الرؤيا الفلسطينية
PALESTINIAN VISION

And at our ease… We lead the capricious horse of history.

Tawfiq Zayyad

Who we are ?

Palestinian Vision (PalVision) was established by a group of young Palestinians in 1998 to offer young Palestinians the opportunity to express themselves and bring about positive changes in their communities. The aim was to provide opportunities for young Palestinian leaders to become agents of positive, constructive change within their communities; to give them the space, tools, and training they need for their voices to be heard and taken into account.

At that time, the group was looking for a framework to work under with the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Youth and Sport. There was great support for the establishment of such an organization, as youth urgently needed a place to express their needs and aspirations. Subsequently, the group was registered in 2000 as a youth non-governmental organization, unaffiliated with any political party.

The work of the organization is based on a strong connection with

local communities and a deep understanding of the reality and needs of the youth within them. PalVision works in cooperation with local and international organizations to provide services to meet the needs and aspirations of this youth.

 PalVision is one of the few organizations of its kind that continues to be based in Jerusalem. It does so, despite the considerable the Israeli occupation challenges posed by such a decision, in order to best provide services for young people, in particular young people from Jerusalem. It also extends its services to youth across

Palestinian marginalized areas in the West Bank.
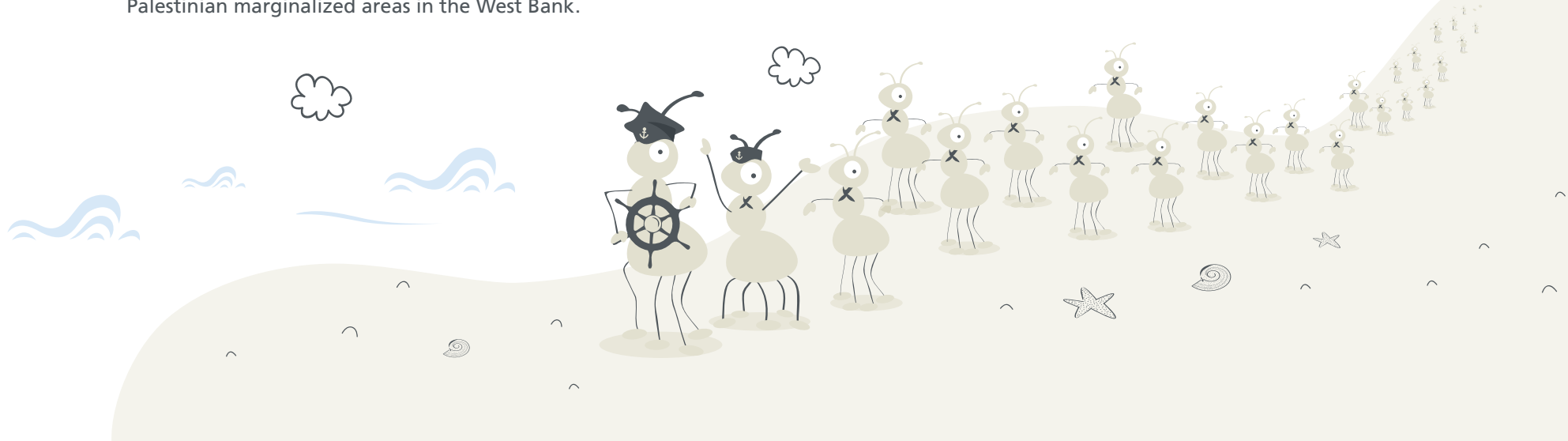
Our Vision

Palestinian Youth take collective action toward socioeconomic development.

Our Mission

Palestinian Vision (PalVision) aims to empower Palestinian youth with national awareness, leadership opportunities, and national networks to initiate youth-led sustainable development, social equity, and economic viability. It does so through volunteerism, social activism, entrepreneurship, and lobbying and advocacy on both local and national levels.

Our Goals

- To promote economic entrepreneurship and Corporate Social Responsibility.
- To achieve sustainable livelihoods in marginalised areas through local socioeconomic empowerment and development.
- To preserve the Identity, heritage and ways of living of Palestinian communities.

Membership & Networks

- CBO's youth network for citizenship and reform - Palestine
- Higher Council for Youth and Sports
- National Commission for NGO's
- Union of Charitable Societies
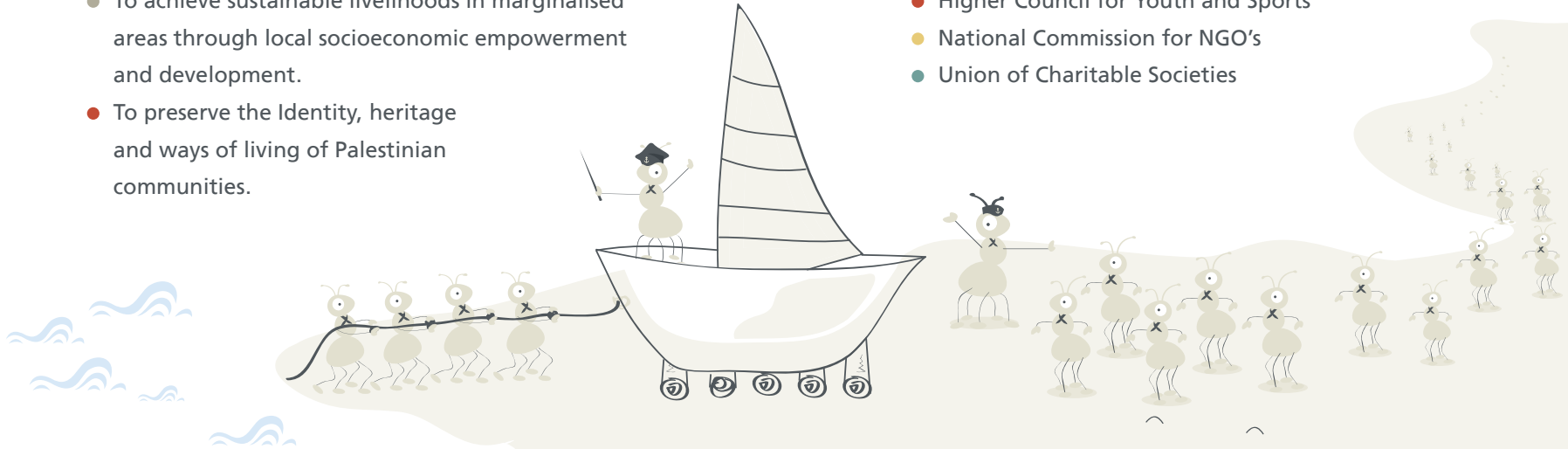
Our Values & Principles

In its continuous quest to achieve its vision and objectives, PalVision is committed to a set of preliminary values and principles in its institutional, structural, and managerial disciplines which are summarized as follows:

Participation and Partnership: PalVision believes in the importance of reinforcing the comprehensive participation of targeted beneficiaries and partner organization in involvement in policies and programs by immersing them in the planning, follow-up, implementation, and evaluation processes. Moreover, participation means the provision of knowledge, and information transparency for targeted beneficiaries as well as in delivering their concerns to those involved.

Heritage and National Struggle: PalVision believes in the need to strengthen the intellectual and socio-cultural heritage of youth in order to increase their connectedness to their national identity, promote their inclusion as future leaders in socioeconomic, cultural, and political development, and to recognize the importance of the Palestinian struggle and heritage.
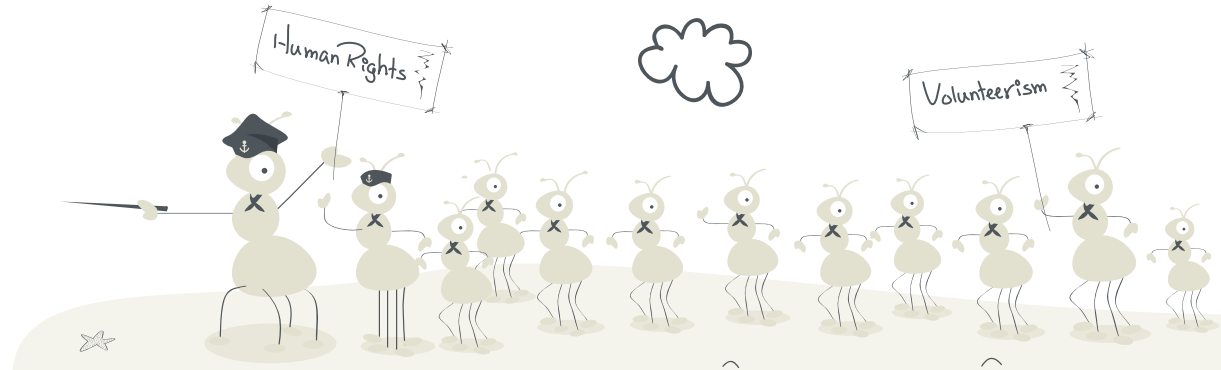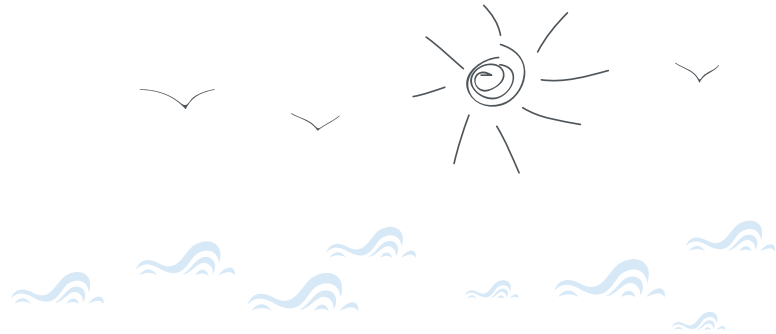
Volunteerism: PalVision believes that volunteerism is an integral part of civic engagement and community development. Therefore, volunteerism is integrated in all PalVision project design and at the community level through the recruitment of volunteers from all groups.

Human Rights: PalVision is aware of the importance of working within the Palestinian law framework, which eliminates discrimination against individuals, and particularly against women, in upholding international conventions and agreements that guarantee equality for all without compromise, trade-off, or fragmentation of all rights. Therefore, PalVision supports all local, national, and global human rights initiatives that promote human rights, ensuring freedom and human dignity.

Integrity: For PalVision, integrity means transparency and accountability. Therefore, PalVision aims to develop administrative and financial procedures that comply with highest transparency and integrity standards, and strengthen the role of the organisation in the dissemination of information about its work with target groups and stakeholders by producing and publishing annual reports.
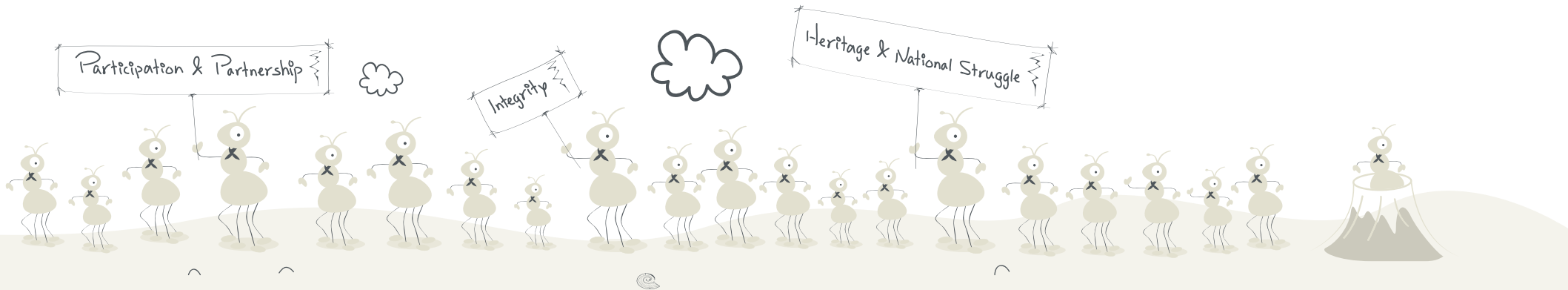
Why we are different?

Open: We are eager to coordinate and cooperate with other aid providers and with like-minded institutions.
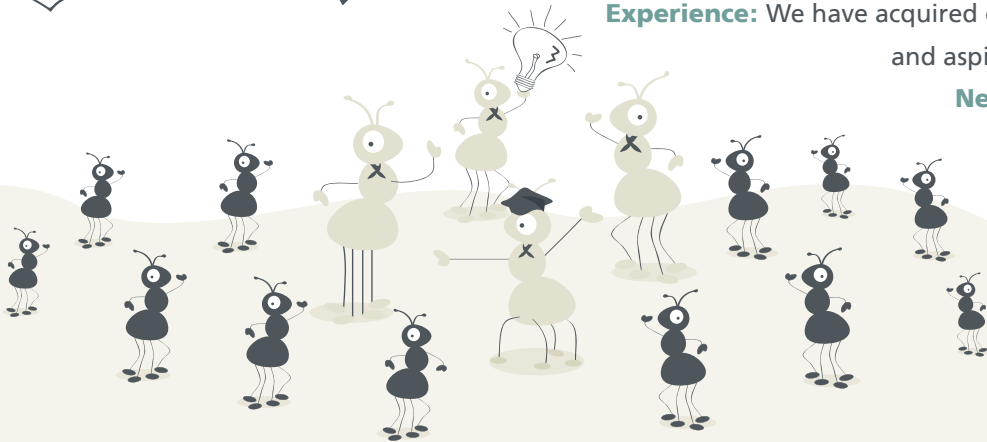
Location: We are one of the only organisations serving youth that still exist and operate in Jerusalem, despite the mounting challenges, harsh regulations and political circumstances.

Creativity: We are an incubator for new and innovative ideas.

Experience: We have acquired over seventeen years of experience serving youth and fulfilling their needs and aspirations.

Network: We have a broad network of friends and partners in the region as a direct result of our holistic and dialogue-based approach to working with CSOs on the ground.

Independent: The nature of our funding and decision making process allows the organisation to separate itself from any political debate and/or agenda. Thus, decisions are made based on the technical capacities of the organization and the needs of the communities.

Our Programs

ZIQAQ

KHADAMATI
خدماتي

الإنجاز الشبابي

Tajaawob
تجاوب

لدعم
الريادة
المدرسية
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قمــة القــدس الشبابيّة
Jerusalem Youth Summit

new
generation
جيل جديد

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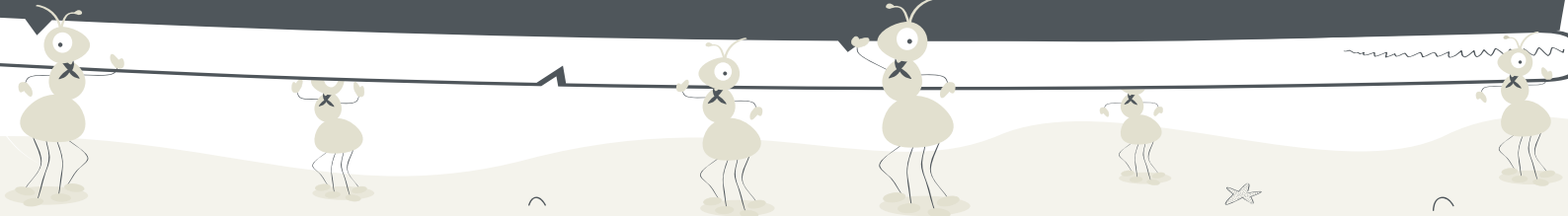
"Entrepreneurial Seed"

"Entrepreneurial Seed" programme aims to support young entrepreneurs and social activism of youth in its program areas within a framework of networking and cooperation with private sector representatives, using partnerships against a background of Corporate Social Responsibility. The program includes the following projects:

"Jerusalem Youth Summit"

An annual event held by PalVision in partnership with civil society organisations, seeks to provide a platform to bring together Jerusalemite youth, youth groups, decision makers, and Jerusalemites from all spectrums to discuss youth concerns, aspirations, and experiences. The Summit aims to improve Jerusalemite youth reality by identifying positive and feasible means and for the youth to invest their potential in strengthening the Jerusalemite national identity and the consolidation of Palestinian heritage.

"Tahfeez"

The "Tahfeez" project seeks to build the capacities of Jerusalemite students (15-16 years) to enable them to make sound professional decisions, particularly with regard to selecting specialisations that fit their skills, abilities, and preferences. The project aims to reduce school dropout rates, support students' progress through the educational system, and provide vocational counselling on the demands of the Jerusalem's labour market.
A careers aptitude test was undertaken to help the students to determine their goals and preferences. A school program included the provision of individual and group counselling services to develop career plans and the implementation of a shadowing programme: a professional working day.

"Nahj"

"Nahj" project seeks to promote the concept of entrepreneurship among elementary students, in an attempt to inspire new career path prospects including self-employment and start-ups enterprises as an alternative to wage-employees. The project provides an opportunity for students to start up their own business projects through a set of training sessions on building enterprises, planning, marketing, project management, creativity and innovation, and networking.

"New Generation"

"New Generation" is part of the Young Leaders Programme, a scheme that has grown to span 10 countries over the past two years. The programme seeks to promote civic, political, and economic participation among Palestinian youth, equipping them with the knowledge and skills that will lead them to achieve their national goals.

The first phase of the program focuses of refining the youth skills; build their knowledg e, and personal capabilities through capacity-building trainings. The second phase focused on developing knowledge regarding relevant political, social, and economic issues. The final phase focused on the development of initiatives, and equipping the youth with the skills necessary to implement the initiatives.

"Social Resources"

"Social Resources" programme aims to achieve sustainable livelihoods in marginalized areas by empowering the youth and civil society organisations to strengthen local socioeconomic development; the programme includes the following projects:

"Tajaawob"

Tajaawob programme aims to bridge the gap between Palestinian citizens and decision makers through the promotion of two-way accountability and responsibility, extending also to governmental bodies and non-governmental service providers. This takes place by building the capacities of citizens to enable them to practice their civic responsibilities, using appropriate methods and mechanisms to facilitate constructive dialogue with the authorities. The programme provides opportunities to support marginalized local communities in the Jordan Valley, Bethlehem Governorate, Gaza City, Qalqiliya Governorate, and Jerusalem.

"Young Achievement"

The Young Achievement Project is a national initiative that gives Palestinian youth the opportunity to express themselves, and develop their capabilities and skills. The project believes that the involvement of young people in society, and their engagement not only as beneficiaries, but also as participants and problem solvers, is a key element in the process of youth development.

The project primarily seeks to develop the skills of the youth, in order to enable them to play an active role in society, to implement initiatives that meet the needs of their communities, and to familiarize them with concepts of citizenship, democracy, and civil society. In addition, the project promotes group and voluntary work, enhances motivation to lead change on core issues impacting youth, and reflects the needs and aspirations of youth towards a democratic society.

The project's philosophy is that youth led community based initiatives based on identified community issues and concerns is the most effective method to fill the gaps and needs of the community.

"Identity Inscription"

The "Identity Inscription" programme aims to preserve the identity, Palestinian cultural, social, and political heritage in Palestine and the Diaspora, as well as, to promote national alternatives for Palestinians to exercise their social and economic rights. The programme includes the following projects:

"Shababna Qadha"

"Shbabna Qadha" project aims to promote and strengthen the youth Palestinian identity and their sense for cultural heritage, in addition to informing them of their vital role in society, and developing their skills and abilities by participation in extracurricular activities to practice good citizenship and active engagement to create a social and cultural movement in East Jerusalem. The trainings seek to expand the horizons of students and shift their approaches from traditional to creative thinking; this takes places within 5 thematic dimensions:

Science and Technology - Media and Film-Making - Drama and Theatre - Entrepreneurship - Creative Writing

Palestinian Youth: Together for Change "Mit7arkeen"

The project Palestinian Youth: Together for Change "Mit7arkeen" aims to promote the participation of Palestinian youth from all over historical Palestine in supporting social and political change, on a national level. The intention is forge social connections across the imposed geographical divisions encourage participants to work together to take responsibility and assume leadership roles across their communities. Thus, the project seeks to establish common positions regarding political and social issues of national concern. In so doing, it aims to bridge geographical and political divisions among the youth, as they work together to develop strategies for realising their right to self-determination and propose political and social alternatives.

"Qudscom"

www.qudscom.ps is an interactive multimedia online platform, administered by media and journalism students journalists Jerusalem using modern journalistic tools to monitor and cover the most important issues, encourage citizen's journalism with the highest degrees of accuracy. This platform includes audio, print, and visual material in Arabic about the political, social, economic, and cultural situation in Jerusalem; including conflict, new trends, traditions, unconventional perceptions, and controversial issues produced by the participants themselves.

The students participated in trainings focused on informal interviews, editing programmes, stories using pictures and sound effects, electronic journalism standards, the ethics of journalism, the selection of titles and press releases, and short journalistic videos.

Smartphone Applications:

Part of PalVision's strategy to keep up with the latest innovative and technological tools and mechanisms to respond to marginalized communities' needs, as a result, PalVision has developed several significant applications, as follows:

"Ziqaq"

Ziqaq application is an innovative tool created by Palestinian Vision that allows its users to enjoy an interactive experience of the Old City of Jerusalem including information, photos, and maps. Ziqaq is a simple tool for you to explore the Old City's neighbourhoods, landmarks, and rich history. Additionally, the platform raises the awareness of relevant stakeholders including youth about the daily lives of the Jerusalemite community.
Ziqaq platform aims to create a reliable source of information about the Old City of Jerusalem in both Arabic and English through an easy to use ICT application, which allows its users to take a walk in Jerusalem. (Application: Ziqaq, Website: www.ziqaq.ps)

"Khadamati"

Khadamati is an innovative social accountability mechanism focused on enhancing the delivery of water and electricity services in the targeted areas of Doha and Bethlehem. Residents in these areas are not aware of the times of water availability, electricity blackout problems, and lack of knowledge of how to report electricity blackouts.

Khadamati illustrates, through an interactive map, daily water distribution points enabling the residents of the areas to identify the days in which water will reach their homes. Additionally, a complaint mechanism that is connected to the Palestinian Water Authority Office in the Governorate of Bethlehem is accessible to Khadamati's users. The platform also publishes electricity power outage announcements. Moreover, Khadamati will be connected to the Jerusalem District Electricity Company's online system once it's ready. (Application: Khadamati; Website: www.khadamati.ps)

"Faz3a"

Faz3a is a social accountability mechanism that allows local communities to upload their main concerns and problems using a "petition" format with multimedia options then collect a predetermined number of signatures in order to launch an advocacy campaign targeting responsible decision-makers. Campaigns can be adopted by various interested CSOs, CBOs, grassroots, and activist groups. (Application: Faz3a; Website: www.faz3a.ps)
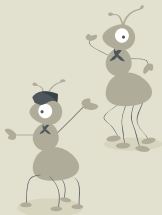
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