MEPPA'S FIRST YEAR: STATUS AND IMPACT

**Technology**

APPLESEEDS

$5M
Over 1000 young Palestinian and Israeli professionals from undererved communities will undergo fundamental and full-stack technology training. Fellows will have access to experts in the field, enabling them to design and implement solutions for marginalized communities and building support for an eventual two-state solution.

ECOPACE MIDDLE EAST

$3.3M

30 Israeli and Palestinian scientific experts will jointly develop a new water model for equitable and sustainable water use. School materials will be developed and Israeli and Palestinian teachers trained to raise awareness of climate change challenges and develop mitigation and adaptation measures.

**Environment**

REUT USA

$1M
Hundreds of Israelis and Palestinians will collaborate by utilizing technology, design, and innovation to create and disseminate solutions for marginalized groups, including people living with disabilities and the elderly. They will use affordable open-source technology, like 3D printing of prosthetics or manufacturing wheelchairs for children, while creating strong personal and institutional relationships that will lay the foundations for peace.

**Health**

PROJECT ROZANA

$3.25M

500 nurses will engage in shared learning and training, joint research, real-time consultations, case sharing, and collective peacebuilding activities in order to ensure quality care for both Palestinians and Israelis through health diplomacy.

**Economic**

PERES CENTER

$2.21M

300 Israeli and Palestinian medical professionals will be trained to build mutual trust and understanding of each other in order to address the challenges facing health systems in their communities, while also building personal connections that will create advocates for peace.

**Tomorrow's Youth**

TOMORROW'S YOUTH

$3.3M

More than 200 women entrepreneurs and dozens of women-owned small businesses will be supported through training, startup funding, connections to mentors, and access to necessary resources, all in order to turn their concepts into sustainable business models. Such activity will strengthen the next generation of women entrepreneurs, while fostering coexistence and reconciliation.

**Our Generation Speaks**

OUR GENERATION SPEAKS

$4.5M

128 promising Israeli and Palestinian leaders will participate in an annual, intensive three-month startup accelerator in Boston. Summer fellows will develop approximately 32 ventures receiving an average $50,000 pre-seed investment each. Following the summer fellowship, all participants will join a cross-border community of over 250 Israeli and Palestinian entrepreneurs, to build connections and the infrastructure for long-term, large-scale peaceful exchanges and economic growth.

**Mercy Corps**

MERCY CORPS

$2.2M
At least 600 Palestinian and Israeli entrepreneurs will be coached together to build partnerships and achieve their business goals. In the process, solutions for increasing trade between the West Bank and Israel will be identified together with business leaders.

During FY2022, USAID launched the unprecedented Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act (MEPPA) with an intensive grantmaking process for its Partnership for Peace Fund (PPF) that drew an overwhelming response from NGOs in the field. Some 166 projects were proposed, including many by NGOs in partnership, though only 9 could be funded in the first year. By the start of 2023, these first-year projects began hiring staff and rolling out their programs, most of which will run over the next 2-4 years, during which they will touch thousands of lives.