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## OPERATIONAL CONTEXT:

**Focus areas include:** International humanitarian law and human rights violations, protection, unemployment, WASH, nutrition- food, and health.

Of Gaza's **2,000,000** inhabitants 1,300,000 are dependent on humanitarian aid.

**The total unemployment rate has reached 46.6%**, with 64.9% among young people and 71% among women. The Israeli blockade of the Strip exacerbates humanitarian and phyco-social needs.

More than **60% of the West Bank** is categorized as (Area C) under full Israeli military control. The population in the area lack basic services such as water and electricity and are impacted by systematic violations of IHL and IHRL.

**76% of Palestinians** in East Jerusalem live under the poverty line.

The Palestinian authorities in the West Bank and particularly in Gaza shows a growing disrespect for human rights and democratic principles.

## DCA IS FOCUSING ON THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

Through 22 Israeli and Palestinian civil society and faith partners- Palestinian communities in Gaza, West Bank and East Jerusalem are empowered to be resilient (economically and socially) and active participants in decision making processes to advocate for respect for IHL, HR and just peace.

**Active citizenship:** Local communities, especially youth and women, are empowered to claim rights on women's inheritance, landownership, marital rights, adequate legal representation/follow up and community cohesiveness.

**Economic Empowerment:** With focus on youth unemployment, 3 vocational training centers certify youth in market-relevant skills like solar panel maintenance, hybrid car repair, ICT, coding, web development and climate-friendly urban agriculture. Other projects focus on agricultural products or community-based tourism which have viable value chains.

**Humanitarian Response:** Vulnerable people prepay electricity vouchers in Area C, sustainably accessing renewable energy for milk churning, school lighting, clothes washing and refrigeration. E vouchers provide a choice of leafy green vegetables, protein sources and needed grocery items. Urban gardens supplement daily nutritional intake and income.

**International advocacy:** Local partners and communities influence local and international duty bearers through documentation of IHL violations, exchange visits and case stories.

## FACTS:

**Beneficiaries in 2018:** Approximately 84,201 (54% male, 46% female) individuals

**Turnover 2018:** 5.500.000\$

**Employees:** 13 (9 women and 4 men)

**Partners:** In Palestine DCA work with 22 partners: Al Ahli Hospital, Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem (ARIJ), Ard El Insan (AEI), Augusta Victoria Hospital, ASALA (Palestinian Businesswomen's Association) Badil, Bimkom, Btselem, Breaking the Silence, Comet-Me, EAPPI, East Jerusalem YMCA, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), Human Rights Defender Fund (HRDF), Kairos, LWF-WS, Near East Council of Churches (NECC/DSPR), Maán Development Center, Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR), Palvision, Women Affairs Center (WAC), Women's Center for Legal Aid and Counselling (WCLAC).

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## WHERE WE WORK AND WHAT WE DO:

### **West Bank: Economic Empowerment and Livelihoods, Active Citizenship and International Advocacy.**

Market based assistance supporting unemployed youth with technical training, support to agricultural cooperatives to improve livestock veterinary services, improved fodder, quality and quantity production of milk and cheese and market sales points. Community protection groups take initiative to self-organised income generating activities: guest houses, hike and bike trails, rehab. of health posts, street lighting, greenhouse production, etc. Women's and youth rights are promoted through advocacy with Palestinian duty-bearers. Partners advocate to delay house demolition, new demolition orders and confiscation of humanitarian aid. Community cohesiveness and resilience are encouraged through cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian civil society organisations who work together to improve adherence to human rights and international law.

### **East Jerusalem: Economic Empowerment and Livelihoods, Active Citizenship and International Advocacy.**

Youth through 20 CBOs initiate creative actions- Old city beautification, trips into nature, food trucks, pop-up theatre happenings and movies to promote community and psycho-social development. Youth groups gather data, engage Palestinian duty-bearers, educate their community about IHL violations and travel abroad to advocate in Brussels, Geneva and Copenhagen.

### **Gaza: Economic Empowerment and Livelihoods, Active Citizenship, Humanitarian Response and International Advocacy.**

In all 5 governorates: Northern Gaza, Gaza, Deir al-Balah, Khan Yunis and Rafah, e-voucher program gives choice of fresh, nutritious vegetables, protein and groceries, while urban gardens provide daily vitamin and economic input. Income generation via start up or scale up grants. Vocational training in solar, metal work and ICT skills help meet market demand. Acute health care. Documentation of IHL and IHRL violations by all parties.



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