

Multi-site Regeneration Project in Jericho

Project Overview:

The "Multi-site Regeneration Project for Jericho, Palestine", is currently implemented as part of the technical assistance program by the French Development Agency (AFD), with funding from the European Union -the funds of the Investment Facility for the Neighborhoods (IVF), and in conjunction with partners from the UPFI initiative "Urban Projects Finance Initiative".

The MSR Jericho Project aims at enhancing the economic development of the city through the process of "relocalization and rehabilitation" of key infrastructures. The project which was prepared under the Urban Project Finance Initiative (UPFI), promotes an integrated urban approach to optimize public land management, to upgrade key infrastructures, and to strengthen the management capacities of the municipality related to the enforcement of national health policies and to improve its financial accountability. The rehabilitated infrastructures are the slaughterhouse, the Spanish Garden, and the Municipal garage, all of which shall contribute to supporting the main city's economic activities (tourism and farming).

Project Description:

The fund of MSR Jericho is 6.2 million Euro out of 10.2 million Euro of fund granted to MDLF for MDP III and MSR Jericho project according to the financial agreement signed between AFD and Ministry of Finance on April 26th, 2017, and the project will be implemented over two years ending in 2019.

The project Agreement between MDLF and Ministry of Finance was signed on August 7th, 2017, followed by a Grant Implementation Agreement with Jericho Municipality which was signed on November 16th, 2017.

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The project Operation Manual was prepared by MDLF, containing technical, financial, procurement and monitoring and evaluation of the project.

The project includes the following subcomponent:

- Subcomponent (a): Slaughterhouse

This component includes the construction of new slaughterhouse and remediation works for the old slaughterhouse. The new slaughterhouse is aimed at providing efficient, professional, hygienic and humane slaughtering service at a competitive price for farmers, butchers, and other customers in Jericho and adjacent Palestinian towns and communities. It is aimed that this would be achieved without creating adverse environmental or social hazards. The project will include two major buildings: one for slaughtering cattle such as sheep and goats and the other for slaughtering poultry.

- Subcomponent (b) Municipal Garage

This component includes the construction of a new garage and remediation works for the old garage.

The main garage will be an L-shaped single-story, large-span building (approximately 1,710 m² in area). A new one-story amenities building (approximately 437m²) is positioned on the south side of the site. It contains a canteen, changing/washrooms, and office accommodation. External areas include car parking, yard space, planting, and access roads.

- Extension of the Spanish Garden (under MDP III)

The extension of the Garden onto the lands currently occupied by the Municipal Garage, the MSR project offers the opportunity to enhance substantially the role of the Spanish Garden as a place of leisure in the heart of the City.

- Subcomponent c: Technical Assistance

This component includes a technical assistance program, which includes the supervision of work and management fees to MDLF, in addition to training and capacity building to support the implementation of the municipal action plan on mitigating illegal slaughtering processes.

MDLF will support Jericho Municipality in implementing designated activities defined under subcomponent C the technical assistance.