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Kuwait renews support for ILO programmes in occupied Palestinian territory

Kuwait donates US\$500,000 to support the ILO's Palestinian Decent Work Agenda

Beirut (ILO News) – Kuwait's Permanent Representative in Geneva, Ambassador Dharar Razzooqi, presented a US\$500,000 cheque to ILO Director General Guy Ryder on Wednesday (February 20), renewing Kuwait's support for the ILO's activities in the occupied Palestinian territory.

Ryder acknowledged the strong support from Kuwait, which enables the ILO to meet the needs of Palestinian constituents, providing jobs and skills through programmes on vocational training, employment services, entrepreneurship and vocational rehabilitation.

Ambassador Razzooqi expressed strong support for the work of multilateral agencies. "The ILO has made a real difference to the lives of Palestinians," he said.

Since 2009, the Government of Kuwait has provided support to the programme of the ILO in the Arab States, and particularly in the occupied Palestinian territory, totalling US\$2.5 million.

"Kuwait's contributions have been critical to maintaining the ILO's Decent Work Agenda in the occupied Palestinian territory," said Nada al-Nashif, ILO Regional Director for the Arab States. "Promoting social dialogue, social protection and decent work for Palestinians is a cornerstone of the ILO's drive to promote social justice in the Arab region."

The funds will be used to strengthen labour market governance, facilitate the development of a social security system and promote gender equality and women's empowerment. The ILO will also continue to support post-conflict economic recovery and livelihoods in Gaza.

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