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Context and CARE’s Impact in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

THE CONTEXT IN NUMBERS

4,780,978 Palestinians live in West Bank (60.2%) and Gaza (39.8%)

Out of the total population nearly 44% are refugee families.

18% are between 18 and 29 years old.

5.1 Average household size

328,900 are unemployed from which 40% are women. In Gaza unemployment amongst those aged between 15-29 is 61%.

Women have long been underrepresented in the Palestinian labor market with participation rates of 19%.

47% of the total population is under 18 years old.

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CARE WORKS IN ALL GOVERNORATES

CARE’s Impact Goal
By 2030, women and young Palestinians from communities made most vulnerable by the conflict and the restrictions of the occupation will realize their rights, reach their full life potential and contribute to a vibrant, equitable and accountable Palestinian society.

What are the main obstacles to a life with dignity and security, economic opportunities and social justice?

The unresolved conflict and restrictions of the occupation are the main causes of poverty, vulnerability and injustice.

Weak internal governance, in terms of capacity, accountability, equitable service provision and citizen engagement.

Limitations and restrictions on economic growth and unequal access to economic opportunities.

Gender inequity embedded in both formal and cultural practices.

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What is CARE doing?

Since 2013, CARE’s impact reached more than 1,000,000 women, men and children. In 2017 alone CARE and its partners reached more than 400,000 in West Bank and Gaza. How?

- **Humanitarian Relief & Recovery**: by responding to the ongoing humanitarian crisis through immediate relief in health with mobile health services, provision of medical supplies and by strengthening the resilience of livelihoods.

- **Development, Equity and Resilience**: by positioning economic empowerment in the center of its programming, with particular support for women and youth to strengthen their capacity, business and marketing opportunities and to influence enabling environment actors.

- **Advocacy and Influence**: by supporting program participants to influence decision makers, local communities, ministries and others, to integrate gender-equitable policies, practices; and by joining with others to encourage the conditions of a longer term resolution for the protracted conflict, and to promote human rights, international humanitarian law and issues that restrict social and economic opportunities for the most vulnerable.

59% of the total reach are women and girls

Partnership with 7 leading local NGOs, market actors and other stakeholders

More than 1,000 men have been engaged in women’s empowerment within their communities, challenging societal perceptions about women’s role and economic rights.

CARE and partners work with over 150 community-based organizations and support 70 of those to develop social enterprises responding to their community needs.

The business opportunities resulting from the social enterprises improved the access of more than 500,000 program participants to food and other inputs and services.

30km agricultural roads were rehabilitated, allowing 8,000 farmers and market actors to reach their farms easier and have better access to markets & services.

151,000 crisis-affected people were provided with life-saving humanitarian assistance in health services in Gaza and 34,000 in West Bank in 2017.

40,000 families (HHs) have increased their income by 25%, and have improved their socio-economic status.

10,000 women have received maternal, sexual and reproductive health services. More than 28,000 men and women have participated in women’s health awareness sessions.

“I know CARE since 2006. It was the first organization who brought us in contact with the Ministry of Agriculture and organized workshops for us. But the most important for me is that CARE supported all the women to be stronger. From 2006 until 2010, we worked with CARE intensively to push for equality between women and men. We had meetings with the men of the community and we held discussions on women’s rights. The right to work.”

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