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on behalf of the European Commission
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The EU supports the Palestinian Authority (PA) in providing social allowances to vulnerable families under the Cash-Transfer Programme (CTP) through the Palestinian-European Socio-Economic Management and Assistance Mechanism (PEGASE). This is crucial for the socio-economic stability of the occupied Palestinian territory. Between 2016 and 2024, the EU transferred via PEGASE EUR 356 923 007 in total to Palestinian households, as per the table in annex.

All financial support under PEGASE is subject to strong ex-ante and ex-post controls and safeguards to ensure that EU funds are issued only for intended purposes. The EU applies a strict vetting process to beneficiaries of its payments and tracks the financial transfer to each vetted individual.

Since 2024, the EU is supporting the PA in reforming its social protection system. In February 2025, the Presidential Decree 4/2025¹ established a single unified framework under the Palestinian National Foundation for Economic Empowerment PNEEI (or ‘Tamkeen’), which is now responsible for the CTP. The Commission has launched a detailed audit of this new system and will disburse funds under the CTP only once it has received all reassurances that the new system is effective for the sound transfer of funds under that programme.

EU funds transferred via PEGASE do not support Palestinian households residing outside the occupied Palestinian territory.

¹ <https://mjr.ogb.gov.ps/Decrees/Download/?p=f696dd21-7507-4d72-a3fc-b3e140469b55.pdf&d=%D9%82%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%B1-%D8%A8%D9%82%D8%A7%D9%86%D9%88%D9%86-%D8%B1%D9%82%D9%85-4-%D9%84%D8%B3%D9%86%D8%A9-2025-%D9%85-%D9%81%D9%84%D8%B3%D8%B7%D9%8A%D9%86> – text from the Official Gazette only available in Arabic.