

Project: Protecting Lives in Closed Borders

Protecting Lives in Closed Borders: Towards addressing Gaza's humanitarian needs. The aim of the intervention is to strengthen protection mechanisms to address the livelihood recovery and movement of Palestinians in Gaza. This action seeks to mitigate the impact of continuing blockade and humanitarian crisis caused by 2014 Operation Protective Edge by undertaking actions that aim to enhance resilience by addressing the protection needs of the Palestinian civilians in Gaza. This project is a joint intervention between Oxfam and two local partners UWAC and Gisha. The intervention envisions providing vulnerable fishermen with the means to rehabilitate and restore their livelihoods while using available avenues to facilitate access and movement to and from Gaza for Palestinian civilian population. The intervention will be consolidated with complementary actions from partners and Oxfam via joint and separate policy influencing work to strengthen accountability mechanism for violations of IHL and IHRL with a focus on addressing impediments that prevent fishermen to exercise their rights. Gisha work will focus, among other, on using available means to facilitate the movement and access of Palestinian civilians from Gaza. These actions will be complimented with an effort to strengthen capacities of Oxfam staff, partners and allies in effective policy influencing and in monitoring and evaluating impact. This project is funded by Direction générale Coopération au développement et Aide humanitaire (DGD) of the Belgium Government.

Actor: Gisha - Legal Center Freedom of Mov

Gisha is an Israeli non-governmental organization founded by Professor Kenneth Mann and Advocate Sari Bashi against the backdrop of Israel's impending disengagement from the Gaza Strip in August 2005. Since then restrictions on freedom of movement for Palestinian residents of the Gaza Strip have steadily intensified, blocking access to educational and economic opportunities, preventing the passage of goods and humanitarian aid, and hampering efforts of civil society organizations struggling to provide services to a population in tremendous need. Gisha's initial focus was on the provision of legal services to individuals and on the filing of principled petitions to challenge overall policy. While legal work remains the cornerstone of the organization, Gisha's activities have expanded to include research, advocacy and media work. It employs new media as a means of communicating its message and effecting change, producing innovative media tools and using social networking. Gisha also works through "multiplier groups", key individuals and groups who advocate for policies that protect freedom of movement based on their values and spheres of influence, including security and policy experts, the business community, academia, think tanks, and commentators. Gisha is the only Israeli NGO with a programmatic and policy influencing focus on Gaza. In all its work, Gisha pays specific attention to women's needs and interests and seeks for ways to ensure that its messaging and asks reflect the different manner in which the blockade of Gaza affects Palestinian men, women and children.

Financial

Total Budget		343,579 EUR	
Past expenditure	Oxfam Belgium back donor	2017-04-01	209,923 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam Belgium back donor	2017-08-01	104,961 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam Belgium back donor	2017-11-01	-104,961 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam Belgium back donor	2017-12-01	104,961 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam Belgium back donor	2018-08-01	28,695 EUR

Achieved Outcome

2 cases where Oxfam Novib's/partners influencing has contributed to (sub)national governments or global actors addressing root causes of conflicts -DD2

Realised Output


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

2 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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ID	Projects
A-05279-02	Protecting Lives in Closed Borders
A-05279-03	Protecting Lives in Closed Borders
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