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Mission Statement

SYFS is an independent non-governmental organization that invests in development of Palestinian youth's potential and strengthens their role in determining their life goals and leading in social change. In doing so, SYFS supports enforcement of youth identity, loyalty and citizenship through outstanding and comprehensive approach in education, economic empowerment and capacity development.

Our Vision

SYFS aspires to take a leading role in developing a youth-led civil society where creative and dynamic youth act as change makers within the society.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Youth can build a great future and investing in youth a successful strategy in our programming in Education, Economic Empowerment, Civic participation and capacity building. We trust what we do, we know our identity, we believe in people, we possess confidence in our aspirations, we are thirsty to improve, and we dare to challenge. We look at achieving social quality and equity preserving our identity, culture, and ability to overcome any challenges in full confidence to our vision and wise decisions empowered to youth.

Youth is our core value who can set the horizon to changing lives and futures saving a promising future for youth and their offspring.

Youth are wise and capable, and we have our youth Majlis to share experience and promote volunteerism and community belonging through 1,525 youth in 61 localities to provide attention for our community.

We are partners to many local and international networks, we are members to seven international and regional networks, we are also an observer in UN General Assembly in 2012.

We are committed to our ambitions and we are confident about it through tireless efforts by our volunteers and staff, innovation and support from our community, partners and donors leading young mission towards meaningful change.

We will continue taking our crucial role in contributing to community by a hive of youth working to achieve better education, more effective economic and capacity empowerment as well as meaningful civic participation.

Youth since establishment are creative, and proactive in making difference, we will continue to invest in youth by deepening their role and enable them to make their own destiny in parallel with strengthening Palestinian identity and belonging.

This document is created to excel a collective effort done by youth as a stairway to ascend the horizon bearing in mind the complexity, challenges, and instability of circumstances as we will devote all efforts and faith in youth to still make a difference.

Emad Ali Darweesh,
BoD. Chairman

2017 Summery:

	Under 4 thematic program and strategic partnerships, Save Youth Future Society is able to reach communities in Gaza in thematic activities and intervention in kind support and partnerships and fund of parteners and donor organizations. We are proud of our partnerships and cooperation with over 25 CBOs around Gaza Strip, 15 UNRWA schools, and 80 Public Schools as well as 50 KGs. Summery of reached target groups under thematic programs:
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Thematic Program (1): **Civic Participation**

- I. (3,228) of youth between (19- 29) in 15 CBOs as well as volunteers in different projects

Thematic Program (2): **Economic Empowerment**

- I. (14,680) of youth and households in saving sessions, placement oppertunities as well as humanitairian relief

Thematic Program (3): **Education program**

- I. (4900) children from (6- 12 years)
- II. (7,984) children from (3- 6 years)
- III. (55) Public and UNRWA schools
- IV. (50) KGs
- V. (3,000) Parents

Thematic Program (4): **Capacity Building**

- I. Over 20 NGOs workers developed their capacities in problem solving and dealing with adolescents as a major target groups
- II. 43 organizations have improved ways to write their own interventions
- III. 8 CBOs were funded through Sub-grant programming reaching 16,000 adolescents

Projects, Programs & activities

I. Civic Participation Program

I.1. Youth-Net: Youth-Net: Youth Organizations' Network Building Resilience and Promoting Rights of Youth and Adolescents in the Gaza Strip through their Constructive Community Involvement as Participative Agents: this project is implemented in partnership with EU and includes A). Training for 1,000 adolescents on community engagement and training for 100 adolescents on media, advocacy and photography and movie-making B). Adolescents' Media Unit campaigns about non-violence (monthly radio spots, social media campaigns, song, posters, photo and movie exhibitions) engaging 100 adolescents both girls and boys. C). Summer camps and voluntary action camps for 1,000 adolescents (scouts model) D). Adolescent-led peer-to-peer activities for 5,000 adolescent's awareness-raising workshops for 10,000 adolescents E). Adolescent-led community needs assessments followed by community initiatives and community meetings F). Training for 20 youth mentors on integrating adolescents G). 8 Sub-grants to CBOs for adolescent-led awareness-raising and advocacy activities in communities about non-violence H) Child protection case management for 160 adolescents I). Psychosocial support sessions for 1000 adolescents J). Remedial classes for 300 adolescents H) Bi-monthly workshops for 1,000 parents and care-givers on positive parenting skills

I.2. SUPPORTING YOUTH IN CRISIS: The project is implemented in partnership with UNFPA funded by the Canadian government, the project targets 25 youth from youth councils and other 50 youth-led initiatives between (15 to 29 years old) by set of activities inspired and lead by youth including: 1) Conduct Training of Trainers "Tot" of 30 hours (4 days) for one group of 25 youth volunteers serving as "steering committee" of the youth council covering topics on how to coach and mentor peers in skills' acquisition and development processes through: Conduct 10 hands-on trainings for 10 groups of youth council at governorate level, each targeting around 30 youth, on the following topics total of 150 youth as secondary beneficiaries through following modules of training: **Life-skills** training (communication and presentation skills, conflict resolution and negotiation skills, creative and critical thinking for problem solving, team-building and teamwork, family and gender relations, healthy lifestyles, dealing with anxiety and stress), **Peer counselling** to provide psychosocial support to peers and communities, and **Leadership**: the trainings will include interactive methods and on-the-field tasks, and skills assessment

I.2. YALA SHABAB- YOUTH AS ACTIVE CITIZENS: The project is implemented in partnership with UNFPA funded by UNFPA, targeting 5000 youth in Gaza Strip by A). Creation of electronic mural presenting the results of “Palestine 2030” study on youth accessibility to the labor market reaching 1,500 general public B). Youth-led Blog Bus investigating the decision-makers’ opinions and preparation 6 regarding the youth accessibility to labor market in 2030 in Palestine C). A Day in a Lifetime: youth spending a day in the shoes of one of the decision-makers D). Smartphone short videos competition with a big voting system online and winners’ award ceremony E). Online demonstration on results of “Palestine 2030” study and deteriorating current situation reaching 5,000 community members, F). Online campaign calling for young women participation in social, economic and political sphere G). Media campaign on youth issues and project activities H). Development of mobile/web application for SYFS Youth Council for sending alerts, sharing news and materials

I.3. Young Leaders, (New Generation): The project is implemented in partnership with Friedrich Ebert Stiftung targeting 30 young leaders from (20 – 26 years old) through: A). Training for youth on leadership and debating skills to empower their participation in socio-political life and to become change leaders in their community B). 28 youth-led social and political initiatives addressing the national and social challenges that they faced C). Alumni Club created for previous and current participants

I.4. Strategic Partnership with UNFPA in youth programs including: A). Establishment of Youth Friendly Health Services in public health centers B). Training for school counselors and students on life skills, sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence and HIV prevention C). Community orientation sessions on sexual and reproductive health, gender-based violence, HIV prevention and other health related topics D). Creating Youth Peer Education Network on youth and adolescents sexual and reproductive health issues E). Youth-led media advocacy on sexual and reproductive health, gender-based and HIV prevention F). Youth-led initiatives promoting civic engagement and promoting policy dialogue on youth issues

I.5. Ramadan Baskets for Gaza: this project is implemented in partnership with United Palestinian Appeal UPA, targeted 58 Households in Gaza City through delivering food baskets.

Economic Empowerment Program

I.3. Envision Gaza 2020, (EG2020.PS): This project is implemented in partnership with Catholic Relief Services Gaza City funded by USAID targeting 768 Cash-for-work, cash for apprenticeship, and internship, 45 entrepreneurs

- A. Placement of 768 CFA, CFI, CFW at 27 employers
- B. Entrepreneurship projects for 46 women and vulnerable families in 2017

I.4. SILC – Savings and Internal Lending Communities: this project is implemented in partnership with Catholic Relief Services funded by BMZ targeting 2500 vulnerable families, 706 men and women working, and 230 small businesses in 2017 through:

- A. Certified 12 private service Providers (PSP) training for Private Service Providers on SILC methodology
- B. Regular savings and internal lending meetings of 126 Saving group members
- C. allowing the poor families to save and/or lend sources for their needs with saved reservation of 300.000 ILS as total savings from all groups

I.5. Al Fakhoora Undergraduates Scholarship Program: this project is implemented in partnership with United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Targeting 630 youth undergraduates and Relevant CBOs and private sector entities through:

- A. Provision of scholarships to cover costs of tuition fees, transportation, academic counseling etc.
- B. Labor market preparedness training for 530 youth undergraduates

2. Education Program

2.1. Inclusion for All 2017: this project is implemented in partnership with Save the Children funded by Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation NORAD targeting, 1050 children (6-15 years old), 45 teachers, 2,000 parents and caregivers, and 15 schools through:

- A. After school program for 750 children (expressive arts and psychosocial support)
- B. Remedial classes for 300 children
- C. Training for 45 teachers on referral pathways
- D. 8 Awareness-raising sessions for 2,000 parents on early detection and referral

2.2. Improved access to basic education of vulnerable school girls and boys in the Gaza Strip: this project is implemented in partnership with UN Office of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) through humanitarian pooled fund. The project targets 1000 children from 8 to 12 years old in 10 schools through:

- A. Diagnostic visits to children in schools
- B. Provision of assistive devices to identified 1000 children with special needs, (glasses, hearing aids, wheel chairs, crutches)
- C. Remedial classes to 300 children in Arabic, English, and Math

2.3. Assistive Devices for Children: this project is implemented in partnership with Save the Children, through Save the Children Pool fund, 247 children were supported through receiving diagnostic visits and assistive devices including (glasses, hearing, wheelchairs, and hearing aids)

2.4. Increase access to education and reducing school dropout in Gaza through Cash Transfer Programing CTP: this project is implemented in partnership with Save the Children in pooled fund: 1426 beneficiaires were identified from partnered 15 UNRWA schools and e-vouchers were distributed to enable marginalized and poor parents purchase school needs, uniforms and stationery needs for their children.

2.5. Reducing the Violence in Public Schools in Gaza: this project is implemented in partnership with UNICEF; the project targets 800 students (10-12 years old), 120 teachers, 40 school counsellors and 40 public schools through:

- A. Training for the students on peer mediation and creation of mediation teams in schools
- B. Training for teachers and school counsellors on peer mediation, detecting signs of violence and the referral system
- C. 40 student-led initiatives addressing issues of violence
- D. Awareness-raising for parents and community members to promote nonviolence

2.6. Ready for Winter: this project is implemented in partnership with Save the children the project targets 3,056 children (6-13 years old) in targeted schools through provision of winter clothing and stationery needs

Stories of Success 2017:



Husain is a 16-year-old, he is one of the adolescents participating in youth Net project, Husain has received a full package of training including non-violence, leadership, communication, needs assessment and social media, and he also participated in various project activities. Husain said “trainings improved me and changed my life, I became more able to depend on myself at home and in my school and community, participating in many activities, and the camp had improved my personality dealing with people more effectively and patiently. The project also given me remedial classes in Arabic, English and Math, and that has a great impact on my school achievement. I am glad to be one of the adolescents participating in Youth-net project”

Our Partners:

- **UNDP**
- **UNFPA**
- **UNICEF**
- **USAID**
- **EU**
- **OCHA**
- **United Palestinian Appeal (UPA)**
- **Spanish Consulate - Jerusalem**
- **Save the Children**
- **Catholic Relief Services CRS**
- **Mercy Corps**
- **FRIEDRICH EBRET STFTUNG**
- **US Consulate - Jerusalem**
- **British Consulate - Jerusalem**