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The Palestinian Association for Empowerment and Local Development—REFORM

Field of Activity

Gender Equality

Vision and mission

REFORM adopts a strategy of **sustainably empowering** marginalized groups, in particular **women and youth from hard-to-reach communities**, especially where protection threats are relatively high and access to services is limited.

To achieve this, REFORM works to establish safe acting platforms, encourage community-led development processes and shape a more inclusive governing system that is responsive to people's needs.

Their main goal is to contribute to the formation of a fairer society where everyone has the capacity to participate effectively, individual and collective rights are respected and pluralism is ensured in an independent Palestinian State.

ACTIVITIES

REFORM's programs and activities are **highly focused on enhancing the individual and collective abilities of women and youth** for a fairer society, where they can take leading roles in public life. Their activities follow a **needs-based approach**, strengthening local capacities to lead community development. Based on the needs of beneficiaries and building on their skills and talents, REFORM empowers their beneficiaries to continue being active beyond their interventions.



MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS

- Social mapping of refugee camps in West Bank and the establishment of community centers.
- Development of an early warning response system and providing training to monitor cases of potential conflict, record and notify authorities.
- Training on human rights and documenting violations for young women and men aged between 19-29-years-old.
- Establishment of cinema clubs/safe spaces for youth to promote social cohesion, training in literature writing and use of media.





Engagement

Policy Change

REFORM's activities supported by Naseej: an overview

Project title: Insijam

Locations

Jenin, Qalqilya, Jerusalem, Ramallah, Hebron and Bethlehem Governorates

Stream 1 (Services Delivery) Strengthening support and referral services and reporting systems for women and girls GBV survivors



Budget € 300.000

Naseej's workstreams

Stream 2 (Community Engagement) Transforming the social norms that perpetuate GBV with a special focus on youth engagement

Timeframe



March 2021 July 2022

Stream 3 (Policy Change)

Strengthening development and implementation of national GBV legislation





Broadcasting Open Wave Sessions on the Radio

9 radio wave discussions, targeting 20 young women and men to engage in dialogue with decision-makers, community leaders and researchers.

Producing Reform Models Video Campaigns

5 model videos with a feminist influencer, targeting the marginalized communities in order to transform stereotypes and deep cultural attitudes and behaviors.



Games and Activities for 90 Men and Women to Bridge the Gap between Different Groups

Peer-to-peer activities, reflection sessions and interviews with the participants, producing a short video for social media. (2) days training on writing policy papers. Implementation of a Freeze Mob with the participation of 35 youth.

Conduct Training of Facilitators in Social Transformation

6 training workshops, targeting 15 young men and women per training. A facilitator will prepare a proper agenda of **15 dialogue sessions** as well as support in recruiting various stakeholders.



5 Coordination Meetings with Local Decisions-makers

Discussions with the youth community to understand the ongoing work on combating sexual and genderbased violence (SGBV).



Research and Policy Paper

Evaluation of the National Strategy to combat violence against women and the creation of a policy paper. Conducting surveys, writing papers, preparing the policy paper, assessing femininity vs masculinity and diving deep into the study of stereotypes, targeting **2000 women and men** from all over the West Bank.



Final Conference

Sharing researches, policy papers and results through an open discussion between the panelists and audience, then preparing a written final statement to be widely disseminated.



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