



INDEPENDENT COUNTRY PROGRAMME EVALUATION

Palestine

EVALUATION PERIOD: 2018-2022

COUNTRY PROFILE

Population

2.9 million
(2021)



HDI value

0.715
(2021)
High human development category



Women in politics

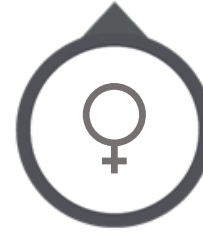
12.5%
(2022)
Proportion of women in government



\$3,664
(2021)
GDP per capita (current US\$)

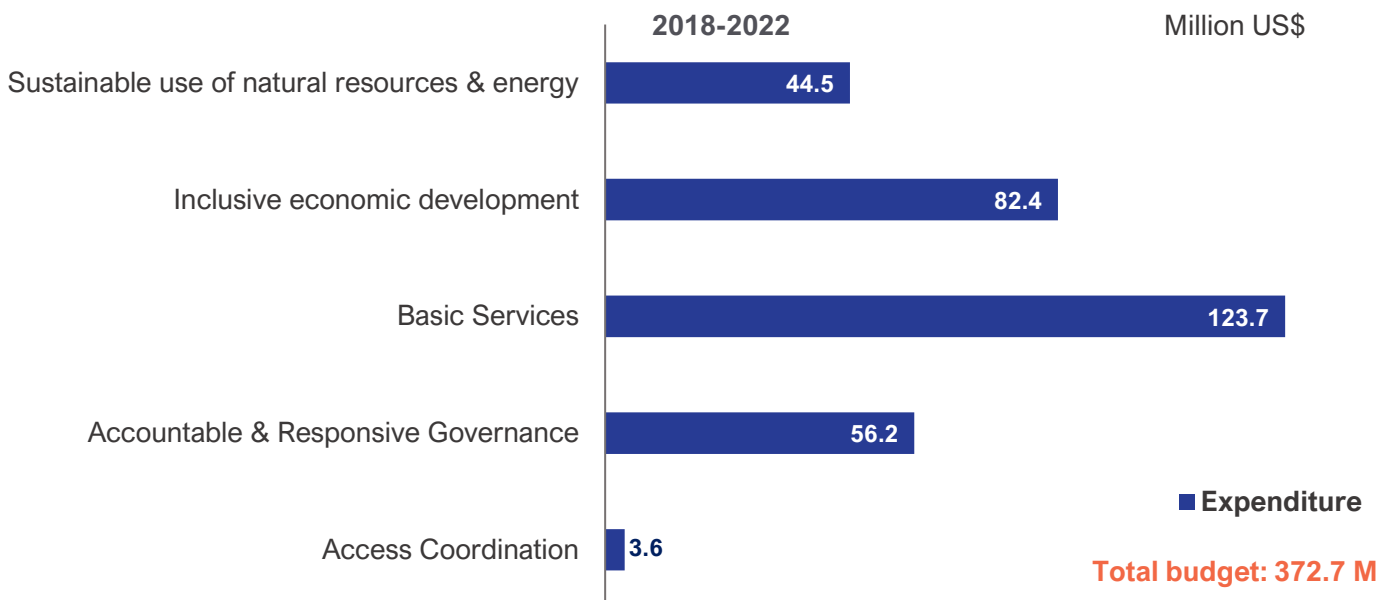


26.4%
(2021)
Unemployment



13.86%
(2019)
% of total final energy consumption
Renewable energy consumption

PROGRAMME OUTCOME AREAS



CONCLUSIONS

1. Given well established partnerships with development stakeholders, UNDP has been well-positioned in its response to oPt's needs and priorities.
2. UNDP's support had limitations in strengthening institutional processes necessary for building sustainable capacities and enabling development.
3. UNDP was successful in contributing to the NDP agenda in the areas of access to justice and gender justice processes, e-governance, and local elections.
4. Limitations in balancing sustainable employment processes and solutions oPt urgently need with temporary, short-term job creation for economic recovery have undermined UNDP's contribution.
5. UNDP played a leading role in Gaza's recovery efforts that underpin the development and humanitarian support in Palestine.
6. UNDP support to renewable energy and water solutions has been important with tangible outputs.
7. The lack of a concerted gender action plan and adequate capacities remains a challenge in furthering GEWE outcomes.
8. Efforts to streamline programme teams are yet to be accompanied by a strategic programming focus.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNDP

1. UNDP's strategic long-term support should be accelerated to position UNDP as a key development organization.
3. UNDP should aim to develop customized solutions that can provide models for income generation and employment of scale.
5. Building on its current initiative, UNDP should comprehensively engage in solid waste management sector.
7. Continue ongoing efforts to strengthen gender mainstreaming. Promote strategically GEWE in UNDP programme support.



2. Strengthen municipal capacities for sustainable recovery and development and continue promoting e-governance and digital transformation solutions.
4. Pursue avenues for private sector engagement and development, building on its private sector pilots.
6. UNDP should consolidate its work in renewable energy sector for further engagement to scale efforts and enable policy processes.
8. A strength of UNDP is its oPt-wide presence with a strong team in Gaza and West Bank. UNDP should leverage this capacity for consistent development engagement. .

ABOUT THE INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OFFICE

By generating evaluative evidence, the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) supports UNDP to achieve greater accountability and facilitates improved learning from experience. The IEO enhances UNDP's development effectiveness through its programmatic and thematic evaluations and contributes to organizational transparency.

ABOUT ICPEs

The IEO of UNDP conducts Independent Country Programme Evaluations (ICPEs) to assess UNDP's performance at the country level. These evaluations support the formulation of a new UNDP country programme strategy in facilitating and leveraging national efforts to advance inclusive and sustainable development.