

Boosting SMEs in Palestine

Over the past 10 years, Palestine Investment Fund (PIF) alongside its partners generated over 75 thousand jobs in Palestine. In the upcoming decade, PIF aims to create a total of 100 thousand jobs as well as to reduce trade deficit with Israel by 50%.

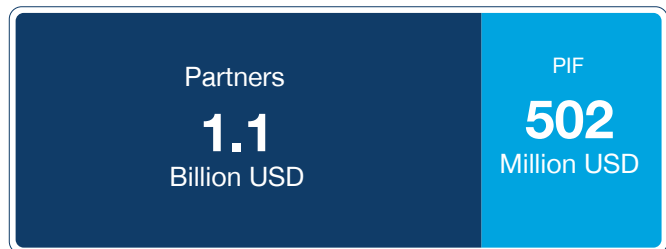
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In the past 10 years

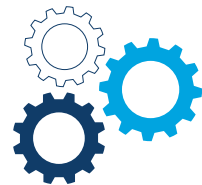
100,000 Jobs 

In the coming 10 years

With a total investment amount of USD 1.6 Billion, PIF contributed an amount of USD 502 million and leveraged investments from local and international partners with an amount of USD 1.1 billion.



The PIF investment program targets marginalized areas such as East Jerusalem and “Area C” in the West Bank and focusing on strategic and vital sectors such as Energy, Agriculture, and Healthcare.



Acknowledging the role SMEs play in enhancing economic development in Palestine, PIF alongside with its investment partners have successfully supported 4,404 Palestinian SMEs since 2006.



4404

SMEs

PIF SMEs Programs



1. "Ibdaa' Program for Youth Employment (USD 30 Million)

Through empowering Palestinian youth and creating job opportunities, the main achievements of Ibdaa' program in 2018 include the following:

Funding **1,240** Projects  Creating and sustaining **2,500** Jobs 

As this program is based on a collaborative effort from 9 lending and financing institutions, a new lending agreement of USD 10.5 million with 4 lending institutions was signed with the aim to create 2,200 new job opportunities.

Lending **USD 10.5** million  Creating and sustaining **2,200** Jobs 

Allocation of additional fund
(Within 'Iqraad' program for small projects)

USD 5 million
For Jerusalem 

Funding done until today

57 Project
with the value of **USD 2.6** 

2. Jerusalem Grant Facility (USD 5 Million)

A development program providing grants to Jerusalem-based SMEs to create new job opportunities in East Jerusalem and support East Jerusalemites.

Funded and supported by The European Union
The program is executed in two stages with a cost of USD 5 Million.

USD 5 million 

 Succeeded in supporting more than **50** projects

Aims to support **40** projects 

This will contribute in the creation of more than **300** jobs

3. Islamic Financing Facility (USD 65 Million)

program launched to finance SMEs in compliance with the Sharia' law (Islamic financing law) via Ijara Funding Company as well as Pal Lease Company that is part of Ibdaa' Program.

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USD 14 Million **USD 24** Million **65** Million
Today 2020 5 years later

The program has succeeded in supporting **595** existing company since 2014 

The program has succeeded in sustaining and creating more than **400** jobs. 

4. Funding Program for jobs creation - F4J (USD4.9 Millin)

A four-year economic development program in a collaboration between PIF and the World Bank that aims to qualify fresh university graduates for the job market, through developing their skills and capabilities and ultimately enable them to work flexibly across various sectors.



USD4.9
Million

This training program will fund 1500 graduate for a 6 months period with the aim to bridge the gap between the high standards of the job market and the low skillset among new graduates.



1500
Graduate

The World Bank will use a pay-for-success mechanism in this program. This means that the costs of training will be covered by the World Bank only after securing permanent jobs for the trainees.

The program is in collaboration between PIF and The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), FMO and Invest Palestine.

5. Asala and Faten

The program succeeded in funding **2,523** SMEs



6. Ibtikar Fund (USD 10 Million)

A fund that aims to support Information Technology and Innovation Start-up companies in their early stages.



USD10
Million

PIF contributes about 10% to Ibtikar Fund through one of its subsidiaries – Sharakat. Ibtikar has supported 21 startup ventures since its inception.



21
startup

7. Tamkeen' Economic program to support Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon (USD 5.5 Million)

This program provides micro-financing for Palestinian entrepreneurs in refugee camps in Lebanon through microfinance institutions in Lebanon.

Since its inception in 2012, the program has provided a total of 3,100 loans, with an average value of USD1,734 per loan.



5.5
Million

Upcoming Projects

8. Sharakat Fund for Agricultural Investment (USD 30 Million)

A fund specialized for investing the agricultural sector, especially in marginalized areas such as "Area C", to substitute trade deficit, enhance food security, empower farmers and preserve their lands in Palestine. This fund will be established in collaboration with the European Bank and the Islamic Development Bank.

9. 'Tamkeen' Economic Fund (USD 225 Million)

PIF is collaborating with the Islamic Development Bank to establish an Endowment Investment Fund for economic empowerment for Palestinians.

500
Million



The fund targets primarily unprivileged and unemployed youth and is anticipated to support over 10 thousand families through either shared ownership across productive projects or job creation within these projects.

Expected Launch date 2019-2020

225
Million



Lending and Financing institutions Partners

		
Palestine for Credit and Development -FATEN	Asala for Credit and Development	ACAD
		
PalLease	Reef Finance	Palestine Ijara Co.
		
Palestine Development Fund	Al Ebdaa Microfinance	VITAS Palestine

Regional and International Funding Institutions

		
Islamic Development Bank	European Union	Arab Fund For Economic and Social Development
		
European Bank	World Bank Group	European Investment Bank
		
Silatech	Invest Palestine	Entrepreneurial Development Bank
		
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency - Sida	Oxfam	