

AISHA ASSOCIATION FOR WOMAN AND CHILD PROTECTION

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Aisha still continued providing to its target groups of women and children victims of violence confident steps to combat all forms of violence and discrimination in society, promote the rule of justice and law and to achieve equality among the Palestinian people who have suffered due to occupation, blockade and division. Aisha seeks through its various programs to provide quality services that meet the real needs of a day after the rapid and dangerous deterioration in the political and humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip. During 2016, it was directly involved in providing services and support to more than ten thousand mothers and children directly in several directions, the most important of which was support, psychological treatment, legal services, and economic empowerment services.

During 2016, AISHA has showed a positive trends in spreading knowledge and experience to alleviate the pain and suffering of women and children, which almost lost hopes and dreams of life. We will be able to fight with all community categories. Today, we raise our voice to the obstacles and challenges that stand against our determination by getting Freedom and independence and the right to live in a country with a dignified and safe life like the other of the world.

During 2016, AISHA has achieved three main achievements which are launching a research study on the reality of women's access to justice, issuing "HawaAlzahra" manual to present psychological support and psychological empowerment services of survivors of violence and setting up Aisha community center to provide psychological services for women and girls in Gaza Strip.

These achievements would not have come real without the good efforts of AISHA staff and its board of directors in planning and setting up projects and activities. We take this as an opportunity to thank and express gratitude for what they have provided in order to achieve the mission of the association and to serve the community.

Our sincere donors, who always support us, we express all respect to our donors for their great efforts and determination on our side to succeed. We will always strive to achieve the best for Palestinian women and children and alleviate their suffering and support facing off the occupation in order to have a free Palestinian state where everyone is living freely with dignity. Our beloved Palestine, We will always keep our homeland and provide the precious in order to be a Hope for every woman and child.

The board of director:

The council speech:

Recently, the Palestinian people in Gaza strip live critical circumstances which never seen before, and never expected it. Palestinian Political division, high poverty, un employment resulted in remarkable increase in violence against women, and children in Palestinian society, and increase the level of deprivation towards them, specially there are no any close solutions related to Palestinian issues works on mitigating there continuous suffering.

During this suffering, five years past for the board of director election by the General assembly, and its equal fifteen years at the level of achievements and developmentsof AISHA's capacities, and supporting project and programs which elevated in the last years (2016) to crown it all with

obtain the license of **Aisha Community Centre For Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment**, which specialized to mental health of girls and women. This is a great achievement that belongs to AISHA association for women and child protection to serve the Palestinian society and alleviate his suffering. AISHA with his staff and board of directors are proud of this achievement which did not happen without the support, and ongoing trust of our Palestinian society to us.

AISHA still advances with high confidence to provide special and comprehensive services with high quality, that meet the real requirements of target groups during the shortage of provision services by other NGOs, and Governmental institutions which refers to different aspects and reasons. AISHA focus on providing continuous services by all available means. AISHA provide the full support its staff morally and professionally to build their capacities and abilities to ongoing. Also, it seeks through the international and local companies to build their capacities through academic and professional sides each one in his specialization. In addition, AISHA through its networks with international institutions tried to recruit experiences and qualifications specialized in mental health, protection, and combating violence aiming to ensure the excellence and improve the quality of work, which the last one was the training by Promondo and Mousawa institution in Lebanon.

Today we issued the six reports of AISHA's activities and projects, which tackled the achievements of AISHA association during 2016. In this year AISHA gain two awards at one time which are welfare association for 2015 – Falak and Abd el kareem al shawa for community associations in the Gaza strip "For Gaza", and Paltel group award for excellence and creativity. This event has great and wide impact among international and local institutions based on its value among institutions, partners, fundraiser, and the target group. Also, AISHA able to launch its strategic plan for 2016- 2018, and the Budget for its programs based on the actual situation for the project which was expected from the beginning of this year.

The Palestinian society lived difficult situations in this period. We hope to achieve the best for it. And in the coming next year, his wishes have been achieved with freedom, dignity and equality in all its forms.

The member of the board:

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| • Mr. Ilias Al Jelda | Chairman of the board |
| • Mr. Khalil Shaheen | Deputy of chairman of the board |
| • Mrs. Ibtisam Daloul | Chief Treasurer |
| • Mrs. Taghrid Joumaa' | Secretary General |
| • Mr. Rafaat Salhaa | Member |
| • Mrs. Itaf Al Khatib | Member |
| • Mrs. Majda Shaheen | Member |

Meetings of the board of directors and the general assembly:

1. The general assembly was held on Thursday 14th July 2016 at Aisha's office. 34 of 54 members of whom paid their fees were attending the assembly general meeting. Chairman of the board presented Aisha's annual report for 2015. Members of the

general assembly discussed the terms of the annual administrative and financial report and the assembly voted for the financial auditor, the general assembly also voted to contract with SABA, the editing company, as a legal auditor for the accounts of the association for the year 2016.

2. Meetings of the board of directors: 10 meetings of the board of directors were held during 2016 year in which they discussed the Association's affairs related to the staff, project, the financial situation for the association. There were different issues which been on the BOD meetings, and the most important issues talked in the meetings were forming different committees, discussed the ongoing association's projects, and the projects which been applied to donors, the appointments on the projects, sharing in the clarification committees, interviews, the accreditation of membership in Palestinian NGOs Network- PNGO, and assign commissioner to attend the meeting. BOD guaranteed integrity and transparency during all polices and decisions and followed them up at a daily level with the executive administration.

Human resources:

Aisha association has 32 employees including 21 employees (woman and men) at the administrative and professional fields and 10 employees as projects employees and volunteers.

Aisha association has a qualified staff with high qualifications as international trainer as follows:

4 employees' on "Psychodrama"

7 employees' on "Positive discipline in Everyday teaching "

In addition, Four employees got the title of a professional supervisor in the field of mental health as part of the professional supervision of a program implemented by the Gaza Community Mental Health Program for the third year.

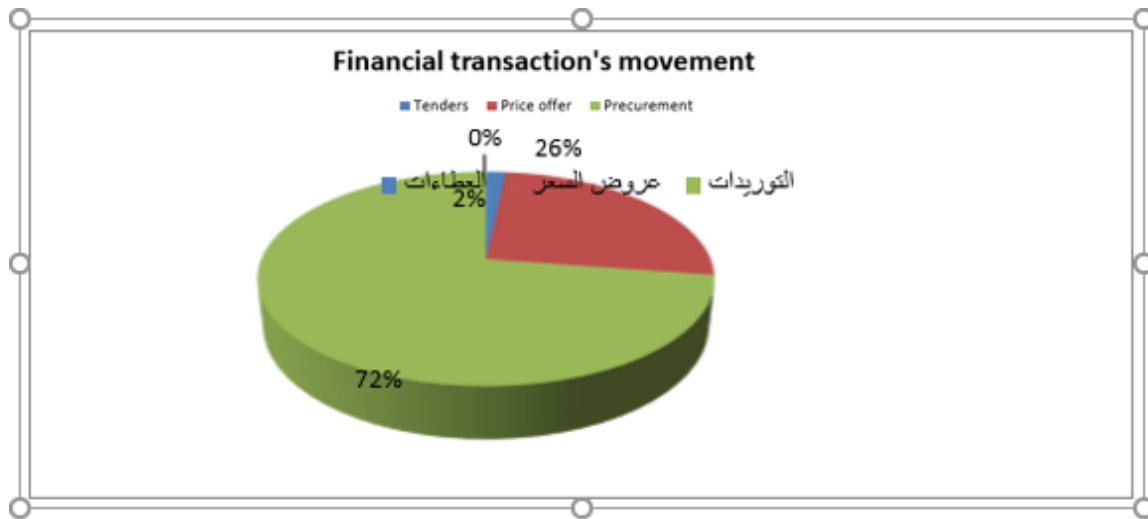
It is worth mentioning that, during the past year, AISHA through developing capacities program covered the cost of registration for 3 employees in Palestinian Universities in different specialization (Diploma and Masters),

Finally, Volunteer's number reached 12 in the year 2016. Volunteers are of diverse specialties including: projects and management, social services, accounting, secretary, Media, vocational training, and translation. Volunteers from universities around the Gaza strip (AlAzhar, Islamic university, AL Quds open University, Al Aqsa University, and University college for applied science) reached the number of 67specialized in (Psychology, social worker, and administration) in all levels of diploma, bachelor degree and master degree with various specialties.

Financial and purchases department:

2016 witnessed a rapid and growing movement of financial transactions and procedures which added more experience to the financial department, with the help of the financial auditor and consultant hired by the association for the development of the financial system to meet the requirements and the level of work and the size and quality of the projects and funding.

AISHA recruit additional staff for the financial department to meet the requirements of work and achieved a high quality of implementing financial transaction and exchanges on the projects, and sorting the association financial accounts, and focusing on separating the tasks in financial department, which consider high response for the new financial system. Also, the financial department participated in organizing and put the budget for the project to fit with the association requirements.



Project management and fundraising department:

Finance and fundraising department was established in 2011, but its actual work started in the mid of 2012. Project department achieved a great achievement under the supervision of the executive administration and the board of directors. This was achieved as a result of the great efforts of the local staff whom were of an excellent experience and because of their continuous following up knowledge and sharing with the international and local associations.

The department of project management and finance succeed maintaining a sustained level of at least 10 projects annually, and maintain the level and proportion of funding during 2016, and increase the trust of fundraiser in AISHA's quality of services were provided for the beneficiaries.

Project management department applied for 47 different projects during the year 2016, Aisha succeeded obtaining 10 projects of them.

Public and international relations:

Aisha hosted 37 foreign delegations and 97 delegates from local institutions during the year, the most notably, Norwegian Ambassador, British Representation, Dutch Foreign Ministry, Belgian Foreign Minister in Palestine. These meetings aims to introduce the activities and the association to the donors and to identify the real situation of women and children in the Gaza strip especially after the latest of reconstructions process and deterioration of political and economic situation and to cooperate with the donors and to find approaches for the development and support with the help of the civil society organizations.

Aisha association also participated in the presence of 30 different protection groups meetings of the United Nations such as Psychological support, child protection, protection, legal work team.

These meetings aimed to identify the humanitarian work and sharing experiences among institutions, and to set a database for the institutions and to provide support for the targeted groups within the Gaza strip according to the humanitarian conditions.

In addition, Aisha attended 25 meetings in different networks and alliances for woman, child, youth and social accountability that aimed to advocate for the amendment of laws or conduct advocacy for women's issues and children's rights.

Projects :

First Project:

"Improving comprehensive protection services for women and girls victims of violence in the Gaza Strip"

Date of implementation: October 2015 - September 2016•

Place of implementation: Gaza Strip

- Number of beneficiaries: 585.3 women, men, girls and boys
- Funded by UN woman
- Budget \$ 168.161.63
- Overall Objective: To improve the psychological situation and to raise awareness of gender-based violence for women and men, girls and boys in overcrowded areas In the Gaza Strip.

Project activities implemented during the project period:

- Knowledge for psychological assistance for women and girls were developed after the crisis. In this regard, 200 copies of the psychosocial support package for women victims of gender-based violence were prepared and printed in conflict zones.
- 30 training hours were conducted in the third quarter to build the capacity of Aisha's staff in "Early intervention for the most common post-crisis psychological trauma"
- Raising awareness and support for families or displaced persons in crowded areas where 100 workshops focused on Raising the awareness of target groups of gender-based violence and protection standards was carried out in the Gaza Strip and northern areas targeting (2166) women and girls while 37 workshops were conducted targeting 731 men and women during the fourth quarter.
- A radio spot was broadcasted and a (200 square meter) poster was printed and two annual calendars were printed for 2016-2017. A campaign entitled "Women in Gaza Two Years after the War" was organized through social media and local radio stations to highlight the reality of women in Gaza Strip after two years of the aggression through 2014.

- The discovery and referral of 35 cases requiring additional protection services, 441 cases were allocated to receive additional services (294 psychological support services, 14 legal services, 91 medical services, and 42 economic empowerment services). Referral of 60 cases for individual psychological counseling, 22 cases for medical empowerment and 22 other cases
- 600 psychological counseling sessions were conducted for 60 groups, each consisting of 15 women who participated in training courses targeting 900 women and girls living as displaced persons in crowded areas or areas severely affected by the crisis. Of each group in Jahr al-Dik and Jabalia in Gaza, targeting 945 women, which means three additional groups of actual implementation groups during the implementation of the project. The most hard challenges was that proved the need of women for such interventions due to recurrent crises affecting the lives of individuals especially women and girls. The number of women seeking assistance is far greater than the target numbers. Targeted women also seek to provide such services to their husbands and children. The time allotted for the termination and participation of the Toolkit is insufficient, so Aisha Association will continue to work within the protection group and its sub-working group.

Second project :

"Towards the Legal Empowerment of the Community in Support of Women's Legal Rights in Gaza City and Northern Gaza City" which aims to support the legal empowerment of the community to promote access to justice and security for women victims of violence by strengthening legal intervention in the Gaza Strip

Activities carried out during the reporting period according to strategic objectives:

- Strengthen legal assistance and access to justice and security for women victims of violence. 50 cases were referred to the partners as follows, 10 cases referred to the partners, 3 cases referred to the National Society for Democracy and Law, 3 cases to the Palestinian Bar Association, one case to the Society for Culture and Free Thought The city of Khanyounis needs protection, psychological support, legal representation, and 3 cases to the Bureij Women's Program Center. All of these cases were referred to partners for regular representation or because these institutions are close to the situation. Twenty-seven cases were referred by partners in ON and others Associations that have awareness of legal support.

-- Follow-up 30 previous cases in court that were provided legal support and mediation to 300 people. A total of 324 legal consultations were offered during the project period, 74 consultations for women and men by telephone, 140 consultations for women and men at Aisha and the remaining 110 consultations during awareness sessions. Consultations on various legal subjects such as alimony, furniture, types and conditions of dismissal, legal and mandatory detention, as well as ordinary cases and other legal cases, most of which were referred to judicial representation. Twelve cases were solved through the lawyer's efforts before the case was filed in court.

- Develop the capacity of community organizations and newly graduated lawyers to support women's legal rights by organizing a 60-hour training course for 25 new lawyers specializing in

Shija'ia courts in order to support women at Shija'ia court ,access to justice, life skills, self-care skills and integrated security 60 hours (40 theoretical - 20 practical), the selection of 3 trainees from 3 community organizations at the target location as focal points in their community organizations will be responsible for providing legal assistance services and referral of cases to Aisha for legal representation and regulation Workshop to raise awareness in their communities

Raising awareness among the community and raising awareness of women's legal rights:- Providing legal awareness to 500 beneficiaries, organizing 20 awareness workshops. Twenty legal awareness sessions were held from the beginning of the project until January, with 587 women and men taking part in these workshops, 52 men and 535 women, in various locations in the east of Gaza City and the northern Gaza Strip. Six sessions were held in the Enmaa' Society for Relief and Development during November, 10 sessions were held at the Gentle Hearts Society in December and January and the other five sessions were held in the NedaaFelstein Charitable Society. Personality, marriage, sermons, coercion, guardianship, violence against women, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and inheritance and other topics were discussed through the sessions. In addition, many legal consultations were given to women and men attending these meetings, and these consultations were on different topics.

- Workshops were organized by 3 trained lawyers in the project: Maha Al-Ajla, HaninSalih and Hind Murtaja, in addition to Advocate HanadiAkila and Project major Advocate Asma Abu Lahia. All of these sessions enabled women, girls and men to go to the courts to be active in their communities.

-- In cooperation with the Higher Judicial Court, a training course was organized for about 72 hours for 50 new graduates (two groups, each of 25 graduates receiving 36 training hours), including: inheritance and guardianship, Law enforcement, issues and provisions and women's rights in international law.

-- Selection of three trainees from 3 community organizations in the targeted location to serve as focal points in their community organizations for 4 months. They are responsible for providing legal aid services and referral of cases to Aisha for legal representation and awareness-raising workshops.

-- Selection by the Board of Directors at Aisha Association for the lawyer "HanadiAkila" to work in the legal clinic of Aisha Society to develop and improve her professional skills. Based on her experience and previous skills, she was selected to develop her skills in shijaia and how to deal with marginalized women.

- In November Aisha donated \$ 300 to the Aoun network, in addition to attending Aoun Network meetings.

- Conduct two days of discussion for the legal rights of women to invite judges, lawyers, law enforcement officers, electors, community leaders, women's organizations and human rights organizations

- Design and print two billboards on the legal right of women, broadcast two radio spots concerning women's legal rights, broadcast two radio sessions concerning the legal rights of women.
- Strengthen policy analysis on gender-based violence through advocacy campaigns by conducting an advocacy campaign titled #My_children_need_me for Critical Women's Issues

Direct beneficiaries:

- 25 Fresh graduates lawyers were targeted, that they increased their knowledge and improved their skills
 - The project benefited 1,000 people (male and female) aged between 16 and 65 in Gaza City and East Gaza City by raising their awareness of women's legal rights and gender-based violence.
 - 50 women (between 16 and 65 years old) were represented by the Shija'ia Court from Gaza City and East Gaza City and benefited from the project through the Legal Aid Clinic
- women (between the ages of 16 and 65) received legal advice and mediation 240 -
- 100 job-seekers, such as shelter, women's police, enforcement personnel in the Shijaia courts for women's rights were sensitized
- 11200 members of the community benefited from advocacy campaigns and propaganda materials
- 3 community organizations were targeted from East Gaza and northern Gaza Strip

Indirect beneficiaries:

Approximately 63,125 individuals in the Gaza Strip benefited indirectly from the project activities as follows :

Families and neighbors of women victims / survivors of violence -

- People from communities such as decision-makers, judges, community organizations, lawyers and elders were targeted and informed and sensitized to women's issues and women's rights
- A large number of the population in the Palestinian society benefited from the legal and gender awareness program in the marginalized areas and were sensitized through media campaigns
- Palestinian society has generally benefited from increasing the human rights of women who have been empowered through the acquisition of their legal rights.

The third project:

"" Protection of children from Gender-Based Violence through the Promotion of their Sexual Health Rights"

Implementation Date: First of April to First of December 2016

Place of implementation: Gaza north of central Gaza

Number of beneficiaries: 1230

Funded by: Save the children

83,700 :\$Budgeting

Overall Objective:

Protect the rights of children and teens against Gender based violence through the promotion of their sexual health rights.

Activities through the period of the project :

Meetings with the Director of Child of Protection from the Child Save Society to follow up the implementation of the project

Meetings of the legal committee were implemented in order to discuss the possible activities

-Implementation of 15 sessions of reproductive health on the manual 12 sessions per manual in 4 grassroots institutions

-Conducting RH sessions for 25 groups on the third manual (12 sessions per manual) in 7 baselines in Gaza and northern Gaza

A discussion open day was held for children and their parents

Implementation of positive breeding sessions of 20 groups 8 sessions per group

Conduct follow-up sessions of 20 session groups per group

Training course in EnglishConduct

Implementation of the third guide of professional training by two coaches of the Association of Aisha for 28 trainees (20 females) (8 males) (

-Establishment of 4 new information centers in four UNRWA health clinics (Nusirate,Deir El Balah, El Maghazi and El Bureij)(

Two radio broadcasts on Radio Gaza FM.

Fourth Project :

Project" involving men and boys in promoting gender equality and non-violence in the Gaza Strip"

Date of implementation: 1 January 2016 - 31 December 2016

Place of implementation: Gaza Strip

Number of beneficiaries: 75 ambassadors

Funding: Kivina Tel Kivina

Budget: 63,300 equality.

Project activities carried out during the reporting period:

March - April 2016 Preparation of terms of reference for trainers and recruitment of trainers. Not all project activities have been completed

The end of 2016 where the contract will be completed in 2017.

☐ January-June 2016 The terms of reference for the implementation of a research entitled "The attitudes of men, women, boys and girls towards" were developed

Equality between men and women in human rights, gender equality, the role of men and women, masculinity and femininity

The use of violence to prove power / resolve disputes, and so forth. At the end of 2016 the researcher was selected and developed

Develop Search questions and search tool

July 2016 The results of the research will be published after its completion at a conference during the period from March to 2017.

May-December 2016 Three training manuals were developed by trainers and 200 copies were printed for each training manual. not done

Develop only the training material for training the confrontation and wait for the training material by coach Natko

About gender and masculine transformation.

☐ July - December 2016 Training of Trainers for Travel Groups (five groups) including various topics

Related to gender-based violence and the rights of women. The training was supposed to be conducted on the front

Only for travel groups in the Gaza Strip at a total cost of \$ 4,000 but for better results it is decided to split

Training into two parts. The first part is training for the crew while the second part is to transfer the training to the ambassador before

Aisha crew. The first training was conducted from May 29 to June 2, 2016 at a total cost of \$ 3,697

(8) follow-up sessions via Skype at a total cost of \$ 1,625 and therefore there are \$ 1322 you need to re-qualify from

Other items. In addition, the training should be transferred to the Ambassadors by their staff. By another methodology

Training needs a lot of time.

☒ Training on gender and masculine transformation was carried out for its staff and only 12 beds at a total cost of \$ 5,800

Later training will be required for the rest of the travel, so a supplementary agreement must be made at an additional cost or refund to other items in the budget .

Fifth Project :

"Toward a secure and just future for women" "SAWASYA"

Date of implementation: September 2015...February 2017

Place of implementation : Gaza and north Gaza

Number of benefiteres : 3650

Funded by : UN Woman

Budget : 98.000\$

Overall Objective: The objective of this project is to improve the access of women and girls to justice and security by ensuring accountability.

Project activities carried out during the project period:

1. A research on the reality of access to informal justice systems versus formal justice systems in the Gaza Strip and knowledge.

2. Conduct Individual interviews with associations 16 focus groups and 7 interviews, 20 workshops, 12 Produced by semi-formal and non-governmental bodies, 4 experts, 3 civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations 2 Intergovernmental Advisory Committee.

3. Increase the capacity of new graduates / lawyers working in community organizations and school counselors on women's rights and gender-based violence. (50) new law and sociology graduates participated in (2) training sessions on gender-based violence (25) participants per

session. Twenty-five new graduates of law and sociology participated in a training course. In addition, 57 school and teacher counselors participated in (2) a training course on the implementation of guides and the preparation of trainers (25) participants in each session

4. Raising community awareness about gender-based violence and enhancing women's access to justice and security. A documentary film dealing with three main issues (Early Marriage, Harassment and Dropout) was produced, 2 radio flashes, 2 radio sessions related to women's access to justice, 1000 books and 1000 posters And other promotional material such as posters, SMS messages, banners, press releases and billboards were printed and distributed in targeted schools, courts and community organizations in the Gaza Strip. 300 training manuals for targeted trainees, school counselors and teachers were printed.

P.S During implementation, the greatest challenge is the urgent need for students for such interventions because of the lack of such activities and interventions in UNRWA schools. The facilitators have uncovered many issues among students who need to be addressed by the school counselor. The number of students wishing to participate in the project activities was notable.

The sixth project:

"Towards a better and safer environment for women victims of violence"

Date of implementation: 1st January ..30th April 2017

Place of implementation : Gaza and north Gaza

Number of benefiterers :47 women "victims of violence "

Funded by : Kvinna till Kvinna

Budget : 79.151 \$

Activities carried out according to the results :

1. Communicate with local civil society organizations to identify candidates for the Empowerment Program "IEM"

.2.Efforts exerted by Aisha during the implementation of her programs along the Gaza Strip with a broad announcement of her intervention and the program IEM has an impact on the number of cases transmitted and the total number of applications submitted by Aisha (297) application by the end of January 2016

3.Select (30) women victims of violence and at risk through home visits, meeting with local organizations and individual interviews

4.A total of 123 women were interviewed to identify the most vulnerable cases. Where Aisha selected 48 women this year to join the program based on specific criteria, such as those referred to by other NGOs, poor economic conditions, access to social services or exposure to many types of violence, Wives of persons with mental illness or wives of addicts

5. About 14 cases of internal referral for women who need to join the IM program during the implementation of psychological support program and the work done by the psychiatric clinic. (2) the Center for Women's Health in Beit Hanoun (2) the Government Mental Health Center (1), and (23) programs through advertising or knowledge from previous participants.

Seventh Project

"Promoting human rights-based approach to protecting the rights of women with disabilities in the Gaza Strip"

Date of implementation : 17th July 2016 ..17th January 2017

Place of implementation : Gaza Strip

Number of beneficiaries: 510

Funded by: UN OCHA

Budget : 152,140,00 \$

Activities for women with disabilities

1. Conduct "170" psychological support sessions for about 510 women with disabilities affected by the aggression of 2014 including women with disabilities who were displaced from their homes (each group of 15 women - each group will attend 5 consecutive sessions.)
2. Perform 5 days of recreational activities with 102 disabled women for each recreational day.
3. Convert a number of women to take advantage of additional support services
4. Implementation of (34) awareness workshops / (17 groups) for 510 women with disabilities on gender-based violence and the rights of women with disabilities under international humanitarian law, human rights law and Palestinian law for people with disabilities. Each group of 30 women will attend two workshops, each workshop is about 3 hours.

Activities for service providers and parents of women with disabilities:

1. Implementing (34) awareness workshops ((17 groups) for 510 women with disabilities about gender-based violence and the rights of women with disabilities under international humanitarian law, human rights law and Palestinian law for people with disabilities. Each group of 30 (man / woman) will attend two workshops, each workshop 3 hours.
2. Implementation of (10) awareness sessions for (50) service providers in institutions working in the field of disability on gender-based violence and the rights of women with disabilities under international humanitarian law, human rights law and Palestinian law for persons with disabilities and documentation of violations against women with disabilities. Each group (25) will attend (5) sessions.

Media Activities:

1. Producing a documentary about the rights of women with disabilities
2. Preparing a booklet documenting violations of the rights of women with disabilities
3. Printing brochure / posters and on the rights of people with disabilities.
4. An electronic petition that includes a range of demands to facilitate the access of women with disabilities to services in addition to their right to participate in the reconstruction process

The following main results have been achieved:

1. Enhancing the psychological status of women with disabilities through providing psychological support sessions for 531 disabled women and providing individual and family counseling to women in need of in-depth intervention.
 - .2. Increase awareness among women with disabilities and their families about gender issues, women's rights, and human and legal rights of persons with disabilities in international and local laws through the implementation of 36 gender workshops and 36 human rights.
3. Promoting the capacity of women with disabilities through the implementation of recreational activities and trips.
4. A range of legal services including consultation, mediation, representation, referral to specialized legal services.
5. Sign a memorandum of understanding with key decision makers who can provide specialized services to the target group such as the Gaza Community Mental Health Program, Our Children's Association for the Deaf and the Health Workers Union Committee.
6. Additional services provided to the target group in coordination with other service providers such as referral to medical services including treatment, distribution of aids and joining the economic empowerment program and physical therapy courses at Aisha.
7. Implementing a media campaign that highlighted the critical issues faced by persons with disabilities in the Gaza Strip. It included a documentary film, booklet, electronic petition, and a booklet of a group of persons with disabilities in accordance with local, international and other laws.

The Eighth Project

" Sharing stories gives us safety"

Implementation date:15/01/2016 to 15/08/2015

Place of implementation: all governorates of the Gaza Strip

Number of beneficiaries: OCHA:

Funding agency: OPF 108

Budget: \$ 138.69

Overall Objective: This project aims to contribute to reducing the negative impact of the Israeli attack on the most affected women in the Gaza Strip, including victims of gender-based violence, displaced women and women who have lost their parents by creating a safe environment and maintaining mechanisms through the novel narration "Hakawati" and sessions of psychological support collective and individual.

Project activities:

1. Building the capacities of about 20 "social and human rights" in the field of women's rights and gender-based violence.
2. Conduct discussion for 50 women and displaced women to discuss their opinions so that women will raise the skills of talking of the new story again. Psychological support, self-care and well-being of 10 women in each group. Each 15-year-old woman attends the mobile mental clinic to transform women who have not shown improvement..
3. Implementing a tribal and post-traumatic evaluation through two international measures: Impact of the event and the performance of day-to-day functions
4. Implementation of the Gaza Strip governorates to raise awareness of 5 workshops in 5 women's and female relatives About 250 psychological trauma, gender-based violence, violence against women and international conventions.
5. Conduct a major presentation of "Voice of the Aisha" in the presence of civil society and local and international institutions in the activities of the annual campaign against violence against women.
6. Nationalize, print, distribute and disseminate information to the project's stakeholders.
7. establishment of safe places for freedom of expression and the preservation of psychological mechanisms for the first of the latest Israeli attack on the Gaza Strip through the narration of minors. .
8. Identify the most harmful cases during the narration method and turn them into psychosocial support. For this reason, gender-based violence will be trained in women's rights. Attracting the

most damaged women in the target locations by initiating the 600 group structure. Initial psychosocial support for 3 psychosocial support sessions and recreational activities.

Ninth Project :

"Economic Empowerment Project for Women Heads of Households"

Implementation Date : 30/04/2016 until 01/11/2015

Place of implementation: all governorates of the Gaza strip

Funding: Gender Initiative UNRWA

Number of beneficiaries: 300 women

Budget : 33.790\$

overall Objective: It aims to meet the needs of women heads of households by building their life and financial skills in the Gaza Strip so that they are able to rely on themselves and have the ability to face life and difficulties without any need for others. It is worth mentioning that an organization of community organizations in Gaza City in five provinces. The implementation of this project came within the framework of participation with and in addition to the implementation of an open day for these women, where companies were hosted in which these women have introduced themselves to these companies that will help them finance their own projects.

Results: Training session: 18 sessions involving 20 groups of women heads of households, each group consisting of 15 days of open-door training with the credit institutions where 300 women participated .

Tenth Project :

"Project Towards a Life without Violence"

Implementation Date: 2013- 2017

Place of implementation: all governorates of the Gaza Strip.

Number of beneficiaries: 30 victims of violence

Funding: Italian Cooperation Foundation

Budget: € 25,000 Annual

The overall objective of the project:

The project aims to enable the Palestinian woman to live a life free from violence through self-development and professional development. The nature of the project: The project ensures two strengths: the first 30% , where the program aims to contribute to building the capabilities of targeted women and also to help these women to find suitable jobs in civil society organizations and the private sector after receiving training in public life Volunteer work, private business, trade unionism and participation in the elections, and start financing the best of them with soft loans of 30% and secondly

Project Eleventh "Young Leaders Project"

Implementation Date :May2016 – November 2016

Place of Implementation: North Gaza, Khan Younis and Rafah

Number of beneficiaries:450

Funding: UNRWA

Budget: 100.340\$

Activities and achievements implemented during the project period:

1.Aisha Association hired a project coordinator and three vocational consultants.

2. The participants in the Young Leaders Project were put in place. The professional advisers conducted a field survey to assess the needs of employers, match graduates 'expectations, and need 10-day orientation days for employers' representatives to inform them of the information of graduates who meet their needs and work. Employers were held and the graduates were given 164 orientation to the graduates to inform them where they would work. They have chosen as follows:

54 % In community organizations.

12% In non-governmental organizations.

4% In international non-governmental organizations.

8 % In municipalities.

24.5% In private sectors

.3. Implementation of the initiatives in. Aisha sent 13 initiatives to civil society organizations in order to select the best 10

4. Project evaluation 4 meeting were conducted with graduates after completion of their training work (two meetings for each province after completion of each 20 project team phase) to complete the questionnaires and evaluate the impact of the project.

Twelfth Project:

"Reyadat " Pioneers

Implementation Date: November 2016- July 2017

Place of implementation: North Gaza Gaza Central Gaza Khan Younis Rafah ☒ Beneficiaries Number 300

Funding institution: Foundation for Training

Budget: 162.300

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to empowering mothers of orphans and supporting their children.

The main outputs of the project are:

- 1. Provide awareness programs and legal guidance
2. Provision of psychosocial support services to 300 mothers of orphans
3. provide professional and career support for 25 mothers of university graduates through temporary programs
4. Involve 10 "Women in diploma or vocational training programs within official and accredited vocational training centers.
5. choose the best 10 action Planes and let women cerate small projects.

Major achievements during 2016

- AISHA gained the award of Paltel group for Excellence and Creativity.
- The Association received the award of Falak and Abd Al-Kareem Al-Shawa from Welfare Association "For Gaza".
- Obtain the license of Aisha Community Center for Psychiatric Services and treat addiction of women and girls.
- Aware about 4711 community members on the issues of violence against women, gender-based violence and legal issues related to women's rights and protection.
- Follow-up 276 women and girls clinically and medically in cooperation and partnership with the Gaza Mental Health Program and Mental Health Hospital.

- Representing 150 women in the Shari'a Courts with a total of 250 cases and 625 legal consultations.
- 3500 women have received group psychosocial support sessions using various techniques.
- Develop the manual of psychosocial support for women survivors of gender-based violence in conflict areas in partnership with the United Nations for Women's and funded from Japanese community.
- Initiate the procedures for carrying out the research of women's access to official and unofficial justice in the Gaza Strip.
- Begin the procedures of implementing a research about the attitudes of men and boys towards the issues of violence against women.
- Enable 107 women victims of violence psychologically, socially, legally and economically.
- Start funding 37 small projects through grants and soft loans through various projects and Al-Hassan Loan Portfolio from Aisha and 5 small projects through partner associations.

Challenges and Obstacles:

- The deterioration of the political and economic situation and its impact on the social situation led to increase in the percentage of cases directed to Aisha Association and partner associations.
- Difficulty in obtaining fund and the lack of unrestricted funding.
- High level of risk to the association and the staff as the increasing number and the difficult situation of the cases which directed to the association for receiving services.
- The high fees of share'a courts which have led to increase in the number of women seeking legal service which increase the burden over the association legal clinic.
- The allocation of a fundraising staff is a real burden facing the association.
- Regarding the coordination with governmental and non-governmental community institutions to provide additional services, there is a clear inability of these institutions to continue providing relief and health services.
- The difficulty of providing statistics on the various forms of violence against women in the Gaza Strip

Future needs:

1. Unrestricted funding that will contribute to ensure the stability of the association, which will support the quality improvement and long-term planning of the association.
2. An independent building owned by the association reduces the financial burden and creates new opportunities for the association's income.
3. Membership in international networks ensures representation of the association at the international level and allows it to access and share experiences with governmental and international organizations.