



Palestine Save the Children Foundation

PSCF Profile



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1. PSCF Start

Palestine Save the Children Foundation was established in 1999 as a Palestinian, national, non-governmental organization which seeks to promote development which is sustainable, integrated and responsive to community needs. As such we promote activities which address a range of needs in the Palestinian community. This include environmental health, water and sanitation, institutional development, early childhood development and improving the health condition of physically handicapped people. PSCF is a non-profit organization engaged in training, technical assistance, advocacy, litigation, awareness raising, and education all over the Gaza strip. So far, PSCF has implemented several projects that aim in general at empowering local cadres and civil society groups to expand the scope of human rights protection for women and children and youth and to promote broad participation in building more effective human rights standards and procedures.

As a catalyst and innovator, PSCF seeks to promote this approach among local non-governmental and governmental development agencies. Since its establishment, PSCF main office is located in Gaza city and it was always the start point and meeting point of all employees as well as being the management centre. However, due to having several projects in the middle area, PSCF has recently established a branch in the middle area located at Al Maghazi Activity.

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2. PSCF Vision

Palestine Save the Children Foundation is a non-governmental and not-for-profit development organization based in Gaza strip, Palestine. The Foundation was established in 1999 to work within the public policy environment to provide a strong support infrastructure to promote community development, tackle deprivation and build lasting and sustainable capacity for self-reliance within Palestinian communities.

3. PSCF Mission

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4. Strategic Objectives

- Offer an alternative vision of women in the Palestinian Society as active, creative, and capable partners in the process of social change and development.
- Provide the necessary data and information for the women movement to plan strategies, lobby for gender equality in Gaza, and have a data base on women issues.
- To improve the economic, social, health and educational status of vulnerable groups in Palestinian society provided that it does not contradict strategies and goals of the related Ministries.
- To support and develop programs of organizations working in the domain of local community development and institutional capacity building.
- Empowering the women and youth living in Gaza Strip to actively participate in the social, political and economical life.
- To deal with all institutions and related bodies to realize the society's goals.
- To conduct studies and field practical or theoretical researches that aim at developing the Palestinian society and raising awareness among its women, youth and marginalized groups.
- To enable members of the Palestinian society to define areas of developmental projects that are sustainable and liable to progress and development.
- To promote networking, cooperation and coordination between the related Ministries, national and international women bodies and development organizations in order to foster general development and prosperity.

5. Programming Values

- **The commitment to laws and charters:**

We commit to all Palestinian laws, guaranteeing the rule of law.

- **Development priorities:**

We are committed that our activities will be consistent with the Palestinian national development priorities.

- **Participation**

We are committed to activate the communication and networking operations, with all internal and external beneficiaries in order to encourage community contributions.

- **Networking and Coordination:**

We are committed to network, coordinate and cooperate with stakeholders in all sectors of the organization's work.

- **Transparency:**

We believe in the "right to know" principle, regarding the delivery of correct information to the stakeholders.

- **Accountability:**

We have mechanisms to provide reports on the use of the organization's miscellaneous resources.

- **Equality and inclusiveness:**

We provide equal opportunities to all internal and external beneficiaries.

- **Wise Management:**

We correctly manage the organization's resources, to ensure working efficiently.

- **Impact and effectiveness:**

We commit ourselves to employ our resources in an efficient manner to achieve our stated goals.

- **Integrity**

We respect the values of institutions, groups and individuals to ensure prevention of disagreements and problems with them.

6. Programming Principles

Palestine Save the Children Foundation (PSCF) has established three basic elements to guide its programs:

1- Women-Child-Focused: Palestine Save the Children Foundation believes that children are the central focus of all PSCF Programs, and women are a key to PSCF work in that, in their multiple roles as economic producers, primary caregivers, and community/household manager. PSCF's women-child sector focus is the overarching principle which guides our planning and programming.

2- Empowerment of families and communities through partnership with local NGO's: Save the Children Foundation helps others to help themselves. Through different programs, PSCF supports the empowerment of communities through the strengthening of local NGO's to deliver services within the community. Meanwhile, PSCF keeps a very specific program emphasis and focus on women and children to ensure that its community development achieves the anticipated goals.

3- Sustainability: Palestine Save the Children Foundation seeks to develop skills and promote behavior that will endure, and thus ensure positive ongoing changes in the lives of Palestinian children. We believe the most effective way to help children is to strengthen their community, to educate their parents; to encourage gender equality, and improve the system that provide children and mothers with needed services. PSCF works with a number of governmental, non-governmental and international organizations to achieve these goals.

7. Main programs:

1. Formal and Informal Community Education:

This program is important to provide adaptable learning opportunities and new skills, improve the quality of education through attractive tools and knowledge to a large percentage of children.

The program targets different groups of people within the community, especially children and youth, and those with special needs.

The Program aims to:

- Enhance the kindergarten environment in Gaza Districts.
- Develop the capacity of educators and administrators working in kindergarten.

- Improve the educational level of Gaza War orphans.
- Provide non- methodological services for Gaza War orphans.
- Improve the living conditions for those with special needs.
- Remedial lessons for children with low achieving levels.
- Provide kindergartens with materials and programs.
- Support the rights of disabled children.

2. Rehabilitation for those with special needs:

The program focuses on helping people who have disabilities achieve their personal and independent living goals through comprehensions rehabilitation sessions and provision of medical assistive devices. This program is a central theme to the organization's methodology and concepts.

The Program aims to:

- Support people who effected by war and crisis.
- Strengthen community-based rehabilitation programs.
- Train the people with Special Needs.
- Rehabilitate the physical environment to empower people with special needs.
- Strengthening the rehabilitation programs in the local community.

3. Development of water resources, Sanitation and the Environmental Health:

Palestine Save the Children Foundation focuses on enhancing the environment of the urban and rural communities through improving infrastructure, providing environmental awareness and health education programs with partner institutions.

The Program aims to:

- Improving the drinking water sector.
- Building sewage and drainage networks.
- Educate school students to rationalize water consumption.
- Improve the physical environment of urban and rural communities.
- Hire workers to create a clean environment.
- Develop a healthy and clean environment.
- Provide marginalized areas in the Gaza Strip with garbage containers.
- Provide marginalized areas with Potable water tanks.
- Improving the environment of urban and rural communities through the provision of environmental awareness programs.

4. Women's Rights:

- Building local institutions.
- Strengthening social awareness
- Developing training materials

8. Geographical Areas of Intervention:

Palestine Save the Children Foundation increases its impact by focusing its resources on clearly geographical areas. The geographical focus of Palestine Save the Children Foundation's activities include all Gaza governorates. The major focus is on the areas that suffer from relatively high population, low income and lack of available services.

The main office of the organization has been located at Gaza City, since it was first established. Due to the presence of several projects implemented in the Gaza Strip recently, PSCF has 9 locations spread all over Gaza Strip which are as follows:

- 1 location in Rafah,
- 2 locations in Khan Younis,
- 2 locations in Gaza Middle Area,
- 2 locations in Gaza City.
- 2 locations in north governorate.

9. PSCF is involved in:

- Sustainable community development to benefit children, women and youth.
- Local, regional and national partnerships and Long term development.
- Programs in economic enterprises and humanitarian crisis in Gaza by supporting the livelihood security of vulnerable households.
- PSCF is responding to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza by supporting fresh foods and distribution of food parcels a of vulnerable households.

• Program Achievements

A. Formal and Informal Community Education:

Education is a fundamental protective factor for promoting resilience of young people in Gaza. It is an important mean for coping, providing critical structure and routine in an otherwise destabilized environment, enabling development, fostering confidence and self-efficacy, and promoting positive peer networks. However, the protective benefits of education come from more than the child's attendance at school. The benefits come when children are engaged in their learning experience, when they experience academic success and when they are provided with a productive learning environment. For many children in Gaza, unfortunately, this is not the case.

In Gaza many children who are already at risk from their context are left without the protective structure and support that a positive school and out-of-school experience can provide. Schools are over-crowded, most are now operating in half-day shifts, classroom sizes are large and teachers themselves are under a great deal of pressure. A peaceful future is not likely in a society where children are traumatized, violent, see violence modeled as a solution, cannot learn effectively in school, are unable to constructively engage in their community, and who are prone to risk-taking behaviors. The pro-social development and academic support that children need must be intentionally encouraged and reinforced by essential institutions and adults in the community.

Thus, since establishment, PSCF has implemented several projects that create truly *safe spaces*- physically and emotionally- for children to come to build positive relationships, gain confidence, study, express themselves and feel a sense of belonging to a special community. The projects that has been implemented shown in the following table:

Project Title	Start date	End date	Amount	Fund Source
Supportive and Remedial Education for Orphan Children by the 2014 assault on Gaza Strip. (Fourth)	26/8/2018	10/7/2019	\$640,000	Welfare Association – Qatar Development Fund
Supportive and Remedial Education for Orphan Children by the 2014 assault on Gaza Strip. (Third Year)	15/8/2017	30/6/2018	\$640,000	Welfare Association – Qatar Development Fund
Supportive and Remedial Education for Orphan Children by the 2014 assault on Gaza Strip. (Second Year)	15/8/2016	30/6/2017	\$640,000	Welfare Association – Qatar Development Fund
Supportive and Remedial Education for Orphan Children by the 2014 assault on Gaza Strip. (First Year)	30/7/2015	15/6/2016	\$517,000	Welfare Association – Qatar Development Fund
Supportive and Remedial Education for Orphan Children in Gaza Strip. (Phases 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5)	1/11/2011	27/7/2015	\$2,400,000	Welfare Association-Abraaj Capital-Dubai
To improve Educational and psychological support of low achievers	1/1/2015	31/1/2016	\$70,000	NGO Development Center / World Bank
Remedial Classes for children in Gaza	15/10/2011	15/05/2014	\$220,000	Norwegian Peoples Aid
Eye to the Future (Establishing educational enhancement center)	1/11/2011	1/3/2013	\$264,000	Care International-USAID
Model Community Network Centre Phase II	1/2/2010	31/5/2011	\$328,020	NGO Development Center / World Bank
Model Community Network Centre Phase I	1/3/2007	31/10/2008	\$278,000	NGO Development

				Center / World Bank
Refugee Children Summer Camps	1 June 2004	31 Aug 2004	€20,000	European Commission

Achievements in Numbers for last two years:

1. Supportive Education Activities:

A total of 1027 orphaned pupils joined the supportive education classes that focused on 3 main subjects; Mathematics, English and Arabic and 2 minor subjects; Technology and Science. The teacher's main focus was on teaching students the main skills that they should acquire in the five subjects. On a monthly basis, the teachers conducted exams to measure the student's progress.

2. Non formal Activities:

The recreational activities were just one component of the overall Non Formal Education Program that PSCF has been implementing for children. These activities have created a safe, engaging atmosphere for kids which allowed for self-esteem, team building and leadership skills to develop. It has enhanced life skill development and has given opportunities for critical thinking, problem solving and conflict resolution. It has promoted tolerance and cooperative learning and has emphasized respect towards people, environment and nature.

In the recreational activities, PSCF tried to keep the kids away from the daily scenes of Israeli violence, by offering them some activities like storytelling, songs, behavioral teachings, performing theatrical plays by actors and actresses as well as training some talented children how to act. A total of 1027 orphaned children participated in the following recreational activities:

- playing software entertainment and educational games.
- practicing artistic activities as, drawing, making shapes from clay and other free games.
- making hand craft activities from paper.
- Implementation of sport activities including: football, volleyball, athletics, and marathons.
- 16 open days were conducted including activities like: telling stories, playing games, songs, drawing, making wall boards and clowns. Gifts were distributed to courageous children.
- 16 cultural and entertainment competitions carried out for the orphaned children and their parents to create an atmosphere of fun.
- 6 entertainment trips were organized.
- 2 Festivals were conducted in participation of at least 1200 children and parents. The festivals composed of several paragraphs as: artistic shows, songs, theatrical sketches, Dabka and puppet show.

3. Psychological Activities:

A team consisted of 6 psychologists were recruited to follow up the psychological problems that the children suffer from. The psychologists succeeded in carrying out the following activities:

- 574 collective awareness sessions were conducted for 983 children.
- 1200 children attended the psychological sessions that focused on topics such as: Anxiety during Exams, Forgetting, Shame, Expression Feelings, Studying Motivation, Psychological Trauma, Personnel Hygiene, Self-Confidence, Free Games, Methods of Good Studying, Improving the leadership skills, Ways of reading, Self-esteem, Studying problems, Classroom disturbance and Loneliness.
- 506 home visits conducted to suffer from aggression, Psychological Trauma, abuse and low academic achievement.
- Parental Workshops: the psychologists conducted 120 psychological supportive workshops for the parents. The topics that were raised as: aggressive behavior, low academic achievement, children's right and children's abuse.

4. Institutional Capacity Building:

To promote strong, effective and democratic Palestinian institutions with potential of self sustaining growth that encourages broader participation of the community in the non formal education sector, PSCF has provided 5 CBOs with the following components:

4.1 Program Delivery:

Each NGO has received approximately \$100,000 to implement activities including: supportive education program, psychological program, recreational activities, upgrading their libraries through enriching them with books and CDs.

4.2 Capacity Building Component:

- Installing 3 computerized financial systems (Al Aseel)
- Developing 5 strategic plans for 5 partner NGOs
- Developing Human Resource Manual
- Developing Financial and Procurement Manual
- Training course on Planning skills
- Training Course on Monitoring and Evaluation

B. Rehabilitation for those with special needs:

Civilians in Gaza Strip are suffering from continuous military actions by the Israeli army which increased the number of people with disabilities. These actions has resulted in great numbers of traumatized people; particularly children, while there is a lack of educational centers, recreational programs, rehabilitation programs and technical aids available to reduce the trauma and provide the necessary rehabilitative care. Organizations that normally provided these services are limited in their funding and resources; as well, rehabilitation care providers still need training and experience. In addition, Israeli closure has caused the deterioration of the economic status of the Palestinians. In accordance to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics; the unemployment rate in Gaza Strip is over 80%. This impacts the rehabilitation and treatment of the disabled as families no longer have money to pay for the necessary medical and rehabilitative care.

In line with the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (2011), the number of disabled persons has mounted to around 113,000 persons, forming around 2.7% of the total population. 38,000 live in the Gaza Strip, making up 2.4% of the Gaza strip total population. The percentage of disability among males is 2.9% compared to 2.5% among females.

To improve the living conditions of people with disabilities and based on requarl need assessments conducted by PSCF team, PSCF managed to implement the following projects:

Project Title	Start date	End date	Amount	Fund Source
Establishment of a physiotherapy unit at Maghazi Camp	Ongoing since 2008 to present		\$100,000	USAID
Improving Living Conditions of Physically Disabled Children in Gaza & establishing physiotherapy unit in the Gaza middle area	1/11/2010	30/9/2011	\$130,000	Flagship-USAID
Medical Emergency Project	1/3/2009	30/9/3009	\$150,000	OPEC Fund
Improving Life Conditions of the Physically Disabled People in the Middle Area	3 September 2006	15 Aug 2007	\$ 185,677	Care International
I See and Hear You Project	1 Dec 2006	30 April 2007	\$24,039	Norwegian Peoples Aid
Community Based Rehabilitation for Persons with Disabilities in Gaza City Neighborhoods (Jdida and Torkman).	1 July 2005	18 February 2006	\$46,720	MAP UK
Improving the Life Conditions of the Physically Disabled Individuals in Gaza Neighborhoods and Gaza the Middle Area	1 April 2004	28 Feb 2005	\$198,000	Care International
Medical Equipment for the Pediatric Department at Shuhada' Al aqsa Governmental Hospital	15 Aug 2004	15 Nov 2004	\$ 15,000	MAP UK
To assist the Physically Disabled Individuals and Children Needing Glasses in the Middle Gaza Strip	1 March 2004	31 Aug 2004	\$55,500	MAP UK
Helping Children with Special Needs	April 2003	Aug 2003	\$42,400	Norwegian People's Aid

Achievements in Numbers for last two years:

1. Establishment of a physiotherapy unit

PSCF established a physiotherapy unit at Al maghzi Refugee Camp. The unit aims to provide physiotherapy sessions for people with disabilities in Middle area Refugee Camps. The unit was well equipped with: Short Wave Unit, Vacuum Unit, Examination Couch Electromedicarin, Diesel Generation, Ultra sound, Electrotherapy unit, Exercise bicycles, Mobile Mirror, Physio Ball, Weight Scale for adults, Consultation beds, Parallel par, Ladder, Balance Board, Sand Bags, Dumbbells, Electrical Stimulator, Trolley, Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulation, Hydrocollater and Cold pack refrigerator.

2. Treatment Intervention

- A total of 12000 home visits were conducted, and about 5980 women have benefited from the project activities which included the occupational therapy sessions, Physiotherapy sessions and psychosocial sessions.
- 13 training workshops on integration and the disabled rights were conducted for 220 males and 350 females.
- 400 prevention awareness sessions were conducted for at least 4616 persons including parents and local NGOs members.
- 300 houses were rehabilitated (homes were adapted all over Gaza Strip).

3. Assistive Devices:

In coordination with the local NGOs, PSCF succeeded to distribute:

- 3 electric scooters,
- 150 wheel chairs,
- 89 air bed mattresses,
- 99 walkers, 67 elbows,
- 7000 eye glasses,
- 320 hearing aids,
- 6982 packages of diapers.

C. Development of water resources, Sanitation and the Environmental Health:

PSCF received donations from variant donors including Map UK, ECHO, EC and USAID to support projects on water/sanitation and Public Health. The following table shows the projects that were implemented in this program are:

Project Title	Start date	End date	Amount	Fund Source
To Promote Environmental Health Conditions in Al Zarqa Area - Al Tuffah Zone in cooperation with Gaza Municipality	1 Jan 2006	31 Dec 2007	\$773,747	European Commission/ MAP UK

To improve Public Health in Gaza Middel Area in cooperation with Al zawaydeh and Deir el Balah Municipalities	1/2/2007	31/10/2007	€500,000	ECHO/MAP UK
To Promote Environmental Health Conditions In Al Zarqa Area	1 November 2004	30 April 2005	\$89,650	MAP UK
Environmental Health Education/Awareness in Bureij Camp	1 Dec 2004	30 May 2005	\$147,785	Tamkeen/USAID
To Promote Children's Environmental Health in the Beach Refugee Camp	1 April 2004	30 May 2005	\$126,407	Tamkeen/USAID
To Improve Environmental Health Education/Awareness in Nussirat Camp	1 July 2001	30 June 2002	\$88,752	Tamkeen/USAID

Achievements in Numbers for last two years:

1. Water and sanitation:

- Improve the access of safe clean drinking water in marginalized areas, a total of 7,575RM of 63mm M.D.P.E pipes, and 17,318RM of 110mm, and 1366RM OF 160mm water UPVC pipes were installed, and 61 concrete manholes were constructed. Also, 4 pipelines flushing and sterilization units were installed, and a total of 1043 water house connections were installed to benefit 9,523 people.
- Some Areas in Gaza were connected to the Municipal sewerage network by laying a total of 5711RM of UPVC pipes 355mm, 3773RM of UPVC pipes of 160mm, 4,539RM of UPVC pipes 200mm and 193 RM of UPVC pipes 250mm. Additionally, 898 manholes were constructed.
- 182 solid waste containers were manufactured and placed in different places of Gaza Strip

2. Environmental Health Awareness

- A total of 1580 home visits were conducted, and about 1775 women have benefited from the health messages that have been disseminated.
- 57 child to child CtC groups have been formed; with a total of 684 children including boys and girls. Each group comprised 10 to 14 children who carried out their activities either at local NGOs or school settings
- 166 environmental Health Awareness Sessions were conducted for 6200 persons including women and children all over Gaza Strip. The sessions focused on topics including:
 - solid waste disposal;
 - water preservation;
 - protection of sewer lines;
 - food security,
 - dangers of garbage,

- proper nutrition for children...etc
- 55 hours training course on Public Health Issues, Community Participation and Communication was held. Fifty trainees (26 female & 24 male) participated in the training course.
- Four clean-up campaigns were implemented in full coordination and cooperation with the municipalities and UNRWA Health and Sanitation Departments.
- PSCF produced a series of publications including, children magazine, posters, pamphlets, stories, calendars and brochures that document the children Environmental Health Problem.
- PSCF produced 30,000 copies of 15 issues of "Friends of the Environment", 20,000 copies of 10 brochures, 20,000 copies of 10 posters, 12,000 copies of 6 pamphlet and 2000 copies of a cassette including six environmental songs composed by gifted children.
- 1080 copies of an environmental health manual, and 900 copies of 2008 calendar were prepared and produced. All of the publications were distributes among the local NGOs, families, schools, and clinics
- Annually, PSCF in coordination with local NGOs and UNRWA schools celebrated the major events including World Anti-Smoking, The World Environment day, The World Water day and the World Health Day.

D) Other projects have been implemented in emergencies:

Project Title	Start date	End date	Amount	Fund Source
Recovery After War (Distribution of Food Parcels, fresh food parcels, hygiene kits and kitchen materials)	1/12/2012	31/3/2013	\$2,000,000	Red Crescent Society
Recovery of Gaza Strip After War	1/4/2009	30/6/2009	\$350,000	Norwegian Peoples Aid

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