



Press Release

German Support for the Water Supply in Gaza

German Development Cooperation supported the reconstruction of the Muntar Water Reservoir with 9 Mio. EUR.

— With German support, the reconstruction of the destroyed water and waste water infrastructure in the Gaza Strip marks a big step forward. Today, (9 March 2017) the Head of the German Representative Office in Ramallah, Mr. Peter Beerwerth together with the Palestinian Minister, Head of the Water Authority, Mr. Mazen Ghneim officially put the Muntar Water Reservoir back into operation.

The Muntar Water Reservoir plays a very significant role in the water supply system in Gaza. It was destroyed during the Gaza conflict in 2014. The reconstruction started in October 2014.

“Germany is and remains a reliable developmental partner for the people of Gaza and the West Bank, especially in difficult times,” stated Peter Beerwerth. The Muntar Water Reservoir is only one of many projects through which Germany improves the harsh living conditions in Gaza. For example, Germany currently funds the construction of the large waste water treatment plant “Gaza Central”, east of Burej with an investment of 65 Mio EUR.

With a current project portfolio of over 350 Mio EUR for water and wastewater management projects, Germany is considered one of the most important donors in the Palestinian water sector. The reconstruction of the Muntar Water Reservoir is part of the German reconstruction support of the Gaza water infrastructure for which the Federal Government has granted/provided 9 Mio EUR through/via the German, state-owned development bank KfW.

The Muntar Water Reservoir can store 5.000 cubic meters of water (equivalent to 5 Mio liters) and feed them into the water network, depending on the demand. In addition to its reconstruction, the German support was used to reconstruct the destroyed well in the direct adjacent neighborhoods, another water reservoir and pumping stations as well as water pipes and access roads.