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Shared Calendar of Events

Please click on link to see a full calendar of aid coordination meetings:

http://www.ldf.ps/EventCalendarEndUser.aspx

List of Recent Meetings

- **Monday, 7 November 2016:** Social Protection Sector Working Group meeting at 11:00 at the MoSD.
- **Monday, 14 November 2016:** Private Sector Development and Trade SWG meeting at 10:00 at the MoNE.

List of Upcoming Meetings

- **Wednesday, 23 November 2016**: Agriculture Sector Working Group meeting at 12:00 at MoA.

Aid Coordination Meetings

Minutes of Meetings & Related Documents

❖ **Health Sector Working Group Meeting, 24 October 2016**
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29986

- MoH – Presentation of progress of the Technical Working Groups of the HSWG, 24 October 2016
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29988
- MoH –Update "Referral Technical Working Group, 24 October 2016
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29989
- MoH – National Health Strategy2017–2022 Presentation, 24 October 2016
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29991
- Health and Nutrition Cluster presentation, 24 October 2016
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29992
- MoH – RH in the National Health Strategy2017– 2022, 24 October 2016
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29993
- Health and Nutrition update, 24 October 2016
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29994
- MoH – Thematic Group of Pharmaceuticals General Directorate of Pharmacy Ministry of Health Presentation, 24 October 2016
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29995
- MoH – National Health Strategy 2017– 2022, 24 October 2016
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29996

Documents & Reports

United Nations

- OCHA
  - Gaza Crossings Operations Status: Monthly Update, October 2016
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29997
  - Protection of Civilians, 18 – 31 October 2016
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29981
  - East Jerusalem: Palestinians at risk of eviction, 3 November 2016
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29980

Press Releases and Formal Statements

OCHA

UN Coordinator for Aid to Palestine condemns continued obstruction of relief items to Palestinian communities, 10 November 2016

The UN Coordinator for Humanitarian Aid and Development Activities, Robert Piper, today condemned the Israeli authorities' continued obstruction of humanitarian assistance to Palestinian communities in the occupied West Bank.

On 7 November, the Israeli Civil Administration and the Israeli army seized nine donor-funded tents (two of which were not yet erected) in the Palestinian Bedouin community of Khirbet Tell al Himma in the northern Jordan Valley. The structures were all provided as humanitarian aid, following earlier demolitions in the same community on 27 September 2016, which left the affected families without shelter or kitchens.

The full press release is available at the following link:
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29998

UNRWA

Amid global refugee crisis, students in Europe, the USA, Syria, Lebanon and Gaza build solidarity beyond borders, 9 November 2016

This autumn, Palestine refugee students in five schools in Syria, Gaza and Lebanon will be paired to explore and advocate for the UN Sustainable Development Goal 4 'Quality education' with their peers in Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States of America through the 'My Voice-My School' project, made possible with the support of generous donors, including the European Union.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29987 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29990 (in Arabic)

United Arab Emirates Contributes US$ 15 Million in Support of UNRWA Education in Gaza, 3 November 2016

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) today announced a new US$ 15 million contribution to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) for its education programme in Gaza.

The UAE contribution will allow UNRWA to enhance its education programme in the Gaza Strip by supporting the continued development of teaching methods and skills and by ensuring a safe learning environment for Palestine refugee children.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29982 (in English)
http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29983 (in Arabic)

UNRWA Commissioner-General Concludes Second Official Visit to South Korea, 2 November 2016

The Commissioner-General of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), Pierre Krähenbühl, visited the Republic of Korea on 27 and 28 October on his second official mission to the country to explore potential opportunities for deeper engagement with South Korea and raise greater awareness about the situation of Palestine refugees in the Middle East. During the mission, the South Korean Representative Office to the Palestinian Authority announced an additional contribution to UNRWA for 2016 that will support Palestine refugees affected by the ongoing Syria crisis, specifically addressing the needs of Palestine refugee girls impacted by the conflict, as part of the broader South Korean initiative, 'Better Life for Girls'.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29976

EU

The EU launches a EUR 2.4 million programme to boost private sector development in the Gaza Strip, 9 November 2016

The European Union and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) launched today a new programme to rehabilitate and consolidate the Gaza Industrial Estate (GIE). The GIE is intended to work as a catalyst for industrial development in Gaza once fully operational. The new programme will be implemented by the UNDP over a period of twenty months.

The private sector in the Gaza Strip has faced more than a decade of conflicts. As a result, many of the Gazan population have lost their source of living. Unemployment rates have reached 41% of the labour force. Against this challenging background, the programme aims to reinforce the GIE electrical, wastewater and water systems.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29985

European Union Heads of Mission visit Gaza, 8 November 2016

EU Heads of Mission in Jerusalem and Ramallah visited Gaza today and met with Ministers of the Palestinian Authority and representatives of Palestinian civil society. The group of more than twenty senior European Diplomats also met with senior UNRWA Officials and visited a school in Beit Hanoun.

The EU and its Member States are providing significant support for Palestinians in Gaza in partnership with the Palestinian Authority, international organizations (notably UNRWA) and civil society.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29984

The EU and the Palestinian Authority Inaugurate the First Batch of Social Infrastructure Projects in Area C, 2 November 2016

The EU Representative Ralph Tarraf and the Palestinian Minister of Local Government Hussein Al Araj inaugurated today the first batch of EU-funded social infrastructure projects in Area C. These projects will address the needs of more than three hundred Palestinian families living in three villages in Qalqiliya governorate north of the West Bank. The projects were implemented by the Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF) under the EU-funded Area C development programme.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29975

British Foreign & Commonwealth

Foreign Secretary bilateral with the Palestinian Foreign Minister, 1 November 2016

It was a pleasure to meet the Palestinian Foreign Minister Dr Riyad al Malki. We discussed the persistent challenges of achieving lasting peace in the Middle East and I reiterated the UK's firm commitment to a two state solution with a Palestinian state living in peace alongside Israel.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29973 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29974 (in Arabic)

PCBS

Decrease in the Consumer Price Index during October, 14 November 2016

The overall Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Palestine during October 2016 decreased by 0.90% compared with September 2016 (by 1.42% in Gaza Strip, and by 0.76% in the West Bank, while it increased by 0.12% in Jerusalem J1).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29999 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=30000 (in Arabic)

Decrease in the Industrial Production Index in Palestine during September, 3 November 2016

The overall Quantity of Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine reached 103.07 during September 2016 with a decrease of 8.24% compared to the previous month (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29978 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=29979 (in Arabic)

Newsletters

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin, 7 November 2016**

  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_122/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm

  (in English)

  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_122/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm

  (in Arabic)

Job Vacancies

- **Representative Office of Finland – Coordinator for Education Program**

  For further details, please see the attachment