

Private Sector Development

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Result area 1 - Private sector development Private Sector Development

RESULTS
With support from the Netherlands, Gaza Sky Geeks, the first tech hub in Gaza, is well on track to reach its goals and ambitions. Despite the severe day-to-day conditions that Gazan people face, Gaza Sky Geeks is able to offer its members skills and practical tools to help them find both short-term and long-term employment. Gaza Sky Geeks trains people in IT skills that the employment market demands in both the Palestinian Territories and abroad. Through its Digital Agency, young men and women are connected to clients within and outside the Palestinian Territories. The uptake of services continues to grow compared to previous years.

INDICATORS	Baseline	Target	Result	Source
ST_Amount of private co-investment by companies and financial institutions; amount of donor	NA	NA	116000	4000000181

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 1 Assess achieved results compared to planning:	C. Results achieved as planned
Reasons for result achieved.	The target was that 6 of the supported start-ups would generate revenue and/or attract investment sufficient to enable long-term work (greater than 6 months). 4 of the start-ups obtained investments (worth 116.000), and 2 of them obtained grants (worth 25.000). As such the results were as planned.
Implications for planning.	N/A

Result area 2 - 1. Business development, by investment or trade of local or Dutch Private Sector Development

RESULTS
The Dutch support on private sector development has focused mostly on the IT sector in Gaza during the reporting period. The support focuses on three main pillars: the freelance academy, the code academy and the startup incubator, which have trained and supported many young Gazans. Besides that, a small MSME programme has been set up to support Gaza companies to increase production and enhance market access, leading to sustainable employment for 19 Gazans.

INDICATORS	Baseline	Target	Result	Source
ST_Number of companies with a supported plan to invest, trade or provide services	NA	NA	4	4000000181
ST_Number of direct jobs supported in individually supported SME by PSD programmes	NA	NA	31	4000000181
ST_Number of indirect jobs supported	NA	NA	10	4000000181
ST_Number of people enrolled in formal or non-formal education and training (DGIS indicator)	NA	NA	1907	4000000181

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 2 Assess achieved results compared to planning:	D. Results achieved poorer than planned
Reasons for result achieved.	Most activities are up to date, but the MSME programme has been delayed due to the need to redesign this part of the programme on the basis of a project analysis. The coding academy, freelance academy and start up incubator have realised results as planned.
Implications for planning.	Planning will not change, however there will be more pressure to implement all activities within the time frame, so should be closely monitored.

Result area 3 - 2. Improved sustainable production and trade Private Sector Development

RESULTS
With support from the Netherlands, the Gaza Reconstruction Mechanism (GRM) has increased access to construction materials in Gaza, enabling construction and reconstruction in the housing sector.

INDICATORS	Baseline	Target	Result	Source
SP_Tons of construction material imported	0	NA	9720	4000001743

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 3 Assess achieved results compared to planning:	D. Results achieved poorer than planned
Reasons for result achieved.	Many processes of the GRM involve both Parties providing approval for an application or action. Timelines for these approval actions has varied widely.
Implications for planning.	The issues contributed to a GRM review focused on increase the effectiveness of the GRM by streamlining applications and approvals.

Result area 4 - 3. Improved access to infrastructure Private Sector Development

RESULTS
With Dutch support to the Office of the Quartet the movement of people through Allenby/King Hussein bridge has dramatically improved. Increased opening hours at this main (and for many only) international gateway, has benefited Palestinians across the board.

INDICATORS	Baseline	Target	Result	Source
ST_Number of equivalent end users with access to new or improved infrastructure	0	5000000	5000000	4000000410

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 4 Assess achieved results compared to planning:	B. Results achieved better than planned
Reasons for result achieved.	The opening hours at Allenby and the export through Door-to-Door was taken up by the Government of Israel and got buy in from the full establishment, allowing these measures and activities to be implemented quicker than expected.
Implications for planning.	N/A

Result area 5 - 4. Financial sector development Private Sector Development

RESULTS
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INDICATORS	Baseline	Target	Result	Source
ST_Number of firms or individuals that obtain financial services (including people enrolled in pro-	NA	NA		0 4000000181

Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 5 Assess achieved results compared to planning:	
Reasons for result achieved.	
Implications for planning.	

Result area 6 - 5. Strengthened Economic governance and institutions Private Sector Development

RESULTS
The Netherlands is supporting the decentralization of property tax, as part of a broader effort of the Palestinian Authority to reform the land sector. This will provide an enhanced business environment, enabling municipalities to improve their role as development actors. Through VNG, the Netherlands will support the different stakeholders in piloting and implementing this reform process.

INDICATORS	Baseline	Target	Result	Source
ST_Description of changes achieved in laws, regulations, policy plans, outcomes of social dialogue or development strategies enacted or adopted by local government or social dialogue partners in the reporting period due to direct intervention by the programme, yielding tangible benefits to the business climate	NA	NA	Inception report described the baseline, changes needed and targets.	4000000151; 4000001770

ST_Number of strengthened (farmer/workers/entrepreneurs/traders) organisations for a sustainable local business climate	NA	NA	0	4000001770
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Assessment of the results achieved across the entire result area 6	
Assess achieved results compared to planning:	C. Results achieved as planned
Reasons for result achieved.	The first half year of this project was used to write the inception report, which describes the activities carried out during the inception period, and provides an updated logframe, explanation of activities and budget for the remainder of the project, as agreed to at the outset of the project
Implications for planning.	NA

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