



Sustainable Development Application Form

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Project Name: Sustainable Agriculture and Community Resilience in the West Bank (Third and Final Year)

Local Country Partner: Department of Service for Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) and the International Christian Committee (ICC)

Location: Aqaba/Tubas, Palestine area "C"

Person at DOM responsible for and accountable for this project:

Peter Makari Executive, Middle East and Europe Office

Partner's History/Relationship with the Project:

Established in the early 1950's the Department of Service for Palestinian Refugees was organized to aid Palestinian refugees with their newly acquired status following the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. DSPR advocates for Palestinian rights and works to improve the quality of life for the innumerable Palestinians who live in the refugee camps in Gaza, Jerusalem, the West Bank, Galilee, and also in Jordan and Lebanon.

International Christian Committee (ICC)'s historic experience in agriculture through community-based relationships remains. This network of relationships within Palestinian communities and with relevant official bodies enables the DSPR and ICC to help mitigate rural community hardships by enhancing individual skills in agriculture and investing in their knowledge to strengthen project sustainability in a context that is becoming more dependent on outside aid.

One of DSPR's strategic directions is to enhance rural communities through agriculture. Agriculture remains the largest sector of the Palestinian economy, generating 22-30% of the GDP of the West Bank and Gaza and providing employment to over 15% of the population. Presently, Palestinian agriculture is far from flourishing. The Palestinian agricultural sector is faced with high competition with subsidized Israeli agriculture, unfair trade laws allowing subsidized Israeli produce into the territories while restricting Palestinian markets in Israel, the high costs of production and labor, the rapidly rising cost of living in the region, and a lack of sufficient research to help farmers improve their production and efficiency. Additionally, due to recent severe measures taken by the Israeli leadership, available work permits for Palestinians were reduced by 100,000 leaving these individuals unemployed and seeking ways to regain a source of income.

The DSPR and ICC have managed this project for two full years. In those two years they have worked with those living in the villages in area "C" contributing to their resilience through sustainable agriculture. The DSPR and ICC have assisted those living in the villages in distributing 60,000 seedlings, setting up five greenhouses and irrigation systems, preparing land, and providing onsite training by an agronomist. The villages have been successful in growing five different varieties of herbs that they plan to process in a small local factory drying, packaging, and marketing.

DSPR and ICC now want to help the community finish the production cycle by helping Al Aqaba village procure a packaging machine, which is necessary to prepare the product for local and external markets.

Description of Project

Name of Project (agricultural, health, water, micro-credit, education, community development, etc.):

The Sustainable Agriculture and Community Resilience project is addressing United Nations Sustainable Development Goal number two: to improve food security and enhance agriculture sustainability.

This project aims to aid the village of Al-Aqaba by helping to provide a packaging machine for their processing and production

factory so that their herbs can be marketed locally and in neighboring countries. An agronomist will be available on site to accompany farmers in the production of herbs, delivery to the factory, documenting of yield, as well as training in marketing and e-marketing of their product. The overall long-term goal of this project is to enhance community resilience in the Aqaba/Tubas area through sustainable agriculture.

Target Population (children, women, farmers, urban poor, etc.):

This project will directly benefit 180 people as outlined below and will provide improvement for the village’s population of 760 people. The project is inclusive of men, women, and children, as the farming culture of the region includes participation from all family members, which is similar to the olive harvesting culture of the region. The Village of Aqaba is located in the Jordan Valley of the West Bank.

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

Demographic	Direct beneficiaries
Women <i>age 18+</i>	50
Mothers of Children <i>under 5</i>	5
Men <i>age 18+</i>	60
Youth <i>age 13-18</i>	15
School-Age Children <i>age 6-12</i>	35
Children <i>age 2-5</i>	10
Children <i>age 0-2</i>	5
Total Number of People	180
Total Number of Households	30

Key Objectives:

Enhance sustainable agriculture in Al Aqaba village by:

- Improved economic security for the village of Al Aqaba
- Improved agricultural infrastructure for the village of Al Aqaba and the surrounding area
- Increased agricultural production and marketing capacity for the village of Al Aqaba

Key Activities:

- Procuring a packaging machine to enhance sales in local and external markets for herbal production
- Utilize the knowledge and training of the agronomist to market packaged materials locally and externally

Duration of Project:

The DSPR and ICC estimate it will take six months to obtain the packaging machine and implement it in the production cycle.

Project Budget

Total Budget: USD \$24,500

Amount Requested from Week of Compassion: \$10,000

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

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

Yes, 60% or \$14,500 will be provided by ecumenical, outside partners.

Please list partners who are funding this project:

Act for Peace Australia has been supporting the sustainable agriculture and community resilience project, however the remaining funds for the proposed budget will be provided by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations.

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

This project is not being funded by OGHS of the UCC.

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

0%, all funds included in the project budget are related to the direct expenses for the project.

Please attached a detailed, itemized budget and cost breakdown for the requested funds.

Item	Cost
Packaging Machine	\$24,500
Sources of Income	Anticipated support
Week of Compassion	\$10,000
UN Food and Agricultural Organization	\$14,500 (confirmed)

Dates and project names of previous proposal submissions:

Spring 2017 and Spring 2018: DSPR and ICC's project for Sustainable Agriculture in the village of Al Aqaba.

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

No financial statement attached.

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.)

The project will be monitored at three levels:

- by the agronomist directly working with farmers on the project's implementation, cultivation through production
- through written progress reports to the project coordinator
- by the DSPR's leadership to ensure funds are being used as designated

The DSPR, in coordination with Global Ministries, will provide a final report on the project after one year of receiving funds.

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

As soon as funds are available.

If granted, please provide full information for how (wire transfer, check, etc.), where, and to whom funds should be sent:

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Designation: Sustainable Agriculture in the West Bank project of the Department of Service for Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) and the International Christian Committee (ICC)