

The Refugee Camp Improvement Project - Phase2 PALCIP2 Newsletter #4

Refugee Camp Improvement Plans are ready/
Community activities have been implemented!



Camp residents' meeting
to develop the CIP

Camp Improvement Plans (CIP) have been finalised in 3 Target Camps

Camp Improvement Plans (CIPs) have been completed in the three Palestine Refugee Camps^{*1} in the West Bank. Although the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors made it difficult to proceed with activities as expected, the Department of Refugee Affairs (DoRA) took the initiative and worked with camp residents to prepare the CIPs. DoRA, utilizing its experience from the previous phase, visited each camp to deepen its understanding of the significance and objectives of the project among the Popular Committees (PCs) and camp residents. Then, the Camp Improvement Forum (CIF), consisting of representatives of camp residents with various positions or from different segments such as women, youth, elderly, and people with disabilities, gathered and compiled the needs and challenges of the respective representatives. Based on these needs and challenges, discussions were held on the ideal condition of the camp for the next 5-10 years. The process was carried out to establish a vision and strategic objectives, and to identify priority actions necessary to achieve those goals.

^{*1} The first batch of this phase had covered three Palestine Refugee Camps. The first batch target camps;

- Nur Shams Refugee Camp (NSRC) in Tulkarem in the North
- Ein El-Sultan Refugee Camp (ESRC) in Jericho in the central region
- Fawwar Refugee Camp (FWRC) in Hebron in the South

This project will continue to support for Camp Improvement Plan development after the first batch.

Community Activities

In parallel with the finalisation of the CIP, community activities were conducted in the three refugee camps mentioned above. These were community activities based on the priority actions in the CIP being developed and carried out by the residents themselves to revitalise the community in the refugee camps. The aim of this activity was to confirm the usefulness of the CIP by experiencing community activities before the CIP would be completed, and to build the capacity of the residents and their networks so that they can plan and implement their own activities based on the CIP in the future.

For example, the youth had been engaged in beautification ("clean-up") activities in the camps, supplementary classes for primary schoolchildren, and support for extracurricular activities for children. In addition, a variety of community activities were conducted, such as mutual support group gatherings where residents from different backgrounds and segments could discuss and share their problems and concerns with each other over a cup of coffee or tea.



Support of youth segment to extracurricular
activities for children