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- USAID is implementing the Health Information System in additional hospitals in the West Bank.
- USAID supports local NGOs to improve health service delivery.

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A newborn baby receives essential medical care at the Ministry of Health's Rafidia Hospital in Nablus.

Program Profile

Health and Humanitarian Assistance Program

Program Overview

USAID responds to health challenges by strengthening the institutional capacities and performance of the Palestinian health sector while also providing access to critical commodities and services such as food and health care. USAID also supports the Palestinian health sector by renovating facilities that provide health services to beneficiaries and strengthens the institutional capacities of the Ministry of Health (MoH) and local non-governmental organizations so that the Palestinian health system is capable of meeting the health needs of all Palestinians.

Goals

- Build capacity within the MoH at the strategic, policy, and implementation levels.
- Support local NGOs to improve service delivery through the expansion and introduction of health services.
- Establish a comprehensive national electronic Health Information System.
- Provide humanitarian assistance to vulnerable and food insecure populations throughout the West Bank and Gaza.

Active Projects

Palestinian Health Sector Reform and Development Project (Flagship)

This project is the centerpiece of U.S. assistance in the health sector. At present, Flagship's main focus is to roll out the Health Information System to additional MoH hospitals. The project works closely with multiple levels of the MoH to help the Ministry implement its National Health Strategy, with the goal of promoting a functional, accountable Palestinian health sector capable of meeting the priority public health needs of its people. The project provides technical assistance, advice, training and equipment to the Ministry, non-governmental and community-based organizations, and educational institutions, as well as small grants for community activities that supplement MoH services.

Implementing Partner: Chemonics International; Life of Project: 09/26/2008-09/25/2014; Total Estimated Cost: \$85,436,964.

U.N. World Food Programme (WFP)

WFP currently provides USAID-funded food assistance to 203,000 non-refugee beneficiaries – 95,000 in Gaza and 108,000 in the West Bank, through direct food distribution and electronic food vouchers. Beneficiaries receive rations of fortified wheat flour, vegetable oil, chickpeas, sugar, and salt several times a year.

Implementing Partner: UNWFP; Life of Project: 03/14/2013-03/14/2016; Total Estimated Cost: \$50,000,000

Palestinian Health Capacity Project

This project aims to build capacity within the MoH to manage health workforce systems efficiently. The project focuses on key areas that have an impact on the performance of the health workforce and the quality of health care that they provide including governance, planning, deployment, education, and professionalization of the health workforce and its various cadres.

Implementing Partner: IntraHealth International, Inc.; Life of Project: 03/04/2013-03/03/2018; Total Estimated Cost: \$15,000,000.

Service Delivery Grants

USAID seeks to improve the quality and reach of health care and humanitarian services provided by NGOs for the Palestinian population. Through these grants, USAID supports the Palestinian MoH's goals of improving health outcomes and reducing health disparities by minimizing the need for referrals, raising public awareness, mitigating threats to health and well-being, procuring medical equipment, and training medical staff.

Implementing Partner: Augusta Victoria Hospital; Life of Project 04/05/2013-04/04/2016; Total Estimated Cost: \$2,935,318.

Implementing Partner: Saint John Eye Hospital; Life of Project 03/04/2013-03/03/2016; Total Estimated Cost: \$2,177,572.

Implementing Partner: Caritas Baby Hospital; Life of Project 03/04/2013-03/03/2016; Total Estimated Cost: \$2,198,680.

Successes

- Procured medical equipment and an electronic health records system valued at more than \$22 million.
- Linked 42 communities with MoH clinics, community-based organizations, and community members.
- Trained more than 1,700 health workers in leadership and management, procurement practices, community mobilization, and wellness communications.
- Procured and distributed food baskets for 45,000 food-insecure Palestinians in the West Bank and 95,000 food-insecure Palestinians in Gaza in 2013. Today, 63,000 beneficiaries in the West Bank are able to purchase food commodities through an electronic voucher system available in selected local shops. Items include locally produced bread, milk, yogurt, labaneh, white cheese, eggs, pulses, vegetable oil, and salt.
- Provided \$1.8 million of construction and facility renovation support to the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem.
- Expanded the Holy Family Hospital's "Well Women Program" to provide services through outpatient and outreach clinics in remote villages.
- Trained 140 food inspectors in the MoH and the Consumer Protection Unit in standardized inspection procedures.

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