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I. BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES:

The project described in this report pertains to the construction of the new Salfeet Government Hospital in the West Bank through a contribution of US\$ 2,000,000 made available by the Government of Japan. UNDP through its Infrastructure & Engineering Department served as Executing and Implementing Agency for the project. The project represents a major step in the implementation of the Palestinian Authority's Health Master Plan as well as to meet its current Health Care needs, primarily in the Salfeet Governorate.

The construction of Salfeet Hospital has been selected as a priority by the Ministry of Health for the following reason. Salfeet Governorate, while not the most heavily populated of the West Bank, with a present population estimated at about 80,000, is very isolated. Unlike other Palestinian Governorates, Salfeet does not have any major medical facilities. There are no hospitals within the Governorate, and the closest Government Hospitals in Nablus, Tulkarem and Ramallah are more than one-hour drive in the best of circumstances.

During the present turmoil, and due to Salfeet's proximity to many Israeli Settlements, the city as well as the 24 towns and villages that make up the Governorate have been virtually cut off from the remainder of the West Bank. Although, there are approximately 21 primary health care clinics spread throughout the Governorate, none of the clinics have the essential medical services to provide essential and/or emergency treatment. This has been most apparent during the current turmoil engulfing the Palestinian Territories.

Thus, the purpose of the Hospital is to function as a secondary referral facility for the twenty one Primary Health Care Centres throughout the district; and in turn is supported by Nablus as well as Ramallah Hospital for more complicated emergency medical treatment.

The original suggested plan for Salfeet Hospital was for the construction of an 1800 square meter facility with a 30 to 40 bed capacity, which was to be decided following the finalisation of the detailed design. The funds available under this project allowed for the completion of the ground and first floor of the planned building. The facility will entail secondary health services such as the maternity ward, outpatient clinics, pediatric as well as internal medicine ward, and a minor surgical centre.

The successful completion of this hospital will provide a great improvement over their present situation. It should be noted, that with the construction of the hospital the Nablus Government Hospital will be alleviated from some of the burden it currently has by having to serve the Salfeet Governorate.

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II. PROJECT ACTIVITIES & STATUS:

Upon completing discussions with the Ministry of Health pertaining to the functions of the new hospital, UNDP tendered the designs to eight (8) consulting firms of whom seven (7) responded with bids. Based upon the bid opening and subsequent evaluation the consulting firm of Petra Mimar was awarded the design contract in May 2002 for the amount of US\$ 26,340.

The expected design duration was estimated at four (4) months, however, due to the Palestinian Intifada and numerous Israeli incursions and curfews on the city of Bethlehem where the consulting firm is located, and number of changes on the design by the Ministry of Health, the design duration lasted 18 months. The total area of the design encompassed 2977 square meters, which is about 1100 square meters larger than originally anticipated. This delay and extra works increased the value of the consultancy to US\$ 31,755.

Thereafter, a tender was floated to eight local construction companies. All eight whom were invited to tender responded with bids. The tender included all works that were to be completed. Based upon the tender, the lowest bidder was M/S Qertaja Contracting Company in the amount of US\$2,212,856. Due to budget limitations, a number of functions were reduced from the original tender which would not effect the operation of the facility. The final reduced price was US\$1,702,460.

The project site was handed over to the construction firm in October 2003.

All works associated with the facility have been completed. This also includes an additional \$300,000 allocated by UNDP/PAPP to complete the finishing works pertaining to the maternity ward as well as additional landscaping works.

The final facility upon completion includes the following elements:

- Construction of the basement including kitchen, dining room, laundry, stores, mechanical and boiler rooms;
- Construction of a ground floor consisting of a doctors room for outpatient clinics including administrative facilities, Emergency room, Pharmacy, Laboratory including X-Ray Unit & Inpatient Ward;
- Construction of a first floor including two operating theatres, recovery room, delivery room, maternity ward, sterilisation unit, two additional inpatient rooms, and a incubator room.

It should be noted that an increase in the size of the facility was requested by the Ministry of Health, so as to be able to provide additional services to the residents of the isolated area. This portion of the facility, approximately 450 square meters, was completed through a UNDP/PAPP contribution of \$267,536. The completed area will be utilised for patient rooms and in particular the maternity ward. Additional landscaping works were also completed.

In total the hospital will have a capacity of 51 beds and three incubators to treat patients.

The facility was handed over in January 2006.



Progress Since Last Report:

Due to the urgent need to get some medical services functioning in the Salfeet District, the Ministry of Health has begun to utilize the facility at minimal capacity and with a skeleton staff. The only functions in the hospital currently being utilized are the emergency room, and only for minor cases, and the outpatient clinics. In addition, the Ministry is currently recruiting doctors and staff for the facility, in order to prepare for a fully functional facility.

However, the problem remains that due to the cut off of donor assistance to the Palestinian Authority, funds that were allocated to purchase the equipment and furniture for the site, are no longer budgeted. As such, in order to ensure that the investment of the Government of Japan is utilized to its full capacity, we request your assistance in funding the purchase of the items attached to this report. The estimated budget requirements for the purchase of the furniture and equipment is approximately US\$1 million.

Any assistance that can be provided to ensure that the major functions of the hospital are operating would greatly benefit the local population.

III. OBSTACLES ENCOUNTERED:

The only obstacle remaining is the inability of the Palestinian Authority to fully operate Salfeet Hospital due to the lack of essential furnishings and equipment for the hospital.

IV. FINANCIAL STATUS:

The total project budget funded by the Government of Japan for Phase III is US\$ 2,000,000 subject to a flat 8% Support Cost Fees. The below table shows that 100% of all project funds have been disbursed..

Description:	Estimated Cost in US\$:	Disbursements in US\$:
Construction of new hospital building	1,712,873	1,712,873
Site Engineer:	66,150	66,150
Design costs	31,755	31,755
Project Vehicle (UNDP)	26,791	26,791
Miscellaneous	14,283	14,283
Subtotal	1,851,852	1,851,852
UNDP AOS @ 8%	148,148	148,148
Total	2,000,000	2,000,000

PROJECT PICTURES:

