



**El-Lid Charitable Society**

NABLUS GOVERNORATE & NORTH - PALESTINE



# Insights on El-Lid Charitable Society

# EL-LID CHARITABLE SOCIETY

## • BACKGROUND •

El-lid Charitable Society is a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization (NGO), tackling social and economic development issues in Northern Palestine from a unique perspective. Launched originally in 1995, the organization currently assists several marginalized communities in pursuing better livelihoods and social status, in particular refugee camps, villages, and other rural areas. With a highly qualified staff, coupled with a network of local and international volunteers, NGOs, Donors, and other Public and Private Firms, El-lid Charitable Society aims to incorporate distinct and creative ideas to meet the immediate and long-term economic needs of its targeted groups, while at the same time contributing to a more socio-developed, fair, and decent society. Since its foundation, the organization has been supported by funding opportunities from the European Commission, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), USAID/CRS, the Italian Cooperation Office, the Jerusalem Fund for Education and Community Development, the United Palestinian Appeal (UPA), the National Institute for Information Technology (PICDAR), and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development (AFESD).

## • Our VISION •

Together, we work for a better future

## • Our MISSION •

By establishing a strong network of strategic relationships with local and international NGOs and organizations, we seek to provide humanitarian assistance, medical services, educational and development opportunities to marginalized and vulnerable groups in Nablus and Northern Palestine.

## • Our GOALS •

We aim to contribute to the development of the economic situation (reducing poverty and unemployment), educational levels, and health status of our surrounding communities.

## • Our TARGETED GROUPS •

Our Services target children, individuals with disabilities, women, elderly, orphans, youth, and needy families.

## Humanitarian and Charitable Programmes

### Seasonable and Urgent Charitable Programme

Through our network of individual donors, we facilitate the distribution of food packages, school bags, and clothes to needy families across the year.

### Orphans Support Programme

Through our network of national and international NGOs (mainly in the Gulf and Europe), we seek to secure a fixed monthly income to orphans in our surrounding communities (currently we are sponsoring 220 orphans).

### Renovation of Houses Programme

Through our network of donors, we seek to renovate houses in Nablus and nearby villages, targeting families living in poor conditions (until recently, we have renovated more than 87 houses)

### Health Campaign Programme

Through our strategic relationships with many Government Agencies (Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Affairs, and Ministry of Health), volunteers (doctors), and other NGOs, each year El-lid initiates the following campaigns addressing the needs of many individuals:

Eye Exam Campaign

Hearing Screening Campaign

Speech and Language Disorder Campaign

Health Counselling Services and Psycho Support

## Income Generation Projects

El-lid seeks to improve the livelihood of individuals and the social cohesion across the community. One way to achieve this target is through reducing unemployment and poverty. Therefore, during the last few years, El-lid has sought to establish income generation projects in order to secure a stable income for individuals, coupled with training and development programmes to raise their skills and competencies.

### Training and Development Centre

Currently, El-lid is running a Training and Development Centre. The Centre is managed by volunteers (newly graduate students from the university). The Centre provides part time opportunities for trainers and seeking in the near future to extend its services to hire full time trainers; therefore, exploiting new work opportunities with stable income .

### El-lid's Nursery

El-lid is running a nursery for kids aged between 6 months to 4 years. The nursery is fully managed, controlled, and organized by women who, in the past, have no or limited income.

## Development and Awareness Programmes

### Capabilities and Skills Development Programme

Through vocational workshops and training sessions, this programme seeks to improve the skills and capabilities of several marginalized groups; therefore, helping individuals to merge in the formal job market, while establishing the basis for a stable income.

### Empowerment Programme

This programme attempts to promote the role of women, youth, and disabled individuals in the society. Through conducting workshops and regular meetings with decision makers, we believe that these groups will be able to specify/impose their own needs and priorities.

### Democracy and Human Rights Programme

This programme seeks to promote democracy across the wider community and escalate commitment toward human right practices, targeting both individuals and institutions across Nablus and Northern Palestine.

### Election Awareness Programme

El-lid plays a major role in raising individuals' awareness in the election process.

### Health Awareness Programme

This programme seeks to raise awareness toward health issues by institutionalizing healthy behaviors. Some examples are:

Thalassemia disease

Raising awareness of disabled individuals

Raising awareness of the significance of seeking good nutrition

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES (2014 - 2016)

### Income Generation Projects

El-lid Charitable Society is seeking to secure funding opportunities to initiate several income generation projects that will address its targeted groups' economic and social needs. The organization is located in the Eastern side of Nablus, surrounded by two refugee camps that are just less than a mile away, where people have no or limited access to social services and usually work in an informal marketplace. El-lid owns a three-storey building in this targeted area, which can be utilized to initiate several income generation projects. In fact, the aim of income generation projects is two-fold. First, we seek to provide marginalized groups in the surrounding communities with adequate social services, e.g. health and education, necessary for having a comfortable and decent life style. Second, we seek to secure several job opportunities for people in these areas; therefore, securing a stable income for several individuals who have no or limited income, i.e. contributing to poverty and unemployment reduction.

#### ● El-lid's Centre for Medical Services "El-Amal (Hope) Medical Centre" ●

Currently, we are seeking to secure funding opportunities to initiate and equip a Medical Service Centre. El-lid is surrounded by two refugee camps, where people have no or limited access to medical services. The closest medical service points are miles away and many people cannot afford the expenses, i.e. both billing and transportation costs. Therefore, we believe that there is an urgent need for a Medical Service Centre in this area. Indeed, with proper funding to equip and address the initial operating costs, we believe that the Medical Service Centre will address the immediate- and long- term medical needs of several marginalized groups; therefore, improving individuals' access to health services while raising the health status of the surrounding communities.

#### ● Green Kindergarten "Green World" ●

In addition, we are seeking to secure funding opportunities to build a Green Kindergarten, employing around twenty women. The land for the project has been bought, but unfortunately, further funding is required to construct and furnish the building. Childhood is an important stage that influences children's behaviors and attitudes. Therefore, the Green World Kindergarten seeks to provide a safe, comfortable, and healthy place for children who are living in refugee camps, while developing the current status of the educational system in the targeted area.

#### ● El-lid's Media Centre "Youth Voice" ●

The Media Centre seeks to employ several young journalist and graphic designers, aiming to strengthen youth voice to influence decision makers' future agendas. The Media Centre increases the interaction between youth and local authorities. This, in turns, allows them to share their views on the rights, issues, and challenges of the young generation who constitutes the building block of the community. The Media Centre will include:

- i. Radio Station
- ii. Short Film Production Department
- iii. Graphic Design Department



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