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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

- **Wednesday, 01 November 2017:** Social Protection Sector Working Group meeting at 11:00 at MoSD.

List of Upcoming Meetings

- **Wednesday, 22 November 2017**: Education Sector Working Group meeting at 10:30 in the main meeting hall at Al Quds Open University in Gaza. A video link will be set up with Yasser Arafat Hall at MoEHE in Ramallah.

Aid Coordination Meetings

Minutes of Meetings & Related Documents

- **Social Protection Sector Working Group Meeting, 1 November 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32913
  - MoSD –Transforming Our World SDGs 2030 – End Poverty & Reduce inequality, 1 November 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32915
  - UNICEF – The United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2018–2022, 1 November 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32914

- **Health Sector Working Group Meeting, 19 October 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31900
  - Minister of Health Speech, 19 October 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32897
  - MoH Presentation of Progress of the Technical Working Groups of the HSWG, 19 October 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32898
  - Presentation by Dr. Rania Shaheen, Director General of Pharmacy – Ministry of Health – Achievements of Pharmacy during 2017, 19 October 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32899
  - MoH – Primary Health Care Directorate – NCDs Department, 19 October 2017
    http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32900

- MoH – Health Care Quality and Patient Safety Strategy Frame work –Palestine – Quality Planning Department, 19 October 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32901
- MoH – Public Health General Directorate – Eng. Mousa Al-Halaika, Director of Nutrition Department, Nutrition Achievements during 2017, 19 October 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32902
- MoH – Presentation of progress of the Technical Working Groups of the MHWG, 19 October 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32904
- MoH – Presentation of Progress of the Technical Working Group of the HSWG – Referral Thematic Group Dr. Amira Al-Hindi, 19 October 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32905
- WHO – Health Cluster oPt, 19 October 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32903

❖ **Education Sector Working Group meeting, 27 September 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31894
- UNESCO – Gaza School Visits, 19 September 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31895
- MoEHE – Result-Based Monitoring & Evaluation System For EDSPIII (2014-2019) – Annual Sector Review, 27 September 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31896

Documents & Reports

United Nations

❖ **OCHA**

- Protection of Civilians, 24 October – 6 November 2017
  https://www.ochaopt.org/content/protection-civilians-report-24-october-6-november-2017

- Humanitarian Bulletin, October 2017
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32912

Press Releases and Formal Statements

UNRWA

UNRWA and EU Celebrate the Launch of a Project to Improve UNRWA Health and Educational Facilities, 7 November 2017

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) and the European Union (EU) yesterday jointly launched the Healthy Living, Healthy Spaces (HLHS) campaign to improve the facilities in UNRWA schools.

The EU-funded campaign aims to improve UNRWA educational facilities and provide a healthy and safe environment for Palestine refugee students by improving the educational environment. This initiative includes the improvement, rehabilitation decoration of playgrounds and outside school areas. Facilities at UNRWA health centers and health points will also be improved through renovation and maintenance works to enhance medical services provided to Palestine refugees as part of EU sponsorship linked to the HLHS campaign.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32908 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32909 (in Arabic)

EU

Statement by the EU Spokesperson on Gaza and intra-Palestinian reconciliation, 10 November 2017

Following the agreement signed in Cairo on 12 October and the handover of Gaza crossings to the Palestinian Authority on 1 November, the European Union reaffirms its readiness to mobilise its full support to current efforts to reunite Gaza and the West Bank under one single and legitimate Palestinian Authority. While the agreement and the handover were important and welcome steps in this regard, they need to be followed up by further steps to enable the Palestinian Authority to resume its full responsibilities in Gaza and achieve intra-Palestinian reconciliation.

We are having consultations internally, with key international partners, as well as within the Quartet, on how best to help this process to succeed. How to grant targeted support to Gaza, in particular to the citizens, is part of these consultations. In light of special circumstances and needs, the EU has decided to exceptionally increase its annual contribution to UNRWA by another 10.5 million EUR. A considerable part of this funding is dedicated to Palestine refugees in Gaza, in particular for health and education.

The full statement is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32910

Representative Office of Japan

Grant Signing Ceremony for the Project for construction of school building in Mixed School in Urif Village funded by Japan, 7 November 2017

Grant Contract for one Grassroots Human Security Project (GGP) was signed today by Mr. Takeshi Okubo, Ambassador for the Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine, and representative of Urif Village Council at Representative office of Japan in Ramallah for a total amount of US$90,565.

Urif Village Council will use the fund to construct one new building with 4 classrooms Urif Mixed School. This project aims at securing extra classrooms and creating more efficient learning environment. Once the project is implemented, the 4 new classrooms will be used by 108 first-grade students.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32906 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32907 (in Arabic)

PCBS

Increase in the Consumer Price Index during October 2017, 14 November 2017

The overall CPI for Palestine during October 2017 increased by 0.20% compared with September 2017 (by 0.65% in Gaza Strip, and slightly increased by 0.08% in Jerusalem J1, while it slightly decreased by 0.08% in the West Bank).

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32916 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=32917 (in Arabic)

Decrease in the Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine during September2017, 5 November 2017

The overall IPI in Palestine reached 108.94 during September 2017 with a decrease of 12.44% compared to the previous month (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

IPI for September 2017 decreased due to the decrease in the activities of Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply by 27.02% which had a share of 11.98% of the total industry, the activities of Manufacturing Industry by 11.08% which had a share of 83.19% of the total industry, the activities of Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation by 3.64% which had a share of 0.78% of the total industry, and the activities of Mining and Quarrying by 1.34% which had a share of 4.06% of the total industry.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31897 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31898 (in Arabic)

Newsletters

- **EUPOL COPPS Newsletter, October 2017**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=31899

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin, 6 November 2017**

http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_134/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm

(in English)

http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_134/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm

(in Arabic)

New Arrivals

- **Mrs. Marie Gilbrin Duruz** has joined Swiss Cooperation Office as Director of Cooperation. Her contact details are as follows:
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