

Progress Report

1. Report Summary

(1) Title of the project (according to the note verbal):

Tamkeen – Emergency Response to Palestinian Youth Despair through Sports Initiatives. (Atlas #102744)

(2) Date of approval: February 15, 2017

(3) Total Original project budget: \$385, 866

(4) Scheme of the Project: UNDP-Japan FUND

(5) Period covered by the report: 1 April 2017 – 30 June 2017 (Report # 1)

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2. Contents

(1) Summary of the project

A great majority of Palestinian children & youth do not have a safe location to play and develop their athletic and team sports skills. Athletics, especially for young people is not implemented in an organized and sustainable manner. Youth and children usually play unstructured pickup games on streets or vacant lots in their local neighborhoods. This project, is an attempt to develop the athletic and sports skills of young people who face despair while living under occupation so as to provide them with hope for a better future.

Building on the 2016 success of the Tokyo league under 18 soccer tournaments in Gaza where 111 soccer games took place, as well as the Palestinian Youth Sports League initiatives, this project will be a catalyst to transform youth participation in sports from its current minimal level to increased level through multiple sporting events and a piloted structured league rooted in the spirit of the Tokyo League initiative implemented in 2016. This project will be a continuation of the work started above by focusing on immediate as well as longer term sustainable programs for sports that will provide youth who feel hopelessness with positive reinforcement. The strategy will be to build up the foundation of sports for both males and females in various areas that will be a future breeding ground for clubs, federations, and even national teams.

I. Project Activities:

Through this project the following interventions are planned:

- Formation of Palestinian Youth Sports Leagues in one district (two in total) of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. The PYSL would function year round holding seasonal league competitions depending of the team sports activity. The leagues will focus on 6 team and individual sports (Soccer, Basketball, Handball, Volleyball, Track & Field, & Cycling).
- Hold at least 16 cycling races in the West Bank and Gaza including a National Cycling Championship in Gaza, with riders from the West Bank.

- Hold at least 6 Track and Field Competitions for youth between the ages of 13 and 17 in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip including the first National Championship, with the participation of athletes from Gaza.
- Hold at least three beach volleyball tournaments in the Gaza Strip.
- Host end of season Tokyo league tournaments, in all sports with champions from the various leagues competing against each other from the West Bank, Gaza, and Jerusalem to crown a national champion. (This is depending on the receipt of permits)
- The Tokyo League Soccer competition for 66 Clubs will be held for the second year for under 18 club team players.
- Ping Pong Tournament will be conducted in cooperation with UNRWA.
- Holding 7 summer camps in the Gaza Strip with outreach to over 1200 orphaned and disadvantaged children.

All the above will contribute to engaging a greater number of youth (both male and female) and children in athletics either at the individual or team level. The strategy is to work in parallel in order to provide immediate relief for young people through a variety of sports activities and summer camps, while at the same time creating the longer term league structures that would ensure sustainability of sports participation into the future. The above will be coordinated closely with the Federations, the National Olympic Committee, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Universities, Youth & Sport Clubs, CSO's, etc. and will be in line with the Palestinian youth strategy.

Project Implementation Progress (As of 30 June 2017):

West Bank:

Since the project document was signed on the 15th of February 2017 a Responsible Party Agreement with Al Quds University in the amount of **US\$31,162** was signed as our implementing partner for this project in the West Bank. Al Quds University will be responsible for the implementation of starting up the PYSL in the West Bank city of Jericho and conducting the other track and field as well as cycling races throughout the West Bank. In addition, Al Quds

University will be coordinating all aspects of the PYSL implementation with Gaza partners to ensure one operational system will be in place. This being said, and as of this report, the following tasks have been implemented during this reporting period:

- A detailed Work plan related to the specific activities to be implemented was drafted
- Detailed budget breakdown distributing the use of funds for the activities was completed.
- An Organizational chart as well as structure for the PYSL Team, with the name of persons who will be following up the various tasks was also finalized.
- Coordination with the Municipality of Jericho was initiated including discussions on how the Municipality can support the initiation of the league as well as the potential of holding a mini summer sports camp in Jericho.
- Initiated discussions with other potential partners in the West Bank in relation to the upcoming track and field and cycling races to be held starting in the fall of 2017.
- Identified a number of private sector companies that will be part of an outreach campaign to support the goals and objectives of the PYSL.

On 22nd of June 2017 a soft launching ceremony for the project in Jericho was organized. The event included a parade through the City of Jericho that was led by the Jericho Scouts Group. During the procession of about 200 persons including the Mayor of Jericho and the Head of the Terra Santa School as well as other dignitaries, flyers were handed out to children and their families along the route announcing the coming of the PYSL to Jericho. In addition, at the end of the procession, three basketball games were held, where young boys and girls competed against each other. Medals were distributed to the 30 youth who participated.

As the PYSL will be a national program that both the Government of Japan and UNDP are keen on seeing materialize throughout the oPt, UNDP is also where possible using other projects such as the Community Resilience and Development Programme (CRDP) to promote the PYSL in their targeted communities, in this case, a cluster of small area C communities in Tubas and Qalqiliya districts where summer sports camps will be held for two weeks in July.

Gaza:

In the Gaza Strip, also they have started initiating preparations for the second under 18 Tokyo League soccer tournament, seven summer camps, as well as PYSL and other sports activities.

Tokyo League 2

- An agreement was signed with the Palestinian Football Association in the amount of US\$ 120,000 on 22nd of May 2017 to prepare and organize the Tokyo League II tournament that will be held from 10 July 2017 until 11 August 2017.
- A draw was held for 56 teams and the schedule was drafted for the first phase of the Tokyo League 2 games. After the completion of the first stage of the tournament, the second stage of games will be implemented and at that time the schedule will be prepared.
- The tendering process for the full package of supplies for the soccer players was conducted. The tender opening took place on the 31st of May 2017 after the tender was advertised in local papers. The 1232 packages include a sports bag, T-shirt, shorts, soccer shoes, socks, training suit, and shin guards. All the equipment has been delivered to the clubs.
- The agenda and banners have been prepared for the opening ceremony of the Tokyo League 2 tournament.

Summer Camps:

- We signed a Responsible Party Grant Agreement with the Palestine Forum of Education for Development (PFED) in the amount of \$90,000 was signed on the 22nd of May 2017 to prepare for and implement seven summer camps in the Gaza Strip.
- However, due to transportation related issues, the summer camps will take place in twelve locations rather than seven and the number of youth per camp will be set at 100 boys and girls. The actual locations for the camps have yet to be set and will be shared during the next reporting period.
- 12 institutions have been selected by PFED to host the sport activities during the summer camps. Once the counterparts are finalized they will also be shared in the next report.

PYSL & other Sports Activities:

- An agreement was signed on the 22nd of May 2017 with the Palestinian Olympic Committee in the amount of \$47,161.50 to handle the PYSL and

- other sports events include the Track & Field races, Cycling races, Beach Volleyball, Basketball, Ping Pong, Chess, and Volleyball for the Disabled
- Coordination on the start-up of the PYSL has been initiated with Al Quds University.
 - During this period, preparations for the Beach Volleyball tournament that will comprise 15 teams will occur over two weekends, starting the 6th of July until the 8th of July and the second set of games occurring from the 13th of July until 15th of July. The first set of games will encompass teams from Gaza and the North, and the second set of games will encompass teams from the Middle and South of Gaza. A final for the top teams from each tournament will take place, however, the date has yet to be set.

Throughout the reporting period close coordination has taken place between UNDP and the Government of Japan, including JICA. Bi-weekly meetings have taken place to update our donor partner on the status of the project and discuss potential ideas to further strengthen the projects impact.

Finally, and in order to measure the impact of the two components of the project mentioned below, UNDP & the counterparts will prepare a survey or other tool that will assist in measuring the results we are attempting to achieve through the project.

(2) Project component

Component:	Budget	Project Site:
A. Increased participation of youth in individual and team sports	\$199,323	West Bank & Gaza Strip
B. Improved psychological conditions for disadvantaged children in the Gaza Strip	\$90,000	Gaza Strip

(3) Project timeframe, schedule status, progress of activities, and tasks & measures

Indicated output	Activities	Timeframe								Schedule Status	Activities done in the reporting period	Remaining Work	Tasks & Measures
		2017				2018							
		1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q	1 Q	2 Q	3 Q	4 Q				
Output 1 Increased participation of youth in individual and team sports	1.1 Formation of 2 Sports Leagues in the Gaza Strip & the West Bank			X	X	X				Ongoing	Agreement with counterparts signed. Work plan drafted. Budget Breakdown completed. Organizational structure delineated. Soft Launch conducted	Preparations for League and registration of youth to commence. Outreach to Ministry of Education, Private Sector, and youth clubs to be conducted. Expand visibility in Jericho to ensure targeted youth and families reached. Opening ceremonies for the PYSL.	Follow up with counterpart on preparation procedures, organizational requirements of the activity, including visibility, and outreach.
	1.2 Holding 16 Cycling races including National			X	X					Ongoing	Coordination of locations, organizational & Implementation requirements,	Finalizing identification of partners, location and schedule for races, outreach	Follow up with counterpart on preparation procedures, organizational requirements of the

	Cycling Championships.										and identification of partners ongoing	to youth including registration and identification of potential supporters.	activity, including visibility and outreach.	
	1.3 Conduct 6 Track & Field Competitions including National Championships			X	X						Ongoing	Coordination of locations, organizational implementation requirements, ongoing	Finalizing identification of partners, location and schedule for races, outreach to youth including registration and identification of potential supporters.	Follow up with counterpart on preparation procedures, organizational requirements of the activity, including visibility, and outreach.
	1.4 Hold Three Beach Volleyball Tournaments including equipment			X	X						Ongoing	Preparations for two tournament weekends in Gaza completed. Tournaments to be held in July 2017.	Hold the Beach Volleyball tournament in July 2017.	Follow up on visibility and reporting procedures.
	1.5 Under 18 Tokyo League Soccer Tournament in Gaza			X							Ongoing	Agreement with counterparts signed. Launching of games will be on Monday	Hold the Tokyo League 2 tournament including opening and closing ceremony.	Follow up on visibility and reporting procedures.

											10th of July. All preparatory works including scheduling and the draft for the tournament completed.		
	1.6 Ping Pong and Volleyball Tournament for disabled			X						Ongoing	Coordination of locations, and organizational implementation requirements, ongoing	Finalization of the selection of partners, identification of location, and preparation works.	Follow up with counterpart on preparation procedures, organizational requirements of the activity, including visibility, and outreach.
Output 2 Improved psychosocial conditions for disadvantaged children in the Gaza Strip	2.1 Holding of Seven Summer camps in the Gaza Strip			X						Ongoing	Agreement with Counterpart signed. 12 summer camps to be held rather than seven.	Finalization of the selection of partners, identification of locations, and preparation works for the camps.	Follow up with counterpart on preparation procedures, organizational requirements of the activity, including visibility, and outreach.

Project Completion Date: Most project activities will be completed in 2017 while the expected Project Completion Date of all activities is March 2018.

3. Financial report: (as of June 30th 2017)

The total budget for the project allocated by the Government of Japan including 8% General Management Service (GMS) fees is \$385,866. To date, the amount of US\$219,837.15 has been disbursed, or 57% of the total allocation.

Budget items (according to the proposal)	A. Original budget (according to the proposal)	B. Revised budget (if the original budget is revised)	C. Disbursement	D. Balance	E. Rate of disbursement (%)
				(A/B-C)	(C/B*100)
Output 1: Including PYSL, Cycling & Track and Field Races, Volleyball tournament, Tokyo League, Ping Pong & Disabled Volleyball.	\$ 199,323	\$ -	\$ 117,013.05	\$ 82,309.95	59%
Output 2: For Sports Camps in Gaza.	\$ 90,000	\$ -	\$ 63,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	70%
Project Management	\$ 51,960	\$ -	\$ 23,082.00	\$ 28,878.00	44%
Communication s	\$ 9,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	0%
Miscellaneous	\$ 7,000	\$ -	\$ 457.87	\$ 6,542.13	7%
Sub-total	\$ 357,283	\$ -	\$ 203,552.92	\$ 153,730.08	57%
GMS (8 %)	\$ 28,583	\$ -	\$ 16,284.23	\$ 12,298.77	57%
Total	\$ 385,866	\$ -	\$ 219,837.15	\$ 166,028.85	57%

4. Any special notes or comments

The opening ceremony for the Tokyo League 2 will be on the 10th of July 2017 and will be attended by both Japanese Ambassadors and other Japanese and Palestinian officials.

5. Pictures of project indicating before the project and progress of the project:



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