

# WEST BANK AND GAZA: CIDA REPORT



Middle East

## THEMATIC FOCUS

CIDA's programming in West Bank and Gaza aligns with the Palestinian Reform and Development Plan. The plan addresses issues of food shortages, deteriorating living conditions, extreme poverty, and chronic malnutrition and illness, particularly among children and women. In response, CIDA support is focused on:

### Food Security

- Providing emergency food aid

### Children and Youth

- Accessing basic health, education, and mental health services to people affected by conflict
- Providing emergency shelter and essential supplies for families

### Sustainable Economic Growth

- Increasing competitiveness and market access for small and medium-sized businesses
- Improving policy, legal, and regulatory frameworks that foster a more competitive private sector
- Support to justice sector reform in West Bank and Gaza, by enhancing the capacity of security institutions to increase peace and security and improve respect for the rule of law

## KEY DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

- Israeli-Palestinian and internal Palestinian conflicts
- Restrictions on access and movement
- Limited capacity of public institutions
- Inequality between women and men
- Limited business investment

## FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Population (2010): **4.4 million<sup>1</sup>**
- HDI rank (2010): **Not available<sup>2</sup>**
- Percentage of population living on less than US\$1.25 per day (2005): **Not available<sup>3</sup>**
- Gross national income per capita (2005): **US\$1,250<sup>4</sup>**
- Total CIDA development assistance: **C\$64.61 million<sup>5</sup>**

1. United Nations Population Fund  
 2. Human Development Index (HDI), *Human Development Report 2010*, United Nations Development Programme  
 3, 4. Country Indicators, World Bank; World Development Indicators Online. 2009  
 5. Canadian International Development Agency funding: 2009-2010

## KEY PROJECTS

### Palestinian Prosecution Services

- Construction of courthouse facilities to address the lack of adequate court infrastructure, a main challenge in the justice sector
- Support to the Office of the Attorney General and the Public Prosecution Office (Palestinian Authority) to improve facilities and train staff

### United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees 2009 Emergency Appeal—West Bank and Gaza

- Support targeting the food security needs of Palestinian refugees in West Bank and Gaza

### World Bank Palestinian Reform and Development Plan Trust Fund

- Support to help the Palestinian Authority meet the budgetary requirements for delivering public services to improve living conditions and strengthen the economy

CIDA's work in West Bank and Gaza is part of Canada's contribution to the global effort to reach the Millennium Development Goals.

# 2009-2010 HIGHLIGHTS

## Humanitarian Assistance

- Supported United Nations Development Programme efforts to remove some 175,000 tonnes of rubble that were crushed into recycling material for road construction
- Helped to safely remove 83 unexploded devices, as well as asbestos and other hazardous materials, from destroyed buildings

## Food Security

- Supported 1,797 sheep and goat farmers through the Food and Agriculture Organization, allowing them to meet their basic needs without having to sell their livestock



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## Children and Youth

- Supported the UNICEF Community Psychosocial and Mental Health Services Project in the provision of group counselling and recreational activities to help 38,023 children better cope and protect themselves
- Provided hygiene kits to 650 young women of reproductive age
- Provided 86 young women with access to physiotherapy



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## MOVING FORWARD: ANTICIPATED RESULTS

Between 2009 and 2014, Canada's aid focus in the West Bank will primarily address the basic needs of Palestinians and strengthen the institutions vital to improving the rule of law and enabling sustainable economic growth. Key anticipated results include:

### Food Security and Children and Youth

- More than 1.7 million Palestinians will receive emergency aid

### Sustainable Economic Growth

- An improved policy, legal and regulatory environment for business will be established

### Justice Sector Reform

- Justice system institutions and processes that apply the rule of law and uphold human rights will be improved

## KEY PARTNERS

**Canadian:** Justice Canada, University of Windsor, Oxfam-Québec, Mennonite Central Committee, the Association of Community Colleges of Canada

**Multilateral:** World Bank, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees, UNDP, UNICEF, World Food Programme, United Nations Office for Project Services

## West Bank and Gaza

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