

Progress Report (25)

1. Report Summary

(1) Title of the project: Promote peace building through cross boundary wastewater

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(2) Project No.:

PAL10 00063105. Award No. 00050897

(3) Date of the approval: 16th March 2009

(4) Total Project budget: USD 6,267,555.82 (USD 5,787,321 contributed by Japan)

(5) Scheme of the Project: Peace Building Grant Aid

(6) Period covered by the report: 01 April 2015 to 30 June 2015 (Progress Report No. 25)

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2. Contents

(1) Summary of the project

The project "Promote peace building through cross boundary wastewater management in the occupied Palestinian territories" is a UNDP/PAPP initiative that contributes to peace building and to strengthen the dialogue between the Palestinian and Israeli local authorities through addressing common interests. In this particular project, peace building will be promoted through joint management of cross boundary wastewater in order to safeguard the shared environment and protect the water resources.

This will be achieved through the construction of three wastewater collection systems in the targeted communities" Habla, Baqa El-Sharqieh and Barta'a" in the occupied Palestinian territory; the collected wastewater will be treated in Israeli based upon agreed mechanism and tariff between both parties. The Palestinian Water Authority is interested to develop protocol of cooperation in order to regulate wastewater flows across the borders. The project will support developing such framework of agreement.



The above mentioned protocol of cooperation will be based on the interim agreement that Israel and the Palestinian Authority signed in September 1995 (Oslo 2) which includes the most updated understanding on water issues that has been reached in the peace process framework in addition to the signed MOU on 2003 that sets the Guidelines and Technical Criteria for Sewage Projects. There are at least 10 sites where wastewater across the borders (1949 armistice line) between Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. In some of these locations Israel is downstream and receives untreated wastewater from the occupied Palestinian territory. On the other locations oPt is downstream and untreated or poorly wastewater runoff from the Israeli settlements on the hilltops ends up in Palestinian streams.

Untreated wastewater presents a pollution that not only destroys the rivers and the connected eco-systems, but also seeps into the groundwater, harming drinking water sources. Furthermore, it leads to mosquito infestations, allowing possible spread of waterborne diseases.

The project intend to:

- 1. Contribute to peace building and strengthen the dialogue between the Palestinian authorities and the Israeli Authorities through addressing common interests and maximizing benefits on both sides.
- Promote trans-boundary wastewater management in order to safeguard the shared environment and protect the water resources.
- 3. Build the capacities of the service providers and the PWA regarding wastewater management issue including technical, financial and institutional aspects.
- 4. Enhance the quality of life and improve the wellbeing of the targeted population.

Target Community Situation

The project targets three border communities in Jenin, Tulkarem and Qalqilya Governorates with a total of 16,500 residents of Baqa Al Sharqieh (Tulkarem Governorate), Habla (Qalqilya Governorate) and Bartaa Al-Sharqieh (Jenin Governorate). Women comprise almost 49.8% of the total beneficiaries and men comprise 50.2 % (around 8,219 are women and 8,280 are men).

It is worth mentioning that, although this project targets the overall population and all the beneficiaries will be positively affected by its activities, women in these communities will be the ones who will benefit the most, as the project aims to enhancing their living standards and improving their quality of life. Traditionally, women in the targeted communities are responsible for management of water supplies at the household level. During time of shortage, women have to store water, ensure water's quality and monitor hygiene practices within the household.

Access to wastewater collection systems will improve the environmental living conditions of the targeted population and will enhance the cleanliness level within these towns. Ultimately the project will contribute to reducing the incidents of diseases associated with wastewater pollution and contamination and improve the public health status of the population. It will also relieve women from the tasks and responsibilities to take care of the sick and the infirm within the family and provide them with more free time to develop their skills and the freedom to engage in other activities.

(2) Project Budget and Components



Component	Budget as	Original budget	Project site
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	project doc	Japan/USD	
a. Project staff & Operations	805,209.80		Jerusalem and West
		805,209	Bank
b. Construction of Wastewater Systems	4,498,800.00		Baqa Al Sharqieh,
			Habla and Baqa Al
		4,138,007	Gharbiyyeh
c. Dialogue promotion, Capacity building,	553,520.00		Baqa Al Sharqieh,
Public awareness		465,495	Habla and Bartaa
d. Total Programmable Amount	5,857,528.80	5,408,711	
e. UNDP/GMS (7%)	410,027.02	378,609.8	
Grand Total	6,267,555.82	5,787,321	



order to sign the site follow up with PWA and IWA in management in the area specific agreement that wil proper wastewater UNDP Tasks & Measures allow wastewater quantities at the Palestinian side is planned to be installed Connection with Israeli WWTP Remaining Work Connection with Israeli WWTP measure the The flow meters that Activities done in the reporting period Installation of sewage network completed Rehabilitation of main trunk line in Baqa Al-Sharqia in West Bank to the sewage network completed. installation of for Baqa and Habla and Barta'a Sharqieh Completed end of Aug, 2013 in September 2012 with 4 months Schedule Status Completed Completed behind schedule ongoing 2015 × X × 20 30 40 × × 2014 (3) Project timeframe, schedule status, progress of activities, and tasks & measures × 0 × 40 × 30 × × 2013 2Q × × Timeframe 10 × × 20 30 40 × × × × × 2012 × × × 0 × × × 40 × × × × 3Q × × × × 2011 20 × × × × 10 × × × 2010 ×× Construction of wastewater networks in Barta'a Al-Construction of wastewater networks in Habla Construction wastewater networks in Baqa Al-Sharqiyeh Documents and Awarding the contract Activities Designs & Tender Final Output 1: Construction of wastewater collection systems Indicated output

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	Legal advisor will be hired to draft the site specific contracts, and providing support to the MoLG in finalizing the contracts with the supplier of the service
by mid of Aug, 2015	Kick-start the discussions between MoLG (as an umbrella for the three concerned municipalities) and the service (Israeli corporation) Prepare service site apecifici contracts including mechanism for reimbursing wastewater treatment expense
border completed by June 2015 The implementation of the trunk line and the connections at the Israeli side was completed end of Jan, 2015.	Based on intensive follow up, UNDP received official feedback from PWA confirming its acceptance of preparing site specific contracts to be signed with the Israeli corporation for a transitional period.
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	Developing MOU between PWA and the Israeli Water Commission
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(4) Financial report

Budget items (according to the proposal)	A. Original budget USD (according to the proposal)	B. Original budget as Approved by Japan US\$	C. Approved Revised budget in December 16, 2013	Budget Revision Dec, 2014	D. Disbursemen t US\$	E. Balance (C-D)	F. Rate of disbursem ent (%) (D/C*100)
Project staff and operations	805,209	805,209	962,884	998,024	997,896.00	128.00	100%
Construction	4,528,700	4,138,007	3,966,601	3,966,601	3,857,342.00	109,259.00	97%
Dialogue promotion, capacity Building, Public awareness	523,432	465,495	479,226	444,086.46	444,086.46	0.00	100%
GMS (7%)	410,013.90	378,609.80	378,609	378,609	370,076.14	8,532.86	98%
GAIN/LOSS				0.0	-5,659.00	5,659.00	
Total	6,267,355	5,787,321	5,787,320	5,787,320	5,663,741.60	123,579	98%

^{*}It is important to highlight that the financial figures in this report are temporary figures, and may be corrected at a later stage due to exchange rate fluctuations, realized gain/loss or any other possible corrections. UNDP/PAPP's financial system operates in such a manner that the financial system closes in early December of each year and that final expenditure reports reflecting the disbursements and GMS of the previous year are only published in March of the following year.



(5) Any special notes or remarks

- 1) PWA has officially approved drafting the site specific contracts for Baqa, Habla and Barta'a based on a meeting that was held at PWA on 19 May 2015. PWA has also requested the involvement of MoLG in negotiating the contracts on behalf of the three municipalities, see attached letter. UNDP met the MoLG on 24 June 2015 and agreed to hire through the project a legal consultant to prepare the contracts and support the MoLG in initiating the discussions with the stakeholders aiming for signing these site contracts by October 2015.
- 2) For Baqa Al Sharqiyeh, the connection at the Israeli side was finalized by end of Jan, 2015. UNDP, together, with Baqa municipality also finalized the connections at the Palestinian side too by end of June 2015. The rehabilitation and reinforcement of the trunk line (290 m) that was implemented in 2011 and was partially damaged by the flood that occurs in 2012 was also finalized.
- 3) The flow meter that measures wastewater quantities at the Israeli side was installed. The flowmeter at the Palestinian side is planned to be installed by mid of Aug, 2015



(6) Report authorization by UNDP/PAPP

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التاريخ: - 20 أيار 2015

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الموضوع: ربط شبكات صرف صعي بلديات باقة الشرقية وحبلة وبرطعة الشرقية بمحطات معالجة داخل الخط الأخضر.

تهديكم سلطة المياه أطيب تحياتها وبالاشارة الى الموضوع أعلاه، ومن أجل تنظيم العلاقة مع الجانب الإسرائيلي في مجال معالجة المياه العادمة العابرة للحدود بشكل عام، تم تطوير بروتوكول شامل لتنظيم العلاقة بين الجانبين على أساس دولتين متجاورتين ملتزمتان بالقانون الدولي، حيث تم إعداد البروتوكول من قبل خبير قانوني دولي وتم التوافق عليه من جميع الجهات على المستوى الفلسطيني (وزارات، هيئات، ومؤسسات مجتمع مدني).

نحيطم علماً أنه تم تنفيذ مشروع شبكات صرف صعي في بلديات باقة الشرقية وحبلة ومجلس قروي برطعة الشرقية، حيث قام برنامج الامم المتحدة الإنمائي وبتمويل من الحكومة اليابانية بتنفيذ المشروع بالتعاون الكامل مع سلطة المياه وتم الانتهاء من تنفيذه قبل حوالي سنتين، ويذكر أن المشروع بوشر العمل به عام 2008 تحت مسمى "مشروع بناء السلام من خلال التعاون في مجال الصرف الصحي" من أجل حماية البيئة ومصادر المياه من خطر التلوث ودعم صمود المواطن الفلسطيني من خلال توفير فرص عمل.

قامت سلطة المياه بتوقيع مذكرة تفاهم مع الطرف الإسرائيلي في لجنة المياه المشتركة تؤكد على الاهتمام المشترك وسعي الجانبين الى حماية البيئة ومصادر المياه من خطر التلوث من المياه العادمة عن طريق تنفيذ مشاريع شبكات الصرف الصحي في مناطق فلسطينية ليتم معالجتها إما في محطات فلسطينية أو في محطات معالجة إسرائيلية داخل الخط الاخضر لتعزيز التعاون المشترك في هذا المجال، وتم الإتفاق على توقيع اتفاقيات "خدمة" بين المناطق المستهدفة كجهات مستفيدة ومشغلي محطات المعالجة كمزودي خدمة وتم اختيار المناطق الحدودية المذكورة.

واستناداً الى مذكرة التفاهم، قام برنامج الامم المتحدة الإنمائي بتنفيذ المشروع الذي تضمن برامج تدريب مكثفة وبرامج توعية مجتمعية بالإضافة إلى إنشاء شبكات صرف صحي تغطي ما لا يقل عن 80% من سكان هذه التجمعات (برطعة، حبلة وباقة الشرقية)

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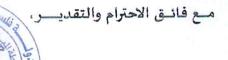
دولـــة فلسطيــن سلطــة الميـاه مكتب الوزيــر

التاريخ: - 20 أيار 2015

تم تقديم البروتوكول المقترح للجانب الإسرائيلي في حزيران عام 2013 كإطار عام لتنظيم العلاقة تندرج تحت مظلته اتفاقيات الخدمة الخاصة بكل موقع على حدة وبما يضمن الحقوق الفلسطينية ووقف الاقتطاعات الاسرائيلية أحادية الجانب من أموال المقاصة الفلسطينية، ورفض الجانب الاسرائيلي توقيع البروتوكول والابقاء على الوضع القائم على التعامل مع الجانب الفلسطيني كمستفيد من الخدمات الاسرائيلية دون اعتبار الحقوق والمصالح الفلسطينية.

ومن أجل تحقيق أهداف المشروع لحماية البيئة ومصادر المياه، وبالتوازي مع تكثيف الضغوط من قبل الجهات المانحة على الجانب الاسرائيلي لتوقيع البروتوكول لتنظيم العلاقة بين الجانبين، ومن أجل توفير مزيداً من التمويل لمشاريع الصرف الصحي التي أصبحت أولوية ومطلباً وطنياً لجميع المواطنين ومزودي الخدمات بما فهم الهيئات المحلية، وإنهاء المشروع المُمول من الحكومة اليابانية بتوقيع اتفاقيات الخدمة بين الجهات المستفيدة والمزودة للخدمة. فان سلطة المياه ترى أنه لا مانع من حيث المبدأ أن تقوم الهيئات المحلية المستهدفة من المشروع على توقيع هذه الاتفاقيات خدمة محددة بما لا يزيد عن 5 سنوات يتم خلالها دراسة الحلول البديلة والبحث عن تمويل لاقامة محطات معالجة في المناطق المستهدفة.

وعليه نتمنى من معاليكم بصفتكم جهة الاختصاص بالعمل مع الهيئات المحلية وتعزيزاً للموقف الوطني اتخاذ الإجراءات المناسبة لتوقيع هذه الاتفاقيات ضماناً لاستمرار الخدمة في هذه الهيئات، مع العلم أن سلطة المياه وبرنامج الأمم المتحدة الإنمائي سيكلفون مكتب استشارات قانوني مختص لاعداد الصيغة النهائية للاتفاقية والتي سوف تعرض عليكم قبل توقيعها من قبل المجالس المعنية، وبما يضمن المصلحة الوطنية وحقوق الجانب الفلسطيني، وأن تكون متوافقة مع الاطار العام للبروتوكول الذي نسعى لتوقيعه.



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