



OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:



The situation in Palestine is shaped by long-standing Israeli occupation which has a range of negative humanitarian, developmental and security implications for Palestinians.



Palestinians live under a discriminatory legal and administrative regime, Israeli settlement expansions, forced displacements and demolition of homes and livelihood structures and in a violent environment by extremist Israeli settlers.



Unemployment rate is at 26% and poverty rate is at 36% in the West Bank, and 64% in Gaza. These rates are steadily increasing.



Civil society and the humanitarian community are exposed to frequent and severe attacks and restrictions hampering their ability to operate and promote human rights and international Humanitarian Law (IHL).

FACTS:

- **Year of entry:** 1950's (office established in 2008)
- **Turnover in 2021:** More than EUR 6,057,032 million
- **Employees:** 16 DCA/NCA staff
- **Partners:** 17 partners
- **Projects:** DCA had 32 active projects in Palestine in 2021
- **Beneficiaries in 2021:** 420,325 people in need

WHAT WE DO:

Through 17 Palestinian and Israeli civil society partners, DCA/NCA supports Palestinian communities in Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem to be economically and socially resilient and active participants in decision making processes affecting their lives. This includes advocacy to promote respect for human rights and International Humanitarian Law (IHL).

Fight Extreme Inequality: Local communities, especially youth and women, are empowered to claim their rights and achieve social and gender equality and together with local partners influence local and international duty bearers through documentation of IHL and international human rights law (IHRL) violations, and provision of protective presence to vulnerable communities.

Build Resilient Communities: With a focus on youth and women unemployment, vocational training centers certify youth and women in market relevant skills like climate-friendly urban agriculture, solar panel maintenance, web development and community-based tourism.

Save Lives: Providing effective support to the most vulnerable communities affected by conflict while seeking to bridge the gap between humanitarian support and longer-term sustainable resilience building by empowering and strengthening individual's and communities' capabilities to protect themselves in crisis situations and proactively address challenges and pursue goals that they define as important for their livelihoods and future.

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HOW AND WHERE WE WORK:

Fight Extreme Inequality

- Strengthening the links between communities and national and international advocacy, promote political action for equal rights and freedoms, secure equal access to services and to address IHL and IHRL violations. **(National and International)**
- Documenting IHL and IHRL violations and building relationships with decision makers both to create credible evidence-based advocacy and promote/encourage accountability with all relevant duty-bearers. **(National)**
- Promoting the rights of women and girls including economic rights and addressing the underlying causes/norms which underpin Gender Based Violence. **(West Bank and Gaza)**
- Empowering youth to defend their rights and advocate for change nationally and internationally while strengthening Palestinian voices in international public and policy conversations. **(East Jerusalem)**

Build Resilient Communities

- Supporting inclusive and representative self-organized community groups that plan and implement collective priority initiatives improving access to basic services. **(West Bank and Gaza)**
- Providing employability skills and livelihoods development opportunities that are relevant to the labour market **(West Bank and Gaza)**
- Strengthening links with the private sector and developing an enabling environment to increase access to markets, innovation and entrepreneurship. **(West Bank and East Jerusalem)**
- Supporting women, men, and youth to understand their rights and increase their awareness on how to claim their rights and access resources and services. **(West Bank)**

Save Lives

- Building local capacities and preparedness for effective, accountable, coordinated humanitarian response. **(Gaza)**
- Survivor and community led crisis response were communities plan and implement actions to reduce the negative impact of future hazards and mitigate the risks. The approach is designed to maximize the potential of local and community-led responses and to better address immediate needs. **(Gaza)**
- Provision of unconditional multipurpose cash and immediate relief in times of acute crisis and disaster. Focusing on vulnerable communities whose livelihoods and wellbeing are threatened. **(West Bank and Gaza)**
- Integrated Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)-GBV to improve access to safe and equitable WASH services and appropriate GBV response mechanisms. **(Gaza)**



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