

Project One

Fostering Partnerships Via Cross-Border Virtual Maternal/Child Health Clinics in Remote Communities in Area C of the West Bank.



Our cross-border health initiative focuses on fostering cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians while promoting better health outcomes and building trust between the two communities. It also aims to bridge critical health education and healthcare delivery gaps for Palestinian women and children living in remote rural communities of Area C.

The Issue

The ongoing conflict between Israelis and Palestinians has limited cross-border interaction, which deprives both sides of positive opportunities to meet and build trust. However, there has been a history of effective cooperation between Palestinian and Israeli health professionals, with thousands of Palestinians studying and training in Israeli healthcare institutions. Unfortunately, these links are mostly opportunistic and lack strategic and systemic consideration for how to improve relations between the two peoples by leveraging care delivery systems.

Solution & Outcomes

Project Rozana has partnered with Sheba Beyond, a virtual hospital associated with the Sheba Medical Center, Israel, to support a team of young Palestinian women healthcare professionals in delivering a holistic range of health services and education to women and children in remote communities of Area C of the West Bank. Our pilot program, launched in early 2022, has been successful in delivering healthcare services to three communities with the help of cutting-edge remote care technologies.

Through this proposal, we aim to continue training our team in delivering health services based on the needs that surface in the field. We also plan to strengthen cross-border ties by providing **ongoing training and clinical supervision** by Israeli health professionals to the multidisciplinary team of local Palestinian women healthcare professionals.

Our **people-to-people approach** between Palestinians and Israelis builds local capacity at the individual and systemic levels. Addressing women's healthcare needs and promoting gender equitable access to training has been shown to improve overall quality of life indicators, social cohesion, and the possibilities for regional peace.

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