Date: December 2, 2025

Dear Esteemed Partners and Donors,

Warm greetings,

Subject: Official Notification Issued by the Board of Trustees, represented by the Chairperson, regarding the transfer of responsibilities for managing, financing, and implementing social cash assistance and allowances to the Palestinian National Economic Empowerment Institution (PNEEI).

First, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your continuous and unwavering support to Palestine, and for your valuable contributions to strengthening the social protection system and ensuring that assistance reaches those most in need. Your sustained support remains a cornerstone in empowering vulnerable and marginalized households and reflects the spirit of partnership and solidarity with the Palestinian people.

Based on:

1. Presidential Decree-Law No. (4) of 2025, amending Decree-Law No. (1) of 2019, which mandates the transfer of the computerized Cash Assistance Program, its database, and all related financial allocations (domestic and international) to the Palestinian National Economic Empowerment Institution as a state institution mandated to implement the decisions of the President of the State of Palestine.
2. Cabinet decisions regarding the restructuring of the social cash transfer system and the unification of its institutional reference.
3. The Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Palestinian National Economic Empowerment Institution and the Ministry of Social Development, which outlines mechanisms for coordination, data sharing, systems integration, and the responsibilities of each party.

We hereby formally inform you of the following:

First: Transfer of Full Responsibilities to PNEEI pursuant to the Decree-Law, the PNEEI is now the sole entity mandated to:

- Manage and implement the National Cash Assistance Program.

- Administer and disburse all social cash allocations, including:
    - Senior citizens' allowances
    - Persons with disabilities' allowances
    - Allowances for poor and marginalized households
    - Any other categories stipulated by law
- Operate the electronic systems for targeting, eligibility application, and payments.
- Manage program-related financing in both the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Second: Current and Future Funding

- All existing financial resources allocated for social cash assistance and allowances will be administered by the Institution.
- Any future support or financial contributions related to social assistance must be directed exclusively to the Institution, in accordance with Article (6) bis of the Decree-Law authorizing the transfer of the computerized program, its database, and all financial allocations (domestic and international) to the Institution by decision of the President, covering all highly vulnerable social groups.
- The Ministry of Social Development will continue to support resource mobilization for cash social allowances for target groups under its mandate namely elderly and persons with disabilities, while PNEEI maintains full responsibility for program administration and disbursement within the unified national system.

Third: Coordination Arrangements Between the Institution and the Ministry

- The Ministry of Social Development will continue to update beneficiaries' data, manage non-cash services, and provide the necessary information to support targeting and referrals.
- The Institution assumes full responsibility for assessment, processing, and disbursement.

Fourth: Required Actions from All Donors and Partners

- Officially recognize the Palestinian National Economic Empowerment Institution as the sole institutional reference for social assistance and cash transfer programs, as stipulated by the Presidential Decree-Law.

- Direct all existing or future funding related to the program to the Institution, or through the designated official governmental channels.
- Update current agreements to align with the new legal and institutional framework.
- Coordinate directly with the Institution on all operational or financial arrangements.

We reaffirm that, in implementing the applicable legislation and the Decree-Law establishing and amending the Institution—including the decision transferring the Cash Assistance Program—the Institution is fully committed to transparency and to building a comprehensive national social protection system that ensures efficient and equitable delivery of assistance to eligible households.

Please accept our highest regards,

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