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Sharek Youth Forum and Playground Builders, over the past years, have worked on establishing numerous playgrounds across various governorates in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, by selecting the areas most in need of such projects.

In this phase, Sharek selected two locations for playground rehabilitation due to the absence of any safe spaces for children in these villages, despite their large population size.

# SA'IR:

Sa'ir town is located northeast of Hebron City and has a population of approximately 30,000 people. Historically known as "Sa'ir" (meaning wooded and elevated land) and "Sa'bar" (meaning a flowing spring), the town is characterized by its greenery and mountainous terrain.

Sa'ir town lacks a public park or any designated outdoor recreational space for children, following the deterioration of the only park in the town after years of use without any responsible entity carrying out regular maintenance.

As part of Sharek Youth Forum's interventions in the area, a field visit was conducted to the site, and meetings were held with the relevant local authorities to explore the possibility of rehabilitating and reactivating the playground as a public facility serving children and the wider community.

In the initial phase, a plan was developed to implement a series of voluntary activities led by the town's youth. These activities aimed to rehabilitate the site, repair the main gate and the external fences of the park, level the ground surface, and remove accumulated waste. This step sought to actively engage the local community in the rehabilitation process and to create positive youth momentum encouraging volunteerism within the town.



In parallel, the Forum invited more than three specialized companies to submit price quotations for the required maintenance works and to accurately determine the quantities and scope of work. Rehabilitation activities were subsequently implemented under the supervision of Sa'ir Municipality, the administration of the school adjacent to the park, and Sa'ir Youth Forum, ensuring quality implementation and coordinated collaboration among all relevant stakeholders.

The park was officially inaugurated with the participation of the Mayor of Sa'ir and the Director of Education in Hebron Governorate, in addition to representatives from all local institutions in the town and neighboring villages. This highlighted to all attendees the importance of having dedicated recreational spaces for children, particularly in rural communities that are distant from urban centers.





# DAR SALAH:

Dar Salah village is located east of Bethlehem City in Bethlehem Governorate. The village lacks safe and designated play areas for children.

Through the project, we worked on rehabilitating a playground to an association specialized in working with children, including children with disabilities, by supplying and installing play equipment specifically designed and adapted to meet their needs.

As a result, this park has become not only the only park in the area, but also the only space that provides inclusive and disability-friendly play facilities.

The playground is expected to serve more than 2,000 children from the surrounding community.



