



PROJECT ROZANA

2020 Annual Report: The Year of COVID-19

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*On the cover:
Thank you Project Rozana. Thank you Australia.
Ventilator Handover – 28 May 2020*

L-R: Dr Raid Mansour, Project Rozana Regional Director; Dr Riad Malki, Palestinian Foreign Minister; Mark Bailey, Australian Representative, Ramallah

PURPOSE, AIMS AND VALUES

Project Rozana was launched in Australia in 2013 with the objective of using the health sector to build bridges of peace and better understanding between Israelis and Palestinians. Today, this initiative has been embraced by affiliates in Australia, Canada, Israel, USA and most recently, the UK.

The organisation has won hard-earned domestic and international standing for implementing effective, non-discriminatory and non-partisan programs that successfully bring Israelis and Palestinians together in meaningful cooperation through the sharing of knowledge and its practical implementation.

Living our values of respect, equality, and integrity, our programs enable participants to look beyond political realities to form connections based on a common purpose: to build collaborative relations between Israelis and Palestinians and improve the quality of life of Palestinians and provide greater access to healthcare.

- This community-wide, multi-faith health initiative achieves this by raising funds to:
1. Train Palestinian health professionals in Israeli hospitals in order for them to return and build the health capacities of their communities, particularly where there are identified gaps.
 2. Transport Palestinian patients from home to checkpoints in Gaza and the West Bank and from there to hospitals in Israel and back home via our partner NGOs.
 3. Treat critically ill Palestinian children in Israeli hospitals in cases where needed skills are not available or where funding from the Palestinian Authority is not available.

2020: Where we are now

Over the past eight years, Project Rozana has gained the trust and support of the Palestinian Authority, the governments of Israel, Australia and the US, as well as the European Union, United Nations and related agencies such as the World Health Organisation (WHO).

In 2020 Project Rozana was able to leverage these strategic relationships to aid the Palestinian Authority’s COVID response through the delivery of equipment and services. It was able to achieve that while larger, established and more credentialled NGOs were unable to. The pandemic threw into high relief the current inadequacies of the Palestinian Health System and the need for systemic and sustainable change.

Against the backdrop of the pandemic the US government passed the Middle East Partnership for Peace Act (MEPPA), providing seed funding for a multilateral, multimillion dollar reserve to support Palestinian-Israeli peacebuilding and economic development.

Project Rozana, with its focus of building conditions for peace between Israelis and Palestinians using the platform of healthcare, is poised to harness the momentum of these two events.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The year started – who would have suspected where it would lead.

We began with our International Directors Mission in late February-early March. How fortunate that we were able to hold our major events, travel to Jerusalem, Ramallah, Tel Aviv and Haifa and meet most of our partners before COVID forced much of the world into lockdown. To that extent, the timing of our mission was perfect.

Not only were we able to speak to our partners in person, but to see what they were doing and to understand the challenges ahead. And importantly, we were able to work with them on how best to support their activities going forward into what would become uncharted territory.

By March international flights had ceased as an increasing number of countries were beginning to reel from the effects of the pandemic.

The reality was that most of the programs we were hoping to rollout in 2020 were put on hold but we had to ensure we had the funds in place to support our existing programs.

Only the Wheels of Hope transportation programs continued, albeit with difficulty. Older drivers were forced to step aside and take care of their own health. Thankfully younger volunteers stepped into the breach and ensured that patients were able to continue to travel to their vital medical appointments. On the Israeli side, Road to Recovery and Humans Without Borders operated under enormous pressure, as the situation in the community deteriorated. Yet people turned up day after day, meeting patients at the checkpoints, driving them, reassuring them, and proving yet again that the ‘other’ needs to be supported. On the Palestinian side our Wheels of Hope partner, the Hebron-based Greenland Society for Health Development (GLSHD), attracted around 150 mainly young Palestinian volunteers. This was indeed an inspirational story because our message of hope, resilience and mutual respect resonated ever louder as GLSHD built its driver base. These people were driving an ever-wider

arc, from the larger cities to small and often remote villages. It often meant starting before dawn to drop patients off at the checkpoints, then returning at night to bring them home. For many drivers, it meant bookending work or study; further highlighting their compassion and commitment.

With quick thinking and reading the unfolding situation, we realised we had to pivot and find new ways to influence and assist the Palestinian people whose hospitals did not have the vital ICU invasive and non-invasive ventilators needed to fight the growing pandemic. In May, senior bureaucrats in the Australian Department of Health (DoH) facilitated the introduction of Project Rozana to the Australian ASX listed company ResMed and supported the accelerated purchase of the needed ventilators from them.

In May, in response to a direct request from the Palestinian Authority, we began fundraising to cover the cost of purchasing 35 ResMed ICU-grade, invasive and non-invasive ventilators. Over two months we raised the AUD \$434,000 needed.

On this occasion and again in December 2020, Project Rozana coordinated closely with the DoH and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). DFAT and the DoH responded positively to an urgent request from the Palestinian Authority for urgent funding assistance to provide Gaza with COVID-19 related items, ranging from test kits to ICU equipment. The Australian Government responded with a US\$1,000,000 grant to the Palestinians via the WHO.



Ron Finkel AM

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Globally, there is growing interest among governments to financially support initiatives in the region which encourage cross-border engagement between Israelis and Palestinians. Government focus is therefore an important aspect of Project Rozana’s strategic direction bringing together philanthropy and government funding for the coming years.

On December 21, 2020, the US Congress passed the Middle East Partnerships in Peace Act (MEPPA) which will turbo-charge investment in economic and people-to-people cross-border initiatives between Israelis and Palestinians. Under the terms of the MEPPA, the US will invest \$250,000,000 over five years in economic and people-to-people projects. The MEPPA will be managed by USAID. It envisions that other countries will contribute to the fund and we hope that the Australian Government will take up this opportunity in the same way they did when the International Fund for Ireland was launched in 1988.

There are many more highlights from a year we all wished would be over quickly. Not the least is the wonderful new relationship forged with the Palestinian Authority, in no small part thanks to Dr Raid Mansour (see bio of Regional Director below) whose untiring efforts built the necessary bridges.

In closing, I wish to acknowledge with thanks the Australian Board Directors whose dedication, wisdom and hard work in 2020 helped bring the success and recognition for our activities. Thank you to Gareth Andrews, Barry Bloch (resigned May 2020), Hass Dellal AC, Peter Hunt, Michael Krape, Jacqueline Pascarl and

Dr Jamal Rifi AM. I will continue to seek your wise counsel.

Thank you also to Executive Director Ruth R Rosen and staff, Rosemary Carrick, Eric Cheng, Sean Nochomowitz, Sharon Marlow and Lee Robinson for their untiring efforts and support.

I wish also to pay tribute to our many donors. Thank you for your messages of assistance and encouragement. Philanthropic support can never be taken for granted especially in times of dramatic economic upheaval. However, we have some of the most supportive funders who are dedicated to our mission, and I am absolutely confident that the support is not only robust but ongoing.

I commend this 2020 Annual Report which reminds us that it was certainly a year to remember. I reiterate the substance of our mission of building bridges to better understanding between Israelis and Palestinians: Health is a cornerstone of society, never more so than now.

Ron Finkel AM
Chair

ACHIEVEMENTS AND IMPACT

The impact of the coronavirus pandemic in Israel and Palestine during 2020 was severe and widespread. It meant that all of our training and treatment programs were suspended. Our grantees were advised that our funding commitments would be extended to cover the time lost. The one significant bright light that continued shining throughout the year was the Wheels of Hope transportation program.

WHEELS OF HOPE - TRANSPORTATION



For many months all the volunteer drivers were young people determined to assist us over the difficult period. They became a lifeline for Palestinian patients who needed to reach a hospital in Israel for life-saving treatment. An expensive alternative, taxis, were also utilised when no drivers were available.

Despite permit restrictions and lockdowns, Wheels of Hope continued to serve those most in need. The trips for cancer patients like Hebron-hills based 16-year old Mohamad Qasiya and 11-year old Nermin Harahsha, were still being made thanks to the dedication of our volunteer drivers. Both children's lives depended on the week-long chemotherapy treatments they received every 4 to 6 weeks at Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) in Jerusalem.

The impact of the pandemic was felt in terms of the lockdowns and the borders closing. The Israeli authorities limited permits for Palestinians coming to Israeli hospitals to cancer and renal-related treatments; on the other side, the Palestinian Authority announced the halting of referrals to Israeli hospitals. However, to mitigate the problems caused for vulnerable Palestinian children and their families during the pandemic, we worked closely with our Wheels of Hope (WoH) partners to find ways of transporting and supporting the people who relied on us.

Of the three WoH providers, two of them – the West Bank Green Land Society for Health Development (GLSHD) and Jerusalem-based Humans Without Borders (HWB) - were almost entirely funded by Project Rozana; the Israeli Road to Recovery (RtR) was reliant on Project Rozana for over one-third of its 2020 costs.

Most of the Israeli volunteer drivers were in the high-risk COVID-19 category and for many months were in self-isolation. During the peak of COVID, an urgent Facebook call-out for young volunteers by our Israeli Wheels of Hope partner, RtR, saw over 400 young Israelis offering to help. The West Bank-based GLSHD was also able to attract new volunteers.

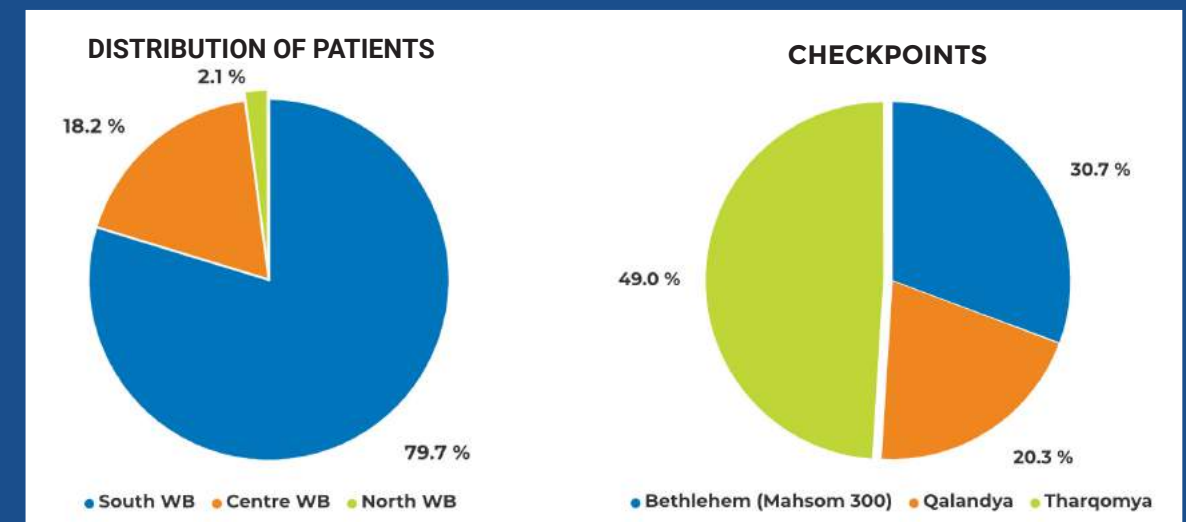


The restrictions necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic, the minimal cases from Gaza, as well as the Palestinian Authority's announcement to sever relations with Israel and cease funding medical treatment in response to Israel's plans to annex territory in the West Bank, impacted the volume of activity.

However, one bright treatment light helped to

mitigate some of the transportation difficulties. As part of a strategy to prevent possible COVID-19 infection for immune-depressed patients, Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) in East Jerusalem billeted all its paediatric dialysis patients, together with their caregivers, at a hotel in East Jerusalem, through a \$15,000 grant from Project Rozana that helped to defray the costs of accommodation and transport to and from the hospital.

The distribution of patients in the West Bank can be seen from the charts below.



The majority of patients are from the southern regions of the West Bank, the Tharqomya & Mahsom 300 Checkpoints, being the closest border crossing for them, as shown in the bottom chart.

Transportation Summary

- 9,650 trips made from checkpoints to hospitals and back.
- The fuel costs for 42,120 kms were refunded to GLSHD West Bank volunteers the remaining fuel costs being donated by volunteers.
- 30,000 people-to-people interactions – patients plus caregivers.
- 55 percent male and 45 percent female patients.
- “Erez Minibus” provided daily transportation to approximately 50 patients from Erez Crossing to East Jerusalem hospitals.
- Volunteers dealt with 75% of the trips with taxi driver undertaking 20 - 30 longer trips per week.
- 100% response to requests for trips from the West Bank.
- 100% response to requests for trips from Gaza to hospitals in Israel.
- 90% response to requests for trips from Gaza to hospitals in East Jerusalem and Nablus.

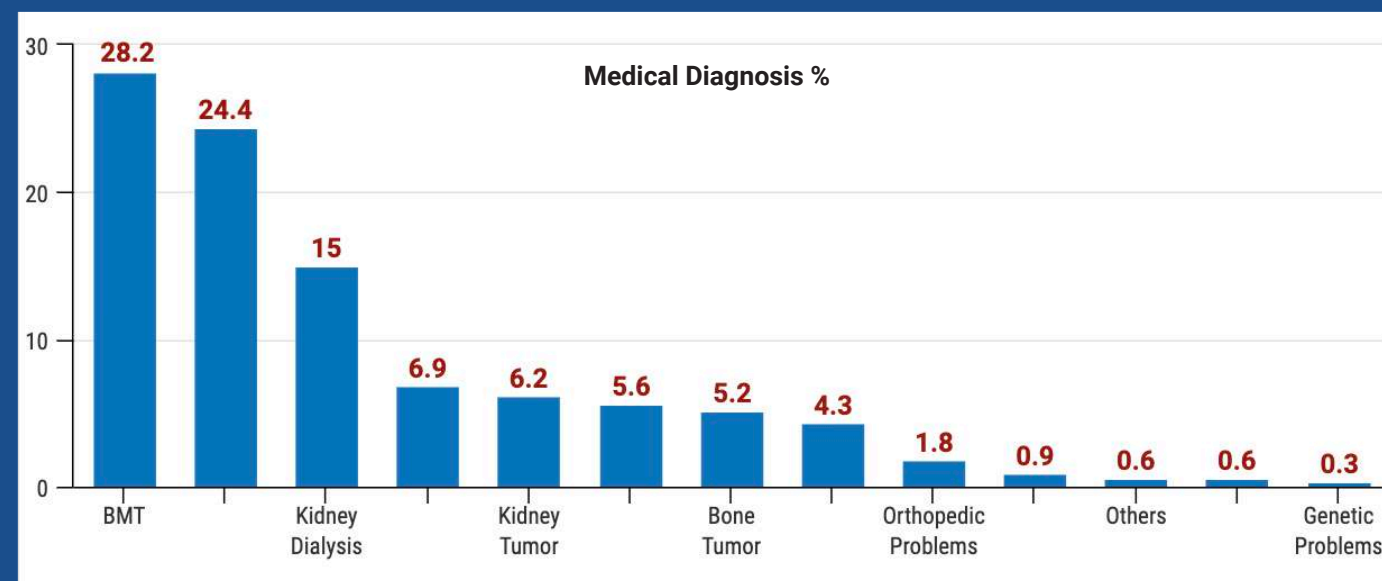


WHEELS OF HOPE 2020



Medical Diagnoses

Patients suffered primarily from Leukemia and Bone Marrow Transplant complications.



Program Cost: 2020 allocation to the three NGOs of \$333,300.



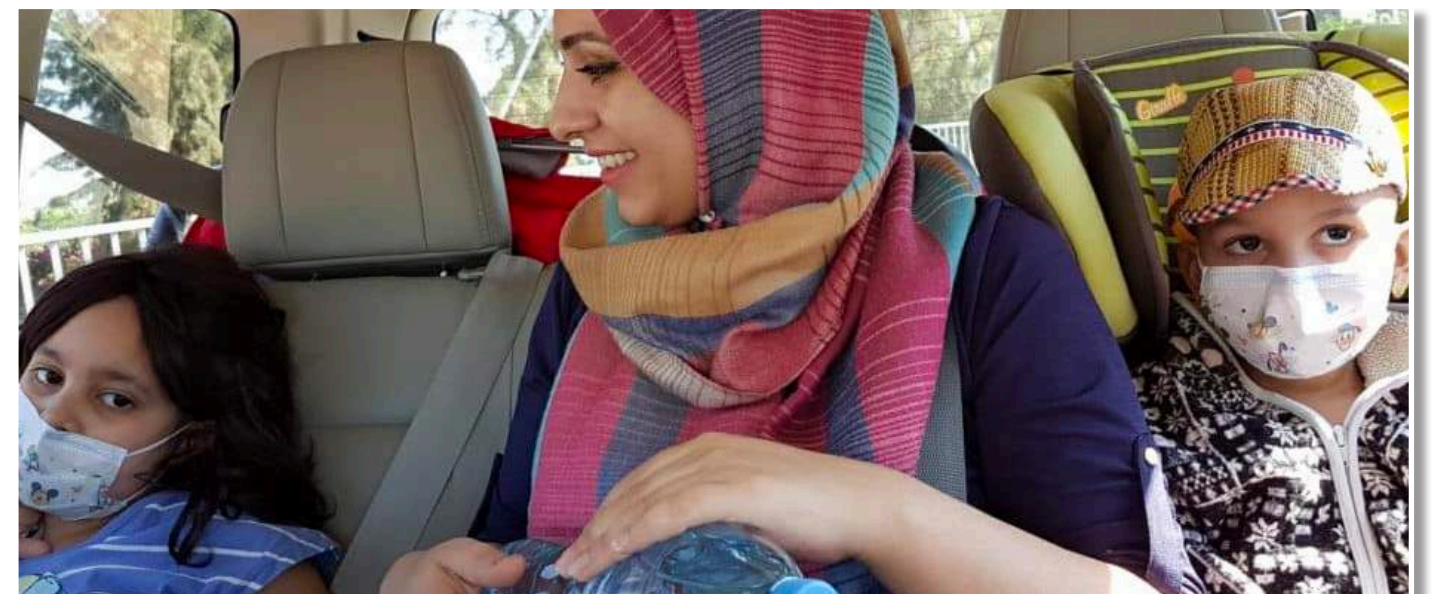
Volunteers

The circle of volunteers welcomed an additional 570 Israeli volunteers, 400 of whom were young people who joined to help during the height of the pandemic. COVID-19 safety measures were put in place: wearing of masks, keeping windows open, the driver sitting alone in the front seat.

Pre COVID-19, our Jerusalem-based partner, Humans Without Borders (HWB), drove patients from checkpoints to hospitals in the city and normally had 'Fun Days' several times per year for patients, their families and volunteers on both sides of the border. The pandemic impacted HWB's activities in 2020, reducing the number of trips and active volunteers, and eliminating fun days.

With fewer trips, rather than accept the status quo, HWB took the initiative and reassigned funds to provide emergency medicine for a young girl; funds for complex cranial surgery and to cover the cost of a prosthetic shoulder after a child underwent major surgery to remove a cancerous growth. They also provided families with a computer tablet including education and entertainment software which not only offered a distraction for the children, but a much-needed respite for the parents. In addition, they purchased a trove of handicraft materials, games and puzzles which were delivered to the children.

Transportation services are for patients with both acute disorders that require regular treatment, and patients who require a one-off treatment or consultation. The majority of patients have acute disorders and require treatment for cancer or kidney dialysis.



GLOBAL CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN

Early in 2020 the Palestinian health system was at risk of being overwhelmed by the COVID-19 pandemic. By April, it became apparent just how dire the situation was becoming.

The Palestinian leadership reached out to Project Rozana with a request for desperately needed ICU and non-ICU ventilators. The survival of affected patients depended on having this equipment in the major hospitals.

The problem was accessing the equipment when global demand was outstripping supply. The Palestinians were also cash poor, and better resourced communities were able to flip suppliers as demand grew. Even with all the goodwill in the world, market economics dominated.

After receiving a call from the Palestinian Foreign Minister, Dr Riad Malki, we understood that the challenge presented by the Minister was at the heart of what Project Rozana stands for.

We ran a two-track strategy. While scouring the world for invasive and non-invasive ICU ventilators to ship to Palestinian hospitals, we were seeking donations to pay for equipment that was very difficult to secure as available stocks were already being bought by the highest bidders.

Within a matter of days, we secured the support of three very important actors – the Australian Government, the WHO and the Government of Israel, all of whom agreed to facilitate the speedy transfer of ventilators once they landed in Israel.



We also received the support of some of Israel's leading tertiary hospitals to provide training in the use of the ventilators and associated equipment that comprised the equipment package.

Our promise was to secure 20 of the needed ventilators which were critical to saving the lives of the most vulnerable people in Palestine. We did this through the Australian Government on a 'buy now pay later' arrangement. This was an extraordinary outcome given that each package (ventilators and related equipment, including training) of four COVID-19 ICU-ready facilities was valued at around US\$200,000.

We reached 100% of our US\$400,000 crowdfunding campaign target in a matter of weeks thanks to major and community donors. That story is the subject of the COVID-19 [Campaign Report](https://projectrozana.org/downloads/palestiniancovidappealreport.pdf). [https://projectrozana.org/downloads/palestiniancovidappealreport.pdf]

By year's end we supplied an additional 15 ventilators for a total of 35 invasive and non-invasive ventilators to the Palestinians: 30 to the Palestinian Foreign Ministry for their hospitals and five to Makassed Hospital (private) in East Jerusalem.

Left to right: Dr Raid Mansour (Project Rozana) with Palestinian Foreign Minister Dr Riad Malki, May 2020



Distribution of equipment sent via Project Rozana to Palestine:

Hospital	No. of ventilators rec'd
Princess Alia Government Hospital Hebron	4
The Hugo Chavez Ophthalmic Hospital Turms Ayya	3
Al-Shuhada Miliatry Medical Hospital Nablus	4
Red Crescent Hospital Tulkarm	2
Jenin Government Hospital Jenin	2
Dura Government Hospital Hebron	6
Bethlehem Anr Clinic Bethlehem	5
Palestinian Medical Complex Ramallah	4
Al Makassed Islamic Hospital Jerusalem	5

The contribution made by Project Rozana was noted, appreciated and effective (see Appendix 2 for letters of appreciation).

GAZA NURSES COVID-19 TRAINING

The spiralling infection and death rate in Gaza and the desperate need to train ICU medical personnel, prompted the Gaza Ministry of Health (GMOH) to issue an urgent request to Project Rozana in December.

Dr Abdullatif Alhaj, Director General, International Cooperation with Gaza's Ministry of Health, arranged for Mohammed Alhaj, chief nurse at the European Gaza Hospital (EGH), to liaise with Project Rozana staff in Israel. EGH is the largest COVID hospital in the enclave. The goal was to enhance the knowledge, skills, and best practices of Gazan healthcare professionals dealing with the COVID-19 outbreak. Project Rozana had already established its credentials with the leaders in Gaza's healthcare system by providing the Palestinian Authority with ICU and non-ICU enabled ventilators together with support and training earlier in 2020.

Project Rozana arranged an initial meeting between the EGH and HMO nurses and founders of Nurses from the Middle East (NME) Naela Hayek and Julie Benbenishty in late December to outline the desired format and target audience.

Project Rozana was keen to take on this initiative knowing that the Palestinian health system's capacity to cope with the drastic increase in COVID-19 cases remained severely affected by longstanding challenges and critical shortages in infrastructure and human resources. The pandemic posed a huge challenge for healthcare providers who need additional knowledge and skills to respond effectively. It was agreed that capacity building in human resources to test and treat COVID-19 must run in parallel to equipping healthcare facilities.

Today, with the benefit of hindsight, we achieved the near-impossible. During 2020 the numbers were massive and as at end of March 2021 there were in excess of 25,500 active cases of COVID-19 in the Palestinian Territories: 310 Palestinians were hospitalized in a serious condition due to COVID-19 and 81 patients were on ventilators.

The reality of COVID and the geopolitical pressures in the region prevented face-to-face training. It was agreed that the relationships of mutual respect, trust and support being built would provide a solid platform for expanding this initiative in the future. The program will have existential impact for capacity building potential through the 'train-the-trainer' model and the modules was planned to be rolled out in early 2021.

The program was formally launched in January 2021. It is training 20 senior ICU nurses from the European Gaza Hospital in online 'train-the-trainer' sessions facilitated by NME nurses and medical personnel from HMO in Jerusalem. These EGH senior nurses will then train junior nurses within the hospital and continue the trickle-down effect for nurses throughout the Ministry of Health in Gaza. (See letter Appendix 2).

Project Cost: AUD \$10,000



HMO nurses Naela Hayek (left) and Julie Benbenishty, founders of Nurses from the Middle East (NME)

PAEDIATRIC REHABILITATION TRAINING

We believe that it is the right of every child to enjoy the best possible quality of life. Bringing together Israel's ALYN Paediatric and Adolescent Rehabilitation Center in Jerusalem and the Palestinian Jerusalem Princess Basma Center (JPBC) was a project of immense significance, uniting practitioners from Israel and Palestine working with a marginalised and stigmatised sector in their individual communities.

According to a 2015 Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics survey, the prevalence of disability among the Palestinian population was between 1.7% - 3% of the total in both the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Moreover, a 2017 UNICEF Report (https://www.unicef.org/oPt/ODI_Report_01-06-2017_FINAL.pdf) found that children with disabilities in Palestine tend to be extremely poor, under-supported to realise their rights in education and healthcare and unable to adequately participate in normal social activities, leading to marginalisation, isolation and worse. The research suggests that the high proportion of disability is due to consanguineous marriage and/or poor antenatal and neonatal healthcare. One way to improve early detection and intervention suggested by the research is early referral and screening for developmental delay and disability followed by implementation of community and facility-based early intervention programs to support families.

It is against this background that the two hospitals established the "Paediatric Rehabilitation and Developmental Intervention Training Project" with the goal of contributing to the capacity development of

professionals and practitioners at both organisations, bringing together Israelis and Palestinians working within the disability sector and helping to build bridges between them through a joint training and capacity building program.

ALYN and JPBC have a shared vision for a joint training centre for paediatric rehabilitation upskilling using modular programs and specialist mentoring. Their common dream is to treat children with disabilities as early as possible to maximise their potential in overcoming impairments and promoting inclusion and participation of these children in the wider society.

In 2018, the JPBC treated 1,179 Palestinian children with disabilities (425 from West Bank and Gaza, and 754 from East Jerusalem). As the

leading rehabilitation centre serving Palestinian children with disabilities from the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem, JPBC had identified some capacity building needs essential for its professional clinical development.

Children with disabilities from the West Bank and Gaza are referred for a cycle of comprehensive rehabilitation services for a period of 2-3 weeks; where they are admitted with their mothers and are fully accommodated at the centre's dormitory. During this cycle, the children receive comprehensive therapy services, while the mothers get enrolled in the Mothers' Empowerment Programme.



Partnering with ALYN Hospital was ideal. ALYN is an acknowledged leader in the field of paediatric and adolescent rehabilitation, both in the Middle East and throughout the world. ALYN is the only facility in Israel specialising in diagnosis and rehabilitation of infants, children and adolescents suffering from physical disabilities, both congenital and acquired. Inpatient and ambulatory therapies are tailored for children with brain injuries, spinal cord lesions, burn victims, cancer survivors, neuromuscular diseases, cerebral palsy and more.

ALYN operates a paediatric rehabilitation training centre for continuing education for therapists of all fields. JPBC works on the integration and empowerment of children with disabilities and their families in their communities.

ALYN Hospital and JPBC have a mutual interest in deepening their long-term partnership and creating an ecosystem of shared knowledge, procedures and goal-driven interventions for the benefit of children with disabilities who either cannot access ALYN's program or who would more appropriately be cared for in the community setting.

The joint program objectives include:

- Strengthening the partnership between JPBC and Alyn Hospital through exchange of knowledge and expertise in the field of rehabilitation.
- Developing the capacities of the practitioners working in the rehabilitation field.
- Increasing early intervention and access of children with disabilities to best practice in the field of child rehabilitation and development.

By building the capacity and excellence of the JPBC practitioners, the treatment and rehabilitation capacity in Palestine will increase and will, over time, lessen the need for Palestinian children with disability to access services at ALYN.

The 18-month face-to-face program had to be suspended in March 2020 with the onset of COVID-19 and was later taken up virtually with training modules for therapists in a wide variety of areas delivered online.

The total project cost AUD \$112,000



BINATIONAL SCHOOL OF PSYCHOTHERAPY HEALING FUTURE GENERATIONS

The Project Rozana-initiated Binational School of Psychotherapy (BSPT) at HMO in Jerusalem was officially inaugurated in September. Virtual online classes began in October for the first cohort.

Objectives	<p>Overall objective: To contribute in achieving cross-border learning and cooperation between Israeli and Palestinian mental health professionals to enhance psychosocial healthcare to children and adolescents.</p> <p>Specific objective 1: Improve the mental health of conflict-affected children and adolescents by expanding the mutual professionalism of cross-border mental health specialists (Israelis & Palestinians).</p> <p>Specific objective 2: Increase (professional) interaction between Israeli and Palestinian mental health professionals to promote co-existence while increasing the knowledge from both sides to enhance mutual confidence and shared experiences</p>
Target Group	Mental health professionals from Israel, East Jerusalem, West Bank and Gaza.
Final Beneficiaries	Children and Adolescents and their families in Israeli and Palestine with needs of mental health treatment.
Estimated Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a permanent and an acknowledged binational school for child and adolescent psychotherapy, which will provide new contexts, and highly integrated psychotherapy education, focused on the local contexts of inclusive socio-cultural implementations and the promotion of peaceful co-existence between Arabs and Jews. Upskill 60 competent child and adolescent psychologists (Israelis and Palestinians) through participation in a cutting-edge training based on clinical and practical psychotherapeutic work and mutual cooperation. 60 Palestinian and Israeli participants' knowledge and expertise exchanged with mutual professionalism.

The initial group of 29 post-graduate therapists from Israel, the West Bank and Gaza commenced COVID-safe training as a result of a ground-breaking €742,000 EU sovereign grant (approx. AUD\$1,200,000).

Seed funding from World Vision Australia and Project Rozana in 2016 allowed a pilot program to be launched at HMO involving 13 Israeli and Palestinian mental health professionals. The success of that trial and the pressing need for skilled child therapists in this conflicted region influenced the EU's support.

Funding and foundational support for the BSPT was one of the first major initiatives of Project Rozana after its establishment in 2013. It recognised that the greater Jerusalem area had the highest incidence of youth trauma in Israel. This reflects issues around domestic violence, sexual abuse, bullying and inter-communal conflict.

The BSPT will now become a WHO-accredited school, training and preparing 60 Israeli and Palestinian post graduate psychotherapists in a 42-month cycle.

The BSPT is led by Dr Esti Galili-Weisstub, Director of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at HMO and a world-renowned expert in the treatment of conflict related trauma; and Dr Shafiq Masalha, an Arab-Israeli clinical psychotherapist, President of ERICE (Empowerment and Resilience In Children Everywhere) and senior academic lecturer at Tel Aviv University and Hebrew University in Jerusalem.



BSPT leaders: (L to R) Dr Esti Galili-Weisstub and Dr Shafiq Masalha

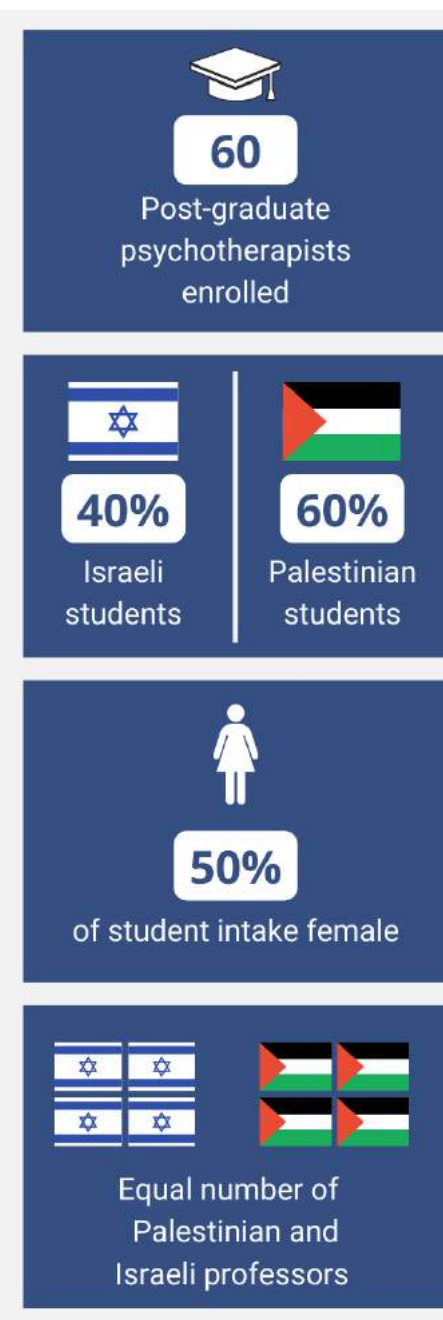
The EU declared that the BSPT is significant in “the improvement of mental health care and treatment for conflict-affected children and adolescents in East Jerusalem, the West Bank, Gaza and Israel.”

The primary project outcome of the EU grant is the continued expansion of technical capacities (mostly therapeutic and clinical) of Israeli and Palestinian mental health professionals in a cross-cultural context. The project will also increase professional interaction between Israeli and Palestinian mental health professionals in a parallel peace-building program. And as a result, build mutual trust and promote co-existence.

Hebron-based Green Land Society for Health Development (GLSHD) is the project partner - together with Hadassah. GLSHD is an NGO based in Hebron. It is highly committed to enhancing health outcomes in Palestine, through education, awareness, clinical research, and the establishment of health and environmental services in the needy areas of Palestine. In the project GLSHD is focusing on ways to overcome the problems encountered by mental health professionals trying to collaborate under conditions of enmity and mistrust. There is a focus on joint efforts by Hadassah and GLSHD to identify child mental health service needs, develop appropriate interventions and conduct training programs to best meet the service demand. It will also help mitigate the consequences of political conflict, discrimination, stigma and trauma.

The BSPT is an important element of Project Rozana's people-to-people programs, working to ensure each individual and group is getting to know ‘the other’. This is especially relevant for the women in the group, providing a pathway to empowering women in all communities and ensuring their centrality in the peace-building process. Working in mixed groups, the BSPT will not only benefit the individuals and contribute to building better understanding and peace but will have the long-term benefit of lessening Palestinian dependence on the Israeli healthcare system.

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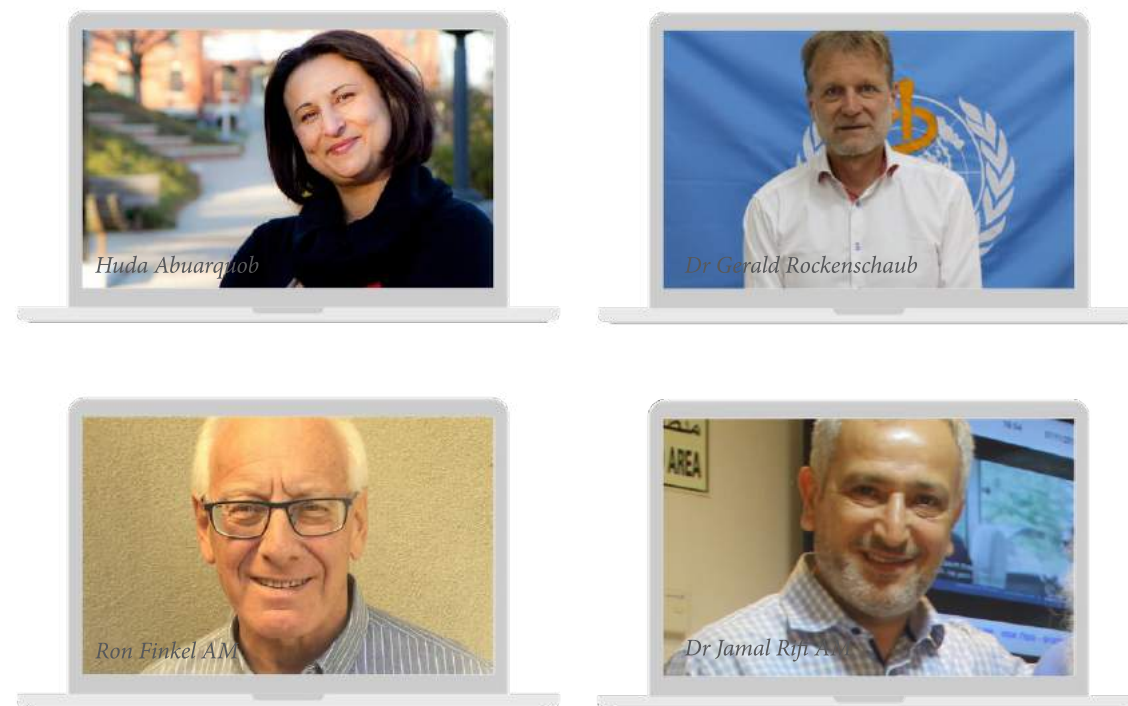
Project cost: Project Rozana globally is committed to funding the EU grant gap of AUD \$383,000.

VOX ROZANA: WEBINAR

Project Rozana Australia and online news service Plus 61J Media co-hosted a webinar in late July to review the latest news from Israel and Palestine around the dramatic rise in coronavirus-related infections and death. The webinar was moderated by Jerusalem-based Australian journalist, Irris Makler.

‘Fighting the Hidden Enemy: Palestinians and the battle against COVID-19’ gave the community an opportunity to hear from four important voices whose insight into events on the ground in Israel and Palestine bear witness to the unfolding COVID-19 tragedy.

For Project Rozana, it was also a timely opportunity to publicise its Palestinian Emergency Ventilator Appeal, which has delivered critical ICU-enabled ventilator packages to the Palestinian health system.



The panel included (pictured above, left to right) Huda Abuarquob, Regional Director for the Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP); Head of the World Health Organisation (WHO) Office in Jerusalem, Dr Gerald Rockenschaub; Project Rozana directors, Ron Finkel AM and Dr Jamal Rifi AM.

Speaking from her home in Dura, near Hebron in the West Bank, Huda Abuarquob said, “I can hear the sirens every two to three hours coming to the hospital with new patients. The situation on the ground is grim. Hebron has become the West Bank’s epicentre of COVID-19 infections.” She cited the following reasons for the deteriorating situation:

- Hebron’s large population.
- The free flow of workers and Bedouin community members travelling from Israel to the West Bank through Hebron.
- Lack of testing facilities in Hebron and in the Bedouin community, and.
- Insufficient police resources to enforce restrictions on gatherings.

Despite receiving initial praise for its COVID-19 response, Abuarquob described how there was now growing criticism towards the Palestinian prime minister and the health ministry. She believed Hebron businessmen put pressure on the government to allow them to reopen their businesses and that the Palestinian Authority’s inability to pay government employees’ salaries heightened frustrations.

the better off everyone will be.

We’ve had affiliates in Canada, the United States, Australia, Israel and the United Kingdom all pitching in but it takes more than just philanthropy...this is really where you bring philanthropists and government together for a combined outcome.”

“If you’re an Israeli politician, epidemiologist or health professional, you cannot say ‘we’ll deal with Israel’s issues and we won’t consider what is happening in the West Bank’...this is really where you bring philanthropists and government together for a combined outcome.” Ron Finkel AM

She said, “The government could not provide for the people who have been sitting at home with no income whatsoever, so people kind of rebelled against that. People now are literally going almost day-by-day with no food.”

It was noted that Project Rozana was in discussions with numerous governments and would work with the WHO to coordinate ongoing fundraising and delivery of medical equipment and training.

Dr Rockenschaub said that despite previous, successful virus collaboration between the Palestinian Authority and Israel, there were now inconsistencies in public health measures across both sides.

Dr Rifi discussed how Project Rozana overcame difficulties to urgently source and fund ventilators, obtain permits from Australia’s government to export equipment of national significance and transport them into the West Bank. He described seizing the opportunity to help the Palestinian health system as a “core objective of Project Rozana.”

“The discussion and threat of annexation which eventually triggered the suspension of coordination [between Palestinians and Israelis] is posing additional challenges to bringing urgently needed humanitarian supplies. Deliveries of testing kits, medical equipment and personal protective equipment is delayed because it is quite cumbersome at the moment to get customs clearance.”

In Hebron, Abuarquob praised Project Rozana’s professional and coordinated approach and commitment to civil society. “Project Rozana is a global government in itself, run in a very functional way and responding in a time of crisis.”

Dr Rockenschaub believes Palestinians must contain the virus through greater testing, tracing and quarantining. He also called for the PA to work collaboratively with Israel.

Ron Finkel agreed that COVID-19 must be addressed regionally. “If you’re an Israeli politician, epidemiologist or health professional, you cannot say ‘we’ll deal with Israel’s issues and we won’t consider what is happening in the West Bank.’ The more that they can look at it holistically,

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Ronald Finkel AM, Chair

Ron Finkel is a well-known Melbourne-based businessman. He is the Managing Director of Momentum Ventures Ltd., one of the first venture capital funds established in Australia. Ron is a graduate of law and commerce from Melbourne University. A leading member of the Australian Jewish community, Ron has been President and Chairman of many communal organisations and in 2003 was elected President of Hadassah Australia, the Australian 'Friends' of Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital.

In 2019 Ron launched the Hadassah Australia Medical Research and Collaborations Foundation. In 2013, Ron established Project Rozana and is proud that it is now active in Australia, Canada, Israel, UK and the US, noting that Project Rozana programs have touched the lives of many thousands of people in Israel and Palestine. In 2018 Ron was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM), in recognition of his community service and achievements.



Gareth Andrews

Gareth Andrews is the founder and Executive Director of Life Again Foundation, a non-profit initiative, empowering men to make positive adjustments during challenging times of change in their lives. The inspirational program also connects indigenous men in central Australia with men from the cities. Gareth is a former Australian Rules footballer and was joint founder of the players' association in the early 1970s becoming its second president. He was a successful businessman in various private companies throughout his working career and subsequently has pursued

charitable and not-for-profit pursuits. He is an active board member of charitable associations supporting indigenous, disadvantaged young people in sport, and of an organisation of dedicated professionals working with Aboriginal adults and children at risk. Gareth was previously an executive team member of Global Reconciliation, promoting dialogue and research across national, cultural, religious and racial differences in Australia and overseas.



Barry Bloch

Originally a registered Industrial and Organisational Psychologist, Barry Bloch has built a successful track record of partnering with and working in Board and Executive leadership teams around the globe to deliver strategic change. Barry is recognised as a trusted expert on people and cultural transformation. He has been Head of Organisational Transformation at Monash Health since 2018 and a member of the Monash Health Executive Committee to facilitate and enable the delivery of Monash Health's strategic plan. He does this by facilitating organisation design and change and

integration of health services across Monash Health's portfolio; facilitating executive and senior leadership team effectiveness; and coaching executive and senior leaders. Barry was a member of Monash Health's Incident Command Team for COVID-19 with a primary focus on employee and leadership well-being and support. Barry resigned from the Board in May 2020.



Hass Dellal AO

In 1989, Bulent Hass Dellal became the founding executive of the Australian Multicultural Foundation (AMF). His efforts were recognised in 1997 when he was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for his support of multicultural affairs, the arts and the community. In 2003 he was awarded the Centenary of Federation Medal for his contribution to Australian society. Since 2010, Dellal has also been Chairman of the Centre for Multicultural Youth; Chairman of the National Centre of Excellence for Islamic Studies Consultative Committee

(Melbourne University); Chairman of the Islamic Museum of Australia and on the Commonwealth Government's Australian Multicultural Advisory Council. Hass was a director and chairman of the Special Broadcasting Service (SBS) before stepping down in June 2020.



Peter Hunt AM

Investment banker and engaged philanthropist, Peter is an active philanthropist involved in funding, developing and scaling social sector organisations which seek to create a better and fairer world. As an investment banker Peter advised local and multi-national companies and governments in Australia for nearly 35 years. Peter established Women's Community Shelters in 2011 and is chairman of So They Can, Grameen Australia and Grameen Australia Philippines as well as Mind Medicine Australia. Peter is an Advisory Board member of the Monash Sustainable Development

Institute and a pro bono adviser to Creativity Australia. Previous social sector roles have included Chairman of the AMP Foundation, Chairman of the Australian String Quartet, Trustee of St Vincent's Clinic, Trustee of the Anindilyakwa Indigenous Mining Trust (for the traditional owners of Groote Island) and a director of Odyssey House (drug rehabilitation) and The Ethics Centre. Peter was made a member of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in 2010 for services to the philanthropic sector.



Michael Krape

A public relations consultant with many years of experience in consulting and writing, Michael Krape has been closely associated with the not-for-profit sector for many years. He has given pro bono support to the United Israel Appeal, Jewish National Fund, WIZO, National Council of Jewish Women and the Father Bob Maguire Foundation. Michael has enjoyed a varied career from a puppeteer with the Marionette Theatre Company of Australia and an actor with the Melbourne Theatre Company, to a journalist, travel writer and public relations consultant. He is a published author

and playwright.

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Jacqueline Pascarl

Jacqueline Pascarl is an experienced CEO in the NGO/NFP sector. She worked extensively in media and produced the award-winning documentary 'Empty Arms – Broken Hearts'. Jacqueline established a child literacy initiative, 'Operation Book Power' in Kenya, and was special advisor to Nelson Mandela on his READ Educational Trust. She was appointed Special Ambassador for CARE International (later Patron) and was an emergency aid worker in Bosnia, Kosovo, Turkey and East Timor. She is an expert on The Hague Convention and International Parental Child Abduction and has lectured

at the US State Department and DFAT. Jacqueline conceived Operation Angel in 1997 to champion the needs of women and children in war and disaster zones. In 2011 she was named an Ambassador to His Holiness, The Dalai Lama, and in 2012 was awarded the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal for her work in the Balkans, East Timor, the Indian Ocean Tsunami, Christchurch earthquake and Japan. Jacqueline was appointed by the Australian Government as National Vice Chair of the Australian Defence Force Reserves, the first woman to be appointed to the Executive.



Dr Jamal Rifi AM

Dr Jamal Rifi is a strong advocate of multi-faith initiatives and was a founding member of Muslim Doctors Against Violence and the Christian-Muslim Friendship Society. Jamal is a General Practitioner and prominent figure in the Lebanese Muslim community in Sydney. In 2010 he was a National Finalist as Australia's Local Hero for the Australian of the Year. He is known for winning The Australian newspaper's praised by senior politician Scott Morrison who said that Rifi is a, "great Australian". In October 2015 Dr Rifi was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of

Canberra and in 2017 was appointed a member of the Order of Australia (AM), in recognition of his outstanding achievement and service.



Ruth Ramone Rosen, Company Secretary/Executive Director

Ruth (Ramone) Rosen joined Project Rozana in early 2018 after many years in the education sector in Australia and in Israel. She lectured in English and Comparative Literature at Tel Aviv University and worked as a translator-editor-writer for the Israel Labor Party, a freelance writer and translator and as private tutor to the first Egyptian Ambassador to Israel. Returning to Australia, Ruth moved into international education teaching and then management. Her roles encompassed program management, education policy and marketing as well as governance and communications. Ruth

brings to her role enthusiasm, wide-ranging skills and knowledge at both the strategic and operational levels. She enjoys being part of a team supporting the mission of building better understanding between Israelis and Palestinians through health, making a difference to individuals and communities in Israel-Palestine and in Australia.



INTERNATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

As a key member of an international organisation, Project Rozana Australia is a central voice in approving projects and contributes to the collective international successes. Below are highlights of international activities we were an integral part of during 2020.

WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Project Rozana-commissioned feasibility study on the delivery of primary healthcare and sexual and reproductive health services to women living in remote villages of the West Bank was completed in October, in preparation for the program to begin rolling out in 2021 once funds have been raised.

Funded through Project Rozana USA, the study was authored by the Toronto-based Canada International Scientific Exchange Program (CISEPO) with the Hebron-based Green Land Society for Health Development (GLSHD). The original completion date was postponed because of COVID-19.

The study includes input from Israeli and Palestinian health sector partners and relevant international governmental organisations, including the WHO, UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), and local community and women's organisations.

The multi-year, multi-million-dollar study provides a preliminary assessment of local requirements and considerations related to the development of a program for Area C (see map at right) of the West Bank. As part of the Oslo Accords that were signed between Israel and the Palestinians in the mid-1990s, the West Bank was divided into three Areas – A, B & C. The Palestinian Authority, created as part of the Oslo Accords, is responsible for medical services to Palestinians in Area C, which is about 61% of the West Bank. CISEPO's analysis lays out a Peace



building through Health roadmap for improving women's health in the West Bank. The roadmap responds and contributes to the Palestinian State of Emergency COVID-19 Response Plan. It is designed to support cooperative regional efforts to improve women's health delivery during and post COVID-19.

To do so, it employs community mobilizers providing health services to their communities, who then connect local patients with nearby hospital partners. They do this via integrated digital solutions that include telehealth, hospital-based electronic medical records and mobile point of care diagnostics. Thus, they ensure seamless care delivery.

In addition to improving women's access to critical healthcare, the capacity building components of this approach will elevate women's standing in their families and communities by providing skilled employment. It will sustainably strengthen the health workforce to match WHO standards for care provision. It will also empower women in these communities as they will be able to access reproductive and primary care in situ.

Once implemented, it will be a unique and sustainable cross-border healthcare and health education initiative designed to strengthen the Palestinian healthcare system and create conditions for peace. This approach will also foster peacebuilding in the region by enabling cross-border knowledge transfer and relationships between Palestinians and Israelis.

PROJECT ROZANA @ ALLMEP



Project Rozana was overjoyed by an acknowledgement that was made in a Covid-19 Impact Report prepared by the Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP) in late 2020. ALLMEP is a coalition of more than 100 Israeli and Palestinian organisations promoting people-to-people peace building in the region.

The report answers a fundamental question: **How impactful has Project Rozana been to the Palestinian people through its work leading up to and during the initial phase of the pandemic?** The answer demonstrates that the lives of vulnerable Palestinians have been saved because of our remarkable donor community. As we grow, so too does our standing with the participating governments.

From this critical response, Project Rozana moved onto the radar of many influential organisations around the world who noted the speed with which we were able to respond to this unprecedented health crisis.

INVESTING IN COEXISTENCE: JCR-ALLMEP WEBINAR



In late August, Doron Levinson of Project Rozana Israel did a phenomenal job representing Project Rozana on the Jewish Community Relations Council-ALLMEP webinar.

Doron eloquently presented the inspiring work of Project Rozana and how it fits in with the Middle East Partnership for Peace Act (MEPPA) legislation passed by the US House of Representatives.

Sponsored by a number of national and local Jewish organisations, the webinar outlined the legislation and the impact it would have on grassroots peace-building and economic development for organisations in the region.

For more than a decade, the Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP) and a broad coalition of organisations has been advocating for the “The Partnership Fund For Peace.” This fund would provide a dedicated, well-resourced instrument focused on strengthening people-to-people programs, developing economic cooperation, expanding dialogue, and furthering the ideals of coexistence and reconciliation in Israel and Palestine.

ORGANISATIONAL APPOINTMENTS INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL



Mark Sofer

Mark Sofer was, until September 2020, a 45-year veteran in the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs, completing his posting as Ambassador to Australia in August 2020.

After receiving his BA in Economics and International Relations from the London School of Economics, Mark took an MA in Political Science at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Following his studies, he performed his military service before joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His distinguished career with the Ministry has seen him posted to Peru, Norway, and

New York, before being appointed as Ambassador to Ireland, and later as Ambassador to the Republic of India and, concurrently, Non-Resident Ambassador to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka. His career also spans acting as a Policy Advisor to the then-Foreign Minister of Israel Shimon Peres, and heading the prestigious non-profit Jerusalem Foundation. Before his posting to Australia, Mark served as Deputy Director General of the Foreign Ministry and Head of Asia and Pacific Division.

INTERNATIOANL BOARD



Doron Levinson

Leading Israeli businessman, composer and consultant, Doron Levinson, has taken over as Chair of Project Rozana Israel and joined the International Board. Doron was previously an active member of the Israel Board. He replaces Ronit

Zimmer who has moved to the newly created position of Executive Director, Project Rozana Israel.



Dr Jamal Rifi AM

Lebanese-born Australian Dr Jamal Rifi is a strong advocate of multi-faith initiatives and was a founding member of Muslim Doctors Against Violence and the Christian-Muslim Friendship Society. Jamal is a General

Practitioner and prominent figure in the Lebanese Muslim community in Sydney, Australia.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR



Dr Raid Mansour

Dr Raid Mansour is a man of impeccable credentials. Based in Israel, Dr Mansour played a pivotal role in the transfer of critically needed ventilators and associated equipment sent by Project Rozana to Ramallah at the height of the COVID-19 crisis. He is a medical doctor by training, and a humanitarian by inclination. He is trusted by Palestinians and Israelis and has dedicated his adult life to community service. Fluent in Hebrew, English and Arabic, he graduated in medicine from the Haifa Technion. Since then, he has built a successful career through collaborating with hospitals and government agencies to bring professional social

welfare and medical support services to countries in Africa and Eastern Europe as well as Northern Israel. In 2016 he established a business in Cyprus to provide high level Israeli medical and surgical services to patients from Arab countries. Dr Mansour is well-known among the political and bureaucratic elite in Israel and Palestine. It is these relationships which, as Regional Director, he will manage in an efficient and effective way. He will also be working actively to engage with countries in the Middle East region to expand support for Project Rozana's capacity building programs in the Palestinian Territories.

REFLECTIONS: INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS MISSION 2020

This is a reflective inspirational piece written in March 2020 by Jon Allen, Board Member, Project Rozana Canada, a former Canadian Ambassador to Israel and Spain.

What are the differences between our mission in 2017 and the mission in 2020? What have the years meant for Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza?

In 2017 we focused primarily on transport and treatment, two of the three key pillars on which Project Rozana is built. We visited checkpoints where Israeli volunteer drivers working with Road to Recovery (RtR) collect mostly Palestinian children and their caregivers to transport them to Israeli hospitals.

In 2020, we met with two new services that complement the work of Road to Recovery (RtR). Jerusalem-based Humans Without Borders (HWB) and Hebron-based Green Land Society for Health Development (GLSHD) have joined RtR under the banner of 'Wheels of Hope' in this important initiative. And 'hope' is in abundant supply thanks to the remarkable volunteers across all three organisations, which are wholly or partly funded by Project Rozana.

Not only has there been a marked increase in the number of volunteer drivers since 2017, but GLSHD has attracted over 150 passionate young Palestinians who are providing peace of mind for patients and their families in the West Bank. Without this service, many families would be unable to meet the cost of commercial transport, thereby putting lives at risk.

In 2017, we received a briefing on operations being performed on Palestinian children who, as a result of consanguinity – close cousin marriages – exhibited severe sex differentiation symptoms. Project Rozana started funding these operations, which the Palestinian Authority neither sanctions nor acknowledges.

The 2017 mission gave us the opportunity to observe at close quarters where the needs were. That proved to be fertile ground for our fundraising initiatives. We visited the Lutheran-supported Augusta Victoria Hospital and observed the dozens of haemodialysis patients on the

ward and saw the paediatric oncology unit close-up. I realize now that 2017 was largely a learning mission during which we made multiple contacts and where we began to spread the word regarding Project Rozana's vision and goals.

As the 2020 Mission unfolded, it became obvious that Project Rozana has begun to make a real difference. This was evident when we gathered over dinner in Jerusalem with our Israeli and Palestinian partner organisations. Among the invited guests were the...

- Local heads and representatives of the World Health Organisation
- Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP)
- Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT)
- World Lutheran Federation
- Canadian Government's Office in Ramallah

Our guests spoke eloquently about the needs in the region and confirmed that Project Rozana-funded projects were demonstrating real and measured success.

During the next three days we were briefed by the co-directors of two impressive projects that Project Rozana not only funds but also initiated by bringing together Israeli and Palestinian partner institutions.

The first is an eighteen-month training project between the ALYN Paediatric Rehabilitation Hospital in Jerusalem and the Anglican Church-supported Jerusalem Princess Basma Center in East Jerusalem. Ten medical practitioners from Princess Basma are in the process of being trained at ALYN, one of the most sophisticated institutions of its kind in the world.

The second is a training partnership between the venerable Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem and the Nephrology Institute of the new Assuta Hospital in Ashdod. The Director of Nephrology at Assuta and the Medical Director and Chief Nephrologist at Augusta Victoria Hospital explained how the Project Rozana peritoneal dialysis training project has allowed Palestinian children and adults to be treated at home rather than spending their days in hospital wards unable to attend school or work.



International Directors Mission Dinner, Jerusalem. L-R Gareth Andrews PRAUS, Katherine Verrier-Frechette PRCAN, Ibrahim Faltas JPBC, Mushira Aboo Dia PHRI, Eric Tlosek ABC, Huda Abuarquob ALLMEP

In addition to meeting partners in existing projects, our group also met with medical staff at Rambam Hospital in Haifa and at the Scottish (EMMS) Hospital in Nazareth. Both institutions are committed to working with their colleagues in the Palestinian Territories and with Project Rozana to consider potential training programs in the areas of clearly defined need. One possibility going forward could be family practice training.

What was perhaps most gratifying for me personally was to realize that since 2017

Project Rozana's vision and specific goals are being met. Our projects are bridging the divide between Israelis and Palestinians and demonstrating that their commonalities are often more evident than their differences. At the same time, the projects are addressing the specific training, transportation and treatment needs of Palestinians living in Gaza and the West Bank.



Project Rozana meeting with Wheels of Hope volunteers and patients in Beit Jala. There were many special moments during our five-day mission to Israel and Palestine.

APPENDIX 1

FINANCIALS

The following is a summary of income and expenditure and overall financial health of Project Rozana Australia for the year 2020 approved by the Board. Audited accounts will be completed in May 2021 and will be made available on the Project Rozana and ACNC websites.

As part of its 5-Year Strategic Plan, Project Rozana is investing heavily in capacity building for our Israel office to provide the vital infrastructure needed to significantly scale up our programs and increase our impact. Substantial financial support (non-recourse) was secured to expedite this process.

INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

REVENUE	2020
Donations and gifts	
Donations	646,590
	646,590
Grants	
EU Grant	365,287
Australian and Victorian Government Covid Payments	120,659
	485,946
Sponsorships	31,000
TOTAL REVENUE	1,163,536
EXPENDITURE	
International Programs	
Various programs	529,038
Palestinian COVID ICU Ventilator program	370,017
	899,055
Program Expenses	78,351
Fundraising Costs	153,299
Accountability and Administration	190,120
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,320,825
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-157,289
Funded by a non-recourse loan	158,000

APPENDIX 2

LETTERS TO PROJECT ROZANA

Minister of Foreign Affairs Re: Ventilators– April 2020


State of Palestine
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates
Minister

Ramallah, April 21st 2020

Mr. Ron Finkel AM
Chair
Project Rozana International
306 Hawthorn Road
Caulfield
AUSTRALIA 3162h

Dear Mr Finkel,

I want to thank you and Project Rozana for your offer to fund the purchase of a number of ICU invasive ventilators for shipment from Australia to Palestine.

As you are aware the deadly threat of the COVID 19 pandemic hangs over the world, Palestine included.

Our country has a good health system but our existing infrastructure will be sorely tested without access to sophisticated equipment to provide the additional capacity needed to meet the inevitable surge in critical care patients infected with COVID 19.

Our current estimate is that the Palestinian hospital network will need at least 250 ICU invasive ventilators with a minimum of 40 – 50 needed immediately.

The ResMed Astral 150 ventilator meets our needs and we would be very grateful for any assistance Project Rozana can provide in facilitating securing of up to 50 of these units as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


Dr. Riad Malki
Minister of Foreign Affairs & Expatriates
State of Palestine



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Makassed Islamic Hospital Jerusalem RE: Equipment – August 2020



مستشفى جمعية المقاصد الخيرية الإسلامية – القدس

MAKASSED ISLAMIC CHARITABLE HOSPITAL - JERUSALEM



Ref. B24/12/297... رقم الشارة:

Date: August 12, 2020... التاريخ:

Mr Ron Finkel AM
Chairman
Project Rozana International
306 Hawthorn Road
Caulfield
AUSTRALIA 3162

Dear Mr Finkel

As you are aware the global pandemic is challenging all of us and here in Makassed Hospital in Jerusalem we bear our responsibility to support our Palestinian people with a great deal of commitment.

Our dedicated staff of highly trained doctors and nurses are successfully carrying the load of treatment of many critically ill COVID-19 patients. It is a testament to their dedication that to date we have been successful in all our ICU treatment. But the number of cases has indeed risen significantly and our resources are increasingly stretched.

It is vital that our frontline professionals have access to the needed equipment, especially ventilators, and for this we are deeply grateful to Project Rozana for your offer of material support.

The five non-invasive CPAP machines that you have offered will be deployed as soon as possible and will, I have no doubt, play a key role in assisting us to continue the provision of top-class treatment to our patients.

Thank you and Project Rozana for your support.

Yours sincerely,


Dr. Izzedein Hussein Yasin
CEO
Makassed Hospital

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Ministry of Health Re: Nurses training Gaza – December 2020

STATE OF PALESTINE
Ministry Of Health
International Cooperation Dept.



دولة فلسطين
وزارة الصحة
الإدارة العامة للتعاون الدولي

December 6, 2020

To: Ron Finkel AM
Chair
Project Rozana International

Subject: Nursing Support to the Ministry of Health in Gaza

Dear Mr. Ron,

The International Cooperation Directorate on behalf of the Ministry of Health would like hereby to extend its invitation to Project Rozana International to support the mission of highly-qualified and well-trained Israeli Arab nurses to the Gaza Strip in order to provide a practical assistance and hands-on training for the MOH nurses working in the hospital Intensive Care Units for COVID-19 patients.

We believe this experience will be of added value and will contribute to upskilling the MOH nursing staff and enhancing their capacity in managing severe and critical cases infected with COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Dr. Abdullatif Alhaj
Director General
International Cooperation
Ministry of Health

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Palestinian Foreign Minister letter of appreciation– January 2021



APPENDIX 3

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