



# Transparency Law Update

**NGO reports to Israeli  
Registrar of Non-Profits in 2012**

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NGO Monitor is a Jerusalem based research institution, providing information and analysis, promoting transparency, and supporting discussion on the reports and activities of NGOs (non-governmental organizations) claiming to advance human rights and humanitarian agendas.

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**NGO Transparency Law update:**  
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(as of January 27, 2013)

**All donors, names, grants amounts, and projects are taken directly from the official website of the Israeli Registrar of Non-Profits**

Transparency regarding government funding for NGOs transcends partisan ideology, and is essential for ensuring the values of democracy and accountability.

NGOs receive funding via two primary channels: direct funding from bodies controlled by foreign governments; and indirect funding, provided by governments to third-parties (foundations, and humanitarian, development, and religious NGOs), which channel the funds to local NGOs.

The "[Law on Disclosure Requirements For \[Groups\] Supported by a Foreign Governmental Body](#)" (NGO Transparency Law - February 2011) provides an appropriate framework to inform the Israeli public, in a timely fashion, about foreign government involvement in Israeli political issues.

As implemented by the Israeli Ministry of Justice, the law is an international model for transparency. According to the law, a "recipient of support that received a donation from a Foreign Governmental Body will submit to the Registrar, within a week of the end of the quarter in which the donation was received, a report in an [online form](#) which the Minister of Justice will formulate."

### **Data**

The Israeli Registrar of Non-Profits (*Rasham Amutot*) lists foreign government funding submissions from 30 NGOs in the total amount of 34,355,578 NIS annually (see appendix I).

The listed NGOs can be categorized according to the nature of their activities:

1. NGOs involved in polarizing activity and political advocacy in the context of the Arab-Israeli conflict.
2. NGOs dealing with different dimensions of the Arab-Israeli conflict, with the majority of activity aimed at cooperation and co-existence.
3. Other Non-Profits, dealing with various issues in Israeli society.

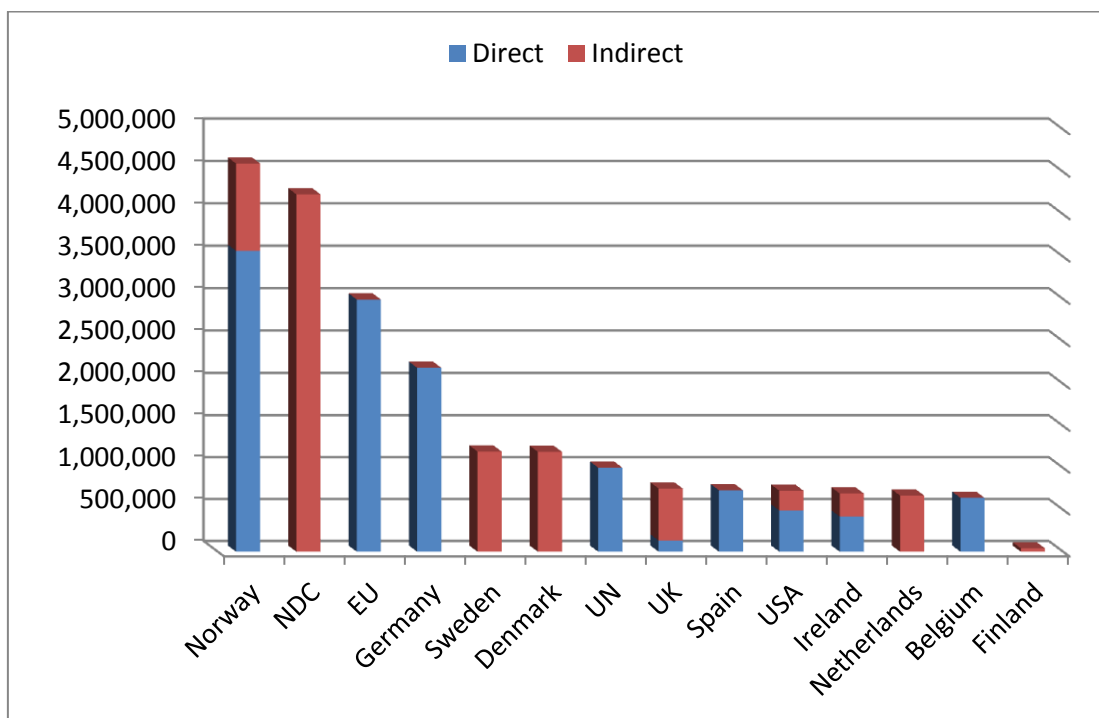
As of January 27, 2013, 13 political advocacy NGOs reported grants from foreign government bodies in 2012, totaling **21,671,115 NIS** for the year (62% of total amount):

- These groups are [B'Tselem](#), [Physicians for Human Rights-Israel](#) (PHR-I), [Public Committee Against Torture in Israel](#) (PCATI), [Yesh Din](#), [Bimkom](#), [Ir Amim](#), Keshev, [Association for Civil Rights in Israel](#) (ACRI), [Hamoked](#), Social TV, Geneva Initiative (H.L Education), Rabbis for Human Rights (RHR), and [Gisha](#).
- Many other political advocacy NGOs that [regularly receive funding from foreign governments](#) did not submit quarterly reports for 2012. It is unknown whether they did not receive foreign government funding during the reporting period, whether they have failed to act in accordance with the law, or whether they did not report due technical issues in the reporting system.
- The added transparency in 2012 reveals major funding by Norway (4,598,507 NIS) and via the NGO Development Center-NDC (4,234,770 NIS),<sup>1</sup> which comprise 21.2% and 19.5% of reported grants respectively. (see appendix II)
- Some of the donors (conduits for indirect government support), such as [Christian Aid](#), [Diakonia](#) and the [Norwegian Refugee Council](#), are also involved in highly biased delegitimization campaigns against Israel.

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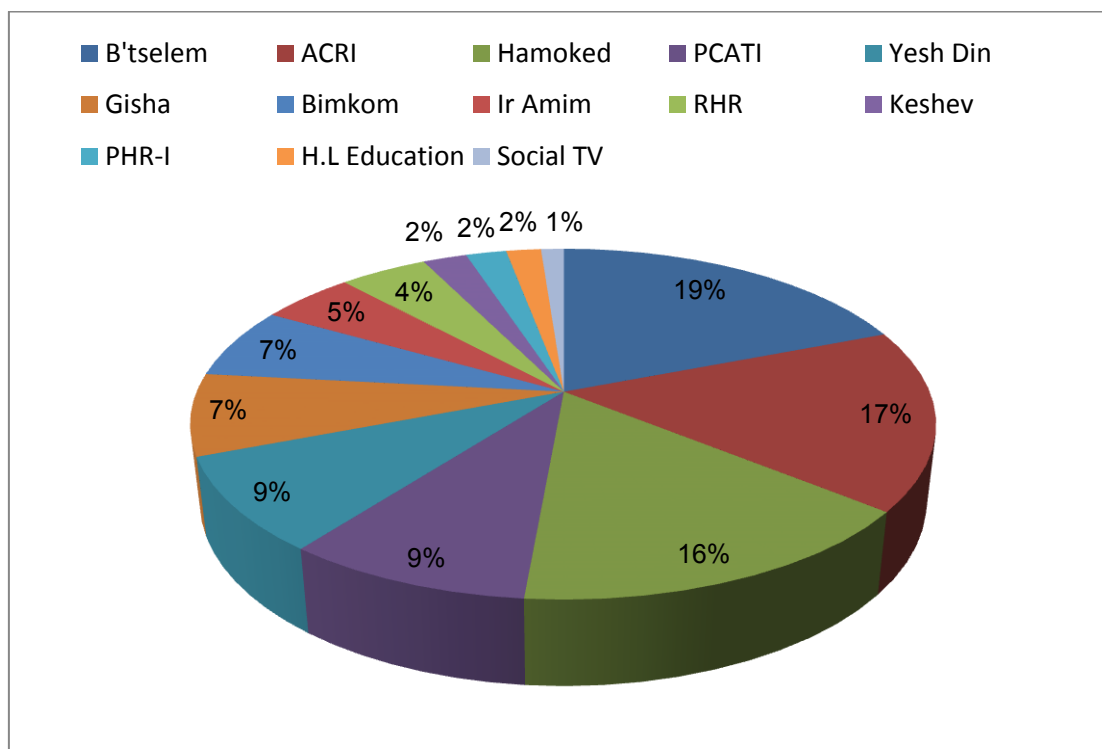
<sup>1</sup> In 2008, Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland established the [Human Rights and Good Governance Secretariat](#) (HR/GG Secretariat) run by the NGO Development Center (NDC) in Ramallah. This framework is a major source of NGO funding in Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

**Reported foreign funding to political advocacy NGOs, by donor**



Country	Direct	Indirect	Total (NIS)	Percentage
Norway	3,568,634	1,029,873	4,598,507	21.22%
NDC	0	4,234,770	4,234,770	19.54%
EU	2,993,908	0	2,993,908	13.82%
Germany	2,188,892	0	2,188,892	10.10%
Sweden	0	1,195,635	1,195,635	5.52%
Denmark	0	1,192,331	1,192,331	5.50%
UN	1,003,739	0	1,003,739	4.63%
UK	133,225	620,640	753,865	3.48%
Spain	733,135	0	733,135	3.38%
USA	492,452	236,051	728,503	3.36%
Ireland	419,893	274,956	694,849	3.21%
Netherlands	0	670,001	670,001	3.09%
Belgium	642,934	0	642,934	2.97%
Finland	0	40,046	40,046	0.18%
<b>Total</b>			<b>21,671,115</b>	

**Reported foreign funding for the year 2012 by NGO**



NGO	Total (NIS)
1. B'Tselem	4,144,203
2. The Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)	3,614,668
3. Hamoked	3,382,893
4. Public Committee against Torture – Israel (PCATI)	1,961,352
5. Yesh Din	1,884,385
6. Gisha	1,632,285
7. Bimkom	1,420,225
8. Ir Amim	1,055,806
9. Rabbis for Human Rights (RHR)	982,049
10. Keshev	492,452
11. Physicians for Human Rights – Israel (PHR-I)	454,259
12. H.L Education (Geneva Initiative)	390,662
13. Social TV	255,876

**Appendix 1 – List of All NGOs and Total Received**

<b>NGO</b>	<b>Annual Amount (NIS)</b>
B'Tselem	4,144,203
Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)	3,614,668
Hamoked	3,382,893
Rabbeinu Chaim Huri Yeshiva	2,480,000
Public Committee against Torture – Israel (PCATI)	1,961,352
Yesh Din	1,884,385
Gisha	1,632,285
Israel Festival	1,557,262
Bimkom	1,420,225
Ir Amim	1,055,806
Abraham Fund Initiative	1,012,951
Kav Laoved	992,294
Rabbis for Human Rights (RHR)	982,049
Assaf	927,107
Merchavim	724,838
Economic Cooperation Foundation	721,721
Peres Center for Peace	706,602
Mifgash	669,704
Macro Center	617,575
B'Zchut	570,001
Keshev	492,452
Physicians for Human Rights – Israel (PHR-I)	454,259
Sikkuy	452,319
MPHS	444,295
Moked Siua	420,068
H.L Education (Geneva Initiative)	390,662
Israeli Center to International Immigration	375,056
Keren Rashi	313,216
Social TV	255,876
Copro- Documentary Marketing Foundation	143,749
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,355,578</b>

## Appendix 2 – Detailed List of Grants and Projects to Political Israeli NGOs



### Norway

Donor	NGO	Grant (NIS)	Grant Purpose	Total
<b>Norway (Direct or via Embassy)</b>	Hamoked	962,773	Legal assistance for Palestinian human rights in the occupied territories	<b>3,568,634</b>
	ACRI	1,026,958	Promoting Human Rights for East Jerusalem residents	
	Ir Amim	513,478	Monitoring and Advocacy	
	Gisha	674,763	Promoting the organization's objectives	
	H.L Education	390,662	Educational Activities aimed to promote the chances to reach an Israeli-Palestinian agreement	
<b>Norwegian Refugee Council</b>	Yesh Din	90,840	Lands project	<b>1,029,873</b>
		192,280	Lands project	
	Hamoked	310,628	Palestinians freedom of movement in the West Bank	
		284,925	Palestinians freedom of movement in the West Bank	
		151,200	Legal assistance for Palestinian human rights in the occupied territories, focus on freedom of movement in the West Bank	



**NGO Development Center (NDC)**

Donor	NGO	Grant (NIS)	Grant Purpose	Total
<b>NDC (Denmark, Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland)</b>	Bimkom	321,847	Planning rights in Area C	<b>4,234,770</b>
		373,860	Promoting the planning rights of Palestinians villages in Area C	
	PCATI	43,727	Overall organization activity	
		420,760	Overall organization activity	
		526,852	Overall organization activity	
	Hamoked	419,524	Legal assistance for Palestinian human rights in the occupied territories, focus on freedom of movement in the West Bank	
		564,039	Human rights of Palestinian's hurt by the Israeli occupation	
	B'Tselem	95,153	General Support	
		483,597	General Support	
		358,165	General Support	
		74,706	General Support	
	Gisha	159,377	Promoting the organization's objectives	
	ACRI	151,816	Promoting Human Rights in the occupied territories	
		241,347	Promoting Human Rights in the occupied territories	





## European Union

Donor	NGO	Grant (NIS)	Grant Purpose	Total
European Union or The European Commission	Bimkom	351,340	Promoting master plans for Arab towns according to their needs	2,993,908
	Yesh Din	374,035	Security forces investigation project	
		113,000	Lands project	
		100,800	Security forces investigation project	
		325,865	Lands project	
	PCATI	339,520	Training experts in documenting tortures	
	B'Tselem	71,163	Human Rights defenders project	
	ACRI	210,020	Human Rights defenders project	
		308,260	Educating against racism	
		550,991	Promoting essential democracy project	
RHR	248,914	Legal work in south Hebron hills		



## Germany

Donor	NGO	Grant (NIS)	Grant Purpose	Total
EED	B'Tselem	742,718	General Support	2,188,892
	ACRI	203,893	Educational and legal activity for the rights of the Arab public in Israel	
		251,410	Educational and legal activity for the rights of the Arab public in Israel	
	PHR-I	296,459	Promoting the right to health for West Bank residents	
Misereor	Hamoked	444,412	Legal assistance for Palestinian human rights in the occupied territories	
Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations	Yesh Din	250,000	Lands project	



## Sweden

Donor	NGO	Grant (NIS)	Grant Purpose	Total
The Swedish Global Conflict Prevention pool	Ir Amim	542,328	General Support	1,195,635
Diakonia	B'Tselem	149,147	international Humanitarian law	
	ACRI	295,309	Educational activity about international Humanitarian law	
Kvinna till Kvinna	PCATI	60,071	Legal Activity	
		148,780	Legal Activity	



## Denmark

Donor	NGO	Grant (NIS)	Grant Purpose	Total
DanChurch Aid	B'Tselem	294,340	General Support	1,192,331
		891,859	General Support	
		6,132	General Support	



## United Nations

Donor	NGO	Grant (NIS)	Grant Purpose	Total
UN Habitat	Bimkom	373,178	Promoting master plans for Palestinian neighborhoods in East Jerusalem	1,003,739
United Nations	PCATI	269,396	Legal Activity	
UNHCR	PHR-I	157,800	Medicine for refugees and operating the open medical clinic for refugees and asylum seekers	
UNDP	Gisha	91,165	Promoting the right of freedom of movement in the Palestinian territories	
	PCATI	112,200	Legal Activity in order to prevent torture and abuse	



**United Kingdom**

Donor	NGO	Grant (NIS)	Grant Purpose	Total
UK (Direct)	Yesh Din	44,895	Lands project	133,225
	B'Tselem	88,330	Support the video project	
Christian Aid	B'Tselem	198,361	General Support	620,640
	ACRI	172,068	General Grant	
The British shalom salaam trust	Social TV	18,014	Support for the production of news articles	
Oxfam GB	Gisha	232,197	Promoting educational rights	



**Spain**

Donor	NGO	Grant (NIS)	Grant Purpose	Total
Spain (Direct)	RHR	733,135	Legal work in south Hebron hills	733,135



**USA**

Donor	NGO	Grant (NIS)	Grant Purpose	Total
USAID (Direct)	Keshev	26,733	Periodic Activity Grant	492,452
		26,374	Periodic Activity Grant	
		26,396	Periodic Activity Grant	
		26,724	Periodic Activity Grant	
		386,225	Educational Projects advancing analytical media analysis	
Catholic Relief Services (USA, UN)	B'Tselem	86,554	Video project	236,051
		133,750	Support for the video project	
The Foundation for Middle East Peace	Social TV	15,747	Support for the production of news articles	



## Ireland

Donor	NGO	Grant (NIS)	Grant Purpose	Total
Ireland (Direct)	Gisha	419,893	Promoting the organization's objective	419,893
Trócaire	Gisha	50,018	Promoting respect of international law among the Israeli authorities	
	B'tselem	224,938	General Support	274,956



## Netherlands

Donor	NGO	Grant (NIS)	Grant Purpose	Total
Cordaid	Social TV	222,115	Support for the production of Social TV's weekly news magazine	670,001
ICCO	B'Tselem	245,290	General Support	
Kierk in Actie	ACRI	202,596	Activity regarding rights in Jewish/Arab towns	



## Belgium

Donor	NGO	Grant (NIS)	Grant Purpose	Total
Belgium (Direct)	Yesh Din	149,670	Security forces investigation project	670,001
		243,000	Security forces investigation project	
	Hamoked	245,392	Legal assistance for Palestinian's human rights in the occupied territories, focus on East Jerusalem inhabitants	
Province de Hainaut	Gisha	4,872	Promoting the organization's objective	



## Finland

Donor	NGO	Grant (NIS)	Grant Purpose	Total
KIOS	PCATI	40,046	Legal Activity	40,046