

**POSSIBLE MECHANISM FOR
BRIDGING THE EXISTING GAPS IN
THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH
SERVICES AND EXECUTION OF
PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMS IN THE
OPT**

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Need of an Interim Mechanism

- Addressing the pressing health needs of the population in the OPT, in light of the current financial crisis, requires a series of **immediate measures**
- Need of an agile **interim mechanism** that could be put in operation in the short run while the definite solution of the mechanism being discussed by the Quartet is attained.

Prerequisites

- Has to be agreeable to all stakeholders
- Should be implemented rapidly and effectively without undermining existing institutional capacities, minimizing the disruptions, avoiding duplications and ensuring transparency and reliability
- Has to address simultaneously the salary and non salary issues.

Possible Immediate measures

1) Characterization of the financial gaps

- A detailed mapping of the financial needs for the delivery of health services and the execution of public health programs by the national and sub national public health authorities, for the period June - December 2006.
- Produced by joint teams of technical officers of the Palestinian health districts, national public health programs, major NGOs and international organizations
- Baseline for the allocation of resources made available by the international community for addressing the pressing health needs of the Palestinian population.
- Identification of the salary and non salary requirements
- "Projectization" of the current and capital expenditure that will help to define in a program-budget for the terminal application of the resources that can be channelled through the interim mechanism

Possible Immediate measures

2) A fast track Multidonor Trust Fund or Pooled Fund

- administered by an International Organization, with an inclusive and transparent ministry of health- multiagency governance mechanism.
- established immediately for receiving contributions from donors and applying them to the priorities identified
- governance mechanism can include health officials of the MOH both from district and national level , NGO representatives, major donors, the World Bank, UN agencies.
- Avoid big transaction costs
- Based on existing operating procedures
- Fully decentralized operation

Possible Immediate measures

3) Channeling of the funds

Salaries

- The Multidonor Trust Fund could transfer salaries directly to the bank accounts of the health workers of MOH services and major NGO providers, based in rosters produced in the mapping exercise . The monthly allocation could be reviewed by the governing body of the Fund and audited periodically.
- The Multidonor Trust Fund could transfer resources to bank accounts of the District Health Authorities and National Public Health Programs of the Ministry of Health having those administrative levels fulfil the payroll function
- Donors could make direct deposits into escrow accounts in pertinent banks with the provision that they will be used for directly paying salaries to the roster of personnel identified in the mapping exercise

Possible Immediate measures

3) Channeling of the funds

Non Salaries

- direct local and international procurement , by the implementer of the Multidonor Trust Fund, of medicines, vaccines supplies and equipment, based on the requirements generated by the mapping exercise, and delivery to the health districts, national public health programs and major NGO providers
- procurement by the regular mechanisms that districts ,national programs and NGOs utilize, based on the mapping exercise, and having the Multi Donor Trust Fund paying directly to the providers ensuring appropriate transparency and accountability of the process
- direct procurement by the implementer of the Multidonor Trust Fund of services corresponding to the non salary, non supply expenditures
- Procurement by the regular mechanisms and direct payment by the Multidonor Trust Fund of the expenditures corresponding to the non salary, non supply expenditures