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West Bank Gaza*

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Audit Capacity Building	This project aims at developing the audit and capacity to improve management processes and controls at the Ministry of Finance, Department of Customs, and the General Petroleum Company. As a result of this assistance, the Government of Israel transferred almost \$600 million in revenues collected on behalf of and owing to the Palestinian Authority. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank & Gaza.	Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	271,825
Development Credit Authority	The Bank of Jordan will issue loans, from its own capital, to eligible borrowers of up to a total portfolio of US\$5.5 million under this 5-year program. The ceiling for individual loans is US\$150,000. At the point when actual losses from not repaying are reflected on the banks balance sheet, USAID is obligated to pay a claim and effectively share 50 percent of such losses with the bank. We anticipate that 60 percent of the lending will go to trade-related activities, 30 percent to business services, and 10 percent to industry. Funded by USAID/West Bank & Gaza and implemented by Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC).	E-Commerce & IT	42,955
		Export Promotion	128,865
		Business Services & Training	42,955
		Trade-Related Agriculture	128,865
		Tourism Sector Development	85,910
		Activity Total	429,550
Financial Markets Reform	This program provides technical assistance to promote the mobilization of capital to the private sector in the West Bank Gaza. The program is comprised of six components: (1) support the development of the legal and regulatory framework for financial markets, including the development of the proposed Capital Market Regulatory Authority, (2) provision of focused, demand-driven technical assistance to explore the introduction of alternative financial instruments in the West Bank and Gaza, (3) address the legal, regulatory and capacity impediments to debt restructuring as an alternative to insolvency, (4) development and implementation of an educational and promotional campaign on financial market opportunities, (5) facilitation of the flow of capital to financial institutions during the intifada to benefit the private sector, and (6) support the development of the legal and regulatory framework to support land reform and mortgage finance, including the development of the new Land Authority. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank & Gaza.	Financial Sector Dev. & Good Governance	4,700,000
Palestinian Agriculture Rehabilitation Activity (PAPA)	The project will contribute to expanding exports of fresh fruits and vegetables from the West Bank and Gaza. The project will also introduce advanced technology in production, marketing and food processing, and training farmers and agribusinesses, thus enhancing Palestinian trade capacity. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank & Gaza.	Export Promotion	5,883,739
		Business Services & Training	3,922,493
		Trade-Related Agriculture	9,806,232
		Activity Total	19,612,463

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Palestinian Enterprise Development	The Palestinian Enterprise Development Activity (PED) aims to improve the overall operating environment for the West Bank and Gaza firms by strengthening the capacity of key private sector institutions, improving firm-level access to business development services, and strengthening the capacity of key Palestinian Authority institutions to assure an adequate legal and regulatory environment. A second component of PED consists of targeted training and technical assistance to identified private sector clusters in order to increase their incomes, employment, and sales, both domestic and export, and, as a consequence, to increase the incomes of enterprise owners, managers, and employees. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank & Gaza.	Export Promotion	2,457,321
		Business Services & Training	3,510,458
		Tourism Sector Development	1,053,137
		Activity Total	7,020,916
Palestinian Enterprise Revitalization	The Palestinian Enterprise Revitalization program is designed to mesh business development technical assistance and financial facilitation services to revitalize West Bank and Gaza small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). These SMEs-the missing middle-present a unique opportunity for U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to reach out to an under-served yet potentially stabilizing segment of the Palestinian economic sector. The program includes three components: (1) firm-level technical assistance to achieve an immediate impact and results in improving profitability, operating efficiency, and capacity utilization, (2) financial facilitation to leverage investments in Palestinian businesses through creative solutions involving multiple sources of funding and financial institutions, and (3) strengthen the capacity of associations, consulting firms, and financial intermediaries to provide permanent, self-sustaining support to Palestinian businesses. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank & Gaza.	Export Promotion	379,236
		Business Services & Training	1,137,707
		Activity Total	1,516,943
Palestinian Information Communication Technology	This program creates an institution as the anchor for the information technology cluster. The activity aims to provide business services to enable start ups and access to risk capital and to encourage innovation. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank & Gaza.	E-Commerce & IT	238,242
		Export Promotion	119,121
		Business Services & Training	833,847
		Activity Total	1,191,210
Palestinian Trade Center	The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is supporting the Palestine Trade Centers (Paltrade) main focus on increasing the volume and value of exports from the West Bank and Gaza. In addition, it focuses on increasing private sector trade, investment and competitiveness. Also supports improved services and expansion of Paltrade membership base, as well as the tradable goods sectors ability to participate in international exhibitions. Funded and implemented by USAID/West Bank & Gaza.	Export Promotion	280,000
		Business Services & Training	120,000
		Activity Total	400,000
Total FY05 USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to West Bank Gaza			35,142,907