

occupied Palestinian territory 2015

<b>Appealing Agency</b>	<b>SAVE THE CHILDREN (SC)</b>
<b>Project Title</b>	Protecting access to Education in oPt through violations immediate response
<b>Project Code</b>	OPT-15/E/73433/R
<b>Sector/Cluster</b>	Education
<b>Refugee project</b>	No
<b>Objectives</b>	Overall objective: To contribute to a quality and save access to education for Palestinian children Specific objective: Establish Immediate Response and school disaster management mechanism to mitigate and prevent school based violations
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	Total: 8,000 50% girls and 50% boys Female: 500 Children (under 18): 7,000 Other group: 500
<b>Implementing Partners</b>	EAAPI, YMCA, MAAN, PCDCR
<b>Project Duration</b>	Jan 2015 - Dec 2015
<b>Current Funds Requested</b>	<b>\$263,000</b>
<b>Location</b>	Projects covering both West Bank and Gaza
<b>Priority / Category</b>	Top
<b>Gender Marker Code</b>	1 - The project is designed to contribute in some limited way to gender equality
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Needs

Across the oPt, ongoing violations are taking place in Gaza and West Bank including East Jerusalem and Area C. The oPt in general are facing a deteriorating protection crisis, massive military operations, killing and injuries, detention, forced displacement, expropriation of Palestinian land and expansion of Israeli settlement in West Bank which increased significantly in 2012 and 2013, resulting in a significant increase in the number and severity of incidents during the year of 2013, 8 Palestinian children died (4 child death in Gaza) as a result of military uses of force and settlers attacks, with 1265 injuries reported, mostly boys. Access to education is a huge concern impacting hundreds of thousands of children in West Bank. During 2013, 128 incidents of denial of access to education caused by Israeli forces and settlers reported through the MRM mechanism directly affecting more than 20,000 school students in the West Bank mostly students in East Jerusalem, Area C, and Hebron H2. During the same year 59 incidents of attacks against school were reported which directly prevented almost 12,000 students from having a safe learning environment. Several schools are being systematically attacked with very limited or even no protection interventions. The numbers of attacks on schools is dramatically increased during 2014 in West Bank and Gaza especially during the protective edge operation in Gaza.

East Jerusalem has major challenges with access to education resulting in higher rates of illiteracy, school dropouts, and less educated mothers than any other region of the West Bank and Gaza. An estimated 20,000 children in East Jerusalem are not able to go to school because of recent daily clashes with Israeli forces and settlers, lack of residency rights/civil documentation, insufficient classroom space, poverty or family dysfunction. Transportation to school is difficult, costly and children (the majority are under grade 3) have to go through rigorous checkpoints daily, which are frightening and delay them in getting to school. East Jerusalem has only 21 school counsellors, each serving over 2000 students, and over 40% of 12th graders drop out of school (compared to 5% in parts of the West Bank and Gaza). There are currently very limited immediate actions taken by child rights organizations and the cluster system to immediately take actions to mitigate and prevent such violations. The education cluster is prioritizing under Objective 1 of the SRP the safe access to students in Area C, East Jerusalem, West Bank, and Gaza and establish alternative structures to respond to the most pressing child access to education issues. NGOs lack strong overall coordination mechanisms to identify and react to access to education issues. This is primarily due to individual agencies targeting a specific group of children, or specific need, resulting in a piecemeal approach to handling general child protection issues. A lack of cooperation and coordination has resulted in trends in protection risks not being identified, and consequently a lack of appropriate and relevant responses. The project will support the education cluster to establish an immediate response mechanism supported by education cluster agencies and the MRM reporting which will be the bases for identifying the violations and systematically inform the cluster members. The project will be providing immediate response interventions and School Disaster Management enhancement to violated schools through project partners. Education cluster will be monitoring and evaluating the response activities and hold review meetings to coordinate most effective referrals and interventions.

#### **Activities or outputs**

- Strategic workshop for the education cluster members including MoE and MRMWG members to discuss violations trends and agree on scope of immediate response
- Establish a referral mechanism from various international and local organization to coordinate immediate responses
- Support capacity building workshops for 200 schools in WB and Gaza on monitoring and reporting violations as well as supporting and coordinating with response teams
- Support standing by PSS teams to conduct immediate interventions for affected schools (Within 48 hours)
- Provide standing by protective presence teams to provide immediate safe access to students in most vulnerable communities
- Establish school disaster management committees to develop access to school prevention plans to be considered as needed interventions. School committees will be supported with needed capacities to develop those plans
- Support the MoE on establishment of "Crises Cells" to coordinate reporting and responding to violations
- Minimum Preparedness actions implemented in the most vulnerable schools (Walls, Camera, gates, first aid kits, communications)
- Violations and responses to be monitored and tracked in a response database

#### **Indicators and targets**

- Immediate response mechanism established to mitigate and prevent access to education violations in WB and Gaza
- Cluster system is able to advise Education partners on School Disaster Management and the implementation of the Comprehensive School Safety Framework
- 200 schools (400 school staff, %50 female) supported with capacities to monitor and report violations as well as coordinate responses
- At least 7000 students (%50 female) are supported with different protection interventions
- 50 most vulnerable schools will develop school disaster management plans

A comprehensive ME plan will be developed by SC ME team to monitor project activities progress and evaluate outcomes and outputs against a set of designed indicators. The ME plan will use various child and community friendly evaluation tools to ensure the effectiveness of the provided responses and design a feedback mechanism to inform the cluster system and NGOs for future intervention

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