

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: MIFTAH - Finance for Development

MIFTAH contribution to the project will consist of building thematic alliances, strengthening their thematic and influencing capacity, engaging in civic education, raising public awareness, advocating for better policy and regulations, and the organization will undertake research and campaigns. The partner have excellent track record in promoting gender and participatory budgeting with number of PNA's line Ministries and has previously worked promoting social accountability on the local level, and have been actively working on civil education. In this aspect partner NGO brings different, yet compatible set of expertise that will ensure meaningful citizens' engagement while ensuring lasting institutional changes in financing for development in OPT. During the course of the action the partner will particularly focus on promoting more fair and progressive tax system in OPT, contribute to creating a broader platform for change through public mobilization and advocacy initiatives to pressure on budget stakeholders to increase transparency and pro-poor allocations. Part of these efforts includes the development of a joint advocacy strategy that all three partners take an active part in formulating and updating on yearly basis. MIFTAH will take the lead in formalizing periodic dialogue on transparency of budget cycle and civil society policy proposals between tax authorities and relevant Ministries (Finance, Local Government, and Agriculture). MIFTAH will provide capacity building services for number of CBOs in gender sensitive budgeting and provide similar services to civil servants in relevant Ministries.

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. MIFTAH's various activities with a focus on women and youth seek to change the culture, policy and legislations, which inhibit the participation and influence of different marginalized groups. Key elements of MIFTAH's 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 women's participation in elections including successful lobbying to afford them some representation by law. In the past MIFTAH sponsored women candidates and supported 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		296,451 EUR	
Past expenditure	Netherlands Dutch SP D&D Lobby&Advocacy	2016-08-01	92,700 EUR
Past expenditure	Netherlands Dutch SP D&D Lobby&Advocacy	2017-06-01	99,603 EUR
Past expenditure	Netherlands Dutch SP D&D Lobby&Advocacy	2017-09-01	10,300 EUR
Past expenditure	Netherlands Dutch SP D&D Lobby&Advocacy	2018-05-01	74,503 EUR
Past expenditure	Netherlands Dutch SP D&D Lobby&Advocacy	2018-07-01	11,067 EUR
Past expenditure	Netherlands Dutch SP D&D Lobby&Advocacy	2019-11-01	8,278 EUR






Achieved Outcome

- 0 men taking action campaigning, demanding and/or engaging for a transparent, accountable and inclusive financial sector that integrates ESG & Human Rights criteria and/or towards financial inclusion
- 0 women taking action campaigning, demanding and/or engaging for a transparent, accountable and inclusive financial sector that integrates ESG & Human Rights criteria and/or towards financial inclusion
- 0 cases in which Oxfam Novib/partners have strengthened and/or broadened alliances in order to advocate against tax evasion and avoidance by MNC's and in support of fairer fiscal and financial policies by governments -DD4

Related 4

ID	Projects
A-04854-02	CO-F4D Program Facilitation & Cap Bldg.
A-04854-03	ARIJ - Finance for Development
A-04854-04	MIFTAH - Finance for Development
A-04854-05	AMAN - Finance for Development

Project Information

AIM	    
Country	Palestinian Territories
Start date	2016-04-01
End date	2018-12-31
Status	to be closed
Grant	1000988

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- 0 cases of influentials endorsing gender sensitive policy asks of Oxfam/partners for tax transparency & ensuring that corporate taxes are paid where real economic activity takes place & private wealth cannot be hidden offshore.
- 2 CSOs increasingly participate in or initiate influencing and advocacy efforts to expose and influence financial and fiscal policies -DD5
- 0 cases where Oxfam/partners influencing has contributed to adopting and/or implementing policies on transparent and accountable fiscal and financial policies by (sub)national governments or global actors -DD2

Realised Output

- 0 media citations of Oxfam and partners research or products
- 0 public events/spaces organised by Oxfam Novib and partners in which citizens express their needs and aspirations to policy makers.
- 0 men participating in public events / spaces organized by Oxfam Novib and partners
- 0 women participating in public events / spaces organized by Oxfam Novib and partners
- 0 participants in stakeholder sessions organized by Oxfam Novib and partners
- 0 stakeholder sessions organized by Oxfam Novib and partners
- 2 cases in which Oxfam Novib and partners supported joint agendas of networks, alliances
- 0 campaigns in which Oxfam Novib and partners participated
- 6 alternative policies/approaches presented by Oxfam Novib and partners to duty bearers in and influencers of governments, global governmental actors and the private sector
- 2 organisations supported with means (financial, knowledge, skills, networks, training etc.) to strengthen capacity in specific areas -DD6
- 8 pieces of evidence (documents, studies, videos, testimonies etc.) produced by Oxfam Novib and partners to support monitoring of practices and implementation of policies by governments and global actors
- 4 pieces of evidence (documents, studies, videos, testimonies etc.) produced by Oxfam Novib and partners in support of development/adoption of alternative policies/approaches