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UNOPS hands over the first reconstructed unit to beneficiaries of the "House Reconstruction in Gaza" project

Gaza, April 2017 - The United Nations Office for Project services (UNOPS) handed over the first completely reconstructed unit within the "House reconstruction in Gaza" project, financed by the Federal Republic of Germany through its Development Bank KfW and in partnership with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), to the first beneficiaries, who had lost their homes in the conflict of summer 2014.

Hanan, 47 years old, and her husband, from Jabalyia, signed their contract with UNOPS, in February 2017 for cash assistance and technical support to reconstruct their house that was totally destroyed three years ago.
Hanan and her husband had been living with their eight children in a rented temporary shelter, "We suffered a lot over the past three years; now I am grateful to rebuild the house and live together with my children." Hanan expressed crying.

The "House reconstruction in Gaza" project aims to provide legal, financial and technical support to the most vulnerable IDP households with totally destroyed houses, to establish and protect HLP rights of the IDPs and to promote security of tenure where necessary and then, with the provision of cash grants and technical support, to reconstruct quality and sustainable homes.

UNOPS signed reconstruction Cash Assistance Contracts with both husbands and wives, to ensure right to benefit to all members of the family. "I am officially the legal owner of this property equally with my husband." Hanan said, " this was a great contribution that protects women rights to their houses in Gaza, It gives us the power and maintains our dignity against any inequalities " she stressed.

Hanan's family is amongst other 67 beneficiaries who are currently also working on reconstructing their homes.

Peter Beerwerth, Head of the German Representative Office in Ramallah, emphasises: "The project with the UNOPS and NRC is part of the strong commitment by the German Government to rebuild Gaza and improve the living conditions of the people there. We are very proud to see the reconstructing of private homes progressing. Since the end of the war Germany has committed more than 120 Mio. EUR to reconstruction and humanitarian aid in Gaza"

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