

## Project Fact Sheet



### Improvement of Medical Waste management in Ramallah (Pilot Project in Ramallah Governmental Hospital & Municipality of Ramallah)

#### THEMATIC AREA

Energy and Environment

#### SECTOR / SUB SECTOR

Environment, Environmental policies, planning and Legislation; Environmental Enhancement & Management

#### **PROJECT AIM (OVERALL OBJECTIVE)**

The project aims to contribute to the protection of the public health and safeguard the environment through the improvement of the Medical Waste Management in Ramallah District.

#### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project aims to contribute to the protection of Public Health and safeguard the environment through improvement of Medical Waste Management in Ramallah District. The project will concentrate on Ramallah Government Hospital in Ramallah City as a pilot to enhance and improve the management of the medical waste and set a model to be replicated in other health care facilities and in different districts in the future.

The activities to be undertaken are: Assess Medical Waste Management and the current practices, including collection, segregation, primary treatment, storage, transportation and final treatment within Ramallah Governmental Hospitals; Review, and further develop a user friendly Medical Waste Management System/Manual for Ramallah Governmental Hospital; Improvement and further Development of the draft available National Regulations and Guidelines; Assess the Medical Waste Management Systems within Ramallah Municipality; Develop a medical waste management system (manual); Conduct training activities to strengthen the institutional capacities of the stakeholders and the main beneficiaries of the project; and Procurement of necessary equipment for Ramallah Governmental Hospital and Municipality Of Ramallah.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- Development of comprehensive legal framework, bylaws and guidelines for the MWM including healthcare facilities and service providers.
- Strengthening the management and operational capacities regarding medical waste management within Ramallah Municipality and Ramallah Governmental Hospital.
- Supply the necessary equipments for Ramallah Governmental Hospital and Ramallah Municipality
- Strengthening the institutional capacities and raising awareness among relevant staff of responsible bodies in specific, and the general public regarding medical waste management issues

#### PROJECT DETAILS

Project Number	00047106
Award Number	00041346
Duration	Sept 06 – Dec 08
Donor	Government of Japan
Partner	Environment Quality Authority, Municipality of Ramallah, Ramallah Governmental Hospital/Ministry of Health

#### BUDGET

Total Budget	US\$1,000,000
Disbursement up to date	US\$216,219

#### Geographic Location

West Bank – Ramallah



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#### IMPACT STATEMENT

- Ramallah Hospital will become a safer place for the patients, the visitors and the neighbors.
- Medical Waste is considered by Ramallah Municipality as hazardous waste and is handled in a different way than domestic waste.
- Bylaws are in place and monitoring is made by MoH and EQA

#### PROGRESS UP TO DATE

- Needs Assessment reports for the Ramallah Hospital and for the Municipality of Ramallah.
- Medical Waste Management Manual for Ramallah Governmental Hospital and Ramallah Municipality in English and Arabic.
- Revised Medical Waste Regulations and guidelines.
- Several public awareness tools are produced such as: Posters, Brochure, School Timetable, Calendar for the year 2008, stickers and illustrations and a logo.
- Training for policy makers on medical waste management was delivered.
- A workshop for discussing the final version of the bylaws was organized.
- An invitation to bid, to procure all the needed equipments (the Medical Waste Vehicle, the autoclave for the hospital and other medical items) that are necessary to run the medical waste management system was conducted. Some of the medical items are already at the Hospital of Ramallah.
- A training of trainers' course (TOT) was organized for four days and attended by representatives from the counterparts and other relevant healthcare centers. A follow up TOT session was conducted focused on medical waste issues.
- Awareness inside the hospital has continued to be raised by distributing the brochure in many places in the hospital and by activating the infectious control committee inside Ramallah Hospital.
- Ramallah Municipality, with support from the project, has started mapping the Healthcare Centers. This will be highly needed if the scope of work of the project is extended.
- A feasibility study for a possible extension of the scope of work of the project to include all healthcare facilities in Ramallah District is taking place.

#### OUTPUTS

- Medical Waste Management systems and Enforcement Mechanisms in Environment Quality Authority, Ramallah Governmental Hospital and Ramallah Municipality are improved;
- Capacity building regarding Medical Waste Management is enhanced in the three institutions;
- 75 Civil servants of the three beneficiary institutions are trained in MWM;
- Contribution to public Health protection and enhancement is achieved;
- Contribution to protection and safe guard of the environment is achieved

#### CONSTRAINTS (if any)

- The civil servants' strike at the beginning of the project (about four months) and hence the difficulties in coordination between the counterparts.
- Local Experience in Medical Waste Management is limited.

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