



Annual Report 2022

SUMMARY PCDCR is a civil non-profitable organization established in August 1998 as an investment of distinguished efforts exerted by a group of Palestinian youth highly motivated and ambitious to develop a Palestinian model that promotes democratic principles and modern conflict resolution alternatives.

Within 24 years of experience in community work tackling sensitive and critical issues with innovative approaches, PCDCR succeeded to develop a Palestinian role model NGO.

VISION The Center aspires towards a free and democratic society that respect human rights, achieves social justice, and upholds the rule of law.

Mission In light of the center's vision and values, the Palestinian Center for Democracy and Conflict Resolution works to promote the principles of democracy and human rights in general, with a particular focus on marginalized groups. Additionally, the center strives to strengthen tolerance, civil peace, justice, accountability, gender equality, as well as consolidate a system of good governance, transparency, and integrity. Moreover, the center contributes to bridging the gap by providing services that are lacking for vulnerable and marginalized groups on psychological, social, and legal levels.

Objectives Contributing to the development of the democratic process and enhancing aspects to human rights in Palestine.

Contributing to creating a protective, safe and supportive environment for children in Palestine

Contributing to the protection of women's rights and empowering them

Enhancing the capacity and sustainability of the Palestinian center for democracy and conflict resolution.

Members of the Board of Directors for PCDCR are the following:

Amal Abu Rabe'a	Board Chairman
Ibrahim Abu Rahma	Deputy Board Chairman
Baker Al Turkman	Secretary - treasurer
Sae'ed Almagadma	Board Member
Zakia Al Jadbah	Board Member
Alya gazal	Board Member
Asmaa Zaglol	Board Member

Projects implemented by the Center during the year 2022 -

Project Name: "Through Social Accountability we can change"

Project Duration: 1st October 2020 - 30th September 2022

Project Location: Gaza Strip and the West Bank

Partner/Funder: National Endowment for Democracy (NED)

Project Budget: \$84,000 US

The activities have implemented during the year 2022 as part of the project:

1. The implementation of six focus groups (three in Gaza and three in the West Bank) is planned to address the situation of street children and child beggars in these regions. These focus groups will examine the legal procedures followed in relation to these issues. (Two focus groups involving officials from the Ministry of Social Development and the police and two focus groups for the street children, and the last two groups were for the children's caregivers).
2. The center has issued two fact sheets. One fact sheet focused on the situation of child beggars in Gaza, while the other addressed the situation of child beggars in the West Bank. These fact sheets based on the findings and results obtained from the conducted focus groups.
3. A series of six hearing sessions conducted. These sessions took place in various locations, including two in Gaza, two in Nablus, and two in Hebron. In Gaza, two sessions involved officials from the Ministry and police. In the West Bank, four sessions have been held with officials from the Ministry and police. The listening sessions were based on the results and findings presented in the fact sheets. Importantly, representatives from the beneficiary group, including child beggars and their parents/guardians actively participated in these sessions.
4. As part of the initiative, two policy papers have been developed. One policy paper specifically addressed the problem of child beggars in Gaza, while the other policy paper focused on addressing the issue of child beggars in the West Bank. The policy papers have been formulated based on the outcomes derived from the conducted listening sessions, as well as relevant documents and research.
5. The centre organized two participatory events. One event in Gaza, and the other took place in the West Bank. These events provided a platform for the active participation of various stakeholders, including child beggars, officials from the Ministry of Social Development, police, and the judiciary.
6. Four radio episodes have been implemented to further raise awareness and promote dialogue regarding the issue of child begging. The radio episodes distributed across WB and Gaza, including two episodes in Gaza, one episode in Nablus, and one episode in Hebron.

Project Name: "Enhancing the Institutionalization of Community Accountability in Local Governance Bodies in the Gaza Strip"

Project Duration: 28th May 2020 - 31st December 2022

Project Location: Gaza Strip

Partner/Funder: German Cooperation (GIZ)

Project Budget: 186,585 Euros

The activities have implemented during this project:

- A total of 129 awareness workshops were conducted for citizens and stakeholders on the topic of participation and social accountability in all municipalities of the Gaza Strip. These workshops targeted more than 3000 individuals.
- A training session was conducted for 25 young activists in the field of community work. The training covered various topics, including participation and social accountability, sustainable development plans, strategic planning, monitoring, evaluating community priorities, and developing concepts of civic education in local governance.
- The local committees selected two projects: a beach playground in Gaza and a children's park in Al-Qarrara.
- All contracting procedures were completed in cooperation with the municipalities of Gaza and Al-Qarrara. As a result, a beach playground was implemented near Square of Street No. 10 in Gaza, and a children's park was established at the intersection of Abedeen Street and Al-Sikka Street in Al-Qarrara.
- The projects were handed over in the presence of representatives from the municipality, the German agency, the Palestinian Centre, and the local committees, thereby placing the projects under the supervision of the municipality and the local committee.

=====

Project Name: "Creating a Protective Environment against Hate Speech and Supporting Freedom of Opinion and Expression in Gaza Strip and the West Bank"

Project Duration: 1st March 2020 - 28th February 2023

Project Location: Gaza Strip and the West Bank

Partner/Funder: European Union (EU)

Project Budget: 474,493 Euros

Key activities implemented during the year 2022 –

1. The Palestinian Network against Hate Speech held a series of meetings, which included more than 25 representatives from grassroots institutions in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Three meetings took place in 2022 to discuss the progress of the project and the challenges encountered.
2. Two meetings of the Steering Committee were held, involving 15 influential individuals and decision-makers. These meetings aimed to facilitate the implementation of activities related to creating a protective environment against hate speech.
3. A meeting of the Monitoring Committee was conducted, comprising 15 active individuals from governmental entities. The purpose of this meeting was to facilitate the implementation of activities related to creating a protective environment against hate speech.
4. The financial disbursements to three partner organizations in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank continued to support them in carrying out their planned activities.
5. Two meetings of the Youth Monitoring Team were held to monitor hate speech across various media channels. The team is comprised of 40 young individuals from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.
6. Eight fact sheets were prepared and published, containing the results of monitoring and documenting hate speech in various media outlets
7. Three quarterly reports were prepared and published, encompassing the results of monitoring and documenting hate speech in various media outlets.
8. Four media sessions were held via an online platform, with the participation of 60 individuals (40 males, 20 females) from the West Bank, Gaza, and surrounding Arab countries. These sessions focused on addressing issues and topics related to hate speech.
9. A semi-annual meeting was held, attended by 20 individuals (11 males, 9 females) from the network, the steering committee, and the monitoring team. The meeting involved discussing the project's progress, challenges, and difficulties faced during the previous year.
10. The implementation of 60 awareness sessions for high school students was monitored, targeting 3,000 students (1,800 males, 1,200 females) in the West Bank and Gaza. These sessions aimed to raise students' awareness of hate speech, its impacts, and strategies to mitigate it..
11. The implementation of 6 workshops for university students was monitored, targeting 286 university students (87 males, 199 females) in the West Bank and Gaza. These workshops aimed to increase

12. awareness among university students about hate speech, its impacts, and strategies to combat it.
13. Twelve radio spots addressing hate speech and the need to combat it were produced and broadcasted. These spots were aired 760 times.
14. Six short educational videos about hate speech were produced and disseminated.
15. Forty posters addressing hate speech were published on the media platform.
16. Four articles addressing hate speech were published on the media platform.
17. A documentary film on hate speech was produced and published.
18. An annual evaluation meeting was held, attended by 30 individuals (18 males, 12 females) from the network, the steering committee, and the monitoring team.
19. A clarifying and explanatory session was conducted with multiple promoters of hate speech, attended by 30 individuals (20 males, 10 females) from the West Bank and Gaza.
20. The implementation of 2 discussions for citizens and stakeholders was monitored, with the participation of 30 individuals (8 males, 22 females) from the West Bank and Gaza. These sessions aimed to discuss the Electronic Crimes Law.
21. Fifteen short video clips featuring citizens and influential figures advocating against hate speech and supporting freedom of opinion and expression were recorded and published.
22. An organized protest rally was held to oppose hate speech and support freedom of opinion and expression. The rally saw the participation of 120 individuals (80 males, 40 females) from the West Bank.

=====

Project Name: Empowering Marginalized Communities through Accountable
Municipal Services in the Gaza Strip - Phase One and Phase Two

Project Duration: September 1, 2022 - November 30, 2024

Project Location: Gaza Strip

Partner/Funder: Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF)

Project Budget: \$234,148 US

- An inception report was prepared, encompassing all project activities, the work plan, and the methodology for implementing the activities.
- An opening meeting for the project was held in Khan Yunis Municipality, attended by mayors from the participating municipalities (totaling 14 municipalities), representatives from community committees, activists, and neighbourhood committees. The objective was to clarify the project concept and establish communication mechanisms with the representatives of municipalities and marginalized communities.
- Starting the implementation of the first task commenced, which aimed to identifying marginalized communities in each municipality and assessing the level of marginalization in terms of infrastructure, social services, and healthcare.
- 60 focus groups, 28 interviews, and 320 questionnaires were conducted to gather data on the conditions of marginalized areas and the indicators of marginalization in each region."
- 5 verification meetings were held between the municipality and the citizens to verify all the data and information obtained by the field team, and the remaining verification meetings are being implemented, with one meeting per municipality

=====

Unfunded volunteer activities carried out during the year 2022.

- Continued provision of legal assistance to over 300 cases in the Juvenile's Center (Children in conflict with the law) through legal representation in weekly trial sessions.
- Conducted training sessions for youth groups involved in social work in Gaza, hosting them at the center and providing a space for their regular meetings.
- Participation in meetings of the National Committee for Community Accountability, the Civil Coalition for Promoting Civil Peace and Rule of Law, as well as participation in meetings of the Hope Alliance to combat violence against women.
- Engagement with community committees representing marginalized communities in 7 municipalities in the Gaza Strip, aimed at promoting community participation.

End of the report