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Press release

# UNOPS and the Government of Japan sign an agreement to support the health, and water and sanitation sectors


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On 10 February 2023, UNOPS and the Government of Japan signed an agreement to support uninterrupted provision of services to Palestinians in two vital sectors; health, water and sanitation, with more than \$2 million from the Japanese Supplementary Budget.

Given the dire humanitarian needs requiring support for the provision of essential services, the project will contribute to improved access of Palestinians to critical healthcare services in East Jerusalem Hospitals through the procurement of urgently needed medical supplies, and the renovation of the pharmacy at the Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) to have adequate space for handling chemotherapy preparations. This support will benefit around 8000 patients from the targeted health facilities.

In the water and sanitation sector, UNOPS will support Palestinian Water Authority (PWA) in procuring machinery and equipment required for essential repairs of water pipes and wells, to prevent leakages and considerable water losses and improve access of water to the served population, benefitting 385 local councils served by PWA in the West Bank.

"I am pleased to continue our partnership with UNOPS to assist the needs of the Palestinian people in the health and water sectors, particularly in the midst of a critical financial crisis of the Palestinian Authority, which we are greatly concerned about. Especially hospitals in East Jerusalem are the core hub for Palestinians' health accommodating patients from the Gaza Strip and West Bank. I hope the project would

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provide better access to basic services,” said Mr. NAKASHIMA Yoichi, Ambassador for Palestinian Affairs and Representative of Japan to Palestine.

This intervention will contribute to three Sustainable Development Goals. “Good Health and Well-Being” (Goal 3), “Gender Equality” (Goal 5), and “Clean Water and Sanitation for all” (Goal 6).

“We value the support from the Government of Japan and their generous contribution to address the urgent needs of the Palestinians. The project builds on the strong partnership between UNOPS and the Government of Japan in Palestine”, said Mr. Tokumitsu Kobayashi, Director of the UNOPS Jerusalem Office. He confirmed that UNOPS is committed to deliver the urgently needed support to ensure improved access to healthcare and clean water for Palestinians. He also added that UNOPS remains ready to coordinate with Japan in Palestine to respond to the urgent needs of Palestinians in all sectors.

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