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Access Coordination and Monitoring in the Gaza Strip

The Access Coordination and Monitoring Project was established in December 2010 to facilitate and account for the entry of materials used for UNDP projects in Gaza, in support of the recovery and reconstruction process.

Since the imposition of the blockade on Gaza in 2006, the projects of the UNDP infrastructure unit, the UN agencies and partners were dormant or suspended due to access restrictions. Therefore, only limited construction activities were possible. The need for infrastructure projects increased considerably further after the Cast Lead Operation (Dec. 2008 – Jan. 2009), which caused large-scale

destruction of socio-economic, public and private infrastructure.

With the Israeli Cabinet decision in June 2010 to relax certain aspects of the closure policy on Gaza, resulting in the likely opening of access of goods and materials through international project, UNDP had to prepare to address considerable access coordination challenges. Accordingly, an access project responsible for the coordination, monitoring and control of materials movements, storage and handling was created.

Since its establishment, the unit has received its first funding from the Government of Norway for over

one million dollars. Further funding for a lesser amount has been received for 2012. Unlike other agencies that rely on numerous staff members on both sides of the security fence to conduct inspections of the cargo, the ACMT utilizes a smaller multitasked team to accomplish the same result.

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BASIC FACTS

- 600,000 Tons of rubble resulted from Cast Lead in the Gaza Strip
- 15,000 homes damaged or destroyed between 27 December and 18 January 2009
- Israeli restrictions on Palestinian access to areas up to 1-1.5 km come from the fence separating Israel and the Gaza Strip
- Fishing areas are restricted to three nautical miles from the Gaza shore
- Power cuts of up to 12 hours per day on average in the Gaza Strip



Project Overview

Status:
Active

Project Start Date:
October 2010

Estimated End Date:
December 2014

Donor:
Government of Norway

Partners:

Geographic Coverage:
Gaza Strip

Focus Area:
Crisis Prevention and Recovery /
Access

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Progress and Accomplishments

The Access project has managed to inject new life into 44 construction projects that were frozen in the Gaza Strip due to lack of materials. The value of these projects is over USD 22 million (60% of the total Gaza Office delivery). The following table illustrates the amounts of materials crossed from January 2011 to the end of March 2013.

Material Type	Unit	Quantity Received	Number of Trucks
Cement	Ton	8,590.25	215
Steel	Ton	1,524.07	38
Aggregate	Ton	64,538.72	1,613
Miscellaneous	Truck		45
Total	Ton	74,653.04	
Total	Truck		1,911

Finances and Delivery

2012		
Donor	Amount Contributed	Amount Disbursed
Government of Norway	USD 867,002	USD 867,002
2011		
Donor	Amount Contributed	Amount Disbursed
Government of Norway	USD 1,163,797	USD 903,096

Two years project extension was approved for funding by the Government of Norway for the operations in 2013 and 2014 with a total amount of USD 2,599,550 (USD 1.2 million in 2013 and 1.3 million for 2014).

Challenges and Constraints

- Despite the fact that UNDP has slowly increased the volume of project materials into Gaza, injecting new life into projects delayed due to lack of materials and in spite of easing of access for some commercial goods, full-fledged reconstruction is not feasible because Gaza Strip continues to be under blockade. In the same vein, severe restrictions on export continue to hamper prospects for economic development and growth.
- A more specific issue hindering coordination is the long delay for the Israeli COGAT approval process for UNDP projects; thus delaying the start-up of these projects