

## ECW Executive Committee Meeting March 6, 2019

### Decision Paper

This meeting is being called to request approval from ExCom for a Multi-Year Resilience Programme in Palestine.

#### **Palestine Multi-Year Resilience Programme**

- *Papers:*
  - *MYRP Palestine Proposal,*
  - *MYRP Palestine MYRP Feedback Matrix,*
  - *MYRP Palestine Budget.*

#### Background

The ECW secretariat is pleased to share with ExCom the ECW-facilitated *Multi-Year Resilience Programme for the State Palestine: 2019 – 2021*.

This multiyear resilience programme (MYRP) seeks to bridge the gap between the short-term education humanitarian interventions and the broader long-term education priorities of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MOEHE). The existing humanitarian response plan (HRP) programme is providing short-term interventions in response to address acute crises while the MOEHE leads the implementation of education-related strategies with coordinated donor support focused on both operational costs (running costs and salaries) as well as developmental interventions (school construction, school supplies, teacher training, etc.).

The ECW investments will fill this significant gap in between by providing vulnerable children in the areas most impacted by the conflict and where the Palestinian Authorities are unable to reach. In these areas, urgent intervention is required to ensure regular access to inclusive quality education and safe learning. The MYRP builds on the existing national plans and strategies, complements current interventions and resource streams, but focuses on filling this identified gap through the provision of evidence-based and innovative interventions to support the learning needs of this targeted population.

The programme aims to strengthen the resilience and development children, families and communities in the most marginalised areas. The programme seeks to achieve the following results: improved access and continuity of inclusive, equitable education and learning opportunities for girls and boys; improved relevance and quality of education in a protective and safe learning environment; and strengthened capacity of the education system to respond to emergency needs and deliver a coordinated response in crises as part of the overall education system.

The overall budget of the ECW-facilitated MYRP amounts to \$34.8 million over the 2019-2021 period, of which the ECW seed funding requested amounts to \$17.5 million. The amount of \$5.8 million for the first year will be released upon approval of the programme by ExCom. Year two funding in the amount of \$5.9 million will be released subject to satisfactory performance.

The MYRP has gone through a rigorous review process: quality checked by the ECW Secretariat's expertise on programming, education, gender, and M&E; followed by a review by ExCom's interim review panel. All comments were exhaustively addressed by the in-country team through several iterations of feedback and the MYRP feedback matrix documents the changes that have been made as a result. The

proposal has been endorsed by the Secretariat and the review panel with additional comments outlined in the feedback matrix to be incorporated into implementation.

**ECW requests ExCom to:**

**a) to approve the MYRP proposal for Palestine.**

**b) to approve seed funding for years one and two of the programme in the amount of \$5.8 and \$5.9 million respectively.**

**c) to approve the release of year one of seed funding at this time. The year two seed funding amount will be released subject to satisfactory performance of the programme.**