## **State of Palestine**

**Ministry of Labor** 

## General Department for International Cooperation & Projects



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## **Support to Consumer Cooperatives in Palestine**

Name of the Ministry or Institution	Cooperative Work Agency
Project Objectives	Improving the capacity of the consumer cooperatives enterprises and enhancing financial management, with special focus on the womenled cooperatives and those located in Area C in order to provide sustainable employment for their members.
Project Description	The socio-economic indicators of the Palestinian consumer cooperatives sub-sector are very low. As the role of consumer co-ops in promoting socio-economic development for marginalized and poor groups is widely recognized (with the 1844 Rochdale consumer cooperative being the best example). The project will focus on supporting the existing co-ops and promoting the consumer cooperative model to expand their number by setting up new ones in line with the Cooperative Sector Strategy.
Duration of the project	Two Years
Project Cost (USD)	1,000,000 \$
Ministries and institutions Responsible for Implementation	Cooperative Work Agency, Ministry of National Economy, Union of Consumer Cooperatives, Palestine Standard Institution, Ministry of Local Government, and Palestinian Electricity Regulatory Council.
Project Beneficiaries	Job seekers are graduates of universities, colleges, and vocational training institutions.  Palestinian private and civil sector companies and institutions