

Partners	Palestinian NGOs working in community-based rehabilitation.
Target groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons with special needs. • Technical and administrative staff in community-based rehabilitation centers. • Families of persons with special needs. • The local community.
Duration	3 years (2011-2013)
Budget	US\$ 4.85 million



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**Community Based
Rehabilitation of Persons
with Special Needs Program
(Shams)**

Estimations by the General Union of Disabled Palestinians from 2008 indicate that there are around 110,000 persons with special needs, comprising about 2.69 % of the Palestinian population in the West Bank and Gaza Strip (0.98 % in the West Bank and 1.71 % in Gaza Strip). In Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, there are over 4,000 persons with special needs. These people encounter various problems: the capacity and resources available in rehabilitation centers are inadequate, and community awareness on types of disabilities and how to deal with them is low. The targeting of persons with special needs will have a direct positive impact on around 600,000 individuals (based on an average family size of 5 members), equivalent to 8 % of the total population. Hence, there is a need for rehabilitating and supporting centers working with people with handicaps and increasing community awareness on how to deal with this segment of society.



Right to Live Society – Gaza

Based on its belief in the rights of persons with special needs, Welfare Association (WA) has always put this social group on the list of its priorities. Since its establishment in 1983, WA has contributed to supporting persons with special needs by at least US\$ 17 million. As part of its strategic plan for the period 2011-2013, WA is seeking to develop a strategic program that responds to challenges facing persons with special needs. This program will seek to implement a policy to ensure that *“persons with special needs are actively involved in the different sectors of society,”* which would require improved access to quality services in order to increase opportunities for social inclusion in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Palestinian communities in Lebanon.



Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children- Gaza

Program's goal	Contribute to the development of specialized and community-based rehabilitation services for persons with special needs in an integrated and comprehensive manner
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitate 12 centers offering services to persons with special needs • Raise community awareness on the rights of persons with special needs, causes of disability and prevention methods
Areas of operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The West Bank • Gaza Strip • Lebanon
Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 centers are qualified to offer quality specialized services to persons with special needs in terms of infrastructure, equipment, and building the administrative capacity of benefiting institutions. • 26 local staff members are trained and qualified to work in the mental disability support unit and 50 technicians are exceptionally trained in offering services in the area of targeted disabilities according to international standards. • 3,000 persons with special needs have increased opportunity for social inclusion. • The local community has increased awareness on causes of disability and prevention methods.