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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (1 JULY–31 DECEMBER 2000)— PALESTINIAN TERRITORY 06276.0 (former WIS no. 6276.00)

Assistance to Farmers for Land Development and Training Activities

Number of beneficiaries	47,360
Females:	23,680
Males:	23,680
Duration of project	One year (1 December 2000–30 November 2001)

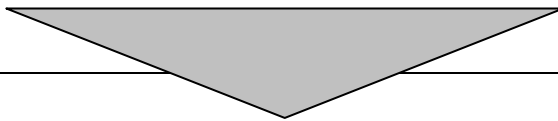
Cost (United States dollars)

Total cost to WFP	2,740,343
Total food cost	1,573,457
Total project cost	5,873,800
Total cost to implementing partners	1,560,000

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Draft Conclusion

The Board took note, in the document WFP/EB.2/2001/7-A/2, of WFP's Quick Action Project to implement food-for-work and food-for-training activities to improve land and encourage women's participation in training (in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip).

1. At its Third Regular Session, in October 1999, the WFP Executive Board endorsed a Programme Strategy Outline for the Palestinian Territory. Among the key areas of assistance endorsed in the Strategy Outline were: (a) improvement of food security in the poorest areas through labour-intensive land improvement for agriculture, helping the poorest farmers turn land into a productive asset; and (b) support to community efforts aimed at human resource development of the poor and marginalized by enabling poor households to invest in human capital development through training and education.
2. For many households, land improvement is required for sustainable agricultural production. The natural characteristics of the land encourage soil erosion and prevent optimal use of scarce water resources, which are major constraints on increased production. This project will help address these constraints by rehabilitating existing terraces, building new terraces, improving soil quality and constructing cisterns. The rural areas of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip have the lowest levels of education in the Palestinian Territory, and the opportunity for women to participate in educational activities has been especially limited. This project will help address this by providing food aid as an incentive for women to participate in training activities.
3. In accordance with decision 1999/EB.A/2 of the Executive Board, WFP focuses its development activities on five objectives. This Quick Action Project (QAP) addresses the following objectives:
 - make it possible for poor families to gain and preserve assets;
 - enable households that depend on degraded natural resources for their food security to make a shift to more sustainable livelihoods; and
 - enable poor households to invest in human capital through education and training.
4. The QAP will have two main components: food for work and food for training.
 - In the food-for-work activity, the function of WFP assistance is to provide short-term food security to families so that they can commit their labour to undertaking improvements on their own land, thereby investing in their longer-term food security.
 - In the food-for-training activity, the function of food assistance is to act as an incentive for women to attend training courses for agriculture and social subjects.
5. WFP's main counterparts in agricultural activities will be the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA), Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees



(PARC). For training in the social sector, the Ministry of Social Affairs and a number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) will be involved.

