



Center for Environmental Diplomacy (CED) is a 501(c)3 organization based in Washington, DC with offices in Israel and Palestine. CED develops enterprise-oriented solutions to improve public health and the environment. CED works to support the democratic and transparent governance of institutions that provide environmental services to communities.

Our mission is to promote environmental programs and services that improve living conditions, public health and foster cooperation among Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians.

CED's keystone initiative is establishing **Environmental Services Districts (ESDs)** to efficiently deliver water, sanitation, waste and environmental management services.

Government Endorsements

The Government of Israel and the Palestinian National Authority have approved CED's proposal to establish ESDs. CED is authorized by the Palestinian Ministry of Local Government to create ESDs in each *Muhafazah*, or governorate, throughout the West Bank and Gaza.

Ministers and Commissioners of Water, Environment, Agriculture, Education and Planning in Israel, Palestine and Jordan have all endorsed the CED framework for building ESDs. The plan includes technical projects, training and capacity building to manage and operate facilities, and securing community acceptance through public involvement and youth empowerment programs.

Coordination & Partnerships

CED coordinates its projects with international finance institutes and donors from the US, Japan (JICA, Ministry of Foreign Affairs), EU, World Bank and the UN (UNDP, UNEP, UNCRD).

CED conducts projects in two sectors: (1) Youth Empowerment—for behavioral change that builds an environmental ethic and complementary education which enhances the capacity of youth to contribute to civil society; and (2) Environmental Capacity Development—for executive management and leadership to provide appropriate environmental services districts.

Action & Outcomes

CED training programs for environmental management and services, and advocacy programs in local communities have begun to improve public health and environmental awareness. The desired outcome is for CED to prepare staff and local government to administer ESDs, which will contract the building of environmental facilities. The ESD model is commonly used around the world to efficiently deliver water, sanitation, waste and environmental management services at local levels.

Now, Palestinians and Israelis are cooperating with CED to set up ESDs in their communities.

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