



WATER

Access to Water in Areas at High Risk for Drought in the Southern West Bank

Improving water availability and access to the water network in areas at high risk for drought in the southern West Bank.



COUNTRY
Palestine



BENEFICIARIES
3.250



METHOD
Assistance

FUNDING AGENCIES	UNICEF
STARTING DATE	May 2011
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD	9 months
DESCRIPTION	The Hebron district is plagued by a structural lack of water availability due to a lack of adequate primary water resources in the area from which water can be freely accessed. In this region, water is supplied primarily through tankers, and thus a key factor in water price determination becomes transport costs.
OBJECTIVES	In the framework of the project it has been purchased one 20-cubic meter water tanker to distribute water directly to communities or to storage cisterns, thus decreasing travel costs. A "Joint Water Tanker Committee" (JWTC) was formed and made up of local representatives whose task is to coordinate water distribution, identify priorities and communities which are most at risk, optimizing resources in order to preserve a service which is sustainable over time. Strengthening of this committee also allowed for monitoring the area and faster action in case of future drought emergencies.
ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish the specific technical requirements of the water tanker truck in order to open tender procedures; • Supply the water tanker to the Yatta Joint Service Council; • Establish the JWTC; • Inform the local community of the new service.