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UNDP's Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (UNDP/PAPP) owes its origin to a resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 20 December 1978, calling upon UNDP "to improve the economic and social conditions of the Palestinian people". In partnership with Palestinian institutions, civil society, communities and donors, UNDP's goal is to empower the Palestinian People to establish a viable State that is able to realize the right to development for its people and support their socio-economic resilience. Since its establishment, UNDP/PAPP has delivered over USD 1.6 billion in development assistance to the Palestinian People, and generated over 3.6 million workdays. UNDP/PAPP places empowerment, resilience and sustainability at the centre of its operation and focuses on three priority areas: the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem and Area C, where the needs are the greatest. UNDP/PAPP focuses on democratic governance and the rule of law, economic empowerment and private sector development, environment and management of natural resources, as well as public and social infrastructure. UNDP/PAPP's support in the governance sector is aligned to Palestinian national priorities and focuses on the rule of law and access to justice, national unity and social cohesion, inclusion and

participation, local governance, and public administration reform to build strong and accountable institutions. To reduce poverty, UNDP prioritizes support to the most vulnerable communities and families through sustainable economic empowerment approaches that help people enhance their self-reliance and become gradually less reliant on aid. Efforts are made in the areas of promoting private sector productivity, employment schemes, and micro-entrepreneurship, social safety nets for the most vulnerable families, agricultural management, and basic infrastructure for improved service delivery. UNDP/PAPP's environment and natural resources portfolio focuses on strengthening environmental and water governance, mobilizing environmental financing, improving access to environmental services such as water supply and sanitation, solid waste management, and energy; mainstreaming environment and climate change, and developing the capacities of Palestinian State institutions in climate change adaptation and mitigation. UNDP/PAPP also focuses on social, public and economic infrastructure as well as early recovery and reconstruction to support the resilience of Palestinian marginalized communities, especially in Area C, East Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip. Interventions cover five key sectors; access to energy, transportation, housing, education and health. UNDP/PAPP continues to uphold its mandate to the Palestinian people by exploring new approaches and drawing on its corporate and strategic partnerships at the global and local levels.



The UNDP/UN Women "Sawasya" Joint Programme is the United Nations' foremost programme aimed comprehensively at promoting and advancing the rule of law, justice, security and human rights in the State of Palestine. Backed by a consortium of development partners (Sweden, The Netherlands, and the European Union), and in cooperation with numerous national and international actors, Sawasya supports government institutions and civil society working in justice, security and protection to strengthen access to efficient, equitable and accountable services for Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem.

Together with the Palestinian Government, civil society and academic institutions are vital elements of building an inclusive State of Palestine that respects, protects and fulfils human rights and gender equality, and promotes development, peace and security.

Sawasya is committed to supporting the Palestinian people to realize this agenda, and is proud to sponsor this edition of 'This Week in Palestine.'