

Program of Empowerment of Palestinian Women Leadership

**The development of local communities in the districts of Jerusalem and Jordan Valley through
small income –generating projects for women in rural areas**

Phase Three

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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.

During the years 2009- 2011 MIFTAH implemented phase one and phase two of the project "The Empowerment of Palestinian Women in Rural Areas through Income-Generating Projects," by establishing ten income-generating projects targeting 10 villages and 70 poor women (six beekeeping projects, and one green house project, food processing, cow keeping and house hold appliances). These projects depended mainly on collaborative and team work.

Encouraged by the success of the two mentioned phases of the project, MIFTAH started phase 3 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 and phase 2 of the project, and establishment of additional income-generating projects in some villages in Jerusalem and the Jordan Valley districts.

Project Objectives

1. Follow up on the beneficiaries of Phase I and 2 of the project.
2. Set up new income-generating projects in 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. Create better cultural environment and support overall policies that support income generating projects for Palestinian women.
5. Expand project outreach through conducting awareness raising workshops for women, and exchange visits among beneficiaries.