

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: WCLAC - Conflict & Fragility

WCLAC # Womens Center for Legal Aid and Counseling will contribute to two targeted outcomes of the project: a) the Palestinian Authority collaborates with CSO to develop effective policies and mechanisms for the inclusion and protection of women; and b) International community holds the PA and Israel accountable and advocates for meaningful inclusion, and protection, of women in gender sensitive peace and security processes. Under the first outcome area WCLAC will work on two separate but interrelated issues: conduct review of existing laws and policies and modify them in accordance with CEDAW and contribute to preparing CEDAW shadow report to the PA and submit it to CEDAW Special Committee. In conjunction, the partner will address issue of gender based-violence by reviewing and proposing modification to the existing National Referral System (TAKAMOL) for the survivors of GVB. The proposal will be founded on evidence collected from the experience of forming one pilot local women's protection committee (men and women of influence). The committee will be equipped with knowledge and skills to define and monitor different forms of violence in their communities; especially GBV and contribute to providing support through communication with service providers and refer cases to them. WCLAC's contribution to the second targeted outcome will consist in utilizing UN mechanisms to hold Israel accountable to its violations of IHL. Through the production of documentation of human rights violations on Palestinian women WCLAC will define topics of the cases it documents to create complaints that are submitted to UN Special Rapporteurs. These reports will be also disseminated to a wide range of diplomats, journalists and non-state actors in EU members and non-member states to reinforce support and rally widespread condemnation of the international community to Israel's violations to IHL. Documentation from women will be turned into women's voices, which will be disseminated through WCLAC's Website. WCLAC will facilitate stronger international support for Palestinian women among governments, Parliaments and Civil society by conducting meetings and presentations for different delegates (diplomats, journalists, church groups, politicians.etc) to learn more about the context and Israeli violations to IHL from the feminist perspective and its effect on women's lives.

Actor: WCLAC Womens Centre for Legal Aid a

The Womens Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling (WCLAC), founded in 1991, aims to address the causes and consequences of gender-based violence within the Palestinian community as well as the gender-specific effects of the increasing militarisation associated with the Israeli occupation. WCLAC combines research, training and lobby (national and international) with direct service provision to female victims of violence. The organisation co-operates with Palestinian grassroots organisations and official institutions in order to build capacities for providing good quality assistance to victims of gender-based violence. WCLAC also gives assistance itself, but only to the most severe or sensitive cases. In addition, the organisation lobbies for new or amended legislation that does not discriminate against women. In 1998, WCLAC was awarded the prestigious French Republic Award for Human Rights for its work on human rights.

Financial

Total Budget		195,724 EUR	
Past expenditure	Netherlands Dutch SP D&D Lobby&Advocacy	2016-10-01	44,846 EUR
Past expenditure	Netherlands Dutch SP D&D Lobby&Advocacy	2017-06-01	50,115 EUR
Past expenditure	Netherlands Dutch SP D&D Lobby&Advocacy	2017-09-01	10,538 EUR
Past expenditure	Netherlands Dutch SP D&D Lobby&Advocacy	2018-07-01	110,162 EUR
Past expenditure	Netherlands Dutch SP D&D Lobby&Advocacy	2019-11-01	6,915 EUR
Past expenditure	Netherlands Dutch SP D&D Lobby&Advocacy	2020-03-01	-26,852 EUR

Achieved Outcome


- 1 cases of influential endorsing gender sensitive policy asks of Oxfam/partners towards women inclusive security provision and peace building
- 2 cases where Oxfam Novib's/partners influencing has contributed to (sub)national governments or global actors adopting and/or implementing improved gender sensitive policies on security and peace building -DD2

Realised Output

Related 8

ID	Projects
A-04861-02	CO-C&F Program Facilitation & Cap Bldg
A-04861-03	BIMKOM - Conflict & Fragility
A-04861-04	Gisha - Conflict & Fragility
A-04861-05	Yesh Din - Conflict & Fragility
A-04861-06	HaMoked - Conflict & Fragility
A-04861-07	CFTA - Conflict & Fragility
A-04861-08	WCLAC - Conflict & Fragility
A-04861-09	MIFTAH - Conflict & Fragility

Project Information

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

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- 1 campaigns in which Oxfam Novib and partners participated
 - 5 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 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
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