Pragmatic Solutions: Enhancing the Palestinian Economy

Engaging in economic projects and initiatives in the West Bank would improve the standard of living for Palestinians, encourage further economic integration, and lower Palestinian tensions - in addition to laying the foundations for a future two-state reality. To accomplish these goals, IPF and its partners promote the following low-risk policies:

1. **Ease restrictions on the import and export of Palestinian goods**
   - Without compromising Israeli security, reducing the amount of vehicles checked twice and increasing export capabilities between the West Bank and Arab World would send positive shockwaves throughout the economy.

2. **Connect Palestinian and Israeli banks via the SWIFT interbank system**
   - Connecting financial institutions with the SWIFT system would incentivize further economic integration and mutually beneficial trade opportunities.

3. **Improve Palestinian infrastructure**
   - Building new roads and new water lines would invigorate the Palestinian agricultural sector and PA governance capabilities.

4. **Transfer 10% of Area C to Area B**
   - This re-shifting would allow for greater Palestinian territorial contiguity, enabling cities and villages to naturally expand without the threat of home demolitions.

5. **Open new economic opportunities with Israel's neighbors**
   - Increased economic cooperation and technology sharing could accompany a serious Israeli response to the Arab Peace Initiative.