

Project: GISHA

Gisha has a strong and proven track record in successful advocacy around the ongoing blockade of the Gaza Strip and its impact on individuals' basic human rights. Being an Israeli human rights organization, supporting Gazans' right to freedom of movement, they have better access to and influence on the Israeli public and decision makers. In addition they effectively utilise new media tools to target a broad geographic audience in the wider region and internationally. Gisha will support Output 1 through updating and implementing a comprehensive international advocacy and media strategy for the second phase. Gisha will contribute to bringing an enabling environment through continuous advocacy materials and messaging on Israeli blockade and other international stakeholders' unfavourable policies as well as creating 'change agents' within multiplier groups.

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		11,045 EUR	
Past expenditure	Oxfam GB funding with back donor	2017-08-01	11,880 EUR
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Achieved Outcome

- 3 cases (sub)national governments or global actors adopting/implementing policies on quality and quantity of aid, as well as on ensuring rights and conditions for civil society to act as countervailing power to state & private sector -DD3


Realised Output

- 3 pieces of evidence or campaigns (documents, studies, videos, testimonies etc.) produced by Oxfam Novib and partners to support the adoption of new policy by the NL government on aid quantity (0.7%) and aid quality
- 4 rolemodels who support Oxfam Novib and partners in support of alternative policies and/or approaches

Related 6

ID	Projects
A-05397-02	Palestinian Trade Center
A-05397-03	GISHA
A-05397-04	Small Enterprise Center
A-05397-06	University College of Applied Sciences
A-05397-08	CO-Oxfam GB
A-05397-09	Union of Agricultural Work Committees

Project Information

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