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Introduction:

The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia gives utmost importance to humanitarian issues in general, and the Palestinian dilemma in particular, which receives the Kingdom's continuous economic and development support. In the course of the past few years, the Kingdom had offered, through the Saudi Fund for Development (SFD), the Palestinian people more than SR 18105 million, equivalent to USD 4828 million, of which, SR 10117 million, equivalent to USD 2698 million had been allocated to support the Palestinian Authority's budget within the framework of the League of Arab States according to the resolutions of the Arab Summit. On the other hand, SR 7988 million, equivalent to USD 2130 million, had been allocated to implement development projects through the international and regional organizations and institutions.

The Kingdom has continuously stressed the need to support the Palestinian people and provide them with the basic requirements for a decent life; such as education, housing and health care. Not only this, but it has also closely worked with those who exert efforts to lighten the strain of people's suffering. The Kingdom deeply believes that one day the refugee issue would be eventually resolved according to the international law in a fair way that guarantees all rights of the Palestinian people. Yet until this moment eventually comes, the Kingdom considers that it is the duty of the international community on the level of governments, institutes or organizations, to provide the necessary support to the Palestinians. The Kingdom's contributions to Palestine extended to cover the vital and main sectors, which included: health, education, housing, infrastructure and social and sport development. This is illustrated as follow:

Health:

The Kingdom, through SFD, had supported the Palestinian health sector with a total of SR 525 million, equivalent to USD 140 million. The amount was allocated for the construction, equipment and furnishing of more than 30 health centers, 40 clinics and a number of hospitals and the provision of advanced medical devices and medicines. That's in addition to supporting the medical staff and their technical cadres in order to keep up with the current worldwide medical development and raise the standard of health services across Palestine territories. The amount was also used for

the provision of medicines and an ambulance for the clinic of Al-Aqsa Mosque.

Supporting the Palestinian Health Sector through SFD



Deir El-Balah Health Center



Education:

Education is definitely the main tool to raise up awareness among children and prepare the coming generations to be able to build the Palestinian state. As the Kingdom believes in the importance of this sector, it has contributed to construct, expand, develop and equip more than 400 primary and middle schools in different areas

of Palestine. Moreover, the kingdom supported Al-Azhar, Birzeit University and Bethlehem University with a total amount of SR 741 million, equivalent to USA 198 million.

No. of Schools Constructed



400

primary and middle schools

Universities Supported



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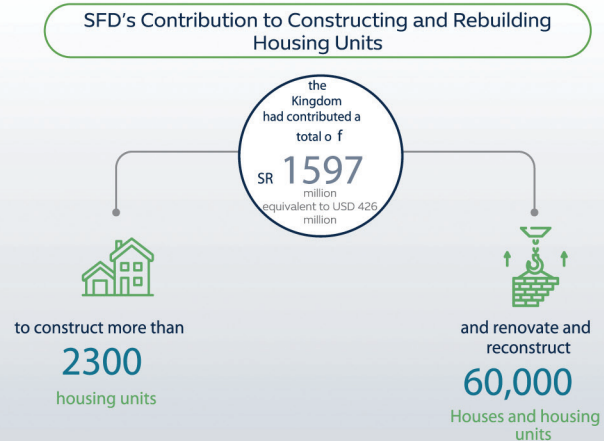


Khan Younis Primary School

Housing:

Housing is a basic demand of societies in general; however, for the Palestinians, it goes far beyond this, it actually stands as the icon of Palestinian resistance against the cruel occupation and a blockage to the expansion of Israeli settlement particularly in the sacred areas, historic mosques and Islamic monuments in the old towns, especially the major ones such as Al-Quds and Al-Khalil which truly preserve the Arab and Islamic identity. In order to support the Palestinians' resistance in the face of occupation and help preserve those old towns from seizure, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia had financed a broad range of projects which aimed to repair and rehabilitate the old town houses, especially those close to Al-Aqsa Mosque, Dome of the Rock and the Ibrahimi Mosque. Likewise, the Kingdom constructed and renovated the residential units in the Palestinian refugee camps located in the West Bank and

Gaza Strip as well as Nahr Al-Bared and Ain Al-Hilwa refugee camps in Lebanon. In this regard, the Kingdom had contributed a total of SR 1597 million, that is equivalent to USD 426 million, to construct more than 2,300 residential units and renovate and reconstruct 60,000 houses.





The Saudi Program for Palestinian Refugees Housing in Rafah:

The housing project in Rafah is a residential complex of comprehensive services constructed over more than 481,000 square meters. The project is set to be implemented in three phases at a total cost exceeding SR 401 million, which is equivalent to USD 107 million. The first phase was executed over 247,602 m² and was opened in February 2013.

It comprised 752 residential units to house about 4,564 people; besides the construction of 4 schools, a commercial complex, a health center and a cultural one. In addition, the project aimed to provide several services which included connecting and constructing a tank of water, sewerage, electricity and communication networks besides constructing and lighting roads network, establishing gardens and digging water wells with a 2,000 m³ storage tank and constructing a mosque with a capacity of more than 1200 prayers. The second phase consisted of the construction of 765

residential units to house 4761 individuals over an area of about 177,804 square meters. Additionally, two schools were constructed and supplied with all the required services such as the access to water, sewerage, electricity and communication networks besides constructing and lighting roads, building parks, and constructing a mosque with a capacity of more than 400 prayers.

The third phase comprises the construction of 220 residential units to house 1,300 individuals over a total area of 55,784 square meters. besides connecting water, sewerage, electricity and communication networks, building parks, and constructing and lighting roads.

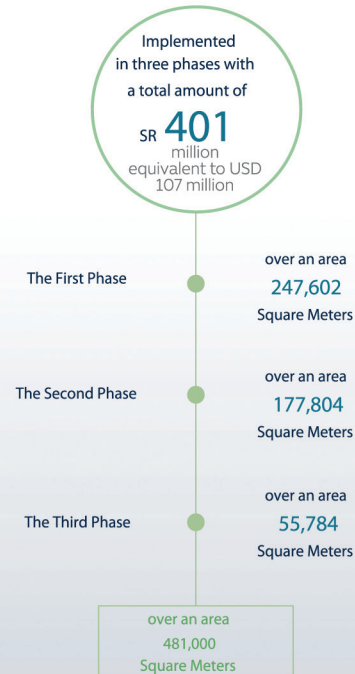
The housing project in Rafah is definitely one of the major projects that the Kingdom constructed in Gaza Strip in terms of size, design, and construction circumstances. Actually, it is a unique project. It is the first comprehensive project ever that UNRWA

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has implemented in Palestine since its inception. The project was also incepted amid extremely harsh conditions due to the blockade imposed on Gaza Strip which led to a clear shortage in the basic materials required for construction, as well as the stoppage of the construction works and its related activities, which led to the deterioration of the economic and social circumstances of Gaza Strip besides the increase in the unemployment rate. Nevertheless, "UNRWA" perfectly managed to implement the program in record time and with high quality standards due to the optimal diplomatic and professional efforts of its staff in Gaza Strip especially who are in charge of the project.

In terms of this, the project had in its first phase, provided more than 400,000 working days and contributed to improving the economies and the revitalization of construction business as of the blacksmithing and carpentry repair-shops, etc. It had also contributed to the increase in the income of hundreds of families and individuals.

Refugees Housing in Gaza



Riyadh housing project at Birzeit University in the West Bank:

The project aims to provide healthy, safe housing and a suitable environment for female students in the university, which will increase the number of female students enrolled in the university, and saves them the trouble of commuting to the university from distant cities and being harassed at the Israeli checkpoints. The project is built on a land of 12,000 square meters located inside the university campus with total cost SR 60 million, which is equivalent to USD 16 million. The project consists of 50 housing units distributed in three buildings with halls for sitting, dining and student activities. It accommodates 196 female students and includes parking, internal roads, lighting, landscaping, a wastewater treatment unit, public service networks and guard rooms.



Project Area
12,000
Square Meters



Total amount of
SR **60**
million
equivalent to
USD 16 million



No. of housing
units
50



Accommodate
196
Female
students

Infrastructure:

The Kingdom, through SFD, has contributed to financing various infrastructure projects. Those included the construction and maintenance of the electricity, water, sewerage and communications networks, laying roads through all of the Palestinian lands plus Nahr El-Bared and Ein El-Hilweh refugee camps in Lebanon. The cost of the mentioned projects amounts to SR 406.17 million, which is equivalent to USD 108.31 million.



Social Development and Promotion of Sports Activities:

The social sector is evidently significant in fighting poverty and reducing the dependence of Palestinian families in earning their living on the aids and assistances granted by donor countries and organizations.

For this, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has generously contributed to programs of enhancing the economy and boosting the capacities of those working in the education and health sectors. In this regard, the Kingdom had participated together with a number of financiers to finance the project of “Enhancing social protection and comprehensiveness in Gaza Strip”. The project aims to improve the economic status of some poor Palestinian families in Gaza Strip through identifying and developing their capacities to be effectively productive; this in turn increases their income and improves their living standard in order to be self-reliant and dispense with the assistances

of others. SFD has, moreover, contributed to rehabilitating five sport stadiums and one cultural center in Palestine, to allow Palestinians to invest their spare times and play sports in an appropriate and prepared environment.



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