



Youth Programme

The Political and Social Active Palestinian Youth Network

Introduction:

Youth constitute the largest portion of the Palestinian society. Insufficient participation and inclusion in leadership and decision-making positions severely impacts the ability to mobilise Palestinian resources, maximise efficiency and effectiveness of their utilisation, to their utmost efficiency and effectiveness, limits development opportunities and prospects to influence international politics. The underrepresentation of Palestinian youth on the political and economic levels correlates with their minimal impact in actively participating in Palestinian political and economic development efforts.

Youth are currently underrepresented, particularly in leadership positions in the public and private sectors, while youth unemployment is disproportionately high.

In general, the role of civil society in advancing policy reforms towards youth issues has been marginal. Hence, MIFTAH's strategy is aligned towards supporting youth's transformative leadership, creating a solid platform for lobbying at the policy-formulation level and advocating for adoption of youth and gender responsive policies. There is an opportunity to consolidate public, private and civil society efforts and align them with national policy development priority to maximise ability of women and young people to fully participate in and access opportunities for self-advancement in a burgeoning economy and progressive society.

Through its youth program, MIFTAH seeks to respond to the needs of young people, and to guarantee that their basic human rights are recognised, ensuring the meaningful participation of youth in their societies and in democratic practices and processes.

The Political and Social Active Palestinian Youth Network is a youth platform that builds the capacities of young people to support and enable them to increase their political participation in political factions and social engagement. The youth network members are exposed to a number of interventions, such as: trainings, workshops, initiatives and voluntary activities. These offer the youth groups an opportunity to actively participate in community, social and national development.



Overall Goal:

To create a safe platform for youth to enhance their role to build a democratic state, through participation in political life at all levels and in all spheres of society.

Specific Objectives:

- To build the capacity of target groups.
- To create a safe space to encourage youth dialogue.
- To increase youth engagement in discussing political and social issues within the Palestinian society.
- To promote dialogue with decision- makers, in pursuance of a true partnership with young people.

Activities

1. Facilitate a series of trainings by using the social transformation in conflict and participatory strategic plan.
2. Organise round-table discussion.
3. Organise book -review sessions.
4. Implement a youth campaign to raise the public awareness towards vital issues.
5. Conduct training and workshops.
6. Conduct meeting with successful youth leaders in political and social sphere.
7. Organise shadowing opportunities of political leaders and decision-makers.