

Newsletter



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Our Vision

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

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.

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Our Projects

1. 540 surveys were distributed and completed for the project: ‘Deep preparation and improved response capacity to address the water shortages affecting Palestinian communities in the West Bank through increased effectiveness of civil society participation and institutions in the coordination and monitoring of water resources.’ The project is funded by Ajuntament de Valencia and ACPP. The data collected is currently being analyzed and results will be documented in and presented to all concerned parties.

2. The Children's rights for safe drinking water in Palestine” has been completed. The project was funded by Cantabria España through ACPP. Four wells were installed for drinking water purposes in Beit Furik schools, benefiting 2000 students. The project was implemented in collaboration with Beit Furik Municipality and the Education Directorate in Nablus Governorate.

3. Irrigation supply and installation of 60 meters for farmers, construction of a 500m³ steel tank and pumping station were completed for the western Nazlah site in Tulkarm governorate. In addition, rehabilitation of 4 dirt pools in Jiftlik, supply and adjustment of new metal pipes, irrigation and irrigation plots and 500m³ steel tank, a 1000m³ steel tank and a pumping station the Flameh site in Qalqilya governorate. 12 agricultural wells have been rehabilitated in Al Dhahiriya in Hebron governorate. The aforementioned subjects were installed as part the implementation of the ‘Sustainable Management and Comprehensive Access to Land and Water Resources (BEDER) program’, which is funded by the Dutch Government.

4. Within the framework of the project ‘Strengthening capacities and supervision of the services provided to farmers in the West Bank’, several workshops were conducted to elect water user committees in the villages of Froush Beit Dajan, Hassan, Nasiriyah) in Nablus Governante (Nuweima) and in Jericho governorate (Deir Ghazaleh). The project has been implemented through the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) funded by the Canadian government.

5. The design and printing of awareness materials (Stickers, awareness leaflets, posters, radio awareness) were distributed, as part of the sanitation project, which is funded by the French Development Agency (AFD), in cooperation with the Palestinian Water Authority (PWA) and in partnership with the Joint Council for Drinking Water and Sewerage.



6. 70 biogas units and 150 solar cookers were installed in the Gaza Strip as part of the renewable energy project implemented in partnership with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and funded by OFID.

7. The implementation of the drinking water project for more than 43 beneficiaries in Ramallah governorate has been completed. The project is funded by the Miranda de Ebro Municipality through ACPP. The project included the implementation of 3 wells to collect rain water for domestic use in Ain Qinya. PHG has carried out training and awareness activities regarding the maintenance and management of water resources.

8. In Beit Anan and Beit Surik, the activities of the Water Improvement Project for Agricultural Use, have been completed. Six wells were constructed for agricultural use, and benefited 10 families. Training and awareness-raising activities were implemented for the beneficiaries.

9. 11 awareness workshops were held for single-gendered schools were organized. The topic of the conservation of water and the health and environmental impacts of pollution of water sources was discussed. The workshops were part of the water awareness program villages located West of Jenin.

10. PHG employees are following up on the implementation of the Oxfam project, which includes the rehabilitation and expansion of a water network in the areas of Mount Pope and areas located east of Jerusalem.



Training courses and Workshops

- PHG participated in a workshop with the Palestinian Standards and Metrology Institute on October 12, 2017. Throughout the workshop, instructions for the preparation of the Palestinian specifications for 2017 by the special characterization committees were discussed. Participants were briefed on the means used to achieve the goal, and the role in which the Palestinians would participate within the international characterization committees.
- On November 29, 2017, PHG attended a workshop with the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) to discuss the Ministry's plan for the development of border areas in the Gaza Strip.
- 26 November 2017—The head of the Palestinian Hydrology Group participated in a workshop with the Palestinian Water Authority on discussing the draft policies of the Palestinian Water Sector. The policies primarily focused on community participation and regarding transparency and accounting. Additionally, PHG participated in workshop regarding justice in water distribution and alternative water resources policy, on 3 December 2017.
- 31 December 2017, a workshop was held with the Palestinian Water Authority on the structural plan for the sewage sector in the Northern Governorates of the Gaza Strip.
- Employees from PHG participated in the Urban Agriculture Forum in the Gaza Strip on 3 October 2017 to discuss the strategic plan of the Forum and its intersection with the plans of the strategic institutions.
- On December 3, 2017, PHG participated in the workshop with the Palestinian Water Authority (PWA) to discuss water tariffs in the Gaza Strip.

General Activities

1. PHG participation in a environmental exhibition entitled "Towards the promotion of the concept of sustainable production and consumption", which was established by the Environmental Quality Authority in Hebron Governorate on 19 December 2017.
2. 5 September 2017, a special meeting was held with the TV channel 'Palestine Today' regarding the environmental situation in the Gaza Strip.
3. PHG employees attended an Urban Planning Conference which was held at Birzeit University on 30 October 2017. The conference focused on several topics aimed at raising the living standards of life in Palestine. Participants discussed the urban and environmental problems and how to reduce and control them by optimizing the resources and available possibilities.
4. A meeting was held on 7 September 2017 with the President of the ICRC to discuss his relationship with civil society organizations in the Gaza Strip.
5. PHG has joined the "Dual studies" program. The program is an educational system that combines the theoretical study with the practical application. Al-Quds University launched the Dual Studies in 2015 with funding from the German Government through GIZ.
6. Employees participated in a training course for trainers as part of the Oxfam project in partnership with Medical Relief, Human Land Society and Oxfam Italy. This course aimed to train the fieldwork team on the skills of dealing with children in the field and effectively communicate with them. In addition to the growth and development of the child, and planning methods of activities for children.



7. PHG employees, continued to implement meetings with the NGOs network regarding the agricultural sector and the reality of agricultural sector institutions in Gaza, in addition, they participated in the meetings with the agricultural forum.
8. On 11 November 2017, the network of environmental NGOs met with a Dutch Democratic Parliament delegation to discuss the environmental situation and Israeli violations on the water and environment sector.
9. On 5 October 2017, PHG held a meeting of its General Assembly to approve the financial and administrative reports and discuss the status of the institution.
10. A meeting was held with ACPP at there Ramallah office to discuss the plan of strategic cooperation with the Spanish partners on 27 September 2017.



International Visits

- PHG participated in a training workshop in which topics such as project strategy, management and organization, Effective Cross Cultural Cooperation: How to deal with power, gender and communication differences, in addition to various were discussed. The training session took place from September 3—15, 2017 in the Netherlands. The training session is part of the Young Expert Programme (YEP) which is funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and implemented by The Dutch Water Partnership and the Food and Business Knowledge platform.
- Preparation has begun from December 5—12, 2017, for the World Water Forum (WWF). Meetings were organized by the International Union of Environmental Law of the International Union for the Protection of Nature in Brazil, so as to prepare for the participation of the World Water Forum to be held in Brazil in March 2018. PHG presented ongoing water crisis within Palestine to the committee.
- On November 24—29, 2017. PHG participated in a workshop that was organized by the League of Arab States in Cairo. The workshop was entitled "Water Under Occupation". The organization presented a working paper on Israeli water policies for Arab water in the future.
- In Barcelona, Spain, PHG participated in the meeting, organized by the World Water Partnership Organization to discuss the final report on "Water Governance and Finance". The group administered the role of civil society in governance and finance.

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. القدس 7/9/2017. الاحتلال يواصل سياسة تقليص المياه عن المناطق الفلسطينية في الأغوار
2. القدس، الأيام 1/10/2017 مختصون يحذرون من خطورة التداخيات الكارثية لتفاقم أزمة المياه في قطاع غزة
3. القدس، الأيام 9/10/2017 مقدسيون خلف الجدار يعانون من أزمة مياه خانقة
4. القدس 10/10/2017 كمية المياه التي يتم سحبها أكثر من ضعف حجم التغذية المائية
5. القدس 16/10/2017 مياه نابلس العادمة تدمر سلة خضار وفواكة شمال الضفة
6. الأيام 25/10/2017 اعدام عشرات أشجار الزيتون بمياه المستوطنات العادمة شرق نابلس
7. الأيام 7/11/2017 مستوطنون يدمرون خطوط مياه في عين الساكوت بالأغوار الشمالية
8. الأيام 14/11/2017 جرافات الاحتلال تدمر أجزاء من طريق رئيس وخط مياه ومساحات مزروعة بالأغوار الشمالية
9. الأيام 13/12/2017 تشكيل لجنة متخصصة لإعادة ترتيب عمل مكب "زهرة الفنجان"
10. القدس 13/12/2017 قرية دير أبو ضعيف تفتقر لشبكات مياه وصرف صحي وطرق زراعية