
Readiness Proposal

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Readiness and Preparatory Support Proposal

State of Palestine

SECTION 1: SUMMARY	
1. Country submitting the proposal	<p>Country name: State of Palestine Name of institution (representing National Designated Authority or Focal Point): Environment Quality Authority (EQA) Name of official: Ms. Adalah Ateereh Position: Chair of Environment Quality Authority Telephone: 972 2 2403498 Email: chairman@environment.pna.ps Full Office address: Albireh, Al-Sharafa, Fax: 972 2403494, P.O.Box 3841 Name of Focal Point: Mr. Nedal Katbeh-Bader, Minister Advisor for Climate Change; Environment Quality Authority Telephone: 972 599 201541 Email: n72065@hotmail.com Full Office address: Albireh, Al-Sharafa, Fax: 972 2403494, P.O.Box 3841</p>
2. Date of initial submission	2 August 2017
3. Last date of resubmission (if applicable)	22.9.2017
4. Which entity will implement the Readiness and Preparatory Support project? (Provide the contact information if entity is different from NDA/focal point)	<p><input type="checkbox"/> National Designated Authority <input type="checkbox"/> Delivery partner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accredited entity</p> <p>Name of institution: United Nations Development Programme/ Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People Name of official: Roberto Valent Position: Special Representative of the Administrator Telephone: 972 26268200 Email: roberto.valent@undp.org Full Office address: 3 Yakubi St., Jerusalem, 91191, P.O. Box: 51359, Fax: (972 2) 626 8222 www.ps.undp.org</p>
5. Title of the Readiness and Preparatory Support Proposal	GCF readiness and preparatory support project in Palestine
6. Brief summary of the request (200 words)	<p>The Palestinian Government nominated the Environment Quality Authority (EQA) to become the Country's National Designated Authority (NDA) to the Green Climate Fund (GCF). The nomination of EQA was acknowledged by the GCF on 25 November 2016. This project will support EQA to establish several institutional processes including a 'no objection procedures' and 'coordination mechanism' and to create an enabling environment to mainstream climate change in the national and local planning process. These activities and capacities will enable EQA to access the GCF resources and fulfil its duties as a NDA to the GCF</p> <p>This request of readiness and preparatory support will contribute to enhance the readiness capacity of Palestine to access GCF. It will enhance EQA's capacities to effectively manage the fund, including monitoring and oversight, active engagement of the stakeholders including the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Transportation, Palestinian Water Authority, the Energy and Resources Authority, Ministry of Women's affairs, Ministry of Social Development and the private sector. It will support the NDA in Palestine to prepare a gender and social inclusive country programme that focuses on prioritises investment in climate change mitigation and adaptation.</p>
7. Total requested amount and currency	USD 318,996
8. Anticipated duration	24 months
9. Is the country receiving other Readiness and Preparatory Support related to the GCF?	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If yes, please attach the relevant scope of work, and briefly (100 words) describe the scope of support provided by other institutions</p>

SECTION 2: COUNTRY READINESS LOGICAL FRAMEWORK

Please complete the table below, which enables a country to assess its readiness for the GCF and set targets for strengthening its readiness, including proposed outputs and activities to improve the country's readiness. For further guidance on completing the table, please refer to the guidebook "Accessing the GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support Programme".

OUTCOMES ¹	BASELINE	TARGET	ACTIVITIES <i>(including key outputs or deliverables where applicable)</i>
1. Country capacity strengthened	1-8	7-8	
1.1 NDA/focal point lead effective coordination mechanism	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	1.1.1. Develop a stakeholder's institutional mechanism by convening at least 3 working sessions with relevant stakeholders; approximately 20 participants in each session 1.1.2. Develop operational guidelines for the NDA that includes a social and gender responsive national stakeholder's coordination mechanism. Work includes carrying out 4 working sessions with stakeholders, 20 participants in each session. The stakeholders will include representatives from key governmental institutions including a representative from the Ministry of Women's affairs and the Ministry of Social development, civil society organizations including a representative from Women led NGO and Private Sector
1.2 No objection procedure established and implemented	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	1.2.1. Develop the National No Objection procedures and guidelines in full consultation with the stakeholders. Work includes carrying out at least 3 working sessions with stakeholders, 20 participants (equal representation of males and females) in each session. 1.2.2. Conduct a validation workshop for approximately 40 participants 1.2.3. Disseminate the No Objection procedures guidelines.
1.3 Bilateral agreements between the country and the GCF executed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	1.3.1. Draft, negotiate, finalize, and sign the bilateral agreement between NDA and GCF
1.4 Monitoring, oversight and streamlining of climate finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	1.4.1. Conduct training for NDA/FP staff and stakeholders: a two days training workshop on GCF modalities and on monitoring climate finance, 40 participants. The stakeholders will include representative from key governmental institutions including a representative from the Ministry of Women's affairs and the Ministry of Social development, and civil society -including representatives from women-led NGOs and the private sector. 1.4.2. Support NDA in developing monitoring and evaluation framework and reporting mechanism for implementation of climate change projects. Work includes carrying out at least two working sessions, 20 participants in each session.

¹ Based on decisions: B.08/10, annexes XII, XIII & XIV; B.08/11; B.11/10, annex I; B.12/20, annex I



2. Stakeholders engaged in consultative processes	1-8	7-8	
2.1 Stakeholders engaged in consultative processes	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	2.1.1. Organize and conduct, at the national and local levels, stakeholders' consultations with government institutions, civil society (including women NGOs); academia, the private sector, and UN and international organizations such as FAO, WB, EU, EIB, UN Environment. The workshop will target approximately 70 participants, to facilitate policy dialogue among stakeholders to demonstrate good practices, lessons learned, identify potential engagement opportunities and partnerships. Through the consultation process gender issues would be highlighted and addressed to make sure that gender issues and equality are taken into consideration throughout.
2.2 Country programmes, including adaptation priorities, developed and continuously updated	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	2.2.1. Review the Palestinian NAP, climate change vulnerability assessment and identify area of priorities with respect to the fund in consultation with stakeholders. Work includes carrying out at least 2 working sessions with stakeholders, 20 Participants in each session. 2.2.2. In alignment with GCF framework, develop an inclusive and gender sensitive country programme of high impacts interventions for engagement with GCF. Work includes carrying out at least 4 working sessions with stakeholders, 20 Participants in each session.
2.3 Stakeholder consultations conducted with equal representation of women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	2.3.1. Discuss with the Ministry of Women's Affairs venues to maximize participation of women in the established thematic working groups, 2.3.2. Develop policy note to advance participation of women in different thematic working groups and to mainstream gender in climate change interventions. Work includes carrying out at least 2 working sessions with stakeholders, 20 Participants in each session
2.4 Annual participatory review of GCF portfolio in the country organized	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	2.4.1 Conduct one workshop to review and validate GCF portfolio in the country, 40 participants.
3. Direct access realized	0-8	0-8	
3.1 Candidate entities identified and nominated for accreditation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	Not applicable at this phase
3.2 Direct access entity accredited	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	Not applicable at this phase
3.3 Entity/ies annual/multi-annual work programme developed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	Not applicable at this phase
3.4 Funding proposals through enhanced direct access modality approved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	Not applicable at this phase
4. Access to finance	0-8	2-8	
4.1 Structured dialogue between the NDA/Accredited Entities and the GCF Secretariat organized	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	4.1.1. Organize one working session with existing accredited entities in Palestine to identify priority working areas for the accredited entities based on the national priorities, and entities' comparative advantages



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4.2 Country programmes, concept notes, including on adaptation, developed that implement high-impact priorities identified in NAP and NDCs and other national strategies or plans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	
4.3 Project/programme preparation support, including for adaptation, to develop funding proposals provided	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	
4.4 Funding proposals, including for adaptation, that are aligned with country priorities approved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	
5. Private sector mobilization	0-8	2-8	
5.1 Private sector engaged in country consultative processes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	5.1.1. Organize a two-day workshop targeting the national banks and financing institutions to promote and guide green investment in accordance with the priorities set in the Country Programme, 70 participants. 5.1.2. In coordination with the Ministry of National Economy and Palestinian Monetary Authority, develop a framework for private sector engagement in consultation with representatives of the private sector including, financial institutions, National Banks, Medium and small-sized enterprises, and women led Medium and small-sized enterprises
5.2 Enabling environment for crowding-in private sector investments at national, regional and international levels exists	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	Not applicable at this phase
5.3 Funding proposals for private sector projects/programmes, including for adaptation, approved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	Not Applicable at this phase
5.4 Funding proposals under the Private Sector Facility programmes (small- and medium-sized enterprises and mobilizing funds at scale) submitted and approved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 0 <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	Not Applicable at this phase
TOTAL	3-40	18-40	

SECTION 3: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please explain how this grant will help deliver on the country's readiness needs as identified above and build on institutions, processes or existing work already underway in the country (maximum 500 words)

The potential consequences of Climate Change in Palestine are serious in view of the increasing scarcity of water resources, deterioration of natural resources and the gradual desertification in the country. Climate change impacts would, in the long run, undermine all developmental efforts in Palestine, increase the vulnerability of the marginalized communities, threaten their resilience and hinder the achievements of the SDG. According to the *Climate Change Adaptation Strategy*², Palestine will be impacted according to the following:

- Rainfall decline and temperature increases are expected, which would aggravate the problem of draught and water scarcity in West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem. The temperature increase is estimated to range between 2.2-5.1°C and the annual rainfall decline is estimated to be at 10% by 2020 and at 20% by 2050.
- The climate change is expected to aggravate the problem of land deterioration and desertification, which will compromise the agricultural production and endanger food security. This may have socio-economic implications in terms of increased poverty and social instability. Internal dislocation and migration to the urban areas and internal disputes on the use of the very limited water resources;
- Other possibilities include an increased frequency of natural disasters resulting from draught or extreme climatic events, such as storms, floods, heat waves and draught (as witnessed in 2011 and 2013).

In light of the above, Palestine, with support from UNDP, took serious actions regarding the impacts of CC and voluntarily developed and submitted to UNFCCC its Initial National Communication Report and the National Adaptation Plan. It drafted its NDCs in consultation with key stakeholders, and formulated a capacity development Programme to mainstream climate change into the national planning process. The Programme highlights the following gaps that hinder effective implementation of climate change measures:

- 1) The need to improve National Institutional Framework for Climate Change
- 2) The need to amend the existing legal framework
- 3) Limited implementation capacity and coordination mechanism to mainstream climate change
- 4) The need to improve the access to climate change funds through preparing and developing concept notes to the GCF and other International Financing Institutions (IFIs) / mechanisms.

Given the capacity gaps highlighted above and the need to address climate change impacts, Palestine seeks the GCF support to:

- 1) Strengthen the national designated authority and the country's capacity in line with the objectives of GCF. The project is critical for Palestine and will enable the NDA to enhance its capacity in implementing guided mitigation and adaptation measures to fulfil its obligation to the convention, effectively engage climate change stakeholders, organize meetings and workshops, and create awareness, and facilities knowledge building for relevant stakeholders.
- 2) Establish systems for strengthening monitoring, reporting and verification and oversight of climate finance
- 3) Review national adaptation plan and developing GCF country programme document in line with guiding framework of GCF. In this regard, the project will support undertaking several working sessions with support of technical assistant providers for the engaged stakeholders from the national climate change committee members, civil society organizations, academia and private sector in order to discuss and set areas of priorities for developing high impact project concepts.
- 4) Effectively engaged private sector in financing and implementation of high impacts projects

The project will ultimately enhance the existing multi-sectorial mechanism and facilitate integration of climate change strategies into the national planning process and building capacities to enhance implementation of highly impacts climate change adaptation interventions.

²Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and Programme of Action for the Palestinian Authority, UNDP, 2009

SECTION 4: BUDGET, PROCUREMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND DISBURSEMENT

GCF Outcome/Atlas Activity	ATLAS Budget Description	Amount US\$ (year 1)	Amount US\$ (year 2)	Total Amount US\$	See budget note:*
GCF Readiness Outcome 1	International Consultants	60,000	-	60,000	1
	UN Volunteer	8,458	-	8,458	2
	Travel	6,000		6,000	3
	Supplies	5,000		5,000	4
	Training, Workshops and Conferences	20,000		20,000	5
Total Outcome 1		99,458	-	99,458	
GCF Readiness Outcome 2	International Consultants	30,000	60,000	90,000	6
	UN Volunteer	4,229	12,688	16,917	7
	Travel	3,000	3,000	6,000	8
	Supplies		10,000	10,000	9
	Training, Workshops and Conferences	5,000	10,000	15,000	10
Total Outcome 2		42,229	95,688	137,917	
GCF Readiness Outcome 4	International Consultants	-	5,000	5,000	11
	Local Consultants	-	-	-	
	Travel		-	-	
	Supplies	-	-	-	
	Training, Workshops and Conferences		0	0	
Total Outcome 4		-	5000	5000	



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GCF Readiness Outcome 5	International Consultants	-	10,000	10,000	12
	Local Consultants	-	-	-	
	Travel		1,500	1,500	13
	Supplies	-	-	-	
	Training, Workshops and Conferences		6,200	6,200	14
Total Outcome 5		-	17,700	17,700	
Total operation costs (Outcome 1+2+3)		141,688	118,338	260,075	
Contingency (max. 5% of total operation costs)	Miscellaneous Expenses	7,084	5,919	13,004	15
Total operation costs + Contingency		148,772	124,307	273,079	
Project Management cost	UN Volunteer	8,458	8,458	16,917	16
Total project costs excluding DP Fee		157,231	132,766	289,996	
DP fee (10%)		15,723	13,277	29,000	
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS INCLUDING AE FEE		172,954	146,042	318,966	

* budget notes are mandatory

1. International consultant to develop NDA institutional coordination mechanism, operational guidelines, and no objection procedures. Total estimated level of efforts is estimated at 60 working days distributed over 6 months. Daily rate for senior international consultant is estimated at 1,000 USD per day. the rate includes the DSA from the days spend in the field.

2. Local UN Volunteer to support NDA and the international consultant in developing institutional coordination mechanism, and no objection procedures. The cost is calculated based on the assumption that 20% of the project coordinator's efforts will be allocated for providing technical input for achieving the above-mentioned deliverables.

3. International travel for four missions. It is expected that the international consultant will carry out 4 missions, 7 working days for each mission. The budget will cover the cost of issuing 4 tickets with estimated cost of USD 1,500 per ticket.

4. outreach and promotion material. The cost will cover the design and printing of 500 copies of the institutional coordination mechanism and the no objection procedures, (USD 1000 for the design and USD 4,000 for the printing)

5. cost is associated for conducting at least 12 working sessions (20 participants per session), 1 validation workshop (40 Participants) and two days training (40 participants in each session) for the stakeholders engaged in the development of coordination mechanism, operational guidelines and no objection procedures. USD 30 per person per day is estimated to cover coffee break and lunch. Hall rent for the working sessions is estimated at USD 500 per session. Hall rent for the validation workshop and the training is estimated at USD 1,000 per day



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6. Level of efforts for the international consultant is estimated at 90 working days distributed over 9 months at a cost of USD 1,000 per working day. The rate includes DSA for the working days spend in the field. It is expected that the consultant will undertake 4 missions to Palestine.
7. Local UN Volunteer to support in developing the country Programme document. The cost is calculated based on the assumption that 40% of the project coordinator's level of efforts will be allocated for providing technical input through the process of development of the country programme document.
8. International consultant travel: four missions. Estimate cost per one ticket for the international consultant to travel from home country to Palestine is estimated at USD 1,500
9. outreach and promotion materials: the cost will cover the design of the country programme report (estimated at USD 1,000), printing of 500 copies of the country Programme report (estimated at USD 5,000) and supplying of 500 USB flashes, (estimated at USD 4,000), that include a digital copy of the country programme document.
10. cost is associated with carrying out 1 stakeholders' engagement workshop (70 participants), 8 working sessions (20 participants per session), and 1 country programme review workshop (40 participants). Rental fees are estimated at USD 500 per working session, USD 1,000 per workshop.
11. International consultant (same consultant as in budget number 1) to support NDA in developing framework of partnership with existing accredited entities: level of efforts is estimated at 5 working days at USD 1,000 per day. The cost includes DSA for working days in the field.
12. International consultant to support NDA in developing a framework for private sector engagement. Level of efforts is estimated at 10 working days at remuneration cost USD 1,000 per working day. The cost includes DSA for working days in the field
13. International consultant travel for one mission. The cost will cover 1 two-way ticket
14. Cost associated with organizing one-day workshop with the private sector, (70 participants). Hall rental fees for two days is estimated at USD 2,000. Catering (coffee breaks and lunch for 70 participants for two days. cost per person per day is estimated at 30 USD
15. Miscellaneous expenses to be used in any unforeseen expenses unrelated to implementation/ fee services.
16. Project coordinator cost to coordinate planning, implementation, and reporting of project activities, write TOR for consultants and oversee selection and management of consultancies, organize meetings and build productive relationships with in-country stakeholders. Total cost for one year as per UNV Performa cost is estimated at USD 28,194.90 break down into: USD 23,838.9 as remuneration cost, USD 1400 office general operation expenses, USD 1,820 security and safety cost, USD 736 for security equipment, USD 300 for e-mail services and USD 100 for access to learning management system. the project coordinator will be contracted for 18 months whereas the coordinator's efforts will be distributed as follows: 40 % is allocated for the management of the project, 40% is allocated for achieving outcome 2 and 20% of achieving outcome 1.

Procurement plan

For goods or services to be procured/hired, list the items to be procured/hired (including consultants), the estimated cost of each item, and the procedure to be used (i.e. direct procurement, open tender, shopping, other and related thresholds). Please include the procurement plan for at least the first tranche of disbursement requested below.

UNDP will be responsible for the implementation of the readiness activities and for procurement and contractual services, as well as reporting on the progress of this implementation in close coordination and strategic guidance from the NDA/FP. The procurement actions and the operational services will be carried forward in accordance with UNDP policies and procurement guidelines as agreed under the Framework Readiness and Preparatory Support Grant Agreement (Framework Agreement) between Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the UNDP.

For project personnel, Terms of reference for the project coordinator and technical assistance service providers will be prepared by UNDP/PAPP in coordination with NDA. The terms of reference will include detailed scope of work for the expected deliverables, timeframe, and level of efforts and payments modality.

For other services such as meetings and workshops venues, UNDP/PAPP will develop terms of reference for these services and will issue request for quotation from qualified service providers.

Payments to the service providers will be made based on agreed millstone and after confirmation of UNDP responsible officer and NDA focal point that predefined millstones have been successfully achieved.

All procurements transaction will be published at UNDP website and local newspapers.

The following table presents the main procurement actions that is planned to be undertaken at the beginning of the project. More detailed information on UNDP procurement process will be included in the project inception report.

Description of good/service procured	Value of good/service US\$	Procurement Method	Threshold associated to method
International Consultant for the preparation of coordination mechanism, no objection procedures and operational guidelines	60,000	International RFQ	US 5,000 to US 100,000
International Consultant for the formulation of the country programme document	90,000	International RFQ	US 5,000 to US 100,000
International Consultant for the preparation of private sector framework of engagement and structural dialogue with existing accredited agencies	15,000	International RFQ	US 5,000 to US 100,000
Project Coordinator/ UNV	42,292.35	local competitive recruitment	N/A
Design and printing of promotion and outreach materials	15,000	Local RFQ	US 5,000 to US 100,000
Workshop planning/ logistics	41,200	Local RFQ	US 5,000 to US 100,000
International Travel	13,500	Direct Contracting/LTA for issuing tickets	N/A

Disbursement schedule



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Specify the proposed schedule for requesting disbursements from the GCF, including amounts and periodicity. For amounts requested, keep to multiples of USD 5,000, and for periodicity, specify whether it's quarterly, bi-annually or annually only. The disbursement requests and schedule for this project will be in line with Clause 4 of the "Framework Readiness and Preparatory Support Grant Agreement" between GCF and UNDP.

Additional information

This box provides an opportunity to include further explanations related to the budget, procurement plan and disbursement schedule, including any details on the assumptions to justify costs presented in the budget.

SECTION 5: IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Please attach an "implementation map" or describe how funds will be managed by the NDA/FP or delivery partner

If the entity implementing the readiness support is not an accredited entity of the GCF, please complete the [Financial Management Capacity Assessment \(FMCA\)](#) questionnaire and submit it with this proposal.

UNDP/ Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (UNDP/PAPP) was requested to serve as delivery partner for GCF Readiness and Preparatory Support by the Environment Quality Authority of Palestine (Focal Point to the GCF). UNDP/PAPP has been a contributor to enhance capacities of many Palestinian institutions including EQA in building communities' resilience, protection of natural resources, and mainstreaming environment and climate change.

A project coordinator will be recruited (under UN Volunteer Contract), responsible for day to day management of the project and will technically contribute to delivering outcome 1 and 2 of the project The project coordinator will report to NDA/ national focal point and UNDP.

UNDP/PAPP will be responsible for services related to recruitment of technical experts/consultants and project manager, travel, sub-contracting, and organization of national workshops in coordination with the NDA. UNDP-HQ will delegate spending authority to the UNDP/PAPP.

The project will be overseen (technical and financial oversight) by the UNDP GCF Readiness Programme Global Coordinator and UNDP Directorate in HQ, while day-to-day management will be undertaken by the national coordinator, under the supervision of UNDP/PAPP.

UNDP/PAPP will establish a project steering committee from major stakeholders to ensure full participation and ownership. The steering committee will be comprised of members from the NDA, UNDP and selected members of the National Climate Change Committee. The committee will convene periodically and when guidance is required to review project plans and activities and provide technical feedback and support.

Other relevant information

This box provides an opportunity to include any important information you wish to bring to the attention of the GCF Secretariat, but did not have an opportunity to provide in the sections above.

The State of Palestine submitted the instrument of accession to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on 12 December 2015 at the annual Conference of Parties in Paris (COP 21) and officially became the 197th party to the UNFCCC on the 17th of March 2016. The Palestinian President H.E. Mahmoud Abbas was the Head of Delegation in COP21. H.E. The President also participated personally in the signing ceremony of Paris Agreement on the 22nd of April 2016 in NY, USA and Palestine was among the first 15 countries that signed and ratified Paris Agreement on that day and it was the first in MENA region to do so. H.E. The Prime Minister was the Head of Delegation in COP15 and in COP22 as well. Palestine has submitted its Initial Communication Report (INCR) and National Adaptation Plan (NAP) to the UNFCCC in November 2016 (Less than 8 months of accession, Palestine's NAP was among the first 6 NAPs submitted to UNFCCC). The report and NAP are available on the secretariat website: http://unfccc.int/national_reports/non-annex_i_natcom/submitted_natcom/items/653.php. The INCR was developed in accordance with the recommended and applicable guidelines, highlights the key outcomes of Palestine's work on GHG inventories, analysis of mitigation and adaptation potentials, making it a vital source of information about GHGs emissions, the measures Palestine is taking to tackle climate change, and the technical and institutional challenges faced. The NAP was prepared in guidance and instructions of Consultative Group of Experts of Least Developed Countries guidelines. It covers 12 sectors for 10 years with estimated cost of 3.5 Billion USD.

Palestine is located in the eastern part of the Mediterranean which is considered by IPCC as the area which will suffer more from the adverse impact of climate change. Identification and prioritization of adaptation options were developed and guided by three possible Future-climate scenarios that were developed from detailed assessment of IPCC AR5 projections, (Table 5 Palestine INCR 2016). Scenario 1 is most likely if emissions align with the IPCC target of a global average temperature increase not exceeding 2°C; Scenario 2 is most likely if emissions continue to increase along recent lines with some reductions from historic levels but breaching the 2°C target; and Scenario 3 assumes that emissions continue unabated.



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Palestine established the National Committee for Climate Change on 2010 with representation from Public sector, Private sector, academia and NGOs. It prepared a national program for enhancing climate related capacities and started its implementation with focusing of creating an enabling environment for implementing climate actions, special attention was given to make proper legal, institutional reformation in addition to intensive training on climate finance.

It worth noted that Palestine has played an active and responsible role by undertaking climate change work prior to becoming a party to the convention, such as developing the "Palestinian Climate Change Adaptation Strategy", "National Strategy, Action Programme and Integrated Financing Strategy to Combat Desertification", "Environment Sector Strategy (2014-2016)", the "National Strategy for Environmental Awareness and Education" and "Sustainable Consumption and Production Strategy" among others. It has recently reflected the need to integrate climate change in the national planning process in its National Policy Agenda (2017-2022) under building resilient communities. Moreover, as a party to the UNFCCC, the State of Palestine has prepared its draft National Determined Contribution and has developed a suggested roadmap for climate action to implement its INCR.

It is equally important to highlight that all this preparatory work and development of CC strategies, INCR, the national Adaptation plan and the NDC were supported bilaterally by donors and implemented through UNDP. Palestine still hasn't accessed the GEF resources and it is very essential to get financial support for this request to meet its obligations as a member to the UNFCCC.

Palestine joined the Climate Vulnerable Forum on November 2016 as an indication of the serious threats resulted from adverse impact of climate change on the national development process.

The Palestinian Civil Society showed high level of engagement that reflected in convening the 1st International Conference on Climate Change in 8- May 2017, which attracted international speakers from more than ten countries and active participation of more than one thousand attendants. Twenty-three scientific and technical paper were presented in this conference.

Finally, GCF Country Program Brief which was submitted to GCF on May 2017 to be revised and updated and a detailed GCF Country Program to be formulated and submitted.

To conclude, the Palestinian commitment and active engagement regarding climate change is recognised at the international and national levels. This is in addition to active engagement of the different stakeholders throughout the whole process that created a strong momentum that EQA and the PA want to maintain to achieve results and impacts on the ground.



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Annex 1: draft terms of reference for the project coordinator

Under the overall supervision of UNDP/PAPP environment team leader and direct supervision of UNDP/PAPP's Programme Analyst and in close coordination with the GCF focal point in the Environment Quality Authority, the Project Coordinator will be responsible for the following tasks:

- Coordinate and monitor the Project Implementation activities;
- Facilitate the day-to-day management of the project; responsible for the timely delivery of all project activities and achieve the intended outputs
- Liaise with NDA, UNDP/PAPP to assure the overall direction and integrity of the project
- Support delivery of high quality project outputs through preparation of annual work plan and budget in consultation with the National Focal Point;
- Prepare the annual procurement plans;
- Monitor project activities, including financial matters, prepare quarterly and annual progress reports
- Manage technical services and financial resources to achieve results in line with the outputs and activities outlined in the project document;
- Assist in facilitating stakeholders working sessions
- Provide communication support on the project to all stakeholders, and logistic support to project activities and personnel, when required
- Arrange for field trips for national and international consultants
- Prepare regular budgetary and financial monitoring reports, as requested by UNDP/PAPP
- Manage project financial resources in line with UNDP requirements, ensuring accountability and transparency
- Undertake project monitoring in line with the monitoring plan and against the approved work-plan and budget
- Manage and monitor the project risks
- Capture lessons learnt during project implementation

Qualifications:

- At least 3 years of relevant experience in managing projects in environment and climate change
- Master's degree in environment, climate change, or related science;

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Outcome 2: Stakeholders engaged in consultative process	2.1.1. Organize and conduct, at the national and local levels, stakeholders' consultations with government institutions, civil society (including women NGOs); academia, the private sector, and UN and international organizations such as FAO, WB, EU, EIB, UN Environment. <u>Deliverable:</u> note from the consultation process completed after eighteen months from the starting date of the project									X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X							
	2.3.1. Discuss with the Ministry of Women's Affairs venues to maximize participation of women in the established thematic working groups, <u>Deliverable:</u> guiding note completed after sixth months from the starting date of the project						X																			
	2.2.2. In alignment with GCF framework, develop a gender and social inclusive country programme of high impacts interventions for engagement with GCF. Work includes carrying out at least 4 working sessions with stakeholders <u>Deliverable:</u> Draft country programme document developed after eighteen months from the project starting date										X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						
	2.3.2. Develop policy note to advance participation of women in different thematic working groups and to mainstream gender in climate change interventions. Work includes carrying out at least 2 working sessions with stakeholders <u>Deliverable:</u> Gender policy note completed by the tenth month from the stating date of the project										X	X														
	2.4.1 Conduct one workshop to review and validate GCF portfolio in the country, 40 participants <u>Deliverable:</u> note from the workshop completed after eighteen months from the project stating date																			X						
Outcome 4: access to finance	4.1.1. Organize one working session with existing accredited entities in Palestine to identify priority working areas for the accredited entities <u>Deliverable:</u> agreed list of priority with accredited entities completed after nineteen months from the project starting date																			X						
Outcome 5: private sector mobilization	5.1.1. Organize a two days' workshop targeting the national banks and financing institutions to promote and guide green investment in accordance with the priorities set in the country Programme <u>Deliverable:</u> note from the workshop prepared in the twentieth months from the starting date of the project																				X					
	5.1.2. In coordination with the Ministry of National Economy and Palestinian Monetary Authority, develop a framework for private sector engagement in consultation with representatives of the private sector including, financial institutions, National Banks,																				X	X	X			

	<p>Medium and small-sized enterprises, and women led Medium and small-sized enterprises</p> <p><u>Deliverable:</u> framework for the private sector engagement completed after twenty-two months from the project starting date</p>																																			
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