

2 East Jerusalem Young Activists

The project will increase the knowledge, skills, and tools of 240 Jerusalemite youth to improve the status of their communities through capacity building trainings to activate their role. The 240 youth will undergo a total of 100 training hours focusing on critical thinking, debates, research, advocacy, Palestinian national identity, active citizenship, social justice, and IHL and IHRL to produce the following:

- 2 Research Papers
- 2 Factsheets
- 2 Infographics
- 10 Community-Based Initiatives
- Two Youth-led Conferences will be organized to showcase the youth achievements. The conferences will shed light on success stories, challenges faced and lessons learnt.

3 Local and International Advocacy

During the project lifecycle, a Youth Think Tank will be established to participate in the international advocacy component of the project and produce policy and position papers that shed light on the human rights and international law violations in East Jerusalem. Policy recommendations will be developed and used to advocate and lobby Palestinian and International duty bearers to uphold the rights of Jerusalemites in East Jerusalem under International Humanitarian Law. The Think Tank will among other things visit the European Parliament in Brussels and the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

During the project, six exposure tours for international duty-bearers and the production of a documentary film will be used to raise international awareness about IHL and HR violations in East Jerusalem. The documentary film will be screened in several EU countries (Denmark, Belgium, Sweden, Norway, Germany, and the United Kingdom).

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Promoting Change and Youth Leadership in East Jerusalem

Without Continuous Movement.. Change Won't Arise



In recent years, youth movements throughout the Arab World exceeded all expectations in affecting social and political change and inspired Arab youth to take a greater role in leading their people. In light of the deteriorating political, social, and economic situation in East Jerusalem – primarily attributed to Israeli violations and longstanding occupation, besides the political gap as the role of the Palestinian Authority has drastically declined – youth role became evident in leading lobbying and advocacy efforts against Palestinian and international duty bearers to uphold their responsibility in protecting Jerusalemites, in addition to addressing community needs and concerns and defragmenting East Jerusalem communities to achieve social cohesion and ultimately self-determination. However, the continuous Israeli violations and oppression stand as a barrier to active citizenship of Palestinian youth in East Jerusalem in the form of highly limited community, civic, social and political participation. Yet, Palestinian youth in East Jerusalem are searching for alternative methods and mechanisms to bring about political and social change in their communities.

In Motion project implemented by Palestinian Vision Organization (PalVision) in partnership with the Danish Church Aid (DCA), and funded by the European Union (EU) expanding over a period of 36 months; aims to support change for youth living in East Jerusalem by promoting community leadership and advocating for the political, social and economic rights of Jerusalemites under International Humanitarian Law (IHL).



Specific Objectives



- To empower Jerusalemites youth and Community Based Organizations (CBOs)/other groups to play an active role in their communities and influence Palestinian decision and policy makers.
- To hold Palestinian and international duty bearers accountable to uphold the rights of Jerusalemites living in Jerusalem.

The project is a holistic intervention consisting of several components that include capacity building for youth, CBOs/ other groups, in addition to:

- Awareness- Raising
- Local and International Advocacy
- Community-Based Initiatives
- Networking

Target Groups

The project targets 20 East Jerusalem CBOs/ other groups, 20 West Bank CBOs, 240 East Jerusalem youth (age 20-30), Duty Bearers including solidarity groups/INGOs/Religious Leaders/ EU Institutions, and 5000 Community Members.

Targeted Areas:

- 20 communities in Jerusalem: Sur Baher, Old City, Beit Safafa, Wadi Al-Joz, Mount Of Olives, Sharafat, Sheikh Jarrah, Thory, Issawye, Silwan, Shufat, Jabal Al-Mukaber, Abu Deis, Bethany, Ras Al Amoud, Bab Alsaheera, Al-Ram, Shu'fat Refugee Camp, Al Z'ayyem, and Beit Hanina.
- 20 communities in West Bank Governorates: Jenin, Nablus, Ramallah, Bethlehem, and Hebron.
- Part of the international advocacy component will be implemented in Denmark and other EU countries in close coordination with other members of the ACT Alliance in which DCA is part.



The Project's Components



CBOs /other groups

The project will improve organizational and technical development of 20 CBO/other groups such as the ability to respond to the needs and defending the rights of their communities. The capacity building trainings will contribute to facilitate the identification of priority issues to be addressed, and to shed the light on the national relevance of East Jerusalem issues in broader Palestinian society through two advocacy campaigns. In addition, community-based initiatives will be implemented by CBOs/other groups with financial support offered by the project.

Subsequently, meetings between East Jerusalem and West Bank CBOs will bridge the gap and increase understanding of East Jerusalemites' daily life. As a result, increased networking will enable them to take joint actions to address key national issues. The project will assist in intensifying East Jerusalem CBOs/ other groups and their counterparts in the West Bank efforts in building partnerships and networks that support joint actions.

This target group will shed light on priority issues through conducting 5 Open Days with the participation of Palestinian Duty Bearers, and 20 Open Meetings with the local community.

