

FACTSHEET

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%)**



CARE WORKS IN ALL GOVERNORATES



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

18% are between 18 and 29 years old.

5.1 Average household size

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

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

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

Gaza neighborhoods get **only 2-4 hours of electricity per day** and **only 3%** of the **water is drinkable**.

39% of the population in **Gaza** and **16%** of the population in the **West bank** live in **poverty**.

Over **60%** of the **West Bank** is designated **Area C**, where the Israeli military retains control over security, planning, zoning and civil affairs.

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.

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.



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



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



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.



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.



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.



Fa'eda collects eggplants in her greenhouse in a small village in the north of West Bank.

CARE works with Fa'eda to help her connect with the private sector so she can sell her products at a better price to improve her income.

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"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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