



## Finance for Development

### Project Brief

In line with the strategic goals and approaches of the Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy “MIFTAH”, which seek the empowerment of societal leadership in participation towards promotion of democracy and good governance, raise awareness on citizenship rights and responsibilities, and contribute to influencing policies and legislation to guarantee protection of civil and social rights, and commitment to principles of good governance, MIFTAH continued its implementation of the “**Finance for Development**” project in partnership with the Coalition for Accountability and Integrity “AMAN” and Applied Research Institute-Jerusalem “ARIJ,” funded by Oxfam Novib. The project seeks to network between civil society organizations and grassroots organizations in local communities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, to promote lobbying, participation, and consolidation of societal efforts that seek to raise societal awareness on rights relevant to drawing fiscal policies, as well as extent of participation of citizens in these processes and procedures, in order to ensure fulfillment of citizens’ needs and concerns. On the other hand, the project seeks to play a more effective monitoring role over various official institutions, local authorities, and other stakeholders concerned with drawing fiscal policy, and organization of financial issues, such as the public budget, taxation policies, local authorities’ budgets, and different fees. This comes within the context of proceeding towards a true partnership and comprehensive societal integration that guarantees citizens’ oversights over public issues, including fiscal aspects, in order to promote principles of good governance, such as integrity, transparency, and social accountability.

Accordingly, this project was designed and activities developed to ensure raising public awareness of the aforementioned issue, create social



mobilization that facilitates the realization of true societal partnership in the drawing and management of public affairs. In order to integrate citizens and other social constituencies in these processes to reflect their needs and concerns, lobbying official institutions and decision-making bodies is imperative. This would also facilitate impacting relevant laws, policies, and legislations, such as the Public Budget Law, Taxation Laws and policies, tax collection mechanisms and different tax brackets, in order to harmonize them with the general Palestinian context.