

Progress Report

1. Report Summary

Title of the project	Construction of the Office Building and Equipping of the Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs - MoFA Award Number : 00051015 Project Number: 00063303
Date of the approval	Original agreement: 04 October 2008, Amended on 05 September 2010
Project Budget:	USD 11,000,000.00
Period covered by the report	01 November 2010–31 December 2010.
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PA Counterpart:	Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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(1) Summary of the project

The project aims to construct and equip the new building of the Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) in Ramallah for a total space of 9,842 Square Meters -housing some 400 MoFA staff, with a total grant value of USD 11 Million generously donated by the People's Republic of China. UNDP/PAPP is also complementing the physical component, through its Capacity Development Initiative (CDI) Programme, to assist in the developing the MoFA capacities, to result in developing a capacity development strategy for MoFA.

Under this cost-sharing agreement, UNDP/PAPP has committed to support the project through covering, from its own resources, the cost of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) for a period of 18 months.

(2) Project component

Component	Budget	Project site
Construction and finishing works for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs building	USD 11 Million	Ramallah, oPt

(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		
		2010				2011									
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4						
Output 1:	Package 1: Skeleton works	Q	Q	Q	Q	X	Q	Q	Q	X	Q	Q	Q	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Skeleton works are ongoing and underway as scheduled. No obstacles have been encountered during the reporting period. Time extension is expected for the skeleton works package due to the modification of the type of footing. Follow up and coordination efforts from all concerned parties with Ramallah Municipality to be provided for solving the issue of the construction permit for the building.
											<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95% of the concrete works 100% of the stone works 100% of the steel structure works 100% of the Insulation, Roofing and Expansion and/or Seismic Joints. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Civil works contract was awarded on the 24 November 2010. The site has been officially handed over on the 16 December 2010. Mobilization activities have been completed. Excavation works have been completed. Concrete works started and the activity is currently underway. Overall progress : 7% 			

	Package 2:Finishing and Electro-Mechanical works					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tender documents have been reviewed and produced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting the tendering process. Contract awarding Commencing the finishing and electro-mechanical works. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New arrangements have been recommended to combine the finishing and electro-mechanical works under one package. These arrangements will be communicated and discussed with the counterpart representatives and donor.
Output 2:								

Project Completion Date:
It's expected to complete all project activities in June 2013.

3. Financial report

Chinese Grant

Budget items (according to the agreement)	Disbursement in USD
Design Works	\$41,384.50
Construction	\$659,542.06
Miscellaneous	\$391.83
Sub-total	\$701,318.39
GMS (7 %)	\$49,092.29
Total	\$750,410.68

*It is important to highlight that the financial figures in this report are temporary figures, and may be corrected at a later stage due to exchange rate fluctuations, realized gain/loss or any other possible corrections. UNDP/PAPP's financial system operates in such a manner that the financial system closes in early December of each year and that final expenditure reports reflecting the disbursements and GMS of the previous year are only published in March of the following year.

UNDP Contribution

Budget items (according to the agreement)	Disbursement in USD
Design Works	\$25,000
Project Implementation Cost	\$12,229.9
Total	\$37,220.9

4. Any special notes or remarks

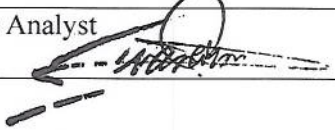
None

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





6. Report authorization by UNDP/PAPP

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