



Tha Palestinian Center for Democracy and Conflict Resolution

PCDCR

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About PCDCR:

PCDCR is a non-governmental, non-profit organization founded in August 1998 through the effort of a group of young Palestinians seeking to form a Palestinian model that promotes democracy concepts and conflict resolution alternatives.

PCDCR's Vision:

PCDCR aspires to a free, democratic society that respects human rights, achieves social justice and enforce the rule of law.

PCDCR's Message:

In light of the its vision and values, PCDCR promotes the principles of democracy and human rights in general and vulnerable groups in particular, as well as strengthening tolerance, civil peace, justice, accountability and gender equality, in addition to reinforcing good governance, transparency and integrity. PCDCR also contributes to filling the gap in the provision of services lacking by vulnerable and marginalized groups at the psychological, social and legal levels.

PCDCR's goals:

- ❖ Contributing to the development of the democratic process and strengthening human rights aspects in Palestine.
- ❖ Contributing to the establishment of a safe and supportive protective environment for children in Palestine.
- ❖ Contributing to the protection and empowerment of women's rights.
- ❖ Strengthening the capacity and sustainability of PCDCR.

PCDCR's BoDs' members:

Amal Abed Al Majeed Abu Rabea'a	Chairman
Ibrahim Ahmed Abu Rahma	Chairman Deputy
Alia Basheer Mohammed Ghazal	Member
Baker Zakaria Al Turkman	Member
Sa'eed Ahmed Al Maqadmah	Member
Zakia Maso'ud Al Jadbah	Member
Khawla Jamal Fadel Allah	Member

Project Name: A protective environment from hate speech and support of freedom of opinion and expression in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Project duration: 01.03.2020 -28.02.2023

Implementation Place: Gaza Strip and West Bank

Partner/Donor: European Union (EU)

Project Budget: 474,493 EURO

Main Activities implemented in 2021:

1. Holding (4) meetings for the ‘Palestinian Network against hate speech, which includes more than (25) people representing grassroots institutions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. During the meetings, the progress of work and the difficulties facing the project were discussed.
2. Holding meetings for the Steering Committee, which includes (15) active personalities and decision-makers, to facilitate the implementation of the activities of the Hate Speech Protective Environment Project.
3. Holding meetings of the follow-up committee, which includes (15) active people in government agencies to facilitate the activities’ implementation of the project of a protective environment against hate speech.
4. Continuing to transfer financial payments to (3) partner institutions in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank to implement the planned activities.
5. Holding (6) meetings for the youth team to monitor hate speech through various media, this team consists of (40) young men and women in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.
6. Preparing and publishing (8) fact sheets that include the process’ results of monitoring and documenting hate speech in the media.
7. Preparing and publishing (3) quarterly reports that include the results of the process of monitoring and documenting hate speech in the media.
8. Holding (7) media sessions via an electronic platform, in which (154) persons (64 males, 90 females) participated from the West Bank and the surrounding Arab countries. These media sessions dealt with issues and topics related to hate speech.
9. A semi-annual meeting was attended by (22) people (13 males, 9 females) from the members of the network, the steering committee, and the monitoring team. During the meeting, the progress of work and the difficulties and challenges that faced the project during the past year were discussed.
10. Follow up on the partners’ implementation of (112) awareness sessions for secondary school students, targeting (3900) students (1368 males, 2532 females) in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The sessions aim to educate students about hate speech, its effects, and how to reduce it.
11. Follow up on the partners’ implementation of (6) workshops for university students, targeting (286) university students (87 males, 199 females) in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The sessions aim to increase university students’ awareness of hate speech, its effects, and how to reduce it.
12. Follow up on partners’ implementation of (7) workshops, targeting 128 imams and preachers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The sessions aim to increase their awareness and to have a better role in combating hate speech, its effects, and how to reduce it.
13. Follow up on the partners’ implementation of (5) workshops for the heads and members of sports clubs, targeting 199 people (101 males, 18 females) in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

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14. Follow up on the partners' implementation of (2) workshops, targeting 15 priests in the West Bank. The sessions aim to increase their awareness and to have a better role in combating hate speech, its effects, and how to reduce it.
15. Preparing (9) radio spots and broadcasting them (760) times on hate speech and the necessity of combating it.
16. Production and dissemination of (6) short awareness videos on hate speech.
17. Dissemination of (40) posters on the media platform on hate speech.
18. Publication of (4) articles on hate speech via the media platforms.
19. Preparing and publishing a documentary film on hate speech.
20. Conducting an annual evaluation meeting attended by (25) persons (14 males, 11 females) from the members of the network, the steering committee, and the monitoring team.
21. Implementation of (3) hearing and clarification sessions with many promoters of the hate speech, (46) persons (35 males, 21 females) from the West Bank and Gaza participated in these sessions.
22. Following up on the partners' implementation of (3) roundtable meetings for citizens and actors, (51) people (31 males, 20 females) participated in these meetings in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The sessions aim to discuss cybercrime law.
23. Recording and publishing (25) short video clips of citizens and influential figures calling for combating hate speech and supporting freedom of opinion and expression.
24. Implementation of protest activity aimed to combat hate speech and support freedom of opinion and expression, in which (70) people (30 males/40 females) from the West Bank participated.
25. Follow up on the partners' implementation of (2) protest activities aimed to combat hate speech and support freedom of opinion and expression, in which 360 people (209 males/251 females) from the West Bank and Gaza Strip participated.

Project Name: Enhancement of the institutionalization of social accountability in local government bodies in the Gaza Strip

Project duration: 28.05.2020 -31.12.2021

Implementation Place: Gaza Strip

Partner/Donor: GIZ

Project Budget: 186,585 EURO

Main Activities:

1. Completion of a working map (study) on institutions working in the field of civic education in the Gaza Strip (Mapping of Civic Education).
2. Conducting and completing (20) social profiles for (20) municipalities and local authorities in the Gaza Strip. The social profile includes (1) General information about the social, economic and living conditions of the population, and (2) Detailed information about the completed and uncompleted projects according to the strategic plans of these municipalities and local authorities within four Major areas reviewed by these plans, and (3) Suggestions and recommendations from citizens about the achievements and the necessary needs for them.

The social profile of each municipality has been completed through several stages, as follows:

- a. Desk review of the strategic plan and annual achievement report of the municipality and local authority.
 - b. Implementation of (2) focus groups with representatives of different societal groups, each focus group in which (10-12) people participated discussed the completed strategic plans' projects and their suggestions for the municipality.
 - c. Conducting two personal interviews, one with the mayor and the second with the director of the technical department or their representatives.
 - d. Conducting a joint meeting attended by representatives of the municipality, the mayor, heads of departments, decision-makers, and representatives of the population within the scope of the municipality's work.
3. Implementation of (5) training groups, (20) training hours for each group, benefiting (105) young people (51 males, 54 females) on the topics of writing project proposals and fundraising, preparing the municipality's strategic plan with an explanation of the steps of the strategic and development planning process (SDIP), Monitoring and Evaluation Skills, Community Participation, and Social Accountability Tools.
 4. Implementation of (69) workshops targeting (1250) people (713 males, 537 females) on the concepts of social accountability, its importance, and tools.
 5. Implementation of (2) hearing sessions with decision-makers in the municipalities of Gaza and Qarara on their plans to develop services and societal issues of concern to citizens.
 6. Implementation of (2) specialized training groups on the concept of place-making with applications on the Minecraft program that is used in urban planning and structural drawing. Each training group lasted for (25) hours and benefited (20) people of both genders.
 7. The young trainees, under the supervision of a specialist and the follow-up of the PCDCR, participated in the preparation of various structural plans for the implementation of safe playing spaces/parks / recreational places serving citizens within the scope of the work of the municipalities of Gaza and Qarara. These plans are going to be used in the implementation of these spaces during the next phase. This activity aims to benefit from the capabilities of the youth and involve them in identifying and designing their needs.

Project Name: With social accountability, we can change (3+4)

Project duration: 01.10.2020 -30.09.2022

Implementation Place: Gaza Strip and West bank

Partner/Doner: NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY (NED)

Project Budget: 84,000 EURO

Main Activities (with social accountability, we can change 3) (From 1/1/2021 to 30/9/2021):

1. Implementation of (2 citizen's opinion cards (as one of the social accountability tools) targeting about (200) children in conflict with the law and their parents in both Gaza and West Bank.
2. Implementation of 4 focus groups with the juveniles inside El rabie Juvenile Center in Gaza, and Dar El Amal Center in West Bank , in addition to the ministry staff who are working in the two Juvenile Centers.
3. Preparing and publishing (2) fact sheets (one for Gaza and the other for West Bank) on the current services provided to children in conflict with the law in the social welfare centres of the Ministry of Social Development.
4. Implementation of (2) hearing sessions (as one of the social accountability tools) with decision-makers and officials in the Ministry of Social Development in the governorates of the Gaza Strip, Nablus, and Hebron in the West Bank
5. Organizing (2) sharing days in Gaza and West Bank, targeting children in conflict with the law, staff working in the Juvenile Centers as a part of the Ministry of Social Development, and responsible people in the social defense department of the Ministry.
6. Preparing (2) policy papers to improve the reality of children in conflict with the law, who benefit from the services provided by the Juvenile Centers of the Ministry of Social Development.

Main activities (with social accountability, we can change 4) (From 1/10/2021 to 31/12/2021):

1. Restructuring the three Youth Watching Teams (YWTs) one in Gaza and one in Nablus and the third in Hebron to include child beggars and street children.
2. Implementation of (3) training groups for social accountability teams in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, (15) training hours for each group, benefiting (66) youth (38 males / 28 females) on the concepts and tools of social accountability and dealing with the media and skills facilitation.
3. Holding 3 meetings with officials in the Ministry of Social Development and the police to inform them about the project activities and their expected role in alleviating the phenomenon of child beggars.

Project Name: Save Internet Environment for Children

Project duration: 03.12.2018 -31.12.2021

Implementation Place: West bank

Partner/Doner: End Violence Against Children - EVAC

Project Budget: 504,797 EURO

Main Activities:

1. Holding (21) expert-led workshops with (140) civil society institutions to benefit from their previous orientations and experiences in protecting children from violence via the Internet, especially sexual exploitation.
2. Holding (4) round tables targeting (20) different stakeholders representing ministries working with issues related to children, the Child Protection Network, and non-governmental institutions working on children's issues and protection to present the results of the study and previous workshops and reach the final features of the national plan to protect children from exploitation through the Internet.
3. Holding (3) workshops with stakeholders from law enforcement agencies, non-governmental organizations and strategic plan experts to present the draft national strategic plan.
4. Holding a workshop with the staff of the Ministry of Social Development and child protection networks to approve the national strategic plan.
5. Holding a conference to announce and launch the national plan and present the results of the study completed within the project.
6. Printing and distributing the final version of the strategic plan for protecting children from online violence, especially sexual exploitation and abuse.

Project Name: Developing Marginalized Communities through Accountability for Municipalities in the Gaza Strip

Project duration: 07.05.2018 -28.02.2021

Implementation Place: Gaza Strip

Partner/Doner: The Municipal Development and lending Fund (MDLF)

Project Budget: 193,164 EURO

Main Activities:

1. Continuing communication and follow-up to the work of (7) committees for development and social accountability, consisting of representatives of marginalized communities in (7) targeted municipalities
2. Follow up on the initiatives and projects implemented during the year 2020
3. Writing final reports and closing the project.

Project Name: Advancing the Women, Peace and Security Agenda in Palestine

Project duration: 27.05.2020 -26.05.2021

Implementation Place: Gaza Strip

Partner/Doner: UN-WOMEN

Project Budget: NIS 357,100

Main Activities:

1. Providing a temporary employment opportunity (6 months) for (40) female graduates, (10) female graduates in the field of information technology, (20) female graduates in the field of medicine and nursing, and (10) female graduates in the field of psychological support and psychological counselling.

Unfunded voluntary activities implemented during 2021

1. Participation in the meetings of the 'National Committee for Social Accountability.
2. Participation in 'civil coalition' meetings to promote civil peace and the rule of law.
3. Participation in the meetings of the 'Amal coalition' to combat violence against women.
4. Continuing communication and follow-up to the work of (7) committees for development and social accountability, consisting of representatives of marginalized communities in the (7) municipalities and local authorities in the Gaza Strip.
5. Providing legal support for more than (200) cases of children in conflict with the law who are in the 'Al-Rabeeh Foundation for Social Welfare' through legal pleadings in the weekly court sessions.
6. In cooperation with the Ministry of Social Development, the PCDCR's volunteer team contributed to conducting more than (100) field visits to the homes of the martyrs, the injured, and those affected by the Israeli aggression in May 2021 on Gaza, targeting 150 children (90 males, 60 females).