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To: All USAID/West Bank and Gaza Contractors, Grantees and Recipients  
Subject: Policy and Operational Principles for Partners Operating in Gaza

Dear Implementing Partners,

The purpose of this notice is to provide policy guidance for all USAID partners implementing programs in Gaza. All partners are required to adhere to the following policy and operational principles and communicate them to their sub-awardees:

- Prohibitions on providing assistance to Hamas or any entity controlled by Hamas remain in place. At the current time these prohibitions preclude assistance for public institutions in Gaza, including assistance for publicly owned or controlled facilities or spaces. Exceptions may exist for assistance to municipalities that are not controlled by Hamas or another designated terrorist organization.
- Current "contact policy" guidance applies to all Gaza program operations.
- Procurements required for project/program implementation should occur outside of Gaza, using normal procurement sources and mechanisms. USAID will seek GOI/COGAT approval for the entry of these commodities, materials and equipment using existing procedures. Exceptions will be provided for small purchases of an administrative nature (e.g., office supplies); for small amounts of goods that are essential to project implementation and for which timeliness is critical; and for goods produced in Gaza (including but not limited to agricultural products) for which such local production can be verified. Prior written approval of the USAID's COTR is required for any commodities to be procured in Gaza above a single-purchase threshold of \$1,000. All procurements in Gaza must be well documented.

Please contact Ms. Sigalit Salway at [ssalway@usaid.gov](mailto:ssalway@usaid.gov) if you have any questions in this regard.

Sincerely,

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