Future Generation in East Jerusalem

The Future Generation in East Jerusalem project aims at building, from among Palestinian students mainly from underserved backgrounds, a cadre of educated and trained leaders who are civic-minded, intellectually able and professionally skilled to become the community business and national leaders.

Through the project, 16 schools in East Jerusalem will be receiving 900 Classmate* devices from UNDP, as well as different levels of trainings for students, teachers, education officials and practitioners on how to utilize those devices.

The utilized e-content and educational applications will improve the quality of education by acquiring and developing analytical and entrepreneurial skills, prompting critical and innovative thinking, and supporting students to acquaint to global knowledge, economy and technology.

As a result of the higher levels of education, the students’ earning capacity potentials will increase and consequently improves their livelihoods.

Furthermore, the project attempts to balance between the provision of high quality education and capacity development of educational and societal institutions to create a national programme that is able to combat inequality and human poverty in East Jerusalem.

Purpose: Availing opportunities to actualize professional and leadership potentials, overcome socioeconomic, political and cultural limitations and increase productive engagement in society.

*Classmate devices are Intel clamshell PCs designed for students, teachers, administrators and schools. They were designed to enrich the education process based on extensive research in classrooms worldwide and in collaboration with educators and software designers.
Project Overview

Status: Active

Project Start Date: June 2012

Estimated End Date: December 2013

Donor: Wafa Group, Islamic Development Bank

Partners: Palestinian Partners for Sustainable Development, the Directorate of Education in East Jerusalem

Geographic Coverage: East Jerusalem

Focus Area: Poverty Reduction / Education

Millennium Development Goal: Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger, Achieve Universal Primary Education

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Accomplishments and Progress

❖ A primary training for school teachers was conducted.

❖ An agreement was reached with the Ministry of Education on specifications, software and education material needed.

❖ Distribution of equipment on 70% of the selected schools.

❖ Ongoing discussions for arranging a training for students and another intensive one on Mathematics, Science, English and IT for school teachers.

❖ Ongoing discussions for arranging a specialized training for some of the Ministry of Education officials, school principals and IT technicians.

Finances and Delivery

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Challenges and Constraints

The idea was new in the oPt and UNDP/PAPP had invested a lot of time to reach an agreement on the list of schools, specifications of the equipment and the schedule of distribution. But at the same time, all this effort had made it easier for next phases and similar initiatives to kick in smoothly and quickly both in East Jerusalem and West Bank.