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About us

Save Youth Future Society (SYFS) is a non-profit, independent youth organization established in 2001 with a goal of developing Palestinian youth capacities and enhancing their participation in society. SYFS has a leading role among youth organizations in the Gaza Strip as it strives to activate youth and strengthen their capacity and skills to lead community mobilization, awareness-raising and advocacy actions about issues related to their lives, contributing to building democratic Palestinian state.

SYFS Vision

Save Youth Future Society is a pathway to innovation, inspiration and ambition for all youth to lead a meaningful change for better future.

SYFS Mission

Save Youth Future Society is an independent organization investing in creating opportunities for Palestinian youth to be engaged in community by empowering passionate volunteerism and capacity to lead Palestinian society to achieve sustainable development.

SYFS Strategic Objectives

Save Youth Future Society aspires to create significant contribution towards the following goals:

- Enhance youth civic participation in the Palestinian society
- Improve economic conditions of Palestinian youth and women
- Improving the capacity of young people through technology enabled careers (new)
- Improve quality inclusive education for all Palestinian children and youth
- Develop capacities of youth volunteers and partner organizations

In continuation of working towards achieving its strategic goals for 2017-20 under the key thematic programmes, the below report provides a summary of key achievements in the year 2018. In total SYFS reached A direct total of 27263, females 12262 males 13871, Total of 120 government and UNRWA schools, 24 CBO, including 6696 children. Indirect reach of 94,328 people in several initiatives and community activities. Through its direct work with the community and commitment to achieving its goals SYFS has been able to successfully work towards achieving its strategic objectives, keep and grow its partnerships and allocate fund where it is most needed and in transparent way being accountable to both the donors and the community targeted. Among its key achievement for 2018 was taking the leap and moving

forward towards beginning to advance and develop its experience in E-work by providing space and implementing Hackathons, which is explained further in end of this report

Thematic Programme #1: Civic Engagement Greater Engagement... Broader Impact... Making a Difference!

Specific Objectives:

- **Enhance youth community participation and voluntary work**

Youth Council Initiative funded by NPA

- Series of community talks-awareness sessions informing more young communities about their experience and value add by being part of this non-party network of young people influencing and contributing to society. Reaching approximately 10,000 young people in university levels, communities and youth networks; 500 youth were able to spread the word in formal/traditional and informal settings mobilizing young people community that they still matter, and they are capable of making difference. The talks is extended to use non-traditional tools of reaching community utilizing use of social media, [Instagram](#), [twitter](#), and [facebook](#) as a major and common tools among young people to be engaged
- Youth audience from community talks/awareness sessions participated in drafting community initiatives in their small communities. 53 of initiatives were implemented reaching 941 young people communities in Gaza Strip, (578 Males and 363 Females). Where sessions included drafting a neighbourhood initiative contributing to society for example: [extra-curricular activity in Al Remal School](#), and [Manageesh initiative with elderly people](#).
- 50 large events were conducted by youth councils and youth participating in activities reaching 941 young people for example 100 (40 Males and 60 Females) of young people participated in [University of Palestine \(UP\) event](#).
- The 500 existing members in youth councils have participated in creating the membership application form, and means of tech-ing up the paper application contributing to environment into [Google-supported forms](#), the application is launched and new members are recruited by 26th December 2018. New 500 recruited members in will participate in packages of trainings and events and activities of youth councils and Save Youth Future Society in 2019 as a major sustainability aspect for youth not to be compelled and driven to affiliate with violent alternatives.

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 funded by the EU

- 1,000 adolescents (14-17 years old) trained and involved in their communities; 1,000 parents
- Training for 1,000 adolescents on community engagement and training for 100 adolescents on media, advocacy and photography and movie-making
- Adolescents' Media Unit campaigns about non-violence (monthly radio spots, social media campaigns, song, posters, photo and movie exhibitions)
- Summer camps and voluntary action camps for 1,000 adolescents (scouts model)
- Football and volleyball sport tournaments for adolescents
- Adolescent-led peer-to-peer activities for 5,000 adolescents and awareness-raising workshops for 10,000 adolescent

- Adolescent-led community needs assessments followed by community initiatives and community meetings
- Training for 20 youth mentors on integrating adolescents in community
- Sub-grants to CBOs for adolescent-led awareness-raising and advocacy activities in communities about non-violence
- Child protection case management, remedial classes and psychosocial support sessions for adolescents
- Bi-monthly workshops for 1,000 parents and care-givers on positive parenting skills
- After school program for 450 children (expressive arts and psychosocial support)
- Remedial classes for 450 children
- Training for 45 teachers on referral pathways
- Awareness-raising sessions for 2,000 parents

- **Expand youth-led awareness-raising on health issues**

Gender and Health for Youth via strategic partnership with UNFPA

- Designed caravan with key messages on Health, SRHR, and GBV reaching approx. 500 community members,
- 25 Y-Peers improved capacities of conducting theater plays using interactive theater methodology and as result of the training a play script is developed.
- One interactive theater play was developed on early marriages with 10 Y-peers/actors; the performances reached 460 Youth, adolescence, and women participated in 20 awareness workshops on GBV, where the caravan is utilized to promote key GBV and SRHR messages, in Khan Younis, Rafah, Middle Areas, and North Gaza.
- 10 performances were conducted, reaching 800 community members, (650 women, and 150 youth).
- 20 community talks were implemented reaching 460 community members were implemented on reproductive health, GBV, and SRHR.
- 30 Y-Peer members attended an intensive training program on peer education skills, GBV, and SRHR. Memorizing the youth international day; 50 female youth Councils participate in sport-based life skills training in international youth day and event was conducted by female youth important contribution to political and social spheres. Contributing to all Palestinians, especially the most vulnerable have greater access to a unified, integrated, and shock-responsive social protection system.
- SYFS and UNFPA through Y-Peer network created a directory for women who are exposed to violence and equipped them with tools to ask for services through outreach activities and raising awareness on GBV services directory mapping, total of 1327 women were reached in awareness, 116 awareness sessions were implemented, and total of 3650 copies of directory mapping are printed and disseminated, as well as a 16 days social media campaign conducted by Y-Peers and Youth Council members on UNSCR 2250, and GBV.
- 250 youth from universities participated in Hackathon about social entrepreneurship promoting senses of innovation and creativity meanwhile,
- 5 initiatives were implemented to rollout UNSCR 2250 sharing stories of peace, creative theater, drawing and paintings and youth circle platforms and Yalla challenge 2250 initiatives reaching approx. 1000 youth in different activities

- youth councils carried out 20 workshops for community members reaching 500 youth in security and peace building.

- **Involve youth in emergency preparedness and response**

Total Reach: 12800 youth, 1327 women, 7300 community members; 11000 adolescents, 450 children, 45 teachers

Thematic programme #2: Economic Empowerment Striving for Dreams... Shaping Future... Making a Difference!

Specific Objectives:

- **Enhance youth employability and entrepreneurship in labour market**

Strengthening Resilience, Agricultural Recovery and Green Technology in Gaza in partnership with Save the Children funded by BMZ

- Training for 250 youth on entrepreneurship for innovative green technologies
- Small capital grants for 100 youth start-ups in green technologies business
- Awareness-raising and advocacy on the environmental and health challenges in Gaza
- Establishing and training six Community Protection Committees on developing and updating Community Disaster Risk Reduction plans
- Establishing six youth-led neighbourhood groups for social and environmental analysis of their communities
- 6 youth-led community initiatives promoting environmental protection
- 270 youth; 6,000 community members

Obader in partnership with Care funded by GAC:

- Awareness and promotion activities reaching 508, indirect 4000
- 200 applied for start-ups in tech, green tech and traditional business,
- 100 selected for soft skills and business training with basic education on Gender and main GTA for women leading business. 70% of the target group are women

TECH-UP in partnership with Mercy Corps funded by GAC:

- 1270 users for co-working space services; 799 reached in community tech outreach;
- 280 active community members in co-working space 120 females and 120 males.
- 799 community members reached in mobilization activities on technology enabled careers, females 430, males 369.

- **Involve youth in work and enterprise opportunities in non-profit and private sectors**

Al-Fakhoura Scholarship programme in partnership with UNDP funded by education above all:

- 630 students, 60% female provided with undergraduate scholarship
- 134 participated in employability training including english training, community activities i.e. sports

- **Improve livelihoods of vulnerable youth and families**

Envision Gaza 2020 in partnership with CRS funded by USAID

- 150 small business, supported by 900USD to start their business;
- 500 short-term placement for graduates, skilled, non-skilled workers

Total Reach: 3750 youth; 10,799 community members

Thematic programme #3: Education Engaged Learners... Creative Growth... Making a Difference!

Specific Objectives:

- **Expand access to education for all**

Improved access to basic education of vulnerable school girls and boys in the Gaza Strip in partnership with OCHA through HPF

- 1,000 children (8-12 years old); 10 schools
- Diagnostic visits to children in schools
- Provision of assistive devices to identified 1000 children with special needs (glasses, hearing aids, wheel chairs, crutches)
- Remedial classes to 300 children with special needs in Arabic, English and Math

Increasing access to education and reducing school drop-out in Gaza through Cash Transfer Programming in partnership with Save the Children Italy and UK

- 1,500 children (8-12 years old); 15 schools
- Provision of school uniforms and stationery for 1500 children from vulnerable families
- Provision of winter clothes for 1500 children from vulnerable families

- **Improve the quality of education**

Enhancing teachers and counsellors' skills on applying alternative methods of positive discipline in public schools and kindergartens in Gaza in partnership with UNICEF

- 1200 parents; 60 kindergarten principals; 120 kindergarten teachers; 397 school principals; 663 school teachers; 25 school counselors; 200 school

supervisors; 900 school students (6-12 years old); 60 kindergartens; 25 elementary schools; 60 schools

- Early Childhood training for 180 kindergarten teachers and principals
- Update of positive discipline training manual upon feedback from focus group discussions with school counsellors, principals, supervisors and teachers
- Training of Trainers for Ministry staff on positive discipline methods
- Workshops for school supervisors and principals and training for school teachers and counsellors on school positive discipline
- Coaching visits for kindergarten and school teachers
- Awareness raising sessions for parents
- Awareness campaigns about reducing violence and enhancing positive values
- Training for school mediation teams on peer mediation techniques
- School action plans developed by school mediation teams and school counsellors to prevent, detect and respond to violence

- **Enhance inclusive education**

Inclusion for All, funded by NORAD:

- 10 schools, 750 children aged between 8-12 years 55% female, engaged in extra-curricular activities including healing activities through arts.
- 400 participated in remedial classes;
- 10 schools established resources rooms;
- 300 parents meetings on positive discipline, 20 per meetings;
- 1400 reached through CTP, 270 children with disabilities;

Total Reach: 5550 children, 7200 parents, 60 kindergarten principals; 120 kindergarten teachers; 397 school principals; 663 school teachers; 25 school counselors; 200 school supervisors;

Thematic programme #4: Capacity Development Skilful Team... Effective Approach... Making a Difference!

Specific Objectives:

Enhance capacities of SYFS Youth Council and youth volunteers

- 1350 youth council members received training on conflict resolution, community engagement and needs assessment, communication, initiatives planning and implementation; UN resolution 2250, emergency preparedness and DDR

Enhance capacities of Youth Organizations' Network and other partners

- 24 organisations received training on financial management, programming, M&E, etc
- 24 organisations received grants to implement community engagement activities.

Total Reach: 1350 youth and 24 CBOs

Thematic program # 5: Improving the capacity of young people through technology enabled careers (new)

- **Improved young people capacities to approach to global market**

Program name; Gaza Goes Global (3G)

Program brief; SYFS-3G program aims to invest in skills building of Palestinian young people through providing conducive and vibrant environments. 3g provide access to high-speed fibre internet cloud and permanent-clean power source to bridge barriers between Palestinian youth and global market and giving back to Palestinian economy. 3G is powered by Save Youth Future Society (SYFS) being a core program with cross cutting themes of strategic programming, education, capacity building, and economic empowerment understanding the need and potential e-work as a cumulative pillar for sustainable development.

PROGRAM MISION;

To build vibrant communities of Palestinian young people that is inclusive and proactive to meet global market needs of coders, translators, designers and entrepreneurs

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES;

Freelancer Incubation: Youth and Adolescent skilled or semi-skilled in areas of coding, web development, translation and design, android developers, gamers and front-end developers join comprehensive incubation period of 4 months to obtain better skills to be more competitive in the global market by building freelancing profiles, social media marketing and English trainings.

Start-up Incubation: Spaces are provided for startups and teams to operate most essential core features of adequate spaces for teams, technical support and mentorship and marketing product's user base utilizing impacts and feedbacks from clients

Weekly community events & workshops: Weekly events and workshops are organized to help startup owners, community members and freelancers share experience dealing with multiple e-working verticals and options not being exclusive for designers, web developers, translators, marketers, and entrepreneurs.

N.B. the program is treated as separate entity with agile-scrum teams working to optimize the potential of young people, the program is placed in two separate governorates, one in Gaza and one in the south of Gaza, utilizing over 700 M space and 200 desks for young people and social enterprises. In the piloting year over 2,000 young people reached and over 150 persons received training on technical and freelancing tracks achieving over 80,000 \$ in income through freelancing platforms.

Youth stories:



“ I joined the coding for everyone activity in order to know more about coding and JAVA, I attended several meetings with coding and I have developed experience in the developer design and coding for android, and when I later joined the community activities, I have developed various personal skills to be able to work with community and feeling protected and empowered within the co-working

space. I felt accomplished being able to design my own prototype and receive comments from Mr. Taysir, I feel empowered that I now have a new favourite place to go, and being accomplished resolving Java question and being the first winner” Sanaa Salama, 24 Years old from Khan Younis.



“I live in Khan Younis and having a space close by is great for me since I used to go to Gaza each time, I need a space to work or participate in any Tech-related course. Learning a new skill is a passion for me paving the steps along with my career. I feel home being part of the activities implemented, and I feel supported all the time with people around. I work as a freelancer, and I was graduated from the 1st Cohort in the south of Gaza. Being part of this vibrant environment in the south of Gaza, I feel more connected and supported and I won two contracts from network in the place with total monthly income of 900 USD\$ after my graduation from the first cohort I have been able to achieve approx. 1900 USD\$ as total income from January and February 2019, and that supported me to be

more self-confident, resilient and self-reliant” , Donia Abu Zaid

Our Partners



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