



WATER

Access to water in the Gaza Strip



Provision of life-saving emergency assistance for people in the Middle Area of the Gaza Strip supporting the recovery of the essential water services and the winterization contingency plan.



COUNTRY
Palestine



BENEFICIARIES
121.000



METHOD

LOCAL PARTNERS	CMWU - Coastal Municipality Water Utility, Organization responsible for water and sanitation services in Gaza Strip.
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS	Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Italian Cooperation
FUNDING AGENCIES	IDB - Islamic Development Bank
STARTING DATE	12th may 2015
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD	12 months
DESCRIPTION	The Israeli assault against Gaza in July 2014 determined a huge scale of destruction, with significant damages to water and sanitation systems, devastation and displacement causing a sharp increase in the severity of humanitarian needs. The Gaza Strip is facing a challenging situation in regards to water and wastewater and approximately half a million people were directly affected by damages to water facilities. On one side, this project will address the damages of the domestic water infrastructure facilities through the installation of pipe lines, rehabilitation of wells and provision of stand-by electricity generators. The project will also provide a support to the winterization plan that has been indicated by CMWU and WASH cluster as the most urgent priority, to prevent and respond to localized floods due to the increased flood risk after the conflict. This will be through the provision of mobile dewatering pumps and power generators, cleaning wastewater facilities, supply of protection clothes and tools, and repairing of heavy machineries.
OBJECTIVES	Supporting the resilience of the Gaza Strip population by providing access to water for domestic use and supporting the winterization contingency plan.
ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study and coordination with CMWU to prepare the intervention strategy. • Delivery and installation of equipment (pumps, generators, hypochlorite dosing systems). • Water quality testing. • Reparation and rehabilitation of CMWU heavy machineries. • Cleaning of wastewater and stormwater facilities.