



The Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy
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SHUFUNA- Women in Reconciliation

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Within its strategic objective to Enhance Good Governance in Palestine, 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 UNSCR 1325 in Palestine, starting with the decision to form the coalition in 2012 and reaching to the development of a National Action Plan in 2016 for the implementation of the resolution. MIFTAH continues to push for the participation of women in peace talks through supporting the realization of Women Peace and Security agenda.

Based on its first National Conference for women in 2015 on reconciliation; 'Women's Call: One Country, One People, One Flag', MIFTAH, UNDP, and a group of civil society organizations including women organizations and women affiliated figures of different factions including Islamic movements from both West Bank and Gaza; demanded the immediate restoration of national unity and popular action to end the political division. Furthermore; the closing statement of the National Conference called for immediate achievement of national reconciliation, the need for achieving a social contract based on the concept of citizenship and the recognition of women's rights in political participation based on the Palestinian Declaration of Independence and the Palestinian women's rights document ratified by women's movement in Palestine. Moreover; it called for women from different political groups including but not limited to: Hamas, Jihad, Fatah and Leftist Parties, were sensitized on the importance to join their efforts and initiatives so as to be able to make their voice heard by politicians and policymakers.

This project, implemented in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), comes as a continuation to the efforts in engaging women in the reconciliation process with an overall purpose of creating an enabling environment for women of diverse backgrounds,

professions, political affiliation, and regional groupings to discuss strategies for working together, to express their views, speak out for peace and reconciliation, review the factors that prevent women from engaging actively in reconciliation processes and propose an agenda for women engagement in reconciliation.

Overall Objective:

Strengthening and establishing a women platform as active contributors to the reconciliation process.

Activities:

- 1. Establish an active and sustainable network of diverse groups led by women to spearhead efforts to be seen and heard in promoting reconciliation throughout the oPt.**
 - ❖ Creating 10 groups of diverse backgrounds that will be composed from a majority of women from the West Bank and Gaza; journalists, social-media influencers, artists, human rights activists, political activists, university students...
 - ❖ Generating proposals (action plans) for solutions in support of promoting women participation in reconciliation using innovative tools of the diverse groups.

- 2. Formulate a joint Gender Strategy that includes the different views of the diverse groups and communities in the oPt:**
 - ❖ Holding 15- 20 town hall meetings/ gatherings led by representatives of the groups in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
 - ❖ Unifying the action plans into one strategy that includes all the action plans that were developed by the different platforms.
 - ❖ Holding two one-day joint workshops to share the unified strategy with relevant stakeholders and open dialogue on it.

- 3. Implement lobbying and advocacy initiatives including – implementing activities in the formulated action plans:**
 - ❖ Implementing the Lobbying and Advocacy initiatives that the members of the 10 groups jointly formulated with the relevant community members in order to highlight the importance of women participation in reconciliation and to call for the end of the political division.

Geographic Scope:

West Bank- including Jerusalem- and Gaza Strip.