

Dear Yael Beck

As indicated in NGO Monitor's report on Danish assistance to the Palestinian areas, DanChurchAid aims to alleviate poverty in poor and developing countries, including in the Palestinian Areas in which we have operated for more than 50 years.

DanChurchAid's activities in the Palestinian areas focus on promoting women's rights and access to health. Access to health is highly influenced by the systematic violations of international law and human rights law of the conflicting parties, including Israel. Therefore, working to promote access to health also includes documentation of human rights violations and advocacy to promote that all parties to the conflict, including the EU, honour their own obligations and responsibilities to respect human rights and international law.

DanChurchAid believes in the right of all people, including Israelis, to live behind secure and recognised borders. To promote this, an open dialogue is needed. In this respect DCA is concerned that NGO Monitor do not confuse DCAs critique of specific Israel's practices and human rights violations with anti-Israeli activities which have never been a part of DanChurchAid's work.

Sincerely yours

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