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## German Funding for Political Advocacy NGOs Active in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

German government funding for political advocacy NGOs in Israel and the Palestinian Authority is officially dedicated to “combating poverty, securing food, establishing peace, freedom, democracy and human rights, shaping globalization in a socially equitable manner, and preserving the environment and natural resources.”

In contrast to the moral objectives, the funding supports radical organizations that oppose peace, promote demonization, biased boycott movements as part of political warfare, and in some cases, blatant antisemitism. Millions of euros originating with German taxpayers are provided annually to these NGOs. Funding frameworks include powerful political foundations associated with German political parties, which often seek to impose their ideologies and objectives on Israelis and Palestinians, as well as direct funding from the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and other branches.

NGO grantees include some of the most radical political advocacy NGOs operating in Israel and the Palestinian Authority:

- **Zochrot** – German government funding has come from the **Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, Medico International, Misereor, and EVZ**. This Israeli NGO seeks to “raise public awareness of the Palestinian Nakba...The memory and responsibility that the Jewish public should take on the Palestinian Nakba are basic conditions to peace between people, but it is not enough. Along with it, the rights of the refugees to return must be accepted.” This agenda is equivalent to calling for the elimination of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people. Zochrot also accuses Israel of “ethnic cleansing” and “forcible displacement and dispossession of the Palestinian people.”
- **Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP)** received NIS 197,969 (2010) and NIS 146,026 (2011) from the **Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung**. CWP, which describes itself as “a feminist organization against the occupation of Palestine and for a just peace,” is a leader of the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement, particularly via the “Who Profits” campaign. The “Who Profits” website serves as an “online database and information centre,” initiated “in response to the Palestinian call for boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) on Israel...” CWP officials have been photographed holding a flag of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – an EU-recognized terrorist organization responsible for numerous attacks against civilians. (Since the distribution of this report to some of CWP’s funders, this image has been removed from CWP’s Facebook page.)



- **Miftah** received \$24,416 from the **Heinrich Boell Stiftung** in 2011 (it is not listed as a donor in 2012) and \$92,869 from the **Konrad Adenauer Stiftung** in 2011 and 2012. Miftah's stated mission is to "promote the principles of democracy and good governance within various components of Palestinian society; it further seeks to engage local and international public opinion and official circles on the Palestinian cause." The first of the "Strategic Objectives" is "to disseminate the Palestinian narrative and discourse globally to both official and popular bodies and decision-makers." Miftah's publications accuse Israel of "massacre," "cultural genocide," "war crimes," and "apartheid." On March 27, 2013, MIFTAH Arabic-language website published an article repeating the antisemitic blood libel, in response to U.S. President Obama's support for Israel and his celebration of the Passover Seder. After significant public criticism, MIFTAH removed the article, but attacked the blogger who exposed the article for "smearing" the organization and downplayed the centrality of the blood libel in the article.
- **Physicians for Human Rights Israel (PHR-I)** received NIS 95,000 (2011) and NIS 94,000 (2010) from **Medico International**, and 1.7 million NIS from **EED (2010-2012)**. PHR-I is very active in political advocacy and demonization. An October 2011 publication "Doctoring the Evidence, Abandoning the Victim," accused Israeli doctors and institutions of involvement in the "torture and ill-treatment" of Palestinians. Detailed analysis of the sweeping claims demonstrates deeply flawed research, and the Israel Medical Association denounced the highly selective publication for erasing important details. Based on faulty methodology, PHR-I asserts

that Israeli security officers “routinely employ interrogation methods which amount to torture and ill-treatment” and that “medical professionals are frequently involved either actively or passively in torture or ill-treatment.” Lexical or legal definitions for “torture” and “ill-treatment” are not provided and used inconsistently. During the Gaza war (Dec 2008-Jan. 2009), PHR-I accused Israel of using “extreme and disproportionate force ... against the population of Gaza” and of “targeting medical teams and aid convoys.” Dr. Yoram Blachar, former president of the World Medical Association, criticized PHR-I as “a radical political group disguised as a medical organization.” See NGO Monitor Monograph, “NGO Malpractice” (July 2013) for more information about PHR-I.

- **Yesh Din** received NIS 250,000 (2012) from **The Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen - IFA)**, a government framework closely coordinated with the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Yesh Din’s stated mission is “to oppose the continuing violation of Palestinian human rights,” monitoring law enforcement on settlers and members of the security forces and military court procedures. Founded by Dror Etkes (formerly of Peace Now), Yesh Din employs demonization and “apartheid” rhetoric in some of its activities, exploiting the language of human rights for political and ideological objectives. Yesh Din is a leader in attempts to portray Israel and its security forces as unaccountable to the rule of law, as part of a wider strategy of bringing false “war crimes” cases against Israeli officials in foreign courts and in the International Criminal Court (ICC).

Despite their relationship with the German government, **funding frameworks exhibit limited transparency and accountability, including in refusals to respond substantively to queries from NGO Monitor.** Most frameworks discussed in this study do not publish the amounts provided to the recipient organizations; and this information, where it is available, is usually provided by the recipients in reports to the Israeli government. In addition, the process by which these German government branches, political foundations, and church aid organizations, whose budgets come from taxpayer funds, select projects to NGOs is hidden. They lack oversight mechanisms to monitor and evaluate the impact of taxpayer funded activities by these political advocacy NGOs.

These NGOs that are funded by Germany then influence German policy and public perceptions of the conflict, reinforcing pro-Palestinian and anti-Israel bias as reflected in many areas.

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**ON THIS BASIS, NGO MONITOR RECOMMENDS THAT:**

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- 1) TRANSPARENCY REGARDING ALL NGO GRANTS ORIGINATING WITH GERMAN TAXPAYER FUNDS BE INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY, INCLUDING ALL DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO DECISION MAKING AND EVALUATIONS, AS WELL AS INVOLVEMENT OF PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS;
  - 2) ALL FUNDING MECHANISMS SHOULD MAKE PROPOSED GRANTS PUBLIC AT LEAST 60 DAYS PRIOR TO ANY TRANSFER OF FUNDS (PRE-NOTIFICATION) IN ORDER TO ALLOW FOR SUBMISSION OF RELEVANT MATERIALS AND FOR PUBLIC DISCUSSION;
  - 3) DEDICATED AND INDEPENDENT SUPERVISORY MECHANISMS BE ESTABLISHED TO REVIEW AND EVALUATE ALL NGO GRANTS AND ENSURE DUE DILIGENCE; IN PARTICULAR, A PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR THIS PURPOSE;
  - 4) GERMAN GOVERNMENT FUNDING FRAMEWORKS ENSURE THAT ISRAELI NGO GRANTEEES COMPLY WITH ISRAELI FUNDING TRANSPARENCY LAWS.
  - 5) ALL FUNDING FRAMEWORKS SHOULD RE-EVALUATE GUIDELINES AND DIRECT THIS FUNDING TOWARDS PROJECTS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ACTUALLY PROMOTE.
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# INTRODUCTION

The NGO Forum of the 2001 Durban Conference adopted a strategy of political warfare and delegitimization against Israel, using allegations of “apartheid,” “racism,” “war crimes,” and similar rhetoric. Implemented by a network of NGOs, this strategy operates under the banners of human rights, democracy, peace, and humanitarian aid. These NGOs exploit tactics developed against the apartheid government in South Africa, including boycotts, divestment and sanctions (BDS), and abuse universal jurisdiction frameworks, such as the International Criminal Court, to target Israeli officials (“lawfare”). Much of the funding for the NGOs that lead these demonization campaigns based on double standards and false allegations comes from European governments.<sup>1</sup>

In this report, NGO Monitor focuses on German support for Israeli and Palestinian NGOs that are centrally involved in this Durban strategy of political warfare. We provide systematic analysis on the activities of these organizations, their relationships with their respective German counterparts, and when possible, funding details. For a full list of Israeli and Palestinian organizations receiving German funding, see Appendix A.2

Officially, the objectives of German foreign aid include “combating poverty, securing food, establishing peace, freedom, democracy and human rights, shaping globalization in a socially equitable manner, and preserving the environment and natural resources.” However, in contrast to these moral objectives, the research reveals NGO funding policies that promote conflict and oppose these moral values. This funding is significant; the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development’s 2013 budget for “civil society and economic organizations and institutions” is €729 million. In addition to government agencies, funding is provide through German political foundations grants given to independent development NGOs, and church organizations.

Reflecting the lack of transparency, the different German funding frameworks do not provide detailed information on funding for Israeli and Palestinian partner organizations. The funding details provided in this report, then, have been gathered by analyzing annual reports and reports to the Israeli Registrar of Non-Profits, and in correspondence with the German frameworks.

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<sup>1</sup> Gerald M. Steinberg, “The Politics of NGOs, Human Rights and the Arab-Israel Conflict,” *Israel Studies* 16.2 Summer 2011

<sup>2</sup> **A full analysis of all of the activities and grants of these organizations is beyond the scope of NGO Monitor’s mandate and resources. This report is limited to the political advocacy dimensions.**

# FUNDING FRAMEWORK

The Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (BMZ – Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development) is the major institution responsible for German foreign aid. The Ministry has different channels for working with foreign partners, ranging from financial support through loans provided by the KfW Development Bank and the German Investment and Development Society, to technical assistance conducted by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (German Society for International Cooperation, GIZ). These organizations represent the BMZ and are ultimately controlled by the government (Vorfeldorganisationen).

Additionally, the German government uses political foundations, Stiftungen, to promote democracy and civil society in targeted countries. Political foundations affiliated with political parties in the Bundestag receive funding as part of the German political system. Each political group is associated with a foundation: For example, The Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD) is associated with Friedrich Ebert Foundation; the German Green Party (Die Grünen) with Heinrich Böll Foundation; and The Left party with the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation. Government funding is proportional to electoral results, with budgets reflecting the proportion of the corresponding party in Parliament following each election.

Churches also play a central role in German foreign aid. The two main church-related organizations that receive funding from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung-BMZ) are Brot für die Welt – EED, which is the Protestant church's aid framework, and MISEREOR, associated with the Catholic Church. Additionally, independent NGOs, such as Medico International, partner with the German government to fund projects in Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

# POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS

The German government channels support to Israeli political advocacy NGOs via political foundations (Stiftungen). These foundations receive money from the federal budget in proportion to the size of their corresponding party within the Bundestag.

In turn, the political foundations fund a wide variety of Israeli and Palestinian organizations and related activities, ranging from mainstream academic institutions to fringe political NGOs.

As noted, this report does not present a full analyses of these activities, but, in keeping with NGO Monitor's mandate, focuses on German funding for and partnerships with organizations that engage in the Durban strategy of political warfare. Concerns regarding the role of these foundations in the manipulation of Israeli democracy are also discussed. (See Appendix A for a full list of the Israeli and Palestinian NGOs and institutions.)

Reflecting a lack of transparency, the report also demonstrates that these political foundations do not provide detailed information on funding for Israeli and Palestinian partner organizations. As such, funding information presented below is primarily provided by recipients in their reports to the Israeli Registrar of Non-Profits, and may be incomplete.

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## **ROSA LUXEMBURG STIFTUNG (RLS)**

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RLS is the foundation of the German party Die Linke– a far-Left party that originated in East Germany based on a neo-Marxist ideological foundation. RLS has offices in Tel Aviv and Ramallah that fund a number of Israeli and Palestinian NGOs. The Tel Aviv RLS [website](#) (as of August 2013) features a call for NGO proposals “aimed at strengthening Israeli civil society,” including “alternative education based on democratic values and principles such as solidarity, tolerance, non-violence ...The program endorses civil actors who strive for democratic participation, social justice and human rights, and who struggle against racism, xenophobia and anti-Semitism.” This agenda reflects what is seen as a highly intrusive effort to manipulate the Israeli democratic process.

For 2014, the call for proposals emphasizes a number of political aims, “engagement of Israeli-Palestinian youths and/or students, concentrating on questions of identity, and **adopting a progressive perspective**; Projects that are connected to the social protest movement and are working towards enhancing the competencies of peripheral communities that are struggling for socio-economic rights; Projects directed at resisting and counteracting oppressive structures based on racism, **nationalism**, sexism and **militarism** within the Israeli society” (emphasis added).

### Funding and Transparency

In 2011, the foundation’s budget was €42.5 million. RLF received €42,111,310 in German federal funding.

RLS lists its Israeli NGO “Partners & Projects,” but does not list names of Palestinian NGO grantees nor publish details of funding for either. The funding details below are provided by the Israeli recipients in reports to the Registrar of Non-profits.

**Table 1: Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung (RLS): Israeli Partners, Political Advocacy NGOs (2010-2012)**

Israeli NGOs:	Amounts and Years
Zochrot	<u>Not Disclosed</u> <sup>3</sup>
Hagada Hasmalit	<u>Not Disclosed</u>
Haokets	<u>Not Disclosed</u>
Sheikh Jarrah Solidarity Movement (SJSM)	<u>Not Disclosed</u>
ACRI	<u>Not Disclosed</u>
Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP)	<u>NIS 197,969 (2010)</u> <u>NIS 146,026 (2011)</u>
Combatants for Peace	<u>Not Disclosed</u>
Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality	<u>Not Disclosed</u>
Sadaka Reut	<u>NIS 190,952 (2010)</u>

<sup>3</sup> “Not Disclosed” throughout the report refers to information that was not listed in annual reports and not provided through correspondence with the respective funding framework.

## RLS Projects and Partners

**Zochrot (amount not disclosed):** Zochrot is an Israeli NGO established in order to “raise public awareness of the Palestinian Nakba...The memory and responsibility that the Jewish public should take on the Palestinian Nakba are basic conditions to peace between people, but it is not enough. Along with it, the rights of the refugees to return must be accepted.” This agenda is equivalent to calling for the elimination of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people. Zochrot also accuses Israel of “ethnic cleansing” and “forcible displacement and dispossession of the Palestinian people.”

RLS supports Zochrot’s educational program “How do We Say Nakba in Hebrew”: “The project offers school teachers an alternative approach by... introducing interested Israeli teachers to a critical approach to the history of Israel by teaching about the Nakba, a topic that is entirely absent from Israel’s formal and informal education systems.” On September 29, Zochrot hosted a conference “From Truth to Redress: Realizing the Return of Palestinian Refugees.” According to promotional materials, “The conference [was] made possible thanks to the generous support of...Rosa Luxemburg Foundation.” However, in correspondence with NGO Monitor, RLS wrote, “The Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung and its Israel Office has not sponsored the conference ... The program only mentions the RLS as a principal cooperation partner what is correct (sic).”

**Hagada Hasmalit (amount not disclosed)** is an internet platform that presents highly distorted narratives of the Arab-Israeli conflict. For example, a July 2013 article by Gideon Spiro (of Yesh Gvul) titled “Boycott As a Cure, the Chances for Peace, Refusal, Release of Prisoners and Roger Waters” employs apartheid rhetoric and promotes BDS, claiming the symbol of the Star of David represents “a racist pig that operates a military dictatorship against another.” **Haokets** runs a similar internet platform to Hagada Hasmalit. RFL has also not disclosed the amount of funding it has granted to Haokets.

**Sheikh Jarrah Solidarity Movement (SJSM) (amount not disclosed):** Since its inception as the Sheikh Jarrah Solidarity Movement (named after a Jerusalem neighborhood characterized by intense property disputes), this NGO has become increasingly inflammatory in its rhetoric and activities. Sara Benninga, a leader of the group, has accused Israel of “fascism” and “ethnic discrimination against its residents,” and protesters at rallies have held signs declaring “Apartheid is here.” [Note: A webpage with the “Apartheid is here” poster was later removed from the Solidarity website.]

**Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP)** received NIS 197,969 (2010) and NIS 146,026 (2011) from RLS. The NGO describes itself as “a feminist organization against the occupation of Palestine and for a just peace.” CWP is a leader of the boycott, divestment and sanctions campaign, particularly via the “Who Profits” campaign. The “Who Profits” website serves as an “online database and information centre,”

initiated “in response to the Palestinian call for boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) on Israel CWP officials have been photographed holding a PFLP flag – the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine is an EU-recognized terrorist organization and is responsible for numerous attacks against Israeli civilians. (Since the distribution of this report to some of CWP’s funders, this image has been removed from CWP’s Facebook page.)

**Combatants for Peace (CFP) (amount not disclosed):** The organization’s political goals are to “terminate the Israeli occupation, to halt the settlement project and to establish a Palestinian state with its capital in East Jerusalem, alongside the State of Israel.” CFP was part of the “Remove the Siege = Stop the War” coalition that stood “in defiance of the siege and the destruction and military bombardment...being exercised in Gaza with careless disregard...[and] protest the ongoing massacre,” in partnership with highly politicized groups such as New Profile, AIC, ICAHD, Ta’ayush and Coalition of Women for Peace (see above). The Israel Foreign Ministry reportedly accused a joint tour of CFP and Breaking the Silence of promoting a political message – “speaking out against Israel’s policy in the territories” – as opposed to their stated mission to “educate towards reconciliation and non-violent struggle.” RLS funding supports CFP’s highly controversial and contentious “Alternative Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Day Ceremony,” which “challeng(es) the consensual narrative as cultivated by the state-choreographed ceremonies.”

**Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality (amount not disclosed):** The Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality, based in Israel, works to “provide a framework for Jewish-Arab collaborative efforts in the struggle for civil equality and the advancement of mutual tolerance and coexistence...remains focused solely on the specific problems confronting the Negev.” The organization is active in delegitimizing Israel internationally, including United Nations submissions calling for “world intervention to aid the Bedouin community” and identifying Israel as a “discriminate country” that denies many rights by “forced politicization” and “policy of displacement.” accuse Israel of “double standards and discriminatory actions” against the Bedouin population in the Negev. During a June 2013 session at the European Parliament, a Negev Coexistence Forum representative referred to Israeli policy in the Negev as “apartheid.”

**Sadaka Reut** received NIS 190,952 (2010) and NIS 119,826(2011). Sadaka-Reut “educates and empowers Jewish and Palestinian Israeli youth and university students to pursue social and political change through bi-national partnership.” Its activities promote the Palestinian victimization narrative, and involve cooperation with radical NGOs including CWP and Zochrot (see below), for a project aimed at “Introducing the Palestinian Nakba into the Israeli Public.”

**ACRI (amount not disclosed):** ACRI claims that it is “is committed to promoting the universality of human rights and defending the rights of all, regardless of religion, nationality, sex, ethnicity, political

affiliation, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic background.” A significant portion of its activities focus on partisan political advocacy, including use of labels such as “apartheid,” referring to Israeli efforts to prevent terror attacks from Gaza as “collective punishment,” and claims that the security barrier is a “violation of international law.”

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## HEINRICH BÖLL STIFTUNG (HBS)

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The Heinrich Böll Stiftung (HBS) is affiliated with the German Die Grünen (Green Party). The foundation has offices in Tel Aviv and Ramallah. Kerstin Müller, recently appointed head of the Tel Aviv office of the Heinrich Böll Foundation, co-initiated a German Green party campaign to label and boycott Israeli goods produced over the Green Line. According to HBS’ president Ralf Fucks, HBS “support(s) political initiatives aiming to achieve a negotiated peace between Israel and the Palestinians, and we are committed to international guarantees for a two-state solution.

HBS is a long time funding partner of +972, a blog that regularly features the false apartheid analogy. (See below.) In response to criticism for funding to +972, HBS spokesperson Karoline Richter told the *Jerusalem Post* that HBS sees the apartheid application as part of “critical solidarity with Israel.”

### Funding and Transparency

In 2012, HBS reported a budget of €47,724,963. The foundation received €22 million in German federal support for international cooperation activities. The HBS Israel and Palestine websites provide limited information on its current funding partners. Funding information below is provided by the recipients.

**Table 2:** Heinrich Böll Stiftung (HBS): Palestinian and Israeli Partners, Political Advocacy NGOs (2009-2013)

Palestinian NGOs	Amounts and Years
Applied Research Institute (ARIJ)	<u>Not Disclosed (2012)</u>
Ma’an Development Center	<u>Not Disclosed</u>
Miftah	<u>\$24,416 (2011)</u>
Israeli NGOs	
Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)	<u>NIS 50,000 (2010)</u>
Combatants for Peace	<u>Not Disclosed</u>
Kay’an	<u>NIS 75,000 (2010)</u>

Mossawa	<u>Not Disclosed</u>
Shatil/Bimkom	<u>Not Disclosed (2013)</u>
+972	<u>€12,000 (2013)</u> <u>€12,000 (2012)</u> <u>€6,000 (2011)</u>

## HBS Projects and Partners

### ISRAELI NGOS

**Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)** received NIS 50,000 (2010) from HBS. See RLS section for further information.

**Combatants for Peace (amount not disclosed)**: See RLS section of the report for further information.

**Kay'an** received NIS 75,000 (2010) from HBS. "Kayan was founded by Arab feminist women with the goal of advancing the status of Arab women in Israel and protecting their rights [and] issues that tackle the tension between nationality and gender...as it relates specifically to Arab-Israeli women." Kayan co-authored a report with Physicians for Human Rights-Israel which characterized Israel's Nationality Law as "racist."

**Mossawa (amount not disclosed)**: The Mossawa Center claims to "promote the economic, social, cultural and political rights of the Palestinian Arab citizens in Israel, and the recognition of this community a national indigenous minority, with their own national, cultural and historical distinctiveness." Mossawa is consistently involved in the political demonization of Israel, including labels such as racism. Its reports to UN committees often condemn Israeli security measures with no context of terrorism and exploit distorted legal arguments. In 2006, Mossawa published "The Future Vision of the Palestinian Arabs in Israel." This document called Israel an "ethnocratic state" that "cannot be defined as democratic," and claimed that only "Palestinian Arabs are the indigenous people of the country," erasing Jewish historical ties to Israel and Jewish communal continuity. The report also called for the eradication of the Israeli flag and national anthem, for the right of the Arab minority to have a veto over matters of national import, and for the immediate implementation of a Palestinian "right of return."

**Shatil/Bimkom: (amount not disclosed)** Shatil is the Israel-based operational framework of the New Israel Fund, active in coordinating and providing Israeli NGOs with "consulting, training, coalition-building assistance and other services," including a number of highly politicized NGOs. Bimkom engages in attempts to change Israeli government policy on issues such as spatial planning, planning

procedures, housing rights, and amending the “Planning and Building Law and the Freedom of Information Law.” Campaigns have included attempts to “retroactively legalize illegal construction in Arab neighborhoods.”

**+972:** received €6,000 (2011), €12,000 (2012) and €12,000 (2013): +972 is an online English-language magazine that routinely presents biased perspectives on the Arab-Israeli conflict. A number of +972’s authors have invoked the immoral and false “apartheid” analogy and support BDS. +972 published a cartoon (“The hater in the sky,” Eli Valley, May 14, 2012) depicting Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu raping President Barack Obama and eating his limbs.

## PALESTINIAN NGOS

**Applied Research Institute (ARIJ) (amount not disclosed):** Founded in 1990, ARIJ claims to be a “non-profit organization dedicated to promoting sustainable development in the occupied Palestinian territories and the self-reliance of the Palestinian people through greater control over their natural resources.” In contrast, its research is highly political and biased. A December 2008 publication labels Jerusalem’s mayor a “racist” who supports “ethnic cleansing.” ARIJ is active in promoting BDS and other anti-Israel activities.

**Ma’an Development Center (amount not disclosed):** In 2009 the organization published “Boycotts, Divestment & Sanctions: Lessons learned in effective solidarity,” a guide to grassroots and international BDS campaigns. Ma’an Development Center refers to Israeli “colonization,” and Israeli governments are described as “consecutive occupation governments since 1948.” The security barrier is consistently referred to as the “Apartheid Wall” and the section that surrounds Qalqilya is described “[a]s a control mechanism,” which “takes on the form of an enclosed cage in this area, transforming it into an open-air prison.”

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**FRIEDRICH EBERT STIFTUNG (FES)**

The Friedrich Ebert Stiftung is affiliated with the Social Democratic Party (Sozialdemokratische Partei Deutschlands - SPD). The foundation has offices and operates programs in [Herzliya](#) and [Jerusalem](#). The [foundation](#) “cooperates closely with local partner organizations to jointly develop projects in the spirit of democracy, gender equality and peaceful co-existence.”

In December 2011, Michael Broning, director of FES’ Jerusalem office, co-wrote an [article](#) with the director of the Palestinian Government Media Center in Ramallah, Ghassan Khatib. The article, “What about Israeli Rejection,” was a rebuttal to an opinion article by two Israeli government officials (“[The Problem is Palestinian Rejectionism](#)”) and argued that there is no problem of Palestinian rejectionism and that Israeli intransience is the major impediment to peace. This type of collaboration in promoting the Palestinian political narrative is highly problematic and inconsistent with German government funding for FES.

**Funding and Transparency**

The FES websites provide limited funding details for its Israeli and Palestinian partner organizations. (See below.)

**Table 3:** Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Palestinian and Israeli Partners, Political Advocacy NGOs

Israeli NGOs	Amounts and Years
I’lam	<a href="#">Not Disclosed</a>
Mossawa	<a href="#">Not Disclosed</a>
Shatil (affiliated with the New Israel Fund)*	<a href="#">Not Disclosed</a>
<b>Palestinian NGOs</b>	
Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs (PASSIA)	<a href="#">Not Disclosed</a>

\*As an US-based non-profit operating in Israel, Shatil is not legally obligated to report foreign government funding sources under the Israeli NGO funding transparency law.

## FES Projects and Partners

### ISRAELI NGOS

**I'lam (amount not disclosed):** The I'lam Media Center for Arab Palestinians in Israel was founded in 2000 in Nazareth. Its mission is “to strengthen the media cadre, raise awareness and educate Palestinian society in Israel in media practices.” I'lam's reports and publications reflect promotion of the demonization campaign, including unsupported claims of bias and discrimination against Israeli Arab citizens of Israel in the media.

**Mossawa (amount not disclosed):** See HBS section for further information.

**Shatil (amount not disclosed):** Shatil is the Israel-based operational framework of the New Israel Fund, active in coordinating and providing Israeli NGOs with “consulting, training, coalition-building assistance and other services,” including a number of highly politicized NGOs.

### PALESTINIAN NGOS

**Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs (PASSIA) (amount not disclosed)** Passia is an active participant in the global campaign to boycott Israel and uses “resistance” rhetoric. FES is a financial supporter of PASSIA's research studies program, whose research publications regularly employ apartheid rhetoric in reference to Israeli policy.

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### WILLY BRANDT CENTER JERUSALEM

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The Willy Brandt Center Jerusalem (WBC) was created in 1996 (three years after the Oslo framework) through an agreement between the Jusos (young Socialists - part of the German Social Democratic Party), Shabeebat Fateh (Palestinian), and Mishmeret Tseirah shel Mifleget Ha-Avodah (Israeli Labor Party Youth Movement). These founding organizations are part of the International Union of Socialist Youth (IUSY). The Center hosts political activities (e.g. the “Red Lounge”); “peace-building” activities under the government-funded Civil Peace Service (ZFD - Ziviler Friedensdienst); and dialogues involving German, Israeli, and Palestinian youth. As of September 2013, the website notes, “The WBC is currently in the phase of registering as a limited company that operates as a public utility under Israeli law.” The Willy Brandt Center Jerusalem receives funding from the German federal government and lists the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung as a “supporter,” with which it maintains “close cooperation.”

## ACTIVITIES INVOLVING ISRAELI POLITICAL ADVOCACY NGOS:

The Willy Brandt Center framework holds activities with NGOs, but does not provide direct funding. The selection of NGO partners demonstrates the political advocacy agenda.

**Machsom Watch** (Willy Brandt event): The Israel-based Machsom Watch monitors and disseminates reports on Israeli soldiers at checkpoints, with the ultimate aim of “ending the occupation.” Reports, photos and videos are published in Hebrew and English, employing emotive and politically charged language that contributes to the demonization of Israel. Frequently the organization interferes with and provokes IDF soldiers. A YouTube video shows activists harassing a soldier at a checkpoint, haranguing him for engaging in “apartheid.”

**Zochrot** (Willy Brandt event): See the Medico International section for further information.

**Ir Amim** (Willy Brandt event): Ir Amim is a highly politicized NGO that opposes Israeli government policies regarding Jerusalem. Activities include “Monitoring and exposing critical developments in Jerusalem,” “legal advocacy,” “policy advocacy,” and running highly politicized “tours” of Jerusalem and the separation barrier. Although it has been described as “work[ing] toward coexistence in Jerusalem,” an Ir Amim official said that the group was “seeking to advance a political agenda, and was not an organization geared to promote coexistence.”

**Breaking the Silence (BtS)** (Willy Brandt event): See the MISEREOR section for further information.

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## FRIEDRICH-NAUMANN-STIFTUNG (FNS)

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FNS is affiliated with the “Freie Demokratische Partei” (Free Democratic Party), and works towards the “promotion of democracy and liberal principles,” dialogue and the peace process. FNS operates offices in Jerusalem.

### Funding and Transparency

The FNS budget for 2012 was €51.3 million. According to correspondence with NGO Monitor, 100% of FNS funds come from the “state budget.” The FNS Israel office lists its partners, but does not provide funding details. In correspondence with NGO Monitor (October 2013), an FNS official wrote: “The annual budget for joined activities is 60.000. - EURO....We don’t provide any financial or institutional support. We are only cooperating on the basis of joint activities which are directed to support the peace process in this region.” Requests for details were rejected, highlighting the lack of transparency.

**Table 4:** Friedrich-Naumann Stiftung (FNS): Palestinian Partners, Political Advocacy NGOs

Palestinian NGOs	Amounts and Years
Ma'an News Agency	<u>Not Disclosed</u>
Ramallah Center for Human Rights Studies (RCHRS)	<u>Not Disclosed</u>

## FNS projects and partners

### PALESTINIAN NGOS

**Ma'an News Agency (amount not disclosed):** Part of the Ma'an Network, often serves as a platform for tendentious anti-Israel statements, including material from radical NGOs. On January 31, 2013 Ma'an published an article in Arabic (which was later removed), "On the ostensible 'Holocaust' memorial day," in which the author, Ghassan Mustafa Al-Shami, refers to the Holocaust as a "myth." Israel is referred to as a "thieve entity for themselves on a Palestinian land" and "the Jews" are claimed to "have succeeded in achieving many goals by using 'Holocaust', and taking "advantage of them [the lies] to win sympathy."

**Ramallah Center for Human Rights Studies (RCHRS) (amount not disclosed):** RCHRS is a member of the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and a member of The Palestinian Non-Governmental Organizations Network (PNGO), both of which are prominent in anti-Israel campaigns. Following the March 2002 suicide bombing attacks and "Operation Defensive Shield," RCHRS issued a statement promoting the false claim that Israel committed "massacres" in Jenin and Nablus. RCHRS has also accused Israel of "terrorist [sic] crimes," and making children the "sacrifice for the racial hatred [sic]."

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### KONRAD ADENAUER STIFTUNG (KAS)

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The Konrad Adenauer Stiftung is affiliated with the Christian Democratic Union (CDU); it has offices in Ramallah and Jerusalem.

In December 2011, the Ramallah KAS office, along with the Palestinian NGO **Al Haq**, hosted a panel discussion on efforts to bring war crimes cases against Israeli officials at the International Criminal Court. **Al Haq** has been centrally active in lobbying for such politicized cases ("lawfare").

## Funding and Transparency

In 2012 KAS's expected annual budget was €138 million. For 2012 KAS, expected to receive €128 million in federal funds.

**Table 5:** Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS): Palestinian Partners, Political Advocacy NGOs (2011-2012)

Palestinian NGOs	Amounts and Years
Miftah	<u>\$44,702</u> (2012) <u>\$48,167</u> (2011)

## KAS Projects and Partners

### PALESTINIAN NGOS

**Miftah** reported \$44,702 in funding from KAS in 2012 and \$48,167 in 2011. See HBS section for further information.

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## HANS-SEIDEL-STIFTUNG (HSS)

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The Hans Seidel Stiftung is affiliated with the Christian Social Union (CSU) in Bavaria; the foundation has offices in Jerusalem and Jenin.

## Funding and Transparency

The budget for 2012 was €55,572,000. In 2012, HSS received €47 million in federal funding. Limited funding information is provided on the HSS website.

**Table 6:** Hans-Siedel-Stiftung (HSS): Israeli Partners, Political Advocacy NGOs

Israeli NGOs	Amounts and Years
Shatil (affiliated with the New Israel Fund)*	<u>Not Disclosed</u>
I'lam	<u>Not Disclosed</u>

\*As a US-based non-profit working in Israel, Shatil is not legally obligated to report its private funding sources according to the Israeli NGO foreign government funding transparency law.

**HSS Projects and Partners**

ISRAELI NGOS

**Shatil (amount not disclosed)**. See FES section for further information.

**I'lam (amount not disclosed)**. See FES section for further information.

# INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT NGOS

## GERMAN GOVERNMENT-FUNDED INDEPENDENT FRAMEWORKS

### MEDICO INTERNATIONAL

Medico International (MI), based in Frankfurt, claims to focus on campaigning for health services, broadly defined. Its mission statement refers to “comprehensive social action that aims at the implementation of the right to health....assistance is an element within social action that fights for democracy, social justice and respect for human rights – together with the victims of destitution and despotism.”

Medico International’s activities regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict are highly politicized, as reflected in the statements of Tsafrir Cohen, who is responsible for public relations in “Palestine & Israel.” In March 2013, Cohen published an op-ed article on BDS campaigns, calling on the German government to pressure Israel politically. Cohen has also urged German politicians to pressure Israel and to “fight against the Israeli occupation.” In 2012, Medico was one of 22 NGO co-authors of a publication, “Trading Away Peace.” which called on the EU and national governments to wage political warfare through various forms of economic sanctions on Israel. This NGO lobbying was central to subsequent EU policies on these issues.

In April 2013, Medico International posted a YouTube video titled, “Countering Displacement.” The video description demonizes Israel, stating that in the West Bank “in the rural areas of the West Bank, access to health services is considerably reduced by the Israeli occupation policies. Their goal is evidently to oust the Palestinians living there into densely populated enclaves fully controlled by Israel...”

### **Funding and Transparency**

MI funders (p. 31) include the Federal Foreign Office, BMZ and ifaZivik- Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations, and EU frameworks. The annual budget in 2010 was €19 million and €20.2 million in 2011.

According to its [2012 annual report](#), MI allocated €1,245,297 to projects in Israel/PA. Detailed funding information related to amounts given to the NGOs is not provided.

**Table 7:** Medico International: Funding for Israeli and Palestinian Partners, Political Advocacy NGOs (2010-2012)

Israeli NGOs	Amounts and Years
Adalah	<u>NIS 121,865 (2012)</u>
Coalition of Women for Peace	<u>Not Disclosed (2012)</u>
COMET-ME	<u>Not Disclosed (2012)</u> <u>NIS 1,686,624 (2011)</u> <u>NIS 593,545 (2010)</u>
Zochrot	<u>Not disclosed (2012)</u>
Physicians for Human Rights Israel (PHR-I)	<u>Not disclosed (2012)</u> <u>NIS 95,000 (2011)</u> <u>NIS 94,000 (2010)</u>
Palestinian NGOs	
Al-Mezan Center	<u>Not Disclosed (2012)</u>
Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS)	<u>Not Disclosed (2012)</u>

## MI Projects and Partners

### ISRAELI NGOS

**Adalah** received NIS 121,865 in 2012 from Medico International for a project called “Legal activities for equality.” Adalah is a highly politicized Israeli NGO active in a wide range of demonization campaigns, including “lawfare,” which targets Israeli officials through exploitation of international legal frameworks. This NGO **submitted a legal opinion to a Spanish court in support of a PCHR case against Israeli officials.** The NGO’s “Democratic Constitution,” (2007) calls for replacing the Jewish foundation of Israel with a “democratic, bilingual and multicultural” framework; Jewish immigration would be restricted to “humanitarian reasons.” Adalah officials, in conjunction with radical Palestinian NGO Al-Haq, wrote and edited large portions of a May 2009 pseudo-academic study that refers to “a

colonial enterprise which implements a system of apartheid.” The report delegitimizes Israeli self-defense measures as “inhumane act[s] of apartheid...perpetrated in the context of an institutionalized regime of systematic oppression and domination by one racial group over another.”

**Coalition of Women for Peace (amount not disclosed):** See RLS section of the report for further information.

**COMET-ME (Community, Energy and Technology in the Middle-East)** received NIS 1,686,624 (2011) and NIS 593,545 (2010) from Medico International and NIS 120,000 (2010) from the German Representative Office in Ramallah. The organization (registered in Israel as a “Company for the Benefit of the Public”) was established in 2009 to “build renewable energy systems for communities that are not connected to the electricity grid because of political reasons and build local capacity to install and maintain those systems.” Elad Orian, co-founder and “environmental expert, physicist, political activist,” is also a member of the audit committee of **Zochrot** (see above), a radical Israeli NGO that supports a “one-state” vision and the Palestinian “right of return.” Orian also signed a petition in support of Tali Fahima, a pro-Palestinian activist who was convicted for contact with terrorists. In an article posted on the IRIN (UN OCHA) network regarding building in Area C, Orian wrote, “We don’t get any permits [from the Israeli Civil Administration], so we simply build without.”

**Zochrot (amount not disclosed):** See RLS section of the report for further information.

**Physicians for Human Rights Israel (PHR-I)** received NIS 95,000 (2011) and NIS 94,000 (2010) from Medico International. PHR-I is very active in political advocacy and demonization. An October 2011 publication “Doctoring the Evidence, Abandoning the Victim,” accused Israeli doctors and institutions of involvement in the “torture and ill-treatment” of Palestinians. Detailed analysis of the sweeping claims demonstrates deeply flawed research, and the Israel Medical Association denounced the highly selective publication for erasing important details. Based on faulty methodology, PHR-I asserts that Israeli security officers “routinely employ interrogation methods which amount to torture and ill-treatment” and that “medical professionals are frequently involved either actively or passively in torture or ill-treatment.” Lexical or legal definitions for “torture” and “ill-treatment” are not provided and used inconsistently. During the Gaza war (Dec 2008-Jan. 2009), PHR-I accused Israel of using “extreme and disproportionate force ... against the population of Gaza” and of “targeting medical teams and aid convoys.” Dr. Yoram Blachar, former president of the World Medical Association, criticized PHR-I as “a radical political group disguised as a medical organization.” See NGO Monitor Monograph, “NGO Malpractice” (July 2013) for more information about PHR-I.

## PALESTINIAN NGOS

**Al-Mezan Center (amount not disclosed):** Based in Gaza, Al-Mezan consistently refers to the Israeli army as the “Israel Occupation Forces (IOF),” erasing the context of Palestinian terror and delegitimizing Israeli self-defense. During the Gaza conflict, Al Mezan publicized allegations of “Israeli massacres,” “slaughtering civilians,” “scandalous war crimes,” and “despicable disregard to civilian life.” The use of human shields by Hamas and the rocket attacks against Israeli civilians are erased. Al Mezan has also cooperated with Al Haq and Adalah in promoting lawfare cases against Israeli officials, including the highly publicized “war crimes” allegations against former Minister of Defense Ehud Barak in London in September 2009.

**Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS) (amount not disclosed):** According to the PMRS mission statement, “Health is viewed as an entry point for social change and community development.” The organization plays a leading role in the Palestinian NGO Network, which a leader in promoting demonization, BDS and lawfare. See NGO Monitor Monograph, “NGO Malpractice” (July 2013), for more information.

# CHURCH FUNDING FRAMEWORKS

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## Brot für die Welt - Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst (EED)

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Brot für die Welt (Bread for the World) was founded in 1959 in the framework of the Evangelical and Free Churches in Germany, within the Ecumenical Diakonia, a department of the Social Service Agency (Diakonisches Werk) of the German Evangelical Church.

The Church Development Service (Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst-EED) is associated with the regional Protestant and Free Churches in Germany, and supports over 1,500 projects annually, implemented through ecclesiastical and civil society partner-organizations.

On August 30, 2012, the Church Development Service (Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst-EED) merged with Brot für die Welt and formed a new agency, “Brot für die Welt—Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst” (Bread for the World—Evangelical Church Development Service), as part of the new Evangelical Agency for Diakonia and Development (Evangelisches Werk für Diakonie und Entwicklung).

Both Brot für die Welt and EED are highly politicized and active in the Arab-Israel conflict. In 2012, the combined organization, together with MISEREOR, endorsed the policy of labeling goods produced over the 1949 Armistice line, as part of the wider BDS campaign.

### **Funding and Transparency**

In 2011, the organization received €1,402,805 from the EU and €340,900 in federal government funds. EED’s 2011 budget was €181 million, including €119 million from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. Brot für die Welt – EED provides very limited funding details. The list presented below is based on limited information provided by the EED and Brot für die Welt, as well as information provided under the Israeli NGO foreign government funding transparency law.

**Table 8:** Brot Fuerdie Welt – Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst (EED): Israeli and International Partners, Political Advocacy NGOs (2010-2012)

Israeli NGOs	Amounts and Years
B'Tselem	<u>NIS 1,192,609 (2012)-EED</u> <u>NIS 1,339,859 (2011)-EED</u> <u>NIS 56,551 (2010)-EED</u>
The Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)	<u>NIS 455,303 (2012)-EED</u> <u>NIS 1,045,779 (2011)-EED</u>
The Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP)	<u>NIS 188,520 (2011)-Brot für die Welt</u> <u>NIS 68,520 (2010) - Brot für die Welt</u>
Physicians for Human Rights-Israel (PHR-I)	<u>NIS 296,459 (2012)- EED</u> <u>NIS 636,000 (2011)- EED</u> <u>NIS 708,000 (2010)-EED</u>
Adalah	<u>NIS 121,865 (2012)-EED</u> <u>NIS 138,800(2010)-EED</u>
New Profile	<u>NIS 224,082 (2010) - Brot für die Welt</u>
Sadaka Reut	<u>NIS 156,147 (2010)- Brot für die Welt</u> <u>NIS 140,074 (2011)- Brot für die Welt</u> <u>Not disclosed (2011)-EED</u>
<b>International NGOs</b>	
Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI)	<u>Not Disclosed</u>

## Brot für die Welt – EED Projects and Partners

### ISRAELI NGOS

**Adalah** received NIS 121,865 (2012) and NIS 138,800 (2010) from EED. See Medico International section of the report for further information.

**B'Tselem** (The Israeli Information Center for Human Rights in the Occupied Territories) received NIS 1,192,609 in 2012, NIS 1,339,859 in 2011, and NIS 56,551 in 2010 from EED. This NGO admits that it “acts primarily to change Israeli policy in the Occupied Territories” -- a clear political objective. While widely considered Israel’s premier human-rights organization, B’Tselem has faced serious criticism for its misrepresentations of international law, reports based on Palestinian claims that lack credibility, other examples of inaccurate research, unreliable statistics (including lists of casualties), and selective coverage of violations against Israelis. In the global campaign against Israel’s security barrier and other examples, B’Tselem was at the forefront of labeling Israeli responses to terror from Gaza as “collective punishment.” B’Tselem also claimed that Israel violated international humanitarian law in Gaza, including “excessive and disproportionate force,” failure to distinguish between civilians and combatants, and use of “prohibited weapons.” CEO Jessica Montell has stated: “I think the word apartheid is useful for mobilizing people because of its emotional power. In some cases, the situation in the West Bank is worse than apartheid in South Africa.”

**Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)** received NIS 455,303 in 2012 from EED for a project called “Educational and legal activity for the rights of the Arab public in Israel.” EED also granted the organization NIS 1,045,779 in 2011. See RLS section of the report for further information.

**Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP)** received NIS 188,520 (2011) and NIS 68,520 (2010) from Brot für die Welt.

See RLS section of the report for further information.

**Physicians for Human Rights-Israel (PHR-I)** received NIS 296,459 (2012) from EED for a project on “Promoting the right to health for West Bank,” NIS 636,000 in 2011, and NIS 708,000 in 2010. See Medico International section of the report for further information.

**New Profile** received NIS 224,082 (2010) from Brot für die Welt. New Profile claims to advocate for the demilitarization of Israeli society, and provides legal and other support for those who refuse to serve in the IDF. In an undated interview, co-founder Ruth Hiller stated, “New Profile has signed statements in support of divestment and feels it is an important tool in challenging companies and corporations involved in the Israeli occupation of Palestine....The Caterpillar campaign is an excellent example of

protesting the link between big corporation, occupation and the militarization of Israeli society.” Hiller has herself signed BDS petitions, including one telling entertainers not to perform in “apartheid Israel.”

**Sadaka Reut** received NIS 156,147 (2010) and NIS 140,074 (2011) from Brot für die Welt; the amount of funding received from EED in 2011 is unknown. See RLS section of the report for further information.

## INTERNATIONAL NGOS

**Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) (amount not disclosed);** its stated mission is “to accompany Palestinians and Israelis in their non-violent actions and concerted advocacy efforts to end the occupation.” EAPPI promotes the Palestinian victimization narrative and demonizes Israel, including participating in commemorating the Palestinian “Nakba” (catastrophe) and promoting the so-called “right of return,” meaning the end of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people. EAPPI promotes the Kairos Palestine document that calls for BDS against Israel, noting that “These advocacy campaigns must be carried out with courage, openly sincerely proclaiming that their object is not revenge but rather to put an end to the existing evil.” EAPPI’s core publication, “Faith Under Occupation,” falsely blames Israel for the oppression of Christians in the Holy Land. It also seeks to “disprove” what it calls “unfounded Israeli and Christian Zionist propaganda that Palestinian Christians are depopulating due to Muslim fundamentalism in Palestinian society.”

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## MISEREOR

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Misereor is the aid framework of the Catholic Church in Germany, and a member of CIDSE, a network of Catholic aid organizations. The organization endorsed product labeling, and promoted the petition initiated by its partner, the Society of St. Yves, protesting the planned construction of the security barrier in Jerusalem’s Cremisan valley. Sabeel and other demonization supporters are centrally involved in this campaign.

## **Funding and Transparency**

In 2011, MISEREOR’s annual budget was €181 million, and it received €107.4 million in German federal grants. In 2012, Misereor received €113.8 million in German federal grants. Misereor does not list its partners; the funding information is based on the information provided under the Israeli foreign government NGO funding transparency law.

**Table 9:** Misereor: Israeli and Palestinian Partners, Political Advocacy NGOs (2010-2012)

Israeli NGOs	Amounts and Years
Zochrot	<u>NIS 271, 773 (2011)</u>
Rabbis for Human Rights (RHR)	<u>NIS 52,958 (2011)</u>
Sadaka Reut	<u>NIS 296,360 (2011)</u> <u>NIS 165,147 (2010)</u>
Hamoked	<u>NIS 444,412 (2012)</u>
Breaking the Silence (BtS)	<u>NIS 245,713 (2011)</u>
Palestinian NGOs	
Society of St. Yves	<u>Not Disclosed</u>

## Misereor Projects and Partners

### ISRAELI NGOS

**Zochrot** received NIS 271, 773 (2011) from Misereor. See RLS section of the report for further information.

**Breaking the Silence (BtS)** received NIS 245,713 (2011) from MISEREOR. Breaking the Silence (BtS) plays a central role in the demonization and BDS campaigns targeting Israel, based on “testimonies of soldiers” to “demonstrate the depth of corruption which is spreading in the Israeli military...Israeli society continues to turn a blind eye, and to deny that which happens in its name.” The NGO was active in promoting false “war crimes” charges against Israel after the Gaza fighting in January 2009, and continues these campaigns through many events in international frameworks. In 2010 BtS published a book of anonymous and unverifiable “testimonies,” *Occupation of the Territories - Israeli Soldier testimonies 2000-2010*.

**Rabbis for Human Rights (RHR)** received NIS 52,958 (2011) from MISEREOR. RHR promotes the Palestinian narrative of victimization and demonizes Israel, including rhetoric claiming that “Israel’s foul and discriminatory policies against Palestinians, despite its obligation toward them as the

occupier...Israel is forcing Palestinians to live in a completely separate universe where time has stood still, and prevents them from properly planning their most basic needs and infrastructure.”

**Sadaka Reut** received NIS 165,147 (2010) and NIS 296,360 (2011). See RLS section of the report for further information.

**Hamoked** received NIS 444,412 (2012) from Misereor for a project titled “Legal assistance for Palestinian human rights in the Occupied Territories.” Hamoked is an Israeli organization whose main objective is “to assist Palestinians of the Occupied Territories whose rights are violated due to Israel’s policies.” Hamoked has described Israel’s policies as “ethnic cleansing” and “racist.” For example, in an interview in the *National*, Director of Hamoked Dalia Kerstein said, “There is clearly a policy to push Palestinians out of Jerusalem and Israel to reduce what is called here the Palestinian demographic threat. It’s really a case of ethnic cleansing.”

## PALESTINIAN NGOS

**Society of St. Yves** (amount not available). According to its mission statement, the Society of St. Yves “provides gratis legal assistance, counsel and advocacy to members of the community. Through National and International Lobby and Advocacy we are able to bring the situation of the poor and marginalized to the attention of communities around the world.” The organization promotes Palestinian Nakba campaigns and initiated a petition against the building of the security barrier, protesting the decision of the Special Appeals Committee that deemed the construction of the barrier as legal and justified. The Society of St. Yves repeatedly uses the language of demonization, referring to “forced displacements,” and works with radical anti-Israel organizations including the Right of Return Organization -Geneva, Al Mezan, Badil, Defence for Children-PS, Addameer, Al Haq, Adalah and ICAHD.

# GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

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## DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR INTERNATIONALE ZUSAMMENARBEIT GMBH (GIZ)

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) describes itself as “an experienced service provider that assists the German Government in achieving its objectives in the field of international cooperation.” Most of GIZ’s activities are commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. GIZ also operates on behalf of other German ministries – including the Federal Foreign Office, the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, the Federal Ministry of Defence, the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research – as well as German states and municipalities, and public and private sector clients in Germany and abroad. These include the governments of other countries, the European Commission, the United Nations, and the World Bank.

GIZ also provides funds for other organizations examined in this report. For example, the Friedrich Naumann Stiftung lists (p.85) GIZ as a source of funding. In 2012, GIZ’s budget was approximately €200 million, provided by federal and EU funds.

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## ERINNERUNG, VERANTWORTUNG, ZUKUNFT (EVZ) REMEMBRANCE, RESPONSIBILITY AND FUTURE

The Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ) Foundation was established in 2000, primarily to make payments to forced laborers from the Nazi era. EVZ has an endowment of EUR 5.2 billion “provided by the German Government and German industry. By the end of 2006, a total of EUR 4.37 billion was disbursed to more than 1.66 million former forced labourers and other victims of National Socialism in 98 countries. The Foundation completed its payments programmes in 2007.” The remaining amount is used for grants and programming.

Grants have been provided for activities that promote demonization of Israel, including cooperation with Zochrot. EVZ discontinued its support in 2012 because “EVZ supports educational projects but does not support organizations that also have a political agenda. Since Zochrot supports the right of

return, the foundation cannot extend its cooperation with it.” EVZ’s Europeans for Peace (EFP) program claims to encourage “active engagement of young people in society which is based on historical awareness.” In 2009, EFP sponsored a program called “1948,” a project where “Palestinian and German youth investigate images of friends and enemies in the media (feature films) about the era of the establishment of the State of Israel,” in cooperation with Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hope in Ramallah.

In 2010-2011 EFP provided €21,590 to the HEAR project, an exchange program between the Gerhart-Hauptmann high school in Germany and the Masar Institute for Education in Nazareth. (Masar is registered as an Israeli non-profit [#580341873] and received NIS 318,152 from the anti-Israel Welfare Association in 2007-2009.) The stated aim of the HEAR project was to bring together “German and Israeli youth” in order to “jointly address the question in how far concrete human rights are realized or damaged in the structure of the education.” The project included an EVZ brochure equating Israel with the defunct East German Stalinist state, and included crude drawings of Orthodox Jewish students. The document also depicted Israel as a violent state with an education system that excludes and oppresses Arab pupils.

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#### INSTITUTE FOR FOREIGN CULTURAL RELATIONS (IFA)

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The Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations (Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen - IFA) works in close coordination with the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Auswärtiges Amt). The focus of its work is the cultural sector, as well as peace building activities.

#### **Funding and Transparency**

The Institute is financed and supported by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Auswärtiges Amt), Baden Württemberg, and the City of Stuttgart. In a letter of April 9, 2013, an IFA official refused to disclose details on IFA funding for Israeli NGOs, stating that the IFA is “due to data protection.” The information on funding for Yesh Din is provided under the Israeli foreign government funding transparency law.

**Table 12:** Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations (IFA) (2012):

ISRAELI NGOs	Amount and Year
Yesh Din	<u>NIS 250,000 (2012)</u>

## ISRAELI NGOS

**Yesh Din** received NIS 250,000 (2012) from IFA for its Lands Project. Yesh Din is centrally involved in demonization campaigns, falsely portraying Israel as unaccountable to the rule of law. This is part of a wider “lawfare” strategy of bringing “war crimes” cases against Israeli officials in foreign courts and in the International Criminal Court (ICC) – as exemplified in the NGO-Goldstone process. Yesh Din’s reports present a political narrative under the guise of legal analysis. Yesh Din frequently petitions the High Court on Israeli policy regarding Palestinians. The organization’s stated mission is “to oppose the continuing violation of Palestinian human rights,” monitoring of law enforcement on settlers and members of the security forces, and the military court procedures. Founded by Dror Etkes (formerly of Peace Now), Yesh Din employs demonization and “apartheid” rhetoric in some of its activities, exploiting the language of human rights for political and ideological objectives.

## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report documents German funding frameworks and policies for political advocacy NGOs, and the many examples of counterproductive impacts, including support for demonization, political warfare, and in some cases, antisemitism. These NGO agendas and distortions increase the highly distorted and negative perceptions of Israel, particularly in Europe and Germany.

While large budgets are involved, the funding processes have been shrouded under a cover of secrecy, reinforced by the “halo effect” in which organizations claiming to promote moral agendas such as human rights, peace, and democracy are exempted from parliamentary and journalistic examination. As documented in this report, the lack of transparency and accountability in many funding mechanisms involving German taxpayer funds is disturbing. While most German funders publish the statistics regarding the income they receive from government sources, information on money transferred to the political advocacy NGOs discussed in this report remains opaque.

The process by which German government branches and political foundations choose projects and award contracts to NGOs is unknown, and insufficient supervisory mechanisms are available to determine how NGOs use government aid. Many German funding frameworks receiving government money do not fully disclose funding information that would enable the general public to assess how taxpayer monies are being utilized. In some instances, political foundations list project partners, but these NGOs in turn do not mention the political foundations as funders. Alternatively, partner NGOs at times thank German donor organizations, though the funding organizations make no mention of the Palestinian/ Israeli organizations on their websites. In most of the cases analyzed, funding needs to be re-evaluated so that it aligns with broader German foreign policy.

To increase transparency, NGO Monitor recommends that all evaluation documents for projects in Israel and in the Palestinian Authority be published to ensure due diligence. Similarly, NGO Monitor urges German funders to ensure that Israeli organizations receiving government money comply with the transparency laws in Israel and report their funding accordingly.

Finally, the BMZ should formulate guidelines and state clear goals for cooperation with Israeli partners. German funding should be directed towards projects and organizations that conduct their missions impartially. To ensure compliance with these recommendations, the German government should review cooperation with local partners and closely scrutinize the allocation of taxpayer funds.

# APPENDICES

## APPENDIX A: EXTENDED LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING GERMAN FUNDING

Table 1: NGO partners funded by the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung

NGOs	Description	Project Length	Reference
<b>ACAP</b>	Arab Center for Alternative Planning: “Empowering of Arab Local Municipalities on Planning Issues	Long Term	<a href="http://www.ac-ap.org">www.ac-ap.org</a>
<b>Achoti</b>	For Women in Israel: “Black on White: Combating Racism – A Multi Ethnic Feminist Social and Academic Perspective on Racism in Israel”		<a href="http://www.achoti.org.il">www.achoti.org.il</a>
<b>Amerat of the Desert</b>	“Honoring Life – Addressing Culture-Specific Violence against Women in the Negev Bedouin Community”		<a href="http://www.ameratoftthedesert.wordpress.com">www.ameratoftthedesert.wordpress.com</a>
<b>The Adva Center</b>	“Action Oriented Research on Labor Force Issues in Israel”		<a href="http://www.adva.org">www.adva.org</a>
<b>AEJI</b>	The Association of Environmental Justice in Israel: “Climate Justice Project”		<a href="http://www.aeji.org.il">www.aeji.org.il</a>

<b>CHE</b>	Center for Humanistic Education: "Teaching about the Holocaust – Educating for Democracy"		<a href="http://www.gfh.org.il">www.gfh.org.il</a>
<b>HILA</b>	Israel Committee for Equality in Education: "Deepening and Expanding HILA's Work in the Arab and Ethiopian Sectors"		<a href="http://www.hila-equal-edu.org.il">www.hila-equal-edu.org.il</a>
<b>Sadaka-Reut</b>	Arab Jewish Youth Partnership: "Community in Action: Creating a bi-national Community of Activists for a Shared Society"		<a href="http://www.reutsadaka.org">www.reutsadaka.org</a>
<b>SEA</b>	Social Economic Academy: "Alternative Social-Economic Public Debate Project – Reaching New Audiences"		<a href="http://www.sea.org.il">www.sea.org.il</a>
<b>TANDI</b>	Movement of Democratic Women in Israel: "Awareness Raising Groups for Arab Women"		<a href="http://www.mdwii.com">www.mdwii.com</a>
<b>WRC</b>	Workers' Rights Clinic in Tel Aviv University: "Promoting Labor Lawyering and Organizing in Israel"		<a href="http://www.law.tau.ac.il">www.law.tau.ac.il</a>
<b>ASSAF</b>	Aid Organization for Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Israel: "Educating the Israeli Public on Matters of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Israel"	Short Term	<a href="http://www.acri.org.il">www.acri.org.il</a>
<b>Campus 4 All</b>	"Winds of Change – Campus for All's Alternative Student Day"	2012-Present	<a href="http://campus-4-all.org">http://campus-4-all.org</a>

<b>Campus Community Partnership</b>	“State-wide Seminar for Student Activists”		<a href="http://www.law.huji.ac.il">www.law.huji.ac.il</a>
<b>Combatants for Peace</b>	“Remembering the Victims – Fighting for Peace: CFP’s Alternative Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Day Ceremony”		<a href="http://www.cfpeace.org">www.cfpeace.org</a>
<b>Hagada Hasmalit</b>	“Marx Forum 2012 – Is the Capitalist Crisis Over? A Socialist Perspective”		<a href="http://www.maki.org.il">www.maki.org.il</a>
<b>Haokets</b>	The Hebrew website “Haokets” (“the sting”) promotes an agenda that is committed to human rights, social justice, national and ethnic pluralism and peace.		<a href="http://www.haokets.org">www.haokets.org</a>
<b>Hirak</b>	Center for Advancement of Higher Education in the Arab Society: “Civic Participation of Arab Students – Training Project”		<a href="http://www.arab-education.org">www.arab-education.org</a>
<b>Hotline for Migrant Workers</b>	“International Migrants Day 2012”		<a href="http://www.hotline.org.il">www.hotline.org.il</a>
<b>Mahapach -Taghir</b>	“Strengthening Awareness for Social and Political Justice in Israel”		<a href="http://www.mahapach-taghir.org">www.mahapach-taghir.org</a>
<b>Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality</b>	“Advocacy Program - Human Rights Violations Against the Negev Bedouin”		<a href="http://www.dukium.org">www.dukium.org</a>
<b>Sheikh Jarrah Solidarity</b>	“Public Outreach Program”		<a href="http://www.en.justjlm.org">www.en.justjlm.org</a>

<b>Movement</b>			
<b>Transport Today &amp; Tomorrow</b>	“Transport and Justice Forum 2012”		www.transportation.org.il
<b>Women’s Courtyard</b>	“Community of Change Development”		www.eng.hatzer.org.il.tigris.nethost.co.il
<b>Zochrot</b>	“LEARNING THE NAKBA AS A CONDITION FOR PEACE AND RECONCILIATION”		zochrot.org/en

Table 2: NGOs funded by the Heinrich Boll Stiftung

<b>NGOs</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Reference</b>
<b>Dirasat</b>	The Arab Center of Law and Policy		www.ac-ap.org
<b>Palestine-Israel Journal</b>	“Independent platform discussion of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict”	<b>Israeli Partner:</b> Civil Society and Democratic Participation	<a href="http://www.pij.org">http://www.pij.org</a>
<b>Shaharit</b>	The Think Tank for New Israeli Politics		www.shaharit.org.il/

<b>The Israeli Society for Sustainable Economics</b>	“Engaged in adopting ecological economic theory in Israel”		<a href="http://www.ecoeco.org.il/">http://www.ecoeco.org.il/</a>
<b>Jama'ah</b>	Glass and Aluminum producer		<a href="http://www.al-jamaah.org">http://www.al-jamaah.org</a>
<b>Mossawa Center</b>	“Promoting equality for Arab citizens within the borders of Israel”		<a href="http://www.mossawacenter.org/">www.mossawacenter.org/</a>
<b>Itach</b>	Women Lawyers for Social Justice		<a href="http://www.itach.org.il/english/english.htm">www.itach.org.il/english/english.htm</a>
<b>Kayan</b>	Feminist Organization		<a href="http://www.kayan.org.il/en/">www.kayan.org.il/en/</a>
<b>Israel Gay Youth</b>	“Provides social support net to LGBT and questioning teens”	<b>Israeli Partner:</b>  Women’s Rights and Gender Democracy	<a href="http://www.igy.org.il/">http://www.igy.org.il/</a>
<b>The Coalition for Public Health</b>	“Reducing environmental pollution”		<a href="http://www.phc.org.il/">http://www.phc.org.il/</a>
<b>Adva Center</b>	“Non-partisan policy analysis institute whose mandate is to examine Israeli society from the perspective of equality and social justice.”		<a href="http://www.adva.org/default.asp?pageid=5">http://www.adva.org/default.asp?pageid=5</a>

<b>The Van Leer Institute</b>	Jerusalem Institute		<a href="http://www.vanleer.org.il/en">www.vanleer.org.il/en</a>
<b>TLV Fest</b>	7th Tel Aviv International LGBT Film Festival		<a href="http://www.tlvfest.com/en/">www.tlvfest.com/en/</a>
<b>The Heschel Center for Environmental Learning and Leadership</b>	“Building a sustainable future for Israeli society - environmentally, socially and economically”	<b>Israeli Partner:</b> Environment and Sustainable Development	<a href="http://www.heschel.org.il/en">www.heschel.org.il/en</a>
<b>Israel Energy Forum</b>	“Promotion of efficient energy consumption in Israel”		<a href="http://www.energia.org.il/">http://www.energia.org.il/</a>
<b>Life &amp; Environment</b>	“Promotion of environmental protection”		<a href="http://www.sviva.net/">http://www.sviva.net/</a>
<b>+972 Magazine</b>	“Independent blog-based magazine”	<b>Israeli Partner:</b> Foreign & Security Policy	<a href="http://972mag.com/">http://972mag.com/</a>
<b>Israel Council on Foreign Relations</b>	“Non-partisan forum for the study and debate of foreign policy”		<a href="http://israelcfr.com/about-icfr.php?inp=1">http://israelcfr.com/about-icfr.php?inp=1</a>
<b>INSS</b>	Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv University		<a href="http://www.ndu.edu/ins/s/">www.ndu.edu/ins/s/</a>
<b>Academic Center of Law &amp; Business Ramat Gan</b>	College of Law and Business, Ramat Gan		<a href="http://www.clb.ac.il/english/">www.clb.ac.il/english/</a>

<p><b>Institute of Jerusalem Studies</b></p>	<p>“Private non-profit research organization that is regarded by the Arab world as a model of institutional organization and independence.”</p>	<p><b><u>Palestinian Partners</u></b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.palestine-studies.org">http://www.palestine-studies.org</a></p>
<p><b>Muwatin</b></p>	<p>The Palestinian Institute for the Study of Democracy</p>		<p><a href="http://www.muwatin.org">http://www.muwatin.org</a></p>
<p><b>Media Development Center, Birzeit University</b></p>	<p>“Encourage the development of independent audio/visual media for organizations and individuals”</p>		<p><a href="http://www.birzeit.edu.ps/institutes/media_dev">www.birzeit.edu.ps/institutes/media_dev</a></p>
<p><b>Applied Research Institute - (ARIJ)</b></p>	<p>“Promoting sustainable development in the Palestinian territories and self-reliance of the people through greater control over their natural resources.”</p>		<p><a href="http://www.arij.org/">www.arij.org/</a></p>
<p><b>Ma'an Development Center</b></p>	<p>“Developing Palestinian civil society where respect for plurality, rule of law and social justice are the pillars for a free democratic independent state.”</p>		<p><a href="http://www.maan-ctr.org">http://www.maan-ctr.org</a></p>
<p><b>Center for Women Legal Research and Counseling (CWLRC)</b></p>	<p>“Enhancing women's social and legal rights in Palestinian society”</p>		<p><a href="http://www.cwlrcc.ps/en/">www.cwlrcc.ps/en/</a></p>

Table 3: NGOs funded by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

NGOs	Description	Partners	Reference
<b>Adva Center</b>	“Social policy in Israel”	<b><u>Israeli Partners</u></b>	<a href="http://www.adva.org/">www.adva.org/</a>
<b>Beit Beril College</b>	Higher Education		<a href="http://www.beitberl.ac.il/Pages/default.aspx">www.beitberl.ac.il/Pages/default.aspx</a>
<b>Berl Katznelson Foundation</b>	Education and Zionist labor movement		<a href="http://www.berl.co.il/">www.berl.co.il/</a>
<b>Center for Social Injustice and Democracy</b>	The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute		<a href="http://www.vanleer.org.il/">www.vanleer.org.il/</a>
<b>Economics and Society Program</b>	The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute		<a href="http://www.vanleer.org.il/">www.vanleer.org.il/</a>
<b>Foundation Sheikh Amin Tariff</b>	For the Advancement of the Druze Community in Israel		<a href="http://www.fes.org.il/">www.fes.org.il/</a>
<b>Givat Haviva</b>	“Building a socially cohesive society in Israel”		<a href="http://www.givathaviva.org.il/">www.givathaviva.org.il/</a>
<b>Hakibbutz Hameuchad</b>	Sifriat Poalim Publishing Group		<a href="http://www.kibbutz-poalim.co.il/">www.kibbutz-poalim.co.il/</a>
<b>HaNoar HaOved ve HaLomed</b>	Youth education movement		<a href="http://www.noal.org.il/">www.noal.org.il/</a>
<b>Hashomer Hatzair</b>	“Zionist youth movement”		<a href="http://www.hashomer-hatzair.org">www.hashomer-hatzair.org</a>
<b>Histadrut</b>	Economic institution		<a href="http://www.histadrut.org.il">www.histadrut.org.il</a>
<b>Histadrut HaMorim (ITU)</b>	Educators		<a href="http://www.itu.org.il/">www.itu.org.il/</a>
<b>I’lam</b>	Media Center for Arab Palestinians in Israel		<a href="http://www.ilam-center.org/">www.ilam-center.org/</a>
<b>INSS</b>	Institute for National Security Studies		<a href="http://www.ndu.edu/ins/s/">www.ndu.edu/ins/s/</a>
<b>IDC</b>	Institute for Policy and Strategy,		<a href="http://portal.idc.a">http://portal.idc.a</a>

	Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya		c.il/en/main/homepage/Pages/homepage.aspx
<b>International Institute of Leadership - Histadrut</b>	Israel Industrial Relations Research Association		www.peoples.org.il
<b>IIRRA</b>	Israel Industrial Relations Research Association		www.h-net.org/
<b>Kibbutz Movement - Corporative Stream</b>	“Serves as a platform for news, media, and exchange of views in striving for equality”		www.shavim.org.il/
<b>Hebrew University of Jerusalem</b>	Law and Social Security Forum, The Faculty of Law Labour		www.law.huji.ac.il /
<b>MACRO</b>	Center for Political Economics		www.macro.org.il /
<b>Mussuah</b>	Institute for Holocaust Studies		http://www.massuah.org.il/
<b>Mossawa Center</b>	<u>The Advocacy Center for Arab Citizens in Israel</u>		www.mossawacenter.org/default
<b>Mifalot</b>	Education and Social Project		www.mifalot.co.il /
<b>Na’amat Israel</b>	Movement of Working Women and Volunteers		www.naamat.org/
<b>National Labour Court of Israel</b>	Judicial information		www.elyon1.court.gov.il/
<b>Netanya Academic College</b>	Higher Education		www.netanya.ac.il /
<b>Peres Center for Peace</b>	“Promotes peace building between Israel and its Arab neighbors.”		www.peres-center.org
<b>Ruppin Academic</b>	Higher Education		www.ruppin.ac.il/

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<b>University of Haifa</b>	School of Social Work		<a href="http://www.hw.haifa.ac.il/social/english/">www.hw.haifa.ac.il/social/english/</a>
<b><u>Shatil</u></b>	“Provides support and advice for social change in Israel.”		<a href="http://www.shatil.org.il/">www.shatil.org.il/</a>
<b><u>WePower</u></b>	“Promoting women in the public and political arena”		<a href="http://www.ken.org.il/">www.ken.org.il/</a>
<b>PASSIA</b>	Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs	<b><u>Palestinian Partners</u></b>	<a href="http://www.passia.org/">www.passia.org/</a>
<b>MAS</b>	Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute		<a href="http://www.pal-econ.org/">www.pal-econ.org/</a>
<b>IPCC</b>	International Peace and Cooperation Centre		<a href="http://www.ipcc-jerusalem.org/">www.ipcc-jerusalem.org/</a>
<b>WATC</b>	Women’s Affairs Technical Committee		<a href="http://www.watcpal.org">www.watcpal.org</a>
<b>HDIP</b>	Health Development Information and Policy Institute		<a href="http://www.hdip.org/">www.hdip.org/</a>
<b>JMCC</b>	Jerusalem Media and Communication Center		<a href="http://www.jmcc.org/">www.jmcc.org/</a>
<b>NSDL</b>	The National Society for Democracy and Law		<a href="http://www.nsdل.org.ps/index.html">http://www.nsdل.org.ps/index.html</a>

Table 4: NGOs funded by the Friedrich Naumann Stiftung

NGOs	Description	Partners	Reference
<b>Be Free (Israel Chofshit)</b>	“A civil movement, not a party, which works for a free, pluralistic and democratic spirit of Zionism and the Declaration of Independence”	<u>Israeli</u>	<a href="http://www.bfree.org/">www.bfree.org/</a>
<b>The Citizens’ Accord Forum for Jews and Arabs in Israel (CAF)</b>	“The citizens accord forum between Jews and Arabs in Israel”		<a href="http://www.jaffaconvention.org.il/">www.jaffaconvention.org.il/</a>
<b>Ibn Khaldun Association</b>	“Strengthening and promoting cooperation and fellowship between Tunisia and Japan.”		<a href="http://www.ibnukhaldu n.org/">www.ibnukhaldu n.org/</a>
<b>IDC</b>	Institute for Policy and Strategy, Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya		<a href="http://www.idc.ac.il/">www.idc.ac.il/</a>
<b>Peres Center for Peace</b>	“Promotes peace building between Israel and its Arab neighbors.”		<a href="http://www.peres-center.org">www.peres-center.org</a>
<b>Israeli Association for the Study of European Integration (IASEI)</b>	Higher Education in Israel and Europe		<a href="http://www.micro5.msc c.huji.ac.il/">www.micro5.msc c.huji.ac.il/</a>
<b>Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies</b>	“Independent academic research institute for Policy Studies on Jerusalem, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and environmental policy.”		<a href="http://www.jiis.org.il/">www.jiis.org.il/</a>

<b>S. Daniel Abraham Center for Strategic Dialogue</b>	Higher Education		<a href="http://www.sdc.netanya.ac.il/">www.sdc.netanya .ac.il/</a>
<b>Stephen Roth Institute</b>	Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and Racism		<a href="http://www.tau.ac.il/">www.tau.ac.il/</a>
<b>AMAN</b>	Coalition for Integrity & Accountability		<a href="http://www.aman-palestine.org/">www.aman- palestine.org/</a>
<b>ICC</b>	International Chamber of Commerce – ICC Palestine		<a href="http://www.iccpalestine.com">www.iccpalestine .com</a>
<b>CDCD</b>	Center for Democracy & Community Development		<a href="http://www.cd-cd.org/">www.cd-cd.org/</a>
<b>Filastiniyat</b>	“Supporter of real and effective participation of Palestinian women and youth at all levels of decision-making and public works.”	<u>Palestinian</u>	<a href="http://www.filastiniyat.org/">www.filastiniyat. org/</a>
<b>Peres Center for Peace</b>	“Promotes peace building between Israel and its Arab neighbors.”		<a href="http://www.peres-center.org">www.peres- center.org</a>
<b>FPP</b>	Freedom Forum Palestine		<a href="http://www.freedompal.org/">www.freedompal. org/</a>
<b>KARAMA</b>	International Campaign for Freedom of Movement for Palestinian Women		<a href="http://www.el-karama.org/">www.el- karama.org/</a>
<b>MA’AN News Agency</b>	Primary news outlet in Palestine		<a href="http://www.maannews.net/">www.maannews. net/</a>
<b>MARSAD</b>	Arab World democracy & Electoral		<a href="http://www.marsadarab">www.marsadarab</a>

	Monitor		i.org/
<b>Palestinian Conflict Resolution Institute (Ta'awon)</b>	“Supports civil peace and the development of the capacities of individuals, groups and institutions to deal with the conflict in Palestine.”		www.taawon4youth.org/
<b>RCHRS</b>	Ramallah Center for Human Rights Studies		www.rchrs.org/
<b>PGI</b>	Palestine Governance Institute		http://www.pgips/
<b>PCRD</b>	Palestinian Center for Research & Cultural Dialogue		<u>www.pcrd-pal.org</u>
<b>YEP</b>	Young Entrepreneurs Palestine		www.yep.ps/

Table 5: NGOs funded by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

NGOs	Description	Partners	Reference
<b>AJC</b>	American Jewish Committee	Israeli	<a href="http://www.ajc.org">www.ajc.org</a>
<b>Bar-Ilan University</b>	Ramat-Gan		<a href="http://www1.biu.ac.il/">www1.biu.ac.il/</a>
<b>Ben-Gurion University of the Negev</b>	The Center for Bedouin Studies and Development		<a href="http://www.web.bgu.ac.il/">www.web.bgu.ac.il/</a>
<b>CJAED</b>	The Center for Jewish-Arab Economic Development		<a href="http://www.cjaed.org.il/">www.cjaed.org.il/</a>
<b>CSEPS</b>	The Center for the Study of European Politics and Society		<a href="http://www.europebgu.org.il/">www.europebgu.org.il/</a>
<b>The Hebrew University of Jerusalem</b>	The Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace		<a href="http://truman.huji.ac.il/">http://truman.huji.ac.il/</a>
<b>The Hebrew University of Jerusalem</b>	The Helmut Kohl Institute for European Studies		<a href="http://www.ef.huji.ac.il/">www.ef.huji.ac.il/</a>
<b>HESKEM/Geneva Initiative</b>	“Aims for a model permanent status agreement between the State of Israel and the Palestinians.”		<a href="http://www.genevaaccord.org/">www.genevaaccord.org/</a>
<b>ICSD</b>	The Interfaith Center for Sustainable Development		<a href="http://www.interfaithsustain.com/">www.interfaithsustain.com/</a>
<b>ICCI</b>	The Interreligious Coordinating Council in Israel		<a href="http://www.icci.co.il/">www.icci.co.il/</a>
<b>IDI</b>	The Israel Democracy Institute	<a href="http://en.idi.org">http://en.idi.org</a>	

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<b>IPCRI</b>	Israel Palestine Center for Research and Information		<a href="http://www.ipcri.org/">http://www.ipcri.org/</a>
<b>IWN</b>	Israel Women's Network: "To promote the status of women in Israel"		<a href="http://www.iwn.org.il/">www.iwn.org.il/</a>
<b>The Jerusalem Foundation</b>	Mishkenot Sha'ananim		<a href="http://www.jerusalemfoundation.org/">www.jerusalemfoundation.org/</a>
<b>Tel Aviv University</b>	Konrad Adenauer Program for Jewish-Arab Cooperation		<a href="http://www.dayan.org/kapjac/">www.dayan.org/kapjac/</a>
<b>The Hebrew University of Jerusalem</b>	Minerva Center for Human Rights		<a href="http://law.huji.ac.il/">http://law.huji.ac.il/</a>
<b>S. Daniel Abraham Center for Strategic Dialogue</b>	"Combining academic work with practical efforts in order to contribute to conflict stabilization on the regional and global level."		<a href="http://www.netanya.ac.il/">www.netanya.ac.il/</a>
<b>SPNI</b>	Society for the protection of Nature in Israel		<a href="http://aspni.org/">http://aspni.org/</a>
<b>University of Haifa</b>	Higher Education		<a href="http://www.haifa.ac.il/">www.haifa.ac.il/</a>
<b>Yad Vashem</b>	"Israel's official memorial to the Holocaust"		<a href="http://www.yadvashem.org/">www.yadvashem.org/</a>
<b>JCPA</b>	The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs		<a href="http://www.jcpa.org/">www.jcpa.org/</a>
<b>The Shalem Center</b>	Higher Education		<a href="http://shalem.ac.il/">http://shalem.ac.il/</a>
<b>PGI</b>	Palestine Governance Institute	<u>Palestinian</u>	<a href="http://www.pgi.ps/">www.pgi.ps/</a>

<b>IOL, Birzeit University</b>	Institute of Law	<a href="http://lawcenter.birzeit.edu/iol/ar/index.php">http://lawcenter.birzeit.edu/iol/ar/index.php</a>
<b>PSR</b>	Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research	<a href="http://www.pcpsr.org/">http://www.pcpsr.org/</a>
<b>ICP</b>	Institute for Community Partnership	<a href="http://bethlehem.edu/icp">http://bethlehem.edu/icp</a>
<b>Al-Kasaba Theater und Kino</b>	“Activate cultural life in Palestine through the production of plays and host artistic performances”	<a href="http://www.alkasaba.org/">http://www.alkasaba.org/</a>
<b>MIFTAH</b>	The Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy	<a href="http://www.miftah.org/">http://www.miftah.org/</a>
<b>Jerusalem Book Club</b>	Smith School in East Jerusalem	<a href="http://www.heilig-land-verein.de/Einrichtungen/Schmidt-Schule/schmidt-schule.html">http://www.heilig-land-verein.de/Einrichtungen/Schmidt-Schule/schmidt-schule.html</a>
<b>IALIIS</b>	Ibrahim Abu-Lughod-Institute of International Studies: “Contribute to the establishment of a dynamic, democratic Palestinian state that entertains strong ties to the international system”	<a href="http://ialiis.birzeit.edu/">http://ialiis.birzeit.edu/</a>

Table 6: NGOs funded by the Hans Seidel Stiftung

NGOs	Description	Partners	Reference
<b>SOS</b>	The Israeli Center for Violence Studies	<u>Israeli</u>	<a href="http://www.soscenter.org.il/eng/">http://www.soscenter.org.il/eng/</a>
<b>SPNI</b>	Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel		<a href="http://www.naturisrael.org/">http://www.naturisrael.org/</a>
<b>Shatil</b>	“Leading social change in Israel, promoting a shared society based on social, economic and environmental justice, human and civil rights, and cultural and religious pluralism.”		<a href="http://www.shatil.org.il/english/">www.shatil.org.il/english/</a>
<b>I’lam- Media Center</b>	“Contribute to a shared society, by promoting media rights among the Arab society in Israel.”		<a href="http://www.ilam-center.org/eng/main.php">http://www.ilam-center.org/eng/main.php</a>
<b>CAF</b>	Citizens Accord Forum between Jews and Arabs in Israel		<a href="http://www.caf.org.il">www.caf.org.il</a>
<b>Arava Institute</b>	Peace-building and Environmental Leadership		<a href="http://www.arava.org">http://www.arava.org</a>
<b>AQG</b>	Academy for Quality Government		<a href="http://www.aqg.org.il">www.aqg.org.il</a>
<b>PWLS</b>	Palestine Wildlife Society	<u>Palestinian</u>	<a href="http://www.wild">http://www.wild</a>

			life-pal.org
<b>Arab American University Jenin</b>	"Conflict Resolution and Crisis Management in Schools"		<a href="http://www.aauj.edu/">http://www.aauj.edu/</a>
<b>Gyanim</b>	Association for Education and Community Involvement		www.gvanim.org.il/eng

Table 7: NGO Partner Projects with Medico International

NGOs	Description	Project
<b>UAWC</b>	The Israeli Center for Violence Studies	"Building kindergartens for children in unrecognized villages in the Jordan Valley".
<b>Comet-ME</b>	Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel	"Building solar and wind energy installations to support the southern West Bank and a "Comet Center".
<b>PHR-I</b>		Funding for international advocacy
		"Mobile clinics for marginalized towns in the Westbank"
<b>PMRS</b>	Palestinian Medical Relief Society	"School for Community healthcare."
		"Community oriented health services, nutritional counseling and dietary supplements for children in the Gaza Strip".
		"Basic healthcare services for marginalized communities in Gaza and the West Bank"

<b>MRS</b>	Medical Relief Society	Health work in schools, medical care and health education for residents of the enclaves in and around East Jerusalem
<b>CFTA</b>	Culture and Free Thought Association	Campaign for early detection of breast cancer and for the support of breast cancer patients in the Gaza Strip
<b>CWP</b>	Coalition of Women for Peace	Pharmaceutical study: Who profits from the occupation?
<b>Al Mezan Center</b>		Basic funding for human rights work
<b>Adalah</b>	The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel	Campaign work for medical rights of Palestinian citizens of Israel.
<b>TFT</b>	The Freedom Theatre	Lawyer costs for “razzias and assaults” by the Israeli military
		Demonstration with giant puppets against the wall in Al- Walajah.
		Playback Theater, Psycho-Drama for conflict transformation and trauma educational program

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## APPENDIX B: CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN NGO MONITOR AND THE FUNDING FRAMEWORKS

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NGO Monitor, during its research, contacted some of the German funding frameworks with requests for further information regarding funding and partnership with Israeli and Palestinian NGOs. See the correspondence below.

### **Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung**

**NGO Monitor did not receive a response from the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung regarding its inquiry.**

July 31, 2013

Rosa Luxemburg Foundation's funding for Israeli and Palestinian NGOs

Dear Dr. Timm,

Currently, NGO Monitor is preparing a comprehensive update of its research on funding for Israeli and Palestinian NGOs.

We would appreciate if you would provide details of the funding for Hagada Hasmalit, Haokets, Sheikh Jarrah Solidarity Movement, Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality and Combatants for Peace, which list Rosa Luxemburg Foundation as funder.

1. What was the total amount provided by Rosa Luxemburg Foundation in 2010, 2011 and 2012?
2. For which projects were the funds earmarked?
3. Is this information publicly available? Where?

As part of the transparency process, we would like to ask you to provide us with this important information as soon as possible.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Europe Desk, NGO Monitor

## Heinrich Böll Stiftung

July 31, 2013

### Heinrich Böll Foundation's funding for Israeli NGOs

Dear Mr. Berthold,

Currently, NGO Monitor is preparing a comprehensive update of its research on funding for Israeli and Palestinian NGOs.

We would appreciate if you would provide details of the funding for Mossawa Center and +972, which list Heinrich Böll Foundation as funder.

1. What was the total amount provided by Heinrich Böll Foundation in 2010, 2011 and 2012?
2. For which projects were the funds earmarked?
3. Is this information publicly available? Where?

As part of the transparency process, we would like to ask you to provide us with this important information as soon as possible.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Europe Desk

NGO Monitor

July 31, 2013

Heinrich Böll Foundation's funding for Palestinian NGOs

Dear Dr. Wildangel,

Currently, NGO Monitor is preparing a comprehensive update of its research on funding for Israeli and Palestinian NGOs.

We would appreciate if you would provide details of the funding for Ma'an Development Center and the Applied Research Institute Jerusalem, which list Heinrich Böll Foundation as funder.

1. What was the total amount provided by Heinrich Böll Foundation in 2010, 2011 and 2012?
2. For which projects were the funds earmarked?
3. Is this information publicly available? Where?

As part of the transparency process, we would like to ask you to provide us with this important information as soon as possible.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Europe Desk

NGO Monitor

**NGO Monitor did not receive a response from the Heinrich Böll Stiftung regarding its inquiry.**

**Friedrich Ebert Stiftung**

July 31, 2013

Friedrich Ebert Foundation's funding for Israeli NGOs

Dear Dr. Hexel,

Currently, NGO Monitor is preparing a comprehensive update of its research on funding for Israeli and Palestinian NGOs.

We would appreciate if you would provide details of the funding for I'lam- Media Center for Arab Palestinians in Israel, Mossawa Center and Shatil, which list Friedrich Ebert Foundation as funder.

1. What was the total amount provided by Friedrich Ebert Foundation in 2010, 2011 and 2012?
2. For which projects were the funds earmarked?
3. Is this information publicly available? Where?

As part of the transparency process, we would like to ask you to provide us with this important information as soon as possible.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Europe Desk

NGO Monitor

**NGO Monitor did not receive a response from the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung regarding its inquiry.**

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**Friedrich Naumann Stiftung**

July 31, 2013

Friedrich Naumann Foundation's funding for Ma'an News Agency

Dear Mr. Klitz,

Currently, NGO Monitor is preparing a comprehensive update of its research on funding for Israeli and Palestinian NGOs.

We would appreciate if you would provide details of the funding for Ma'an News Agency, which lists Friedrich Naumann Foundation as funder.

1. What was the total amount provided by Friedrich Naumann Foundation in 2010, 2011 and 2012?
2. For which projects were the funds earmarked?
3. Is this information publicly available? Where?

As part of the transparency process, we would like to ask you to provide us with this important information as soon as possible.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Europe Desk

NGO Monitor

**Response from Friedrich Naumann Stiftung (August 12, 2013)**

*After returning from my vacation, I found your email in my mailing list.*

*As you know the Naumann Foundation is very much dedicated to make all of its activities worldwide as transparent as possible. The more I expect from other organization, i.e. those who pretend to stand for transparency not to send anonymous requests. I am sure you understand that I am not willing to answer your questions under these conditions.*

*Best regards*

*Walter Klitz*

August 12, 2013

Dear Mr. Klitz,

In your email, we did not find a response regarding funding for the Ma'an Foundation in 2010, 2011, and 2012. Perhaps you forgot to include this, and we await this information.

We would also be interested in a meeting with you as soon as possible to discuss these important issues, and hope you will agree.

Gerald M. Steinberg

*\* Prof. Gerald M. Steinberg is the president of NGO Monitor.*

*August 15, 2013*

*Dear Prof. Steinberg,*

*thank you once more for your email.*

*First of all let me adjust something. The German political foundations are no private NGO's. Being registered in the State of Israel we are accountable to the Israeli authorities and we fully comply to the legal requirements of your country.*

*Best,*

*Walter Klitz*

August 15, 2013

Thank you for your response, but we do not understand it. The issue of Israeli legal requirements for German or other government-funded political groups such as yours was not raised in our questions regarding funding for Maan News Agency. Unless otherwise informed, our report will note that you have chosen not to disclose this information, which is your right. As an Israeli civil society organization, I again invite you to a meeting in order to discuss these important issues.

Gerald Steinberg

## Hans Seidel Stiftung

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July 31, 2013

### Hans Seidel foundation's funding for Israeli NGOs

Dear Mr. Asbeck,

Currently, NGO Monitor is preparing a comprehensive update of its research on funding for Israeli and Palestinian NGOs.

We would appreciate if you would provide details of the funding for Shatil and I'lam- Media Center for Arab Palestinians in Israel, which list Hans Seidel Foundation as a funder.

1. What was the total amount provided by Hans Seidel Foundation in 2010, 2011 and 2012?
2. For which projects were the funds earmarked?
3. Is this information publicly available? Where?

As part of the transparency process, we would like to ask you to provide us with this important information as soon as possible.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Europe Desk

NGO Monitor

**NGO Monitor did not receive a response from the Hans Seidel Foundation regarding its inquiry.**

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**Medico International**

July 31, 2013

Medico International's funding for Israeli and Palestinian NGOs

Dear Sir/Madam,

Currently, NGO Monitor is preparing a comprehensive update of its research on funding for Israeli and Palestinian NGOs.

We would appreciate if you would provide details of the funding for Zochrot, Al- Mezan Center and Palestinian Medical Relief Society which list Medico International as funder.

1. What was the total amount provided by Medico International in 2010, 2011 and 2012?
2. For which projects were the funds earmarked?
3. Is this information publicly available? Where?

As part of the transparency process, we would like to ask you to provide us with this important information as soon as possible.

We appreciate your cooperation and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Europe Desk

NGO Monitor

**Response from Medico International on July 31, 2013**

*Dear Ladies & Gentlemen, dear Benjamin Weinerthal, dear colleagues of the Jerusalem Post,*

*Please do consult our website [www.medico.de](http://www.medico.de). There you will find our annual reports for the years mentioned, as medico international complies with the very high transparency regulations of the Federal Republic of Germany.*

*With kindest regards*

*Tsafirir Cohen*

A second inquiry was made after the finalization of NGO Monitor's research and before the release of the report. NGO Monitor sent a draft version to all of the funding frameworks. See NGO Monitor's letter, and the responses below.

**NGO Monitor's letter to the German political foundations:**

Sent to:

The Rosa Luxemburg Foundation

The Heinrich Boll Foundation

The Konrad Adenauer Foundation

The Hans Seidel Foundation

The Friedrich Naumann Foundation

The Friedrich Ebert Foundation

October 3

Dear,

NGO Monitor has completed research on German funding for political advocacy NGOs operating in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Before we present it to the public, we are providing you with a draft section of our report that deals with German Stiftungen and their activities in the region.

If you have comments on the information presented, we look forward to hearing from you no later than October 14.

Sincerely,

Jody Sieradzki  
Europe Desk

NGO Monitor

**Response from the German political foundations**

Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, 10 October 2013

Dear Ms. Sieradzki,

The representatives of the German political foundations in Israel have taken notice of the NGO Monitor draft report as of 3 October 2013 on the topic „German Funding for Political Advocacy NGOs Active in the Arab-Israeli Conflict“.

The German political foundations are a unique instrument of the Federal Republic of Germany. We take pride in the wide range of our contributions to political dialogue, stipends, academia and development cooperation as well as in the endorsements we receive from all sectors of Israeli society. It is the belief in pluralistic democracy that remains the guiding principle for our work and for our diverse contributions to our partner countries.

We jointly reject the one-sided and limited conclusions, which NGO Monitor draws in the above-mentioned report. We regard your conclusions as unfounded allegations resulting out of a biased, incomplete and scientifically flawed research.

We did ponder about clarifying the vast amount of shortcomings of your report through a close and collaborative interaction with your organization. However, in light of the political record and the questionable approach of NGO Monitor in Israel in the recent past, we regard this as an entirely futile effort.

Our scope of action will remain unaffected by your report. We certainly will continue to provide - with full integrity, legality and accountability - our value-based contributions to the German-Israeli relations, to the strengthening of pluralistic and democratic societies, and to the Middle East peace process towards a viable Two State Solution.

Sincerely,

The Representatives of the German Political Foundations

*October 17, 2013*

*Dear all,*

*We received your letter of October 10, and while we were surprised by the assessment and negative tone, we hope that a substantive dialogue on these very important questions will follow.*

*Please note that we sent you the relevant sections of our detailed draft report in good faith, in order to present you with the opportunity to clarify details and provide the missing funding data as part of the transparency involving public funds that is central for democratic processes. As shown, some of the entries in your websites and publications are also unclear. Our hope is that you will reconsider our request based on the spirit of constructive cooperation.*

*We are providing you with our full draft report, attached here, which includes information that we received from those who responded to our initial letter. In the full publication, you will note that this report is consistent with NGO Monitor's mandate in the Israeli context. We do not claim to analyze everything, and the issues related to the use of German taxpayer funding in any form of demonization and political warfare targeting Israel, regardless of other programs, are too important to be simply dismissed under the label of "balance".*

*We believe that continued dialogue is essential and its importance transcends any differences in perspective. We hope that instead of dismissing these central issues, you will all agree to a nuanced discussion on the issues presented in our report.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jody Sieradzki*

*NGO Monitor*

**Response from the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and the Willy Brandt Center on October 11**

Dear Ms. Sieradzki,

the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in Israel and the Willy Brandt Center have taken notice of the NGO Monitor draft report as of 3 October 2013 on the topic „German Funding for Political Advocacy NGOs Active in the Arab-Israeli Conflict“.

The report states that the Willy Brandt Center receives funding from the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung. This information is not correct. The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung does not provide any funding to the Willy-Brandt-Center.

Sincerely Yours  
Friedrich- Ebert-Stiftung – Dr. Werner Puschra  
Willy Brandt Center – Yeliz Bercht

*October 17, 2013*

*Dear Mr. Dinkelaker,*

*Thank you for your response. We will adjust our report accordingly.  
We do have some further questions regarding the relationship between WBC and the FES. On the WBC website, FES is listed as a "supporter" of the Willy Brandt Center. What does the WBC specifically mean when referring to FES as a "supporter?"*

*Thank you,*

*Jody Sieradzki*

*NGO Monitor*

**Response from the Friedrich Naumann Foundation on October 3, 2013**

Dear Jody,

thank you for sending me the draft of your report.

The draft conveys a wrong impression of the activities of the German political foundations in the the occupied territories. I strongly recommend you to make the following changes:  
The Naumann Foundation spends roughly 25 Million EURO for its worldwide activities in more than 60 countries. The Foundation does not financially contribute to any palestinian organization. The annual budget for joined activities is 60.000.- EURO. We don't support activieties which are directed against Israel. Our aim is to contribute to a solution of the peace process which is in line to the politcal will of the Israeli Government.

All other claims are defamation and I call on you to stop spreading them.

Best regards

Walter Klitz

October 6, 2013

Dear Mr. Klitz,

Thank you for your response. It is regrettable that this information was not provided in response to our previous requests.

We would appreciate it if you could clarify the following points:

1. Regarding the 60,000 Euro annual budget for joint activities with Palestinian political advocacy NGOs, which we will note in our revised report, are you able to provide the details regarding the names of the NGOs and the nature of the activities?
2. In addition, it is important to clarify the relation between your organization and the [Palestinian partners listed on your website](#). What is meant by the term "partners"?

Regarding your other statement, we do not understand your allegation. As noted in our previous requests, NGO Monitor's goal in publishing this research is to promote accountability and democratic transparency.

Once again, we invite you to discuss these central issues in person in Jerusalem.

Sincerely,

Jody Sieradzki,

NGO Monitor

October 7, 2013

Dear Jody,

let me repeat once more: the Naumann Foundation is only accountable to the Israeli Authorities and not to NGO Monitoring. Nevertheless I am willing to contribute in order to get the facts and your conclusions right

Prof. Steinberg knows quite well from his time with the Begin Sadat Center how much the Friedrich Naumann Foundation is determined to foster the German-Israeli relationship. and how the Naumann Foundation deals with its domestic partners. We don't provide any financial or institutional support. We are only cooperating on the basis of joint activities which are directed to support the peace process in this region.

Please take note that 100% of the funds of the Naumann Foundation come from state budget.

Best regards

Walter Klitz

**NGO Monitor's letter to the other German funding frameworks:**

Sent to: Misereor, Medico International, Brot fuer die welt – EED, EVZ, IFA, GIZ. The German Embassy in Tel Aviv

October 8

Dear,

NGO Monitor has completed research on German funding for political advocacy NGOs operating in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Before we present it to the public, we are providing you with a draft of our report.

If you have comments on the information presented, we look forward to hearing from you no later than October 18.

Sincerely,

Jody Sieradzki  
Europe Desk

NGO Monitor

**NGO Monitor has not received any response to its inquiries.**

# NGO Monitor Publications

NGO Malpractice: The Political Abuse of Medicine, Ethics, and Science (August 2013)

Bad Investment: The Philanthropy of George Soros and the Arab-Israeli Conflict (May 2013)

Spanish Government Funding for NGOs: 2009–2011 (May 2013)

The Negative Impact of U.S. Government Funding for Mideast Political NGOs (May 2013)

*The Goldstone Report "Reconsidered" A Critical Analysis* (February 2012)

NGO Lawfare: Exploitation of Courts in the Arab-Israeli Conflict (September 2008, expanded 2nd edition, December 2010)

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