Vision:
A sound local government capable of achieving sustainable development with effective social participation.

Mission:
A pioneer ministry that works on the capacity building of local government units and the development of their resources, to become more capable of achieving prosperity for their citizens within a framework of good governance.

Strategic Objectives:
One:
To develop a contemporary legislative and institutional framework.

Two:
To enable local government units to be more financially sustainable and stable.

Three:
A civilized, integrated system that responds to the requirements of urban growth and capable of addressing political challenges.

Four:
Local government units play a galvanizing and supportive role in stimulating local economic growth.

Five:
Improving the quality of services provided to citizens.

2023 Public Budget
The Ministry of Local Government budget was ILS150,68,852, or 0.86% of overall expenditures from the public budget.

2023 Ministry of Local Government Budget Items

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<th>Item</th>
<th>Budget/ILS</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Salaries and wages</td>
<td>23,541,202</td>
<td>15.6%</td>
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<td>Social contributions</td>
<td>2,567,650</td>
<td>1.7%</td>
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<td>Goods and services</td>
<td>6,000,000</td>
<td>4.0%</td>
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<td>Referral expenditures</td>
<td>18,300,000</td>
<td>12.1%</td>
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<td>Capital expenditures</td>
<td>250,000</td>
<td>0.2%</td>
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<td>Total current and capital expenditures</td>
<td>50,658,852</td>
<td>33.6%</td>
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<td>Developmental expenditures</td>
<td>100,000,000</td>
<td>66.4%</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>150,658,852</td>
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Note: The government adopted an emergency cash budget this year, from which payments were made according to available cash flows from the treasury.
### Distribution of 2023 Ministry of Local Government budget according to item/ILS

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<tr>
<td>Supporting local government units</td>
<td>18,826,183</td>
<td>37.2%</td>
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<td>Developing financial resources and the local economy for local government units</td>
<td>8,885,818</td>
<td>17.5%</td>
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<td>Employees not distributed among programs</td>
<td>2,266,692</td>
<td>4.5%</td>
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<td>Developing an urban and environment and managing the resources of local lands</td>
<td>7,564,306</td>
<td>14.9%</td>
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<td>Administrative program</td>
<td>13,115,853</td>
<td>25.9%</td>
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The program for supporting local government units includes reinforcing the steadfastness of citizens and keeping them secure on their land in marginalized areas and Area C.
Ministry of Local Government and transportation fees on roads:
According to the Local Authorities Law No. 1 of 1997, Article 26, Paragraphs 1+2, 50% of road transportation fee collections are allocated to local government units according to population size. As for the remaining amount, it shall be distributed to local authorities upon a decision from the Minister of Local Government, amounts from which will be earmarked to support Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley, marginalized areas and joint projects between local authorities and the financial and administrative reforms of these government units, to bolster their capabilities.

Important developmental projects:

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<td>1</td>
<td>Developmental projects to rehabilitate and pave internal roads</td>
<td>66,608,125</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Building public parks and multipurpose halls in Palestinian villages, towns, cities and camps</td>
<td>9,899,497</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Developmental projects for water, electricity, sewage and solid waste sectors</td>
<td>9,742,393</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Developmental projects to build and rehabilitate local government units and directorates and to furnish the new ministry building</td>
<td>5,758,931</td>
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<td>Developmental projects to rehabilitate schools and health centers</td>
<td>2,185,730</td>
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The Ministry of Local Government’s developmental projects are distributed throughout all the northern governorates, numbered at around 280 projects in 2023.

Important developmental projects at the Ministry of Local Government:

- Developmental projects to rehabilitate schools and health centers.
- Developmental projects to build and rehabilitate local government units and directorates and to furnish the new ministry building.
- Developmental projects for water, electricity, sewage and solid waste sectors.
- Building public parks and multipurpose halls in Palestinian villages, towns, cities and camps.
- Developmental projects to rehabilitate and pave internal roads.

Gender-responsive budget indicators:

- Rehabilitation and paving of roads, development of infrastructure in marginalized areas, in Area C and in areas adjacent to the separation wall, with an estimated budget of ILS10.3 million.
- Establishing public parks and multipurpose halls in villages and towns, with an estimated budget of ILS10 million.
- Rehabilitating and developing government schools and health centers in marginalized areas, with an estimated budget of ILS2.19 million.

Local Government directorates are distributed throughout all Palestinian governorates.
Number and categorization of employees at the Ministry of Local Government is (367) male and female employees.

Data related to gender will not be available.

**Important terms:**

- **Citizen Budget:**
  A simplified document of the public budget Ministry of Local Government. It summarizes the policies, approaches and priorities of the Ministry for the coming years expressed in numbers in the approved budget and which enables citizens to become familiarized with the distribution of operational and developmental expenses at the Ministry and on the various programs and consequently, to monitor governmental expenditures on the Ministry of Local Government.

- **Operational costs:**
  The necessary expenditures for the operation of the public institution, i.e. the Ministry (Electricity, water, fuel, travel, etc.)

- **Developmental expenditures:**
  Are expenditures which have a nature that is different from current expenditures in terms of their useful life and the return from expenditures, and are financed by the PA budget and donors.

- **Capital expenditures:**
  What the government [Ministry] spends on the possession of capital assets (buildings, land, equipment, vehicles, etc.)

- **Current expenditures:**
  This includes salaries and wages, raises, operational and referral expenditures of the ministry, public institutions and the other executive bodies of the State of Palestine

- **Program for employees not distributed among programs:**
  A program especially for employees in the Gaza Strip.

- **Gender-responsive budget:**
  A gender-responsive budget is considered a tool for financial planning with economic and social dimensions, which helps the government to integrate gender in the preparation and implementation of the public budget. This is to ensure that available financial resources are allocated in a just manner and aimed at eradicating discrimination on the basis of gender in regards to government services and in a way that meets the specific needs of men, women, girls, boys and marginalized social sectors.

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