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SHE LEADS

**Empowering
Palestinian
Refugee
Women**

SHE LEADS Project:

SHE LEADS aims at promoting social entrepreneurship, cooperative model, and cooperative enterprise principals as effective approaches to overcome some of the social and economic challenges Palestinian refugees in Southern West Bank face on a daily basis, to support their socioeconomic conditions and to maximize their contributions to well-being and development for themselves and their communities.



SHE LEADS project is implemented by Ibtikar for Empowerment and Social Entrepreneurship in partnership with Strengthening the Influence of Palestinian Refugees on their living Conditions PART II programme implemented by the GIZ on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

Our Achieved Milestones

1

Creation of a supportive network in southern West Bank for refugee women, enabling them to exchange knowledge, experiences, and opportunities.

2

Social entrepreneurship, personal development, leadership, and technical training programmes: conducted comprehensive training programmes focused on enhancing the targeted beneficiaries' skills, strategic thinking, and decision-making capabilities.

3

Mentorship beneficiaries: established mentoring relationships between Ibtikar team and aspiring refugee women, offering guidance and support.

4

Pave the way for two socio-economic developmental projects lead by refugee women in southern West Bank.



Project Overview

Strategic Intent

SHE LEADS is more than a project; it's a movement. Our vision is to break the cycle of dependence and foster a new era of self-sufficiency among Palestinian refugee women in the south of the West Bank.

Elevating Impact

Transformational empowerment: unleashing the potential of 30 refugee women through innovative social entrepreneurship and cooperative models.

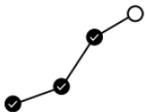
Cultivating Resilience

Developing solutions that transcend economic challenges, creating ripples of change within communities.

Economic Elevation

Redefining self-reliance by equipping women with skills, resources, and a cooperative mindset.

Strategic Developments



Agency-Level Evolution

Personal Mastery:

Participants embarked on 11 month-long journeys, honing intercultural communication, emotional intelligence, critical thinking, teamwork, and resilience.

Inner Resilience:

Mindfulness and meditation workshops nurtured emotional well-being, forming a foundation for sustainable growth.



Community-Level Progress

Entrepreneurial Introduction:

Social entrepreneurship and cooperative training empowered participants to catalyze socio-economic change.

Innovative Solutions:

The design thinking approach kindled ingenious problem-solving, producing business models that transcend challenges.

Cooperative Ventures:

Women's collectives generated income solutions that morphed into sustainable enterprises, fostering financial independence.

Strategic Insights:

SHE LEADS isn't just about projects; it's about reshaping paradigms. By fostering economic independence, igniting innovative spirit, and nurturing cooperative bonds, we're forging a landscape where refugee women lead change, and communities flourish.



Success Stories



Creating Support Groups, Fostering Entrepreneurship



SHE LEADS has achieved remarkable milestones in empowering refugee women, enabling them to take charge of their futures and create a positive impact in their communities. One of the key outcomes of the project has been the establishment of two support groups, comprising women who have not only benefited from the project but have also showcased their entrepreneurial spirit by developing future initiatives.

Success Stories

The Dheisheh Refugee Camp Group

Driven by a vision of empowerment, has generated two exciting initiative ideas. First, they aim to create a women-led safe space within the Dheisheh camp.

This safe space will provide a nurturing environment where women can come together, share experiences, and access essential resources and support.

It will serve as a hub for empowerment, skill-building, and community development, fostering solidarity among refugee women.



Success Stories

Second, the Dheisheh refugee camp group has conceived the "Palestinian Puppets" project.

This innovative initiative focuses on designing and sewing puppets that embody the traditional Thob (Palestinian dress) from different Palestinian villages. By showcasing these puppets, the project aims to preserve and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Palestinian communities.

Moreover, this project has the potential to create job opportunities for 16 women from Dheisheh and Al-Aroob refugee camps, empowering them with valuable skills and a source of income.



Al-Azzeh and Aida Refugee Camps Group

Success Stories

The second support group has envisioned the establishment of the "Rehanna Cooperative for Agricultural Production and Processing" in Al-Azzeh refugee camp, Bethlehem.

This agricultural initiative aims to form a cooperative that engages in various aspects of agricultural production and processing. Refugee women will have the opportunity to actively participate in farming activities, such as crop cultivation and livestock raising.

Additionally, the cooperative will explore value-addition and processing of agricultural products, contributing to the local economy and improving the livelihoods of the women involved.



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