






# Belgium's support to education in Palestine

Belgium has been supporting the education sector for 17 years, since October 2000, with a broad portfolio ranging from school construction to improving the quality of education.

	Program/intervention	Date	Total budget €	Objectives	Main achievements
	2 programs on curriculum	2000-2006	7.800.000	Support to the Curriculum Development Centre and to the development of the first Palestinian curriculum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designing, authoring and reviewing textbooks for grades 4-12, benefitting 984.000 students</li> <li>Training 12.362 teachers</li> </ul>
	2 TVET programs	2005-2018	6.900.000	Development of TVET curricula and introduction of work-based learning projects for youngsters in private companies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designing the curricula for 16 TVET programs, according to the needs of the labour market, resulting in 45 VET institutes cooperating with more than 238 companies</li> <li>Over 2000 students benefitted from 83 work-based learning initiatives in companies</li> <li>Training teachers and private sector mentors</li> <li>Conceptualizing the Development Centre</li> </ul>
	1 e-learning project	2009-2015	6.000.000	Introduction of e-learning in 288 pilot schools in the West Bank to help students acquire 21 <sup>st</sup> century skills. The program won the D4D prize.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creating manuals for teachers</li> <li>Training 1200 teachers</li> <li>Installing equipment in 258 pilot schools</li> <li>Developing an ICT policy</li> <li>Creating an online teacher portal with more than 2.000 resources</li> </ul>
	4 programs on School construction	2010-2020	38.500.000	Improved access to education by constructing & rehabilitating schools in the West Bank and East Jerusalem piloting environmentally friendly, child friendly and safe school standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building 32 new schools, benefitting 11.444 students</li> <li>Constructing 6 extensions, benefitting 918 students</li> <li>Rehabilitating 19 schools, benefitting 4.814 students</li> <li>Supporting capacity development in school construction at the Ministry</li> </ul>
	JFA	2010-2018	12.000.000	Support to the implementation of the Education Sector Development Plan together with Germany, Finland, Norway & Ireland through a basket fund constituting the largest donor of the sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing financial and technical support to improve the access, quality and management of the education sector</li> <li>Reconstructing 120 schools after the Gaza war and constructing, extending and rehabilitating schools in the West Bank, benefitting more than 200.000 children</li> <li>More than 12.000 teachers have received training in child-centered pedagogy, digital skills, technology, emergency response, etc.</li> <li>Setting up management systems for the Ministry including an M&amp;E system, a planning and budgeting system, audits etc.</li> <li>Support to education in emergency and in vulnerable areas</li> </ul>