



Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People

Project Fact Sheet

Support to local Government Reform, Property Tax Reform

PROJECT AIM (OVERALL OBJECTIVE)

The project aims at establishing the enabling environment for reassigning the Property Tax administration and responsibilities from Ministry of Finance to local authorities. In addition, increasing the options for revenue generation for Local Authorities.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Financial sustainability is vital for enabling local government units (LGU) to effectively embark on its mission to serve the local community. This can be only realized if these units are able to generate sufficient revenues and raise funds from various external sources. The property tax collection and the re-assignment of this mission from the Ministry of Finance to LGUs stands as an important catalyst and a window of opportunity which will ensure a sustainable source of economic viability and financing sources.

OBJECTIVES

- To reform the existing Legal Framework that governs the Property Tax Administration.
- To develop the institutional framework and detailed action plan for carrying out the reassignment of Property Tax authorities.

IMPACT STATEMENT

Once property tax administration and the overall local revenue generation capacity are enhanced, LGUs will be more viable and financially independent.

PROGRESS UP TO DATE

- Agreement with APLA on the importance of the property tax reassignment and the need to raise sources of revenues
- The Jordanian Model and the cooperation between the Jordanian and the Palestinian projects

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THEMATIC AREA

Democratic Governance

SECTOR / SUB SECTOR

Local Government Sector

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Number 00044415

Award Number 00039552

Duration 16 months

Donor Government of Japan

Partner Ministry of Local Government, APLA

BUDGET

Total Budget US\$500,000

Disbursement up to date US\$118,000

Geographic Location

West Bank and Gaza

OUTPUTS

- Amended Property Tax Law.
- Action plan for the reassignment of Property Tax to local government units.
- A computerized system of property tax record-keeping, billing, and collection is established and put into work.
- An Ad-hoc Technical Unit (ATU) trained to serve as long-term recourse centre within the MoLG during and beyond the project life.



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- Institutionalized system through piloting the reassignment in two municipalities.
- Public awareness and educated community.

CONSTRAINTS (if any)

- Instability of the political situation in the area.
- The inactive Palestinian Legislative Council.
- The unclear position of the Ministry of Finance towards the reassignment.

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