

United Nations Development Programme Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People



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Support to the Palestinian Legislative Council

The project is intended to support and strengthen the capacity of the Palestinian Legislative Council Secretariat in functioning as a typical legislature upon the resumption of the currently suspended parliamentary business. The PLC Secretariat is tasked with providing non-partisan and professional support to the PLC in a timely, efficient and effective manner.

The project will assist the PLC Secretariat in designing operational plans for the crucial

period following resumption of parliamentary work, addressing procedural, legislative and administrative challenges. Furthermore, the project will assist in developing the PLC Secretariat's internal administrative functions and processes to ensure that the administrative functions of the PLC Secretariat are up to international standards. It will also provide support in conducting outreach and visibility activities on behalf of the PLC to promote democratic

governance even in the current difficult circumstances.

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BASIC FACTS

The Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) is the legislative arm of the Palestinian Authority (PA), as stated in the Palestinian Basic Law. In this capacity, it is the body that passes laws, oversees the PA and establishes policies and legal frameworks that guide the functioning of the government and society in general. In exercising its oversight functions, it contributes to transparent, efficient, democratic and accountable governance.



Progress and Accomplishments

The actual implementation of this project started in January 2012.

- ❖ The office of the project was set up at the PLC premises in Ramallah and a strong partnership was established with the PLC Secretariat management and staff, as well as the implementing partner, IPU
- ❖ A project board and task force was set up with a detailed work plan for the first project board meeting
- ❖ A review of ICT resources, capacities, information management, communication procedures and practices in the PLC Secretariat was conducted with support from the Portuguese Parliament and ICT Global Centre for Parliaments
- ❖ A functional review of the PLC Secretariat structures and a needs assessment of the library and research functions was prepared and will be conducted in April and May, respectively

Finances and Delivery

The project is fully funded by the European union for a total budget of 1.4 million Euro over an operational phase of 18 months.

2013		
Donor	Amount Contributed	Amount Disbursed
EUREP		USD 191,729
2012		
Donor	Amount Contributed	Amount Disbursed
EUREP		USD 769,561
2011		
Donor	Amount Contributed	Amount Disbursed
EUREP	USD 952,820	USD 55,598

Project Overview

Status:
Active

Project Start Date:
March 2011

Estimated End Date:
June 2013

Donor:
European Union

Partners:
Inter-Parliamentary Union and
PLC Secretariat

Geographic Coverage:
West Bank

Focus Area:
Democratic Governance /
Legislative Strengthening

Millennium Development Goal
Chapter V: Human rights,
democracy and good governance
of United Nations Millennium
Declaration

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Challenges and Constraints

Political fluidity, delay in the
implementation of the reconciliation
process