



The Palestinian initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy –MIFTAH

Conflict and Fragility

Project Brief

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Within its strategic objective to Enhance Good Governance in Palestine, the Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy-MIFTAH, seeks to advance policy advocacy and lobbying to ensure social justice and equality; through organizing policy dialogue and advocacy on promoting social justice and safeguarding citizens' rights within public policies through holding policy meetings with decision makers, as well as through addressing policy recommendations and policy proposals in reference to international conventions and relevant UN resolutions like UNSCR 1325 and CEDAW.

Over the past years, MIFTAH has continuously supported the National Coalition for the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 in Palestine, starting with its announcement in 2012 and reaching to the development of an Advocacy Plan for the implementation of UNSCR 1325 approved by the women's movement in 2015 and adopted in the relevant national plans. MIFTAH continues to support the Palestinian women agenda to implement international agreements and resolutions related to the achievement of peace and security for Palestinian women, which are consistent with the national vision of "protecting Palestinian women and girls from attacks and violations of the Israeli occupation and holding Israel accountable for its violations of human rights, in addition to ensuring women's participation without discrimination in all areas and levels of decision making at the local and international levels".

In cooperation with **OXFAM** through its Regional Program "Conflict and Fragility" and in partnership with the Women Center for Legal Aid and Counseling and the Culture and Free Thought Association, **MIFTAH** aims to strengthen the role of the civic society organization in advancing the Palestinian women peace and security agenda, building local, regional and international alliances for gender

sensitive peace and security, and activating the international mechanisms towards holding the Israeli occupation accountable for its violations towards Palestinian women and girls.

Project Interventions:

MIFTAH will execute a series of activities to achieve the desired objectives:

1. Enhancing the role of civil society organizations and the Women's Coalition for the Implementation of UNSCR 1325 in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in supporting women's political participation and enhancing their representation at decision-making levels, especially in regard to the Palestinian Women Agenda in Peace and Security.

- ✚ Provide opportunities for women shadow committee (Wifaq) members to accompany political leaders in the West Bank and Gaza Strip (4 in the Gaza Strip and 3 in the West Bank).
- ✚ Preparation of a paper documenting the shadowing experience including interventions by political leaders (male and female).
- ✚ Providing a three-day training for Wifaq members in the West Bank and Gaza Strip; two days on transformational leadership skills and one day on mediation skills and enhanced role in peace-building efforts.

2. Enhancing the role of civil society in expanding the circle of networking and coalition building at the local, regional and international levels to influence the decision-making circles at various levels to demand for women's representation in decision-making positions in efforts to achieve peace and security.

- ✚ Enhancing regional and international coordination with relevant partners (Arab League, ABAAD, El-Karama Network, Women Peace Program (WPP), and WILPF) and OXFAM to prepare for a side event in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), in March 2018 on HR violations against Palestinian refugee women and girls in West Bank and Gaza Strip, and submit an analytical report on these violations which will be shared on the regional and international level.

3. Lobbying for the activation of international mechanisms to hold Israel and the official bodies accountable for the violations committed against women and girls.

- ✚ Organizing a number of roundtable meetings led by Wifaq for the development of the Women's Agenda through dialogue sessions with Palestinian women from the various Palestinian political parties and factions.
- ✚ Initiating national dialogue on women agenda in peace and security within the reconciliation process, where Wifaq will present the women agenda on the reconciliation table.
- ✚ Holding a meeting in Cairo to reach consensus on the Palestinian Women Agenda with the participation of Palestinian women from the diaspora (Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt).