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MAP OF PALESTINIAN PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

This supplement provides a directory of organisations involved in the development of the Palestinian private sector. Its aim is to serve as a comprehensive map of their projects and objectives,

so that new efforts to develop the Palestinian private sector can build on existing ones and avoid duplicating them. This information also appears on our website, www.portlandtrust.org,

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Sector	Name of Organisation	Management Contact	Years in Operation	Number of Employees	Number of Branches	Objective	Donor Partners + Coordinators
1. Associations, Federations, Unions,	Palestinian Federation of Chambers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (PFCCIA)	Chairman of Board: Ahmad Azzghayar Dir. Gen.: Jamal Jawabreh Tel: 02-234-5236	Established 1989 (18 years), certain chambers have been in operation for 20-30 yrs.	7 employees at the Federation only.	The Federation's Chamber Network has 14 main chambers, 13 in West Bank and 1 in Gaza with 4 branches in Khan Younes, Rafah, Jabalia, and Deir Balah. * *An old law dictates that Gaza have a single Chamber with several sub-branches.	The Federation's main task is to help chambers to meet the requirements of the global business environment. It aims to ensure that the private sector operates freely and has a voice in policy formulation at the national level. The Federation also strives to create strong regional and international links to global markets and works with SMEs to improve their performance, focusing on market access, quality, costing and financial management.	UNDP, EU, Welfare Association, ANERA, USAID, German Representative Office, ILO, other international chambers and federations (e.g., the ICC and Islamic Federation)
	Palestinian Federation of Industries (PFI)	Chairman of Board: Basem Khouri General Manager: Amal Shkair Tel: 02-240-7334	Established 1999 (8 years)	7 Headquarters, 4 Gaza branches	Headquarters in Ramallah Branch in Gaza Members of PFI: 11 Industrial Associations (7 WB & 4 Gaza Strip)	PFI facilitates industrial development as the basis for economic performance. PFI's representational role is to educate, advocate, and communicate the value of a developed, socially responsible and globally competitive industry.	Donor contributions, UNDP, USAID, WorldBank, German funds for Palestinian NGOs, UNIDO, EU, Italian Government, UNEP, Development Bank-AI Aqsa Fund, Konrad Adnauer Foundation
	Palestinian Contractors Union (PCU)	Chairman of Board: Osama Kehail Dir. Gen. WB: Anan Al-Madani Dir. Gen. Gaza: Mohamad Hussein Tel: 02-2403796 Chairmanship alternates every 2 yrs. between WB & GS; currently in Gaza; when moved to WB, chairman will be Sameeh Tubeileh	Established 1994 (13 years)	15	Headquarters in Ramallah and Gaza, 4 branches in West Bank and 2 branches in Gaza	Organise the practice of the construction contracting profession; represent the construction sector before and in directorships of Arab, regional and international bodies and institutions; develop the national construction sector; cooperate with competent authorities in matters pertaining to construction contracting projects; encourage the investment of capital in the installation of industries subsidiary to the construction contracting projects and support the services necessary for the growth and progress of such projects; liaise with competent authorities to improve the methods and tools of project planning and invitation for bids; draw up and sign contracts and specify the terms and conditions of the implementation of the construction works stated in such contracts.	Projects ended: DAI MAP, UNDP/PAPP

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1. Associations, Federations, Unions,	Association of Banks in Palestine (ABP)	Chairman of Board: Mazen Abu Hamdan Dir. Gen.: Nabil Abu - Diab Tel: 02-296-4861, Fax: 02-296-4865	Established 1998 Officially started operation in 2000 (7 years)	7	Headquarters in Ramallah	The Palestinian Banking Association (ABP) is the representative body of the banking sector in the Palestinian Territories. It coordinates and cooperates with its members to improve their performance and services; seeks to examine and research issues of common interest to its members; and publishes a quarterly magazine that covers a range of banking-related topics. ABP also seeks to promote greater cooperation among its members and private sector organisations as well as related public sector institutions. It lobbies the regulatory body for the implementation of rules and regulations that would facilitate the work of the banking industry.	Partnership with DAI. UNDP/PAPP - TOKTEN Program
	Palestine Insurance Federation (PIF)	Chairman of Board: Mohamad Sab'awi Dir. Gen.: Naser Abu Zeina Tel: 02-297-0089	Established 2002 (5 Years)	3	Headquarters in Ramallah	Coordinating body that acts in the common interests of all members when dealing with compensations, risk assessments and price regulations based on international evaluation. Additionally, the federation works on coordination between the various insurance representatives in the West Bank and assists in corporate dispute resolutions. Conducts technical seminars and workshops, conducts research, and prepares statistics and publishes newsletters about the insurance sector and the many services provided to member organisations.	Local partners
	Palestinian Microfinance Network for Small and Microfinance (PALMFI)	Chairman of Board: Reem Abboushi Coordinator: Afnan Mahmoud Tel: 02-2407873	Established 2002 (5 years), however it was officially registered in 2004.	1	Headquarters in Ramallah only	Created to foster linkages among NGOs engaged in microfinance and SME lending. The network supports industry in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. PALMFI encompasses capacity-building and microfinance providers that aim at the development of industry. Its activities include representation, support, organisation, and harmonisation with Palestinian microfinance service providers.	Planet Finance, The Portland Trust, Sanabel Network, Oxfam, Novib, Grameen Foundation
	Palestinian Shippers' Council (PSC)	Chairman of Board: Maha Abu Shusheh Dir. Gen.: Majdi Khalil Tel : 02 2976286	Established Dec. 2005 (1 year)	7	Headquarters in Ramallah & Gaza	The Palestinian Shippers' Council was established to address the urgent needs of Palestinian importers and exporters arising from the protracted conflict, and to support the PA's reform and long-term trade development efforts. PSC is committed to strengthening Palestinian shippers' capacities through collective negotiations, cooperative agreements, advisory services, training workshops, study tours, tailor-made services, and providing up-to-date information	ECTAO (funding agency 2006-2007); UNCTAD (implementing agency for technical support 2006-2007); UNDP (logistics support 2007-2006); PalTrade (host during inception phase 2006)

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1. Associations, Federations, Unions,	Palestinian Information Technology Association (PITA)	Chairman of Board: Jameel Daher Executive Director: Safa Abdel Rahman Tel: 970 2 2408478	Established 1999 (8 years)	8	Headquarters in Ramallah Branch in Gaza	Promoting and defending the Palestinian private ICT sector through advocating business-enabling policies, mechanisms and environment through public-private partnership; promoting the Palestinian ICT sector locally and internationally through facilitating access to markets for the benefit of PITA members; engaging the technical and non-technical ICT human resources and related institutions in order to expand the pool of qualified ICT sector personnel and uphold its professional standards.	Partners: PICTI, Ministry of Economics, Ministry of Telecommunication Donors: UNDP/PAPP, DAI, USAID, ANERA (project ended)
	Palestinian Businessmen Association (PBA)	Chairman of Board: Mohammed Masruji Director: Majed Ma'ali Tel:02-297-4636/7	Established 1995 (12 years)	5	1 branch in Ramallah + CPSD as an affiliate of PBA in Nablus.	PBA's mission is to defend the interests of its members and the private sector at large, and to improve the business climate in the West Bank and Gaza. There are efforts to join the three major Businessmen Associations in a federation, as they share the same goals and objectives.	Local communities and authorities
	Palestinian Businessmen Forum-Hebron	Chairman of Board: & Managing Director Khader Kawasmeh Tel: 02-222-6786/7	Established 1995 (12 years)	4	Headquarters in Hebron only	PBF's mission is to defend the interests of its members and the private sector at large, and to improve the business climate in the West Bank and Gaza.	Local communities and authorities
	Palestinian Businessmen Association-Gaza	Chairman of Board 'Ahed Bseisso Director: Mohammed Mushtaha Tel: 08-282-7229	Established 2000 (7 years)	4	Headquarters in Gaza City only	PBA's mission is to defend the interests of its members and the private sector at large, and to improve the business climate in the West Bank and Gaza.	Local communities and authorities
	Administrative Services for the Tourism Association in Palestine (ASTAP)	Chairman of the Board: Raed Sa'adeh Coordinator: Yousef Daher Tel 02-628-3140	Established 1962, but did not operate until 2001 (6 years)	2 part-time	Headquarters in Jerusalem Branch in Bethlehem	Provide representation and technical assistance towards sound management and performance; provide members with marketing services and information on targeted and competitive markets; lead and participate in policy management issues related to the tourism sector in general and the hotel industry in particular, in addition to opening opportunities for co-financing; representing the following associations: Arab Touist & Travel Agents Association (ATTA), Arab Hotel Association (AHA), Arab Tour Guides Union (ATGU), Arab Tourist Trasport Union (ATTU), Arab Tourist Restaurants Association (ATRA), Arab Handicrafts and Merchants Association (AHMA), and Panel of Airline Representatives (PAR).	GTZ (2001-2003); DAI (2003-2004); PalTrade (project-based financing).

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2. Economic Research & Regulatory Environment	Palestinian Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS)	Chairman of Board: Ismael Al-Zabri Dir. Gen.: Samir Abdallah Tel: 02-298-7053/4	13 years	18 (full time) 6 (fellows)	Ramallah headquarters only	Promoting knowledge-based policy formulation by conducting economic and social policy research in accordance with the expressed priorities and needs of decision-makers; evaluating economic and social policies and their impact at different levels for correction and review of existing policies; providing a forum for free, open and democratic public debate among all stakeholders on the socio-economic policy-making process; disseminating up-to-date social and economic information and research results; providing technical support and expert advice to PNA bodies, the private sector and NGOs to enhance their engagement and participation in policy formulation; strengthening economic and social policy research capabilities and resources in Palestine.	Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD); OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID); International Development Research Center (IDRC); Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES); Cordaid; The Portland Trust; Welfare Association; Asamblea de Cooperacion por la paz (PAZ); German Technical Cooperation (GTZ); Association FEMISE (Euro-Mediterranean Network Gathering); International Labor Organization (ILO); The Palestinian Monetary Authority; United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); United Nations Development Program (UNDP); World Food Program (WFP); The World Bank
	Al-Mustaqbal Foundation	Chairman of Board: Suhail Geodon Act. Director: Vacant Tel: 02-297-1564	Established 2002 (5 years)	2 permanent 12 project based	Ramallah headquarters only	The Al-Mustaqbal Foundation for Strategic and Policy Studies ("AMF") serves as an independent, not-for-profit institution that actively addresses pressing economic, legal and regulatory issues facing Palestinian society on the road to statehood. AMF helps to lay the basis for the business community's role as a collaborator in shaping the future relationship between the Palestinian private and public sectors. AMF's activities work to build trust and understanding to strengthen this joint and strategic partnership, the effective result of which leads to a deepening of the principles of a free market. As a think-tank, AMF is engaged in setting strategic policy directions through research, analysis, and advocacy activities, focus on economic, legal and regulatory policy change. AMF's policy-driven programme helps inform the public debate on these issues, also encouraged through other programs that promote the free and civil exchange of ideas and the exercise of the right to self-expression. Al-Mustaqbal views these as elements of Palestinian civil society's contribution to concrete and positive state-building.	Search for Common Ground; United Institutes for Peace; International Alert; Tamkeen Project (USAID); PAPA Project (USAID); MEPI; CIPE
	Centre for Private Sector Development (CPSD)	Chairman of Board: Mohammad Masrouji Dir. Gen.: Hisham Awaratani Tel: 09-267-4148	12 years	5	Nablus headquarters only	CPSD is an advocacy institution which engages in the following functions: creating a more enabling investment climate in Palestine, promoting good governance in public and private sector institutions, improving the performance of economics-related agencies, advocating genuine reforms in the regulatory and legal frameworks, especially in relation to the business sector, establishing more proactive relations between international organisations and local business institutions, addressing Israeli constraints and obstacles bearing on the private sector.	CPSD is an autonomous subsidiary of the Palestinian Businessmen Association. It receives funding mainly from the following sources: Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE), Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF), Tamkeen, Ford Foundation

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3. Access to finance	Palestinian Banking Corporation (PBC) PBC's roots go back to the Palestinian Development Fund (PDF) established in 1996 after the merger of three EU-funded credit agencies, established in the late 80's: Arab Development Credit Corporation (ADCC), Economic Development Group (EDG) and the Technical Development Cooperation (TDC).	Chairman of Board: Tawfiq Aghazaleh General Manager: Dr. Amin Hadad Tel: 02 296 9800	Established in 1996 (11 years)	41	PBC and PDF : Ramallah headquarter 3 Branches: Gaza, Hebron, and Nablus PBC Finance and PDF operate in Jerusalem area.	To promote the sound and sustainable growth of Palestinian private sector companies and to build production capacity within the Palestinian economy. PBC enables its customers to seize investment opportunities that add value to their clients and create wealth for shareholders by extending the appropriate mix of credit facilities, equity capital and complementary advisory services, in addition to providing financial services and credit extensions. PBC doesn't compete with commercial banks. It cooperates with them where there is a mutual interest. All profits realised by PBC are re-channeled into new lending and investment operations, as well as poverty alleviation.	EU,EDG, TDC, Arab Development and Credit Group (ADCG), UNDP, World Bank, UNCTAD, Welfare Association, Islamic Development Bank, FMI (ended 2006)
	Palestine for Credit & Development (FATEN)	Chairman of Board Nasr Abdel Karem Managing Dir. Anwar Jayyousi Tel: 02-296-1470	Established 1998; operations 1999 (8 years)	63	11 branches, 6 in the West Bank & 5 in Gaza	Provide financial services to poor Palestinians and microentrepreneurs. Help Palestinians to create/build enterprises to generate income and create employment opportunities to lift them out of poverty and improve their standard of living.	Rockdale Foundation, Ireland Aid, DFID,USAID, Save the Children Foundation
	Microfinance and Microenterprise Programme (MMP) / UNRWA	Com. General: Karen Zayed Director of MMP: Alex Pollock Tel: 02-589-0400	Established 1991 (16 years)	158	9 in West Bank & Gaza	MMD focuses on implementing outreach, product development, and capacity building through a range of business, consumer, and housing loans products that will improve the enterprise, household, and housing conditions of Palestinian refugees	Revenue generated from the programme's credit operations, and subsidies from major donors
	Micro Lending Initiative / PARC	Chairman of Board: Isamel D'eik Dir. Gen.: Khalil Sheeha Tel: 02-296-3840	Established 2000 (7 Years)	17	12 branches in the West Bank	Provide financial services to poor Palestinians and microentrepreneurs. Help Palestinians to create/build enterprises to generate income and create employment opportunities to lift them out of poverty and improve their standard of living. Cooperative model.	Savings and credit cooperative
	Extension Services Unit Programme (ESU) Young Men Christian Association – YMCA	General Secretary: Judeh Majaj Executive Director: Rifat Odeh Kassis Tel: 02-628-6888	Established 1992 (15 years)	24	7 Branches in West Bank and Gaza Strip	To increase employment opportunities for Palestinian youth in the vocational & industrial sectors; to promote the adoption of modern, appropriate technology in the vocational and industrial sectors; to strengthen existing micro-and small businesses; and to promote the establishment of new businesses in the vocational and industrial sectors; to enhance the physical infrastructure of youth centers and clubs; to enhance and develop the leadership capacities of youth leaders in leading their youth communities and in conducting various youth activities.	Major donors: USAID, Dutch Government Partners: YMCA Chicago

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3. Access to finance	Access to Credit Programme (ACP) /Cooperative Housing Foundation (CHF)	Chairman of Board: Mac McReary Country Director: Lana Abu-Hijleh Tel : 02-296-5590/1	Established 1994 (13 years)	27	8 branches in West Bank and Gaza Strip	Engaged in microfinance. Provide financial services to poor Palestinians and microentrepreneurs. Help Palestinians to create/build enterprises to generate income and create employment opportunities to lift them out of poverty and improve their standard of living.	International NGO. Donors: USAID Arab Bank, Cairo Amman Bank (operating contributors)
	Gaza Women Loan Fund (GWLF)/ American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA)	Chairman of Board: William Corcoran Deputy MENA Rep. Jamal Al Aref Tel: 08-2820329	Established 1995 (12 years)	9	Headquarters in Gaza only	Provide financial services to poor Palestinians and microentrepreneurs. Help Palestinians to create/build enterprises to generate income and create employment opportunities to lift them out of poverty and improve their standard of living. Only operates in Gaza. Planned to start operating in WB but this is on hold. Only for women meeting certain criteria.	Major donor is USAID. Some joint implementation with UNDP/PAPP and Welfare Association. GWLF is a project initiated by ANERA acting with local partners such as Culture and Free Thought Association
	Arab Center for Agricultural Development (ACAD)	Chairman of Board: Samir Abdullah Gen. Man.: Samir Barghouthi Tel : 02-2409650 /1	Established 1993 (14 years) However, only in 2003 did they expand lending beyond agriculture sector	28	Headquarters in Ramallah 8 branches in West Bank & Gaza Strip	Promotion of self-sustaining employment and income generating projects in the agricultural sector and rural areas. Expanding geographical access to financial resources. Graduating poor and small rural producers into capital lending markets by shifting the balance of power towards those needing credit. Mobilizing rural savings. Developing & empowering marginalised rural communities.	Major donor is EU Project-based donors: GEF, IDB, Welfare Association, IFAD, UNDP, TAMKEEN, USDA, RAFEED, Norwegian People's Aid, ACDI/VOCA
	Palestinian Businesswomen's Association (ASALA)	Chairman of Board: Nisreen Hambali Dir. Gen.: Reem Aboushi Tel: 02-240-0532	Established 1997, originally as CRS Registered as ASALA in 2001 (10 years)	23	Headquarters in Ramallah 8 branches in West Bank & Gaza Strip	To empower Palestinian women entrepreneurs by providing them with loans to start or expand their businesses. ASALA has 3 loan programmes: Micro Lending Program, Small Lending Program, Islamic Lending Program.	Oxfam –Quebec, Canada 2001; Dutch Government 2001; Catholic Relief Services (CRS) 2001, 2003 Welfare Association 2001; Australian Government 2002, 2003; Codespa Spanish Foundation; Orlando Association 2004;Navarra Government & La Caixa / Spain 2003-2004; Islamic Development Bank –Jeddah 2005; AG Fund 2005; AUSTCARE & AUSTAID 2006; CORDAID 2005; CODESPA & Spanish Cooperation 2006
	Palestinian Housing Council (PHC)	Chairman of Board: Nashaat Tahboub Deputy Gen. Man.: Omar Hanoun Tel: 02-6271666 Dir. General Position is Vacant	Established: 1992 (15 years)	53	Headquarters in Al Ram Branches in Jerusalem, Hebron, Nablus, Gaza City	PHC administers a number of activities intended to meet the Palestinian housing needs that have emerged over the last three decades. The challenge for PHC is to understand and deal practically with the reality of the Palestinian situation and limit its negative impact on Palestinian families, assisting in the issue of the Palestinian housing problem by generating studies, strategies and action plans; implementing housing projects; participation in rehabilitation and renovation schemes; assisting in urban and rural housing development; participation in the establishment of a housing bank; encouraging private investment in the housing sector; access to international and regional loans and grants for the Palestinian housing sector; assisting housing cooperatives; constructing housing units for people with limited income; encouraging of individual construction through long-term loans.	EU, Saudi Fund (IDB), Japanese Government, USAID, MBC Welfare Association, Wakalet Bait Mal Al Quds (Morocco), Saudi-sponsored Aqsa Fund
	Palestine Mortgage and Housing Corporation (PMHC)	Chairman of Board: Marwan Abdel Hamid Dir. Gen.: Johny Zeidan Tel: 02-240-2620	Established 1999 (8 years)	12	Headquarters in Ramallah Branch in Gaza	Support greater access to home ownership through the provision of affordable long-term financing, address mortgage market deficiencies and facilitate the development of a mortgage market in the WB&G	Donors: World Bank, CIDA shareholders

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4. HR Development & Business Development Services (export-industry-services development)	Palestine Trade Center / PalTrade	Chairman of Board: Nafez Al Hirbawi CEO: Maher Hamdan Tel: 02-2408383	Established 1998 (9 years)	30	Headquarters in Ramallah branch in Gaza & office in Amman	PalTrade's operation and services are guided by sector-based strategies for trade development supported by assessment of cross-sectoral opportunities and impediments. PalTrade's mission is to develop trade through advocating a competitive, business-enabling environment; improving trade competitiveness through trade promotion and capacity building; fostering international business practices and standards among professionals, firms and business organizations; and providing trade-enabling knowledge	USAID (cooperative agreement-ended), DAI, IFC, World Bank, IDB, Norway
	Palestinian Information & Communications Technology Incubator (PICTI)	Chairman of Board: Jameel Daher Gen. Dir.: Layth Qassis Tel: 02-240-9290	Established 2003 (4 years)	5	Headquarters in Ramallah	Organise an ICT incubator, help non-ICT industry sectors to integrate ICT into their business operations, create promotion and marketing strategies focused on regional and international markets, introduce PICTI's ICT-oriented business creation/development goals and objectives, create and nurture relationships with bi/multilateral development organizations, work with regional/international investors and financial institutions to create a loan fund for new ICT enterprises, and facilitate establishment of a market-driven industry-university linkage initiative focusing on developing a world-class ICT curriculum.	Palestine Information Technology Association (PITA), Palestine Trade Promotion Organization (PalTrade), PalTel, World Bank, USAID (ended project)
	Young Entrepreneurs Palestine (YEP)	Chairman of Board: Yaser Abbas Director: Shireen Othman Tel: 02-297-4515	Established 2003 (4 years)	12	Headquarters in Ramallah	Encourage entrepreneurship in all fields; promote social, economic and political reform; establish a constructive dialogue amongst members; cooperate with all professional bodies to formulate a mutual and integral vision of the future; support initiatives aiming at raising the standing of Palestine on the international level; interact positively with entrepreneurs' associations in other countries; establish a strong base of Palestinian entrepreneurs that will have a strong positive impact on employment and the economy.	EC, DTSZ, Legacoop (Italian NGO), NISPD (Israeli peace and development NGO), Friedrich Nauman Foundation, Japanese Embassy, UNDP
	Small Enterprise Center-Palestine (SEC)	Steering Committee Dir.: Ahmad Abu Baker Tel : 02-240-0140	Established 2002 (5 years) Not yet registered	8	Ramallah Headquarters and branch in Gaza	The SEC facilitates delivery of services to SMEs in support of their growth, their increase in employment and income and the expansion of their business potentials. SEC also targets start-up enterprises, that is, potential SMEs by exploring their direction and sharpening their knowledge and skills through facilitation, referral and other types of services; and by developing sustainable financial and non financial resources.	Main donor: GTZ Local partners: NOE, PFCCIA
	Ma'an Development Center	Chairman of Board: Odeh Shehadeh Dir. Gen.: Sami Khader Tel: 02-297-4515	Established 1989 (18 years)	33	Headquarters in Ramallah, 3 other branches in Gaza, Jenin & Salfeet.	Development of Palestinian human resources; creation of sustainable agricultural models and techniques; enhancement of Palestinian women's skills, knowledge and opportunities; increasing Palestinian awareness of agricultural and environmental issues; empowerment of marginalised sectors within Palestinian society; contributing to applied research in the fields, enhancement of Palestinian self-reliance; strengthening of cooperation and coordination with other Palestinian and international organisations in related field; increasing the self-reliance, efficiency, professionalism and effectiveness of Palestinian NGOs and grassroots organisation.	Australian People for Health, Education and Development Abroad (APHEDA), ACDI/VOCA , America's Development Fund (ADF), Associates in Rural Development, Inc. (ARD), Australian Embassy, Australian Government (AUSAID), British Consulate, British Council, Business Development Center (BDC) / Bethlehem University, CARE International, Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI), South African Representative Office, Tamkeen, UNICEF, UNDP, UNRWA, UPA, Welfare Association, World Vision
	Bisan Center for Research and Development	Chairman of Board: Dr. Ileen Kuttub Dir. Gen.: Dr. Na'em Abu Teir Tel: 02-240-7839	Established 2004 Activities started 1989 (18 years)	26	Headquarters in Ramallah 2 other branches in Nablus & Bethlehem	To promote greater knowledge about the development context and local community needs. To expand the capacity of local organisations in the Third Sector. To upgrade the skills, knowledge, and attitudes of human resources in different sectors. To empower rural communities through self-organisation and to mobilise urban-based development organizations and professionals by bringing their diverse skills and talents to rural communities in need of their support.	AUSAID, Belgian Government, CIDA, EU, FCD, Ford Foundation, FIT, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, GTZ, Henrich Boell Stiftung, IDCR, ISPCAN, Ma'an Development Center, Mertz Gilmore Foundation, O-Quebec, Tamkeen, Terre Des Hommes, World Bank, UNIFEM, UNDP/PAPP, Welfare Association

Agriculture Services - (Under Development)

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	Palestinian Agriculture Relief Committees (PARC)	Chairman of Board: Isamel D'eik Gen. Dir.: Khalil Sheeha Tel: 02-296-3840	Established in 1983 (24 Years)	103	10 branches in West Bank & 4 in Gaza	PARC is a leading Palestinian NGO working in the field of rural development, environmental protection, and women's empowerment. They offer technical assistance and support, along with extension services to individuals and organizations working in similar fields. In carrying out their projects and activities, they rely on the active and broad grassroots participation of our beneficiaries, and, in the process, develop their own capabilities and improve employee skills.	DANIDA, Denmark Wallone District, Belgium Welfare Association, EU, Oxfam – Belgium, IFAD Palestine 33, USDA, et al.
	Union of Agricultural Work Committees (UAWC)	Chairman of Board: Bashir Al Khairi Dir. Gen.: Khaled Hidmi Tel: 02-298-0316	Established 1986 (21 Years)	72	Headquarters in Ramallah 4 branches in the West Bank & 5 branches in Gaza	UAWC's mission is to improve the living conditions of Palestinian agricultural society within a comprehensive framework of sustainable rural development in a manner that enhances self-reliance and activates the role of local agricultural committees and the concept of voluntary and team work. UAWC works within a frame work of strategic objectives to achieve its mission, which consists of improving agricultural returns in agricultural communities; protecting farmers' rights concerning their lands, and water supplies against policies that marginalise them, and against natural disasters; responding to emergencies, especially concerning reduction of unemployment and poverty and elevating the level of food security; enabling rural women; and improving the Union's efficiency in achieving its vision.	Palestinian Minsitry of Agriculture, UNDP/PAPP, Oxfam, Welfare Association, United Palestinian Appeal, Spanish International Institute, GVC, World Vision, YMCA, Australian Government, UCODEP, Spanish Cooperation, CRIC, ECHO, CISP, Japanese Government, AUSAID, AK-Fund, Movimondo, fair trade organizations, GEF
	Applied research Institute Jerusalem (ARIJ)	Chairman of Board: Eng. Daoud Istanbuli Dir. Gen.: Dr. Jad Isaac Tel: 02-277-0535	Established 1990 (17 Years)	65	Headquarters in Bethlehem, branch in Bethlehem & Jenin (coordinator stationed at CARE office in Jenin)	The Institute works to augment the local stock of scientific and technical knowledge and to introduce and devise more efficient methods of resource utilisation and conservation, improved practices, and appropriate technology. ARIJ plays an active role in the local community as an advocate for greater co-operation among local institutions, international and non-governmental organisations. In its capacity as a national research institute, it frequently provides current data and research necessary to the formulation of position papers and policy strategies on such issues as land and water resources. Moreover, through its work with donor institutions and regional and international experts, ARIJ promotes an environment conducive to the introduction of new initiatives and ideas and thus serves as a facilitator in the co-ordination of multilateral activities.	Palestinian Minsitry of Agriculture, UNDP/PAPP, Oxfam, Welfare Association, United Palestinian Appeal, Spanish International Institute, GVC, World Vision, YMCA, Australian Government, UCODEP, Spanish Cooperation, CRIC, ECHO, CISP, Japanese Government, AUSAID
	Land Research Center (LRC), part of the Arab Studies Society	Chairman of Board: Isaac Budairi Dir. Gen. Jamal Talab Tel: 02-221-7239 Note: LRC is associated with the Arab Studies Society and their chairman is also the chairman of the Arab Studies Society	Established 1986 as branch of Arab Studies Society (21 Years)	13 for LRC	Headquarters in Jerusalem (closed), Mgmt. in Halhul, Hebron, Branches in Abu Dis & Nablus	To protect Palestinian land. To safeguard Palestinian agriculture from violations. To preserve basic Palestinian rights to housing and land ownership. To develop Palestinian agriculture and expertise. To conduct research and studies, as well as producing publications on land issues and on agriculture and training. To link Arab Jerusalem and the remaining parts of the Palestinian Territories, taking into consideration that Jerusalem is an integral part of the West Bank. To work for the restoration of collective popular action with the aim of preserving land and agriculture, with an emphasis on the prominent role of women in these areas.	UNDP/PAPP, World Bank, ACDI/VOCA, EU, Arab Studies Society core funds
	Palestinian Farmers' Union	Chairman of Board: Ibrahim Diek Dir. Gen.: Issa Al-Shatleh Tel: 02-297-1354	Established 1993 (14 Years)	19	Headquarters in Ramallah, 7 other branches in West Bank and 1 in Gaza	Encouraging the organisation of Palestinian Farmers in committees and specialised agricultural gatherings, strengthening their influence on Palestinian agricultural development. Representing farmers, defending their interests and legitimate vocational rights. Strengthening the capabilities of Palestinian farmers and reinforcing them in vocational, administrative and general skills, as well as deepening and developing the culture of commitment to the land.	Swiss Government, IDC, SD, Government of France, UNDP/PAPP, MPA, IFAD/ILC
	Palestinian Hydrology Group for Water & Environment Resources Development (PHG)	Chairman of Board: George Odeh Dir. Gen.: Adbdel Rahman Tamimi Tel: 02-532-4355 Note: Newly elected Chairman, Jan 07	Established 1987 (20 Years) Started as office at PARC	22 full time 44 part-time	Headquarters in Jerusalem, 3 other branches in Ramallah, Gaza, Nablus, Office in Hebron	To promote the adoption of good local water governance in the water sector in Palestine. To promote a rights-based approach and ensure equal and just allocation of water as well as the provision of sanitation services to Palestinian communities. To promote gender mainstreaming within the water sector. To ensure the sustainable management of water and environmental resources	UNDP/PAPP, Spanish Cooperation, IEPLA, ACP, VPC, UNICEF, CARE, NOVIB, EZE, ECCO