



Sustainable Development Application Form

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Project Name: Religion & State – Middle East Local Partner: DIYAR Consortium Location: Regionwide, administered from Bethlehem, Palestine			
<u>Person at DOM responsible for and accountable for this project:</u> Dr. Peter Makari, Executive, Middle East and Europe			
<u>Partner’s History/Relationship with the Project:</u> Global Ministries has partnered with DIYAR Consortium for several years and has appointed mission personnel to serve with DIYAR Consortium. The organization is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church of Bethlehem and serves the entire Palestinian community from “the womb to the tomb” through unique programs that are contextual and holistic in nature. The Religion and State program began as the DIYAR Consortium identified several key issues harming the state of affairs and human rights in the Middle East. In an effort to raise a Christian voice in the discussion and progress of state affairs, the Religion and State program seeks to provide grassroots trainings to improve upon the challenges within the region. In addition, the program seeks to create good and clear measures for an appropriate relationship between religion and state.			
Description of Project			
Name of Project (agricultural, health, water, micro-credit, education, community development, etc.): Religion & State – Middle East Project			
In summary, the “Religion & State – Middle East” project contributes to promoting more peaceful and inclusive societies in the Middle East that ensure gender equality, human dignity, justice and freedom. It is a focused program on issues of justice, peace and sustainable development The Religion and State Project was launched in 2008 as a regional educational and community development initiative. It has several components: education, advocacy, training and empowering of minorities and women, human security, and addressing religious and gender discrimination as some of the root causes of poverty, hunger and marginalization. It aims at improving the quality of life for all through working toward community members’ full citizenship and fuller social and economic participation. The program has continued with a remarkable degree of progress and success for the purpose of engaging in issues of human rights, religious freedom, equal citizenship, gender justice, sustainable human development (with a major focus on youth, as they are among the most vulnerable segment of populations in the Arab World), human dignity, and quality of life. Evaluation of the program’s progress has led to identifying its niche among the Christian community as a faith-based organism: focusing on empowerment and capacity building through an active and effective faith. It achieved the formation of a coterie of Christian academics, scholars, researchers, and youth activists (with near-equal representation of women and men). In 2019, the program continued to provide youth training workshops, with an emphasis on building inclusive and interfaith communities. Phase V of the Project will be launched January 1, 2020. The requested grant of \$10,000.00 from the Week of Compassion will contribute to the ongoing training of youth and women, building up toward the selected UNDP Sustainable Development Goals numbers 5 and 16: <i>(SDG #5: Gender Equality; SDG #16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions.)</i>			

Target Population: (children, women, farmers, urban poor, etc.- priority will be given to projects that enable the empowerment of women and children):

The primary target populations are women and youth. This is a project designed for empowerment, through confidence-building and capacity-building, peace-building, interfaith cooperation and social cohesion. The workshops will provide training in initiative-taking, leadership development, advocacy, and sustainability in a region where women are disempowered (sometimes on the basis of religious texts) in several ways, including lack of educational and unemployment/underemployment, widowhood, and gender discrimination – all of which lead to impoverishment, poor health and oppression. Additionally, this project emphasizes the leadership development of youth, who make up nearly 50% of the Arab populations of countries where this project is taking place.

How many persons are/will be served? (please give as specific a figure as possible)?

Potentially, the target population who will be served could be in the millions as it aims at making significant changes in national constitutions and legislative policies. The grant sought by this application will focus on serving 45 - 60 carefully selected post-high school students, university graduates, young professionals, female leaders, and emerging leaders.

Key Objectives:

In an endeavor to promote, host, and train young leaders and potential leaders for building just societies where all citizens participate and benefit equally before the law, the following key objectives are intended to contribute to building sustainable societies with strong institutions in the region – regardless of religious identity:

- To train young women and men for advocacy and forming creative initiatives toward self-development;
- To identify/develop concrete measures by which to strengthen a sense of full belonging, integration, and effective citizen participation;
- To continue to address concerns and challenges identified in the document created in the first phase of the Religion and State project entitled From the Nile to the Euphrates: The Call of Faith and Citizenship;
- To solicit the cooperation of partner churches, like-minded organizations, and appropriate government officials in order to achieve the desired objectives.

Key Activities:

1. Share research findings by academic institutions to help identify root causes of discrimination and other gaps in the just treatment of citizens, and to continue to address them through creative initiatives;
2. Hold 3 youth and young adults' (women and men) training workshops: One in Lebanon, another in Egypt and the third in Jordan (the latter would include participants from Palestine).

Duration of Project:

The project is ongoing and is designed to continue in phases. The upcoming Phase V of the project begins in January 2020.

Project Budget:

Total Budget of the Project:

The total 3-year budget of Phase V of the Project, an estimated budget of \$125,000.00.

Amount Requested from Week of Compassion:

For the year 2020, the total amount requested, which would be contributed to the training workshops/training events component of the project, is \$10,000.00.

Is this a one-time request or an on-going request?

Global Ministries is requesting for Week of Compassion to provide support for the fourth year (2020) of the project.

Is the project financially supported by ecumenical or outside partners? If so, what percentage does it cover for this project?

For the previous phases of the Project, support has been provided by ecumenical partners, supplementing local support (some individual contributions) and in-kind contributions.

Please list partners who are funding this project:

Various amounts of financial support have been received from Bread for the World/Churches Helping Churches, Church of Sweden, and Presbyterian Church (USA). Mission co-worker joint appointment by the Common Global Ministries Board of the UCC and the Disciples of Christ, and the Presbyterian Church (USA) has benefited this Project. For Phase V (beginning in 2020), funding requests are being submitted to Bread for the World, the Church of Sweden, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Does this project/partner receive funding from UCC OGHS, if so how much?

N/A

What is the overall percentage of fund requested that will be used for administration/overhead?

None, all funds will be used for the workshops.

Please attach a detailed, itemized budget and cost breakdown for the requested funds:

Costs for three workshops:

Travel and accommodations for participants traveling from other counties in the Middle East	\$2,000
Honoraria/Fees for Trainers.....	\$1,200
Group meal and one coffee/tea break.....	\$800

Cost per workshop.....\$4,000

Cost of three workshops.....\$12,000

Requested funding from WoC: \$10,000.00

Dates and project names of previous proposal submissions:

Due to the diversity in geographical location and thematic focuses of the Religion and State project, Global Ministries is grateful for the generous support of the Religion and State project of the Diyar Consortium. This project has received funding from Week of Compassion in 2013 through a grant of \$15,000 and in 2015, 2016, and 2017 through a grant of \$10,000 each year. In 2018, WoC was able to contribute a grant of \$13,000.00.

Please attach the organization's audited financials or recent financial report.

How do you plan to monitor, evaluate, and report back to Week of Compassion? (Please note that future funding is contingent upon reporting. In addition to reporting, please provide stories of transformation and photos.)

A monitoring group is in place to observe progress of each stage, to help conduct evaluations, to advise changes, and to suggest recommendations for next steps as may be required. Annual progress reports on activities, stories, and photos are forwarded to Global Ministries.

If granted, is there a deadline by which to receive funding?

Yes, Diyar Consortium would appreciate notification of whether the proposal has been approved prior to the end of the year, and to receive funds prior to the end of January 20, 2020 if possible.

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