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A Stronger Justice Sector in the West Bank.

Middle East and North Africa

Enhanced Palestinian Justice Program

Project Dates: September 2013 - September 2018

As the West Bank's justice sector becomes more transparent, citizens are becoming more engaged, recognizing their government's improved efficiency and accountability.

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In the last few decades, those in the West Bank's justice sector have striven to make it more transparent and communicative, hoping to improve public perception of, trust in, and engagement with the sector's institutions. The USAID Enhanced Palestinian Justice Program is building on these efforts to reform courts and further policies such as the country's Rule of Law National Strategy. With a collaborative and gender-sensitive approach, the project provides training, equipment, and other support across justice sector institutions to help the sector become more fair and responsive to its citizens' needs.

Project Goals

- Provide training and equipment to justice sector institutions to make them more efficient and responsive, including automated case management and administrative service-delivery systems
- Update the way family courts function and handle their financial processes to improve the experience of those seeking services, especially services relevant to gender-based violence issues
- Develop family counseling units both to provide counseling and legal services to families, women, and children involved in family disputes and to address as many cases as possible with non-litigated solutions
- Work with civil society organizations to teach citizens about their rights and available legal services

Our Impact

Taking a Stand Onstage

An interactive drama technique called “forum theater” is teaching Palestinian citizens about gender-based violence and showing them how to address the social issue.

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