

Project: PARC

SIDA programme has four inter-related outcomes that will be targeted: (1) Small-scale agricultural farming systems are more productive, sustainable, and responsive to market demand in the selected commodity value chains, through a market system approach. (2) Market systems in selected VCs are efficient, transparent, inclusive and rewarding for women and men small-scale producers. (3) Enabling policies and market regulations are more inclusive and better promote the interests of small-scale producers; and, (4) Local partners and relevant sector organizations can practice market systems approach for pro-poor and resilient agriculture development. As part of SIDA programme, PARC will be one of the partners working under a market systems approach to introduce interventions that tackle some of the bottlenecks and constraints within their respective value chain. PARC will be working on two value chains: olives in the Gaza Strip and Grapes in the West Bank. Furthermore, PARC will work alongside other partners to identify policy and cross-cutting issues across the agricultural sector, mobilizing farmers and initiating collective campaigns to address these issues. The interventions will be at various levels across the value chain, including at farm level (production), market systems level (demand), and enabling environment (policies and institutions). Work on these value chains will be undertaken with different market actors, including producer groups, cooperatives, social enterprises, unions and federations, private sector, and relevant ministries.

Actor: PARC

In 1983 a small group of agronomists founded the Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC), which has since developed into one of the most important Palestinian non-governmental organisations providing services to poor and marginalised farmers on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, working to make agricultural businesses grow.

PARC's goal is to promote an economic and social climate that would allow the Palestinian agricultural sector to develop sustainably. Another goal is to improve the living standard of Palestinians living in rural areas, especially of poor farming families. PARC provides a broad range of agricultural extension services. It is active in land reclamation and in building rural access roads.

The organisation advocates the improvement of rural women's economic position. It is part of an Oxfam Novib-funded three-year gender-focus program.

In 1991 PARC got an ISO-certification. It was the first and so far only non-governmental organisation in the Arab world to obtain one. It has also developed an impressive strategic ten-year plan for the 1998-2008 period. Together with several other agricultural non-governmental organisations (NGOs) PARC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Agriculture, which sees PARC as a work-independent and complementary to its own. PARC is active in a network of Palestinian NGOs and a member of the governing committee of the Palestinian NGO-network. Oxfam Novib has been supporting PARC since 1982. In 1999 Oxfam Novib, ICCO, Christian Aid (UK) and Oxfam Great Britain set up a donor consortium to support PARC. This provides PARC a measure of long-term financial security. It also makes technical and organisational assistance available to PARC in further developing its program.


Financial

Total Budget		1,173,918 EUR	
Past expenditure	Oxfam GB funding with back donor	2017-09-01	22,579 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam GB funding with back donor	2017-09-01	1,573 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam GB funding with back donor	2017-09-01	99,317 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam GB funding with back donor	2018-01-01	92,045 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam GB funding with back donor	2018-02-01	92,045 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam GB funding with back donor	2018-03-01	-39,829 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam GB funding with back donor	2018-03-01	487,536 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam GB funding with back donor	2018-11-01	-1,573 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam GB funding with back donor	2018-11-01	17,251 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam GB funding with back donor	2019-10-01	129,644 EUR
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Past expenditure	Oxfam GB funding with back donor	2020-01-01	111,123 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam GB funding with back donor	2020-12-01	-7,098 EUR
Committed expenditure		2020-02-01	27,763 EUR
Committed expenditure		2020-03-01	11,898 EUR

Related 10

ID	Projects
A-05393-02	Rural Women's Development Society
A-05393-03	Economic and Social Development Cen
A-05393-04	Palestinian Livestock Development A
A-05393-06	MAAN Development Center
A-05393-07	CO-Oxfam GB
A-05393-08	PARC
A-05393-09	Palestine Trade Center
A-05393-10	Institute for Community Partnership
A-05393-11	Palestinian Farmers Union
A-05393-12	The Palestine for Development Found

Project Information

AIM	
Country	Palestinian Territories
Start date	2016-07-01
End date	2019-11-30
Status	Active
Grant	1001343

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Achieved Outcome

- 1084 men living in poverty and injustice use their enhanced knowledge and skills to increase their productivity and/or income, or to strengthen their bargaining position, ensuring equal benefit to men and women.
- 408 women living in poverty and injustice use their enhanced knowledge and skills to increase their productivity and/or income, or to strengthen their bargaining position, ensuring equal benefit to men and women.

Realised Output

- 1084 men directly supported by Oxfam Novib/partners to enhance their capabilities
- 408 women directly supported by Oxfam Novib/partners to enhance their capabilities