Community Resilience and Development Programme (CRDP)

The CRDP programme is designed to address the challenges and development needs of communities living in Area C and East Jerusalem. Its objective is to empower local stakeholders, through the most suitable partners, to respond with resilience to threats that affect their sustenance on the land. To this end, the programme will contribute to:

- Preventing the erosion of living conditions of Palestinians in Area C and East Jerusalem that undermine their development capital;
- Protecting Palestinian land and property in Area C and East Jerusalem; and
- Mitigating and ideally reversing migration flow from Area C and East Jerusalem by enhancing human security and livelihood of Palestinians.

The CRDP, in its fourth year, is the result of a fruitful partnership led by the Palestinian Government, funded by the Governments of Sweden, Austria and Norway and implemented by UNDP’s Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (UNDP/PAPP).

The Programme will facilitate a complementary approach and a transition process from humanitarian interventions towards development and will build initiatives that are of a development nature, but are currently not taking place in Area C and East Jerusalem.

The programme will be implemented by a wide array of partners, including communities, grassroots organizations, local and international NGOs, based on their respective merits, and according to locally designed plans. It will focus on improving public and social infrastructure, access to and protection of natural resources, enhancing economic opportunities and upholding the rights of Palestinian citizens.

Addressing the needs of Palestinians living in Area C and East Jerusalem is essential for their wellbeing and social development. Responding to the needs of the population will enable them to achieve their primary goal to safeguard their livelihoods and stay on their land. The development potential of Area C is critical to the viability of the Palestinian State – an imperative acknowledged by a growing number of actors, including the Palestinian Government, UN, EU, AHLC and the Quartet.

**BASIC FACTS**

- Area C constitutes 62% of the West Bank within the 1967 borders
- 60% of Area C is off-limits for Palestinian construction, allocated instead for Israeli settlements or the Israeli military; an additional 29% is heavily restricted
- Most demolitions (90%) and displacement (92%) occur in vulnerable farming and herding communities in Area C
Progress and Accomplishments

- **Education**: 6,961 beneficiaries, of whom 3,132 are females, benefited from the rehabilitation of 70 educational units in Area C and East Jerusalem. In addition, a total of 145 teachers benefited from the improvement of the educational environment and the on-the-job training in creating a better learning environment for the students living in difficult circumstances.

- **Health**: 10,216 beneficiaries, of whom 5,782 are females, benefited from numerous health activities. In Area C, 6,423 patients were screened for ophthalmic diseases and 634 were referred for advanced treatment. In another area, a database of the diseases and patients was prepared. In addition, five health clinics, benefiting 550 people in five communities were rehabilitated to suit people with special needs, as well as eight schools.

- **Energy**: 1,772 people benefited from the provision of 196 solar panel units. This has resulted in a 67% reduction of time spent by women on butter making. In addition, there has been a 20% increase in women headed households’ access to electricity and 40% of the beneficiaries have increased production of dairy products.

- **Housing**: In Area C, a total of 864 beneficiaries benefited from the upgrading of 144 residential structures. In addition, 1,722 people are expected to benefit from the construction of 287 housing units in East Jerusalem as a result of surveying 12 land parcels in Bit Safafa area. A perception survey conducted with owners of 49 projects in south Hebron has shown life improvement associated with shelter rehabilitation. The renovation of these shelters in particular has covered 100% of the shelter needs in 12 communities in Masafer Yatta in south Hebron hills.

- **Protection of Natural Resources**: 12,210 beneficiaries enjoyed improved access to potable water through the construction / rehabilitation of 185 cisterns, three springs and three water wells. The intervention increased storage capacity, reduced reliance on tanker water, and saved families USD 1,000 per year on purchase of water. As a result, there has been 30% reduction of water loss and increased irrigated land through the construction of 41.3 km of water networks. These networks benefited around 10,000 people directly and around 26,910 indirectly.

- **Land reclamation**: 6,034 Palestinians in Area C benefited from the direct reclamation of 2,065 dunums of land, while another 4,449 dunums have been indirectly reclaimed through the construction/ rehabilitation of agricultural roads. This is in addition to the numerous job opportunities that have been created as a result of land reclamation activities.

- **Agricultural roads**: 4,680 Palestinians benefited from the construction/ rehabilitation of 29.1 km of agricultural road in Area C. As a result, access to 2,683 dunums have become available and encouraged other landowners to reclaim their land on their own expense. Construction of these roads also benefited around 4,216 people indirectly in 18 communities.

- **Livestock**: 400 herding families in 12 communities in Area C benefited from the vaccination of 39,403 animals and the de-worming of 34,453 animals. This resulted in 12% reduction in livestock mortality rate. In addition, 10% reduction in the abortion rate has occurred.

- **Economic opportunities**: In Area C and East Jerusalem, and in order to improve employment opportunities, 629 Palestinians (374 females) improved their skills in sewing, food production, embroidery, multimedia production, photography, design, etc.

- **Rights**: 15,191 Palestinians including 8,274 females participated in 12 initiatives, 10 awareness sessions and 50 community meetings in Area C and East Jerusalem in order to develop their sense of belonging and connect Areas A and B with Area C. Each of these activities focused on a community issue that was identified by the participants themselves. These activities provided a forum for youth to voice their needs and opinions as well as enjoy their hobbies and interests. Moreover, these cultural and rights related activities developed the sense of belonging in a number of participating youth and increased their awareness about their rights and responsibilities towards their communities.

Finances and Delivery

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Challenges and Constraints

- **ongoing constraints imposed by the Israeli occupation (including permit regime, demolition of houses and tents, confiscation of vehicles, harassment by soldiers and settlers etc...) that disrupt long-term interventions.**
- **Weak coordination among development and humanitarian actors in Area C and East Jerusalem.**
- **Planning of adequate interventions based on national priorities.**

Project Overview

- **Status**: Active
- **Project Start Date**: October 2012
- **Estimated End Date**: June 2017
- **Donor**: Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA), Austrian Development Agency (ADA), Norway, UK (round 1)
- **Geographic Coverage**: Area C and East Jerusalem
- **Focus Area**: multi-sectoral
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