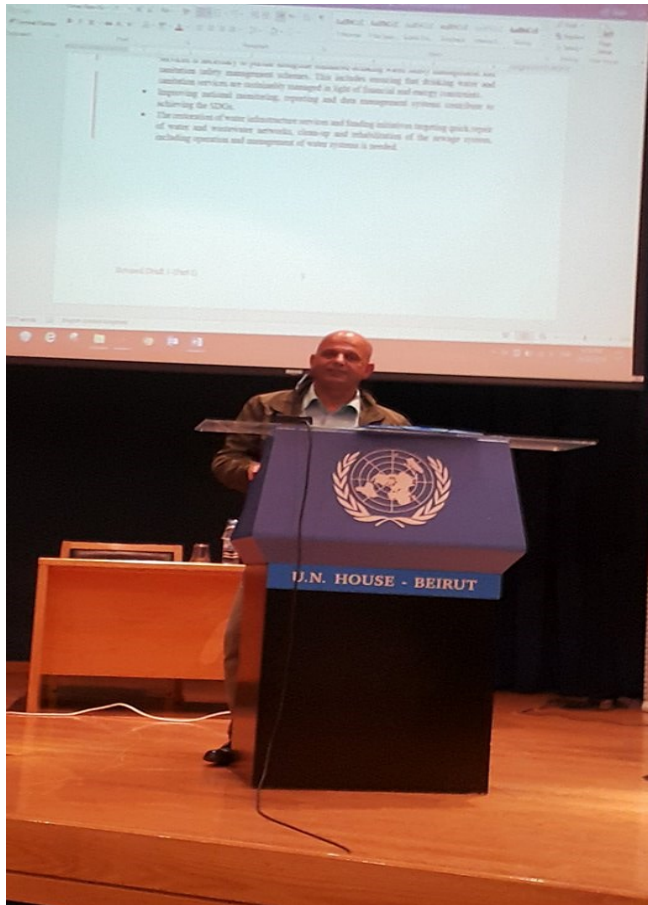


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Who we are?

PHG is a nongovernment organization which strives to remain the lead research and developmental organization in the water sector which contributes to the development of the capacity of water and sanitation practitioners and to the protection and development of local water and environmental resources, and seeks to ensure a fair distribution of water among the Palestinian communities.

Furthermore, to contribute in building a civil society and empowers the vulnerable groups, including women, to participate in decision making and to promote good water governance and the right to water as well as to improve water, food and energy security for the Palestinian communities.

Our Vision

Our vision is to achieve water and environmental justice for the Palestinian people.

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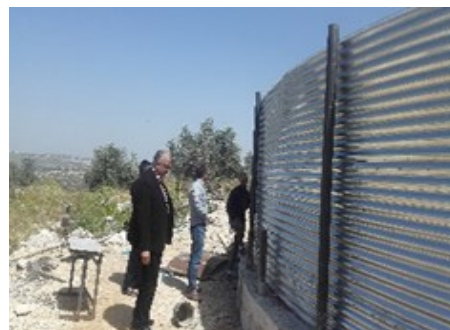
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Our Projects

1. The Palestinian Hydrology Group is currently conducting a comprehensive survey on environmental initiatives at a national level, which is highly valued by the Environmental Quality Authority. The survey, is funded by the European Union, as part of the program known as Switchers. 15 outstanding initiatives will be selected for local and international promotion.
2. The third phase of the project for monitoring the water and environmental situation in the West Bank, which is funded by Ajuntament de Valancia and ACPP has been completed. The third phase consisted of completing the compiling field data / input, analysis, extraction of the results, and preparation of final reports. The information has been updated on the organization's website. Furthermore, delegates from the Water and Environmental institutions attended a workshop in which the results were discussed. The project covered 18 population centers in the West Bank, where 540 surveys were distributed and collected at the household level.
3. In effort to implement the policies and projects present in the National Plan for Production and consumption, with the Environmental Quality Authority, PHG is preparing 15 files for projects inspired by the Palestinian National Production and Consumption Plan.
4. Training workshops were held for the beneficiaries of gas units and solar panes. The workshops are part of the Renewable Energy Project implemented in partnership with the International Union for the Protection of Nature (IUCN) and funded by OFID.
5. PHG has implemented a second part for a project which focuses on supplying pipes and steel parts to the town of Al-Zawia in Salfit Governorate. The project is funded by the Province of Cordoba and Malaga through the ACPP
6. Under the Sustainable Management and Comprehensive Access to Land and Water Resources (BEDER) program, and funded by the Government of the Netherlands, organized by the Federation of Agricultural Work Committees in cooperation with PHG the Land Research Center and the Palestinian Center for Economic and Social Development. In addition to the coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture, the rehabilitation of metal pipes and agricultural irrigation segments, the construction of a steel tank of 500 m³, a steel tank of 1000 m³ and pumping station have been completed in town of Flamaya / Qalqilya.



7. Within the framework of the project ‘Strengthening the capacities and supervision of services provided to farmers’ in the West Bank through the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) funded by the Government of Canada. 13 Water Users Committees were formed at the project sites: Deir Ghazala, Qabatiya, Thnaba, Jabara, Atil, Anabta, Nuweima, Auja, Nawaji, Froush Beit Dajan, Nasiriyah, Aqrabaniyah and Falamiya. Beneficiaries located at the project sites attended 84 training hours. 109 farmers participated in the irrigation system management, marketing and collective purchasing, and the documentation of the association system.

8. Completion of the project implementation in Meithalun; a Palestinian town in Jenin Governante; The project was in cooperation of the AFD and the PWA and in partnership with Missilya Village Council. The project focused on Drinking Water and Sewerage and included a workshop regarding the sustainability of the project and the pricing of the sewage services. Printing, distributing, designing and producing TV spots and broadcast through Ma'an Agency , in addition to the designing and production of radio spots, which were broadcasted via local radio in the Jenin District.

9. several public awareness activities were implemented in the target towns for 11 locations. The activities were part of the Water Awareness Program for the Water Services Council of West Jenin. 22 awareness workshops were held for male and female schools on the topics of water conservation and the health and environmental impacts of pollution of water resources. Each workshop was attended by students from the schools in each country, as well as school health supervisors. The workshop benefited 830 participants. Workshops were held for women within the sites regarding water resource challenges worldwide and within Palestine, furthermore, techniques to reduce pollution were discussed.

10. As part of the Oxfam project, infrastructure pipes were supplied, rehabilitated and expanded for the water networks of the targeted sites (Jabal Al-Baba and Al-Zaymia) within East Jerusalem. A training program was also carried out for beneficiaries of the project and members of the local committee on various topics such as water quality and sanitation, Social and Public Relations, Bookkeeping and Calculations...etc.



Training courses and Workshops

1. PHG participated in a workshop held by Colonization and Wall Resistance Commission, at the Carmel Hotel in Ramallah on 19 March 2018. The Head of PHG presented a paper on Israeli policies and violations of the rights of the Palestinian Water Authority and the future trends in the development of water under different scenarios.
2. On behalf of Oxfam programmes, PHG along with Oxfam's partners were invited to attend a two day workshop to discuss the Gender Backbone document (strategy), in order to provide their input and feedback to the development the document. The Gender Backbone document addresses four themes; Women Peace and Security, Women Political Participation, Gender Based Violence and Women, Bodily Integrity and Women Access to Justice, to ensure a holistic approach and it is mainstreamed in other programmes.
3. A workshop was held by the Environmental Quality Authority in cooperation with the Ministry of Antiquities and the Ministry of Agriculture within the framework of the project to promote the concept of ecotourism in Palestine. The workshop aimed to discuss draft criteria and methodology for selecting sites / routes for tourism and the environment.
4. PHG participated in a Gender Mainstreaming workshop which was organized by Oxfam from 20 March 2018 - 22 March 2018, in the Grand Park Hotel. Discussions regarding Gender concepts and methods and the importance of how to integrate gender at the organizational level of Non-governmental Organization within Palestine, in addition to the challenges and difficulties faced by institutions took place.



General Activities

1. The Senior Officers Training College of the Preventive Security Services, invited PHG to give a lecture on 20 February 2018 regarding the mechanisms of strategic information management as part of the operation of the knowledge organization required for strategic thinking.
2. On 14 February 2018, PHG went on field visits with a delegation of left-wing Spanish Parties, and trade unions and institutions to areas threatened by Israeli settlements to explain the Palestinian water and environment crises.
3. PHG participated in a central ceremony held in the Gaza Strip on 29 March 2018 on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Agricultural Development Association (PARC)
4. A meeting was held on 20 February 2018 with Al-Jazeera satellite channel regarding the Israeli settlement and control over the water and the extent of the losses incurred by the Palestinians.
5. On 5 March 2018, a meeting was held with Palestine Television on the most dominant violations and attacks on the Palestinian environment on the occasion of the Palestinian National Day.
6. PHG participated in the planning of the second environmental training at the Palestinian National level for governmental and private institutions, companies and factories on the (ISO14001) environmental management system and the product life cycle (ISO14044). The training was in cooperation with Palestinian Standards Institution and the ISO International Organization through the Mena Star project. The training was held between 19- 21 March 2018.
7. The Palestinian Hydrology Group and The Netherlands World Water Academy signed an MOU for joint cooperation for capacity building of Palestinian Water professionals.
8. PHG attended agricultural meetings to discuss the agricultural sector in Gaza bearing in mind the arisen discussions during the sector meeting with the Minister of Agriculture.
9. On 21/3/2018, a paper on “ Water and Scarcity and Its Impact on Sustainable Development was presented during the National Conference held by Palestinian Standards Institution regarding the role of standards in supporting sustainable development. The workshop was held at the Carmel Hotel in Ramallah.
10. On 14 January, 2018, PHG, participated within in the activities for the environmental exhibition which was implemented by the Environmental Quality Authority in the Gaza Strip.



International Visits

1. PHG participated in a consultative meeting on 25/1/2018 on the reality of desalination in the Arab world, which was organized by the Middle East Center Desalination Research Center in Muscat, Oman.
2. Members from PHG attended the eighth World Water Forum in Brazil, which was held from 18 March to 22 March 2018. Several interventions were presented, and focused on the prospects of implementing the principles of integrated water management and the changes required towards the year 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. Furthermore, a lecture regarding the role of policies, science, law and values in water justice and vital systems was given to the international participants.
3. PHG's management participated in the First Regional Environmental conference in the Middle East in Jordan, where they presented a paper entitled "Wars and armed conflicts and their impact on the Environment".
4. Participation in the workshop organized by the ESCWA regarding the Sustainable Development 2018 / Water Forum, held in Beirut during March 27, 2018 until April 1, 2018.

Water and Environmental Sector in the Press

The following published articles can be found in Arabic regarding the Water and Environmental Sector in Al Quds and Al Ayyam Newspapers:



1. الأيام 18/1/2018 خسائر فادحة تلحق بمزارعي خان يونس جراء مبيدات الاحتلال
2. الأيام 31/1/2018 محافظ جنين: الوضع في مكب "زهرة الفنجان" حرج يشكل خطرا على السلامة العامة
3. القدس 31/1/2018 محافظ جنين يدعو لإنقاذ مشروع "مكب زهرة الفنجان"
4. الأيام 6/2/2018 جرافات الاحتلال تدمر خطوط مياه تغذي عشرات الدونمات الزراعية في الأغوار الشمالية
5. القدس 20/2/2018 المخلفات البلاستيكية تغرق شواطئ قطاع غزة وتهدد البيئة
6. القدس 20/3/2018 مدينة غزة تعاني نقصا حادا في مياه الشرب
7. القدس 5/3/2018 كرزيم: إسرائيل تتعامل مع الضفة الغربية باعتبارها مكبا ضخما للنفايات
8. الأيام 7/3/2018 الاحتلال يمارس سياسة التعتيش في الأغوار
9. القدس 14/3/2018 في الأغوار أنابيب المياه الخاصة بالمستوطنات تمر عبر أراضي المواطنين الذين يجرمون من الاستفادة منها