According to the Palestinian Ministry of Public Works, it was estimated that the 2014 hostilities on the Gaza Strip generated approximately two million tons of rubble. The operation affected basic community infrastructure, including water and sanitations facilities, roads, health centres, schools, houses and public buildings.

The project aims at bringing immediate relief, recovery, and support to the Gaza population through the restoration of essential services and livelihoods, while safeguarding public health and the environment, and creating emergency employment opportunities.

The project will undertake the immediate removal of the rubble and debris that were accumulated during the military operation and transfer it to a safe place. The collected rubble will then be crushed and reused in road rehabilitation activities to minimize the waste and promote reuse and recycling activities. In addition, the project will reduce the risks of UXOs and ERM and increase the awareness of the targeted population.

Several donors have contributed to the implementation of the project, including:

- USD 3.101 million from the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) to remove around 200,000 tons of rubble and recycle around 60,000 tons in Gaza.
- USD 500,000 from the Government of Japan to remove 30,000 tons of rubble from the Middle Area, in addition to USD 2,000,000 for crushing around 250,000 of collected rubble.
- USD 10 million from USAID to remove 669,177 tons of rubble from targeted areas in the north, Gaza, Rafah and Khan Younis Governorates.
- USD 877,000 from Italy for crushing around 100,000 tons of collected rubble in the southern Governorates.
Project Overview

Status: Completed - July 2016

Project Start Date: November 2014

Estimated End Date: July 2016

Donor: Japan, USAID, SIDA, Italy

Partners: Ministry of Housing and Public Works, UNMAS, Contractors

Geographic Coverage: Gaza Strip

Focus Area: Environment - Solid Waste

Sustainable Development Goal: Sustainable Cities and Communities

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Progress and Accomplishments

❖ Around 1,103,240 tons of rubble was removed from different areas of the Gaza Strip with the contributions of USAID, SIDA, Japan and Italy
❖ Rubble was completely removed from 1,700 units in the Gaza Strip
❖ 42,122 working days generated from the different activities
❖ Around 3,226 UXOs were removed from all locations
❖ Around 450,000 tons of collected rubble was crushed and part of it used in roads rehabilitation

Finances and Delivery

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