

Project: Palestinian Agriculture Committee

PARC is the largest national agricultural NGO with an annual outreach of 90,000 farmers and a strong track record in olive and fresh fruit value chain development, including supporting export of high value fruits from Gaza to European Union countries. PARC also has a commercial arm within its organisation that exports Palestinian value-added agricultural products to several international countries. It will have an important role to play in export component of the project.

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's work as 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		221,900 EUR
Past expenditure	Oxfam Australia funding with back donor	2018-01-01 221,900 EUR

Achieved Outcome

- 450 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.
- 150 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.
- 450 men living in poverty and injustice using their enhanced knowledge and skills to advance, secure and defend their land rights and their access to water.
- 150 women living in poverty and injustice using their enhanced knowledge and skills to advance, secure and defend their land rights and their access to water.


Realised Output

- 1050 men directly supported by Oxfam Novib/partners to enhance their capabilities
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Related 6

ID	Projects
A-05394-02	Rural Women Development Society
A-05394-03	Agricultural Development Association
A-05394-04	Palestinian Livestock Development Center
A-05394-05	CO-Oxfam GB
A-05394-07	Palestinian Agriculture Committee
A-05394-08	Palestine Trade Center (PALTRADE)

Project Information



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