

Annual Report-Friday of Joy Initiative



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Sandra & Jafar Ramini and their
loyal friends and supporters

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1. Summary:

The completion report for the Friday of joy initiative, funded by Palestine trauma centre-UK, includes the period from 01/07/2016 to 30/06/2017. The project activities are funded for the third year by Palestine trauma centre-UK and other supporting groups in London. The initiative's activities aim to help the children in overcoming the traumas and pressures that they have lived through during the past traumatic experiences, this is achieved by using entertaining and educational activities that are based on educational and psychological background.

These activities are delivered by a well-trained and qualified team, under professional supervision of Palestine Trauma Centre (PTC). Families and children warmly welcomed, and participated in the activities. In addition, the skills that the team acquired are considered significant indicators for the success of the initiative in achieving its objectives. Also, involving the parents with their children in entertaining activities such as; stage acts (JOZ and LOZ play, Puppets show, and the Hakwati (storyteller)) and many other activities had a great role in entertaining them, which increased the continuous demand made by parents and neighborhoods' committees to redo the activities at their areas.

The total number of beneficiaries during this period (July 2016-June 2017) is 29470 beneficiary (21282 children, 7390 parents). The team delivered (44) entertaining activities throughout this period for the beneficiaries (61840 male, 10590 female, and 6150 parents).

2. Project objectives:

- Contribute to the improvement of the quality of life of Gaza strip's children from entertaining, psychological and educational aspects.
- Develop a creative environment that directs the children toward achieving behavioural and psychological compatibility.
- Improve the children's cognition in dealing with their selves properly, which will lead to satisfying their needs in convenience with the different growth stages' requirements through delivering the entertaining activities.
- Direct the child's self-perception to his own abilities, competences, and talents.

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3. Annual work plan: July 2016- June 2017

Activity	2016/12				2016/11				2016/10				2016/09				2016/08				2016/07			
Week	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1	4	3	2	1
Activities in camps																								
Activities at schools																								
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Activity	2017/6				2017/5				2017/4				2017/3				2017/2				2017/1			
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4. Observation and referral procedure:

During the period of this report, the Friday of joy initiative’s team observed and transferred (50) children (male and female) for individual intervention for having some behavioral and introversive behaviors. (4) male children benefited from interventions after being transferred by the Friday of joy initiative to the family therapy project

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5. Local community feedback (Children, Parents, Psychologists, and Doctors)

Tariq Abufidda (33yrs), a man from Alsha'af area said:

I was very happy with these activities, especially seeing my children so delighted and participating with the singing and dancing, my children struggled through a very difficult period after the destruction of our house. These activities are very important, we need more of such events, and I hope we could have a celebration like this every Friday”.

Mohamed Ajour (28yrs), a teacher from Beit-Lahya area:

MR. Mohamed gave many thanks and appreciation to Palestine Trauma Centre and the Friday of joy team for delivering an entertaining event in their area. He said: “I would like to thank Palestine Trauma Centre and the initiative’s team for the fun and targeted activities that they have provided for our children in Beit-Lahya. We want you to visit us regularly”.

Mohamed Karaz (13yrs), a child from Beit-Lahya area:

The child talked about the fun and beautiful scenes from JOZ and LOZ play, he said: “the play was very beautiful, I loved it and I hope you will come back again to our neighborhood in order to make another party”.

Ghadeer Mohamed (14yrs), a child from Khanyonus area:

The child talked about the different paragraphs of the initiative, she said: “I liked the movement activities such as “moving the ball” game, and I would like to thank Palestine Trauma Centre and the Friday of joy team for providing such wonderful activities, and I would love it if they would come back again later”.

6. Professional supervision in Britain, Field supervision, developing the work team’s skills, activities’ techniques and diversification

Professional supervision in Britain

The project coordinator Mr. MontherYaghi continuously communicates with the professional supervisors Dr. Mohamed Altawil and Mr. David Harrold through Skype for professional follow-up of the work and the team. Weekly reports are sent to Britain for follow up on implementing the project’s activities, discussing challenges, and finding solutions.

Field supervision:

The field supervisor Mr. Ahmad Thabet meets with the team to review the work processes, and discuss the hardships and challenges that may face the team.

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Developing the work team's skills:

The team receives trainings problem solving skills, focusing skills, skills for developing the initiative's activities, for instance; (Joz and Loz, puppets show, Al Hakwati storyteller, composing rings, and drums), and observational skills for children who may need transfer for psychotherapy at the centre.

During the past period, HFA donated some tools for the team, including; (500 gifts, telematch games, puppets show, safety protections for children, musical drums, tent for the sound device, and tools boxes).

Activities' techniques and diversification

New diversified activities and tools and paragraphs were added during this period including (Joz and Loz play, Puppets show, safety and protection by adding a paramedic to the team, protecting the children's heads, renewing the games).

Educating parents:

Prior to implementing the paragraphs, parents are introduced to the nature of the delivered activities, its objectives, how to implement them with the children, and the expected positive outcomes. when delivering the initiative's activities, parents are educated on how to break the barriers between their selves and their children by participating in the activities.

Ways of coordination with implementation sites

A schedule is prepared including all four areas of the Gaza strip, in which four events are distributed in all areas (North, Gaza, Middle, South). The team communicates with someone in the designated area (a relative or friend), or through the initiative's Facebook page, whereas proper coordination and arrangements can be made to implement the event.

Mechanism for choosing work areas:

Work areas are chosen based on requests made on the initiative's Facebook page or on the coordinator's mobile, in which a work schedule is prepared, and arranged according to the need of most marginalized areas that require psychological support, areas which lacks entertaining places and parks, in addition; the most important criteria for the place is to be wide and safe to deliver the activity.

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7. The Friday of joy initiative project's manual:

Through the continuous follow-up and supervisory session's with the professional supervisor, a special manual for the Friday of joy activities was prepared, which aims to:

- ★ Playing and its relation to the child, the initiative's general objectives, the initiative's specific objectives, the projects vision.
- ★ Clarifying the role of each team member.
- ★ Identifying the relationship between the initiative's team and Palestine Trauma Centre in the process of observation and referral of children.
- ★ Objectives of all the delivered activities.
- ★ Help the people working in the field of children to identify the activities that are specialized for fieldwork, such as; group activities, and their psychological and behavioral importance for the children and their caregivers.
- ★ During the period of this report, new paragraphs were added to the manual, which are (Joz and Loz play, puppets show).

8. Challenges and solutions:

❖ Providing the work team with training courses 2016-2017:

The team work needs training courses and workshops to improve their skills on dealing with children and parents, and the way they perform the activities in an educational effective manner in order to complete the activities in a highly effective way. In addition, provide training for the team work on new shows, such as; (Circus basics, presentation skills, and using the drums).

❖ The increasing demand for the project's activities by the local community. 2016-2017:

The demand to provide the project's activities made by the local community is growing, while the team is unable to cover all this demand because of the nature of the initiative's work for one day every week. Hence, we would like to increase the number of activities in order to overcome and cover all the areas of the Gaza strip.

❖ Improving the sound device 2016-2017:

The sound device requires improvement and additional speakers, in which sometimes the work place can't be covered properly due to the huge number of attending children and parents. This assures the need for additional speakers, in addition; the team needs headsets to perform the plays in a way that facilitates the movement during the act.

The team also needs new innovative ways to introduce the initiative, the Centre, and their selves through using records, songs, and plays. In addition to providing new sketches for the clowns.

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9. Recommendations:

- Extend the work period because there is a desperate need by the Gaza community for similar social activities for their children, whereas many areas still need these activities.
- Developing the sound device, and provide the team with microphone headsets.
- Provide the team with new sketches, records, and songs.
- Provide a trainer and training courses for the team in order to improve the quality of the activities.
- Add five new employees in order to help organizing the children.
- Purchase a camera especially for the project.

10. Media Coverage:

No.	Media channel	Link
1	Palestine TV	/https://www.facebook.com/PalestineTv/videos/1311448422258482
2	Forsan Al-Irada radio	/https://www.facebook.com/FridayOfJoy/videos/1090925844339580
3	Aljazeera live	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SqD_rvc9xCw&t=2s
4	Al-Arabi newspaper	https://www.alaraby.co.uk/society/2017/2/5/%D8%AC%D9%85%D8%B9%D8%A9-%D9%81%D8%B1%D8%AD-%D9%85%D8%A8%D8%A7%D8%AF%D8%B1%D8%A9-%D8%AA%D8%B1%D9%81%D9%8A%D9%87%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D9%84%D8%A3%D8%B7%D9%81%D8%A7%D9%84-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AD%D8%B1%D9%88%D8%A8-%D9%81%D9%8A-%D8%BA%D8%B2%D8%A9