

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 as 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 Palestine, four local Calls for Proposals have been launched so far under the programme for the component "Non State Actors", one in 2008 with a budget of 2.4 million euro, one in 2009 with a budget of 4.8 million euro, one in 2010 with a budget of 2.4 million euro. The last Call for Proposals was launched on 7 February 2013 with the 2012-2013 pooled budget of 4.8 million euro. Under the four first calls, a total of 35 projects have been or 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.

LIST OF AWARDED GRANTS

Call for Proposals 2012

| Title | Contractor | Partner/s | Starting date/ End date | Total amount/EC contribution EUR | Objectives |
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| Towards Better Services in the Vulnerable Communities of the oPt through engaging Palestinian Non State Actors in Local Community | APPLIED RESEARCH INSTITUTE JERUSALEM | NA | FROM 01/01/2014 TO 31/12/2016 | TOTAL: 523,936.20 EUR EC: 471,542.58 EUR | To contribute to alleviating poverty and improving local services in the distressed localities of Jerusalem through stimulating the role of civil society organizations. Specific Objective: (1) Empowered civil society organizations in the targeted localities that are able to influence local development policies and strategies; (2) Improved solid waste and waste water services in the 6 targeted localities benefiting local residents; (3) Increased household income for the poorest people in the targeted localities through utilizing environmental sound technology. |
| Promotion of the local democracy and economic activity through the reinforcement of Palestinian Non State Actors | FUNDACION ACCION CONTRA EL HAMBRE | Roles For Social Change Association – ADWAR Land Research Center - LRC | FROM 01/02/2014 TO 31/07/2016 | TOTAL: 969,900.37 EUR EC: 727,425.28 EUR | Overall Objective: Strengthening of the Palestinian Civil Society through the reinforcement and the networking of existing Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in Hebron and Jerusalem governorates. Specific Objective: Development of the institutional and operational capacities of 8 CBOs aiming at providing services to vulnerable communities and at supporting local economic initiatives. |
| Empowering youth and young women through enhanced partnership between CSOs | PALESTINIAN YOUTH UNION ASSOCIATION | Cooperazione per lo Sviluppo dei Paesi Emergenti – COSPE | FROM 10/12/2013 TO 09/06/2016 | TOTAL: 567,577.11 EUR EC: 510,819.40 EUR | Overall objectives: 1) To contribute to build a more democratic society, enhancing partnership between CBOs, civil society and Local Authorities in the OPT; 2) To improve living |

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| and Local Authorities in the oPt | | | | | conditions of Palestinian youth and young women in 15 rural communities in Salfeet and East Jerusalem Governorate areas. Specific objective: To strengthen CBOs in rural areas of Salfeet and Jerusalem governorates, improving social services and decreasing youth and young women unemployment |
| Towards Better Services in the Vulnerable Communities of the oPt through engaging Palestinian Non State Actors in Local Community | WOMEN MEDIA & DEVELOPMENT | FUNDACION ALIANZA POR LOS DERECHOS, | FROM, 01/01/2014 TO 30/06/2016 | TOTAL: 586,716.24 EUR EC: 438,473.76 EUR | Overall Objective: To strengthen the role of the most vulnerable groups as actors for change in local development processes for a more equal, open and democratic society in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt). Specific Objective: To strengthen civil society capacities for socioeconomic empowerment of women from the most vulnerable areas in the oPt |
| Contributing to the protection and promotion of rights of PwDs and to their enhanced participation in increasingly inclusive and accessible communities in Hebron district | MOVIMIENTO POR LA PAZ, EL DESARME Y LA LIBERTAD | HEALTH WORK COMMITTEES | FROM 01/02/2014 TO 31/01/2016 | TOTAL: 476,150.00 EUR EC: 356,350.66 EUR | Overall Objective: To contribute to the emergence of a more plural, participatory, accessible and inclusive civil society in the occupied Palestinian Territories Specific Objective: To contribute to the protection and promotion of basic rights of PwDs as well as to their enhanced participation in building increasingly inclusive and accessible communities in Hebron |
| Promoting the Bedouin Centre "Children's Land" as a participatory lab for community development in Gaza Strip | ASSOCIAZIONE VENTO DI TERRA | CANAAN INSTITUTE FOR NEW PEDAGOGY | FROM 01/03/2014 TO 31/08/2016 | TOTAL: 478,301.68 EUR EC: 358,726.26 EUR | Overall Objective: To enhance the socio-economic situation of the Bedouin communities in Gaza Specific Objective: Strengthening the Children's Land Center in the Bedouin village of Um Al Naser as a focal point for community development. |
| Fostering multi-stakeholders mobilisation for the inclusion of persons with | HANDICAP INTERNATIONAL | NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION PALESTINIAN | FROM 01/04/2014 TO 31/03/2017 | TOTAL: 990,942.00 EUR EC: 743,206.50 EUR | Overall Objective: Persons with disabilities (PWDs) have equal access to local services and policy dialogue aiming at reducing poverty in marginalised areas of the oPt. Specific Objective: PWDs in marginalised areas of |

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| disabilities in their community in marginalized areas of oPt | | MEDICAL RELIEF SOCIETY | | | Nablus, Hebron, North Gaza, Gaza City and Deir el Balah governorates have greater access to mainstream socio-economic services and local multi-stakeholders development processes |
| Empowering socially excluded young women in the oPt to become economically active and advocate for their rights with local decision-makers | Y CARE INTERNACIONAL | YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION (YWCA) | FROM 01/02/2014 TO 31/01/2017 | TOTAL: 1,015,297.00 EUR EC: 750,000.00 EUR | Overall Objective: Increased capacity amongst rural disadvantaged young women to influence local decision making; A reduction in the levels of unemployment and social exclusion experienced by young women. Specific Objective: To enable 18 community based organisations in 6 villages in the Jordan Valley and Ramallah District to effectively support 1450 disadvantaged young women and 50 disadvantaged young men to improve their economic and social status and advance their ability to participate in economic decision making. |

Call for Proposals 2010

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| Bedouin communities in Jerusalem district: from isolation to better representativeness and socio-economic empowerment | OXFAM ITALIA ONLUS | THE EAST JERUSALEM YMCA - ASSOCIAZIONE VENTO DI TERRA ONG - PALESTINIAN LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT CENTER | 01/01/2012 - 31/12/2013 | 614,900.00 - 461,175.00 | Better representativeness and socio-economic empowerment of the Bedouins communities in Jerusalem district |
| Adult Education for Development | DVV international | Juhoud for Rural and Community Development | 01/01/2012 - 31/12/2015 | 463,039.00 - 347,280.00 | To improve and promote adult education, in particular vocational training in the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem |
| Improving the | THE CULTURE | Palestinian Red | 01/01/2012 - | 766,467.00 - | To improve the health status of women and |

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| reproductive health (RH) status of marginalized people in the Gaza Strip and empowering them to make better reproductive health and well-being choices | AND FREE THOUGHT ASSOCIATION | Crescent Society (RCS) | 12/31/2013 | 540,000.00 | adolescents in Al Bureij and Jabalia camps through greater outreach and enhanced range and quality of services and to instigate a positive change in attitudes amongst those communities. |
| Improving the socio-economic status of people with hearing impairment in the Gaza Strip within an inclusive development approach | CHRISTOFFEL-BLINDENMISSION DEUTSCHLAND EV | ATFALUNA SOCIETY FOR DEAF CHILDREN (ASDC) | 01/01/2012 - 12/31/2014 | 766,467.00 - 574,850.00 | To improve the economic, social, and civil rights status of persons with disabilities, in particular people with a hearing impairment in the Gaza Strip. |
| Empowering Young Women to Increase their Economic Opportunities and Participation in Decision Making in the 'Seam Zones' of the West Bank | Y-Care | The East Jerusalem YMCA | 01/02/2012 - 31/07/2017 | 654,777.00 - 491,083.00 | To empower young women to increase their economic opportunities & participation in decision making in the "Seam Zones" of the West Bank |
| Strengthening civil society as a means of poverty reduction for vulnerable older people in the OPT | HelpAge | El Wedad Society for Community Rehabilitation; Palestinian Association for Education and Environment Protection (PAEEP) | 01/01/2012 - 12/31/2013 | 699,661.00 - 524,380.00 | To reduce vulnerability among 1000 older people and 5000 of their family members in five communities in the Gaza Strip. |
| SANAD: Women | CARE Osterreich | Palestinian | 01/01/2013 - | 787,678.54 - | To improve the overall health of target communities |

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| participation in community health development | | Medical Relief Society | 12/31/2014 | 588,947.00 | and especially of women and children, through increased participation of women in the development process, awareness raising and knowledge transfer |
| Palestinians with Disabilities: Catalysing Change | TEACHER CREATIVITY CENTER ASSOCIATION | General Union of People with Disabilities (GUPWD) | 24/02/2012 - 2/23/2015 | 599,876.00 - 539,888.40 | To enhance community, private business & Palestinian National Authority support for implementation of Palestinian Disability Rights Law 99/4, related regulations, policies, development strategies, & employment quotas ; to enhance youth involvement in promotion of Palestinian Disability Rights Law 99/4 and to seed the first Palestinian solidarity movement supporting the rights of Palestinians with disabilities. |
| JORDAN VALLE YOUTH FOR CHANGE | Save the Children Denmark | Ma'an Development Center and Save the Children International | 15/05/2012 - 15/05/2015 | 799,424.00 - 599,568.00 | To increase access to employment opportunities for approximately 2.300 vulnerable Palestinian youth in the Jordan Valley between the age of 15 and 25 and to develop their personal and social potential and to enhance their participation to be active members of their communities. |
| CBO's and neighbourhood committees as social actors for development in the Gaza Middle District | ISLAMIC RELIEF WOLDWIDE | CIVITAS INSTITUTE | 1/7/2012 - 31/10/2014 | 366,026.00 - 274,519.00 | To strengthen the capacity of Palestinian non state actors including CBO's and Neighbourhood Committees and facilitate their participation in defining and implementing poverty alleviation strategies in the Gaza Middle District. |
| Learn by play | EL LID CHARITABLE SOCIETY | NA | 15/12/2012 - 14/12/2014 | 162,391.00- 129,913.00 | To improve the integration and the academic performance of marginalized children in Qalqilya and Tulkarim into Palestinian mainstream education system |
| Strengthening Disabled People's Organizations' role in multi-stakeholder dialogues for democratic changes in Egypt, Jordan and the occupied Palestinian territories | Handicap International | Information and Research Center - King Hussein Foundation; The Center for Continuing Education (CCE), Birzeit University | 01/04/2013- 3/31/2016 | 1,333,407.00 - 1,000,000.00 | To empower disabled people organisations (DPOs) sp that they play an active role in the current legislative and policy reforms in the Middle East, ensuring the inclusion of the rights of persons with disabilities in these processes. In the context of regional dynamics of the disability movement, the project aims empowering DPOs in oPt, Egypt and Jordan so that they are acknowledged by authorities and Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) as legitimate civil society actors in national policy processes. |

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| 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 Assocation (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 | Mercy Corps Scotland LBG (UK) | Palestinian Paralympic Committee | 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 |

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| Inclusive Civil Society | | (PA) | | | 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. |
| Strengthening civil society as a means for poverty reduction for vulnerable older people in the occupied Palestinian territory | Helpage International (UK) | National Agency for Family Care (PA) Medical Emergency Relief International Charitable Trust (MERLIN) (UK) | 01/01/2010 01/01/2012 | 569,161 395,282 | The project's objective is poverty reduction in the Gaza Strip through the strengthening of civil society and targeted, health, livelihoods and psychosocial interventions for older people and their families |
| 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 | Cooperazione per lo Sviluppo dei | 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 |

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| Community Centres | Paesi Emergenti onlus (IT) | | | | 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 (ACTED) (FR) | Economic and Social Development Center (PA) Association Planet Finance (FR) | 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. |
| 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 work 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. |

Call for Proposals 2008

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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-Blinden-mission 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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DE Germany
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