

Non State Actors and Local Authorities in Development

Solidarity with citizens

The EU has a long standing relationship with non-governmental and other civil society organisations, as well as local and decentralised authorities, in the area of development, and has been supporting them all over the world through specific programmes since 1976.

The world-wide programme "Non State Actors and Local Authorities in Development", established for the period 2007-2013 with an envelope of 1.6 billion euro, aims at supporting small-scale initiatives in partner countries in the area of development. This programme recognises the very important role non state actors and local authorities play in each country's development policies and strategies. It is an "actor-oriented" programme aimed at strengthening the capacity of civil society organisations and local authorities are a pre-condition for a more equitable, open and democratic society through support to their "own initiatives".

The main component of the programme is *Support to development actions, to be implemented by Non-State-Actors (NSA) or Local Authorities (LA), in close cooperation with the local communities and the most vulnerable population groups, aiming at promoting an inclusive and empowered society in partner countries.* This support is implemented through regular world-wide Calls for Proposals and, in specifically targeted areas like the occupied Palestinian territory, through local Calls for Proposals with a specific financial allocation.

In the occupied Palestinian territory, two local Calls for Proposals have been launched so far under the programme, one in 2008 with a budget of 2.4 million euro and one in 2009 with a budget of 4.8 million euro. Under these two calls, a total of 18 projects are currently implemented in East Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza Strip by European organisations with Palestinian partners or by Palestinian organisations. Information sessions, trainings and consultations are also organised on a regular basis.

The next Call for Proposals for Non State Actors in the occupied Palestinian territory is planned for the last quarter of 2010 with a budget of 2.4 million euro. The guidelines for applicants and all necessary documents will be made available on this website.

LIST OF AWARDED GRANTS

Call for Proposals 2009

Title	Contractor	Partner/s	Starting date/ End date	Total amount/EC contribution EUR	Summary
Minimizing illiteracy threat on children in Gaza Strip	Palestinian Center For Democracy And Conflict Resolution Ltd - Gaza (PA)	n/a	15/12/2009 15/12/2011	439,535 395,574	The project aims at protecting the future of children threatened to be illiterate in elementary schools due to class detachment through developing a cooperative, constructive and complementary environment of family, community and school: - Addressing the educational level improvement and psychosocial well being of children. - Enhancing the civil society participation in long term support for education as a main component of sustainable development. - Activating youth involvement in local and national developmental issues.
Steppingstone vocational training	Sharek Youth Forum Association (PA)	Institute for International Cooperation of the German Adult Education Association (Iiz DVV - DVV International) (DE)	16/12/2009 16/12/2012	428,867 385,017	The project aims at contributing to reduce poverty particularly among youth in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and increase their income opportunities through improving vocational education and training.
Access to essential services for people with Down's Syndrome and Autism in the Gaza Strip	Right to Live Society Association (PA)	n/a	01/01/2010 01/01/2012	297,210 263,910	The project will allow the beneficiary to reach out to marginalised and remote communities in the Gaza Strip and offer medical, social, educational and awareness raising services to individuals with Down's syndrome or autism, and their families.
Sports for Change: Empowering Youth with Disabilities for an Inclusive Civil Society	Mercy Corps Scotland LBG (UK)	Palestinian Paralympic Committee (PA)	01/12/2009 01/12/2011	533,060 399,795	The project will empower youth with disabilities to affect positive changes in their lives and communities through quality sport programmes, increased capacity of the Palestinian Paralympic Committee (PPC) and sport clubs, and community mobilisation and advocacy.

Children as social actors – Gaza	The Save the Children Fund LBG (UK)	Palestinian Youth Association for Leadership and Rights Activation (PYALARA) (PA)	01/01/2010 01/01/2012	546,204 398,729	The project aims at empowering Palestinian youth to engage with and influence those in a position to impact their present and future wellbeing.
Establishing a food plant	Al Najda Social Association (PA)	n/a	01/01/2010 01/07/2011	348,843 304,889	The project supports the establishment of a food plant in Beit Lahia, Gaza Strip, with the objective of creating job opportunities for women with poor social circumstances and supporting for the local economy through the absorption of agricultural and animal production.
Promoting children, youth, women education and psychosocial wellbeing in Nablus Old City	Associazione Culturale Cooperazione Internazionale Sud Sud (IT)	Human Supporters Association (PA)	15/01/2010 15/01/2013	464,199 348,150	The project aims at enhancing awareness among local authorities, NGOs community and community leaders on children's, youth's and women's rights and protection with a view to reducing poverty and creating a healthier environment for social integration and development.
Youth and woman empowerment in West Bank rural area through Community Centres	Cooperazione per lo Sviluppo dei Paesi Emergenti onlus (IT)	Palestinian Youth Union (PYU) (PA)	20/03/2010 20/03/2012	422,811 317,108	The project seeks to encourage the self promotion of women and youth and contribute to build a more equitable and democratic society through the strengthening of 6 community centres in 6 rural villages in West Bank.
Places and spaces socio-educative support for children and youths in East Jerusalem, Shuffat Camp, Qalandia Camp Aida Camp, Al Azza Camp	Educaid onlus (IT)	Palestinian National Theater (PA)	01/04/2010 01/02/2012	535,007 392,107	The project aims at increasing opportunities for a better future for the children and youth of East Jerusalem and of the West Bank refugee camps in the neighbourhood of Jerusalem, promoting participation in the social life of their community.
Strengthening cooperatives in Salfit and Qalqilya Governorates, West Bank	Agence d'Aide à la Coopération Technique et au Développement	Economic and Social Development Center (PA) Association	15/09/2010 15/09/2012	534,993 399,693	The project will strengthen the capacity of 15 cooperatives in impoverished rural areas of the West Bank with the objective to contribute to a more equitable, open and democratic society.

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Fostering community change in the occupied Palestinian territory	Oxfam GB LBG (UK)	Palestinian Vision (PA) Ansar Centre for Children (PA) Women's Study Centre (PA) Miftah (PA)	24/03/2010 24/09/2012	533,780 400,000	The project seeks to empower communities in the West Bank to actively participate in community development processes and to contribute to better access to services through enhanced local governance structures and processes.
Play and workd to avoid isolation - supporting weak population and civil society of Shufat palestinian Refugee Camp	Peace Games Associazione (IT)	Arab Studies Society/Youth Development Department (PA) Unione Italiana Sport per Tutti (IT)	01/02/2010 01/02/2013	432,457 308,943	The project aims at strengthening of civil society and reinforcing the autonomy of population living in the Palestinian refugee camp of Shu'fat through improving the socio-cultural context of the camp.

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Securing a future free of poverty: Palesinian youth advocacy for equity and employment	Mercy Corps Scotland LBG (UK)	Save Youth Future Society (PA) Palestinian Information & Technology Association (PA)	01/01/2009 01/01/2011	532,525 399,394	The project seeks to support sustainable poverty-reduction and youth empowerment in the occupied Palestinian territory by advancing employment and youth advocacy, increasing the capacity and cohesiveness of Palestinian youth networks to advocate for market-driven technical training and improved educational and apprenticeship opportunities.
Poverty reduction through enhancing capabilities of the women in the southern area of Gaza Strip	Bunian Association for Training, Evaluation and Community Studies (PA)	Al-Nassir Charity Association (PA) Al-Quds Association For Almawassi Development (PA) Hopefulness Candles Association (PA) The South Association For Women Health (PA) The Renaissance Association For Rural Development	01/01/2009 01/01/2011	236,816 174,066	The project's objective is to build the technical, financial and administrative capacity of 5 women community-based organisations working in the most marginalised areas of Rafah and Khan Younis, in order to improve the quality of services provided to their communities.

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Development of a comprehensive intervention services infrastructure and active advocacy network for the rights and needs of hearing impaired and deaf children and their families in the Gaza Strip	Christoffel-Blindenmission Deutschland EV (DE)	Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children (PA)	01/01/2009 01/01/2012	511,995 383,996	The project aims at developing a comprehensive intervention services infrastructure and active advocacy network for the rights and needs of hearing impaired and deaf children and their families in the Gaza strip.
Improving access to rehabilitation and ability development for out-of-reach persons with disabilities, elders and patients in Jericho District and NW/E Jerusalem District in the West Bank	Cruz Roja Española (Spanish Red Cross) (ES)	Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PA)	01/01/2009 01/01/2011	533,334 400,000	The project's objective is to improve the living conditions and develop the abilities of children and youth with developmental problems, persons with disabilities, elders and other patients from isolated areas of Jerusalem and Jericho.
GA-S-INK - Promotion of Gaza School Inclusion	Educaid onlus (IT)	Remedial Education Center (PA)	01/02/2011 01/02/2012	783,983 400,000	The project aims at building the capacity of the Remedial Education Center to promote the inclusion of children with special needs in primary schools in Gaza.

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