

Press Release

Germany provides UNOPS with additional EUR 8M for the House Reconstruction in Gaza Project

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On 18 October 2018, German Development Bank KfW and UNOPS signed an agreement to provide UNOPS with a supplementary fund of EUR 8 million to further improve the living and housing conditions for people in Gaza.

The signing of this agreement comes as an extension to a first agreement signed in July 2018, which launched the start of phase II of the *House Reconstruction in Gaza* project aiming to reconstruct houses for a further 345 families with a budget of EUR 13.15 million. With this additional funding from Germany, the project will increase the total number of households to approximately 566 with a total budget of EUR 21.15 million.

“Since 2014, Germany has provided more than 100 million EUR to reconstruct houses in Gaza. This funding has not only helped thousands of people in Gaza to rebuild the homes but also created much needed employment opportunities in Gaza”, said Mr. Bernd Kuebart, Deputy Head of the German Representative Office in Ramallah.

Throughout the 18-month-long project, UNOPS will support Gazans in their efforts to reconstruct safe, secure, quality and sustainable homes and ensure that their legal rights are protected in the future following the destruction and displacement caused by the 2014 conflict in Gaza.

During phase I of the project (July 2016-March 2018) UNOPS in cooperation with the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) completed the reconstruction of 155 houses. Under the agreement with KfW, UNOPS will repeat its successful partnership with the Norwegian Refugee Council and work closely with the Palestinian Ministry of Public Works and Housing (MoPWH).

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