

Investment Co-Financing Facility (ICF)

Supporting Private-Sector Investment Projects to Create Sustainable Jobs for Palestine's Workforce

At a glance

A risk-sharing grant to support commercially sound job-creating private sector investments which otherwise may not be considered viable due to market and institutional failures and other Fragile Conflict Violent (FCV) risk considerations.

The purpose of the ICF is to leverage private investment to create sustainable new jobs – especially for women, youth, unemployed and other vulnerable categories – by providing the marginal financing needed.

The ICF considers two different types of grants

- 1) Grants for Capital Investment will cover a share of the upfront capital cost of an asset such as equipment or machines.
- 2) Grants for Operating Investment will either compensate for operational shortfalls of the project, or to ensure the project's minimum profitability through co-financing activities like purchasing inventory, market access and growth, and product development.

Target Beneficiaries

- Sectors: Agribusiness and Processing, ICT, Tourism, Light Manufacturing and Renewable Energy Projects.
- Both existing and newly established enterprises in the WB&GS which require investment and are initiated by individuals, investment groups, companies, and cooperatives.

Each investment project supported by the ICF identifies direct and indirect job creation arising from the investment. In addition, each supported project should have high chances of producing positive social externalities on human capital accumulation, social cohesion and stability, and inclusion of vulnerable groups.