

A Palestinian community fit for all children

Palestinian children live and grow up in a very precarious environment. Their basic rights are violated on a daily basis by the policies and practices of the Israeli military and civil occupation of Palestinian territory, and instead of getting better with time; their situation is getting worse and worse.

On the other hand, the lack of rule of law and security chaos on the Palestinian level through a general lack of autonomy and effective authority of the Palestinian National Authority also creates hindrances for children to fully enjoy their rights; and harmful and restrictive attitudes and behaviours

towards children within some spheres of Palestinian society represents yet another challenge to child rights.

DCI-Palestine's mission is to change this reality. Our vision is a Palestinian community fit for all children – one in which children can live a life of respect, equality and dignity; free from all kinds of discrimination.

This is what we have been striving for over the past 15 years, guided and driven by our core values and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), and in particular the following four principles: children's participation, the right to non-discrimination, the

right to life, survival and development, and the best interests of the child as our paramount consideration.

This booklet provides an overview of how we have been putting these principles into action in 2006 and 2007, as well as offering a glimpse of how DCI-Palestine has evolved over the years and the major milestones achieved. Needless to say, the path we have covered so far has provided us with enough lessons, wisdom and inspiration to push onwards for another 15 years.

**Board of Directors
DCI-Palestine**

15 years of DCI-Palestine "A Success Story"



Looking back at the humble beginnings of DCI-Palestine and reflecting upon the journey we have made over 15 years to where we are now, we can truly say that DCI-Palestine has been a real success story.

In the midst of the first Intifada, one of the tactics used by Israel to try to quell Palestinian non-violent resistance to the Occupation was to carry out mass arbitrary arrest campaigns of Palestinians – including children. Lawyers were overwhelmed with cases and children were in dire need of child-rights focused legal

defence. Burning with the urgency to do something to respond, a few concerned citizens that were already active in civil society, created Defence for Children International-Palestine Section in 1992.

DCI-Palestine was exceptional in the sense that it was created as a local initiative and managed to operate with no funding for about a year. It owes its initial success to the time, efforts and energy of many dedicated volunteers, as well as some of our early donors, such as ICCO, who showed great trust in us without



knowing whether we would succeed or not. In 1993, it established an office in Bethlehem with one staff member; and in the early days, legal defence was our sole focus, implemented as a joint programme with DCI-Israel.

Although we faced many challenges along the way, DCI-Palestine has managed to steadily grow and expand – not only in terms of programmes, staff and budget, but also in terms of knowledge, skills and experience – leading us to become the number one Palestinian reference on the rights of Palestinian children.

In addition, in 2005 DCI-Palestine was elected to lead the international DCI movement through the presidency of the International Executive Council.

Sadly, the need for our existence is as urgent as ever, as the situation of Palestinian children and their rights have been deteriorating over the years, instead of getting better. Despite our efforts, the problem remains one of political will. However, DCI-Palestine will persevere, constantly trying to revise its strategy to better deal with the ever-changing context, in order to

protect Palestinian children as much as possible from the negative impact of violations of their basic human rights.

Rifat Odeh Kassis

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DCI-Palestine Over The Years

DCI-Palestine was born in a critical period in 1992 – in the middle of the first Intifada- to provide legal defence for Palestinian children who were being arrested en-masse by the Israeli army and brought before Israeli military courts or held without charge in administrative detention.

With time DCI-Palestine expanded its scope of intervention and gradually added advocacy, social support and monitoring and documentation of child rights violations to its programmes. It opened an office in Hebron and between both Hebron and Bethlehem, it started to build up relations within the local communities, providing

psycho-social support to children and promoting child rights through festivals, open days and training for both children and adults. Later an office in Beit Hanina, Jerusalem was established, allowing us to reach more communities and more children.

Despite starting from scratch, DCI-Palestine began slowly but surely to grow, and gain both local and international recognition as an important child rights player in Palestine. Along the way, however, DCI-Palestine has faced countless challenges, as well as opportunities.

With the establishment of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) in 1996, DCI-Palestine adapted its programmes to also address the PNA as a key stakeholder of Palestinian children's rights – in addition to the Israeli occupation authorities- focusing on legal representation of children in conflict with Palestinian law and lobbying to improve the Palestinian

legislative framework with regard to children.

The outbreak of the second Intifada in 2000 however was a turning point for DCI-Palestine. The intensity of violations of Palestinian children's rights by Israel increased exponentially - especially child fatalities, injuries and arrests – and DCI-Palestine was obliged to give the crisis first priority. Thus, it discontinued its intervention on the Palestinian level in terms of legal defence and monitoring child rights violations for the first years of the second Intifada; reinitiating implementation of these programmes in 2006, following an evaluation of the previous five years of its work and a strategic planning process for the coming years.

Despite the hiatus regarding legal defence and monitoring and documentation on the Palestinian level due to the second Intifada, DCI-Palestine remained active on the level

of lobbying the Palestinian legislative system. It played a major role in the drafting and passing of the Palestinian Child Bill, which was enacted as a law in 2005, being the last piece of legislation that Yasser Arafat signed before his death. DCI-Palestine continues to play a central role in shaping legislative processes regarding children. Currently DCI-Palestine is on the drafting committee of the Juvenile Justice Bill and has submitted recommendations for the Penal Code.

In 2001, DCI-Palestine launched *Freedom Now!* – an international advocacy campaign on the rights of Palestinian children being held as political prisoners in Israeli jails. The same year also marked the beginning of our annual reports on child rights violations, starting with *A Generation Denied*, which contains comprehensive statistics and case studies on the children injured and killed by Israel forces during the first year of the second Intifada.

In 2002, at the height of the Israeli re-invasion of the West Bank, DCI-Palestine, together with a coalition of NGOs, submitted a shadow report to the UN Committee

on the Rights of the Child in response to Israel's official country report on the status of the rights of children under its jurisdiction. In addition, a Palestinian delegation, including DCI-Palestine and children under our tutelage, presented facts about the situation of Palestinian children before the Committee in Geneva during its pre-session and official sitting.

Also in 2002, DCI-Palestine presented a statement at the UN General Assembly Special Session on Children (UNGASS),



in representation of the whole MENA region. The collective lobby achieved inclusion of a paragraph on the protection of children under foreign occupation in the outcome document "A World Fit for Children".

Between 2004 and 2005, DCI-Palestine opened two Child Rights Centres in Bethlehem and Hebron, with the generous support of the French Consulate and Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Centres offer a safe space for children to self-organise activities,

undertake child rights or life skills training, access the internet and read books from the centres' libraries.

In 2004, as part of the *Freedom Now!* campaign, Pluto Press in association with DCI-Palestine published a book entitled *Stolen Youth: The Politics of Israel's Detention of Palestinian Children*, and DCI-Palestine produced an accompanying documentary of the same name on DVD.

Also from 2004 onwards, DCI-Palestine has organised a children's conference annually, with a different theme each year. In 2005, the first ever Girl Child Conference was held by DCI-Palestine in Hebron, bringing 150 girls from all over the West Bank and East Jerusalem to discuss girl child rights issues and draw up a national call to action.

In 2005, DCI-Palestine organised and hosted a major international conference on juvenile justice, entitled *Kids Behind Bars- A child rights' perspective*, bringing together representatives from UN

agencies, international NGOs, DCI national sections and academics to discuss and exchange their experience and expertise on juvenile justice, with a special focus on Palestinian child prisoners.

During the same year, DCI-Palestine hosted the ninth International General Assembly of the whole international DCI movement, with the attendance of representatives from 22 countries around the world.

DCI-Palestine participated in the lobby for a UN Study on Violence against Children, as well as contributing to the Study itself, through facilitation of information and feedback to the independent expert Paolo Sergio Pinheiro during his country visit to Palestine in June-July 2005. DCI-Palestine continues to be involved in the follow-up to the Study.

Fifteen years on, DCI-Palestine represents the only Palestinian NGO that fully specialises in child rights and has

grown to become a leading player in the field, coordinating and networking with many other Palestinian child rights actors and stakeholders, including Palestinian governmental bodies, UN agencies, and international NGOs.

Legal defence is still a major pillar of DCI-Palestine's work, in addition to lobbying for a Palestinian legislative framework in line with international child rights standards and monitoring and documenting violations of Palestinian children's rights in order to feed into international advocacy on the issue. Furthermore, DCI-Palestine works to create a protective environment for children in Palestine and empowers children to be their own advocates and participate in matters that affect their lives.

George Abu Al Zulof



General Director,
DCI-Palestine

Child Participation



Empowering children to participate in matters that affect their lives

"I believe DCI Palestine is trying to give us children a voice and show us that we and our opinions matter and that we can participate in the decisions that affect us and the society we live in."

Nidal Al-Ayasa, 15 years old



In 2006 and 2007...

... we empowered children by raising their awareness of their rights, encouraging them to participate in enhancing community awareness of their rights and activating their role in advocating for their rights. Children acquired many skills that they use in their daily life, such as self-expression and communication skills which led to better communication among family members in general and a better understanding by parents of their children's point of view. Furthermore, DCI-Palestine's use of child-to-child

methodology has helped to increase children's respect for each other, and in particular children's attitudes to children with special needs.

...we trained 3,248 children in life skills and child rights, giving them tools with which to assert their rights in a practical way and face the challenges of everyday life in Palestine.

... we raised the awareness of 17,550 children on their rights through thematic theatre performances and open days.

...hundreds of children found a

welcoming and equipped space at the DCI-Palestine Child Rights Centres in Bethlehem and Hebron to carry out self-organised activities by and for themselves, through child-to-child methodology.

...children participated in the second year of a pilot project of creating and consolidating a DCI-Palestine Child Board and Child Assembly, which represents a permanent mechanism for child participation in democratic procedures and local advocacy initiatives.

Helping children's voices be heard

"We found a place here in Bethlehem and Hebron where we can use OUR VOICES and live our childhood in freedom with hope. We believe that these kind of centres give us the right space to make our dreams come true and believe in a good future for all Palestinian children."

Children from Palestine
"Our Voices"

In 2006 and 2007...

...the voices of 280 children aged 13-17 were heard by adult duty-bearers and stakeholders through the DCI-Palestine annual children's conferences in 2006 and 2007. The 2006 conference tackled child abuse, exploitation and neglect, and collected children's opinions, recommendations



and calls to action to be used in DCI-Palestine's national advocacy campaign to End Corporal Punishment against Children in Palestine. In 2007, the conference focused on the Palestinian media's role in protecting children, and the outcomes fed into DCI-Palestine's efforts towards creating a Palestinian media strategy supportive of children's rights.

...the voices of children were heard through the articles and ideas they contributed to the Little Hands child rights newsletter, five editions (13,000 copies of each edition) of which were circulated in 2006 and 2007 as a supplement to Al-Ayyam, the

second most widely read newspaper in Palestine. Each edition focused on a different theme, including: girls' right to protection and non-discrimination, the Palestinian Child Week, and the DCI-Palestine national children's conference on media and child rights. Throughout 2006 and 2007, professionals working in the Palestinian media sector reported on the quality and diversity of the newsletter noting that it represented a multi-purpose tool that serves educational, advocacy, capacity building and monitoring objectives.



Helping to eradicate discrimination against girls in Palestine

“Our society without the female factor is a society against advancement, development and creativity. As we form half of society, the absence of freedom of speech and participation for young girls means a retarded society in the future that will be unable to be self dependant.”
Your daughters in the Girl-Child Development Project 120 young girls of Hebron city

In 2006 and 2007...

...we built the capacity of 1,215 girls from both urban and rural areas in Bethlehem and Hebron to advocate for and exercise their rights within their communities, in particular the right to non-discrimination.

...we educated 500 mothers from Bethlehem and Hebron through workshops and meetings on context-specific girls' rights issues, such as early marriage, honour-killing, domestic violence and sexual abuse.

....we brought both thousands of boys and girls together through different activities, such as meetings, theatre performances and exchange visits to discuss the principle of non-discrimination against children and specifically against girls.



Child Protection



Creating a protective environment for child rights in Palestine

“On the internal level, as members of the Palestinian community, we too must act to protect, respect and implement Palestinian children’s rights. One year ago, the Palestinian Child Law entered into force. We must now join together to push for the law to be activated, and for bylaws to be issued specifying the scope and responsibility of each ministry in fulfilling its part in relation to this law”
Statement by the Palestinian Network for Children’s Rights on Palestinian Child Day 2006

In 2006 and 2007...

...we continued to fight for improvement of the Palestinian children’s legislative and policy framework in accordance with regional and international standards. Given the fact that the Palestinian Legislative Council continued to be inactive during the period under review due to the ongoing arbitrary detention of 45 elected parliamentarians in Israeli prisons, we were limited in our actions on this level. However we did strive to keep up coordination among the different representatives of the civil society lobby. We worked



towards achieving a unified draft of the Juvenile Justice Bill and drafting recommendations for a child-rights-based Penal Code and amendments to the Palestinian Child Law, in particular a rise in the age of criminal responsibility.

... we worked with parents, teachers and other caregivers and figures of authority within the Palestinian community to change their attitude towards using corporal punishment as a valid means of disciplining children. After our national campaign to End Corporal Punishment against Children in Palestine, we received testimonies from many adults such as directors of community-based organisations (CBOs) that they do not hit children anymore and reject corporal punishment as an acceptable means of disciplining children. Many parents expressed their appreciation for DCI-Palestine’s work, which provided them with alternative tools for discipline and example-setting, such as positive dialogue. For



example: Bint Al-Reef Society – a CBO in Doura/Hebron is using DCI-Palestine’s educational materials on child rights – such as posters and stickers- as a reference and principle for all the working staff and beneficiaries, and they commented that they believe such materials support a more protective

attitude towards children and helps to delegitimize the use of corporal punishment or verbal abuse.

...we mobilized 52 CBOs from all over the West Bank to work together on building a better understanding towards child rights within their

organisations and within their communities, through the consolidation and expansion of the Palestinian Network for Children’s Rights (PNCR) - www.pncr.org.

...we trained 50 members of the PNCR on child protection mechanisms and

national and international child rights standards, such as the Palestinian Child Law, the CRC and the Optional Protocol on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, which capacitated them to raise awareness on child recruitment and other child rights issues in their communities.

...in collaboration with the PNCR, we worked together with more than 30,000 children, 4,000 parents and representatives of several local organizations throughout the West Bank on child rights issues during Palestinian Child Week in 2006 and 2007. Through public marches, workshops, open days, film showings, plays, exhibitions, field visits and mural-painting on the Separation Wall, we promoted protective attitudes and behaviour towards child rights within Palestinian society.

...we played a major role in establishing and consolidating two local Child Protection Networks (CPNs) in

Bethlehem and Hebron, which consists of various key child protection figures (governmental, non governmental and UN agencies) who work together within a referral system for children victims of violence, abuse and/or neglect. We played a crucial role in strengthening relations between its various different actors and building the capacities of local protection actors such as social workers, protection officers and police officers.

...we gave legal and social advice (in cooperation with YMCA) to 556 cases of children victims of abuse and neglect through our two Socio Legal Defence Centres in Bethlehem and Hebron. We provided further follow-up on 181 of these cases and ensured that they were referred to the appropriate institutions for further attention. We have been operating two Socio-Legal Defence Centres, in Bethlehem and Hebron, respectively. Children victims of violence, abuse and/or neglect (or at risk of being victims) can come

to the centre (with or without their family) to receive legal consultation and psycho-social support. The centres operate within the referral system of the aforementioned Child Protection Networks, so any case received that needs to be followed up by another institution is referred to the relevant authority or service provider (such as the Ministry of Social Affairs, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, the police, schools with special needs, protection centres, shelters, etc.)

...we raised the awareness of 3,102 adult duty-bearers (parents, police, prosecutors and lawyers) on child rights and existing child protection mechanisms through workshops.

...we contributed toward developing a Palestinian media strategy supportive of Palestinian children's rights. Under the slogan, "Toward a Supportive Palestinian Media Strategy for Children's Rights" more than 25

journalists and media professionals participated in a workshop toward developing the media strategy. Based on the outcome of this workshop, DCI-Palestine is in the process of engaging further with key media professionals to develop a Palestinian media strategy supportive of Palestinian children's rights.

...through the Palestinian Forum of Professionals on the Prevention of Violence Against Children (FPVAC) which was established by DCI-Palestine in 2007, we contributed to the success of Al-Quds University's conference on the Prevention of Violence Against Children that brought together more than 300 professionals, academics and children to engage in discussions on the status of Palestinian child welfare.

...we contributed towards the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Palestine through the second phase of our advocacy and capacity-building programme towards this end. We gave

follow-up training to 20 social workers and psycho-social counsellors on how to deal with cases of child abuse and neglect as well as publishing and disseminating a study on school counsellors' perceptions vis-à-vis child abuse and neglect in Palestine.

...we targeted thousands within the wider community through producing

and distributing awareness raising materials on thematic issues related to children's right to protection from abuse and neglect such as more than 2,500 posters and 2,500 flyers and the production and broadcasting of 8 educational TV spots.



Accountability





Monitoring and documenting violations of Palestinian children's rights

"What has motivated me the most throughout my life is the desire offer something to the children of my country who have suffered from the occupation all of their lives. I wanted to document and report Israeli violence against Palestinian children who have nothing to defend themselves with but a yearning to have their rights respected."

Documentation Fieldworker Talal Ahmed Joda Abu Rukba

In 2006 and 2007...

...we maintained our local, national and international reputation for being the leading Palestinian organisation documenting Palestinian child rights' violations, through first-hand data collection, with a special focus on child fatalities and injuries.

...we systematically monitored and documented all child fatalities, both as a result of Israeli military intervention and/or Israeli settler violence, and those occurring under the jurisdiction of the PNA. In addition, approx. 80% of severe child injuries were documented including those caused by the misuse of small arms within the Palestinian

community, as well as some case studies to reflect trends in the violation to the right to an adequate standard of living, the right to education, and the right to health.

...on the Israeli level, we documented and reported on 174 cases of child fatalities, 958 cases of child injuries,

18 case studies of direct violations to the right to education and 76 cases of violations to the right to safe and adequate housing.

...on the Palestinian level, we documented and reported on 77 cases of child fatalities - due to the misuse of arms and 173 child injuries.

Advocating for respect of Palestinian children's rights internationally

"We the International Executive Council of Defence for Children International therefore appeal to the distinguished members of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child and the UN Commission on Human Rights' Special Rapporteur on the Occupied Palestinian Territories to conduct an urgent investigation into the circumstances of the deaths of the five Ghalia children and to use its mandate to ensure that due concern is given to the safety of children who are supposed to be protected by international law."

DCI international appeal

In 2006 and 2007...

...we used our data on violations to produce reports, briefings and statements which are uploaded to our website and- disseminated to our mailing list, which led to inquiries from journalists, academics and other organizations. Many grassroots

organizations and individuals contacted us to ask how they can raise the issue of Palestinian children's rights in their own communities.

...we also passed on our data on violations to fellow child rights actors for advocacy purposes and sent reports and statements to international

advocacy targets, such as the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, the UN Human Rights Council and UN Special Rapporteurs, in an attempt to lobby them to influence duty- bearers of Palestinian child rights to uphold their obligations.

...we also used our data on violations in bi-monthly reports on 9 indicators of violations to children in situations of armed conflict, submitted to the UN Secretary General Special Representative on Children in Armed Conflict, under the UN Security Council Resolution 1612 monitoring and reporting mechanism. These reports are considered a prime reference within the UN and for academics, professionals and other interested parties.

...other agencies used our data on violations in their advocacy reports, including UNICEF, UNRWA and OCHA, e.g. for the monthly Humanitarian Monitor and weekly briefing notes published by OCHA, and UNESCO used ad hoc information submitted for the 2007 study on violent attacks against schools. Palestine is cited as one of 7 countries worst affected by these types of attacks (along with Afghanistan, Colombia, Iraq, Nepal, Thailand and Zimbabwe) and the Israeli military is named as the sole perpetrator.



... we briefed several international delegations visiting Palestine on the situation of Palestinian child rights. Together with UNICEF, we coordinated the visit to the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) of the UN Secretary General Special Representative on Children in Armed Conflict and submitted a statement on child rights violations to her.

...during the 2006 Israeli military operation "Summer Rains", we issued weekly action-oriented reports and briefings on the situation of the children in Gaza in a special section on our website, as well as providing timely data for our international partners, with which to lobby their respective governments for the special protection of children in Gaza

...we carried out an advocacy mission in the oPt, together with the Coalition to Stop the Use of Child Soldiers to promote the implementation of the EU Guidelines on Children in Armed

Conflict in Israel and Palestine. We met with representatives of EU diplomatic missions and EU institutions in Palestine, and encouraged them to increase their monitoring and reporting on child rights violations in the conflict, while asking them to lobby for the inclusion of Palestine in the list of priority countries for the Guidelines. This was endorsed by the EU Working Group on Human Rights (COHOM) in December 2007, thus imposing a duty onto EU Heads of Mission in Israel and Palestine to monitor and report on child rights violations in the course of the conflict. This symbolises the first significant step towards a meaningful EU policy for the protection of children from the conflict.

...we briefed members of the EU Informal Working Group on Human Rights in the oPt on how to establish and implement the new mechanism and how to obtain the necessary data. We will continue to support EU missions in their new reporting duties and act as a bridge between the EU and the

UN Security Council Resolution 1612 reporting mechanism throughout 2008 and 2009. In addition, we will conduct another advocacy mission to Brussels in Spring 2008, in order to lobby EU institutions on the matter.

...we strove to improve the quality of information circulated in the media by working directly and proactively with journalists by giving interviews, pitching stories, submitting articles for publication and arranging field visits for journalists with Palestinian children, their parents and other caregivers.

...in cooperation with Al-Haq, we submitted a joint appeal to the Israel High Court regarding Al Numa'n village in Jerusalem. We concentrated in this appeal on the violation to the freedom of movement and human rights in general and its impact on the village's residents, especially children. The main court session was to be held in October 2007 but it was postponed until the end of January 2008.

Child Justice



Defending the rights of children detained under the Israeli military order system

"It was great to be home, to be with our families and friends again. But even though we weren't away that long, it wasn't that easy getting back into things. When we went back to school we felt like strangers. We'd missed all the lessons and didn't know anything. It's taken quite a long time to really feel at home again."

13-year old schoolboy Zakariya was arrested for throwing stones at soldiers guarding workers near the separation wall.

In 2006 and 2007...

...we provided free legal representation to 763 Palestinian children arrested by Israel and charged in the Israeli military courts (approx. 50% of the total number of children arrested and charged).



...we provided 897 children with legal consultation and support during their term in Israeli detention in addition to 112 cases that were carried forward from 2006.

...we managed to secure the release on bail of 58 children who had been arrested and were being kept in the Israeli interrogation or detention centres. This was a very good achievement in the sense that it saved some of the children from the harsh experience of imprisonment, which oftentimes leads to the child signing a confession under dubious circumstances, which in turn invariably leads to prosecution in court and a prison sentence.

...we regularly monitored legal procedures in the military courts and conditions in Israeli prisons

and detention facilities, and when required, negotiated with the prison administration to improve conditions or filed complaints with the prison authorities.



Defending the rights of children in conflict with the law under PNA jurisdiction

In 2006 and 2007...

...we continued to monitor legal procedures in the courts on the PNA level and the conditions for children held in Palestinian juvenile protection centres, negotiating with the institutions' authorities when needed in order to address reported child rights abuses

...we provided legal defence for 67 children in conflict with the law under Palestinian jurisdiction and gave legal consultation to a further 130 children.

...we provided legal consultation to 152 cases through visits to Palestinian protection centres by DCI-Palestine lawyers and through phone calls and office visits by parents.

...we contributed towards a juvenile justice system in Palestine respectful of child rights by training 24 law enforcement personnel, such as police, lawyers and probation officers, to use international child rights standards as a framework when they deal with children in conflict with

the law and to encourage them to take the best interests of the child as their paramount consideration.



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