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# LACS Newsletter

Local Aid Coordination Secretariat

## 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

- **Thursday, 12 April 2018:** Social Protection Sector Working Group meeting at 10:00 at the MoSD meeting room in Ramallah.

## Aid Coordination Meetings

- **Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th April 2018**: Education Annual Sector Review at 9:00 at the MoEHE.

## Documents & Reports

## United Nations

### ❖ OCHA

- Protection of Civilians, 27 March – 9 April 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34228
- OCHA Humanitarian Snapshot – Escalation of Violence in the Gaza Strip, 11 April 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34227
- For the second Friday in succession, multiple Palestinian casualties during demonstrations at the perimeter fence in the Gaza Strip", 6 April 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34218
- OCHA Flash Update on Multiple Palestinian casualties during demonstrations at the perimeter fence surrounding the Gaza Strip, 29 March 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34202
- OCHA Humanitarian Bulletin, March 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34217

### ❖ WFP

- State of Palestine Country Brief, February 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34211
- Delivering cash-based transfers in Palestine, March 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34212
- WFP Palestine in Action, March 2018
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34213

- **WHO**
  - Health Access Barriers for patients in the occupied Palestinian territory – February 2018, 11 April 2018 http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34223
  - The WHO Special Situation Report, occupied Palestinian territory, Gaza, 6 – 9 April 2018 http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34221

## AMAN

- AMAN Tenth Annual report "Integrity and Combating Corruption 2017", 26 March 2018 http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34205

## Press Releases and Formal Statements

## UNRWA

### Qatar's unprecedented financial support to UNRWA, 2 April 2018

With its unprecedented pledge of USD 50 million to UNRWA at a recent ministerial conference in Rome, Qatar will become one of UNRWA's top donors and will have a major impact on the Agency's ability to continue its vital services to the vulnerable Palestine refugee community during this period of dramatic financial crisis.

At an Extraordinary Ministerial Conference on 15 March entitled "Preserving Dignity and Sharing Responsibility – Mobilizing Collective Action for UNRWA," Qatar made the largest pledge, which will safeguard Palestine refugee children's access to education in the West Bank, Gaza, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon for the remainder of the current academic year as well as other core and essential services the Agency provides to Palestine refugees in the Middle East.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34203 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34204 (in Arabic)

## UNFPA – Representative Office of Japan

### Japan Grants $500,000 to Improve SRH and Breast Cancer Services to Vulnerable Communities in Palestine, 30 March 2018

30 March, 2018 – Ramallah. The Government of Japan is contributing to women's health in Palestine through a grant of $500,000 aimed to support implementation of the project Women's health:

addressing humanitarian needs for sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and breast cancer services in vulnerable communities.

The overall objective of the project is to support the provision of quality sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and breast cancer services to vulnerable communities in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank affected by the current humanitarian crisis. Building on the achievements and lessons learned from the funds provided by the Japanese government during the last two years, the current project aims to scale-up interventions and ensure a sustainable impact of the previous projects.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://palestine.unfpa.org/en/news/japan-grants-500000-improve-srh-and-breast-cancer-services-vulnerable-communities-palestine

## UNOPS

### UNOPS and Germany completed the reconstruction of 155 homes for families in Gaza, 9 April 2018

Gaza – 09 April 2018– The United Nations office for Project Services (UNOPS) and the Federal Republic of Germany, through its German Development Bank KfW, announce the completion of the reconstruction of 155 homes for 158 families in Gaza through the House reconstruction project. The project aimed to help people improve their living conditions through providing them with safe, secure, quality and sustainable homes and also ensured that their legal rights are protected into the future following the destruction and displacement caused by the 2014 conflict in Gaza. Under this Government of Germany funding, UNOPS has partnered with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and worked closely with the Palestinian Ministry of Public Works and Housing (MoPWH), to provide families with legal, technical and financial assistance to reconstruct and return to their homes.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34219 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34215 (in Arabic)

### UNOPS and the Government of Japan join efforts to strengthen the electricity supply system in Gaza with renewable energy, 5 April 2018

Jerusalem – 5 April 2018 – The United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in Jerusalem and the Government of Japan agreed to join efforts in a project entitled "Reconstructing and strengthening the electricity supply system in Gaza with renewable energy "to support the installation of a solar photovoltaic system for Gazan households with the award of a new grant under Japan's supplementary budget.

The project, which is in line with the strong commitment of the Government of Japan to improving electricity supply in Gaza, valued at $1.5 million will support the solar system project to create a reliable and sustainable access to an electricity source for households. This project comes in the context of the overall deterioration in conditions in the Gaza strip following the worsening of an electricity crisis that has left Gaza with an average of only four to six hours of electricity per day, severely disrupting daily life and the provision of basic services.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34214 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34215 (in Arabic)

## UNICEF

### Statement attributable to Geert Cappelaere, UNICEF Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa – UNICEF calls for the protection of children in the Gaza Strip, 10 April 2018

AMMAN, 10 April 2018 – "In the last 10 days, three children were killed and dozens more were seriously injured in the recent tragic events in the Gaza Strip. UNICEF deplores all acts of violence against children.

"Children in Gaza have been living in extremely dire circumstances for many years.

"It is imperative that all actors on all sides put the protection of children first. Children should never be the target of violence and must not be put at risk of violence nor encouraged to participate in violence.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34222

## UNESCO

### Message from UNESCO Director-General on the Killing of Press Photographer Yaser Murtaja on the Gaza Border, 10 April 2018

The Director-General of UNESCO, Audrey Azoulay, today condemned the killing of Palestinian photographer Yaser Murtaja who died on 7 April.

"I condemn the killing of Yaser Murtaja and welcome the decision of the Israeli authorities to investigate this killing", said the Director-General.

Yaser Murtaja was allegedly shot by Israeli soldiers while he was covering Palestinian protests on the Israeli border on 6 April and died from his injuries the following day.

**The full message is available at the following link**

https://en.unesco.org/news/director-general-condemns-killing-press-photographer-yaser-murtaja-gaza-border

## French Consulate General

### The Statement by the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs Spokesperson on the situation in the Gaza strip, 7 April 2018

The crackdown on demonstrators in the Gaza Strip has once again caused the deaths of nine people and injured several hundred others. France reiterates its disapproval of the Israeli army's indiscriminate shooting. Full light must be shed on these serious events. France calls on the authorities concerned to show the utmost restraint, and emphasizes that the use of force must be proportionate, in accordance with international humanitarian law, in order to avoid further casualties. Only a lifting of the restrictions imposed on Gaza, with the necessary safeguards for Israel, will allow the humanitarian crisis to be addressed and an escalation of tension to be prevented.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34220

## Italian Agency for Development Cooperation

### Message from Ms. Cristina Natoli, Head of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation in Jerusalem on World Health Day 2018, 7 April 2018

Italy and Palestine have a long history of cooperation in the health sector. Since the Oslo Agreements, the Italian Development Cooperation supported the Ministry of Health and the overall Palestinian health system in order to achieve the dual goal of improving health and addressing inequalities.

According with the strategy of the Palestinian Ministry of Health to accomplish the Universal Health Coverage (UHC), the Italian development projects covered the full spectrum of essential and quality health services, from health promotion to prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliative care.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34216

## PCBS

### Palestinian Consumer Price Index (CPI) – March 2018, 12 April 2018

The overall CPI for Palestine during March 2018 decreased by 0.12% compared with February 2018 (by 0.51% in Gaza Strip, and with a slight decrease by 0.09% in both the West Bank and Jerusalem J1).

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34224 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34225 (in Arabic)

### PCBS press release on the occasion of the Palestinian Children's Day, 5 April 2018

About half of the population is children.

The number of children under the age of 18 is 2,115,370 children in the State of Palestine according to the final results of Population, Housing and Establishments Census 2017, of which 1,083,720 males and 1,031,650 females. The percentage of children in Palestine is 45.3% of the population (43.4% in the West Bank and 48.0% in Gaza Strip).

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34209 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34210 (in Arabic)

### Decrease in the Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine during February 2018, 4 April 2018

The overall IPI in Palestine reached 100.34 during February 2018 with a decrease of 1.03% compared to the previous month (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

IPI for February 2018 decreased due to the decrease in the activities of Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply by 20.05% which had a share of 11.98% of the total industry, and the activities of Mining and Quarrying by 18.41% which had a share of 4.06% of the total industry, while

the activities of Manufacturing Industry increased by 2.06% which had a share of 83.19% of the total industry, and the activities of Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation by 1.32% which had a share of 0.78% of the total industry.

**The full press release is available at the following link:**

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34207 (in English)

http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34208 (in Arabic)

## Newsletters

- **UNRWA Gender Bulletin March 2018**
  http://www.ldf.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=34200

## Job Vacancies

- **The Consulate General of Spain: Two Assistant Position**
  **For more details, please see attachment**

## New Arrivals

- **Mr. Essam Ashour** has joined the Representative Office of Egypt as Representative. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Ms. Cecilie Fenger Michaelsen** has joined the Representative Office of Denmark as Head of Cooperation. Her contact details are as follows:
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- **Ms. Sabine Gebauer** has joined GIZ as Head of TVET Employment Programme. Her contact details are as follows:
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- **Ms. Kirsten Freimann** has joined GIZ as Head of More Job opportunities for Palestinian youth. Her contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Kai Dockhorn** has joined GIZ as Head of Programme - Future for Palestine Programme. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Ms. Etona Ekole** has joined UNICEF as Deputy Special Representative. Her contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Jamie Mcgoldrick** has joined UNSCO as Deputy Special Coordinator/ RC/HC. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Michael Burke** has joined UNSCO as Electoral Advisor. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Mr. Manish Kumar** has joined USAID as Division Chief – Infrastructure – Office of Economic Growth and Infrastructure (EGI). His contact details are as follows:
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