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PROJECT FINAL REPORT

Rehabilitation of Jalazone Multisport Pitch, West bank

UNRWA PROJECT CODE: PR16030

LOCATION: West Bank, Jalazone camp

DURATION: 15 July 2016 – 1 November 2016

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The situation in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, continues to be characterized as a protracted protection crisis with humanitarian consequences. Within this volatile environment, Palestinians face serious threats to life, liberty and security that are primarily rooted in the policies and actions of the Israeli military occupation that will enter its 50th year in 2017. The further expansion of settlements and increased restrictions on Palestinian movement, further exacerbates food insecurity, limits access to essential services, such as education and primary health care (PHC) and continues to result in human rights violations. In 2014 (the year which the most recent Socio-Economic and Survey covers) food insecurity in Palestine is still very high, with more than one fourth of population – 27 percent or 1.6 million people – being either severely or moderately food insecure (13 percent each category) according to the annual socio-economic food security (SEFSec) survey. Since 2012 UNRWA has observed an increase in Palestinian fatalities and injuries related to Israeli Security Forces (ISF) operations in the West Bank. This trend continued in 2015 and throughout 2016. In 2015 alone, 145 Palestinians were killed by the ISF, including 48 refugees¹. Children and young people suffer in particular from this increase in violence. In 2016, 102 Palestinians were killed, including 26 adults and five refugee children during 2016. This can be considered a continuation of the violence that occurred in the last quarter of 2015. The acute Protection crisis taking place in the West Bank has had an extremely detrimental effect on the well-being of children and youths including in UNRWA schools.

Of the 19 West Bank refugee camps, Jalazone camp is among the camps most impacted by conflict related violence, and the frequent use of live ammunition by the ISF in this particular camp has led to a growing number of injuries and fatalities, including of the large youth population.

The Project was implemented by the UNRWA Emergency Cash for Work programme (CfW) in close cooperation with the protection department, partners on ground such as Youth Activities Center and the Camp Service Committee (CSC).

With thanks to the generous support of Iceland Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the project created a safe space for all of the children and youth in Jalazone refugee camp to play inside the camp and contribute to improving their mental and physical health status through the availability of structured activities delivered by the Partner. The project included the following activities:

1. Rehabilitation of the playing area walls.
2. Rehabilitation of the water and sewer networks.
3. Rehabilitation of small stadium - spectator seats.

¹ OCHA and UNRWA Operations figures, 2015

PROJECT ACHIEVEMENT

The project 'Rehabilitation of Multisport Pitch in Jalazone camp' has provided a much needed opportunity to the children and youth of Jalazone and their families to meet, play, engage in structured or other activities and have fun, and for a moment forget about the daily challenges they face in the center of the camp so under the community supervision.

UNRWA realized the necessity of offering the residents of Jalazone camp a facility that combines sports together with socializing. This rehabilitated multisport pitch is designed to host diverse sport games as well as a place to gather youth and children and benefit from social interaction. It also considers the needs of the different genders and people with disability. Sport activities will encourage children and youth of Jalazone camp to improve their well-being and lead active lifestyles. In addition, the project includes rehabilitating facilities that allow the users to feel safe whilst playing and watching marking it as a unique place to visit for all.

Through this project, the CfW Programme contributed to the creation of job opportunities for seven food insecure refugees from Jalazone camp as well as providing the tools and materials required for the rehabilitation work, as well as a safe spaces for the residence of the Jalazone camp to perform sports activities.

Before:



After:



The goal: **Create a safe space for children and youth to practice sports and play inside Jalazone camp and contribute to improving the psychological status of children and youth through the availability of structured activities delivered by a local CBO.**

The aim of this project is in compliance with the following child protection principles and approaches²:

- *Principle 1 "avoid exposing people to further harm as result of your action"*

² Child protection minimum standards in emergencies:

http://www.unicef.org/iran/Minimum_standards_for_child_protection_in_humanitarian_action.pdf

- *Principle 3 “ protect people from physical and psychological harm arising from violence and coercion”*
- *Principle 6 “Strengthen children’s resilience in humanitarian action”*

To achieve the above mentioned goal, the project performed rehabilitation of:

- 1- The water and sewer networks for the toilets.
- 2- Small stadium (spectator seats).
- 3- The playing area walls, gate, and floor.
- 4- Monitoring of the implementation of structured activities for children and youths by local partners.

The achieved results of the project are:

1. Through UNRWA CfW programme, **space was rehabilitated offering children/youth of Jalazone a protected - calm and safe - place to play and release their stress in order to improve their well-being and respond to the distress** caused by conflict related violence.
2. **A child friendly space was created in the heart of Jalazone camp allowing children to access free recreational activities and to restore a sense of normality** and continuity in their lives despite the ongoing violence.
3. Food security opportunities was provided in the camp through the Emergency Cash for Work program creating **temporary job opportunities for seven food-insecure (approximately 42 individuals) refugee households per month (for 3 months) residing in the camp working on the construction of the playing field**. Financial means have been provided to the laborers of US\$ 420 per month/per refugee household, representing a direct household-level cash injection that have also promoted food security.

The project was implemented by the UNRWA Emergency Cash for Work programme (CfW) in close coordination with all camp stakeholders, including the youth center, the camp service committee (CSC), and the women center. The project shows real example on how UNRWA tackles food insecurity, unemployment, and protection inside camps. CfW also strongly encourage female youth to participate and practice sport inside the camp, promoting overall female participation within the Jalazone camp.

Jalazone Youth Center will continue to be responsible both for maintenance and the operational side of the playground which includes organizing structured activities for children and youth. This has been reflected through a Memorandum of Understanding between UNRWA and Jalazone Youth Center.

CONCLUSION

The project ‘Rehabilitation of Multisport Pitch in Jalazone camp’ made a significant contribution on the overall well-being of the community members in the refugee camp, with a population of about 13,000 individuals. Since the inauguration of the sports pitch, several

activities such as football tournaments and matches, have taken place for the children and youth of the Jalazone camp, enabling recreational activities. The rehabilitation of the multisport pitch has also encouraged the participation of female youth and women in conducting activities in this location. The rehabilitation of the location took into consideration the privacy required for female youth and children through the design of private changing rooms and the covering of the space. Due to this several sport activities and football matches were held in it for female youth and children from the camp. Furthermore, the rehabilitation of the space considered the needs of people with disabilities especially in regards to movement and access.

UNRWA affirms that the type of projects implemented under the Cash for Work programme (CfW) within the refugee camps, encourages strongest impact on communities. Not only does the CfW opportunities provide improved food security, but the programme also promote the well-being of the community through its multipurpose services by e.g. reduce protection concerns, promote well-being and dignified living. UNRWA recommends, and plans to, continue with a holistic perspective when implementing food security interventions, also promoting, mental health well-being and addressing other protection concerns.

ANNEX II: PROJECT BUDGET STATUS

Below table shows the implementation rate for each component covered by the grant. A detailed budget is separately provided.

Original Budget Item	Donor Contribution US \$
Rehabilitation of Jalazone Playing field	\$53,909
Subtotal	\$53,909
9- PSC (11%)	\$5,930
Grand Total	\$59,839

ANNEX III: PICTURES



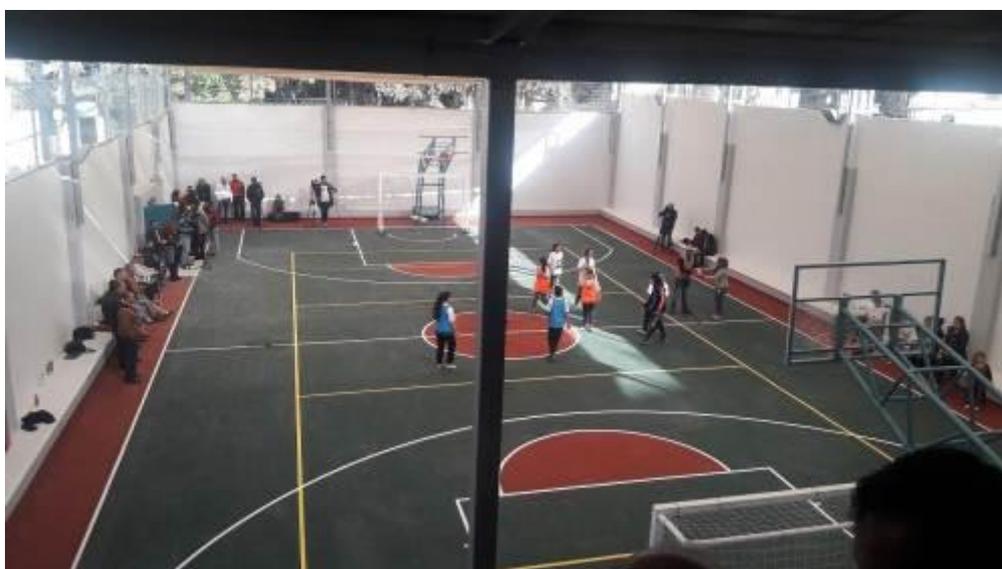
Rehabilitation work being conducted in the multisport pitch in Jalazone camp



Rehabilitation work being conducted in the multisport pitch in Jalazone camp



Sports pitch in Jalazone camp when finalized.



Women's football team in Jalazone camp playing during inauguration of the sports pitch.

ANNEX IV: VISIBILITY

Contribution made by Iceland Ministry of Foreign Affairs was made known to the beneficiaries, local authorities, partner NGOs and to the donors' community through the public information materials produced by UNRWA on its emergency activities as well as in its Annual Report and semi-annual report of the EA oPt 2016 implementation reports, also visible through UNRWA press release on the following link:

<https://www.unrwa.org/newsroom/press-releases/unrwa-and-camp-services-committee-inaugurate-multisport-pitch-jalazone>

Furthermore, according to UNRWA- Iceland visibility guidelines, a plaque will be installed displaying the support of Iceland to the rehabilitation of the sports pitch.

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