

## **Project Brief**

### ***Active Youth for Social Change***

### ***Fostering Dialogue on Statehood among Palestinian Youth***



**(February 1, 2012 – January 31, 2013)**

The project *Fostering Dialogue on Statehood among Palestinian Youth* is a component of MIFTAH's Program of Empowerment of Palestinian Youth Leadership. It responds to MIFTAH's strategic objective "to empower effective leadership within all components of Palestinian society in order to enhance democracy and good governance and raise public awareness concerning the rights and responsibilities of good citizenship."

It also builds on MIFTAH's longstanding constructive experience in the field of youth empowerment and social transformation in conflict. It has become MIFTAH's conviction that concentrated efforts should be focused on enhancing political participation among youth when social change is sought.

In this project, MIFTAH will facilitate dialogue among youth in Palestinian society, offer a platform for discussions, and build consensus among youth, which will provide them with the opportunity to explore different creative choices and decide their nation's future in an all inclusive participatory and organized manner.

### **Main Goal**

Provide a platform for youth to transcend conflict and build consensus on the vital issues related to the transition process of Palestinian society to statehood and a democratic nation.

## **Objectives**

- Provide a space and platform for dialogue among different youth sectors and groups.
- Enhance youth inclusion in the current political debates regarding the kind of state in which Palestinians want to live.

## **Target Group**

This project targets 20 university students who are politically active and members of local student councils at four local universities.

## **Project Activities**

1. **One-year process of conflict transformation dialogue and participatory action planning (KUMI)** will be implemented and will consist of 3 three-day workshop events (nine days in total) and 2 one-day meetings, a preparation phase and a follow up process. These meetings will be aimed at analyzing the underlying culture and structure of the Palestinian society and basic human needs, trying to understand how the internal split resulted and ways to overcome it. The process will offer tools to reach transcendence of all contradictions (conflicts) that will appear during the process. By the end of the process, the participating groups will have prepared a full detailed action plan that will enable them to reach their goals and vision.
2. **Public event to announce the process results and action plans:** A national gathering will be organized where 50 participants will be invited to attend the gathering. The invitees will consist of the participants in the abovementioned process, media representatives, representatives of youth organizations and political factions. This event will give the chance for the participants to present their new visions and strategies on their path to reaching them, promote their visions and plans towards building alliances and gaining potential organizational and political support. Another important aim of the event will be to prove that unified visions and consensus building is something reachable and achievable.

## **Time Frame**

The project's activities will be carried out over a period of **12** months effective February 1, 2012.