



Project Fact Sheet



National Campaign for Advocating the UNCAC Provisions in oPt / “The National Anti-Corruption Campaign”

PROJECT AIM (OVERALL OBJECTIVE)

‘Good Governance in the occupied Palestinian territories through fostering and enhancing accountability in the political system as well as all sectors in the Palestinian society.’

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This two-year project, implemented by AMAN Coalition for Accountability and Integrity, aims to promote compliance with the UN Convention Against Corruption by mobilizing stakeholders through collective action and involving all sectors to: (1) support directed research to address gaps, draft legislation (2) institutionalize monitoring mechanisms; (3) raise public awareness of their role; (4) and advocate for effective implementation and enforcement of anti-corruption measures.

The project methodology will be to mobilize stakeholders through national, participatory efforts, and to make critical interventions to assist partners in the relevant sectors --- legislature, civil society, media, private sector, academia, government parties such as auditor, comptroller, judiciary, and the public at large --- to be informed about and to understand their role in preventing, exposing and combating corruption. Working groups throughout the WBG and in the region will promote collective action concerning specific corruption issues including monopolies, money laundering, illicit enrichment, corrupt hiring and promotion practices, and advocate anti-corruption legislation such as freedom and access to information, whistleblowers protection, consumer protection and asset recovery strategies.

A concrete result of the project will be the participatory development of a National Plan of Action to Combat Corruption, based on operationalizing the UN Convention Against Corruption and other laws and conventions, as a practical and comprehensive blueprint for effectively implementing and sustaining a national anti-corruption campaign.

OBJECTIVES

- To develop a National Plan of Action to Combat Corruption.
- To develop adequate research to operationalize the UNCAC in the government.
- To incorporate advocacy and public awareness raising activities concerning anti-corruption within civil society organizations.
- To advocate for effective citizen and specialist networks in monitoring and pressuring government to combat corruption.

THEMATIC AREA

Democratic Governance

SECTOR / SUB SECTOR

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Number	00053604
Award Number	00045391
Duration	Mar 2007 – Dec 2008
Donor	UNDEF
Partner	The Coalition for Accountability & Integrity – AMAN

BUDGET

Total Budget	US\$ 294,665
Disbursement up to date	N/A

Geographic Location

West Bank and Gaza Strip

OUTPUTS

- National Plan of Action is adopted by more than 100 civil society organizations and endorsed by the parliament and the president.
- State endorsement of UNCAC, new anti corruption legislation in place and state anti-corruption agency established.
- Civil society organizations active in anti-corruption networks; they lead in making their constituencies aware of the public role in combating corruption.
- Civil society, national and regional anti-corruption networks established; improved public perception of definitions of corruption and effective



Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People

Project Fact Sheet

ways to combat it; improved awareness of corruption dynamics and impact of corruption on marginalized groups; citizen involvement noted by media in anti-corruption strategies; public perceives less corruption in political life. Effective in monitoring and pressuring government to combat corruption.

PROGRESS UP TO DATE

- Project staff recruited, offices in WB and GS furnished and equipped.
- A follow-up committee for the project comprised of representatives from civil society organizations, private sector, public sector, individuals such as lawyers, researchers, etc has been established.
- A brochure that provides information on the project and on UNCAC provisions has been designed, printed and distributed to major stakeholders in WB and GS.
- AMAN signed a Memorandum of Cooperation with the Palestinian government headed by prime minister Salam Fayyad on August 28, 2007; where the government declared its commitment to carry out a series of coordinated activities to implement and adhere to the provisions of the UNCAC and declared its willingness to endorse a national plan of action to combat corruption and to adopt anti corruption measures.
- AMAN started Conducting Research on Gaps in Local Legislation and Policies regarding anti corruption measures. The research will provide a comparative analysis of the UNCAC and the Palestinian legislation and public policies regarding anti corruption with the purpose of identifying where the Palestinian legislation and public policies comply with the UNCAC standards and where there are gaps that must be addressed.
- AMAN started drafting 2 reports one on the "Impact of Corruption on Marginalized Groups" and the other on "Transparency, Accountability and Integrity within Security Forces" with the purpose of highlighting and bringing to public awareness on some corruptive practices in public policies.
- 5 awareness raising workshops on UNCAC provisions targeting the civil society organizations were held in Ramallah, Nablus, Bethlehem and Gaza from Sep 5 to Sep 23, 2007. Representatives from 105 organizations from the private and NGO sectors participated in these workshops.

CONSTRAINTS (if any)

N/A

PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

UNDP Programme Analyst Laila Christine Milad

Tel: +9722 6268270

Project Manager: Manar Salem

Tel: +9722 2974949

Project Office

Ramallah

Al Rimawi Building 1th Flr, Al Irsal street

Gaza

Tel: 9728 2884767

Website:

www.aman-palestine.org/uncac.htm

Last Update: September 2007

DOWNLOAD

Press Releases

Publications

Fact Sheet

Project Document

Evaluation Report

English

Arabic

