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Introduction

The Paltel Group Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization established by the Paltel Group in 2008 as a direct response to the growing needs of Palestinian society. The Foundation is the first of its kind: an indigenous, self-financed, corporate-supported foundation. Its original name, the Paltel Group Foundation, was changed to the Philistia Foundation in early 2009.

The Foundation focuses on various forms of youth empowerment by providing equal opportunities to all segments of society in education, by promoting knowledge based society, by encouraging entrepreneurship, and by identifying role models to inspire future generations of Palestinians. Its philosophy is to contribute to the national development of Palestine and the human development of Palestinian society through partnerships with all of society's stakeholders and with the Palestinian Diaspora, since only an integrated approach to human development can succeed.

Institutional Development Activities

Establishing the new premises, the foundation started to operate outside the company to provide its independency and the development aspect that separate it from the profit oriented environment and focus on the developmental objectives. The new premises is located in Ramallah.

The new premises was connected to the internet, internal network as well as telecommunication facilities with the assistance of the technical staff of Patel Group.

Assigning Employees

General Manager, on October 19th, 2008 the GM started her work as she has been interviewed for the position on September, 2008. Ms. Samah Abuoun Hamad is an engineer with MBA degree in Development who has been certified recently from USA PMP as a Project Management Professional. For more than ten years, she has worked in the social development sector with different West Bank local and international organizations.

Receptionist: Ms. Wafa Abbadi was assigned on December 1st,2008. She is a recent graduate who is currently learning more about the Foundation and its projects.

Assigning Institutional Development Consultants

Ernst & Young were contracted to provide institutional development services related to the PGF in regards of developing the corporate governance modeling, operating model, organizational structure and roles and responsibilities, as well as the grant award appraisal, project monitoring, and project evaluation processes.

Programs Activities

Warm winter campaign

Gaza, With the financial support of the Paltel Group Foundation for Community Development, this campaign was initiated by Gaza Immediate Voluntary Relief Effort (Give Gaza Society) to provide winter clothes packages for 1000 orphans and impoverished elementary school students all over Gaza directorates. Each package contained a pullover, a pair of shoes, socks, wool gloves, and a collection of short stories to stress the importance of the educational level of our children. The first phase of the campaign started on 12/4/2008 by distributing 200 packages to the orphans in the Give Gaza Society, and it was planned to distribute the remaining 800 packages to deprived elementary school students proposed by Ministry of Education as social cases, but due to the invasion of Gaza on December 2008, the second phase implementation was re-directed as an emergency relief to benefit the homeless children at the UNRWA school camps in Gaza directorates where 800 children have benefited from this campaign in six different school camps. The total cost of this campaign financed by PGF was US\$30,000.



West Bank, Paltel Group Foundation in cooperation with Qalandia Cooperative Women Society has signed an agreement to distribute packages containing winter clothes for the children in the society's kindergarten, as well as the workers in the society and to deprived families in and around Qalandia Camp. The campaign expanded to students of the elementary classes of Qalandia males and females schools. This campaign comes under the Warm Winter for Palestinian Children initiative where 1555 packages were distributed. It is worth mentioning that the wool blouses that were distributed were hand made by the women of Qalandia Camp and the surrounding villages in as a job creation plan. This agreement's value was \$45,000.



100,000USD Grant donated by Prince Fahed Ben Sultan Ben Abdul Aziz

His Highness Prince Fahed Ben Sultan Ben Abdul Aziz provided a donation last year of \$100,000 through Paltel Group Foundation for Community Development (PGF) to



assist more than 12 Palestinian local charitable societies in the West Bank and Gaza Strip which work with the most vulnerable community members such as orphans, the deaf, the blind, people with special needs and children as an important sector requiring great involvement, engagement and growth. The donation has been distributed as follow:



#	Organization	Location	Received Amount (US\$)
1	The Arab Women Union Society	Nablus	10,000
2	Kalandia Camp Women's Handicraft Cooperative	Kalandia	10,000
3	Patient's Friends Society	Yabad	10,000
4	Al-Ihsan Charitable Society	Hebron	10,000
5	SOS children's village Rafah	/ Gaza	5,000
6	Al-Razi culture Society	Jerusalem	10,000
7	Al-Amal Association for the deaf	Qalqilia	10,000
8	Youth of Future Institute	Jenin	5,000
9	SOS Children's village	Bethlehem	5,000
10	Culture and Free Thought Association	Gaza	5,000
11	The Blind Rehabilitation & Care Society	Jenin	10,000
12	The Arab Society for Orphans	Tulkarem	10,000

Al Adha Feast presents packages

On the first day of Al Adha Feast, PGF has distributed presents' packages to 10,000 child who were in Al-Aqsa mosque in order to encourage those children to pray inside the mosque especially in the feast time and to strengthen their relationship with Al-Aqsa mosque. These packages cost USD 19,000 and were administered by Al- Zakah committee of Jerusalem.