Congress passed the Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act (MEPPA) to foster better cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians and build the foundation for peaceful co-existence and a sustainable two-state solution.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Development Finance Corporation (DFC) are responsible for implementing MEPPA, with USAID responsible for the Partnership for Peace Fund and DFC responsible for the Joint Investment for Peace Initiative.

Partnership for Peace Fund (PPF)

People-to-People Partnership for Peace Fund Grants Activity
- Funds grants of up to $5 million each to organizations that promote greater understanding, mutual trust, and cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians.
- Supports organizations that can work together to solve common economic and social development challenges.
- Accepting applications and making awards on a rolling basis.

Building Regional Economic Bridges Program
- Promotes joint economic opportunities at the individual and institutional levels.
- Works to overcome barriers between the Palestinian and Israeli private sectors.
- Develops the Palestinian private sector's capability to engage in the Joint Investment for Peace Initiative.

PPF Advisory Board
- Up to Fifteen-member board that makes recommendations to the USAID Administrator about the types of projects that should be considered for funding.
- Twelve members are appointed by Congress. The USAID Administrator appoints the chair and has the option to appoint two international members.
- The Board hosts public meetings at least twice a year and provides non-binding advice and recommendations to the USAID Administrator.

Joint Investment for Peace Initiative
- Invests in and supports entities that carry out projects contributing to the development of the Palestinian private sector economy in the West Bank and Gaza.
- Increases investment in small and medium-sized enterprises owned by Palestinians in high value-added or emerging industries, such as technology and agriculture.
Women Entrepreneurship Development (WED)
$3.3 million • Implemented by Tomorrow’s Youth Organization • 2022-2026

Women Entrepreneurship Development provides women entrepreneurs support to take a concept from an idea to a sustainable business model through training, seed funding, and connections with successful entrepreneur mentors. In addition, the project supports women-led small businesses through a workspace created to offer startups and new ventures access to the resources they need. A separate component of the activity will build the skills of young women and expose them to role models, strengthening the next generation of women entrepreneurs. Through this activity, USAID intends to directly support over two hundred women entrepreneurs and dozens of women-led small businesses, while fostering coexistence and reconciliation within and across communities.

Prosperity Through Partnership (PTP)
$2.2 million • Implemented by Mercy Corps • 2022-2025

Prosperity Through Partnership brings together and coaches at least 600 Palestinian and Israeli business owners to build partnerships and advance participants’ business goals. Through the activity, Palestinian and Israeli business leaders will identify challenges and solutions to increase trade between the West Bank and Israel. It will also support Palestinian and Israeli trade associations, leveraging their networks and connections across Israel and the West Bank to increase business opportunities and relationships.

Partnership for Climate Resilience and Water Security
$3.3 million • Implemented by EcoPeace Middle East • 2022-2025

Partnership for Climate Resilience and Water Security uses scientific and grassroots approaches to build awareness, knowledge, and solutions to address water scarcity and climate change. Fifteen Israeli and 15 Palestinian scientific experts will collaborate on a new water model for equitable and sustainable water use, enabling participants to break down barriers to resolving the conflict over water and climate related issues. The grassroots component will develop materials for students and train Palestinian and Israeli teachers to increase awareness of climate challenges including mitigation and adaptation measures. Teachers will participate in binational meetings to promote regional cooperation. Additionally, 150 Israeli and 150 Palestinian young professionals will participate in Water Diplomacy Training to promote sustainable water use and collaboration for future generations.
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<td>The <em>DevelopMed - Medicine in the Service of Peace</em> activity will create a sustainable, formalized approach to cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian stakeholders in the healthcare field. Healthcare offers a unique window of opportunity for cross-border partnership and peacebuilding between Palestinians and Israelis. To date, such cooperation has been limited and ad hoc. DevelopMed will establish an Israeli-Palestinian Medical Cooperation Consortium to engage stakeholders on ways to improve cross-border medical cooperation. The activity provides in-person training to over 300 Israeli and Palestinian medical professionals, increasing mutual trust, confidence, and understanding between them. Through this activity, healthcare professionals will improve their ability to address challenges facing healthcare systems in their communities, while also building personal connections that will create advocates for peace.</td>
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<td>TechSeeds for Peace (T4P) harnesses technology as a common interest to bring together Palestinians and Israelis for skills development and career advancement to take advantage of this growing market and building lasting personal relationships. Today, there are 20,000 open software development positions in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. The activity engages over 1,000 young Palestinian and Israeli professionals from underserved communities to learn technology, leadership, conflict mitigation and soft skills side-by-side. The activity supports “full-stack training” which includes both back-end and front-end skills development including database, algorithms and code training in addition to training on visual design, app development and data storage. Participants will also receive interview and resume skills training to promote career advancement in the high technology field. Palestinian and Israeli youth will engage in training and education sessions together as they learn to work together as peers, widening the constituency of peace across the region’s burgeoning technology industry and building support for an eventual two-state solution.</td>
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