

Project: PMRS - Strengthening Resilience in E.J

Based on the principles of Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), the resilience of communities in four targeted neighbourhoods will be strengthened particularly on emergency preparedness based upon coordinated emergency response plans (ERPs) mechanisms and protocols. With the absence of the Palestinian Authority (PA) and Palestinian Civil Defence (PCD) in East Jerusalem, coordination, participation and commitment will be key factors for emergency preparedness and response. Building upon the achievements of emergency preparedness work done during phase I of the consortium, namely the establishment of well trained school and community first aid teams, phase II will further strengthen the resilience, build the capacity and equip CBOs, consortium members, schools and community groups based on a comprehensive mapping and needs assessment of key actors in emergency planning and response; particularly health providers, schools and CBOs (women's, psychosocial, youth, etc.) operating in the targeted neighbourhoods.

Actor: Palestinian Medical Relief Society

PMRS is a grassroots, community-based Palestinian health organization. PMRS was founded in 1979 by a group of Palestinian doctors and health professionals seeking to supplement the decayed and inadequate health infrastructure caused by years of Israeli military occupation. It is non-profit, voluntary, and one of the largest health NGOs in Palestine. PMRS national health programs emphasize prevention, education, community participation, and the empowerment of people.

Since its inception, PMRS has grown from a small nucleus of volunteer health workers responding to the increasing healthcare needs in underserved areas, to a leading Palestinian health non-governmental organization (NGO). PMRS now extends its services to over 1.4 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, providing improved models of healthcare that are built on sound scientific bases and specifically adapted to the Palestinian context. In the years prior to the Intifada, PMRS made a significant contribution to the creation of a Palestinian national health infrastructure, replacing the fragmented health system inherited from years of Israeli occupation.

PMRS role in health service provision, alongside the Palestinian Ministry of Health (MOH), United Nations Relief and Work Agency (UNRWA) and other health NGOs, has steadily progressed. In light of this, PMRS has established strong links with the public health sector, leading to the creation of a subcontracting system between the MOH and PMRS and other NGOs, such that the MOH can make use of their health services.

In addition, PMRS has developed its strategy to build model health programs, such as the Women's Health Program, Child Health Program, School Health Program, and Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Program. Based on its considerable experience in service provision; awareness of the needs and characteristics of local communities; professional expertise; and field worker commitment, PMRS develops models and protocols that can be tested in the field, and disseminated to public and NGO sector institutions at both local and regional level.

At the same time PMRS is highly involved in policy making at national level, to influence the adoption of legislation that supports civil society and the creation of a modern democratic state. PMRS works on this with other Palestinian NGOs through the Palestinian NGO network (PNGO) and other joint forums that link between the public and NGO sectors.

PMRS in Gaza employs about 100 people spread between the headquarters in Gaza City, its four clinics, one non-communicable diseases (NCD) centre and two rehabilitation centers. The organization also runs two mobile clinics which provide emergency primary health care to communities in marginalized and/or isolated areas. It also conducts awareness activities on various health, hygiene and social issues affecting people's quality of life. PMRS relies on its network of around 150 volunteers to reach out to all levels of society all over the Strip. First aid teams have been activated to face the emergency and save lives. Moreover, PMRS has agreements with the Gaza Ministry of Health according to which the former refers patients in need of secondary health care to the latter hospitals.

Financial

Total Budget		426,255 EUR	
Past expenditure	Oxfam Novib public funds	2016-06-01	16,490 EUR
Past expenditure	European Union EU: ENPI (former TACIS)	2016-06-01	137,620 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam Novib public funds	2017-03-01	55,147 EUR
Past expenditure	European Union EU: ENPI (former TACIS)	2017-12-01	103,704 EUR
Past expenditure	European Union EU: ENPI (former TACIS)	2018-10-01	77,122 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam Novib public funds	2020-03-01	8,015 EUR
Past expenditure	European Union EU: ENPI (former TACIS)	2020-03-01	28,157 EUR






Achieved Outcome

17 CSOs is increased that initiate, deliver and lead quality humanitarian response, and influence

Related 6

ID	Projects
A-04171-02	WCLAC - Strengthening Resilience in E.J
A-04171-03	PMRS - Strengthening Resilience in E.J
A-04171-07	CO-ON - Strengthening Resilience in E.J
A-04171-08	HO-HQ - Strengthening Resilience in E.J
A-04171-09	PARC - Strengthening Resilience in E.
A-04171-10	PCC - Strengthening Resilience in E.J

Project Information

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1165 men living in poverty and injustice use their enhanced knowledge and skills to be better prepared and reduce disaster risks

936 women living in poverty and injustice use their enhanced knowledge and skills to be better prepared and reduce disaster risks

Realised Output

16 organisations supported with means (financial, knowledge, skills, networks, training etc.) to strengthen capacity in specific areas

1166 men directly supported by Oxfam Novib/partners to enhance their capabilities

937 women directly supported by Oxfam Novib/partners to enhance their capabilities