



# Supporting youth in crisis project

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## Supporting youth in crisis project implemented initiatives July – September 2017

### Beit Sahour Local youth council

Aiming to enhance the active citizenship of the youth and empowering them to participate in the social and political life and to achieve sustainable development based on democracy, transparency, and active citizenship principles of all community sectors especially the youth. Therefore, more than 900 youth joined the general assembly in Beit Sahour, where they elected 13 out of 21 candidates as representatives in their local youth council.



### Back to school initiative

The initiative helps in providing aid to disadvantaged families in Tulkarem. A group of initiators in Tulkarem conducted a special campaign to distribute 4000 backpacks for students and to support disadvantaged poor families in coordination with the municipalities and competent authorities. The importance of this initiative to enhance a better involvement in the society.



### Employment initiative

In order to reduce the unemployment phenomenon in Tulkarem, a group of initiators formed a special team to observe and follow up with graduates' data and connect them with the employers in the city. Moreover, the group provides problem indicators for the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



### Young Volunteers

In order to preserve the concept of voluntary work that the Palestinian people are distinguished for, an intensive 6 months training was conducted to make the participants aware of the value of volunteerism and advocate them to benefit their community. 60 children from Jenin were chosen to take part in the workshops on communication, collaboration, and voluntary work. Additionally, they actively contributed to various voluntary activities.



## Beit Leqia Sports league

In the framework of the sports movement in Beit Leqia Village near Ramallah and the youth in crisis project's initiative, initiators launched the second Ramadan neighborhood championship that started in the beginning of Ramadan. 16 teams participated from the town neighborhoods. The initiative's aim is to revive the sports life in the village, by providing the needs for the team, such as the sportswear and advertisement materials and other.



## Artist's Quill

The artistic youth initiative was conducted by a group of artist initiators aiming to spread awareness messages on various social and healthy life aspects in an artistic and comprehensive way. Moreover, the initiative adds a touch of beauty in the city of Tulkarem. The initiative targeted a group of organizations and public facilities in the city where every board has delivered a specific message concerning the issues tackling the youth .



## The most beautiful neighborhood

The initiative includes voluntary activities that work on adding a touch of beauty in Jenin's refugee camp.



## Palestinian Costume initiative



The initiative has been transformed to an annual festival three years ago and is a reaction of Palestinian youth to Israelis who wore Palestine's traditional costume with the allegation that it is the traditional costume of Israel. The festivals in various cities of Palestine call all girls and women to wear the Palestinian traditional costume, walking in the streets and singing Palestinian folklore songs. Additionally, various traditional photo galleries are opened.





## Developing English language skills

This initiative adopted a professional way that strengthens the writing, reading, and conversation skills of the students through programs that improve the students' understanding for these skills. Games and entertainment activities in a scientific way of the initiative aimed to break the barriers of fear and abashment in talks. The success of the initiative was rated through exams for students in the beginning and end of the course. As a result, the students' skills were improved and that is shown in the exams conducted at the end of the initiative.



## Educational days about safe and healthy behaviors

This initiative aims to raise health awareness about healthy and wrong practices; the initiative targeted 6th grade students of the upper primary level in schools. An awareness program included several sessions and puppet shows illustrating general ethical principles and encouraging the commitment in positive behaviors, such as personal hygiene. Lectures and meeting concentrated on advocating school's belonging and preserving its facilities. Exciting and interesting methods helped to avoid bad behaviors of the participants. A wall magazine or a health police group was created under the supervision of a specialized teacher that is able to punish students misusing the public facilities. Moreover, the ideal classes and students were honored in order to stimulate sustainability for the learned lessons during the initiative.



## Handcrafts

The initiative targets provides 36 unemployed girls or women as well as female university students crafting skills to make accessories using ceramic and wood carvings under the supervision of specialized accessory makers. Moreover, the training included marketing techniques in the local market and social media.



## Introducing and protecting children from violence

Sharek Youth Forum implemented an initiative entitled "reducing violence in schools" in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and psychologists. The initiative aimed to raise awareness in schools to reduce violence among teachers and students through awareness activities that illustrate violence in schools covering all prospects; its forms, dangers, and risks, how to avoid it and reduce it. In addition to organizing theatre performances that students showed what they have learned from the initiative







### Center of unregistered youth groups

This initiative was created in order to preserve the soul of voluntarism in the Palestinian youth, to anchor the youth groups in different cities, and to provide them the skills needed for developing their initiatives. The training included monitoring and observing active youth groups in various cities, strengthening their individual initiatives, thereby activating their role in the society. As a result, 10 new initiatives were carried out afterwards.







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