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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.lacs.ps/EventCalendarEndUser.aspx

List of Recent Meetings

- **Tuesday, 8 January 2019:** Justice Core Group Meeting at 12:30 at LACS.
- **Monday, 14 January 2019:** Labour Core Group Meeting at 12:00 at MoL.
- **Tuesday, 15 January 2019:** Security Sector – Security Thematic Group meeting AP8 (Joint Operations) at 10:00 at HQ NSF Operations Centre.

List of Upcoming Meetings

- **Thursday, 17 January 2019**: Security Sector – Gender Thematic Group AP9 meeting at EUPOLCOPPS.
- **Tuesday, 22 January 2019:** Education Core Group meeting at 10:00 at MoEHE.
- **Tuesday, 22 January 2019:** Social Protection Sector: Thematic Working Group meeting on Disability at 12:00 at LACS Office.
- **Thursday, 24 January 2019:** Health core group meeting at 1:00 at the Ministry of Health.
- **Thursday, 24 January 2019**: Security Sector – Security Thematic Group meeting – AP4 (Training) at 1:00 at BST HQs Ramallah
- **Wednesday, 30 January 2019:** Tourism and Culture Core Group meeting at 13:00 at the Ministry of Culture in Ramallah.
- **Thursday, 31 January 2019**: Justice Core group meeting at 9:00 at LACS Office.
- **Thursday, 31 January 2019:** Labour Sector Working Group at 10:00 at MoL

Aid Coordination Meetings

- **Water Sector Working Group meeting, 13 December 2018**
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38995
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38999 (Arabic Action Points)
  - PWA – Palestinian Water Authority Water Sector Reform, 13 December 2018 http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38996
  - PWA – Wastewater 2018-2022, 13 December 2018 http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38997
  - PWA – Water Resources Priorities in Palestine 2018-2022, 13 December 2018 http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38998
  - PWA – Update on Major Projects Implementation Gaza Water Situation and GCPP, 13 December 2018
  - http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=39000

Documents & Reports

United Nations

- ❖ **FAO**

- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade, 30th December 2018 – 3rd January 2019
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38994

- Gaza Strip Agricultural Trade 23th to 27th December 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38986

❖ OCHA

- Protection of Civilians Report, 18 – 31 December 2018
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38992

Press Releases and Formal Statements

Office of the Prime Minister

The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 8 January 2019

The Palestinian Cabinet condemns the Israeli military escalation against the Palestinian citizens and Palestinian cities especially, the city of Al- Bireh, deplores the unjustified attack on the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation headquarters in the Gaza Strip, and congratulates all Palestinian citizens and the Orthodox Christians all around the globe for Christmas.

During its weekly meeting held in Ramallah today, the Palestinian Cabinet, headed by Prime Minister Dr. Rami Hamdallah;

Renewed its condemnation for the Israeli escalated aggression against Palestinians, storming several Palestinian cities, towns, villages, refugee camps and "area A" , including the barbaric incursion into the city of Al – Bireh, which targeted unarmed citizens leaving causalities among citizens and severe damages to their properties. The Cabinet warned against the dangerous consequences of the continuous Israeli aggression.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38993

UNICEF / WFP

UNICEF Works With WFP to help Vulnerable Families in Gaza get essential items for Winter, 14 January 2019

JERUSALEM – The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) have signed a new agreement to provide 6,000 of the most vulnerable families in the Gaza Strip with blankets, clothing and hygiene kits. The joint initiative is designed to help poorer families – particularly children, women and elderly – cope with winter, following a sharp deterioration in the living conditions of many people living in the enclave. Based on their level of

need, families will receive credit of between US$47 and US$106 on their electronic assistance cards. The cash top-up will allow them to buy, blankets, clothing and children's school uniforms and hygiene items from contracted local retailers. Families benefiting from this programme will also receive awareness sessions on hygiene and on the prevention and control of communicable diseases.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=39003 (English)

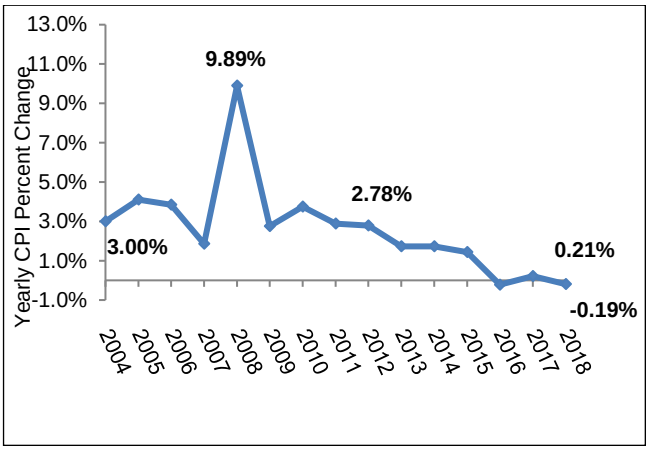
http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=39004 (Arabic)

PCBS

CPI decreased in Gaza Strip, while increased in the West Bank during 2018, 14 January 2019

The overall CPI for Palestine during 2018 slightly decreased by 0.19% compared with 2017 (by 1.34% in Gaza Strip, while it increased by 1.04% in Jerusalem J1*, and by 0.41% in the West Bank**).

Yearly percent change in Consumer price index in Palestine for 2004 – 2018



The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=39001 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=39002 (Arabic)

Increase in the Industrial Production Index (IPI) in Palestine during November 2018

The overall IPI in Palestine reached 109.18 during November 2018 with an increase of 2.43% compared to October 2018 (Base Month December 2015 = 100).

IPI for November 2018 increased due to the increase in the activities of Electricity, Gas, Steam and Air Conditioning Supply by 19.53% which had a share of 11.98% of the total industry, the activities of Mining and Quarrying by 18.39% which had a share of 4.06% of the total industry, and the activities of Water Supply, Sewerage, Waste Management and Remediation by 5.90% which had a share of 0.78% of the total industry, while the activities of Manufacturing Industry decreased by 0.14% which had a share of 83.19% of the total industry.

The full press release is available at the following link:

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38987 (English)

http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38988 (Arabic)

Newsletters

- **PCBS Electronic Monthly Bulletin, 3 January 2019**
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_148/Monthly%20bulletin_e.htm (English)
  http://www.pcbs.gov.ps/Portals/_PCBS/Documents/Monthly%20bulletin_148/Monthly%20bulletin_a.htm (Arabic)
- **The Portland Trust Economic Bulletin – December 2018**
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38970
- **UNRWA monthly Gender Bulletin- December 2018**
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38984

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- **The Palestinian Cabinet Meeting Brief Statement, 3 January 2019**
  http://www.lacs.ps/documentsShow.aspx?ATT_ID=38991

Announcements

- **The Belgian Call for Proposals "Climate Smart Agriculture" is available at the following link:** https://www.wehubit.be/en/financing-instruments **(Deadline for applications: February 21st 2019)**

New Arrivals

- **Mr. Damiano Pizzol** has joined the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation as Health Programme Officer. His contact details are as follows:
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- **Ms. Jinah Song** has joined KOICA as Project Coordinator. Her contact details are as follows:
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