



Palestinian Center for Democracy and conflict resolution (PCDCR)

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Definition of Center:

The Palestinian Center for Democracy and conflict resolution is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization founded in August 1998 through the effort of a group of Palestinian youth to create a Palestinian model that promotes the concepts of democracy and alternatives to conflict resolution. The Center serves all governorates of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Vision of the Center:

We aspire to a free and democratic society that respects human rights and achieves social justice and the rule of law.

Message of the Center:

In light of the Center's vision and values, PCDCR works to promote the principles of democracy and human rights in general and vulnerable groups in particular, as well as to strengthen tolerance, civil peace, justice, accountability and gender equality, as well as to strengthen the system of good governance, transparency and integrity. The Centre also contributes to bridging the gap in the provision of services that vulnerable and marginalized groups lack at the psychological, social and legal levels.

Objectives of the Center:

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

Members of the Governing Council:

Chairman of the Governing Council
Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors
Member
Member
Member
Member

Dr. Ibrahim Ahmed Abu Rahma
Aya Bashir is a deer
Zakaria Turkmen
Recommended Grandpa
Abu Sa'ada's influence
Names are slippery



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Introduction

The year 2024 was the most difficult year in the history of the Palestinian people, with the continued Israeli aggression against the Gaza Strip and the ongoing operations in the West Bank.

In Gaza, as the world has witnessed, the Israeli occupation has not left a means of death and destruction except to use it against civilians, children, schools and hospitals. It was aimed at assassinating life in the Gaza Strip, where people have suffered from killing, shelling, demolition of buildings, starvation and evacuation from one place to another in conditions where there is no humanity and the means of life.

In light of these exceptional circumstances, the Palestinian Center for Democracy and conflict resolution has continued to carry out its mission despite these complex and dangerous conditions in both Gaza and the West Bank, and has continued to invest in the younger generation to improve some of the services provided by the government despite the lack of resources.

As we approach a new year, we bid farewell to the year 2024, which ended with the sound of inhuman killing and destruction, we hope that next year will be a year of security, safety and peace on the land of Palestine, whose people sacrificed the most precious of their sons, men, women and children, and we hope that the free world will do justice to us. And hope that our people will enjoy freedom and peace in the coming year.

The challenges were great for the Palestinian Center and its staff working in both Gaza and the West Bank due to the serious and complex security conditions, but the Center continued to provide its services to the minimum reasonable in order to continue to implement its vision and committed to its mission, which we believe in and seek to achieve despite the compelling circumstances in our homeland.

Therefore, this report is somewhat modest in the volume of activities carried out during 2024, but the spirit of challenge and the will to work and build is a reality between the aspects of this report, so that the PCDCR will continue to give and contribute to achieve its mission.



Projects implemented by the Centre in 2024

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1. Project Name: Youth can Change (Social Accountability for Local Government)

Project duration: 1/2/2023 – 30/09/2024.

Place of implementation: Gaza Strip and West Bank.

Partner/funder: National Democracy Grant NED.

Project budget: 59,600 USD.

Program : Democracy and Good Governance

Highlights of activities carried out during 2024

1. Two policy papers completed in 2023 were sent to the Ministry of Housing and the Ministry of Labor as follows.
 - A policy paper in Gaza, specifically addressing the safety and security of high-rise residential buildings.
 - A policy paper in the West Bank, specifically on the issue of labor women's rights.

It was agreed with officials in the two ministries to follow up the implementation of the policies outlined in the papers until conditions are created after the end of the war on Gaza and the escalation in the West Bank.

2. Follow up the members of the Democratic Youth Forum and communicate with them through social media to discuss with them and develop their capabilities in raising issues that can be worked on under the conditions of the war and the ongoing aggression on Gaza and the escalation in the West Bank.
3. Building the capacity of the members of the forum through some training meetings online, adding new members after the travel of some and the withdrawal of others from membership due to the conditions of war and different priorities.



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**2. Project Name: Young leaders continue the social accountability.
(Social accountability of the Ministry of Social Development in Gaza and
the Ministry of Labor in the West Bank)**

Project duration: 1/10/2024 – 30/09/2025.

Place of implementation: Gaza Strip and West Bank.

Partner/funder: National Democracy Grant NED.

Project budget: 30,000 USD.

Program: Democracy and Good Governance

Highlights of activities carried out during 2024

1. The YDF Youth Democratic Forum was reconstituted in Gaza with 30 members – Nablus 27 members
(Males 50% and females 50%) (ages 21 – 35)
2. The new formation includes members from the broad base of active members with the Center in previous councils, youth groups, accountability committees and community committees.
3. The 4 committees of the forum were reconstituted:
 - Democracy and Freedoms Committee,
 - Social Accountability Committee,
 - Information Committee
 - Research and Information Committee
4. The YDF Youth Democratic Forum was trained
 - The Gaza Group is an online recovery training day,
 - Nablus set up a 4-hour face-to-face training day.

Each group was briefly trained on the most prominent social accountability tools and the skill to apply them.

5. In Gaza, an advocacy campaign was carried out on improving the policies of the Ministry of Social Development in the field of providing aid and assistance to the displaced people in the areas of displacement in the southern governorates in the Gaza Strip, where the Information Committee of the Forum monitored the policies and procedures for the distribution of aid supervised by the Ministry of Social Development.
6. In the West Bank, an advocacy campaign was carried out to address the problem of Palestinian workers in the West Bank who lost their jobs in the occupied territories as a result of the repercussions of the war on



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Gaza. The campaign included pressuring the Labor Ministry to adopt policies that would help mitigate the impact of the problem, which afflicts tens of thousands of Palestinian workers in the West Bank.

7. Conducting a meeting with the officials of the Ministry of Social Development in Gaza, where the Center team and members of the Youth Democratic Forum held a meeting with the officials of the Ministry of Social Development to raise the problem and listen to them about the policies followed in the distribution of aid and the challenges that exist.
8. Two meetings were held with officials of the Ministry of Labor in the West Bank, where the Center team and members of the Youth Democratic Forum in Nablus held two meetings with officials of the Ministry of Labor on the policies adopted to solve the problem of workers who lost their jobs and the challenges of reemploying them in the West Bank.



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3. Project name: Development of marginalized communities through accountable municipal services in the Gaza Strip "Phase II"

Project duration: 1/09/2022 – 30/11/2024

Place of implementation: Gaza Strip

Partner/funder: Municipal Development and lending Fund _MDLF

Project budget: \$234,148 .

Program: Democracy and Good Governance

Highlights of activities carried out during 2024

Fieldwork for this project was not carried out during the year 2024 due to the ongoing war on the Gaza Strip. Instead, work was limited to reviewing the studies and documents issued in 2023 in coordination with the Municipal Development and Lending Fund (MDLF). Additionally, the design of awareness materials on the topic of social accountability and municipal services was completed, with the hope of distributing them in marginalized areas once the Israeli aggression on Gaza comes to an end.

It was also agreed with Gaza office of the MDLF to amicably terminate the contract between both parties by the end of April 2024, given the impossibility of implementing the remaining tasks of the project. These tasks primarily involved community committees supervising the implementation of projects they had selected in the second phase based on their needs. The project concluded at this stage.



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4. Project on Civil participation in the integration of divorced Women

- Period :23/04/2025 - 23/10/2024
- Location: Nablus and Jenin
- Financing: Active Citizenry Activity -USAID -Global Communities-ACA
- Budget :148,586 USD.
- Program: Protection and Empowerment

Goals:

- Remove the social stigma of divorced women.
- Enhance their social and economic participation.
- Improve their mental health and support them legally and socially.

Achievements during 2024:

- Preparing educational materials for the various awareness sessions in the project, arranging the awareness materials according to the sessions, needs and purpose of each session.
- 6 awareness sessions for community members entitled (increasing positive attitudes and opportunities for acceptance and integration of divorced women).
- 6 awareness-raising sessions were held for couples entering into marriage (marriage, the importance of starting a family, the fundamentals of successful marital relations).
- The legal rights of the wife and the husband of separation and its causes, the rights of the wife after separation).
- 6 awareness sessions were held for university students entitled (increasing positive trends and opportunities for accepting and integrating divorced women).
- 6 awareness sessions were held for divorced women (Rights of women in divorce and post-divorce (alimony, custody, divorce related items).
- Preparation of materials from the experience of the center staff in working in this field in addition to approved references in the Palestinian laws and determining the personal status law in force in the West Bank.
- The preparatory meeting of the members of the divorced Women Support Network was held in the presence of 17 participants from the young and adult age groups, 14 males and 3 females.



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- Training of members of the divorced Women Support Network was held in the presence of 27 participants from the young and adult age groups. Nabil 16 participants and 11 participants from Jenin, where the training held the following training titles:
 - The concept of strategic planning civil society institutions
 - Understand and understand the reality of divorced women socially, legally, and psychologically.
 - Increase the capacity of the institutions involved in training to develop, design and implement realistic and implementable interventions in the protection and care of divorced women.
 - Promoting the concepts of developing and integrating protection and care policies for divorced women into the strategic plans and operational plans of the participating institutions, and strengthening the direction and management desire to integrate these concepts in the next cycle of preparation of the strategic line for the institutions.
 - Building executive plans and how to integrate the improvement of the reality of divorced women through the activities of the Foundation and the practical application of executive plans.
- An organizational workshop was held for members of the divorced Women Support Network in Nablus Governorate.
- Signing of the Charter of Joint work of the members of the Network and the Memorandum of commitment.
- Preparing the awareness program for the partner institutions of the members of the network according to the operational plans.
- The first quarter meeting of the members of the divorced Women Network was held in Nablus to discuss recommendations to improve collaboration and enhance the network's positive impact, and to integrate new members with existing members to promote complementarity and teamwork.
- 16 group counseling sessions were held in 4 community counseling groups in Nablus, two groups in Jenin, each consisting of 4 sessions for divorced women.
- The production and portrayal of 2 VOXPOOP highlights citizens' views on the reality of divorced women.
- Production and filming of 2 short videos featuring real-life stories of divorced women who have suffered from the economic, social, legal and psychological situation in divorce and post-divorce proceedings.
- Psychological support and counselling were provided to 31 women.
- Legal support and advice were provided to 36 women.



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5. Project to promote reproductive and psychological health levels of women in the Northern Jordan Valley

- From: 22/4/2024 – 21/4/2025
- Location: Tubas and the Northern Valley
- Financing: Healing Across the Divides -HATD
- Budget: 28,200 USD
- Program: Protection and Empowerment

Goals:

- Raising awareness of reproductive and mental health
- Empowering the local women's community
- Improving the health services provided

Achievements during 2024:

- 12 awareness-raising workshops on reproductive health issues were held at 3 sites in each location, and 80 women participated in the workshops.
- Training was held for 26 representatives of community organizations (a course on integrating reproductive health concepts into the strategic plans of community organizations) in the governorate of Tubas and the northern Jordan Valley (Kurda, Bardala, Ayn al-Bayda, Al-Maleh, and Bedouin camps), during the training, participants reviewed how to integrate reproductive health into the strategic plans of institutions in the Tubas region and the northern Jordan Valley (Kurda, Bardala, Ain al-Bayda, Al-Maleh, and Bedouin camps). Strengthen cooperation with health facilities.
- The survey was conducted on the services of the Ain al-Bayda Emergency Center for reproductive Health among beneficiaries in the northern Jordan Valley and the Ain al-Bayda Emergency Center.
- Training was held for 37 representatives of community institutions on the training of reproductive health trainers, in Tubas Governorate and the Northern Jordan Valley. The training program extended over 20 training hours, distributed over four training days, with 5 training hours per day.
- Two dialog sessions, attended and attended by 32 people, were held with members of the village councils and representatives of the Directorate of Health of Tubas Governorate, to discuss and present the results of the survey on the services of the Ain al-Bayda Emergency Center for reproductive Health.



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6. The Accountability Project: A Path to Trust and mutual Cooperation

- Duration: 01/10/2024-30/9/2025
- Location: West Bank - Nablus (Naqoura, Beit Zun)
- Financing: National Institute for Democracy -National Democratic Institute for International Affairs -NDI
- Budget 99,689: USD.
- Program: Protection and Empowerment

Goals:

- Strengthening the accountability capacities of civil society organizations and youth.
- Apply accountability tools to address local issues.
- Raise community awareness of transparency and accountability.

Achievements during 2024 :

- The project team conducted a contextual assessment of the target sites to identify geographical targets in Naqoura and Baytazun, and to extract the reality of the target towns in issues of accountability and transparency.
- Training was held for members of community organizations and elected members of local councils for 4 days, 6 hours per day, with the participation of 30 trainees.
- Hold the training and capacity of youth groups for accountability, for 4 days, 6 hours per day, with 30 members in total, 15 members of each youth group in each location.
- 2 one preparatory meeting was held at each site (Naqoura, Beit Wazan) to prepare the town, local councils and institutions on the importance of the project.
- The formation of groups of issue committees in each location in the presence and participation of the heads of village councils, associations, and local institutions .



Conclusion

In conclusion, this report reflects the ongoing efforts of the Palestinian Center for Democracy and conflict resolution in supporting and empowering Palestinian society, especially women and youth. We affirm our continued commitment to developing institutional work and strengthening partnerships to ensure the achievement of the desired goals and overcome the challenges facing our work.

Recommendations and future directions

1. Designing the Center's projects to serve the priorities of community needs during and after the war,
2. Expand partnerships with local and international institutions to promote financial and technical sustainability.
3. Continue to support women and vulnerable groups in marginalized areas.
4. Develop impact assessment tools to enhance project quality.
5. Promote the role of youth in accountability and community engagement through innovative interactive platforms.

A word of thanks

The Center extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone who contributed to the achievements of the year 2024, despite the catastrophic and dangerous conditions resulting from the genocide war waged by the Israeli occupation against the Palestinian people.

We especially thank the Center's team, the local communities, and both local and international partners, reaffirming our unwavering commitment to working for justice, democracy, and human dignity.