#### III. Project Development Objectives

The GSBD project aims to improve the ability of the Ministry of National Economy to deliver timely, efficient, and quality business development information, data and services to target beneficiaries, including to MSMEs, women business owners and other marginalized groups, to promote business development.

## **IV. Project Description**

### **Component Name**

Component 1 - Capacity Building to Support Private Sector Development

Component 3 - Project Management (plus contingencies)

Component 2 - Providing Government to Business Electronic Services and other ICT tools

## V. Financing (in USD Million)

For Loans/Credits/Others	Amount
Borrower	0.00
Special Financing	3.00
Total	3.00

### VI. Implementation

The implementing and coordinating agency for this project is the Ministry of National Economy (MoNE) in the Palestinian Authority (PA).

The GSBD project will create a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) housed in the Aid Coordination Unit at MoNE, which will report directly to the Office of the Minister. It will be composed of MoNE staff and local consultants. MoNE is new to implementing World Bank projects and an assessment of its coordination capacity (including for procurement and financial management) identified additional support needed. Four key experts will be hired for the PIU.

The PIU will be responsible for all aspects of the project's management in coordination with the Aid Coordination Unit. A Procurement Specialist will lead on procurement issues related to all project components and a Financial Management Specialist will be responsible for financial management and record keeping. A Project Operation Manual (POM) was drafted by MoNE which describes the relationship of all involved stakeholders and includes a project implementation plan. The POM outlines the respective roles and responsibilities in MoNE for project implementation, the flow of documents and reporting, as well as instructions for monitoring, evaluation, financial management and procurement. MoNE as the implementing agency has received support in preparing the Terms of Reference for each technical assistance activity to be supported by the project.

### VII. Safeguard Policies (including public consultation)

Safeguard Policies Triggered by the Project	Yes	No
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01		X
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04		x
Forests OP/BP 4.36		x
Pest Management OP 4.09		x
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11		x
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10		X
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12		x
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37		x
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50		x
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60		X

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