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ABOUT JUZOOR



Juzoor is a Palestinian non-Governmental organization working at the national level, dedicated to improving and promoting health as a basic human right. Juzoor, “roots” in Arabic, was established in 1996 by a group of Palestinian experts and pioneers in various fields, particularly the field of community health.

Juzoor is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of Palestinian individuals, families, and communities. The name Juzoor ('roots' in Arabic) is evidence of our commitment to addressing the underlying socioeconomic determinants of health and wellness. Our holistic approach to health promotion and disease prevention reflects our belief that health (physical, emotional, mental, and social) is a basic human right for all people.

Juzoor works on multiple levels with community-based organizations, service providers, governmental bodies, international organizations, and the community at large (particularly women, children and youth). We operate in East Jerusalem, the West Bank, and Gaza.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Partners,

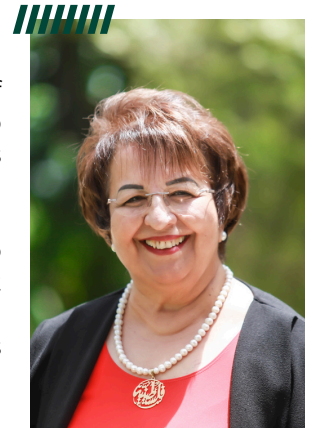
I am honored to present Juzoor's 2023 Annual Report to you. As a humanitarian organization established in 1996, Juzoor has persistently aimed to improve the lives of Palestinians, advancing health and social development initiatives. We are pleased to share that we continue to lead in our efforts and have reached notable milestones this past year.

Our success is rooted in two fundamental components that have enabled us to execute an effective health and social development strategy. Firstly, our steadfast integration of core values into program initiatives has been paramount. By ensuring that each project embodies our vision and mission, Juzoor remains distinct in its comprehensive, rights-based approach to health.

Secondly, our proactive engagement with a diverse array of stakeholders, including community health workers, healthcare providers, Ministry of Health officials, and national legislators, has been instrumental. This inclusive approach has facilitated robust partnerships and collaborations essential to achieving our objectives.

This year, we have made remarkable strides in our mission to provide quality healthcare, education, and social services to marginalized and vulnerable communities in Palestine.

Thank you for your unwavering support and partnership. We eagerly anticipate continuing our journey towards a brighter future for all Palestinians.



Dr. Salwa Najjab

Chair of the Board

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR



As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for the collective efforts that have driven Juzoor forward in 2023. Despite the ongoing challenges, our commitment to enhancing the health and social well-being of the Palestinian people remains unwavering.

This year, our Community Development Program has made significant strides in promoting healthy lifestyles, enhancing family protection, and safeguarding the sexual and reproductive health and rights of our youth. These achievements are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team, as well as the invaluable support from our partners and community members.

We have continued to prioritize the empowerment of women and youth, recognizing their critical roles in fostering resilient communities. Our initiatives have not only supported marginalized groups but have also built strong, community-based models that promote holistic well-being and sustainable development.

As we move forward, we remain committed to our mission and are more determined than ever to create a brighter future for all Palestinians. We are deeply grateful for your continued trust and partnership, which enable us to make a lasting impact.



**Dr. Umaiye
Khammash**
Director General

Thank you for standing with us. Together, we will continue to drive change and improve lives.

With gratitude and hope,

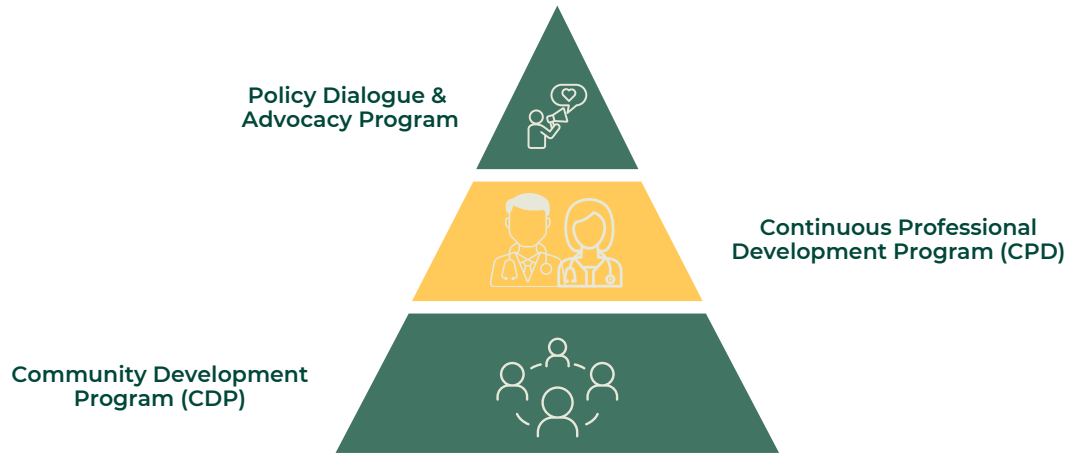


With the support of friends and global partners, Juzoor successfully delivered sustainable health, education, humanitarian, and development projects in 2023.

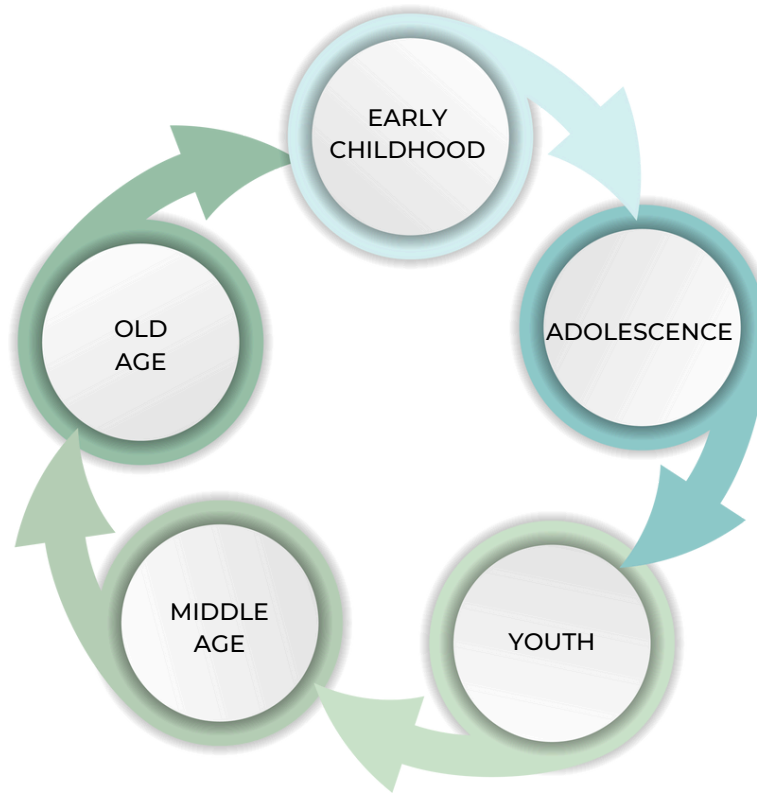
JUZOOR'S PEOPLE-CENTERED APPROACH TO THE LIFE CYCLE



Juzoor operates through three main programs to implement a life cycle approach, recognizing that an individual's well-being and capabilities, especially their health, are influenced by interconnected factors. These factors include access to healthcare, living in a safe environment, and the accumulation of education, training, and skills. Juzoor acknowledges the importance of specific life stages in this process, with an emphasis on early childhood and subsequent developmental milestones including adolescence, youth, middle age, and old age. Juzoor is dedicated to addressing all areas of the life cycle through its programs:



Juzoor Builds a Healthier Life for All



1. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (CDP)



This program aims to empower individuals and groups with the skills needed to affect change within their communities. Juzoor's Community Development Program aligns with our strategic goal of "supporting and enhancing the health and social status of the Palestinian people" by focusing on the following areas:

- Safeguarding the sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people in Palestinian communities
- Promoting healthy lifestyles to improve quality of life and prevent non-communicable diseases
- Enhancing family protection by prioritizing violence prevention, care, and referral

The Community Development Program emphasizes youth and women's empowerment, supports marginalized communities, and protects families against gender-based violence through the promotion of sexual and reproductive health rights. Juzoor works directly with community members to develop robust community-based models that empower women, engage youth, and promote healthy nutrition.



ADOLESCENCE & YOUTH



In 2023, Juzoor and its partners were committed to tackling the critical issue of adolescent health through various targeted projects as part of the community development program.

These projects are designed to safeguard and support adolescents and youth, ensuring their well-being and promoting healthy development during this pivotal stage of life.

PROTECTING SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS FOR ADOLESCENTS

Since 2009, Juzoor has been actively working on the Adolescent Health, Protection, and Development Program, an integrated initiative that has strengthened Juzoor's partnership with Save the Children. This project is being implemented in Tubas, Ramallah, and Jenin, with the overarching goal of building stronger and safer communities to ensure the well-being of adolescents.

To achieve this, Juzoor collaborates closely with the Ministry of Health's Adolescent Health Unit to adopt a comprehensive approach to adolescent health. This includes a focus on sexual and reproductive health, mental health and psychosocial support, nutrition, lifestyle and behavior modification, and the protection and inclusion of adolescents living with disabilities. Additionally, Juzoor is working to strengthen policy and strategic frameworks within the targeted governorates and municipalities/local governments to better protect the health and development rights of children and adolescents.

Furthermore, Juzoor is enhancing the capacities of service providers and community-based organizations within the targeted communities, improving parental ability to provide natural, effective, and safe care for their children, and developing service delivery and referral networks.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Printed Resources:

- Printed 60 copies of adolescent health protocols and job aids on Youth-Friendly Health Services (YFHS) protocols. These materials were distributed across various locations.

Training Programs:

- Multiple trainings were conducted for adolescents on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and self-harm/suicide prevention across different locations in the West Bank and Gaza.
- Training sessions were also held for parents in the West Bank to raise awareness on SRHR.
- Training sessions were provided for Ministry of Health and UNRWA staff on tools for working with teenagers.

Adolescent Resource Centers:

- Juzoor established Adolescent-led Interactive Resource Centers in Birzeit and Kufor Nimeh in the West Bank, equipped with age-appropriate media and audiovisual aids to serve as hubs for accurate SRHR information.

Violence Prevention:

- The Ministry of Health's capacity was strengthened to prevent and respond to violence against children by empowering CSOs, caregivers, and children.

Service Directory:

- Juzoor developed a directory for organizations providing services to beneficiaries, enhancing referral pathways.



MASAROUNA PROJECT - STRENGTHENING YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN CIVIL SOCIETY

For the third consecutive year, Juzoor has implemented the Masarouna project in the West Bank to mobilize the power of young people aged between 18 and 35 years old and support their sexual and reproductive health and rights.

The project aims to strengthen youth engagement in civil society and build new partnerships to lobby and advocate for SRHR, opening up space for their voices to be heard.





KEY ACTIVITIES

Summer Camp for Children and Adolescents

Organized a summer camp that provided recreational and educational activities for 500 children and adolescents, promoting mental well-being and social interaction.



SRHR Media Advocacy

Successfully trained 24 journalism students to advocate for SRHR issues through media, enhancing public awareness and engagement on critical health topics.

“BUSSMEH” - JUZOOR’S YOUTH COUNCIL INITIATIVE FOR YOUTH ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT



In 2023, Juzoor for Health and Social Development launched the Bussmeh Youth Council to empower young people and enhance their involvement in health and social development. This council provides a platform for youth aged 18-29 to engage in decision-making, advocate for their rights, and contribute to community development.

Following a needs assessment and consultation process, members were selected from diverse backgrounds across Palestine. The Youth Council has led advocacy campaigns on issues like sexual and reproductive health, mental health, and gender-based violence prevention.

In its first year, Bussmeh successfully engaged around 30 youth members, focusing on capacity building and leadership development. The council plans to expand its membership, strengthen partnerships, and continue empowering youth to drive positive change in their communities.



POWER TO CHOOSE PROJECT

Juzoor, with support from OXFAM and in partnership with the Canadian Representative Office, has implemented the “Power to Choose” project which focuses on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights for Young Women and Adolescent Girls.

The project focuses on empowering women and adolescent girls to access information and high-quality sexual and reproductive health services. Juzoor trained psychosocial counselors, doctors, nurses, and midwives working in health and community centers, particularly within UNRWA facilities, to enhance their skills in promoting preconception care (PCC) services through community awareness activities.

Additionally, the project strengthened adolescent and youth sexual and reproductive health services in 2023 by integrating Adolescent and Youth Friendly Health Services (AYFHS) into primary healthcare. Training was conducted for healthcare providers on the AYFHS job aid, developed in collaboration with the national coalition for adolescent health.

Youth groups were also trained on SRH advocacy and policy change. A group of 25 youth were identified and trained on SRHR, with field visits and meetings held to discuss training goals and the next steps. This includes developing a policy brief and disseminating it through media channels, with youth playing a key role in advocacy efforts.

ENHANCING NETWORKING AND ADVOCACY FOR ADOLESCENT SRHR IN PALESTINE

In 2023, Juzoor expanded its efforts to improve the sexual and reproductive health of young people, adolescents, and school children in Palestine, with support from Amplify Change and in partnership with the Adolescent Health Coalition. The project empowers youth to engage in SRHR advocacy and education, aiming to enhance the overall well-being of Palestinian adolescents.

Key achievements include strengthening the Adolescent Health Council, developing interactive SRHR tools, and training journalists to lead advocacy campaigns. The project also prioritized disability inclusion and provided digital mental health support.

Juzoor established Youth Information Centers in Birzeit and Nablus, creating safe spaces and resources for youth and women. Through social media and digital platforms, Juzoor extended its impact, ensuring essential support reached those facing challenges and reinforcing community resilience.



ENSURING INCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENT: DISABILITY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITY TIPS

General recommendations: • Use a font size of a minimum of 12. • Use a sans-serif font such as Arial, Helvetica or Verdana. • For online texts, use the Verdana, Tahoma and Trebuchet MS fonts specially designed for reading on a screen. • Left align text instead of using block text (full justification). • Use Bullets and Numbering functions for lists • Ensure securing reading materials with certain colours contrasts based on the individual needs of some people with partial visual disabilities. • Provide non-text equivalents (e.g. pictures, videos, and pre-recorded audio) of your text. This benefits some users, especially non-readers or people with reading difficulties. • Use speakers if you are dealing with people with partial hearing loss. • Train some staff on sign language (even a basic level to do the initial communication if possible), and ensure contracting with trustworthy sign interpreters to translate when needed.	
Announcement and registration recommendations:  • Add a small note that Juzoor encourages PwDs to join its team would make a big difference. • Don't forget to share the activity announcement with Juzoor's partners who work with people with disabilities i.e. Stars of Hope and Qader • Don't forget to share a registration sheet and to add a question for the people with disability if there's any requirements that they need from our side to take it into considerations before implementing the activity	
Activity recommendations: • Create and secure any printed materials related to the foundation, its' projects and interventions, i.e. information leaflets in alternative accessible format: such as Braille, sign language, voice recording, large print, and pictograms • Add if needed, i.e. sign interpreter • Ensure that the locations is accessible for the people with disability	

 **EMPOWER INCLUSIVITY
UNLEASH POTENTIAL, EMBRACE ALL ABILITIES**

EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS TO PREVENT GBV

Juzoor's "Empowering Women and Girls to Exercise Their Rights to Prevent GBV" project, funded by the German Foreign Office, focuses on protecting women and girls in vulnerable communities. It aims to raise awareness about women's rights, mobilize individuals for change, and activate systems for GBV prevention and support.

Key Activities:

- Establishing and training two women-to-women support groups in Jenin and Tubas to raise awareness and provide support.
- Training community health workers on GBV referral protocols and case management.
- Creating men's groups to reflect on and address GBV-related issues.
- Disseminating awareness materials through support groups and community initiatives.
- Promoting networking and coordination with national and international organizations to enhance GBV response efforts.

The project seeks to empower women and girls, engage men, and strengthen community and institutional responses to GBV.

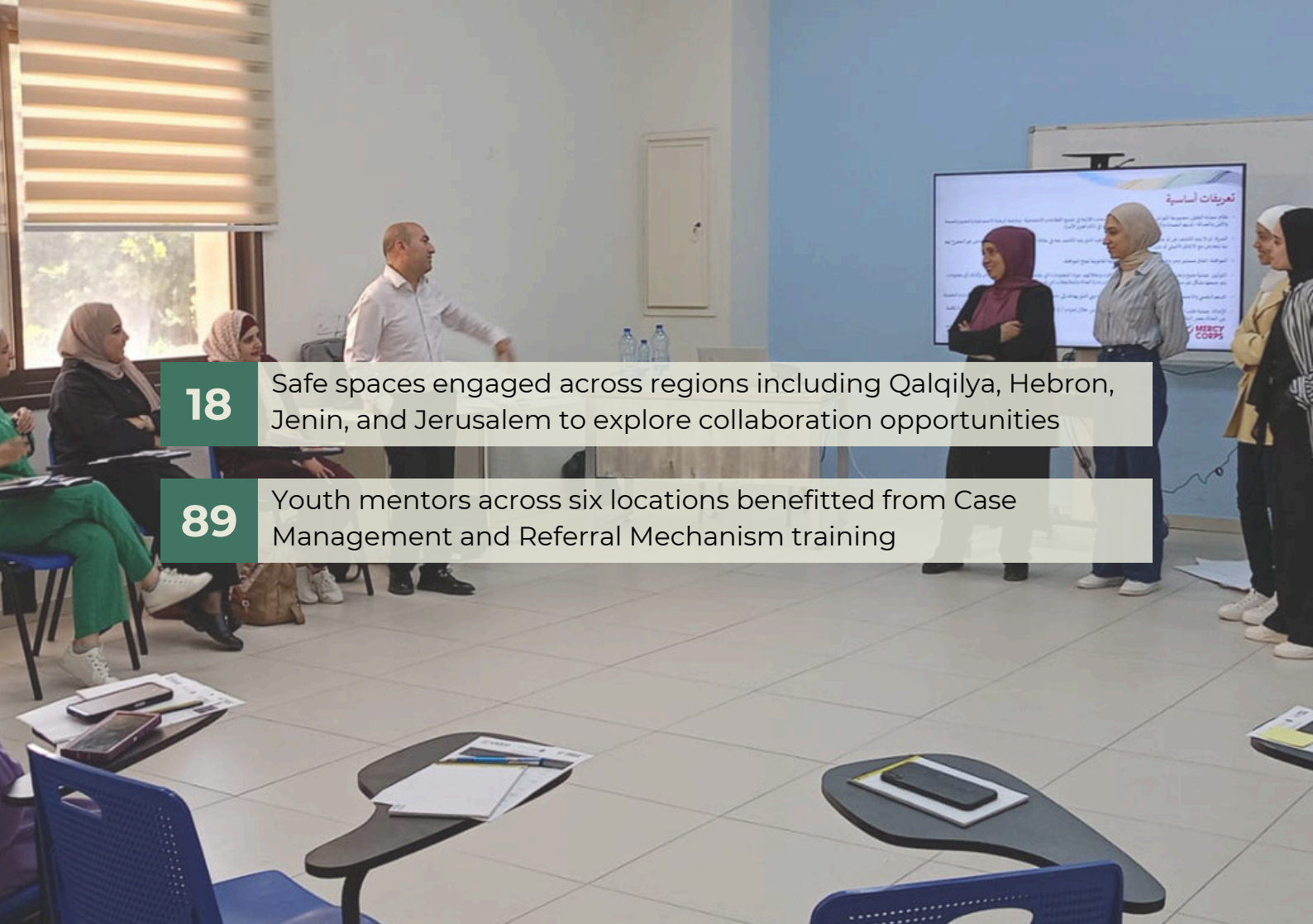
THE POSITIVE YOUTH ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Positive Youth Engagement (PYE) Program, launched in August 2023 by Juzoor in partnership with Mercy Corps, aims to evaluate and strengthen the capacity of Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and safe spaces in the West Bank and East Jerusalem. The program focuses on enhancing these institutions' ability to provide professional services, with an emphasis on creating secure, supportive environments for youth facing emotional or psychological challenges.

In 2023, Juzoor engaged safe spaces across regions including Qalqilya, Hebron, Jenin, and Jerusalem to explore collaboration opportunities. Assessments indicated that while these spaces have significant potential, they would benefit from further investment in training programs like psychological first aid, crisis intervention, and counseling.

As part of the program, Juzoor conducted training sessions focused on case management, risk assessment, and ethical guidelines, resulting in increased participant engagement and improved counseling skills.

The program will continue into 2024 to train 60 youth and 60 parents/caretakers on the USAID MindPower self-help toolkit, with activities organized to ensure gender balance. The project will also provide ongoing mentoring and coaching to support community-based activities, emphasizing the importance of creating a safe and supportive environment for youth.



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Youth mentors across six locations benefitted from Case Management and Referral Mechanism training

SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS, GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND YOUTH PROJECT

Juzoor, with support from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), continued to implement the SRHR, GBV and Youth Project in Palestine. The project focuses on addressing the sexual and reproductive health needs of adolescents and youth in the country, with a particular emphasis on gender-based violence (GBV).

1. Supporting Adolescent and Youth Friendly Health Services (AYFHS):

- Conducted training for MoH and MoE teams on providing quality, adolescent-friendly health services to ensure comprehensive care and empower youth.

2. Combating GBV:

- Implemented training for youth activists in Jenin, Toubas, Jericho, and Bethlehem on social norms, GBV, and referral pathways for GBV victims.

3. Community Awareness on Adolescents' Well-being:

- Organized events in PHC clinics to introduce youth-friendly services and preconception care, improving awareness and access to comprehensive SRH services.

4. Breast Cancer Awareness:

- Conducted awareness sessions across the West Bank, focusing on risk factors, self-examination, and diagnostic procedures. Women were referred to appropriate health services in some cases.

NUTRITION



In 2023, Juzoor remained committed to addressing the critical issue of nutrition as part of its community development program. The organization carried out various initiatives to support the government's efforts in combating malnutrition among adolescent girls in the most vulnerable districts of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Additionally, Juzoor focused on promoting proper nutrition in early childhood development, providing practical guidance to ensure that children receive age-appropriate and developmentally suitable nutrition.

NUTRITION FRIENDLY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE (NFSI)

Juzoor, in partnership with UNICEF and the Ministry of Education, has made significant strides in the Nutrition Friendly Schools Initiative (NFSI) across the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In 2023, the initiative expanded to 10 new schools and continued its support for previously selected schools. Child-led campaigns were conducted in 20 schools, and infrastructure improvements were made in 10 schools, including the installation of seating areas, drinking water sinks, and playground enhancements. The initiative also produced social media content and promoted physical activities to enhance student engagement. Capacity-building efforts trained 729 teachers on the NFSI strategy, while 100 healthcare professionals received training on the National Nutrition Protocol and early detection of developmental delays.

As a result, 60% of participating students improved their nutrition knowledge and practices. The program's impact extends beyond individual schools, fostering collaboration between the health and education sectors, addressing malnutrition, and creating supportive environments that contribute to children's health, well-being, and academic success. Juzoor's efforts have also sparked interest from UNRWA and private schools seeking to join the NFSI.

Additionally, Juzoor is finalizing a booklet with UNICEF and the Ministry of Education to document the success of NFSI in Palestine, highlighting its pioneering role in the region.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN WB & GS

Policy Development: 44 schools (30 in WB, 14 in GS) developed evidence-based nutrition policies with MoH and MoE

Infrastructure: 10 schools (5 in WB, 5 in GS) received infrastructure improvements

Child-Led Initiatives: Conducted in 20 schools (15 in WB, 5 in GS)

Playground Enhancements: Completed in 5 schools

Teacher Training: 729 teachers trained on NFSI through ToT

Knowledge Improvement: 60% of school children improved nutrition knowledge and practices

Healthcare Professional Training: 100 HCPs trained on MCNNP, with the protocol ready in English and awaiting Arabic clearance

Developmental Screening: 100 service providers trained using EDUS DBS-P tools

NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION



Juzoor is actively addressing non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in Palestine through significant initiatives, including the groundbreaking social impact bond program for diabetes—the first of its kind in the region. The year 2023 focused on prevention and early intervention to reduce the incidence and impact of NCDs, improve quality of life, and alleviate the strain on healthcare systems in Palestine.

Juzoor collaborates at the national level with healthcare providers, community organizations, and stakeholders to ensure the program's successful implementation and sustainability.

PALESTINE NATIONAL DIABETES PROGRAM

In the final year of its second phase, Juzoor's National Diabetes Program, supported by the World Diabetes Foundation, continued its focus on preventing diabetes through a community-based approach in 2023. This program aims to enhance community capacity to tackle non-communicable diseases, specifically diabetes, through a holistic strategy. Juzoor has collaborated with key stakeholders for years on this project, including the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, UNRWA, Augusta Victoria Hospital, Lions Club International, and Bank of Palestine.

This year, the project established four model clinics for diabetes management and early detection of complications in the West Bank. These clinics now serve as referral centers with skilled staff and high-quality equipment.

Additionally, eight intermediate clinics were selected for capacity-building and awareness campaigns as part of the Diabetes Care and Control Model (DCCM), with established referral systems linking them to the model clinics.

The project extended to six governorates with the support of the AVH mobile clinic, which facilitated training and screenings. The national protocol for gestational diabetes was updated and officially endorsed by the Minister of Health. Comprehensive diabetes education was introduced in schools, and community engagement initiatives were launched to promote healthy lifestyle habits and provide ongoing local support.



Clinics Established/Strengthened: **21**

Healthcare Providers (Doctors) Trained: **73**

Healthcare Providers (Nurses) Trained: **262**

Healthcare Providers (Including Nutritionists and Social Workers) Trained: **229**

Persons Screened for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM): **28,956**

Teachers Trained in T2DM Prevention: **600**

Children/Youth Trained in T2DM Prevention: **27,980**

Persons Reached Through Awareness Activities: **Over 950,000**

Patients Screened for Diabetes-Related Foot Problems: **14,941**

Patients Screened for Retinopathy: **13,088**

Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus (T1DM) Camps Conducted: **3**

Additionally, a booklet documenting Palestine's 20-year journey in diabetes care was published to serve as a global model, marking a significant step forward in diabetes care and control efforts in the region.



The Power of Partnerships: Reflection on the 20 Year-Journey Fighting Diabetes in Palestine



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- Ministry of Health, State of Palestine (PMoH)
- Juzoor for Health and Development
- United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)
- Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH)
- DanChurchAid (DCA)
- World Diabetes Foundation (WDF)

OLDER PERSONS



The last component of our community development program focuses on the elderly. By integrating old age programming into our initiatives, Juzoor ensures that older adults receive the support and resources needed for graceful aging and a high quality of life. This approach addresses their unique challenges, promotes well-being, and fosters a more inclusive and equitable society.

PROMOTING OLDER PEOPLE'S RIGHTS, SOCIAL INCLUSION, AND HEALTHY AGING

The "Promoting Elderly People's Rights, Social Inclusion, and Healthy Aging" project aims to enhance the well-being of older adults in Palestine by addressing gaps at the community and policy levels. Juzoor, in collaboration with the Elderly Coalition, has focused on improving awareness, policy, and services for the elderly.

Key activities include:

- Visits to elderly facilities, including Beit Sahour Senior's Club, to assess needs and resources.
- Establishment of the Elderly Coalition, involving stakeholders like MOH, MOSD, Caritas Jerusalem, and UNRWA, to advocate for better policies.
- A Quality of Life Study to evaluate elderly care and develop a Healthy Ageing Manual for community health workers.
- Production of two awareness videos on elderly rights and family support.

- Training of 23 community health workers who then conducted awareness sessions on aging, mental health, and social inclusion.

The project has effectively raised awareness and supported policy improvements, fostering better social inclusion and healthier aging practices in Palestine.





2. CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (CPD)



This program is vital for improving the effectiveness of health and social service providers. By training professionals with the latest evidence-based methods, it strengthens the health system's ability to address population needs.

Since its establishment in 2003, Juzoor's Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Unit has been a key component in advancing health and social services in Palestine. The CPD Unit enhances provider capabilities through standardized, evidence-based training, improving care quality and promoting collaboration among health professionals.

Over the past decade, Juzoor has focused on initiatives within the CPD Unit to expand knowledge and refine skills across various service settings. We believe that developing human resources is essential for both enhancing skills and fostering effective, efficient, and sustainable organizational operations.





In 2023, over **4,500 beneficiaries** were served by our Continuous Development Program across the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with support from multiple partner organizations

CAPACITY-BUILDING TRAINING

In 2023, Juzoor implemented various courses, training healthcare professionals in the West Bank and Gaza Strip on capacity-building. This initiative was supported by partner organizations including EFE, UNICEF, the Canadian Representative Office, Caritas Baby Hospital – Bethlehem, Care International, Masrouji Group, Makassed Hospital, PCRf, and Augusta Victoria Hospital.

- **376 individuals** trained in American Heart Association (AHA) Courses under our license as an accredited AHA International Training Center
- **81 individuals** trained on Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)
- **62 individuals** trained on Fundamental Critical Care Support (FCCS)
- **49 individuals** trained on Trauma & Disaster Team Response (TDTR)
- **46 nurses** trained on Communication, Nursing Ethics, and English



SEHATI PROJECT

The Sehati Project, funded by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and in partnership with CARE Palestine – West Bank, was aimed at increasing health resilience and awareness in the West Bank.

Targeting areas including Ramallah, Jericho, Toubas, Jenin, Nablus, and Hebron, the project reached a total of **3,734 beneficiaries**, including:

- 1,184 healthcare providers
- 72 community leaders
- 160 elderly individuals
- 120 people with disabilities
- 1,500 students
- 400 youth group members
- 120 journalism students
- 36 women association members
- 160 men and boys

The primary goals of the project were to enhance community awareness of both communicable and non-communicable diseases, improve preventative measures with a focus on women, and build the capacities of healthcare providers to effectively respond to emergencies through evidence-based training.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Supported by the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Juzoor facilitated medical specialty and sub-specialty training for Palestinian doctors and nurses in the UK, Lebanon, Jordan, and Canada. This initiative, in partnership with the Foundation for Al Quds University Medical School (FQMS), addresses the shortage of specialists in Palestine by providing training in critical medical areas.

The program aims to enhance healthcare quality in Palestine by developing skilled professionals and empowering local health institutions with qualified specialists. By investing in the training of doctors and nurses, Juzoor supports the long-term growth and sustainability of the Palestinian healthcare sector.

TO DATE:

- **79 scholarships** were granted
- **50 doctors** completed their training and returned
- **29 doctors** are currently in training
- **Subspecialties include:**
Interventional Radiology, Medical Gastroenterology, Rheumatology, Respiratory Medicine, Pathology Oncology, Neurology, Vascular and Endovascular Surgery

3. POLICY DIALOGUE AND ADVOCACY PROGRAM



Juzoor, as a national development organization, works closely with key Palestinian institutions including the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Development, and Ministry of Women's Affairs. These institutions are essential for shaping national health and social service policies. Juzoor's advocacy efforts include developing policy white papers, participating in regional and international conferences, conducting research, and engaging in policy dialogue. These activities ensure that Palestinian needs are addressed in policy development.

Juzoor also focuses on addressing the needs of underserved areas, particularly Gaza and Jerusalem. In Gaza, Juzoor supports the fragile health system through emergency response, training, infection prevention, specialization scholarships, and postnatal care assessments. These initiatives aim to enhance the health and well-being of Gaza's population.



FAMILY HEALTH SCIENTIFIC DAY

Juzoor, in partnership with Medical Aid Palestine (MAP) and the Palestinian Association for Family Medicine, hosted the Family Health Scientific Day on May 25-26, 2023, under the patronage of Minister of Health H.E. Dr. May Salem Al-Kaileh.

The event aimed to enhance the implementation of the Family Health Care (FHC) program in Primary Health Care (PHC) facilities. It focused on promoting the FHC system's role in achieving Universal Health Coverage, integrating key health topics like Mental Health and Early Child Development into PHC services, and generating recommendations for improving the PHC system and staff training.



Family Health Scientific day

Under the Patronage of the Minister of Health H.E Dr. May Al Kileh

and as part of AICS (Italian Agency for Development Cooperation) funded project

Juzoor for Health and Social Development in partnership with the Palestinian association of family medicine.

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The scientific day for Family Medicine
Health Change Today; For Better Tomorrow



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25&26/05/2023

your Attendance is highly appreciated

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ADOLESCENCE HEALTH INITIATIVE WORKSHOP

Juzoor organized a workshop in Palestine to address adolescent health challenges, featuring Dr. Hatem Omar, a leading expert in adolescent medicine from Lehigh Valley Reilly Children's Hospital and the University of South Florida.

The workshop aimed to develop a training program and comprehensive curriculum for adolescent medicine, emphasizing the importance of addressing health issues in this age group, which comprises about 20% of the population and is prone to mental health conditions emerging around ages 15-16.

Despite global focus on adolescent health, the Arab region has seen limited attention. However, international interest is growing, as evidenced by an upcoming global conference on adolescent health in October, which will influence UN policies. As a member of the Arab Coalition for Adolescent Health and Medicine, Juzoor remains committed to improving adolescent health through workshops and ongoing initiatives.

PALESTINE ADOLESCENCE HEALTH COALITION

The Palestine Adolescence Health Coalition was established in 2018 by Juzoor partnered with the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). The coalition was created to address the health needs of adolescents in Palestine, with a focus on sexual and reproductive health.

Since its launch, the coalition has expanded to include 30 member organizations, including national and international groups, UN agencies, and the Ministries of Health and Education. The coalition's initiatives are designed to enhance adolescent health outcomes in Palestine and ensure that young people have access to essential resources and support for healthy, fulfilling lives.

The coalition's main achievements for 2023:

- A capacity-building event on disability inclusion was conducted for 25 members, highlighting the importance of valuing all adolescents in projects.
- A training session for 30 coalition members focused on effective communication with adolescents, equipping participants with specialized tools and skills.
- A workshop addressed self-injury and suicide, providing essential warning signs for adolescent and youth care providers to recognize and prevent such incidents.
- In response to the Gaza war outbreak, Juzoor organized a meeting to assess its impact on adolescents and youth and to explore enhanced support strategies.
- The coalition developed an emergency strategy for the National Strategy for Adolescent Health, detailing a systematic response to crises in the West Bank and Gaza.

JUZOOR'S GOVERNANCE



Our Board of Directors adhere to the same principles and work to support, fundraise, and advocate for Juzoor's field activities and operations.

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