Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People
Technical Cooperation Trust Fund

First Advisory Board

8 February 2012 - New York
History of UN-HABITAT's work in the occupied Palestinian territory and new Governing Council Resolution 23/2

Way forward: evolving focus areas, core activities and funding gaps

Why an Advisory Board?
History of UN-HABITAT’s presence in oPt

   UN-HABITAT to make a comprehensive report “regarding the housing situation in the occupied Palestinian territories and the problems posed by the Israeli illegal actions in this respect ...”.

2. 2003: Governing Council Resolution 19/18
   Creation of the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People and the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund


4. 2009: turning point following the international response to the war in Gaza (Operation Cast Lead) an internal stock taking took place:
   - Key housing and infrastructure projects being implemented
   - No longer in line with the Palestinian priorities, nor complementary to bilateral support given or work done by sister Agencies
   - Technical Cooperation Trust Fund was depleted
2005 – 2009: focus on housing support and basic infrastructure Areas A, B and Gaza

Housing Project for female headed households in Al Khalil – Hebron
*Saudi Committee for the Palestinian People Relief - 6,300,000 USD (2008 – 2012)*

Technical Vocational Training Center - Hebron
*Saudi Committee for the Palestinian People Relief - 1,500,000 USD (2008 – 2012)*

Self help reconstruction of a 100 housing units and community infrastructure in the Zaitoun neighborhood of Gaza City
*Saudi Committee for the Palestinian People Relief – 7,600,000 USD (2009 – 2012)*
1. **Calls upon the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) to further focus its operations on planning, land and housing issues in view of improving the housing and human settlement conditions of Palestinians, addressing the urbanisation challenges, supporting the building of a Palestinian State, humanitarian action and peace-building, in the areas where there are acute humanitarian and development needs, identified through technical assessments by UN-HABITAT in coordination with all concerned parties;**
2011: Governing Council Resolution 23/2

2. Encourages the Palestinian Authority, with support of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT) and as part of its state-building effort, to continue its efforts and further enhance its legal and institutional framework, policies and practices related to planning, land and housing as to prepare the ground for sustainable urbanisation;
UN-HABITAT Strategy

Two-track approach

• Supporting further state-building efforts and working towards sustainable urbanisation
• Improving the living conditions and building resilience of Palestinian communities (focus on Area C and East Jerusalem)

Strategic partnerships with only core UN-HABITAT expertise

3 levels of engagement

• Pragmatic support to improve the resilience and living conditions of Palestinian communities in the short term
• Adapt discourse, systems, regulatory framework to align them with Palestinian needs and realities
• Develop Palestinian capacity (public/private/ngo/academic)
2011 - ... :
focus on planning, land and housing in relation to Area C and East Jerusalem

Planning Support Programme to Palestinian Communities in East Jerusalem
*European Commission (2 mil Euros) + Belgium (1.5 mil Euros)*

Emergency Housing Repairs - East Jerusalem
*French Government – 500,000 Euros (2011 – 2012)*

Housing Policy Support to the Palestinian Ministry of Public Works and Housing
*World Bank / DFID - 175,000 USD (2012)*

Planning Support Programme to Palestinian Communities in Area C
*France (0.5 mil Euros)*
Sustainable growth & building back better

greener houses, sustainable neighborhoods

Bridging the gap between humanitarian response and a sustainable future

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Guidelines for Reconstruction: cash compensation + technical support

Building back better + sustainable urbanisation

But:
- Poor economic situation
- Lack of space + very high urban density
- Demanding climate conditions
- Environmental degradation
Facts and Figures Area C

1. **Oslo Accords = Area A, B and C: Israeli withdrawal frozen in time since 2000**

2. **Area of West Bank = 5,880 km², 2.3 million people, Area C is about 60% of the area of the West Bank**
   
   New York City Metropolitan Area 17,400 km² – 18.9 million people

3. **PALESTINIAN COMMUNITIES IN AREA C (150,000)**
   
   - Extension areas of A and B
     
     a. 103,000 inhabitants
     
     b. 122 communities have more than 50% of its surface area in Area C
   
   - Located entirely in Area C (incl. seamzone)
     
     a. 47,000 inhabitants
     
     b. 149 communities
   
   - Bedouin communities

4. **ISRAELI SETTLER COMMUNITIES**
   
   - 327,750 Israelis live in the 121 settlements in Area C
Strategic Action Plan
Ministry of Local Government
Planning Support to Palestinian Communities in Area C
4.825 mil USD / 2 years (unfunded)

- Supporting plans being made based on Palestinian realities and needs (26 submitted to the Israeli Civil Administration)
- Need to build capacity of Palestinian communities to develop and implement plans
- Need to empower Palestinian Communities to implement plans (dealing with building permits, organising the land, etc.)
- Advocacy with the international community
The Special Outline Plan for the village of Al Funduq and the route of Road 531, which has not yet been constructed.
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Zif: Two of the four neighborhoods of the village were left outside the boundaries of the Special Outline Plan.
FUTURE OF PALESTINE?

Urban Future
National Spatial Plan
Palestinian Urban Forum
Facts and Figures East Jerusalem

→ Israeli demographic objectives with masterplan
→ Restrictive zoning and permit regulations
→ > 20,000 ‘illegal’ houses (+- 50% of Palestinian families)
→ Informal neighborhoods: insufficient infrastructure and services
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“Urban Planning Support to Palestinian Communities”

- Creating a broad platform around planning issues (incl. making all planning and building related information accessible online and/or to interested parties)
- Making urban plans for specific neighborhoods, creating concrete building rights and analyzing existing plans with the community for building opportunities
- Changing the discourse and align planning methodologies
- Prepare the ground to legalize the maximum number of buildings, to create public space and ease permit process
- Mapping Palestinian planning needs at the level of East Jerusalem
- Support Palestinian communities in responding to plans initiated by the Israeli municipality
- Organising a campaign on the ‘right to the city’
Why an Advisory Board?
And
Why in New York?

3. Requests the Executive Director to set up and chair an Advisory Board to the Special Human Settlement Programme for the Palestinian People and the Technical Cooperation Trust Fund, constituted of representatives to the UN of contributing member states, in order to provide policy guidance to the Special Human Settlements Programme for the Palestinian People, taking into account the evolving context, to support fundraising based on identified gaps, to review progress and reporting to the Governing Council and prepare the necessary Governing Council Resolutions;
Enhancing state-building efforts and working towards sustainable urbanisation

Improving the living conditions and building resilience of Palestinian communities in support of humanitarian action, development and peace-building
Enhancing state-building efforts and working towards sustainable urbanisation

Component A1: Finalising the regulatory and institutional frameworks related to planning, land and housing

Component A2: Further strengthening of municipal development, planning and management practices

Component A3: Knowledge building and networking for sustainable urbanisation
Improving the living conditions and building resilience of Palestinian communities in support of humanitarian action, development and peace-building

Component B1: Building resilience and promoting development of Palestinian Communities in East Jerusalem and Area C through planning

Component B2: Supporting the development of areas surrounding Palestinian Refugee Camps through planning and infrastructure investment;

Component B3: Making Cities Greener and more Productive

Component B4: Supporting cross-border cooperation with local authorities and communities
Financial situation + Funding Gaps

Two windows:

- **Earmarked funding for projects**
  - Current portfolio 16.7 mil USD
  - Hard pipeline 2 mil Euros (Belgium / France)
  - Different new projects designed

- **Unearmarked funding through the Trust Fund**
  - Core presence / core activities / expected results
  - 2.46 mil USD / year or 7.4 mil USD / 3 years
### Goal

A more integrated approach to planning, land and housing results in better protection for Palestinian families, more sustainable urbanisation, and enables housing production and infrastructure investment.

Total outputs 1+2+3 over 3yrs:

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