

Proposal Summary

Cities as Guarantors of Stability: Scaling-Up of Strategic Development and Investment Planning (S

Middle East and North Africa - Palestine

Summary	The Palestinian Territories have been witnessing major social, economic, and environmental challenges in addition to the constraints imposed by the political context. Increased urbanization levels, high unemployment rates, limited control over natural resources and land as well as severe transport and movement restrictions impact on the daily lives of Palestinians. Most of these challenges are faced at the local level, thus, it is necessary to make the local government units (LGUs) key actors in addressing these issues/challenges since they are the closest to the population and directly accountable to their citizens. This proposed cooperation project will focus on scaling-up and linking the locally prepared "Strategic Development and Investment Planning for Palestinian Cities and Towns (SDIPs)" (financed by MDP) to a systematic support structure at the national level.
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Objectives	Activities
The core objective of this joint project is to scale-up SDIP as a localised strategic planning approach in the Palestinian Territories and, thus, improve the economic, social and environmental conditions in Palestinian cities and towns.	A) Enhancing the Regulatory Framework B) Developing the Institutional framework C) Developing LGUs and Service Providers Capacity D) Sharing Knowledge and Raising Awareness

Submission		Implementation	Budget and Time	
Submitted by: Ministry of Local Government (Palestine)	CA Sponsor: Agence Française de Développement (AfD); GTZ; Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency; World Bank	Implemented by: GTZ CA Monitor: Federico Silva	Request to CA:	\$ 357,900
			Co-Financing:	\$ 260,000
			Total Budget:	\$ 617,900
			Duration:	19 months

Expected Impacts
At the overall project objective level, it is expected that there will be improved governance and decision-making processes at the local level and improved responsiveness to priority community needs at the local level. A.) It is expected that due to the enhanced Regulatory Framework, there will be better integration and complementarity of local, regional, and national plans. B.) Due to developing the Institutional Framework, it is expected that there will be improved institutional systems at the national level to promote and support SDIP processes at the local level. C.) In developing LGUs and service providers'/Consultants' capacity, it is expected that there will be improved capacities of LGUs officials to initiate, manage, and monitor participatory planning processes, improved quality of SDIPs with a stronger emphasis on promoting local economic development and improving social services and a broader base for LGUs to access local technical assistance and support. D.) Through sharing knowledge and raising awareness, it is expected that improved instruments for knowledge and experience sharing among LGUs will be developed and there will be better involvement of the civil society and private sector in the local development processes.