



Palestinian Vision Organization
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# We Remain to Renew

Nostalgic memories of our earliest days in the Palestinian Vision kept evoking in my mind while revising this annual report. Twenty-five years ago, in 1998, our offices were stacks of papers and modest briefcases, and we used Damascus gate and public parks as our meeting spots. Reaching what we have founded today was once just a dream. We began our work with a series of voluntary initiatives, through which we gained valuable knowledge in community work and establishing foundations. Over time, we furnished a simple office that reflected a unique vision of our modus operandi, which manifested in flourishing and progressing projects. This early experience taught us innovation in ideas and apparatus, exemplified by our creative resilience in standing defiantly against the complex and rapidly changing reality in Jerusalem and Palestine. It was this experience that served as an incubator for the birth of new cherished organizations. One of our daughter organizations, Station J, focuses on innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship in Jerusalem. Yasmina organization Y+ is a media content-providing platform that aims to deliver the vibrant voices of Palestinians to the world. Nationally, the «Bihmatikom» organization addresses individuals with disabilities and supports them in obtaining their rights.

We prioritize quality over quantity in our work, as producing impeccable output yields fruitful results. Otherwise, any figures we achieve would be ephemeral, like seeds scattered by the wind, if they were not planted in fertile soil. PalVision serves as a nurturing land for Palestinian pioneering youngsters to plant their innovative seeds and flourish into blossoming trees.

We understand the hardships and obstacles that organizations face due to limited funding. We are also aware of the impact of accelerating globalization on our youth and the attempts of social media to blend consciousness. Therefore, we recognize that our mission should be centered around innovative ideas, projects, and initiatives so that we can keep pace with the rapid train of modern times. At the same time, we uphold our Palestinian identity, traditions, and culture to revitalize, renew, and inspire the future.

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# **Tawasalo Project**

#### **Innovative Communication Paths**

Funded by the Palestinian Youth Program «Quakers» and in partnership with Baladna Association in Haifa, the project aims to bring together youth from all over historic Palestine to overcome political and social divisions. It also aims to stand against Israeli occupation apartheid policies that separate Palestinians and violate their right to freedom of movement. In an innovative approach, Palvision implemented 22 virtual tours and 5 field tours across Palestine.



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**Jobs** 

**192**Participants in training

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# **Jusoor Project**

### Innovating in sustainable employment

Jusoor, which means "bridges" in English, aims to create sustainable job opportunities for Palestinian youth by equipping them with training and skills that enhance their capabilities and align with the demands of the Palestinian labor market. These individuals are subsequently employed in various companies, offering them crucial initial steps in their careers. The project has successfully hired 66 graduates out of a total of 192. Finance for Jobs provides the funding for this initiative.



## **Agents of Change Project**

# Innovating in Being Jerusalemite... in Awareness Raising, Enhancing Connection with Jerusalem, Its Culture, and Cause

Funded by the European Union and in partnership with the DCA, Palvision strives to preserve Jerusalem's Palestinian identity through the implementation of unique cultural awareness activities. These activities aim to promote an understanding of the city's cultural, economic, and social heritage, strengthening the youth's connection to and knowledge of their cultural roots. Furthermore, these awareness-raising initiatives seek to shed light on the human rights violations resulting from Israeli occupation. As part of this project, several initiatives have been carried out, including the creation of four bike trails, the organization of 14 camping trips for youth and families in the displaced villages of Jerusalem, and the facilitation of 30 bike tours in the displaced villages of Lifta, Qalunya, and Khirbet Al-Sa'diya, as well as around the surrounding gates of the old city















### **Sanad Project**

#### **Innovating in Community Support**

The project's primary goal is to strengthen resilience and coping mechanisms among vulnerable youth and at-risk children in East Jerusalem, who face limited access to vital services. This objective was accomplished through the promotion of positive engagement and effective participation of youth and children in various initiatives, including recreational activities, awareness-raising campaigns, life skills training, psychosocial support, and quality education programs. These activities were designed to foster resilience and enhance the well-being of the targeted group. The project aimed to improve the lives of 200 children between the ages of 8 and 12 from underprivileged backgrounds, encompassing different segments of society. Additionally, the project provided assistance to 74 university students by offering partial scholarships in exchange for their work and providing training for at-risk children. This initiative aimed to bridge the gap between the practical skills of the youth and the requirements of the job market, while also enhancing the students, work experience.

With the guidance of an external consultant, training material was developed and tailored to suit the needs of the trainers, who were university students. The training material focused on equipping the trainers with essential skills such as active listening, effective questioning, communication with parents, dealing with challenges and difficulties, as well as the psycho-educational and social model. The project received funding from NDC.



### **Nahj Project**

# Women Innovating in Their Businesses in Hebron

Funded by the United Nations Women's Agency and in partnership with the Youth Development Resource Center - Children's Home, the Nahj project was successfully implemented to empower women residing in the Hebron governorate, specifically in areas C and H2 of the Old City. The project aimed to support these women in establishing and developing their own business projects and initiatives. Through the project, women were provided training to develop their business ideas and create comprehensive business plans. A total of 112 women participated in a 50-hour training, which resulted in the successful development of their businesses. Out of these participants, 30 women were also awarded financial grants to further support their projects.





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### **Eitad Project**

#### **Innovating in Active Citizenship**

This project was designed to contribute to the necessary conditions for young people to enhance their political, social, and economic participation in Palestine. It recognizes young people as key actors capable of improving democracy and the political situation in Palestine. The project includes comprehensive training for 80 young individuals in leadership, life skills, and civic engagement, equipping them with the necessary knowledge and abilities to actively participate in their community.

The project encourages experiential learning by enabling young people to apply these skills through various activities, including campaigning. They were also given the opportunity to engage with and have discussions with 50 decision-makers, and they took the lead in executing four advocacy campaigns within the community.

Upon the project's completion, a cabinet of youth ministers consisting of 10 young individuals was formed. They assumed ministerial portfolios and engaged in discussions with experts to shape their perspectives and refine their speeches. The cabinet of youth ministers also had a session in the presence of the Palestinian Prime Minister, where each participant shared their vision for running and improving the cabinet.

This project was funded by the Institute for Foreign Relations of the German Foreign Ministry and Zivik.



# **Tawtheef Project:**Supporting Palestinians Livelihood in the West Bank and Jerusalem

#### **Innovating in Steadfastness**

Tawtheef project, meaning "Employment", aims to enhance the resilience of Palestinians in Jerusalem and the West Bank by providing job opportunities to individuals who have been economically devastated or have lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The project successfully achieved its goal by employing 100 individuals across 43 organizations located in the West Bank, including Jerusalem. Funding for the project was provided by the World Bank, with oversight from the Palestinian Fund for Employment and the Palestinian Ministry of Finance.





## **Boqjeh Project**

### **Innovating in TVET Guidance**

Bogjeh (meaning «Bindle bag» in English) aims to provide vocational guidance to counselors and students in order to address prevalent social and economic issues in schools located in East and Northwest Jerusalem. The project includes the implementation of community initiatives, debates, and interactive games. Throughout the project's duration, six grassroots community-based organizations (CBOs) received capacity-building support in terms of administration and finance. Furthermore, the project empowered twenty-one counselors selected from twenty different schools in the suburbs of Jerusalem. It also provided academic and vocational orientation to 850 students. enabling them to utilize the Darb application for vocational guidance and counseling. In addition, empowerment and capacity-building training sessions were conducted for students in Kufr-Agab, focusing on topics such as debate, violence, and bullying.

Moreover, the project executed five initiatives led by five youth groups who received capacity-building training in youth community development. This project was implemented in partnership with the Palestinian Ministry of Education and funded by the German Corporation for International Cooperation (GIZ).











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# **Watad Project**

#### **Innovating in Youth Participation**

Funded by the German Cooperation GIZ, this project aims to foster active engagement among youth by providing them with theoretical knowledge of local governance laws. The project equips young individuals with essential tools such as accountability and participation, enabling them to effectively discuss their visions and perspectives. They are also encouraged to present their proposals to decision-makers through debate.

Upon the completion of the project, 30 community-based initiatives were successfully implemented in alignment with the strategic plans and needs of local bodies. At the governorate level, three debate tournaments were conducted, with a total of 534 participants taking part in the final tournament. The project also organized 15 virtual panel discussions, 15 live broadcasts, 5 educational videos, and 15 video spots, collectively reaching over 124,982 views.

The project's objective is to empower youth with the necessary knowledge and skills to actively participate in local governance, contribute to decision-making processes, and shape their communities in accordance with their aspirations.





# **Fanar Project**

### Innovating in Rural and Marginalized Communities' Tourism and Culture

Funded by the European Union and in partnership with the Rozana Association, the Jerusalem Tourist Gathering, and Youth Without Borders, this project has been successfully implemented. Its aim is to promote cultural tourism rights and ensure sustainable development while emphasizing gender equality and minority rights. Additionally, it seeks to enhance the rich and diverse cultural and touristic sites and resources in Palestine, with a specific focus on historically neglected rural and marginalized areas.

During the implementation process, 15 grassroots community-based organizations (CBOs) received 163 hours of training workshops on writing and implementing projects in their communities to protect cultural tourism rights. Based on the selection criteria, 12 projects were awarded grants to implement their ideas on the ground for a period of 6 months. These projects also involved conducting advocacy tours to monitor and document violations committed against cultural tourism rights in these antiquated areas.



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### **Irth Project**

#### **Innovating in Protecting Waqf**

Funded by the European Union and in partnership with ACT and PASSIA organizations, this project aims to reinforce the Palestinian narrative by empowering the resilience of Jerusalemites and safeguarding the cultural and religious heritage and properties of Palestinians in the holy city of Jerusalem. The project sheds light on pressing issues with significant repercussions that Palestinians face in Jerusalem.

To raise awareness and prompt action, the project publishes fact sheets detailing the threats and violations committed by Israeli occupation authorities against the social and cultural rights of Palestinians. These materials urge the local and international communities to take legal measures to deter violations and hold the perpetrators accountable for their aggressive actions, including the illegitimate colonization and settlement activities in the lands annexed in 1967.



radio spots



Under the «Irth» project, a range of research papers, position papers, and fact sheets were accomplished, including:

#### **Research papers**

- 1. The Islamic Waqf In Jerusalem And Its Significance In Strengthening Identity.
- 2. The Legal Framework Of Islamic And Christian Endowments In The Holy City Of Jerusalem.
- 3. Academic Research On Christian Cultural Heritage In Jerusalem.
- **4.** Feasibility Assessment Research: Islamic And Christian Cultural Heritage.
- 5. Mapping Jerusalem.

#### **Position papers**

- Protection Of Christian Waqf Properties In Occupied Jerusalem.
- 2. The Cable Car Project Settlement Activity And International Cooperation.
- 3. Protecting Cultural Heritage and Holy Sites In Occupied Jerusalem.

#### Fact sheets

- Constraints and obstacles hindering market development in the Old City of Jerusalem.
- The Christian quarter and the whereabouts of Palestinian Christians in the Old City of Jerusalem.
- 3. Demolition Of The Mughrabi Quarter.



#### "From Ancestors to Grandchildren" Campaign

A public awareness campaign aims to emphasize the significance of preserving Islamic Waqf and Christian endowments by utilizing investment mechanisms to prevent their confiscation by Israeli occupation authorities. The campaign seeks to strengthen the resilience of Jerusalemites and safeguard the cultural and social heritage in Jerusalem, considering the continuous illegal expansion of settlements justified by discriminatory policies and laws, including the recent issuance of the Land Settlement Act.

#### **Elements of the Digital Campaign:**

- Referral system: A website and mobile application named «Nasiha» is introduced to offer vital information on current laws and regulations, study and research papers, a hotline for legal advisory services, and the option to hire attorneys for individuals seeking to transfer their properties into Waqf.
- **Digital Posters**: A series of twelve digitized posters have been created for social media platforms to educate the public about Waqf, the referral system, and the promotion of advisory services.
- Posters on public buses in Jerusalem will also be displayed to raise awareness about these initiatives.
- **Street Museum**: Ten educational posters showcasing Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem will be displayed across the city streets.
- 3D Infographic Videos: Informative videos will be created using 3D graphics to explain the legal procedures required for registration, as well as provide statistics on Islamic Waqf and Christian endowment and their legal status in accordance with international law in occupied East Jerusalem.
- Radio Spots: Collaborating with Yaboos radio, Ajyal radio, and Bethlehem 2000 radio, radio spots were broadcasted over a two-month period to raise awareness about the preservation of Islamic and Christian holy sites in Jerusalem.









#### **YPlus Platform**

#### **Innovating in Storytelling**

Funded by the European Union and in partnership with DCA & NCA, this project aims to amplify the voices of Palestinian youth and share their stories with the world through digital content presented in short videos, reels, and photo essays. The platform seeks to challenge social and cultural stereotypes about Palestinians while preserving the identity and heritage of Palestine in Jerusalem. YPlus has successfully produced 140 visual productions and executed two advocacy campaigns that reached a total of 4 million user accounts on various social media platforms. Additionally, the project has provided training opportunities for 58 recent graduates in the fields of media and journalism, focusing on storytelling, content creation, and video production, thereby enabling them to produce high-quality films.



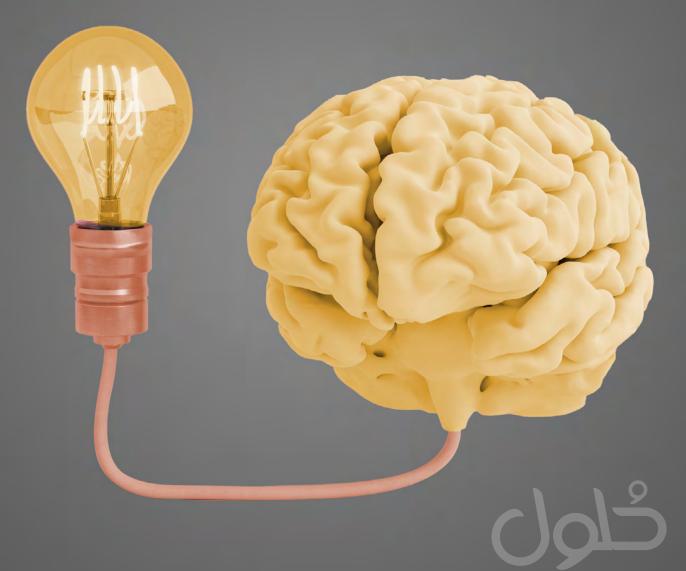
# **Huloul Project**

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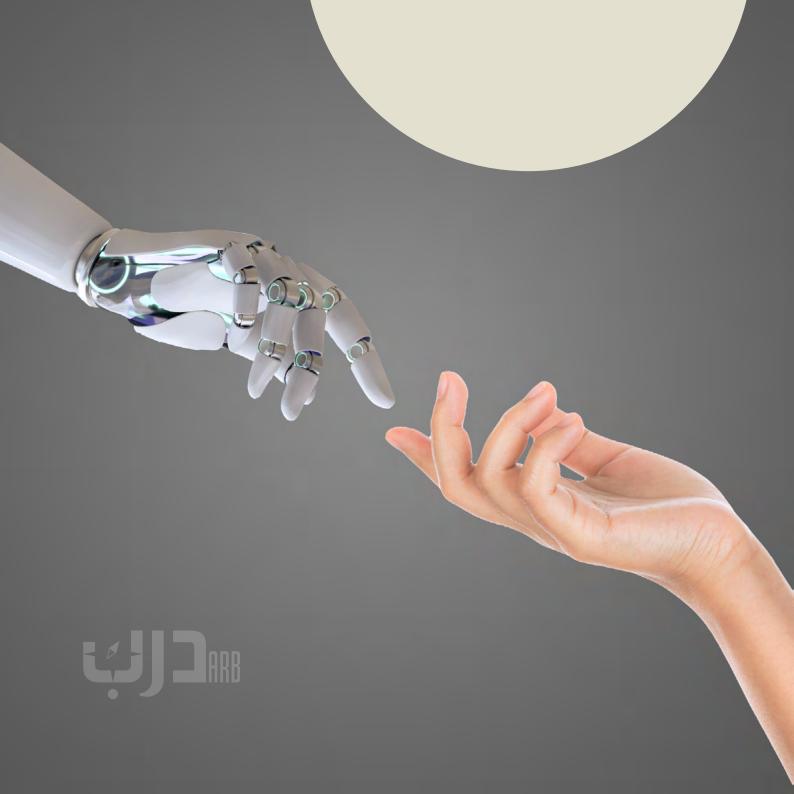
#### **Innovating in Design Thinking Locally**

Funded by the German Cooperation GIZ, this project aims to enhance citizen participation in local governance and foster a culture of innovation. 6 community committees have been established in 6 local bodies, and 90 individuals have received training in problem-solving and generating innovative solutions. Furthermore, 6 research papers have been published to assess the needs and desires of the public.

Experts and the committees have identified a specific problem and developed innovative solutions to address it. Each community committee has presented a comprehensive technical report outlining the implemented solutions, with a focus on issues related to transportation, tourist flow, trust-building between citizens and local bodies, and environmental challenges.



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#### **Darb Platform**

#### **Innovating in Guidance for the Future**

PalVision has successfully developed and implemented an online platform called "Darb," which aims to provide school students with professional and academic mentorship. The platform helps students gain a better understanding of their strengths, weaknesses, and interests, and provides them with valuable insights into various career paths available to them. Some of the services offered by the platform include:

- professional and academic guidance tests
- access to test results
- guidelines on different occupational paths
- information about industries and job roles
- a library of videos showcasing professional jobs.

The platform serves as a hub for students, parents, and expert counselors, facilitating communication and support in terms of career and professional advice tailored to each student's qualifications and aspirations. The platform consists of three sections, each dedicated to a specific group. The first section is designed for students, providing tests to help them make informed decisions about their vocational paths. The second section is for parents, allowing them to view their children's test results. The third section is for counselors, offering consultation services to students and parents when needed. It is important to note that the platform was developed by academic professionals with extensive experience in the field. The Ministry of Education has recognized the value of the Darb platform and signed a contract with PalVision to integrate it into the educational curriculum.



1072 registered students































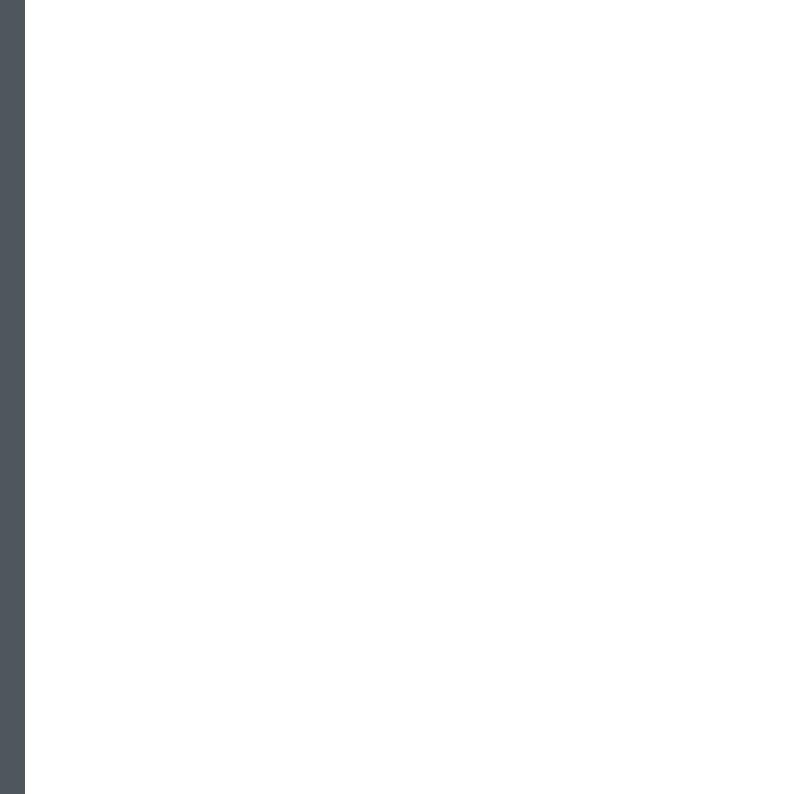


- 1. Baladna Association for Arab Youth.
- 2. Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs PASSIA
- 3. Palestinian Ministry of Labour
- 4. Act Conflict Resolution.
- 5. Al-Quds University
- 6. Palestine Technical University Kadoorie
- 7. Rozana Association for Rural Tourism
- 8. Youth Without Borders
- 9. Jerusalem Tourism Cluster
- 10. The Palestinian Child House Club Youth Development Resource Center
- 11. Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education
- 12. Palestinian Ministry of Local Governorate
- 13. Station J
- 14. Bhimitkom for Youth with Disabilities
- 15. ARTLAB
- 16. Star Mountain Rehabilitation Center
- 17. Samou Women Club
- 18. Rawan Association
- 19. Aboud Youth Association
- 20. Khtwa Association for Social Development
- 21. Dhaheriyah Women's Association
- 22. Barbara Women Association
- 23. Birzeit Women Charitable Society
- 24. Jerusalemite Youth Cultural Forum
- 25. Beit Surik Women Club

Partners 2022

Amidst division and fragmentation,
we resolved to revolutionize our mode of
communication. When confronted with despair and
apathy, we embarked on a journey of reimagining destinations
for hope through diligent labor. Confronting oblivion and the loss
of our heritage, we charted inventive paths that fostered a renewed
connection to our cultural identity. In the face of impoverishment and
marginalization, we forged our own pathways to empower and cultivate
sustainable livelihoods. Confronted with hesitation, we chose to pioneer
a form of engagement that amplifies our collective voices. When
confronted with silence, we unearthed a fresh formula to eloquently
narrate our stories.

In the face of all challenges, we innovated in our Palestinian Vision





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