



Sustainable Development Application Form			
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Project Name: Caring for the psychological well-being of Palestinian Refugee Children Local Partner: YWCA-Ramallah and the Jalazone Community Centre Location: Jalazone Refugee Camp, Ramallah-Palestine			
Person at DOM responsible for and accountable for this project: Peter Makari, Executive for Middle East and Europe			
Partner's History/Relationship with the Project:			
<p>The YWCA of Palestine, a partner of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through Global Ministries, is an ecumenical grassroots movement serving women of all faiths. It is affiliated with the World YWCA, which unites 25 million women and girls in over 100 countries. The YWCA derives its commitment of service from its Christian faith and the motto is <i>"With Love Serve One Another"</i>. The main aims are to promote women's full and equal participation at all levels of society through leadership opportunities and training; to work for social and economic justice through development and advocacy programs; and to mobilize women's collective power for action on issues of vital concern: women's rights, justice, equality, freedom, the dignity of human beings and integrity of their environment. Programs include vocational training programs; training courses in Computer skills, hairdressing and language; children and youth activities such as summer camps; social and cultural activities; income generating projects; and advocacy work in areas such as human rights. The YWCA headquarters are in Jerusalem. There are three local associations in Jerusalem, Jericho and Ramallah, and three centers in refugee camps: Aqabat Jabr, Jalazone and Kalandia.</p> <p>This project will be run and supervised by the YWCA of Ramallah, an entity under the umbrella of the YWCA of Palestine registered locally as a non-governmental association and affiliated with the World YWCA movement. The YWCA of Ramallah develops its program and interventions within the overall strategic framework which is grouped under the following areas: Economic Justice; Social Innovation/Youth Leadership and Civic Engagement; Children's cognitive learning; and Peace and Justice.</p> <p>For over 70 years, the YWCA of Ramallah has operated a Community Centre and a Kindergarten program at the Jalazone Refugee Camp to the north of Ramallah. The Community Centre and a Kindergarten program cater to the needs of over 80 children and their families within the Camp. This project will serve this community in providing awareness and counselling to improve the psychological well-being of children living at the Jalazone Refugee Camp.</p>			
Description of Project			
Name of Project (agricultural, health, water, micro-credit, education, community development, etc.):			
<p>This project seeks to provide care for the psychological well-being of Palestinian Refugee Children. Through group activities, a new play area, counselling sessions, and summer camp activities, the YWCA of Palestine seeks to walk with children who have experienced trauma in their daily lives.</p>			

Palestinians continue to suffer the injustice of the longest military occupation in the history of mankind. Gaza, the world's largest open-air prison, remains under siege and more Palestinians, especially women and youth, are arrested and killed by Israeli forces every day. Palestinians in refugee camps across the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, struggle to meet their everyday needs and live a life of marginalization and exclusion. On top of that, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the already dire humanitarian and socio-economic situation, making life unbearable.

The YWCA of Palestine is committed to building a better future for Palestinian women, youth, and children. They strive to create a democratic society that promotes justice and equal rights for all. Yet they are challenged every day to fulfill that commitment amid the ongoing Israeli occupation.

Target Population (children, women, farmers, urban poor, etc.):

The target audience will include children, ages 4-6 years old who are living at the Jalazone refugee camp, and their parents.

How many persons are/will be served? (please give as specific a figure as possible)?

It is estimated that at least 80 children will participate in the program along with active participation from their parents.

Key Objectives:

The primary objective is to improve the psychological well-being of children and parents in the Jalazone refugee camp through group awareness programs, summer activities, and access to counseling sessions.

Key Activities:

- Provide support and guidance for children who live under intense social pressure.
- Provide counseling sessions to children aiding them in identifying and coping with the emotions they experience.
- Develop children's intellectual ability through group activities.
- Help foster positive behavior changes in the children.
- Provide opportunities for teachers to learn new teaching methodologies and techniques on promoting and enhancing the psychological well-being children.
- Build and improve the children's outdoor play area by furnishing and equipping the space with educational toys and tools.
- Offer a summer camp where children can receive care and support during the months when school is not in session.

Duration of Project:

It is estimated the project will last for four months, starting during the last part of the school year and continuing through the summer.

Project Budget

Total Budget: The budget for all YWCA children's programs and kindergarten school is covered through the budget of the YWCA of Ramallah, however, the budget for this proposal to Week of Compassion totals \$12,500.

Amount Requested from Week of Compassion: \$12,500

Is this a one-time request or an on-going request? One time request

Is the project financially supported by ecumenical or outside partners? If so, what percentage does it cover for this project? Yes, the work of the YWCA of Palestine is supported financially by ecumenical partners, however this proposal seeks support from Week of Compassion for additional psychological support for children in addition to the daily services for children in the refugee camp.

Please list partners who are funding this project: N/A

Does this project/partner receive funding from UCC OGHS, if so how much? N/A

Please attached a detailed, itemized budget and cost breakdown for the requested funds.

An itemized budget for the requested funds is provided with this proposal.

Dates and project names of previous proposal submissions: N/A

How do you plan to monitor, evaluate, and report back to Week of Compassion? (Please note that future funding is contingent upon reporting. In addition to reporting, please provide stories of transformation and photos.)

The YWCA of Ramallah will keep a record of activities and plans to evaluate all of the outcomes of the project through a feedback tracking tool that can document participant experiences and suggestions through interviews and discussions. Following the evaluation, an adaptive planning process and realignment of strategies for future programs will take place. Additionally, the media team will ensure proper coverage of key activities and testimonials of participants.

A written narrative report, including testimonials and photos, and a financial report will be provided to Week of Compassion in Spring 2023.

If granted, is there a deadline by which to receive funding?

It would be ideal to receive funds prior to the conclusion of the school year.

Detailed Budget Breakdown

	Item	Unit	Rate	# of Units	Total (\$)
1	Counseling sessions for children				
1.1	Psychologists	Sessions	\$ 20	60	\$ 1,200
1.2	Refreshments during sessions	Participant	\$ 5	80	\$ 400
2	Capacity Building of kindergarten teachers				
2.1	Expert in teaching methodologies	days	\$ 270	3	\$ 810
3	Equipment for outdoor play area				\$ 2,500
4	Summer camps for children	Child	\$ 70	80	\$ 5,600
5	Part-time coordinator (30%)	Month	\$ 225	4	\$ 900
	Total Program Costs				\$ 11,410
6	Evaluation and Administration				\$ 1,130
	Total				\$ 12,540