

**occupied Palestinian territory 2018 (part of 2018-2020 HRP)**

<b>Appealing Agency</b>	<b>PALESTINE SAVE THE CHILDREN FOUNDATION (PSCF)</b>
<b>Project Title</b>	Improving the Living Conditions of Children with Disabilities (CwDs) in two neighborhoods of Gaza Governorate
<b>Project Code</b>	OPT-18/H/115068
<b>Sector/Cluster</b>	Health and Nutrition Cluster
<b>Refugee project</b>	No
<b>Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To enhance the living conditions and health care of 120 CwDs in the two target neighborhoods of Gaza Governorate through the provision of physiotherapy, occupational therapy and psychosocial and health care.</li> <li>2. To enhance the awareness of 600 women and community members and motivate their adoption of attitudes and practices to prevent disabilities and improve skills in working with CwDs through the conduction of 24 prevention awareness sessions.</li> <li>3. To enhance participation and integration of 120 CwDs (boys and girls) through conduction of recreational and educational activities such as sports, arts, drawing, puppets show celebrations, and field trips.</li> <li>4. To provide capacity building training workshops for 40 service providers (women &amp; men) working in NGOs, CBOs, clinics and schools for CwDs.</li> <li>5. To provide CwDs with necessary assistive devices including 15 wheelchairs, 30 walkers, 25 crutches, 15 air bed mattresses, 30 elbow crutches and 1000 packs of diapers.</li> <li>6. To develop intervention materials and use several means of information dissemination and media to create awareness on disability issues, integration and mobilize community to adopt practices toward preventing disability.</li> </ol>
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	Total: 940 Female: 400 Male: 540 Children (under 18): 300 Adult (18-59): 640 Refugees: 940
<b>Implementing Partners</b>	Palestine save the Children Foundation
<b>Project Duration</b>	Jan 2018 - Dec 2018
<b>Current Funds Requested</b>	<b>\$155,567</b>
<b>Location</b>	Projects covering just Gaza
<b>Gender Marker Code</b>	2a - The project is designed to contribute significantly to gender equality
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<b>Cash transfer programming</b>	Is any part of this project cash transfer programming (including vouchers)? <span style="float: right;">No</span>  Conditionality:  Restrictions:  Estimated percentage of project requirements to be used for cash/vouchers: <span style="float: right;">0</span>

Needs

Palestine Save the Children Foundation seeks to build upon the existing skills and resources of the Palestinian community, enhancing and/or complementing the work of existing local networks and institutions and strengthening the skills and services provided to the Children with disabilities (CwDs) in the Gaza Strip by providing them with comprehensive rehabilitation and health services and supporting their integration into the community. This project will take place in marginalized two neighborhoods of Gaza governorate including Al Shajaiya, and Al Zaitoon which are considered as lower income communities with high density of populations.

Children with disabilities living in these target areas are as other civilians live in Gaza Strip are suffering from violent events including wars, invasions and prolonged blockade that affected on all aspects of their social, economic, psychological, educational and health status. The Israeli war in 2014 has increased the number of disabled people in general and left more terrible events that affected on the health and psychological status of CwDs.

According to the Disabled Individuals Census in Gaza Strip, 2012, issued by the Palestinian Central Bureau for Statistics, it showed that there were 39,877 individuals with disabilities in the Gaza Strip comprising 2.6% of the total population, of whom 21,638 were males and 18,239 were females. Out of this population, there were 6,330 individuals under 18 years of age with only one disability. In Gaza Governorate, the total number of PwDs is 10359 persons (44% Female and 56% Male), 30% were physically disabled and 38% of them are below 18 years.

According to the last report conducted by UNICEF after the Israeli military operation launched in Gaza Strip on 7 July 2014, it showed that the number of disabled people was increased since dozens of injured persons had to undergo amputations of the lower or higher limbs or even both of them.

In June 2017, PSCF team has conducted a series of focus discussions with a random sample of service providers and health workers working with people with disabilities and mothers in Gaza to collect information about the current conditions of CwDs. The participants assured that the ongoing conflicts and the bad economic situation have a negative impact on the life of CwDs and lead to poor availability of health and rehabilitation services. The increased rate of unemployment in Gaza Strip impacts the rehabilitation and medical treatment of the disabled as families no longer have money to pay for the necessary medical care. Moreover, the lack of having the necessary assistive devices restricted the movement of CwDs and affects negatively on their movement and integration with the local community. Also, most of the participants confirmed that the Israeli actions has resulted in great numbers of traumatized people, especially children. The children with disabilities feel despair, frustration, anxiety, isolation, introversion, angry, sleeping disorders, bed wetting, and negative thoughts to themselves and the society they live in.

On the other hand, the current and potential organizations in Gaza strip are still restricted by the lack of funding. This scarcity of resources threatens the life of PwDs and make their life very complicated. Additionally, low level of awareness amongst CBR centers, local schools and clinics about the approaches, principles and importance of such activities on children's right and community participation is critical issue.

All of these limitations increase the bad impact on disabled children, their families and community at large at the physical, psychological and social levels. This project proposes to intervene and target the disabled children aged from (0 to 18) years by providing physiotherapy, occupational therapy and psycho-social as well as assistive devices and awareness workshops and trainings as a way to integrate the CwDs into the community.

### **Activities or outputs**

1.1 120 CwDs from two different locations in Gaza Governorate (Al Shajaiya, and Al Zaitoon) received a comprehensive rehabilitation treatment which includes: 1500 sessions of the physiotherapy treatment, approximately 1000 sessions of the occupational therapy and 900 sessions of psychotherapy.

1.2 40 CwDs referred to the governmental clinic, UNRWA clinic and Doctors without Borders.

2.1 24 Prevention awareness sessions conducted for 600 parents.

3.1 120 CwDs participated in the educational and recreational activities that includes sports, arts, drawing, celebrations, puppets show and field trips.

4.1 4 capacity building training workshops conducted for 40 service providers and community leaders (women & men) working in NGOs, CBOs, clinics and schools for CwDs on topics including: stress management techniques, modification of the behaviors and attitudes of the CwDs, social inclusion, and the Convention on the Rights of CwDs.

5.1 15 wheelchairs, 30 walkers, 25 crutches, 15 air bed mattresses and 25 elbow crutches distributed for disabled children.

5.2 1000 packs of diapers delivered to the some disabled children.

61 One calendar 2018 produced and 1000 copies printed and distributed to schools, local NGOs, and local community, 10 radio episodes broadcasted, 20000 SMS distributed and 1 blog used to spread information about disability.

### **Indicators and targets**

The project will focus directly on children with disabilities in two marginalized neighborhoods of Gaza governorate (Al Shajaiya and Al Zaitoon). The target beneficiaries will be selected according to specific criteria: cerebral palsy cases from both sexes, children with disabilities between the ages of 0 to 18 years, school children from both sexes, children with disabilities in urgent need for the assistive devices, children with disabilities belonging to poor families and vulnerable communities.

Concerning to gender, PSCF believes that social inequalities between men and women are an obstacle to community development and promotes the elimination of those obstacles. Therefore, the following direct and indirect groups will benefit from the project's activities:

Direct beneficiaries:

- ? Rehabilitation Sessions: 65 disabled male and 55 disabled female will benefit from the comprehensive rehabilitation sessions.
- ? Referral to Clinics: 40 CwDs will be referred to clinics.
- ? Medical Devices: 460 Children with disabilities will benefit from the diapers, wheelchairs, crutches, elbows, mattresses and walkers.
- ? Preventive Awareness Sessions: (600) through awareness sessions
- ? Summer activities: (120) children, half of them disabled.
- ? Capacity building: (40) service providers.
- ? Media and publications: (1000) through the distribution of (2018) calendar, (200000) audience from the radio episodes and disability blog, (20000) from SMS.

Indirect Beneficiaries:

- ? Rehabilitation sessions:400 parents will be involved in the rehabilitation sessions provided by the team.
- ? Local community in both targeted areas.

For PSCF, measurable impact is one of its key program principles. It seeks to demonstrate lasting positive impact on the lives of children and women by regularly assessing program quality. The monitoring will depend to a considerable degree on monthly reporting by staff. Documentary review will be supplemented by regular discussions with staff and site visits to beneficiaries. Financial monitoring will be accomplished in similar manner; the Accountant's monthly statements will meet the requirements established by the Project Manager and be suitable for synthesis into periodic financial reports of PCSF to the donor.

Gender sensitization: throughout the implementation of the activities, PSCF will provide the rehabilitation services for CwDs taking in consideration gender equity. Also, the right of participation in the social activities will be given for girls and boys.

Indicator	Project target
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<b>Palestine Save the Children Foundation(PSCF)</b>	
<b>Original BUDGET items</b>	<b>\$</b>
Salaries	14,300
Project Activities Direct Cost	63,250
Supplies and Materials	10,000
Travel & Transport	18,900
Direct costs	4,140
Equipment and capacity building	34,800
Indirect Costs	10,177
<b>Total</b>	<b>155,567</b>
Equipment and capacity building	34,800
Indirect Costs	10,177