



Palestine Cash Transfers Program (CTP) Mitigates Shocks

The Nuts and Bolts of Adaptive Social Protection

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Overview of the Program

- The CTP program intends to:
 - Mitigate poverty impacts on Palestinian families
- The CTP program provides
 - Regular cash transfers to poor Palestinian families (quarterly payments)
 - **227 Bank Branches, Bank accounts**
 - covers 110,000 poor families in Palestine
- Families are screened by local Social Workers
- Families are visited by Social Worker to fill up the enrolment form
- MoSD applies the PMTF as targeting tool.
- Unified National Registry for Poverty in Palestine. (One data base & multi-programs).
- Beneficiaries have their own bank accounts.

Complementary Social Assistance

- Food aid : 45,000 hh. The most flexible program during shocks.
- Health insurance: All CTP beneficiaries and others.
- Emergency assistance: During natural and political shocks, groups and individual.
- Economic empowerment : grants, microcredit, income generating projects.

Program Cycle



Shocks

- 2002 Israeli military aggression to Palestinian west bank cities. (ICRC)
- 2009 Israeli military aggression Gaza. Additional payment eu
- 2009 Food crisis (WB).100 -150 \hh. 5,00000000\$
- 2014 Israeli military aggression Gaza .
 - 8000 beneficiaries , targeted by ctp, affected war .
- 2015 Rainy storm (WFP)
- 2017 Financial crisis, 11,000,000\$. Reduction of beneficiaries from 118,000 to 100,000.

Screening and Scoring

- Set priorities .
- Accurate targeting.
- Channelling beneficiaries to interventions.
- Referrals to other service providers.
- Recertification + situation analysis, identifying the needs, case management.
- The main important think is the wide CTP data base.

Emergency Assistance (Cash Transfers)

- The priority for CTP beneficiaries .
- One time / year.
- Serious cases payment 1-5 days , others 1 -3 months.
- Cheque payments, 71 branches for emergency cases.
- Contracts between MOF and the banks .
- Long payment procedures, Bureaucracy and liquidity availability (Challenge)