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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
FS	Feasibility Study
GIZ	German International Cooperation
HWE	House of Water and Environment
IC	Implementation Consultant
ICA	Israel Civil Administration
IMoD	Israel Ministry of Defense
JSC	Joint Service Council
JSCRB	Joint Service Council / for Solid Waste Management - Ramallah and Al-Bireh Governorate
KfW	German Development Bank
Kg/c.d	kilogram/capita.day
LGU	Local Government Unit
MEEnA	Ministry of Environmental Affairs (Successor of EQA)
MoCA	Ministry of Civil Affairs
MoF	Ministry of Finance
MoLG	Ministry of Local Government
MoPAD	Ministry of Planning and Administrative Development (Successor of MoP)
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NIS	New Israeli Shekel
PCBS	Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics
t/c.d	Ton/capita.day
t/d	Tons/day
t/m	Tons/month
t/yr	Tons/year
TS	Transfer Station
UNRWA	United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

# 1 Background

The Palestinian territories are divided into two parts; the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The West Bank is divided into three regions which are Northern, Middle and Southern regions. The targeted areas of this project are Jericho and Ramallah & Al-Bireh Governorates who are located in the Middle region. Both targeted areas include touristic activities within their main cities and have nearly important agricultural areas.

## 1.1 Ramallah & Al-Bireh Governorate

The Ramallah & Al-Bireh Governorate is located in the middle part of the West Bank. The land area of Ramallah & Al-Bireh Governorate is about 855 km<sup>2</sup>. It comprises of 15.1% of the West Bank and 14.2% of the Palestinian territories. Functionally, there are various land use classes within Ramallah & Al- Bireh Governorate boundaries such as: Palestinian built up areas, cultivated areas, forests, nature reserves and industrial areas.

The population of Rammallah & Al Bireh Governorate is 319,419 inhabitants distributed among 75 communities and 68 Local Government Units (LGUs), such as municipalities and village councils. There are five refugee camps and two very small communities with no governmental representation, where the refugee camps are represented by refugee committees. About 31% of the population lives in the three cities of Ramallah, Al-Bireh and Betuniya. About 6% live in refugee camps; while the rest of the population live in towns and villages that varies in size from 50 to 8,804 inhabitants with an average of 2,849 inhabitants per town/village. There are nearly 66,704 housing units in the governorate with an average size per household of 5.3 persons.

The center of the governorate is Ramallah and Al-Bireh cities which are geographically surrounded by a number of villages. The touristic activities exist mainly in Ramallah and Al-Bireh cities while the agricultural activities are mainly distributed within the surrounding rural areas.



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