



The Empowerment of Palestinian Women in Rural Areas through Income-Generating Projects

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The Empowerment of Palestinian Women in Rural Areas through Income-Generating Projects is a component of MIFTAH's Program of Empowerment of Palestinian Women Leadership.

In 2009, MIFTAH implemented phase one of the project "The Empowerment of Palestinian Women in Rural Areas through Income-Generating Projects," by establishing five income-generating projects in five villages for 35 poor women (four Beekeeping projects, and one Green House project). These projects depended mainly on collaborative and team work.

Encouraged by the success of phase I of the project, MIFTAH started phase II targeting other beneficiaries in other areas in the Palestinian territory. In order to guarantee continuity and sustainability, MIFTAH works at two levels: a follow-up on the beneficiaries of phase I of the project, and establishment of additional income-generating projects II in some villages in Jerusalem and the Jordan valley districts.

Project Objectives

- Increase the awareness of marginalized groups regarding certain socio-cultural issues relating to effective participation in public life.
- Expand women's formal economic opportunities and improve their standard of living and household nutrition.
- Equip women with new skills to enhance their decision making opportunities at the familial and community levels, and re-establish a collaborative work spirit and enable them to take control of their own resources and become more self sufficient.

Project Activities

1. Follow up on the beneficiaries of phase I of the project.
2. Set up new income-generating projects in some villages in Jerusalem and the Jordan valley districts.
3. Build the capacity of selected women through organizing training workshops on topics related to the nature of the income-generating projects like management in general.
4. Expand project outreach through conducting awareness raising workshops for women, and exchange visits among beneficiaries.