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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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Our Projects

1. Ajuntament de Valancia and ACPP funded a project which aimed at water monitoring and environmental situation in the West Bank. This project's aim is to collect data regarding water resources and consumption quantities at a household level in 18 localities, distributed in various areas in the West Bank, in order to highlight the major issues that the communities face in order to provide the necessary support.
2. The project which aimed to improve access to good water quality for marginalized pastoral communities has been completed. The project was funded by the Council of the Province of Cordoba through the Assembly of Cooperation for Peace (ACPP). Four roman water wells were rehabilitated in Baqa'a and Mghair communities. More than 20 families benefited from the project. Water awareness and capacity building activities related to water conservation and water management were carried out.
3. The implementation phase of a new project has begun. The project aims at raising the level of awareness for local councils and services in the field of water management. The project focuses on behavioral change and the importance of citizen participation in the water and environmental decision-making process.
4. Work continues on an FAO-funded project aimed at developing the capacities of agricultural cooperatives, and there institutionalization.
5. PHG has conducted a study on the future water needs of the Jenin purification plant. The study was conducted as part of a project regarding private and municipal partnership to provide water for agriculture. The project is in cooperation with the Palestinian Water Authority and the Ministry of Agriculture.
6. Activities concerning the Sustainable Management and Comprehensive Access to Land and Water Resources (BEDER) program continue to be implemented. The project is funded by the Netherlands Representative Office, and organized by the Federation of Agricultural Work Committees and in cooperation with PHG. the Land Research Center and the Palestinian Center for Economic and Social Development, is continuing coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture.



7. Communication efforts are being enforced with unions and municipalities in the Gaza Strip in order to nominate individuals for the management of domestic biogas units. The project is financed by the OPEC Fund for International Development. The project includes the supply and installation of units for the production of biogas through organic household waste.

8. The MCC project regarding food security conditions in the Palestinian areas has come to an end. The project included the construction of 10 domestic wells and the supply and installation of materials for the construction of 17 home gardens in Surif, Hebron. The project was funded by the Food Resource Bank.

9. Two houses have been constructed for the purpose of collecting rainwater in the village of Ein Qinya. As part of the project, access to drinking water for more than 43 beneficiaries in Ramallah governorate was funded by the Municipality of Miranda de Ebro through the ACPP. It is expected to increase storage capacity to 280m³ and the project will benefit a minimum of 8 families.

10. PHG is continuing the implementation of the activities for the project, which aims to improve water conditions for agricultural use in the towns of Beit Anan and Beit Surik and includes the construction of 6 agricultural wells in both towns. The project is funded by the Osprey Foundation.

11. PHG has been conducting consultation sessions with village councils of East Jenin in an attempt to solve the issues surrounding Eastern Nablus' purification plant. The project comes within the framework of developing mechanisms for resolving community disputes in the field of water.



General Activities

1. PHG participated in a course held at Birzeit University under the title "FAO Water Productivity Database Training" in order to enhance the concept of water productivity and methods of application and to identify the database of the World Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and its benefits.
2. PHG's management team participated in several meetings related to the forum on urban agriculture in the Gaza Strip to discuss the strategic plan.
3. A meeting organized by the European Union in Ramallah on 16 July 2017 on European interventions in the Palestinian development sectors was attended by PHG and other participants in the development sector.
4. Within the project of improving access to drinking water and sanitation services for schools funded by the Australian Agency for Development through UNICEF in the Gaza Strip, a field visit to solar desalination plants was carried out in the presence of representatives of UNICEF and representatives of the Ministry of Education on 31 May 2017.
5. A meeting was held on 27 July 2017 at PHG's offices in the Gaza Strip with the Oxfam Foundation, so as to discuss the submission of a proposal for HRP in the field of food security in partnership with Ma'an Development Center.
6. Participate in the preparation of the strategic plan of the company for investment and marketing, as the institution within the board of directors of the organizations
7. On 8 May 2017, a meeting was held with the Tawo'on foundation in the Gaza Strip to discuss ways to develop the organizations' relationship and submit project proposals.
8. Several meetings with the Zakher Foundation were held in the Gaza Strip to discuss the joint project proposals.
9. PHG participated in a dialogue session with the High Commissioner for Water Rights to discuss the water situation in Azza district.
10. A meeting with the parliament of the German Green Party was held in Ramallah, where the environmental policy practiced by the occupation was discussed on 22 June 2017.



11. PHG participated in a meeting with the representative of the Swiss Development Agency on 12 June 2017 regarding the environmental situation and the issues of the water sector in the Gaza Strip and the challenges being faced.
12. PHG publically announced that it has joined the bilateral studies program implemented by Al-Quds University with the support and funding of the German Government. The organization will provide training session for Business Administration Degree students affiliated with the University.
13. The organization participated in a training course organized by the European Union in Ramallah for the institutions nominated for EU projects in the field of human rights. The foundation submitted a preliminary concept paper which enabled it move forward to the financing stage.

Workshops

1. A workshop was held at Mustafa Al-Rafi Secondary School for Girls in the Gaza Strip was held to raise awareness regarding the water issues and the proposed solutions to solve this crisis and rationalize water consumption and healthy methods of healthy living.
2. PHG attended a workshop with the Union of Agricultural Work Committees in the Gaza Strip on the uses of solar energy in groundwater pumping.
3. On 24 August 2017 the Palestinian Water Authority and the Ministry of Agriculture in the Gaza Strip held a workshop on water projects' proposals in restricted areas and the means to utilize solar energy to deliver water.
4. A workshop entitled "Evaluation of the Scientific Experiences of the Engineers of Plant Production and Prevention in Palestine" was held on 13 August 2017 at Hebron University.
5. PHG participated in a workshop regarding the "Technical Roadmap for the Implementation of the Climate Action Plans in Palestine." The workshop was organized by the Environmental Quality Authority on 16 August 2017.



International Visits

PHG participated in a workshop in which a High Level Group of Water Experts in Jordan discussed the latest draft of the World Water Situation Report during May 3-4, 2017. The workshop was sponsored by HRH Prince Hassan and organized by the Royal Jordanian Society.

PHG's management team Participated in a meeting with the Governing Council of the International Union for the Protection of Nature (IUCN) from August 28—31, 2017 at the Union headquarters in Switzerland.

On 7 - 11 May 2017, PHG's employees attended a training session on the environmental management system and product life cycle which was held in Amman, Jordan; as part of the Mena star project implemented by the Palestinian Standards Institution (PSI) and funded by the International Organization for Standardization - Geneva.

A workshop on decentralized management of water management was attended in Brussels from 23 - 27 July 2017 and organized by the H2020 project and funded by the European Union. The Palestinian Hydrology Group shared their experience working in the field amongst other participants in various Arab partner countries.

In Papua New Guinea, PHG participated in a workshop regarding food sovereignty and strategies for its development in the Pacific and Asia. Furthermore, topics related to climate change and environmental conservation were discussed amongst 13 Countries.

Water and Environmental Sectors in the Press

The following published articles can be found in Arabic regarding the latest developments of the water and environmental sectors in Al Quds and Al Ayyam Newspaper:

1. القدس 3/5/2017. إنهيار أحواض الصرف الصحي شمال القطاع سيؤدي لكارثة بيئية
2. القدس 15/5/2017. تحذيرات من خطورة أزمة الكهرباء على المياه والصرف الصحي في غزة
3. القدس 29/5/2017. متنزّه واد المطوي يتحول الى مكرهه صحية بسبب مجاري مستوطنة "أريئيل"
4. القدس 6/6/2017. انخفاض منسوب المياه الأكبر في طبريا منذ 1920
5. القدس 11/6/2017. الصوالحي: الاحتلال كسر خطأ رئيسيا للمياه ولم يصلحه ما تسبب بأزمة خانقة في رام الله والبييرة
6. الأيام، القدس 12/6/2017. "حماية المستهلك" تبحث مع مصلحة القدس "أزمة المياه في رام الله"
7. الأيام 13/6/2017. حقوقيون يحذرون من إقدام الاحتلال على تجفيف منابع المياه في الأغوار
8. القدس 16/6/2017. مستوطنة "أبو غنيم" حولت حياة المواطنين في بيت لحم الى "مكرهه صحية"
9. القدس 11/7/2017. العطش يلاحق الفلسطينيين في فصل الصيف والمستوطنون ينعمون بالمياه المسلوية
10. القدس 12/7/2017. اسرائيل تستولي على مياه الفلسطينيين وتحولها للمستوطنات
11. الأيام 9/8/2017. أزمة مياه خانقة في بلعا وحلول مقترحة بحاجة الى تنفيذ

