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### 1. Background

On September 2007, the USAID grant 294-A-00-07-00206-00 was awarded to WFP Palestine for the period 30 September 2007 – 29 September 2009. In December 2011, the grant was extended to 30 September 2012.

Below is the chronology of contributions under this grant:

- September 2007 – USD 7.9 million
- August 2008 – USD 7.075 million
- March 2008 – USD 5.0 million
- March 2009 – USD 3.0 million
- September 2009 – USD 39.3 million
- September 2010 – USD 3.0 million
- **December 2011 – USD 4.0 million**

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

- April 2007 – USD 8,261,700
- July 2007 – USD 8,118,000
- May 2008 – USD 696,200
- March 2009 – USD 6,381,900
- March 2009 – USD 12,734,400
- June 2011 – USD 4,594,600
- August 2011 – USD 5,372,220

The original grant was meant to support WFP food for work (FFW), food for training (FFT), life skills (LS) and assistance to vulnerable groups (AVG) projects in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. However, starting September 2008, beneficiaries under the FFW and FFT programmes were shifted to the Assistance to Vulnerable Groups programme. These projects have been implemented in partnership with two US PVOs, CHF International and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) which received certification under US regulations to operate in Palestine. As of January 2012, CHF International remains WFP's only cooperating partner for the AVG programme.

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

- USAID WB/Gaza Mission Order 21 on anti-terrorism procedures. (Notice 2006-WBG-13, which includes vetting forms, anti-terrorism certification (ATC), prohibition against support for Terrorism and restrictions of facility names.)
- The standard implementation procedures for USAID-supported food assistance activities under the WFP's Protracted Relief and Recovery Operation (PRRO) in the West Bank and

Gaza. The SIP for USAID-supported food assistance activities in the West Bank have been last updated in March 2012.

- Prohibition on financial assistance to the Palestinian Authority.
- Value added tax and customs duties.

In December 2011, USAID confirmed a contribution of USD 4 million for the AVG in-kind programme. Out of the USD 4 million, USD 2.75 million will be allocated to the Gaza programme, and USD 1.25 million to the West Bank programme.

## 2. Delivery of Food Commodities to Cooperating Partners

- During the reporting period, both US and non-US commodities were used for the programme.

**Table 1:** Depicts the total tonnage of **US and non-US funded commodities** dispatched per cooperating partner for WB and GS from local suppliers and international suppliers

<b>Total tonnage of commodities (US and non-US) dispatched to cooperating partners from local and international suppliers (January–March 2012)</b>			
<b>Commodity</b>	<b>CHF WB</b>	<b>CHF GS</b>	<b>Type of Procurement/ International or Local</b>
Wheat Flour	698.85	2,951.85	Both
Vegetable Oil	60.74	190.87	International
Chickpeas	61.7	161.69	International
Sugar	37.9	161.9	International
Salt	13.96	33.14	Local
<b>Total</b>	<b>873.15</b>	<b>3,499.45</b>	<b>4,372.6</b>

**Table 2:** Depicts the total tonnage dispatched per commodity (**US funded only**) per cooperating partner for WB and GS from local suppliers and international suppliers

<b>Total tonnage of US funded commodities dispatched to cooperating partners from local and international suppliers (January–March 2012)</b>			
<b>Commodity</b>	<b>CHF WB</b>	<b>CHF GS</b>	<b>Type of Procurement/ International or Local</b>
Wheat Flour	0	2,951.85	Both
Vegetable Oil	33.18	90.05	International
Chickpeas	15.75	161.69	International
Sugar	21.8	0	International
Salt	2.49	0	Local
<b>Total</b>	<b>73.22</b>	<b>3,203.59</b>	<b>3,276.81</b>

### 3. Implementation and Distribution

#### West Bank

JAN/MAR - completed

#### Gaza

JAN/MAR- completed

#### 3.1 West Bank

- During the January-March 2012 cycle, US and non-US funded commodities were distributed to the beneficiaries of the AVG programme.
- Based on 2012 funding shortfalls, the programme re-adjustments due to the increase of the WFP voucher caseload and the revision of beneficiary lists to the most food insecure governorates, WFP has decreased the AVG general food distribution caseload from 108,500 to 45,000 beneficiaries and decreased the number of governorates from 8 to 5. In addition, WFP distributed a reduced ration during this cycle, where beneficiaries received a 2-months ration during a three-month cycle.
- The planned caseload is 45,000 beneficiaries and we reached 44,531 beneficiaries. This difference is due to the regular verification process of beneficiary list. Non-eligible beneficiaries (because they receive assistance from UNRWA, MoSA or because their socio-economic situation improved) were removed from the list. We cannot replace the beneficiaries immediately as on the one hand, with our new targeting approach (PMTF, food consumption score), it takes time to register and verify beneficiaries; and on the other hand if we remove a few families from a particular village from the list, there might not be other eligible beneficiaries in that village and therefore, there will always be a difference between the planned and actual caseload.

**Table 3:** Number of Localities reached in WB during the reporting period

Number of localities reached in each governorate (January – March 2012)			
	<u>Governorate</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>Localities</u>
WB	Hebron	CHF	59
	Nablus	CHF	15
	Tulkarem	CHF	18
	Jenin	CHF	13
	Tubas	CHF	1
	<b>Total</b>		<b>106</b>

**Table 4:** Number of people assisted in WB during the reporting period

<b>Number of people benefiting from USAID food assistance (January – March 2012)</b>			
<b>WB</b>	<u>Governorate</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>Beneficiaries</u>
	Hebron	CHF	24,021
	Nablus	CHF	6,510
	Tulkarem	CHF	8,244
	Jenin	CHF	3,721
	Tubas	CHF	2,035
	<b>Total</b>		<b>44,531</b>

**Table 5:** Total tonnage distributed in WB during the reporting period (US and non-US funded)

<b>Metric Tons of US and non-US funded Food Commodities Distributed to Beneficiaries (January – March 2012)</b>			
<b>WB</b>	<u>Governorate</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>Metric Tons</u>
	Hebron	CHF	452.13
	Nablus	CHF	122.62
	Tulkarem	CHF	158.82
	Jenin	CHF	70.94
	Tubas	CHF	38.44
	<b>Total</b>		<b>842.95</b>

**Table 6:** Total US funded tonnage distributed in WB during the reporting period

<b>Metric Tons of US funded Food Commodities Distributed to Beneficiaries (January – March 2012)</b>			
<b>WB</b>	<u>Governorate</u>	<u>Partner</u>	<u>Metric Tons</u>
	Hebron	CHF	37.46
	Nablus	CHF	10.46
	Tulkarem	CHF	15.20
	Jenin	CHF	6.86
	Tubas	CHF	4.22
	<b>Total</b>		<b>74.20</b>

### 3.2 Gaza

- The PMTF has been adopted as a new targeting methodology and only beneficiaries who fall under the deep poverty line are assisted.
- As of January 2012, WFP is assisting 115,000 beneficiaries instead of 140,000 following beneficiary list re-adjustments and a transfer of beneficiaries to the voucher modality.
- During the January-March 2012 cycle, both US and non-US commodities were distributed to the beneficiaries of the AVG programme. The ration was reduced, covering a three month period per category, instead of two months (i.e. a 30% ration reduction).
- During the reporting period, WFP and CHF continued to conduct random and targeted visits for the verification of beneficiaries and cleaning the AVG list. Further details regarding the outcome of these visits can be found in the cycle reports provided to USAID by the WFP Gaza office.
- A total of 3,007.37 metric tons (of US and non-US funded commodities), including 2,170.49 metric tons of US funded commodities were distributed during the reporting period.

**Table 7:** Number of Localities reached in GS during the reporting period

<b>Number of localities reached in each governorate (January – March 2012)</b>			
<b>GS</b>	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Localities</u></b>
	Gaza	CHF	11
	Khan Younis	CHF	6
	North	CHF	4
	<b>Total</b>		<b>21</b>

**Table 8:** Number of people assisted in Gaza during the reporting period

<b>Number of people benefiting from USAID food assistance (January – March 2012)</b>			
<b>GS</b>	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Beneficiaries</u></b>
	Gaza	CHF	59,757
	Khan Younis	CHF	32,545
	North	CHF	22,698
	<b>Total</b>		<b>115,000</b>

- The total beneficiary caseload for this reporting period is 115,000. These beneficiaries were reached with US and non-US funded commodities.
- CHF (January-March) distribution cycle was implemented during the period 22 February and 27 March 2012.

**Table 9:** Total US funded tonnage distributed in GS during the reporting period

<b>Metric tons of US funded food commodities distributed to beneficiaries (January – March 2012)</b>			
<b>GS</b>	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Metric Tons</u></b>
	Gaza	CHF	838.65
	Khan Younis	CHF	805.8
	North	CHF	526.04
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2,170.49</b>

**Table 10:** Total tonnage (US and non-US) distributed in GS during the reporting period

<b>Total metric tons of US and non-US funded food commodities distributed to beneficiaries (January – March 2012)</b>			
<b>GS</b>	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Metric Tons</u></b>
	Gaza	CHF	1,558.20
	Khan Younis	CHF	853.53
	North	CHF	595.64
	<b>Total</b>		<b>3,007.37</b>

- A total of **3,007.37** MT were distributed during the reporting period, including **2,170.49** MT of US funded commodities. The ration was reduced, covering a three month period per category, instead of two months (i.e. a 30% ration reduction).

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