Facilitating Access to Infrastructure Resilience in Area C and East Jerusalem (FAIR)

The FAIR programme is a multi-donor platform which aims to empower and strengthen national institutions to plan and deliver essential public and social infrastructure in Area C and East Jerusalem through providing increased access to sustainable, equitable and affordable infrastructure. The programme, implemented jointly by the Ministry of Local Government (MoLG) and UNDP, will focus on health, education, housing, cultural heritage, energy, transportation, water and wastewater and consequently, will increase communities’ resilience, improve livelihoods and safeguard their existence.

The programme provides several mechanisms for implementation, including the provision of innovative, alternative and sustainable solutions, while also delivering rehabilitation/construction activities.

The initial proposed 3-years budget for FAIR reaches USD 50 million. Ensuring effectiveness of delivery and ownership of the Palestinian line Ministries, the Prime Minister’s Office will support the programme by providing the coordination framework and guidance.

The programme structure includes all essential components that will contribute to achieving the ultimate outcome (sustainability, equitability with special focus on marginalized communities and minorities, gender, and environment).

The FAIR programme will target approximately one million people living in Area C and East Jerusalem, generating around 220,000 working days upon completion.

The activities in both East Jerusalem and Area C will be identified through on-going community needs assessments carried out by UNDP in close coordination with the Palestinian Government.

Under the Programme, special focus will be given to marginalized communities and minorities (disaggregated by sex, age and geographical area). The Programme will directly benefit Palestinian women in the targeted communities who represent approximately 50% of the total population.
Project Overview

Status: Active

Project Start Date: June 2013

Estimated End Date: December 2016

Donor:
Multi donors platform – Bahrain, Norway

Geographic Coverage:
Area C and East Jerusalem

Focus Area:
Infrastructure - Multi sectoral

Millennium Development Goal
Poverty Reduction, Education, Health, Environment

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Progress and Accomplishments

- The FAIR Programme document was signed by the Palestinian Government and UNDP on 19 June 2013
- Establishment of a public library in East Jerusalem, with funds from the Royal Charity Organization - Kingdom of Bahrain for USD 517,880. The main objective of the intervention is promoting national identity through the establishment and operation of public libraries.
- Implementation of the Right to Education programme with funds from the Government of Norway for the amount of USD 3.8 million. The programme aims at reinforcing the education system managed by the Jerusalem Directorate of Education in East Jerusalem. It will focus on the provision of additional classrooms by procuring residential buildings and transforming them into school facilities. The programme will also provide technical assistance to improve the quality of education by enhancing the capacity of the supervision department and counselors and carrying out a comprehensive mapping for Awqaf/ JDoE education system.
- The Government of Italy announced its support to the Programme through a Euro 3.0 million commitment, which will be utilized for financing the implementation of national interventions under the Programme in both Area C and East Jerusalem

Challenges and Constraints

- Deterioration of security situation in the entire West Bank, East Jerusalem and Gaza
- Measures and restrictions by Israeli Authorities on development in Area C and East Jerusalem
- Lack of cooperation by the Israeli Authorities in facilitating access to Infrastructure development

Finances and Delivery

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