

EMWIS progress Report

National Focal Point- Palestine



Historic Background

- ❖ How NFP – Palestine looks to EMWIS
Is an information and Knowledge exchange tool Between the MPC and Palestine (new state and new institution)
- ❖ Palestine member in EMWIS since 1999.
- ❖ Presented in the Steering Committee
- ❖ (Head of PWA- Eng Fadel Kawash)
- ❖ National Focal Point - coordinator (Eng. Yousef Awayes)
- ❖ Technical Committees
- ❖ IT Manager (Eng. Jamal Qadi)
- ❖ Data Manager (Bah'a Qanier)



Conducted activities

- Training courses and seminars
 - ❖ training course in Spain for the NFP data manager
 - ❖ Special Seminar in Cyprus for implementing Palestinian Web Site

Participants

- ❖ Palestinian IT Manager
- ❖ Palestinian Data Manager



- ❖ Training Seminar on:
- ❖ Training on ORACLE for implementing an EMWIS server (Sophia- Antipolis)
April /2-6/ 2001 (Jamal Al- Qadi)
- ❖ Information and training seminar for IT manager
Rome- June/ 24-27/2002 (Jamal Al- Qadi)
- ❖ SURVEY OF EMWIS NFP NEEDS
(Malta, 2004-05-04 (Abed Al- Rahman Al- Tamimi on behalf of Fadel Kawash)



Yousef Awayes was nominated to act as a NFP coordinator (replacing Dr. Karen Assaf)

- ❖ based on outcomes of Malta meeting
- ❖ PWA started to define the structure of NFP in relation With EMWIS
- ❖ Define the needs (hardware and software)
- ❖ Set up a working plan for 2004-2006



NFP achievements

- ❖ Creating Palestine-NFP Web-site
Starting 2001
- ❖ . Gathering and sorting of information
- ❖ . Web design and hosted in EMWIS server
Sophia-antipolis
- ❖ Last updating (may 2002) (WHY)
- ❖ Complex political situation (Intifada) poor
coordination with other national stakeholders



- ❖ Planned activities (2005-2006)
- ❖ As PWA received the equipments (software- hardware) + approval for fund allocation from EMWIS. We started preparing the ToR for the technical assistance for the Web development
- ❖ Comprise new design according to EMWIS Technical unit requirements
- ❖ Defining the main stakeholders to cooperate with
For the moment (eight have been selected)
NGOs – GOV- research centers and universities
- ❖ Creation of EWASH it is acting **As an Umbrella or forum to exchange data and for water projects' coordination**



. Creation of emergency room for the
disengagement plan and separation wall

Data management

- collecting data form other stakeholders
(mainly the selected eight institutions)
- Sorting data : technical information, legal,
institutional, management, development,
environment, needs and priorities



- Training and Education:
- PWA is developing Water Sector training policy in cooperation with GTZ
- five sector working groups were defined
 - Water supply technician Training + wastewater technician training + Graduate and professional training + Management and finance training + public awareness and community participation
- . Website was developed (www.watertraining.org)
- . PWA signed a cooperation agreement with Palestinian training water centers
- To Select beneficiaries for inside as well as abroad training courses
- To assist PWA in nominating personnel to be trained abroad from the local communities
- To present Palestine in many workshops and conferences through papers
- . Planning to create three local training centers in the west bank and one in Gaza to serve as an assistants to the regional utilities



- linkage between PWAs' GIS units in Ramallah and Gaza
- PWA signed several agreements with international institutions for postgraduate studies
- Member of several water networks and international institutions for capacity building and exchanging data and information (INBO, MEMBO, IWRM, SWW, AWC, WWC, WWF, UNESCO, ESSISCO, ESCWA, EMPWOER Project,, GLOWA project.
- preparing With ESCWA the IWRM guideline+ training courses
- training in Conflict resolution in water issues
- Water negotiations skills



- In cooperation with international and national NGOS. PWA conducted many training courses for local communities (water conservation, water quality , cost recovery , operation and maintenance, Planning and project's coordinationetc)
- Documentation and water legislation (PWA is upgrading its water Law, developing new regulation for WUA , bulk utility, regional utility) , regulation for PPP in the water and wastewater sectors, MoU for cooperation in sharing data with NGOs



NFP Needs

- PWA main concerns
- Develop the NWIS
- Involve more partner in the NWIS
- reactivate the NFP web site
- Make the necessary arrangements to host the Web
- Build an agreed upon structure for exchanging data and information amongst the main water stakeholders at national level
- Disseminate the EMWIS project amongst the key institutions at National level



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