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.

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| 2 programs on curriculum                  | 2000-2006  | 7.800.000      | Support to the Curriculum Development Centre and to the development of the first Palestinian curriculum. | • Designing, authoring and reviewing textbooks for grades 4-12, benefitting 984.000 students  
• Training 12,362 teachers                                                                |
| 2 TVET programs                           | 2005-2018  | 6.900.000      | Development of TVET curricula and introduction of work-based learning projects for youngsters in private companies. | • 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  
• Over 2000 students benefitted from 83 work-based learning initiatives in companies  
• Training teachers and private sector mentors  
• Conceptualizing the Development Centre                                                   |
| 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 21st century skills. The program won the D4D prize. | • Creating manuals for teachers  
• Training 1200 teachers  
• Installing equipment in 258 pilot schools  
• Developing an ICT policy  
• Creating an online teacher portal with more than 2,000 resources                                                                       |
| 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. | • Building 32 new schools, benefitting 11,444 students  
• Constructing 6 extensions, benefitting 918 students  
• Rehabilitating 19 schools, benefitting 4,814 students  
• Supporting capacity development in school construction at the Ministry                                                               |
| 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. | • Providing financial and technical support to improve the access, quality and management of the education sector  
• Reconstructing 120 schools after the Gaza war and constructing, extending and rehabilitating schools in the West Bank, benefitting more than 200,000 children  
• More than 12,000 teachers have received training in child-centered pedagogy, digital skills, technology, emergency response, etc.  
• Setting up management systems for the Ministry including an M&E system, a planning and budgeting system, audits etc.  
• Support to education in emergency and in vulnerable areas                                                                                  |