

Trade corridor's facilitation project – phase II

Project overview

The trade corridors facilitation - Phase II builds on the results and achievements of the first phase which was concluded in October 2009. Phase I of the project focused on promoting and facilitating the use of the alternative trade corridors. These routes involved King Hussein Bridge and Rafah Crossing. Activities entailed collecting and documenting accurate data on these alternative trade corridors, raising awareness among the private sector on existing alternatives.

While Phase I achieved its short term objectives and results, Phase II will further study the logistic chain beyond the Jordanian ports through KHB in order to explore the effectiveness of utilizing alternative trade corridors to access new markets, and will target awareness raising among major stakeholders on the positive impact of the use KHB and of the direct trade relations between Palestinian and foreign traders thus avoiding the use of the Israeli middlemen and agents.

Project outputs

By carrying out the project planned activities to successful completion, the following outputs will be achieved:

- Identification of lead export and import products and markets, and consensus ensured regarding this among members of the public and private sector .
- An effective detailed comparison between Jordanian and Israeli ports that includes cost, time, standards and obstacles.
- List of required documents and specifications / standards for the pre-determined markets
- Two position papers will be drafted, disseminated and advocated to the main stakeholders; the first will be about the required procedures and facilities at KHB, while the second will be about the establishing of a dry port in the Jordan Valley area both at the Jordanian side and the Palestinian side.
- Publishing on the outcome of the comparison between Jordanian and Israeli ports for specific products and markets, including a list of the required documents and standards. In order to access and import from the identified markets.
- Identification and facilitation for the requirements for the Palestinian private sector to utilize and promote the use of the KHB.
- Release a Guide Book with an e-link to the websites of PalTrade and PSC.

Partners

- Funded by : European Union(EU)
- Implemented by: Palestine Trade Center (Paltrade) and the Palestinian Shippers' Council (PSC)
- Ministry of National Economy (MoNE)

Main benefits

The direct beneficiaries of this project are:

- The Palestinian enterprises with export and import potential.
- Forwarders .
- Palestinian policy makers (primarily within the Ministry of National Economy, and Palestinian Customs Authority).

The indirect beneficiaries of this project are :

- The international trade community.
- Palestinian consumers; and trade support institutions.