The Strategic Partnership (SP) "Towards a Worldwide Influencing Network" is a Lobby and Advocacy programme with the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The programme enables global and local influencing work on three thematic areas: 1) Right to Food; 2) Greater Responsibility in Finance for Development; 3) Conflict and Fragility. The ambition of the SP is to achieve policy changes by governments and the private sector to the benefit of groups facing poverty and injustice, and to strengthen civil society#s capacity to demand for such change. The SP is implemented over a period of 5 years by an Alliance consisting of Oxfam Novib and SOMO.

## Project: CO-OPTI MCDI study visit (FAIR-EIU)

OPTI - Miftah, local SP F4D partners and civil servants from the OPT and local counterparts from Tunis will enhance the knowledge in the field of fiscal justice, thus creating space for network and alliance building in the MENA region.
We will provide space for 20 civil society representatives and government officials from the OPT and Tunisia to learn from experience of SP F4D project in the OPT on improving fiscal transparency and inclusiveness and from the experience of Tunis how to advance tax justice work. In addition, the initiative will promote good practices of government-civil society cooperation towards joint advocacy to increase budget allocation towards essential services, thus tacking raising economic inequality in the region.
Economic inequality and lack of fiscal justice dialogue in Tunisia and the OPT

## Actor: MIFTAH

MIFTAH was founded in December 1998 under the leadership of Dr. Hanan Ashrawi with the support of prominent Palestinians from different fields serving on its boards of directors and trustees. The organizations main aim is to participate in setting the foundation for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state that affords its citizens a decent life and enjoys the respect of the international community. MIFTAHs various activities with a focus on women and youth seek to change the culture, policyand legislations, which inhibit the participation and influence of different marginalized groups. Key elements of MIFTAHs work aim to build a sound foundation of good governance by conducting extensive work in breaking down the barriers hindering the participation of the marginalized groups in the Palestinian society. Core programs focus on supporting womens participation in elections including successful lobbying to afford them some representation by law. In the past MIFTAH sponsored women candidates andsupported them through training for elections. MIFTAH also focuses on the youth and women through leadership training, and works with marginalized localities to build their planning capacities. In addition to work on good governance, MIFTAH works to disseminate the Palestinian narrative through an active web site and the hosting of numerous briefings to foreign diplomats and delegations, both officials and non-governmental visiting OPT.

## Financial

| Total Budget | | | 19,610 EUR |
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| Past expenditure | Netherlands Dutch SP D&D Lobby&Advocacy | 2017-10-01 | 19,610 EUR |

## Achieved Outcome

0 CSOs increasingly participate in or initiate influencing and advocacy efforts against extreme inequality and poverty -DD5

## Realised Output

0 organisations supported with means (financial, knowledge, skills, networks, training etc.) to strengthen capacity in specific areas -DD6

## Related 11

| ID | Projects |
|---|---|
| A-04848-02 | **HO-EIU South South Capacity Building** |
| A-04848-03 | **HO-EIU Fair Tax Monitor** |
| A-04848-05 | **Fair Tax Monitor TJN-A** |
| A-04848-06 | **Pan African Program EIU** |
| A-04848-07 | **Fair Tax Monitor Bangladesh** |
| A-04848-08 | **Fair Tax Monitor Vietnam** |
| A-04848-09 | **CO-Laos MCDI inno fund (FAIR-EIU)** |
| A-04848-10 | **CO-OPTI MCDI study visit (FAIR-EIU)** |
| A-04848-12 | **CO-Uganda FTM F2F/MCDI PS EM (FAIR-EIU)** |
| A-04848-13 | **CO-Vietnam MCDI cap dev (FAIR-EIU)** |
| A-04848-16 | **Strengthening Regional EiU Coordination** |

## Project Information

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| AIM |  |
| Country | Palestinian Territories |
| Start date | 2017-09-01 |
| End date | 2018-12-10 |
| Status | Closed |
| Grant | 1000988 |

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