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#### 1. Background

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

Below is the chronology of contributions under this grant:

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 2. Delivery of Food Commodities to Cooperating Partners

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

<b>Total MT of Commodities Dispatched to cooperating partners from local and international suppliers</b>				
<b>Commodity</b>	<b>CRS WB</b>	<b>CHF WB</b>	<b>CHF GS</b>	<b>Type of Procurement/ International or Local</b>
Wheat Flour	908.3	1,153.1	4,027.9	Local
Vegetable Oil	61.7	93.8	493.7	International
Chickpeas	62.1	104.5	361.9	International
Sugar	33.6	34.8	181.5	Local
Salt	16.8	17.3	83.5	Local
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,082.5</b>	<b>1,403.5</b>	<b>5,148.5</b>	

## 3. Implementation and Distribution:

### **West Bank**

JAN/FEB - completed

### **Gaza**

NOV/DEC - completed

JAN/FEB - completed

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

### 3.a West Bank

- Based on the results of the Q4 2010 re-targeting exercise, WFP has increased the number of governorates and localities assisted under the USAID funded AVG programme.

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

<b>Number of localities reached in each governorate (January to March 2011)</b>			
<b>WB</b>	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Localities</u></b>
	Hebron	CRS	71
	Bethlehem	CRS	7
	Jerusalem	CRS	2
	Ramallah	CHF	20
	Nablus	CHF	27
	Tulkarem	CHF	19
	Jenin	CHF	30
	Tubas	CHF	1
	Jerusalem	CHF	5
	<b>Total</b>		<b>182</b>

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

<b>Number of people benefiting from USAID food assistance (January to March 2011)</b>			
<b>WB</b>	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Beneficiaries</u></b>
	Hebron	CRS	46,328
	Bethlehem	CRS	6,177
	Jerusalem	CRS	722
	Ramallah	CHF	12,833
	Nablus	CHF	15,343
	Tulkarem	CHF	9,737
	Jenin	CHF	13,599
	Tubas	CHF	2,035
	Jerusalem	CHF	1,467
	<b>Total</b>		<b>108,241</b>

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

<b>Metric Tons of Food Commodities Distributed to Beneficiaries (January to March 2011)</b>			
<b>WB</b>	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Metric Tons</u></b>
	Hebron	CRS	877.37
	Bethlehem	CRS	121.26
	Jerusalem	CRS	13.82
	Ramallah	CHF	245.335
	Nablus	CHF	289.527
	Tulkarem	CHF	188.168
	Jenin	CHF	257.559
	Tubas	CHF	38.444
	Jerusalem	CHF	28.01
	<b>Total</b>		<b>2,059.493</b>

**3.b** Gaza

- During the reporting period, WFP and CHF continued to conduct random and targeted visits for the verification of beneficiaries and cleaning the AVG list. Further details regarding the outcome of these visits can be found in the cycle reports provided to USAID by the WFP Gaza office.
- During the reporting period, Israeli authorities closed the main wheat grain entry point into Gaza, the Karni crossing, and opened the Kerem Shalom crossing for the importation of wheat grain and other food and materials. In response, Gaza truck operators took strike action which delayed the importation of wheat grain necessary to complete the Jan/Feb cycle by the scheduled time. Additionally, the Kerem Shalom border was closed by Israeli authorities too frequently to allow a sufficient importation of wheat grains. The JAN/FEB cycle was ultimately completed on 23 March 2011. The start of the MAR/APR cycle was delayed until 10 April 2011.
- The distribution of Jan/Feb 2011 cycle was initially planned to start on 1st February and to be completed before end of February 2011. However, due to i) Karni conveyor belt (insufficient) operating days for wheat grain import, and ii) private transport **association's (PTA) strike following the closure** of Karni and opening of Kerem Shalom conveyor belt, the deliveries of wheat flour could not be completed on time, as a consequence the distributions took place between 13th February and 23rd March.

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

<b>Number of localities reached in each governorate (January to March 2011)</b>			
	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Localities</u></b>
<b>GS</b>	Gaza	CHF	11
	Khan Younis	CHF	6
	North	CHF	4
	Dair Al Ballah	CHF	6
	Rafah	CHF	5
	<b>Total</b>		<b>32</b>

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

- The total beneficiary caseload for the reporting period (Jan - Mar 2011) was 150,000. However, as there were two cycles during this period. The final part of Nov/Dec 2010 cycle and the full Jan/Feb 2011 cycle.
- 14,021 beneficiaries were assisted under the Nov/Dec 2010 cycle and 150,000 beneficiaries were assisted under the Jan/Feb 2011 cycle.

<b>Number of people benefiting from USAID food assistance (January to March 2011) – NOV/DEC Cycle</b>			
	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Beneficiaries</u></b>
<b>GS</b>	Gaza	CHF	0
	Khan Younis	CHF	7,533
	North	CHF	0
	Dair Al Balah	CHF	0
	Rafah	CHF	6,488
	<b>Total</b>		<b>14,021</b>

\* 14,021 beneficiaries reached under Nov/Dec 2010 distribution cycle implemented between (1 December 2010 - 4 January 2011)

<b>Number of people benefiting from USAID food assistance (January to March 2011) – JAN/FEB Cycle</b>			
<b>GS</b>	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Beneficiaries</u></b>
	Gaza	CHF	71,900
	Khan Younis	CHF	37,788
	North	CHF	28,288
	Dair Al Balah	CHF	5,642
	Rafah	CHF	6,382
	<b>Total</b>		<b>150,000</b>

\* 150,000 reached under Jan/Feb 2011 distribution cycle implemented between (13 Feb - 23 March 2011)

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

<b>Metric tons of food commodities distributed to beneficiaries (January to March 2011)</b>			
<b>GS</b>	<b><u>Governorate</u></b>	<b><u>Partner</u></b>	<b><u>Metric Tons</u></b>
	Gaza	CHF	1,947.85
	Khan Younis	CHF	1,246.33
	North	CHF	768.01
	Dair Al Ballah	CHF	152.20
	Rafah	CHF	344.30
	<b>Total</b>		<b>4,458.70</b>

\* 397.44 MT were distributed under the Nov./Dec.2010 cycle and 4,061.25 MT distributed under Jan./Feb.2011 cycle

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