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Germany provides 10 Million Euro for Reuse of Wastewater in Nablus

A ten million Euro financing agreement for the first large scale reuse scheme in the West Bank was signed by KfW Development Bank and the Ministry of Finance and Planning, in addition to the Municipality of Nablus, the project executing agency, and Palestinian Water Authority, as sector authority, in the frame of German-Palestinian Development Cooperation.

The project aims to establish a wastewater reuse scheme in the vicinity of the wastewater treatment plant Nablus West and promotes rural development through employment and income generation. The treated wastewater will be used for an agricultural area of 2800 dunums (1 dunum = 1000 m²) and benefit 1000 farmers. In addition, the project will reduce fresh water consumption and increase resilience to climate change.

The funding will be used to up-grade the existing Nablus West wastewater treatment plant with additional treatment measures and to build a reservoir, transmission lines and irrigation systems. In addition, capacity building and operational assistance measures will be supported. The project emanated after the successful implementation of two pilot reuse schemes in the area.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Palestinian Water Authority contributed significantly to the design of the project and cooperated in the establishment of a Water User Association that will represent the farmers and manage irrigation water. The Government of Germany had previously committed more than 100 million Euros for water and wastewater projects in the Nablus area.

“For decades Germany has been a reliable and predictable development partner, also for the people in the West Bank and Gaza, especially in difficult times”, said Bernd Kuebart, Acting Head of the German Representative Office in Ramallah. “We will continue seeking to improve the living conditions of the people in the Palestinian territories as best as we can,” he added.

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