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COMPREHENSIVE SUMMARY

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Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development

2024 Annual Report

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Brief Context:

The year 2024 is categorized among the hardest years that Palestinians have passed through during the previous decades. It witnessed the continuation of the Israeli war on the Gaza Strip, which resulted in tens of thousands of killed Palestinians, massive destruction of houses and civil objectives, hundreds of thousands of injured, and forcible displacement of approximately two million persons, compromising about 95% of the entire population of the Gaza Strip. A restricted siege was imposed on the Gaza Strip, banning the entry of life essentials and consequently, transferring the Gaza Strip into an area that is inappropriate for human living. The Israeli attacks targeted the health system, where hospitals and health facilities were intentionally destroyed, which contributed in increasing the number of victims. Furthermore, the imposed siege caused the spread of famine in the Gaza Strip, serving as another tool of those applied by the Israeli occupation in its genocide war against Palestinians.

In the West Bank, the Israeli forces made use of the fact that the world is busy following up on what is going on in the Gaza Strip, including the live broadcast massacres, to proceed in their brutal attacks against Palestinians and apply the Israeli ideological plan to evacuate Palestinians from their lands. The Israeli forces imposed a siege on the West Bank through around 900 checkpoints, military barriers, and iron gates. The imposed closure denied Palestinians access to their work, educational institutions, and social services centers. In addition to that, the Israeli government armed the settlers in the West Bank and gave a blind eye to their attacks against Palestinians, mainly in the rural areas. Moreover, the Israeli government increased invasions and raids on the Palestinian localities, which were accompanied by the destruction of houses and infrastructure. In the northern governorates (Jenin and Tulkarem), the Israeli forces demolished the three refugee camps (Tulkarem, Nourshams, and Jenin) and displaced the residents of these camps and the residents of some nearby quarters, pushing them outdoors.

Women were the most vulnerable group, which suffered as a result to these circumstances. In the Gaza Strip, women and children represent two-thirds of the victims. In the West Bank, women suffered due to the attacks of the Israeli occupation forces and as a result of the collapse of the economy. Further burdens were imposed on women, including the escalation of caregiving work (traditionally associated with women) and the need to provide food and water to sustain their families. Alongside the suffering of women in the shelters and gathering places, women's mental health witnessed unprecedented deterioration.

Within this situation, PWWSD continued its interventions with women over the year to try to support them and equip them with skills that help them overcome the challenges. In the Gaza Strip, PWWSD continued providing women with psychological support in the shelters and destroyed quarters,

through its team in the Gaza Strip, though themselves were displaced and PWWSD lost two of its staff members who were killed with their families. PWWSD additionally provided women with relief aid focusing on dignity (hygiene) kits, women's costumes, and food baskets. Furthermore, PWWSD provided women with multi-purpose cash assistance to help them decide what to purchase.

PWWSD work was accomplished under its three programs: Political Participation and Promoting WPSA Program, Psycho-social Counseling and Combating GBV Program, and Women's Economic Empowerment Program. The interventions of PWWSD are based on the Right-Based Approach and Do No Harm. All the interventions are ruled by a bunch of policies and regulations, such as: Gender Equality Policy, Psychological Exploitation and Sexual Abuse Policy, Anti-Corruption Policy, and Child Safeguard Policy. A participatory approach is applied where the targeted groups are involved in designing, executing, and monitoring the interventions.

Table of Beneficiaries disaggregated based on Sex:

Program	Number of Direct Beneficiaries		Number of Indirect Beneficiaries
	Males	Females	
Political Participation and Promoting WPSA	656	5363	16470 in addition to 12,564,191 views of the media activities published online and the views of Muwatinat Media Platform
Psycho-social Counseling and Combating GBV	3385	16298	294,377 benefiting from the open activities and media activities accomplished under the umbrella of the program.
Women's Economic Empowerment	486	7597	37985 benefiting indirectly from the activities, including media activities.
Total	33735 (13%)	29228 (87%)	12,915,023

Disaggregating beneficiaries based on region:

Region	Political Participation and Promoting WPSA	Psycho-social Counseling and Combating GBV	Women's Economic Empowerment	Total	Percentage
West Bank	5527	6679	9517	21723	65%
Gaza Strip	492	900	10146	11538	35%
Total	6019	9950	11349	33261	100%
Percentage	18.1%	22.79	59.12%	100%	

Milestones for 2024 Work:

Despite the challenges faced during the 2024, yet, the following could be furnished as milestones within PWWSD's work:

Women's Political Participation and Promoting WPSA Program:

Key Achievements in Shadow Councils and Advocacy

1. Expansion of Shadow Councils:

5 new councils formed, bringing the total to 109 (105 in the West Bank, 4 in Gaza), with 748 women and girls participating.

2. Capacity Building & Engagement:

- ✓ 153 workshops held across various locations, covering political, social, and civil rights, youth engagement, and the Women, Peace, and Security agenda.
- ✓ 10 mentorship opportunities provided for Shadow Council members with decision-makers.
- ✓ 7 peer exchange visits between new and existing councils.
- ✓ 5 training courses (128 hours) for 122 participants on crisis response, advocacy planning, public speaking, and leadership.

3. Policy & Dialogue:

- ✓ 12 individual meetings with decision-makers on political division, youth and women's rights, and future state scenarios.
- ✓ 2 seminars on youth roles in ending early marriage and political participation.
- ✓ Support provided to 8 grassroots feminist and civil society organizations.

4. Local Initiatives:

Shadow Council members led community initiatives benefiting ~1,500 people, including exhibitions, summer clubs, medical days, blood drives, and agricultural projects.

5. Digital Dialogue Platform:

3 virtual community dialogue sessions held with 151 participants, based on prior recommendations.

Media & Advocacy Campaigns

6. Campaigns Targeting Decision-Makers and Public:

Focused on youth and women's political participation and election engagement.

7. Media Outputs:

- ✓ Radio episode, 4 videos on Shadow Councils' impact, training documentation, and testimonies from female prisoners.
- ✓ Booklet with 40 stories from Shadow Council members and youth, plus 20 documented leadership stories.
- ✓ 5 social media messages from youth and council members promoting civic engagement.

8. Policy Advocacy:

- ✓ Policy paper on UN and global responsibility to protect Palestinian women under international law.

9. Community-Led Media Campaigns:

5 campaigns by grantee organizations on UNSC Resolution 1325, gender-based violence, and political participation.

10. Digital Platform "Muwatinat":

Launched in March 2024, reaching over 11 million people through 216 hours of specialized broadcasting over nine months.

PWWSD has become a reference organization and key actor locally, regionally, and globally thanks to its strong networking, coordination, advocacy, and influence.

Psycho-social Counseling and Combating GBV Program:

Within the deteriorated status of the overall situation in Palestine, the need for the services of the program increased significantly. PWWSD continued providing women with services such as raising awareness about psychological issues, individual/group counseling, debriefing sessions, and supporting women victims/potential victims/ survivors of GBV.

- ✓ **Mental Health Awareness Workshops:** 638 sessions conducted to raise awareness on psychological issues.
- ✓ **Guidance Groups:** 130 structured sessions held.
- ✓ **Peer Support Groups:** 21 peer-to-peer support groups facilitated.

- ✓ **Capacity-Building Trainings:** 8 trainings delivered.
- ✓ **Youth Advocacy Trainings:** 2 sessions focused on advocacy tools.
- ✓ **Legal Training for Female Lawyers:** Focused on gender equality and women's rights.
- ✓ **Protection Committee Trainings:** 5 sessions covering gender-based violence, the role of local protection committees, referral systems, and child protection.
- ✓ **Recruited 41 professionals** in mental health, legal aid, and gender-based violence services to meet growing needs in the West Bank and Gaza.
- ✓ **Policy Papers:**
 - Analytical paper on mental health services and peer support at PWWSD.
 - Legal policy paper on alimony law in Sharia courts, including challenges and recommendations.

Gender-Based Violence Program	Direct Beneficiaries		Total	Indirect Reach
	Female	Male		
	16268	3385	19653	294,377
Percentage	%82.8	%17.2		

Media Activities

- ✓ Designed and disseminated awareness messages and posters.
- ✓ Conducted 3 televised interviews (10–15 minutes each) on Roya TV, covering the national anti-violence strategy, referral systems, and compounded violence against Palestinian women.
- ✓ Published 6 short videos on family protection law, referral systems, judicial challenges, and civil society's advocacy role.
- ✓ Distributed branded awareness materials (coffee bottles, notebooks).
- ✓ Produced 6 testimonial videos under the “Her Story” campaign, featuring displaced women and girls from Gaza sharing their experiences during the war and violations of dignity and privacy.

Women's Economic Empowerment:

1. **Partnerships & Grants:** Signed annual grant agreements with 11 partner institutions to support women's economic rights.
2. **Capacity Building:** Delivered training in advocacy, gender, digital security, strategic planning, workplace safety, and participatory research to feminist organizations and cooperatives.
3. **Policy Development:** Developed gender equality and anti-exploitation policies for partner institutions.
4. **Feminist School Launch:** Launched the Feminist School with 25 selected participants from 120 applicants, focusing on critical feminist leadership.
5. **Economic Rights & Support:** Held awareness sessions, psychological support meetings (360 beneficiaries in Gaza), and trained social workers in crisis response and self-care.

6. **Advocacy Campaigns:** Conducted 10 campaigns on economic rights and workplace safety, and held 10 decision-maker meetings with government and private sector stakeholders.
7. **Conferences & Public Events:** Organized 3 major conferences (559 participants), 7 public events (350 participants), and 16 policy roundtables (627 participants).
8. **Legal & Economic Empowerment:** Provided legal guidance to women in economic projects and supported 400 women and girls in economic capacity building.
9. **Male Engagement:** Held workshops on positive masculinity and advocacy for women's economic rights.
10. **Media Training & Field Visits:** Conducted mobile journalism training and organized media tours to cooperatives in the West Bank.

Media & Advocacy Campaigns

- ✓ **Comprehensive Media Coverage:** A total of 120 media coverages were conducted, highlighting key events such as three major conferences (with 559 participants), advocacy sessions with decision-makers, and ten advocacy campaigns.
- ✓ **Success Stories:** Five radio and ten written success stories were produced, documenting women's experiences in the economic field, including those who benefited from capacity-building programs targeting 400 women and girls in the West Bank.
- ✓ **Visual Content Production:** Five short films and one animated video were created to showcase women's leadership and explain economic rights in an accessible format. These supported the "Protection" campaign for violence-free workplaces.
- ✓ **Digital Advocacy:** Ten social media posts and hashtags were launched as part of the advocacy campaigns, engaging 109 participants and raising awareness on economic rights and anti-discrimination.
- ✓ **Broadcast Media:** Five TV episodes, five radio episodes, and two open radio sessions addressed women's economic challenges and featured findings from the participatory research "Hidden Voices."
- ✓ **Awareness Advertising:** One TV spot emphasized the importance of women's participation in the economy and supported 16 policy roundtables attended by 627 participants.
- ✓ **Field Media Tour:** A media tour was organized for local and regional outlets to visit women-led cooperatives in central West Bank, including initiatives in Ramallah, Salbit, and Deir Ballut.
- ✓ **Media Capacity Building:** A mobile journalism training course was conducted to enhance participants' ability to document success stories and challenges professionally.

The media component of the program played a vital role in amplifying the voices of women and promoting their political and economic participation. A total of 120 media coverages were conducted, alongside radio and TV episodes, short films, and social media campaigns that highlighted success stories, advocacy efforts, and key messages related to gender equality and women's rights. These efforts reached over 3.2 million people, demonstrating strong public engagement.

The program also produced creative content such as animations, open broadcast sessions, and mobile journalism training, helping women and youth develop storytelling and advocacy skills. Through these diverse media formats, PWWSD effectively raised awareness, documented violations, and promoted policy change, especially around UNSC Resolution 1325 and economic justice for women.

Other Programs:

In addition to the three Programs, PWWSD implements other interventions like: Student Support and Empowerment Program: This program provides scholarships to underprivileged students in Palestine. It is part of PWWSD's efforts to promote education and empower youth by enabling access to appropriate educational opportunities. It targets students from low-income and marginalized families, helping them continue their education and improve their skills.

The program offers financial support for tuition fees, books, and other educational needs, funded by donor institutions and individuals who contribute financially to PWWSD. In 2024, a total of **82 students (19 males and 63 females)** benefited from the scholarships—**45 from universities and 37 from schools**. The program will continue to provide scholarships according to specific criteria and conditions.

List of Activities and Active Engagements by PWWSD in Development, Public Relations, and Advocacy in 2025

Communication, Public Relations, and Development:

This department works in close coordination with other programs and units within the PWWSD. It includes the **Media Unit**, **Advocacy Unit**, and **Public Relations & Development Unit**. The department focuses on achieving **Strategic Goal 4: PWWSD possesses the capacity and competence to achieve its objectives**. In addition to supporting programmatic work, the department undertakes the following activities:

- **Maintaining Relationships with Existing Partners:**

The Public Relations & Development Unit communicates with the PWWSD's partners in coordination with relevant stakeholders, especially program teams. It follows up on reports sent to donors and uses them to design new interventions and future projects.

- **Exploring New Partnership Opportunities:**

The unit reaches out to potential funders and partners to build relationships that enhance PWWSD's resources and ensure continuity in implementing activities. This includes preparing and submitting funding proposals and maintaining relationships with donors.

- **Issuing Press Releases, Analytical Papers, and Specialized Reports:**

These publications support local and international advocacy efforts. Throughout the year, the unit released several analytical papers and press statements, contributing significantly to advocacy activities aimed at highlighting PWWSD's role and addressing international bodies to protect the Palestinian people, especially women, amid escalating occupation crimes.

- **Monitoring Advocacy Activities:**

While advocacy activities are implemented under various program umbrellas, the Advocacy Unit is responsible for executing and monitoring these efforts in coordination with relevant stakeholders. It also oversees the editing and translation of publications issued by the programs.

- **Media as a Tool for Awareness and Advocacy:**

PWWSD uses media to raise awareness about women's rights and as a tool for advocacy. Throughout the year, the unit managed all media activities within PWWSD's programs, including coordination with external entities and managing PWWSD's website and social media platforms.

Key Achievements:

PWWSD issued several reports, research papers, and submissions to international bodies, including:

- Report submitted to the Committee on the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.
- Analytical report marking [100 days](#) since the start of the genocide in Gaza.
- [Report](#) on the PWWSD's humanitarian response for women in Gaza.
- [Analytical report](#) on the impact of the genocide on women in Gaza after one year.
- [Analytical paper](#) on hate speech and its impact on women and feminist institutions.
- Analytical paper on the economic impact of the genocide on Palestinian women and Israeli practices affecting women's economic reality in the West Bank.
- [Position paper](#) – Opportunities for women in education and vocational training.
- [Position paper](#) on social security and domestic workers.
- [Policy paper](#) – Economic and social barriers to women's ownership of assets.
- [Hidden Voices](#) – Stories of Arab women's economic struggles.
- [Open letter](#) to UN Secretary-General António Guterres on the anniversary of UN Resolution 1325.
- [Statement](#) by PWWSD on International Day of Rural Women.
- [Press release](#) on the assassination of American activist Eisner Ezgi Eji by Israeli forces.
- [Statement](#) titled "We Will Not Surrender" marking the end of 2024, celebrating Palestinian women's resilience.
- [Statement](#) by PWWSD on the International Campaign to End Violence Against Women.
- [Statement](#) by PWWSD on International Women's Day.
- [After 29 days of the first ruling](#) by the International Court of Justice on a petition calling for immediate measures to prevent genocide in Gaza, 3,[524 Palestinians were killed](#) and 5,266 injured.
- [Open letter](#) to the Republic and People of South Africa.
- [Statement](#) on the theft of infant children.

خلال زيارة نظمتهما في بيتا وسلفيت

«المرأة العاملة» تدعو لمساعدة

الجميعات التعاونية بتسويق منتجاتها

و«مطبخاً للوجبات الصحية»، كما أن الجمعية تنتج المايون. وأشارت عزيزي إلى أن الجح تسوق منتجاتها في سلفيت وأ تسوقها في بعض العارض التز لكن الجمعية تواجه تحدياً بت منتجاتها، مؤكدة على أهمية قنوات تسويقية لتعزيز م الجمعية. أشار إلى أن الزيارة نفذتها جمعية «المرأة العاملة» للصالحين، أن الجمعية تنتج المايون تحت العلامة التجارية «سلفيتا»، وكذلك «سائل جلي» تحت العلامة التجارية «شمس». وتنتج الحلويات من التمر. وأشارت الجاوب إلى أن الجمعية تسعى في خلال منتجاتها إلى تنوع مصادر الدخل للنساء اللواتي في الجمعية، البالغ عددهن ٣٢ سيدة، مشددة على أن أبرز التحديات التي تواجه الجمعية هي فرص تسويق للنتائج.

أما رئيسة جمعية «سلفيت التعاونية» انتصار عزيزي، فقد أشارت في حديثها للصالحين، إلى أن الجمعية تأسست قبل ٩ سنوات، وتنشط بشكل فاعل منذ ٤ سنوات، بالتصنيع الغذائي وتضم ٣٠ سيدة، وتقوم على عمل الجمعية بشكل أساسي ٦ سيدات. كما أن الجمعية تنتج «خللات»، و«الحبنة»، ومنتجات موسمية ك«زيت البندورة»، والطر، و«زيت العنب»، وتملك «كافيتيريا».



National Advocacy المناصرة على المستوى الوطني



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«ريادات دير السودان» : جمعية تعاونية لدعم المرأة بمشاريع مدرة للدخل

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National-Level Advocacy

1. Meetings of the National High Committee for the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325

In January and February 2024, the Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development (PWWSD) participated in two consecutive meetings of the National High Committee for the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325. These meetings included representatives from Palestinian governmental institutions and civil society organizations within the coalition. Discussions addressed several key issues, including:

- The impact of the ongoing aggression on Gaza on women and children.
- A study by the Ministry of Detainees Affairs on the effects of the 2023 aggression on women in Gaza.
- Issuance of a statement by the National High Committee on the situation of women in Gaza, circulated to international bodies and organizations, emphasizing the role of international institutions in protecting Palestinian women.
- Review of the emergency plan framework prepared by the Ministry of Women's Affairs.
- Preparations for Palestine's participation in the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) meeting scheduled for March 2024.

2. Launch of the National Campaign “Muwatinat” (Citizens)

Launched in March 2024 and ongoing, the “Muwatinat” campaign aims to achieve transitional justice for victims of the Palestinian political division while advocating for the rights of Palestinian women in the context of Israeli genocide. The campaign addresses challenges such as occupation, internal division, marginalization, and denial of political, social, and economic rights.

The “Muwatinat” platform serves as a space for Palestinian women to voice their concerns, defend their constitutional rights, and promote an alternative feminist discourse. The platform has achieved significant success in raising awareness and amplifying women's voices. With 146 episodes broadcast over six months, reaching over 7,417,030 viewers, the platform has demonstrated strong public engagement. Its approach—combining diverse topics, expert opinions, and personal stories—offers a comprehensive narrative of women's experiences and challenges in Palestine.

3. Meeting with Dr. Amal Jadou, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

On March 7, 2024, PWWSD participated in a meeting with Dr. Amal Jadou, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, organized by the NGO Forum to Combat Violence Against Women. Several coalition institutions attended the meeting, which highlighted:

- The Ministry's role in engaging international bodies to advocate for the protection of Palestinian women.
- The importance of collaboration between civil society and official institutions to prioritize women's issues under current conditions.
- Coordinated efforts to document Israeli violations against Palestinian women and present them to international bodies, including UN Special Rapporteurs.

4. Meetings with the Minister of Women's Affairs

Following the appointment of Ms. Mona Al-Khalili as Minister of Women's Affairs, PWWSD participated in three meetings held in Nablus and Ramallah in May 2024. Discussions focused on:

- Challenges facing women under current conditions.
- The Ministry's role in integrating women's demands into its plans and interventions.
- Advocacy for the inclusion of women's priorities in the new Palestinian government's strategy.

5. Ten Multimedia News Stories

In June 2024, ten multimedia news stories were developed and broadcast via Wattan TV. These stories aimed to:

- Highlight female leadership.
- Challenge stereotypes.
- Promote alternative narratives to counter incitement and hate speech against women.

Developed by young women trained in media advocacy, the stories showcased prominent female leaders, activists, and role models across sectors such as local governance, community activism, and disability rights. Key themes included overcoming societal barriers, contributing to community development, and leading by example.

6. Dialogue Session with Minister Mona Al-Khalili

On June 13, 2024, PWWSD held a dialogue session with Minister Mona Al-Khalili, attended by youth from the Youth Forum, members of the Shadow Council, and PWWSD activists. The session aimed to:

- Strengthen women's political participation and influence in decision-making.
- Amplify women's voices and demands.

Topics discussed included the current priorities and conditions of women and girls, and the need to incorporate these into the Ministry's plans. The session also explored collaboration between the Ministry and PWWSD through a joint program to address laws and legislation related to women's protection during wartime, including electoral law amendments and youth engagement in political life to build a society based on equality and justice.

7. Preparatory Meeting for the Annual Open Day

On October 3, 2024, PWWSD participated in a consultative meeting for the Annual Open Day, typically organized by UN Women and attended by international and local institutions. Scheduled for November 2024, the two-day event will focus on:

- Women's political participation.
- UN Security Council Resolution 1325.
- The impact of Israeli attacks in the West Bank and the ongoing genocide in Gaza on women and children.

The Open Day will serve as a platform to advocate for women's protection and empowerment, featuring live testimonies from women affected by the war and emphasizing their role in political participation and the Women, Peace, and Security agenda.

International Advocacy

1. Participation in the 68th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) – March 2024, New York

In March 2024, PWWSD participated in the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) in New York to advance the Women, Peace, and Security agenda. The organization took part in key events, including a panel discussion organized by Karama, attended by Ireland's Minister of Justice, Helen McEntee, and the country's ambassador to the United Nations. PWWSD also held meetings with Ambassador Dr. Riyad Mansour and the Permanent Mission of Ireland to highlight the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and advocate for international intervention.

2. Arab States Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Working Group

On June 7, 2024, PWWSD joined the Arab States Women, Peace, and Security Working Group. This significant initiative was launched during a meeting hosted by the Swedish Dialogue Institute for the Middle East and North Africa, aiming to strengthen the implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security agenda across the region. As the 25th anniversary of the WPS agenda approaches in 2025, the working group focuses on addressing existing gaps, overcoming challenges, promoting women's inclusion, and amplifying their voices in peace and security policymaking at all levels.

3. Regional Meeting with the EuroMed Feminist Initiative (EFI), French Development Agency (AFD), and Civil Society Organizations

In June 2024, PWWSD participated in a regional meeting involving EFI, AFD, and civil society organizations from Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, and Palestine. The meeting was part of a project aimed at strengthening feminist civil society organizations working on the implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security agenda in these countries. Discussions emphasized the critical role of women-led organizations in advancing UNSC Resolution 1325 and the broader WPS agenda.

4. 56th Session of the Human Rights Council – Geneva

During June 2024, PWWSD took part in the 56th session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. The organization hosted a side event titled "Women Speak," which focused on the urgent need for accountability and justice for Palestinian women under occupation. The event, moderated by Rana Khalil, highlighted themes of resilience, resistance, and the unique challenges faced by Palestinian women during the ongoing conflict.

5. WPS Working Group Meeting – Geneva

From September 29 to October 2, PWWSD participated in a meeting of the Women, Peace, and Security Working Group held in Geneva. This important gathering brought together stakeholders from Arab countries including Iraq, Libya, Sudan, Palestine, Lebanon, and Syria to discuss priorities and challenges in implementing the WPS agenda across the region.

6. Side Event at the 57th Session of the Human Rights Council – Geneva

On October 4, 2024, PWWSD actively participated in a side event during the 57th session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. Shahd Sattaria, representing the organization, spoke on the vital role of economic, social, and cultural rights in post-conflict recovery in Palestine, with a particular focus on women.

7. 2024 Open Debate on Women, Peace, and Security

On October 15, 2024, PWWSD joined a virtual seminar organized by the Women, Peace, and Security group of the Arab Women's Civil Society Network, held as part of the monthly meeting of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in New York. The session emphasized the urgent need for meaningful women's participation in discussions related to armed conflict and peacebuilding.



International Advocacy المناصرة على المستوى الدولي



Strategic Partners

Over the past years, the Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development (PWWSD) has established a number of strategic partnerships. These are the key partners who provide the necessary support to strengthen the organization's capacity to achieve its main goal: enhancing the role and participation of Palestinian women and empowering them economically. This is done by promoting the involvement of youth, marginalized women, small-scale female farmers, and others, in order to improve their sustainable livelihoods. In addition, the organization offers programs to protect women from gender-based violence and promotes women's political participation so they can engage effectively in political life and contribute to governance and administration reform.

The following table presents the list of strategic partners of the Palestinian Working Woman Society for Development:

Logo	Strategic Partner
	United Nations for Development Program(UNDP)
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	Kavinna Till Kavinna
	European Commission
	UN Women
	French Development Agency(AFD)
	Center Party International Foundation (CIS)
	Karama

Challenges and Recommendations

Challenges and Obstacles:

- **Shift in Priorities:** Due to the war in Gaza and unrest in the West Bank, focus shifted from empowerment to emergency relief and protection.
- **Security & Mobility Restrictions:** Road closures and instability hindered field activities and access to safe spaces.
- **Political Impact:** The genocide disrupted advocacy efforts and delayed legal reform initiatives.
- **Project Suspension in Gaza:** Funding cuts and donor conditions led to halted activities and delays.
- **Economic Decline:** Occupation policies caused rising poverty and unemployment, disproportionately affecting women.
- **Gendered Economic Impact:** Women faced reduced job opportunities, especially in informal sectors and small businesses.
- **Marketing & Funding Issues:** Women's cooperatives struggled due to closures and low purchasing power; donor funding became fragmented and short-term.
- **Service Disruptions:** Gender-based violence services and psychological support were overwhelmed or suspended.
- **Operational Challenges:** Role overlaps, limited emergency funding, and delays in project execution affected efficiency.
- **Decline in Democratic Space:** Reduced trust in rights discourse and international systems, with shifting priorities toward basic needs.

Recommendations:

- Continue applying a holistic approach to ensure coordination across all programs and deliver integrated services to women.
- Accelerate the development of a legal framework tailored to the PWWSD's responsibilities and aligned with national policy implementation.
- Complete organizational development and institutionalization to enable PWWSD to contribute to national policy-making for women's empowerment.
- Activate the formation of a national team in partnership with the Ministry of Women's Affairs to develop a policy promoting women's roles and participation.
- Intensify international advocacy efforts to ensure protection for Palestinian women and men.
- Expand media efforts to position PWWSD as a national umbrella supporting women's empowerment.

- Increase media coverage to document and expose occupation violations, especially those targeting women, to the global community.
- Strengthen PWWSD's role with partners at international, regional, and national levels, including public, private, and civil sectors.
- Train staff in safety and protection, especially given the challenging security conditions.
- Upgrade PWWSD's technical infrastructure to enhance digital security through advanced computers and modern monitoring systems.
- Adopt effective emergency plans, especially during crises, and establish women-led emergency committees to support survivors of violence.
- Leverage the national cross-sectoral strategic plan to implement recommendations and guide donor and stakeholder efforts.
- Engage institutions and ministries involved in the national referral system in workshops.
- Focus on building networks of young men as advocates for women's rights.
- Develop leadership capacities among women's groups and young women to address broader societal issues.
- Coordinate feminist movement efforts to restore the national role of women.
- Increase pressure from rights-based and feminist organizations on the international community to hold the occupation accountable.
- Create economic projects that meet women's and young women's practical needs, such as job creation and income-generating initiatives.
- Develop and relaunch the "Zawadeh" restaurant as a source of income to support activity implementation.
- Adopt long-term projects (minimum of 5 years) aimed at empowering women at all levels.
- Build and strengthen the capacities of survivors of violence, empowering them economically, socially, and politically.
- Integrate life skills training into all gender-based violence-related projects.
- Enforce laws protecting women's rights under Islamic law and ensure their implementation.
- Guarantee women's protection in both private and public spheres, especially in the workplace.
- Foster full cooperation between civil society organizations and ministries working on women's empowerment.
- Empower women in villages and marginalized areas to become grassroots leaders and sources of strength for other women in their communities.