1) Rights based assistance to Palestinians in East Jerusalem through the JCAN

If Palestinian residents of occupied East Jerusalem are assisted in accessing their rights and entitlements, they then will play a larger role in strengthening civil society through taking an active part in advocating for their rights and helping their neighbors learn that they too can learn to access these rights and services. If local residents set their own priorities based on these rights and organize local campaigns directed at the policy makers who have an impact on these decisions, then residents will play an active role in changing the face of their local environment, and will have an impact on infrastructure, education and personal security. If individuals living in poverty learn to empower themselves and their neighbors, they will play a positive role in mitigating poverty and enhancing their own future and that of their children.

2) Coordination with other organisations:

On the 12th of February 2014 JCAN Participated in The Human Rights Bazar and the Film day that was organized by AlQuds Human Rights Clinic in AlQuds University. Approximately 30 organisations participated in this event.

The event consisted of the following activities that we as JCAN took part in:

1) The Bazaar, in which every participating organization was given a table to present its work, brochures, booklets and books to the students and professors who will walk by.
2) Film Screening which was held at the sametime of the Bazaar.
3) Round table discussion in which academics and staff members discussed collaboration between universities and human rights organization.

Our Mission:
Empowering the marginalized to know their rights and entitlements in order to negotiate the procedures that control the flow of these rights.
3) Opening a new center in Kufur Aqab:

Outreach Program:
Our Staff and consultant organized an outreach program in order to collect as much information as we can about the marginalized area of Kufur Aqab. Our outreach is based on the "Rights based approach". This outreach has started in January 2014 and it is still an ongoing process that will make us more familiar with the community and thus more responsive to community needs. We have visited approximately 150 houses and distributed around 800 brochures in Kufur Aqab now.

4) Activities in JCAN centers
Violence against women:
Our social workers organized a course on violence against women. This course included women from Altur community and the surrounding areas. Several sessions were held and are still underway. JCAN's social workers also started a course about life skills to enhance and empower students on how to deal with life problems, for an average of one hour per session and an average of 15 students per session. The sessions are still underway.

5) JCAN’s Volunteers:
JCAN understands the importance of including young people as volunteers and advocates for access of rights and entitlements in East Jerusalem. JCAN believes that working with volunteers is a cost-effective way to change attitudes and behavior towards building a network of volunteers who learn to identify and condemn violations and negative practices in their own communities.

Volunteers walk through our store fronts and or are selected from the communities we work in or come to us from Universities (particularly law and social work students). Through the training and support they receive from JCAN they are able to have a significant impact in their communities and beyond.

Volunteers hold awareness-raising sessions to introduce JCAN’s legal and social counselling services to people in the communities the centers work in through door to door knocking and or the more formal workshops and training sessions.

JCAN has completed a volunteers training manual available in both Arabic and English to introduce volunteers to the work of JCAN.

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