

occupied Palestinian territory 2018 (part of 2018-2020 HRP)

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Project Title	World Council of Churches/Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI)
Project Code	OPT-18/P-HR-RL/116154
Sector/Cluster	Protection
Refugee project	No
Objectives	<p>This project will contribute to the strategic objective #1 of 2018-2020 Humanitarian Response Plan for oPt:</p> <p>1. The rights of Palestinians living under occupation, including those living under the blockade and other restrictions, are protected, respected and promoted in accordance with International Humanitarian Law (IHR) and International Human Rights Law (IHRL)</p> <p>This will be achieved through the following activities to be implemented by the Ecumenical Accompaniers (EAs):</p> <p>A. monitoring, documentation and reporting of violations of IHR/IHRL B. protective advocacy C. protective presence in response to Israeli Security Forces (ISF) and settler violence D. child protection response</p> <p>EAPPI also seeks to cross fertilize through networking with host churches as well as Israeli, Palestinian and international partners at local and international level. EAPPI mission is to witness life under occupation, engage with local Palestinians and Israelis pursuing a just peace, to change the international community's awareness and involvement in the conflict, urging them to act against injustice in the region.</p>
Beneficiaries	<p>Total: 240,000 Residents in 292 communities in the West Bank and East Jerusalem</p> <p>Female: 117,600</p> <p>Male: 122,400</p> <p>Children (under 18): 6,963</p>
Implementing Partners	World Council of Churches / Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI)
Project Duration	Jan 2018 - Dec 2018
Current Funds Requested	\$1,511,676
Location	Projects covering just West Bank
Priority / Category	NOT SPECIFIED
Gender Marker Code	2a - The project is designed to contribute significantly to gender equality
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Cash transfer programming	<p>Is any part of this project cash transfer programming (including vouchers)? No</p> <p>Conditionality:</p> <p>Restrictions:</p> <p>Estimated percentage of project requirements to be used for cash/vouchers: 0</p>

Needs

Palestinians in the West Bank and East Jerusalem continue to be subject to threats to their lives, physical safety and liberty from policies and practices related to the Israeli occupation, including settler violence. Settlements, illegal under international law give rise to a wide range of protection concerns including settler violence (attacks against persons and property); settler harassment (including against children going to school and farmers) and related negative impact on the psychological well-being of affected Palestinians; loss of access to land, natural resources and transport routes affecting livelihoods; and access to basic services; impunity for settler and settlement violations and contributing to the threat of forcible transfer in some localities. The needs of protection varies from one target group to another, as in most localities targeted by EAPPI, the communities ask for more protective presence for men and boys, especially boys' schools, due to the fact that violence might deter with the boys after the school release or when go to school in the morning. Moreover, EAPPI provides protective presence and accompaniment to the Palestinians at agricultural gates, and due to the deteriorated economic situation in the targeted localities, men go to work in settlements while women and children go to the lands, cross the gates and cultivate the products. In the period January-June 2017, EAPPI recorded a total of 202 incidents. These violations of International Human Rights and International Humanitarian Rights Law can be categorized in three types; 40% violations of rights leading to displacement (demolitions, confiscations), 37% violence (harassment, detentions,) and 23% restriction of access (to land and livelihood, education), This reiterates the importance of the protective presence to provide protection to the vulnerable Palestinians specially women and girls who are more vulnerable in these situations. Communities and individuals at greatest risk are in need of protective presence, legal aid, psychosocial support and on-going monitoring and documentation to feed targeted advocacy. An evaluation of EAPPI conducted by Mimmat consultancy in 2016 concluded that the programme continues to be relevant to address the protection needs and that the protection it provides has positive impact on the lives of individuals in the communities it is present. The needs that led to the creation of EAPPI have not lessen, but rather increased over the years. The occupation system has evolved and became stronger and more articulated. The prevalent types of violence suffered by Palestinian communities in areas that fall under Israeli jurisdiction as well as the permanent lack of accountability makes the EAPPI accompaniment component in the Palestinian communities highly relevant, especially those in Area C and/or surrounded by settlements.

Activities or outputs

Main activities:

Protective Presence: In East Jerusalem, cooperation with other humanitarian actors to provide intensified and targeted protective presence around Al Aqsa and the communities around the Old City, as well as Protective Presence seeking to prevent child arrests. For vulnerable groups, boys and men, deterring violence, particularly in areas close to settlements, check points and closed military zones. For women and girls, deterring violence, harassment and intimidation at checkpoints and agricultural gates or on their way to school. For farmers and other vulnerable civilians, enabling easier and more humane passage at checkpoints and agricultural gates, thus increasing access basic needs and services. For Human Rights defenders (men and women), providing protective presence and document the violations when nonviolent demonstrations take place. Deterring damages to property and livelihoods caused by attacks from settlers and soldiers, particularly in areas close to settlements and closed military zones. Monitoring, and offer protective awareness raising to targeted communities (girls, boys, women and men) at risk of forced displacement. Mitigating threats and violence from settlers and soldiers towards school children in proximity to schools and along routes to/from schools, to report and coordinate with the Educational cluster.

Raising awareness and actions to stop violations of IHR, IHRL and counteract impunity. Systematic referral of cases through facilitating contact between victimized persons and organizations working with legal aid, for follow up in relation to justice and accountability. This is done through collecting cases from the field to be shared by EAPPI field officers with the protection cluster's referral system. Systematic referral and facilitation of cases of family/gender based violence to relevant organizations.

Educating and sharing information with EA's sending communities and internationally towards an end of the illegal occupation. Empowerment of local women through establishing networks and building relationship with female EAs to start connecting and communicating at different levels. E.g. women started to contact female EAs directly if there is a threat to ask for their support and presence. Or when women and EAs connect through the social media to share stories and updates. Encouraging women initiatives economically and socially by buying their products and hiring female translators.

Promoting compliance with IHR and IHRL through reporting, networking and sharing information on issues related to IHR and IHRL in the 23 member states of EAPPI and EU Brussels.

Encouraging and demanding compliance with IHR and IHRL regarding evictions, demolitions, displacement and restrictions of movement through reporting, networking and information work in 23 member states of EAPPI and EU Brussels. EAPPI shares eyewitness testimonies with faith leaders, decision makers, media, civil society, and business officials, to change public policy for the common good. Increase international awareness to increase pressure on the perpetrators of human rights abuses and help protecting civilians from these abuses.

Providing active and sustained accompaniment in the long term low intensity conflict areas and the short term hot spots by protecting the vulnerable people specially women and children with specific needs, by doing no harm with respect to the culture norms and gender sensitivity which might differ from one place to another. Increasing resilience of affected communities and individuals, in particular Bedouin communities at risk of forced displacement.

Reporting on violations of IHR and IHRL, in particular on violence and harassment of civilians on damages to property and livelihoods and on evictions, demolitions, displacement, restrictions of movement, denied access to education, livelihoods and to holy sites, by dissemination information on these infractions relevant agencies and stakeholders.

Indicators and targets

The EAPPI is present in 7 placements in the West Bank and East Jerusalem and in 2018, 116 EAs will be recruited in which 66% females. In selecting these target groups, EAPPI continues to abide to a crucial principle of working with local Palestinians and Israelis that reject the use of violence and seek to bring change through the engagement of individuals and groups' peaceful strategies. All the targeted communities are involved throughout the project cycle, e.g. during the olive harvest or the plantation of trees. Communities continuously provide feedback or make decisions about certain actions to ensure the contextualization of needs. Inputs from the communities are taken into consideration by EAPPI management . E.g. is the feedback related to the need to recruit female translators and contacts in the targeted localities to improve access to females and to facilitate meetings and discussions with women and girls.

Targeted communities: Improved access and freedom of movement for girls, boys, women and men, at the monitored locations, mostly the large number of men trying to pass checkpoints and agricultural gates to access land or employment. Decreased number of violent acts and harassment towards the people accompanied; girls, boys, women and men, in particular in areas close to settlements and closed military zones, checkpoints and agricultural gates.

Improved access to land and reduced threat of displacement for farmers and herders .Continued work for deepening of the Access to Education initiative between EAPPI and UNICEF, with the aim of improving access to education. This will complement the protective presence that EAPPI provides in the communities but with focus on access to education for school children in vulnerable areas. EAPPI works with 30 schools involving 6963 students including 1893 females

Reduced fear and threat of displacement in the targeted communities. Increased number of female contacts in the communities, and increased number of meetings with women's NGOs active in the targeted areas. They are often provide briefings on how occupation affects women and men differently.

For the international community: Increased awareness of obligations under IHR and IHRL among direct duty bearers, constituencies, public and networks such as Israeli soldiers, officials, the 23 member states' governments, public and EU. With a special focus on how these violations affect men, women, boys and girls differently.

For EAPPI: Increased visitation to EAs' placements by EAPPI team, ongoing assessment of needs, relations with local contacts and communities. Continued active EAPPI participation in the Protection Cluster and the Settler Violence Core Group. Ongoing submission of incident reports to relevant actors. Continued active participation in relevant cluster and networks.

Improved EAPPI gender sensitivity by highlighting the women's experiences under occupation based on interviews. To better understand the challenges faced by women under occupation, and continue integrating their inputs in needs assessments, resilience building and share of non-violent solutions .EA training program will continue to include a basic gender training to ensure a minimum level of gender competences among EAs. Increased capacities of EAPPI local staff (9 staff in Jerusalem and 3 based in Geneva) on referral mechanism to ensure a systemized process of referring cases

Increased contacts with, and understanding of, the specific challenges faced by disabled persons in the targeted communities, and the contributions they offer to the work of EAPPI and to ending the occupation.

Strengthened security component of EAPPI through varied measures such as communicating the daily updates to the EAs and sending UNDSS alerts on daily basis, provide security tips/analysis to EAs

Annual EAPPI meeting conducted to discuss the progress and development of the program with the relevant stakeholders and in participation with the sending organizations.

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