

This result, regarding the part of the sewerage system already in operation, has been achieved. All preconditions for a successful operation through the Sewage Section have been fulfilled, waiting at the moment for the completion of construction of the treatment plant. An important positive aspect is furthermore, that the key operational staff has been involved in design and construction matters of the complete sewerage scheme, having obtained extended knowledge about constructional particularities of the different installations.

Result 2:	Tariff and fee collection system have been introduced to cover operation and depreciation costs.
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It was planned to adjust and introduce the wastewater fee ordinance, to improve the accounting and auditing system within the Municipality, elaborate proposals for industrial discharge fees, identify further training needs of municipal accounting staff, launch adequate awareness campaigns for the population and prepare the taking over of encashment of the sewage fees by JWU.

The result has not yet been achieved completely, although important preconditions have been fulfilled. In this context, the project has elaborated the tariff study and a tariff by-law, currently awaiting approval by concerned ministry and the industrial wastewater cadastra. The Municipality is furthermore ready to introduce the new wastewater tariff scheme at the moment of putting into operation the new treatment plant and transfer the encashment of the fees to JWU.

Nevertheless, we have to state that other important activities have been postponed, like the introduction of a cost centrelated accounting system (Commercial Oriented Accounting System) and awareness campaigns within the population. The new accounting system, financed through the World Bank in the framework of a municipal improvement project with the Local Government, will be introduced in the course of this year, and awareness campaigns will only be launched after starting with the operation of the treatment plant.

The current existing accounting system does not provide reporting tools to establish the break-even between expenditures and revenues, nor does it report collection ratio. Nevertheless we have to recognize, that the Municipality has increased in the past the sewerage maintenance fee twice to compensate the increasing operation costs and prepare the customers for the introduction of a consumption related tariff scheme.

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Result 3:	Treated effluent and sludge are used by Palestinian farmers against payment.
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The activities planned to achieve this result included the elaboration and approval of a conceptual study for the reuse of treated wastewater and sludge in the Deir Debwan area, the execution of information campaigns for Palestinian land-users and the implementation of the concept for the use of the treated wastewater and sludge.

It has to be stated, that, except for the concept study conducted in 02/1998, no further activities have so far been initiated. Complementary investigations commissioned by KfW showed "high risk" results, so that the decision to finance the necessary infrastructure has been postponed. In the meeting of May 12, 1999 in Germany it was decided that the responsible executing agency for the financing of all activities on behalf of a future reuse of the treated wastewater will be KfW. KfW has