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Palestinian Health Sector Reform and Development Project “The Flagship Project”

OVERVIEW

The Flagship Project is a five-year initiative funded by the U.S. Agency of International Development (USAID), and designed in close collaboration with the Palestinian Ministry of Health (MoH). The Project’s main objective is to support the MoH, select non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and select educational and professional institutions in strengthening their institutional capacities and performance to support a functional, democratic Palestinian health sector able to meet its priority public health needs. The project works to achieve this goal through three components: (1) supporting health sector reform and management, (2) strengthening clinical and community-based health, and (3) supporting procurement of health and humanitarian assistance commodities.

KEY ACTIVITIES

The Flagship Project is supporting the MoH implement health sector reforms needed for quality, sustainability, and equity in the health sector. With Flagship Project support, the MoH completed a rapid self-assessment of its needs, identified 18 priority areas for reform, and developed a comprehensive Institutional Development Plan to address its needs. By addressing key issues in governance, health finance, human resources, health service delivery, pharmaceutical management, and health information systems, the Ministry will strengthen its dual role as a regulator and main health service provider. The Flagship Project is also focusing on improving the health status of Palestinians in priority areas to the Ministry and public, including mother and child health, chronic diseases, injury prevention, safe hygiene and water use, and breast cancer screening for women. Specifically, the Project is engaging in the following key activities:

- Strengthen MoH capacity to implement reforms to improve quality, sustainability, and equity in the Palestinian health sector
- Build NGO capacity to manage quality health services
- Support health institutions in delivering quality essential primary, secondary, emergency and rehabilitative care
- Strengthen capacity of institutions to promote healthier behaviors and provide effective outreach services
- Provide procurement support of essential commodities in health and humanitarian assistance

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