committee includes 14 new members, four incumbents, and five leaders appointed by president Mahmoud Abbas. In addition, 616 members including 50 women vied for 80 open seats in the 128-seat revolutionary council. A drawback to the conference was that Hamas did not allow Fatah leaders to leave Gaza, though some managed to leave ahead of time and make it to the conference. However, this did not impact the conference much, and in fact, the conference strengthened president Abbas, and rejuvenated the Fatah movement.

American Efforts to resume Peace Talks:

As the new US administration is determined to resume Palestinian-Israeli peace talks, the US envoy George Mitchell conducted meetings in Ramallah and Jerusalem with President Mahmoud Abbas, and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Over four days, the US envoy met twice with Abbas and four times with Netanyahu,

but unfortunately the talks yielded no tangible results. The key disputes are over Israeli settlement expansion and whether peace talks should begin where they left off under Netanyahu's predecessors.

Despite Mitchell's failure to put together a proposal that would enable the launching of negotiations between both sides, President Obama, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and President Abbas met Tuesday 22 September 2009 in New York on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly. President Obama expressed his impatience with both sides. He reiterated: "The time has come to re-launch negotiations—without preconditions—that address the permanent-status issues: security for Israelis and Palestinians; borders, refugees, and Jerusalem."

Envoy Mitchell's recent visits to the Middle East and the Tuesday meeting at the UN are all signs of president's Obama's deep commitment to a comprehensive peace plan. It also shows that President Obama has set the renewal of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations as a major foreign-policy priority.

Different Palestinian factions have criticized President Abbas's participation in the three-way meeting. The Popular Front to Liberate Palestine (PFLP), Islamic Jihad, and Hamas stated that there was no justification for this meeting, and had called on Abbas to reject the meeting until Israel officially announces that it would completely stop settlement activities.

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. Gazans therefore suffer major political, social, and economic stress. The situation remains unstable and at a great risk of major conflict.

2.2 ECONOMIC SITUATION

The economy grew by 5.4 percent in the second quarter of 2009, as compared with the same period in 2008. However, the PA is facing a serious budget crisis and is using local commercial banks for loans.

PA Budget Deficit: The PA is facing a significant budget deficit of approximately \$400 million dollars, and is, therefore, taking loans from domestic banks. The loss of Gaza revenues since the Hamas takeover, Israeli restrictions on West Bank movement, and the failure of donors to live up to their commitments are all factors which have led to this deficit in the budget. The international community pledged \$1.45 billion in assistance to the Palestinian government for its 2009 budget. However, the PA has received less than a quarter of this amount. The budget crisis could negatively impact the implementation of the Palestinian Security Plan. Crucial steps need to continue in order to restore law and order in the West Bank and Gaza and for this the PA needs timely donor assistance.

Gaza Economy: Due to Israel's blockade, no Palestinian exports were allowed in during the reporting period, and there has been no significant improvement in access and movement. Imports mostly include humanitarian assistance consisting of food and medical supplies. The short-term impact of the siege is apparent in the slow economic progress of Gaza's economy. The longer-term consequences of the siege are of great concern, especially in terms of deteriorating public infrastructure and destruction of livelihoods among a population of whom half are children.

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

3.0 SUCCESS STORIES

3.1 PEACE PARK – BEIT SAHUR

In partnership with Beit Sahur Municipality, USAID/CEP helped fund the construction of the Peace Park. The symbolism behind the building of this park is an inspiration in itself, as the land where the Peace Park is being built used to be an Israeli military base. It is also important to note that USAID contributed approximately 50% of the funds for the park, while the rest of the 50% was offered by the municipality itself, the PA, United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), and local businesses. This has given a message of hope of the collective work that could be accomplished among local and international institutions.

The park is constructed on the top of a hill, and consists of a stage theater, yard, mini-field, outdoor games for children, and a multi-purpose town hall. The hall is used for the municipality’s meetings, conferences, and other events. The photograph (right) is of the hall where a meeting was conducted when a delegation of mayors from France visited Beit Sahur.



With the finishing of the park, Beit Sahur municipality launched the Beit Sahur Art Festival which is planned to take place annually. The festival was for four nights 10-14 July 2009. Each night, a local artist performed, in addition to theater plays and folklore bands. About 2,000-2,500 residents from the Bethlehem Governorate attended.

The Peace Park has uplifted people’s spirit, as it has given a place for family entertainment, youth participation, and community relief. It has brought light and a feeling of peace and hope that what once used to be a military-base has become a Peace Park. Arab Israelis were also able to join. Ruzan Khouri, an Arab Israeli, opened the festival with one of her famous songs. This festival broke all boundaries created by checkpoints and the Separation Barrier, and united Palestinians in one happy place, the Peace Park.



3.2 GAZA EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE – ALLEVIATING THE SUFFERING OF DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES

Through assistance provided by the Civic Engagement Program with funding from USAID, ACTED has been able to help provide much needed assistance to civilians in the Gaza Strip who had been impacted by the recent conflict in December 2008 and January 2009. During June and July 2009, ACTED successfully distributed hygiene kits, kitchen kits and blankets to 1,350 families affected by the war, as well as 170 tents for families whose homes were destroyed.

Heba Musa and her family are among those who received non-food item assistance from ACTED through the CEP program. Heba's family suffered gravely during the conflict when her husband and both of his parents were killed in a bombing next to their home east of Tufah neighborhood on the edge of Gaza City. In addition to the loss of life, their entire home was destroyed and all of their possessions were lost. The 35-year old mother and her five young children were left with no choice but to move into her father's family house. This unemployed and widowed woman now resides in a small two-room home with a total of 13 people.

"I had only 300 Shekels [approximately US\$75] left of my savings," Heba remarked, explaining the situation she was facing. "I actually had planned to use the money to buy many of the things in the hygiene kit, so this is a great relief for me. I am very happy about its quality, quantity, and diversity of what ACTED provided." Heba gives thanks for everything her family has received and added that the money saved can now go towards feeding and clothing her children.

What ACTED has offered for this poor family will not return back lost ones, or their damaged home, but it will provide relief for this widowed, unemployed mother who cannot afford to provide for her children. It will alleviate the suffering of her children, and improve the quality of their daily life.



Amjad, one of Heba's sons, receiving a hygiene kit at ACTED's Zeitoun distribution.



3.3 MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN STUDENTS DAILY LIVES KAFR NI'MA GIRLS' SCHOOL

USAID/CEP has completed the renovation of three classrooms, an activity hall, and the external yards at Kafr Ni'ma girls' school in Northwest Ramallah. Kafr Ni'ma girls used to take classes in small, deteriorated, cold, and unhealthy rooms. They used to play in an open and dangerous yard. With the help of USAID/CEP, Kafr Ni'ma girls' school now has proper classrooms, safe yards, seats, and facilities which give students the facilities they deserve. The head teacher expressed her gratitude indicating that academic achievements have significantly improved.

Amaal, the only girl in a wheelchair, says that she is very thankful for the wheelchair ramp, which gave her the possibility to go to her classroom without the need to wait for four girls to carry her chair, something that limited her interaction with other girls in the external yard during the breaks. Amaal said she now feels like a normal student and has hopes and dreams for the future.

Amal and her friends enjoy the extra-curricular activities in the newly renovated school hall which is used for sports classes and gym training. The school yard has become a safe and agreeable place for students to spend their breaks, and enjoy sports classes.



Before the renovation:



After completion of the renovation:



4.0 CEP PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

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

4.1 PROJECTS COMPLETED

ARDWBG310 Disabled Equestrian Rehab Jericho

USAID/CEP partnered with Jericho Equestrian Club (JEC), and helped enhance JEC's service provision to disabled people. USAID/CEP helped JEC 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. JEC will inaugurate this project around mid-October 2009 by conducting a jumping race show which will include disabled horsemen from both the Israeli and Palestinian sides. The total beneficiaries of the project are 2,200. The project is valued at \$96,740.

ARDWBG312 MC Sports Field Rehab Kharas

In efforts to empower local governance, USAID/CEP partnered with Kharas Municipality to strengthen the moderate leadership of the municipality and enhance its public outreach especially among youth in Kharas. USAID/CEP helped Kharas Municipality upgrade the town's sports field in order to create a venue for youth. The project upgraded the sports field by enlarging it to acceptable standards from 60x80 to 70x100; constructing the boundary walls, ground leveling and smoothing; and installing fence and lighting. The improved sports field became a public venue for sports, cultural, and social activities in Kharas and will enhance public confidence in the moderate elected municipal leadership. The total beneficiaries of the project are 4,000. The project is valued at \$126,300.

ARDWBG313 CACB Rehab Equipment Bethlehem

In partnership with the Catholic Action Club Bethlehem (CACB), USAID/CEP helped develop the physical capacity of the CACB as an active civil society institution in Bethlehem. This is through upgrading its multi-purpose hall, the cinema, and a children's play area. USAID/CEP also supported the installation of air conditioning units for the public hall and the cinema hall and the rehabilitation of the toilets to allow for a suitable venue for public activities. By implementing this activity, CACB was able to build on its good reputation and the success it has in the sports arena to broaden its scope of activities and thus play a more active role in the community. The total beneficiaries of the project are 3,000. The project is valued at \$136,950.

ARDWBG315 PCDCR Democratic Forums Gaza

USAID/CEP partnered 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 attendants participated in a series of four discussion meetings; two groups in each of the three governorates of Gaza City, Dier El Balah, and Khan Younis. The discussions focused on political developments and governance topics during a period of three months. The total beneficiaries of the project are 1,113. The project is valued at \$12,840.

ARDWBG316 UHIGA After School Program Khan Younis

To help with the psychological well-being of students in Gaza, 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. The after school program engaged students between the ages of 8 and 12 years old in supplementary classes in Arabic, English and Math during 40 days, followed by psychosocial support activities. The total beneficiaries of the project are 1,547. The project is valued at \$58,625.

ARDWBG317 LHA After school Program Jabalya

To help with the psychological well-being of students in Gaza, 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 engaged students between the ages of 8 and 12 years old in supplementary classes followed by psychosocial support activities. The total beneficiaries of the project are 1,547. The project is valued at \$55,130.

ARDWBG341 CHF Plastic Sheets Gaza

USAID/CEP supported CHF as a leading international organization that addresses the humanitarian situation in Gaza. Through this grant, CHF helped war-affected Gaza residents to seal their shelter. CHF was provided with plastic sheets and tape that was used to close casements caused by the Israeli air-strikes. The total beneficiaries of the project are 19,706. The project is valued at \$500,340.

ARDWBG342 MCI Emergency Response Gaza

USAID/CEP partnered with MCI, to help alleviate the humanitarian situation caused by the latest Israeli military operations in Gaza. Through this grant, MCI provided immediate humanitarian assistance for 2,000 families in Gaza who are impacted by the crisis through the emergency provision of basic food and non-food items, such as cleanup kits, home repair kits, and clothing kits. The total beneficiaries of the project are 12,000. The project is valued at \$749,523.

ARDWBG346 CRS Emergency Response Gaza

To help alleviate the humanitarian situation caused by the latest Israeli military operations in Gaza, USAID/CEP partnered with CRS to provide humanitarian assistance for needy families in Gaza. CRS provided immediate humanitarian assistance for 2,000 families in Gaza who are impacted 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 also supported organizing 12 events for 600 children in total and providing children

with colored pencils, color books, sets of socks, and candies. The total beneficiaries of the project are 19,150. The project is valued at \$733,867.

ARDWBG351 RI Emergency Response Gaza

USAID/CEP partnered with RI, to help alleviate the humanitarian situation caused by the latest Israeli military operations in Gaza. RI provided immediate humanitarian assistance for 3,500 families in Gaza who are impacted by the crisis through the emergency provision of basic food and non-food items, such as kitchen and repair kits. RI also provided mattresses and blankets to 1,862 families. The total beneficiaries of the project are 24,500. The project is valued at \$750,000.

ARDWBG356 Al-Ihsan Peace March Beit Jala

This grant provided Al-Ihsan, Arab Orthodox Benevolent Society, with material support needed to organize the annual Peace March as a community initiative in Beit Jala. USAID/CEP assisted the society and its scout troops 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 similar future events. Organizing the Peace March provided an opportunity for moderate people and leaders to come together and launch one unified message of peace during the holiday season. The total beneficiaries of the project are 3,000. The project is valued at \$19,350.

ARDWBG360 MC Water Tanks Al Fukhkhari

This grant provided Al Fukhkhari Municipality with water tanks to 300 families who lost their water tanks during the latest Israeli operations in Gaza. The implementation of this grant demonstrated the moderate Palestinian institution's ability to meet the priorities of its constituents through addressing priority needs in an unstable, turbulent, and hostile environment. It also contributed to the efforts of preserving hope and moderation among impoverished population. The total beneficiaries of the project are 2,100. The project is valued at \$55,500.

ARDWBG362 MC Water Tanks Abasan Al Kabira

USAID/CEP provided Abasan Al Kabira Municipality with basic humanitarian commodities of 300 water tanks to families who lost their water tanks during the latest Israeli operations in Gaza. This grant also contributed to the efforts of preserving hope and moderation among an impoverished population. The implementation of this grant demonstrated the moderate Palestinian institution's ability to meet the priorities of their constituents through addressing priority concerns in an unstable, turbulent and hostile environment. The total beneficiaries of the project are 2,100. The project is valued at \$55,500.

ARDWBG365 ACTED Emergency Assistance Gaza

To help alleviate the humanitarian situation caused by the latest Israeli military operations in Gaza, USAID/CEP partnered with ACTED to provide emergency assistance to families in need. ACTED provided immediate humanitarian assistance for 600 families in North Gaza Strip who are impacted by the crisis through the emergency provision of basic non-food items, such as blankets, cooking sets, hygiene kits, and cash for work. The total beneficiaries of the project are 4,445. The project is valued at \$246,517.

ARDWBG402 AMIDEAST Cultural Movie Outing Nablus

USAID/CEP provided funds to pay for three sessions of film showing for a total of about 325 viewers in coordination with America-Mideast Educational and Training Services (AMIDEAST). AMIDEAST was responsible for all logistical arrangements for organizing the groups and their transportation to the movie theatre. This direct implementation grant helped the English language program students at AMIDEAST to better understand Western culture as well as encouraging a more open and understanding approach in looking at other cultures in general. The total beneficiaries of the project are 325. The project is valued at \$1,500.

ARDWBG404 YYSC Cultural Sports Nights Al Yamun

USAID/CEP partnered with Al Yamun Youth Sporting Club (YYSC), to conduct a variety of cultural and sports activities. USAID/CEP sponsored four cultural nights, in which school bag gifts for the children have been distributed. YYSC hosted a chess mini-tournament, in addition to a one-day voluntary cleanup campaign in the village. This grant helped to improve the daily lives of poor Palestinian families in Ramadan, when expenditures usually increase. The total beneficiaries of the project are 900. The project is valued at \$39,290.

ARDWBG405 RUSC Cultural Sports Nights Rummana

USAID/CEP in partnership with Rummana Union Sports Club (RUSC) helped conduct a variety of cultural and sports activities. USAID/CEP sponsored four cultural nights, in which school bag gifts for the children have been distributed. RUSC hosted a football mini-tournament. In addition, RUSC organized a voluntary one-day cleanup campaign in the village. This grant helped to improve the daily lives of poor Palestinian families in Ramadan when expenditures usually increase. The total beneficiaries of the project are 550. The project is valued at \$23,275.

ARDWBG406 YSC Cultural Sports Nights Ya'bad

USAID/CEP supported Ya'bad Sporting Club to conduct a variety of cultural and sports activities. USAID/CEP sponsored four cultural nights, in which school bag gifts for the children were distributed. YSC hosted a football mini-tournament, in addition to organizing a voluntary one-day cleanup campaign in the village. This grant helped to improve the daily lives of poor Palestinian families in Ramadan when expenditures usually increase. The total beneficiaries of the project are 1,000. The project is valued at \$30,270.

ARDWBG409 NCD Ramadan Food Baskets Hebron

USAID/CEP partnered with National Council for Development (NCD) to revive the economic and social situation in the old city of Hebron through integrating the work of civil society organizations, the community, and the municipality. NCD had delivered to families in need in-kind food assistance in the form of a food basket to alleviate their suffering during the month of Ramadan. These activities increased the credibility of the local moderate NGO, and enhanced its responsiveness to emerging needs. It motivated them to positively interact with local partners through addressing the direct needs of marginalized and impoverished families during Ramadan. Since poverty and unemployment are very high in the old city of Hebron, this grant helped to improve the living conditions of families in need, and alleviate their human suffering. The total beneficiaries of the project are 2,500. The project is valued at \$39,143.

ARDWBG410 AADM Ramadan Nights Bethlehem

USAID/CEP supported Al-Hares Association for Democracy and Media (AADM) to conduct social and cultural nights during the month of Ramadan. USAID/CEP partnered with AADM to organize four night festivals which included a Ramadan cultural tent, Ramadan meals for 250 people, and theater plays which addressed social and current challenges for youth and women in marginalized areas and areas affected by the Separation Barrier. By conducting the cultural and folklore nights in the villages of Battir, Husan, Wadi Fukin, and Nahhalin, AADM increased people's confidence in moderate civil society organizations. Moreover, it also enhanced AADM's responsiveness to citizens needs especially in these four villages which have been severely impacted by the Separation Barrier. The total beneficiaries of the project are 3,000. The project is valued at \$31,840.

ARDWBG421 MC Old City Reviving Hebron

USAID/CEP helped Hebron Municipality clean and decorate the alleys of the old city, conduct a Ramadan tent of six cultural nights that included a performance band for each night. It launched a local media and clean up campaign. Hebron Municipality mobilized 120 youth volunteers and conducted a cleanup campaign, and organized a four-day iftar for over 1,200 poor people in the old city. This grant demonstrated Hebron Municipality's responsiveness to citizens' needs, and enhanced its credibility among local residents, and Palestinians in general. It also encouraged tourism in the old city, improved business activities, and most importantly revived the old city of Hebron. The total beneficiaries of the project are 12,000. The project is valued at \$48,380.

4.2 PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION/ WEST BANK

ARDWBG302 MC Road Rehab Salfit

This grant provided Salfit Municipality with 1,350m of curbstones, 2500m² of sidewalks, and building 436m³ of retaining walls, in addition to some needed excavation work, for the rehabilitation of the main road in the town. Building retaining walls and installing curbstones will resolve the flooding problem. Many homes are severely affected by rain during the winter time. The total beneficiaries of the project are 9,000. The project is valued at \$236,620.

ARDWBG314 PCRC Equipment Workshop Bethlehem

USAID/CEP partnered with The Palestinian Conflict Resolution Center (Wi'am), to support the transition of Wi'am Center to the new location and will provide them with the needed furniture and equipment to boost Wi'am's working and social mediation capacity and empower its moderate leadership as an agent for positive change. USAID/CEP will furnish the computer center and the meeting hall with all the complementary furniture and equipment. After the delivery of equipment Wi'am will hold a five-day training workshop on mediation and social stability for its partners from Bethlehem and Hebron areas at its new location. The total beneficiaries of the project are 3,000. The project is valued at \$52,978.

ARDWBG398 HOH Rehab Furniture Bethlehem

USAID/CEP helped the House of Hope organization (HoH) in Bethlehem renovate and furnish the existing three story (500m²) dorm house allocated for the use of handicapped and visually impaired persons. The dorm will serve more than 80 disadvantaged persons belonging to poor families. This activity will help

develop the physical capacity of the HoH and maintain its credibility as a moderate community based organization. It will also help the HoH improve the quality of service provided under its special educational training and rehabilitation services given for the visually and mentally disabled persons. The total beneficiaries of the project are 2,000. The project is valued at \$241,705.

ARDWBG401 JSC Cultural & Sports Nights Jenin

In its efforts to help engage youth in constructive activities, USAID/CEP partnered with Jenin Sports Club, to conduct a variety of cultural and sports activities. USAID/CEP sponsored four cultural nights, in which school bag gifts for the children have been distributed. Jenin Sports Club hosted a volleyball mini-tournament that took place at the Jenin Secondary School playground. USAID/CEP installed lights for the sports field, as the mini-tournament took place during the evenings. This grant helped to improve the daily lives of poor Palestinian families during Ramadan when expenditures usually increase, through supplying disadvantaged families with school bags for their children, and entertainment for the families at night. The total beneficiaries of the project are 1,000. The project is valued at \$42,750.

4.3 PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION/ GAZA

ARDWBG408 UHIGA Ramadan Nights Gaza

USAID/CEP in partnership with Universities and Higher Institutions Graduates Association (UHIGA) has implemented 12 Ramadan socio-cultural nights in four areas in the Gaza Strip. Approximately 1,200 people attended events sponsored by four moderate NGOs including UHIGA. The activity included a meal, a theatre show followed by discussions, then distribution of certificates and gifts for the NGOs' volunteers. The activity will empower UHIGA and enhance its position in the Palestinian society. The total beneficiaries of the project are 1,200. The project is valued at \$44,200.

4.4 GAZA EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANTS AND SUBCONTRACTS

ARDWBG371 CRS Humanitarian Assistance Gaza

USAID/CEP helped CRS provide humanitarian assistance for vulnerable families in the Gaza Strip through distribution of food and kitchen accessories. The total beneficiaries of the project are 29,500. The project is valued at \$749,461.

ARDWBG372 RI Humanitarian Assistance Gaza

USAID/CEP partnered with RI to reduce the continued hardship faced by 33,250 people (4,750 families) who are categorized as the most vulnerable and marginalized households in the Gaza Strip by distributing hygiene parcels, bed sets, and children's underwear to 3,000 families and basic food parcels to 1,750 fishermen. The total beneficiaries of the project are 4,750. The project is valued at \$749,992.

ARDWBG373 CHF Humanitarian Assistance Gaza

USAID/CEP supported CHF International to assist 3,500 conflict-affected households in meeting basic household needs by providing non-food items, including hygiene and cooking kits. The total beneficiaries of the project are 3,500. The project is valued at \$749,329.

ARDWBG374 IRD Humanitarian Assistance Gaza

USAID/CEP partnered with IRD to assist at least 2,500 vulnerable families in the Gaza Strip with food, clothing, hygiene, and children's recreational supplies through a targeted, community-based parcel distribution; and to enhance services at seven independent community-based health care clinics, which serve 25,500 people annually, through the provision of IRD-donated disposable medical supplies and pharmaceuticals. The total beneficiaries of the project are 2,500. The project is valued at \$747,408.

ARDWBG375 MCI Humanitarian Assistance Gaza

To improve the living conditions of families in Gaza, USAID/CEP partnered with MCI to lessen the suffering of 2,900 vulnerable families (roughly 17,400 individuals) in Gaza through the provision of food and non-food items and livelihood materials. The total beneficiaries of the project are 20,300. The project is valued at \$750,000.

ARDWBG376 SCUS Humanitarian Assistance Gaza

USAID/CEP partnered with SCUS to alleviate the suffering of children and families in Gaza who are most affected by the recent conflict and aims to increase access to humanitarian assistance and supplies that will strengthen its existing child-focused emergency relief activities in Gaza. The total beneficiaries of the project are 31,290. The project is valued at \$749,949.

ARDWBG377 ANERA Humanitarian Assistance Gaza

USAID/CEP provided a grant for the ANERA, to supply hygiene assistance to 7,400 families impacted by the latest crisis in Gaza, and help ANERA sustain its responsiveness to Gaza residents' priorities to sustain the international community's efforts to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. The total beneficiaries of the project are 7,400. The project is valued at \$736,899.

ARDWBG387 ACTED School Uniforms Gaza

USAID/CEP supported ACTED to provide vulnerable families with immediate and timely early disaster relief by providing 4,000 vulnerable children aged 6-14 living in partially or wholly damaged homes school supplies and vouchers for purchasing new school uniforms at a local retailer; also 20 poor families will receive cash assistance through Cash for Work activities. The total beneficiaries of the project are 14,565. The project is valued at \$249,100.

ARDWBG388 AISG School Supplies Gaza

USAID/CEP partnered with the American International School Gaza (AISG), to help alleviate the educational aspect of the humanitarian crisis caused by the latest Israeli military operation in Gaza by providing quality educational services to 200 schoolchildren in Gaza such as science lab supplies and furniture, IT equipment, furniture, infrastructure supplies, and general office and schools supplies, in addition

to gymnasium and music tools and equipment. The total beneficiaries of the project are 200. The project is valued at \$238,369.

ARDWBG389 AISG Textbooks Gaza

USAID/CEP granted AISG funds to help improve the damaged educational aspect of the humanitarian crisis caused by the latest Israeli military operation in Gaza by providing quality educational services to 200 school children in Gaza including textbooks and rental costs for a building to be used as a temporary school facility. The total beneficiaries of the project are 200. The project is valued at \$213,813.

ARDWBG391 LHA School Clothing Jabalya

USAID/CEP supported Life and Hope Association (LHA) to distribute school clothing and supplies to 2,900 needy school students from Jabalya governorate. The supplies will include school clothes, sport shoes, school bags, and basic stationery. This activity will enhance the capabilities of LHA, by enabling them to meet the needs and priorities of the local community and providing disadvantaged students with school supplies. This activity will also help alleviate the suffering of poor families that are unable to provide for the needs of their children. The total beneficiaries of the project are 2,900. The project is valued at \$248,750.

ARDWBG392 UHIGA School Clothing Khan Younis

USAID/CEP partnered with UHIGA, to distribute school clothing and supplies to 2,900 needy school students from Khan Younis governorate. The supplies will include school clothes, sport shoes, school bags, and basic stationery. This activity will enhance the capabilities of UHIGA, by enabling them to meet the needs and priorities of the local community and providing disadvantaged students with school supplies. This activity will also help alleviate the suffering of poor families that are unable to support the basic needs of their children. The total beneficiaries of the project are 2,900. The project is valued at \$248,750.

ARDWBG394 MC School Clothing Abasan Al Kabira

To help alleviate the suffering of students in Gaza, USAID/CEP partnered with Abasan Al Kabira Municipality to distribute school clothing and supplies to 2,900 needy school students from Abasan Al Kabira in Khan Younis governorate. The supplies will include: school clothes, sport shoes, school bags and basic stationery. This activity will enhance the capabilities of the municipality by enabling them to meet the needs and priorities of the local community and providing disadvantaged students with school supplies. This activity will help alleviate the suffering of poor families that are unable to afford their children's basic needs. The total beneficiaries of the project are 2,900. The project is valued at \$248,750.

ARDWBG395 MC School Clothing Al Fukhkhari

In its efforts to help lessen hard conditions facing families in Gaza, USAID/CEP partnered with Al Fukhkhari Municipality to distribute school clothing and supplies to 2,900 needy school students from Al Fukhkhari in Khan Younis governorate. The supplies will include school clothes, sport shoes, school bags, and basic stationery. This activity will enhance the capabilities of the municipality by enabling it to meet the needs and priorities of the community and providing disadvantaged students with school supplies. This activity will help alleviate the suffering of poor families that are unable to afford their children basic needs. The total beneficiaries of the project are 2,900. The project is valued at \$248,750.

4.5 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). 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 completed grants (actual results achieved per indicator during the period 1 July -30 September 2009).

TABLE – CEP INDICATORS
(Actual results achieved per Indicator during the period 1 April 2008 - 30 September 2009)

Sector	Sub-sector	Indicators	Actual Outputs	
1. Democracy & Governance / Civil society	Construction/renovation of classrooms and related facilities	No. of civil society organizations (CSOs)/NGOs benefiting	9	
		No. of workshops/events/media campaign conducted.	27	
		No. of program-assisted institutions with measurable increased capacity.	2	
		No. of USG assisted civil society organizations that engage in advocacy and watchdog functions.	1	
		No. of community-based reconstruction / rehabilitation / humanitarian /informal education and training projects completed.	4	
		No. of volunteers engaged.	312	
		No. of grants provided.	10	
	Building the capacity of schools and educators (TA, CB, training, equipment)	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	
		Value (\$) of leveraged funds for participating groups/communities.	3,000	
		Common Indicators 3 & 4:	No. of male beneficiaries	13,988
		No. of female beneficiaries	13,475	
		Temporary jobs created (positions)	77	
Temporary job-days (people x days)	1,934			
2. Education / Youth	Equipping/Furnishing of youth facilities	No. of youth facilities equipped.	1	
		No. of pieces of equipment (other than computers) provided.	80	
		No. of youth centers furnished.	1	
		No. of Male Beneficiaries	763	
		No. of Female Beneficiaries	262	
		Temporary Job-days (people x days)	100	
3. Humanitarian Assistance / Emergency Assistance	Supply of basic humanitarian commodities to disadvantaged groups	No. of food packages /hot meals distributed	300	
		No. household items distributed	500	
		No. of medical aids/ special needs units distributed	29,07	
	Distribute food and relief items direct or through work and training, to preserve hope and moderation among impoverished population.	No. of individuals benefited from Humanitarian aid	46,200	
		No. of households reached	72,794	
		No. of farmers benefited	8,297	
	No. of localities reached	331		

TABLE – CEP INDICATORS
(Actual results achieved per Indicator during the period 1 April 2008 - 30 September 2009)

Sector	Sub-sector	Indicators	Actual Outputs
		No. tons of flour distributed	24
		No. liters of olive oil distributed	9,000
		No. metric tons of food commodities distributed	792
		No. of people benefiting from USAID supported food assistance	520,269
		No. of life skills activities conducted	12
	Common Indicators 3 & 4:	Temporary jobs created (positions)	566
		Temporary job-days (people x days)	15,715
		No. of male beneficiaries	262,358
		No. of female beneficiaries	262,356
4. Water	Provision of emergency water related services	No. of water/ roof tanks provided	600
		No. of male beneficiaries	2,100
		No. of female beneficiaries	2,100
5. Roads/ Other infrastructure	Construction / improvement of interior and connecting roads (non-agricultural)	No. of Linear meters of interior and connecting roads constructed.	1,200
		No. of square meters of sidewalks.	1,400
		No. of linear meters of retaining walls, fences, and terraces.	1,280
		Square meter of asphaltting road area.	400
		Length of road in meters that had new traffic signs, guardrails, or thermoplastic 1200 paint installed.	4,200
		Linear meter of trench asphalt reinstatement.	1,500
	Construction / improvement of other infrastructure	No. of other facilities (not schools, clinics, youth centers, roads, etc) constructed/ improved.	1
		No. of units of equipment and machinery provided (other than above).	10
		No. of public parks/ recreational areas constructed/ renovated.	1
	Common Indicators 3 & 4:	Temporary jobs created (positions)	15
		Temporary job-days (people x days)	460
		No. of male beneficiaries	6,300
		No. of female beneficiaries	6,300

5.0 IMPLEMENTATION

During the reporting quarter, 28 activities were cleared and valued at \$7,872,271. 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 West Bank/Gaza grants:

- **Under Implementation** (currently active grants):
 - Gaza Strip: 14 grants valued at \$6,941,679
 - West Bank: 5 grants valued at \$605,893
 - **Total:** 19 grants valued at \$7,547,572
- **Completed** (grant activities completed but pending administrative actions such as final payments and title transfers before closing out):
 - Gaza Strip: 11 grants valued at \$3,249,682
 - West Bank: 10 grants valued at \$561,198
 - **Total:** 21 grants valued at \$3,810,880
- **Closed** (grant activities completed, reports, and payments accounted for, and final compliance check completed):
 - Gaza Strip: 0 grants valued at \$0
 - West Bank: 1 grant valued at \$94,250
 - National 0 grants valued at \$0
 - **Total:** 1 grant valued at \$94,250
- **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: 0 grants valued at \$0
 - West Bank: 0 grants valued at \$0
 - **Total:** 0 grants valued at \$0
- **Rejected** (“yellow-lighted” grants which were cancelled before the team had the chance to fully develop to be submitted for “green-light”):
 - Gaza: 0 grants valued at \$0
 - West Bank: 0 grants valued at \$0
 - **Total:** 0 grants valued at \$0

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