



**WEEK OF COMPASSION SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
PROJECT REPORT**

For Global Ministries

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SECTION 1: Basic Information

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| Area Office | <i>Middle East and Europe</i> |
| Date of Proposal Submission | Spring 2019 |
| Project Title | Enhancing community resilience in area "C" through sustainable agriculture in Aqaba/Tubas area |
| Project Period | One year |
| Name of Local Partner | <i>Department of Service for Palestinian Refugees – International Christian Commission</i> |
| Location- City/State/Country | <i>Aqaba Village-Tubas District- Occupied Palestinian Territories</i> |
| Total Amount Received from WoC | \$10,000 |
| Person Completing Report | This report was written by the International Christian Commission – DSPR office in Jerusalem and prepared by Global Ministries. |

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SECTION 2: Project Summary

Project Goal

Referring back to your original proposal, what is the overall goal of the project? If your plans have changed from the original proposal, please describe.

This project goal remained the same throughout the year: to enhance sustainable agriculture in the region. In the past year, the priority of this grant was to provide a packaging machine for their processing and production factory so that their herbs can be marketed locally and in neighboring countries.

Primary Activities Implemented

The ICC-DSPR works in cooperation with the officially recognized Rural Women Society (RWS) which is comprised of 78 members. The RWS runs a kindergarten for 102 children, and supports six teachers, a bus driver, a school assistant, and a coordinator. The RWS initiated the herbal factory project, which is unique in its nature and the only one in the Occupied Palestinian Territories. The herbal factory is equipped with machinery, storage space to receive herbs, wash them, and dry all of the fresh herbs produced. Additionally, eight plastic tunnels or green houses for the planting and production of herbs are in use, which were supported in the year previous by a Week of Compassion Sustainable Development grant.

With the current operation, the community planted 98,000 seedlings for five types of herbs in the last year. With a production cycle of three months, the project can provide a yield of 12 tons of fresh herbs per year. Now, the factory can package herbal tea bags with a new machine, which can prepare and package 20 tea bags per box. The purchase of this new packaging machine was supported by the Week of Compassion Sustainable Development grant.

The ICC has been working with women at the small factory on marketing techniques and online commerce websites. Today, with these skills, the women have designed and are able to accept orders online, here: <https://aqabavillage.com/>

Challenges and Actions Steps Taken to Resolve

Summarize what organizational and environmental (political, social, infrastructural, etc.) challenges arose during this past year that hindered the project achievement of its goals. Also, include how the project/program addressed them.

The main challenge was to provide the funds necessary to purchase the packaging machine, considering the tight budget of the project and the current financial position. However, with the support of the Week of Compassion grant, local contributions, and securing a loan, this purchase was possible.

SECTION 3: Project Results

Client/Participant Success Story or Details of a Program Achievement

Please share a client success story or a program achievement from this project. The success story or the program achievement should be related to program activities implemented and should convey the need or impact of the project. If using a client/participant success story, please keep client confidentiality in mind. If available, include pictures as attachments to your report.

One of the greatest, recent success stories is the launching and creation of the new website and e-commerce website: <https://aqabavillage.com/>

Short and Long Term Results

Realistically link program activities to the difference they are making. Describe how the project's activities are making a difference in the short and long-term for both the client and the community.

On the short term the factory helps support farmers who are producing herbs. Additionally, income generated by the factory is supporting herbal factory employees and securing funds necessary to pay teachers at the kindergarten school run by the RWS in the region. This impact will have long-term lasting results for children and members of the community.

Best Practices:

Please Identify and Describe processes or practices that you implemented in this project that were successful, and that you recommend for use in similar situations.

The DSPR-ICC reports on the value of allowing individuals at the factory to have the space and freedom to express their creative ideas and to explore their talents. With everyone feeling engaged, the project has succeeded.

Quantitative Results

Provide “numeric indicators” of your work in serving people and implementing project activities.

| PEOPLE Served <i>Avoid Duplicate Counts between Categories</i> | # of People Served | Comments or Description |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Women age 18+ | 60 | |
| Men age 18+ | 70 | |
| Youth age 13-18 | 20 | |
| Children age 0-13 | 50 | |
| Families/Households | 35 | |
| Disabled | | |
| Other: <i>specify such as employed, unemployed, immigrants, etc.</i> | | |

| ACTIVITIES Implemented | # of Activities | # of Participants <i>If applicable</i> | Comments or Description |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Packaging machine for herbal tea bags</i> | 1 | 700 | <i>This number includes direct and indirect beneficiaries from the production and sale of Herbal tea.</i> |

SECTION 4: Financial Management

Required Attachment: How was funding used?

Provide a financial report of how gifts were put to use in support of your project. A template for this financial report is attached for your reference. Any report that does not follow this template will not be considered a completed report and not eligible for applying for WOC Sustainable Development grant.

The entire \$10,000.00 Sustainable Development grant provided in Spring 2019 was used to purchase a packaging machine. The total cost of the machine was \$24,000.00.

If expenses differ from the original proposal, please explain variances here:

Expenses did not differ from the original proposal.