



WATER

Improvement of Access to Water in Marginal Areas in the South and Central West Bank

Water Procurement and Hygiene Norm Promotion.



COUNTRY
Palestine



BENEFICIARIES
17.000



METHOD
Infrastructures

LOCAL PARTNERS	PHG - Palestinian Hydrology Group
FUNDING AGENCIES	European Commission - ECHO
STARTING DATE	May 2011
IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD	12 months
DESCRIPTION	The project improved life conditions of the population of the West Bank thanks to actions aimed to guarantee access to water and hygiene promotion.
OBJECTIVES	The issue of water in the the West Bank is still one of the principal reasons behind the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians. The insufficient availability of water and its unequal distribution have generated conditions of vulnerability in communities located in the most marginal areas. The project guaranteed access to safe and economically sustainable water sources for such communities while at the same time improved their hygienic conditions.
ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of 18 cisterns for rain water collection in the communities around Massafer Yatta; • Strengthening of the water network in areas south of Hebron; • Improvement of the water distribution system thanks to the construction of a new pipeline in the Jahalin Bedouin communities of East Jerusalem; • Strengthening of water and sewage structures in 2 schools in the area near the Massafer Yatta community; • Reduction in the price of potable water; • Awareness campaign about water quality, hygienic norms, and realted health risks in 15 villages; • Installation of solar-powered desalination units for household use.

