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Reconstruction of Atta Habib Hospital Medical Centre in Gaza City



### PARTNERS

Palestinian National Authority  
Ministry of Health  
UNDP/PAPP



### APPROVED BUDGET

US\$1,000,000

Duration: July 2015  
to December 2016

“The Atta Habib Clinic serves around 30,000 people and is the only health institute at the eastern side of Gaza City. The Palestinians in Gaza will enormously benefit from its reconstruction by IBSA partners, since otherwise the nearest health provider is about 3 kilometres away and heavily overloaded.”

**Mr. Ashraf Ismail, Director of the Director General's Office, International Cooperation Department of the Ministry of Health, 2015**

### OVERVIEW

This project aims to rebuild and enhance access to public health infrastructure through the reconstruction of the totally damaged Atta Habib Hospital Medical Centre in the eastern Gaza City neighbourhood of Al Shujaia. The building will also be supplied with the necessary equipment to run the primary health-care clinic.

The planned works include maternity and child health wards as well as facilities for dental and lab services. Furniture and communication systems to enable the operation of these services will also be provided. The newly constructed medical centre will serve almost half of the population of Shujaia, estimated at 180,000 inhabitants.

### RESULTS (INTENDED OUTCOMES)

- Strengthened quality and availability of medical attention by improving infrastructure and hygienic conditions, facilitating patient flow, and permitting the continuous delivery and expansion of certain health-care services.
- Reconstruction of a total area of 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> of Atta Habib Hospital Medical Centre including maternity ward, blood lab, biochemistry lab, dental services, pharmacy and administrative offices.
- Equipped hospital with necessary furniture and communication systems.

### SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Upon agreement among the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, municipal authorities and UNDP/Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (PAPP) engineers on the key features and necessary facilities for the new hospital centre, a new design was prepared.
- A new management plan for the hospital centre was also prepared.
- Survey and excavation work to level the project site was completed.
- The approval for construction materials to enter Gaza to rebuild this hospital was obtained and later reactivated.
- The civil works were awarded in November 2015, and the selected contractor took over the project site.
- Construction activities have begun with the laying of the building's foundations.

## CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED

- Permission for entrance into Gaza of construction materials outlined in a detailed bill of quantities prepared for this project was obtained in December 2014. However, it was suspended in August 2015. This resulted in a delayed timeline for the implementation of this project.
- Following efforts by UNDP/PAPP and IBSA Ambassadors in Ramallah, permission to enter construction materials into Gaza was reactivated in November 2015.

## LINK TO NATIONAL STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES

This project responds to the Government of the State of Palestine's immediate priority of providing emergency support to the health sector in the Gaza Strip and restoring a sense of normalcy. It will provide a common platform for the Government and partners to advance the "Gaza Early Recovery and Reconstruction Plan 2014-2016". The initiative is part of the Ministry of Health call to address chronic shortages in medicine, medical supplies and equipment in Gaza as well as rebuild primary health centres and hospitals.

