

# Municipal Profile: JENIN

*Jenin Municipality building*



**About the Municipality:** Founded in 2450 B.C.E, Jenin is the largest and oldest city of the Jenin Governorate located in the northern West Bank. The first municipal council in Jenin was established in 1886 under the leadership of Haji Abdul Majid Mansour, the city now has a population of over 39,000.

In 2013, CHF and Jenin Municipality began a long-term partnership under the Local Government & Infrastructure (LGI) program funded by USAID. The goal of this partnership is to further enhance the municipality’s ability to meet the needs of its citizens in a transparent and effective manner.

**Center for Governance Excellence:** In line with the strategy of the Palestinian local governance sector, CHF’s partnership with Jenin will focus on three key areas – **community participation, service delivery, and leadership development** – to support the municipality’s vision of being a responsive, efficient, and effective center for governance excellence. Under these areas, LGI’s main interventions will include:

Key Interventions	Expected Outcomes
<b>Citizen Service Center &amp; Additional Community Infrastructure Project (2015)</b>	A Citizen Service Center is a state-of-the-art municipal facility that provides services in an automated and transparent manner. Processes within the municipality will also be overhauled to reduce time spent to process requests. In addition, LGI will support an additional infrastructure project based on priorities in Jenin’s Strategic Development & Investment Plan.
<b>Human Resources Management Information System (2014)</b>	Providing the municipality with a well-developed and automated human resource and payroll management information solution in order to improve their HR operations and reduce total operating costs.
<b>Municipal Strategic Corporate Plan (2013)</b>	Based on a new municipal capacity assessment tool, the municipality will develop a Municipal Strategic Corporate Plan that outlines how the municipality will address its institutional development priorities.
<b>Enhanced internal audit approaches (2013)</b>	An internal audit unit will ensure that the municipality adheres to required procurement, financial, and administrative regulations, while also enhancing transparency and accountability of the municipality to citizens.
<b>Streamlined procurement procedures and database (2013)</b>	This intervention will focus on updating procurement procedures to be more efficient and transparent, and also develop a procurement database to institutionalize new procurement procedures and templates.

“Our role is to leave behind a footprint by meeting citizen needs on the long run within the framework of our Strategic Development & Investment Plan... Our goal is to sustain our development resources instead of relying on others ...” - *Mayor of Jenin, Walid Abu Mwes*

