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Name of legal entity	Country	Overall contract value (EUR)	Proportion carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of consortium members, if any
CILC	Palestinian Territories	€ 2.494.270	100%	3 CILC staff 2 KE Several STE's	The Ministry of Justice, the office of the Attorney General and Public prosecutor, civil police	The Netherlands Representative Office	01.01.2010- 31.03.2014	-

Detailed description of project

Following a study of the Criminal Justice System that was conducted by CILC between January 2008 and March 2009, in which an organisational review of the public prosecution was made, CILC was awarded the current contract by the Netherlands Representative Office under guardianship of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a natural follow-up of the earlier endeavours and efforts in the Palestinian Territories.

The overall objective of the current project is to strengthen the rule of law and democracy in the Palestinian Territories. The specific objectives are to:

- Increase the professional capacity of the Palestinian public prosecution;
- Improve the functioning of six selected district prosecution offices;
- Contribute to a professional public prosecution and an effective criminal justice system in the Palestinian Territories.

The project took into consideration extensive consultations with the Attorney General Office (hereinafter AGO), Palestinian officials, criminal justice stakeholders, international donors and Palestinian representatives of the civil society. It relied on an on-going exchange of ideas with the Attorney General and his experts at the AGO and at public prosecution offices. Besides, MATEEN dwelled in an in-depth research and field work, establishing cooperation between the AGO, district public prosecution offices, police and the courts. It focused on capacity building of 6 district public prosecution offices (namely: Nablus, Hebron, Jericho, Qualquilia, Dura and Tulkarem), upgrading and computerising the case flow management in those offices, streamlining of the pilot offices through purging all existing backlogged files, and training of public prosecutors and the administrative staff.

Coaching, on spot training and peer mentoring have been among the major activities conducted in 2013. Both public prosecutors and the administrative staff have been supervised by international experts in their daily work. Besides, various training courses for public prosecutors and the administrative staff have been implemented. Also, a couple of study visits of the public prosecutors and administrative staff in the Netherlands and Arab countries have taken place. All these efforts and activities have contributed to the improved working methods and organisation of the public prosecution.

Type and scope of services provided

- Capacity building of selected public prosecution offices;
- · Conducting organizational review;
- Upgrading management and administration of casemanagement;
- Developing manual on case-flow management and administrative procedures;
- Upgrading software and automating case-flow; for the prosecution (Mizan 2)
- Linking the automated case-flow software with that of the courts
- Improving technical and professional skills of public prosecutors and administrative staff through training;
- Developing training needs analysis and providing training, peer mentoring and on-spot coaching;
- Developing training courses for administrative staff of public prosecution offices and the police
- Construction of public prosecution offices in Hebron

CILC provided 2 Key experts (International Legal experts) (302 working days); Arab legal expert (50 working days) and following Palestinian experts: Managerial expert (175 working days); curriculum experts (103 working days); drafting Manual expert (52 working days). Others are interpreters (245 working days) and External evaluator (49 working days).

The Mateen (local) staff consisted of a Deputy team leader (1122 working days), 3 Liaison officers (2574 working days), Administrative assistant (1122 working days), IT expert (817 working days) and 15 Interns (7197 working days).

CILC staff consisted of a Team leader (467 working days), Project officer (296 working days) and Financial Controller (121 working days).