AUDIT

OF

UNDP PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR AREA C AND EAST JERUSALEM
(Directly Implemented Project No. 69435, Output No. 84013

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Report on the Audit of UNDP Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People
Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem
(Project No. 69435, Output No. 84013)
Executive Summary

The UNDP Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI), from 18 to 29 May 2015, through Talal Abu – Ghazaleh & Co. (the audit firm), conducted an audit of the Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem (Project No. 69435, Output No. 84013) (the Project), which is directly implemented and managed by the UNDP Programme of Assistance to the Palestinian People (the Office). The last audit of the Project was conducted by Talal Abu – Ghazaleh & Co. in 2014 and covered project expenditure from 1 January to 31 December 2013.

The audit firm conducted a financial audit to express an opinion on whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects, the Project’s operations. The audit covered the Project’s Combined Delivery Report, which includes expenditure for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2014 and the accompanying Funds Utilization statement\(^1\) as of 31 December 2014 as well as Statement of Assets as of 31 December 2014. The audit did not cover the Statement of Cash Position as no separate bank account was established and maintained for the Project.

The audit was conducted under the general supervision of OAI in conformance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing.

Audit Results

Based on the audit report and corresponding management letter submitted by the audit firm, the results are summarized in the table below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Project Expenditure</th>
<th>Project Assets</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Amount (in $’000)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Opinion</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4,170</td>
<td>Unqualified</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The audit firm issued an unqualified opinion on the Funds Utilization statement.

The audit did not result in any recommendations.

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\(^1\) The Funds Utilization statement includes the balance, as at a given date, of five items: (a) outstanding advances received by the project; (b) depreciated fixed assets used at the project level; (c) inventory held at the project level; (d) prepayments made by the project; and (e) outstanding commitments held at the project level.
Implementation status of previous OAI audit recommendations: Report No. 1372, 4 September 2014).

- Total recommendations: 0
- Implementation rate: N/A

Helge S. Osttveiten
Director
Office of Audit and Investigations
Auditor's Report


PROJECT TITLE AND IDs:
Title: “Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem”
IDs: (Atlas Project ID: 69435, Output ID: 84013)

FUNDED BY
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency “SIDA”
The United Kingdom/The Foreign and Commonwealth Office “FCO”
Austrian Development Agency “ADA”

Talal Abu – Ghazaleh& Co.
Certified Public Accountant
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To: The Director of the Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI)
United Nations Development Programme

This report represents the results of our financial audit of Output ID: 84013 titled “Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem”, for the Year ended 31 December 2014.

This financial audit was mandated in accordance with the audit contract for professional service signed with UNDP/OAI (Ref.PS 2015-03 dated 11 May 2015).

Sincerely yours,

Jamal Milhem, CPA
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Talal Abu –Ghazaleh & Co.
License No. 251/1997
Ramallah - Palestine, 4 June 2015
1. PART I – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Executive Summary recapitulates the important issues raised in the financial audit of the “Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem”.

1.1. Background information about the Project

The programme is designed to address the challenges in Area C and East Jerusalem. Its objective is to empower local stakeholders, through the most suitable partners and respond with resilience to threats that affect their sustenance on the land. To this end, the programme contributes to:

- Preventing the erosion of living conditions of Palestinians in Area C and East Jerusalem that undermine their development capital
- Protecting Palestinian land and property in Area C and East Jerusalem; and
- Mitigating and ideally reversing migration flow from Area C and East Jerusalem by enhancing human security and livelihood of Palestinians.

The programme intervenes at four levels:

1. small to medium scale community infrastructure;
2. protection of natural resources;
3. income generation; and
4. safeguarding of Palestinians human rights.

It facilitates a complementary approach and a transition process from humanitarian interventions towards development and builds initiatives that are of a development nature, but are currently not taking place in Area C and East Jerusalem.

The programme is implemented by a wide array of partners, including communities, grassroots organizations, local and international NGOs, based on their respective merits, and according to locally designed plans.

1.2. Project identification information

The following table summarizes the amount of expenditures for the year under review.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Project name</th>
<th>Output number</th>
<th>Atlas Project ID</th>
<th>2014 budget (USD)</th>
<th>2014 Actual Expenditures as per CDR (USD)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

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The audit covered the Project activities during the period from 1 January to 31 December 2014. During the period under review, the Office recorded project expenditures totaling USD 4,170,010 as reported through the Combined Delivery Report (CDR).

1.3. Project budget:

The following is the overall Project's budget:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>USD</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Activity 1: Public and Social Infrastructure</td>
<td>734,434</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Activity 2: Access to Natural Recourses</td>
<td>744,738</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Activity 3: Economic Opportunities Enhanced</td>
<td>375,805</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Activity 4: Rights to Palestinians Upheld</td>
<td>557,844</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Activity 5: PMU-Contingency</td>
<td>400,903</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Austrian Fund: Agency Contribution</td>
<td>1,040,082</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>United Kingdom Contribution</td>
<td>453,172</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>4,306,978</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

1.4. Project duration:

Based on the agreements signed with UNDP/PAPP, the Project duration is from 25 September 2012 to 31 September 2015.

1.5. Audit objectives

The objective of the financial audit was to express an opinion on the project’s financial statements which include:

1) Expressing an opinion on whether the expenses incurred by the project during year ended 2014 and the funds utilization as at 31 December 2014 were fairly presented in accordance with UNDP accounting policies and that the expenses incurred were: (i) in conformity with the approved project budgets; (ii) for the approved purposes of the project; (iii) in compliance with the relevant regulations and rules, policies and procedures of UNDP; and (iv) supported by properly approved vouchers and other supporting documents. The Combined Delivery Report (CDR) and the accompanying Funds Utilization statement were the mandatory and official statement upon which the audit opinion was to be expressed.
2) Expressing an opinion on whether the statement of fixed assets presents fairly the balance of assets of the UNDP Project as at 31 December 2014. This statement should include all assets available as at 31 December 2014 and not only those purchased in the period under audit.

3) Expressing an opinion on whether the statement of cash held by the Project presents fairly the cash and bank balance of UNDP Project as at 31 December 2014, only if a dedicated bank account was established specifically for the project.

1.6. Scope of Audit:

We performed our financial audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISA 700) and in compliance with the UNDP rules and regulations.

The scope of the audit related to transactions concluded and recorded against the UNDP DIM project for the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014. The scope of the audit did not include:

- Activities and expenses incurred or undertaken at the level of “responsible parties”; and
- Expenses processed and approved in locations outside the country such as UNDP Regional Centres and UNDP Headquarters and where the supporting documentation were not retained at the level of the UNDP country office

Specifically, the audit covered the following:

a) Expenses incurred and recorded in the Combined Delivery Reports (CDR) of the project during the period from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2014;

b) The value and existence of the fixed assets held by the project as at 31 December 2014; and

c) The value and existence of Cash held by the project as at 31 December 2014 (in the case there was a separate bank account for the DIM project under review).

Accounting principles:

The Combined Delivery Report (CDR) was prepared on the accrual basis accounting system, therefore expenditures were recognized when incurred rather than when paid.
All assets included in the Statement of Fixed Assets were accounted for according to their historical costs, and in compliance with UNDP’s Assets Management Guidelines.

Since 2012, UNDP started applying IPSAS and as a result, fixed assets depreciation expenses are included in the CDR.
1.7. Summary of the Audit performed and results:

1.7.1 Audit performed:

This summary represents the results of our financial audit of Output ID: 84013 titled “Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem”, for the year ended 31 December 2014.

The total expenditures incurred by UNDP on the above Project are USD 4,170,010. The audit tests approximately covered 67 percent of the total expenditures, as shown in the following table:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Project location</th>
<th>No. of samples</th>
<th>Total expenditures (USD)</th>
<th>Total expenditures tested (USD)</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>West Bank (Area C and East Jerusalem)</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>4,170,010</td>
<td>2,809,665</td>
<td>67%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
1.7.2 Results of the Audit:

- **The Combined Delivery Report (CDR) and Funds Utilization Statement**
  The review did not disclose any financial errors in the Project's CDR and Funds Utilization statement.

- **The Statement of Fixed Assets**
  The results of our review did not disclose any material misstatement that could affect the presentation of the statement of fixed assets as at 31 December 2014.

- **The Statement of Cash held by the Project**
  In accordance with the Terms of Reference for the audit, we did not issue an opinion on the Statement of Cash Position as there was no separate bank account for the project under review.

Jamal Milhem, CPA
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License No. 251/1997
Ramallah - Palestine, 4 June 2015
2. PART II – AUDITOR’S REPORT WITH OPINION

2.1. Auditor’s Report

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO UNDP DIM PROJECT “COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR AREA C AND EAST JERUSALEM”

To the Director of the Office of Audit and Investigations
United Nations Development Programme

Report on the Project Financial Statement
We have audited the accompanying Combined Delivery Report (CDR) and Funds Utilization Statement (“the Statement”) of the UNDP Project “Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem”, bearing output number 84013 for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2014.

Management’s Responsibility
Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the statement for “Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem” Project and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISA 700). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the project’s preparation of the statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the project’s internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the presentation of the statement.
Financial audit of Output ID: 84013 titled “Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem” for the year ended 31 December 2014
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We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our unmodified audit opinion.

Unmodified Opinion

In our opinion, the attached Combined Delivery Report (CDR) and Funds Utilization statement gives a true and fair view of the expenditures of USD 4,170,010 incurred by the project “Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem”, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2014 in accordance with UNDP accounting policies and were: (i) in conformity with the approved project budgets; (ii) for the approved purposes of the project; (iii) in compliance with the relevant regulations and rules, policies and procedures of UNDP; and (iv) supported by properly approved vouchers and other supporting documents.

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2.2. CDR Output No. 84013 for the year ended 31 December 2014

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dept: T0091 (PAPP - Central)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Fund: 300800 (PROGRAMME COST SHARING)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>71020 - Int Consultants-GH Temp Tow</td>
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<td>71025 - Service Contracts-Individuals</td>
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<td>71410 - MAP Premium EC</td>
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<td>71415 - Contribution to Security SC</td>
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<td>71615 - CTI Subsidy Allow Analysis</td>
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<td>72145 - Soc Co-Training and Edu.Serv</td>
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<td>72170 - Govt Co-Humanitarian Aid &amp; Ref</td>
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<td>72210 - Transportation Equipment</td>
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<td>72510 - Plant and Equipment Acqu</td>
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<td>73400 - Land Project Development</td>
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<td>73210 - Print Media</td>
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<td>73300 - Grants to Local &amp; Other Benef</td>
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<td>73391 - Leased Land/Related Land</td>
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<td>73397 - Rent - Meeting Rooms</td>
</tr>
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<td>73130 - Utilities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>73435 - Common Services-Personnel</td>
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<tr>
<td>73505 - Maintenance of Equipment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>74400 - Maint. Oper of Transport Equip</td>
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<td>74410 - Audit Fees</td>
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<td>74170 - Capacity Assessment</td>
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<td>74175 - Training and Publications</td>
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<tr>
<td>74215 - Housing</td>
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<td>74230 - Survey</td>
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<td>74890 - PPE Equipment Items</td>
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<td>79300 - Facilities &amp; Admin - Impl</td>
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<tr>
<td>74115 - Technical Assistance</td>
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<td>78130 - Renovation Costs</td>
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<td>70300 - Dep Erp Owned - ITA</td>
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<tr>
<td>77600 - Dep Erp Owned - Software</td>
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Total for Fund 300800: 146,623.05 | 4,023,177.48 | 0.00 | 4,170,000.53

Total for Dept: T0091: 146,623.05 | 4,023,177.48 | 0.00 | 4,170,000.53

Total for Output: 8404013: 146,623.05 | 4,023,177.48 | 0.00 | 4,170,000.53

Signed By: [Signature] Date: 4.6.2015

Signed By: [Signature] Date: 4.6.2015
Financial audit of Output ID: 84013 titled “Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem" for the year ended 31 December 2014
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### Combined Delivery Report By Project

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Project ID</th>
<th>Output ID</th>
<th>Period</th>
<th>UNDP Exp</th>
<th>UN Agencies Exp</th>
<th>Total Exp</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>70001 - PAPP - Central</td>
<td>ALL</td>
<td>Jan-Dec (2014)</td>
<td>148,822.05</td>
<td>4,021,177.48</td>
<td>4,170,000.93</td>
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Combined Delivery Report By Project

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Funds Utilization

Selection Criteria:

Business Unit: PAL50
Period: Jan-Dec (2014)
Selected Project Id: 00086425
Selected Fund Code: 0006
Selected Dept. Ids: 00700
Selected Outputs: 00840593

Project/Grant: 00086425 Community Resilience & Dev P

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Output 1 00840591</th>
<th>UNDP Partner: UNDP/PAPP UNDP AMOUNT</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Outstanding NEX advances</td>
<td>574,055.06</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Overcommitted Fixed Assets</td>
<td>26,685.62</td>
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<tr>
<td>Inventory</td>
<td>0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prepayments</td>
<td>0.00</td>
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<tr>
<td>Commitments</td>
<td>31,330.82</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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3. CERTIFICATION OF THE STATEMENT OF FIXED ASSETS - 2014

To the Director of the Office of Audit and Investigations
United Nations Development Programme

Report on the Statement of Fixed Assets
We have audited the accompanying Statement of Fixed Assets (the statement) of the UNDP Output ID: 84013, “Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem”, as of 31 December 2014.

Management’s Responsibility
Management is responsible for the preparation of the Statement for “Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem” Project and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility
Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISA 700). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the project’s preparation of the schedule in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the project’s internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the presentation of the statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our unmodified opinion.
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Unmodified Opinion

In our opinion, the attached Statement of assets presents fairly in all material respects the balance of fixed assets of USD 26,667 incurred by the project “Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem” as at 31 December 2014 in accordance with UNDP accounting policies.

Jamal Milhem, CPA
Certified Accountant License # (100/98)
Executive Director
Talal Abu- Ghazaleh & Co.
Ramallah - Palestine, 4 June 2015
3.1 Statement of Fixed Assets – 2014

Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem

**STATEMENT OF FIXED ASSETS**
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2014**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Net Book Value (USD)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Kia Sportage 4x4 2.0 cc 2014</td>
<td>Ramallah</td>
<td>24,922</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A computer printers – HP laser Jet – LTA item</td>
<td>Ramallah</td>
<td>1,745</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Net Book Value</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td><strong>26,667</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
3.2 List of Assets and Equipment

### CRDP 2014 Assets List

Break down for the Assets above $1,500, CRDP Project-00084013 have, as of 31/12/2014:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Item</th>
<th>S/N</th>
<th>Acquisition date</th>
<th>Cost at Acquisition</th>
<th>End of 2014 Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Kia Sportage 4X4 2.0 cc 2014</td>
<td>811DDL92713</td>
<td>5/27/2014</td>
<td>$ 26,355.25</td>
<td>$ 24,922.27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A Computer printer- HP Laser Jet-LTA Item</td>
<td>CUN41BTYL</td>
<td>7/17/2014</td>
<td>$ 1,869.00</td>
<td>$ 1,744.39</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Total: $ 26,666.66

Prepared By: Saad, Ahsudat
Financial audit of Output ID: 84013 titled “Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem” for the year ended 31 December 2014


4. PART III - MANAGEMENT LETTER

We have not identified reportable issues during our audit of the Output ID: 84013 “Community Resilience and Development Programme for Area C and East Jerusalem” (The Project) implemented by UNDP/PAPP – The State of Palestine (West Bank & Gaza) for the Year Ended 31 December 2014.