

MEPPA'S FIRST YEAR: STATUS AND IMPACT

SOME FACTS

TOTAL NUMBER OF DIRECT BENEFICIARIES:

3500

NUMBER OF PROPOSALS RECEIVED BY USAID:

166

TECHNOLOGY

APPLESEEDS \$5M

Over 1000 young Palestinian and Israeli professionals from underserved communities will undergo fundamental and full-stack technological training side by side, and also acquire leadership, conflict resolution and soft skills. The participants learn to work together as peers, widening the constituency of peace across the region's burgeoning technology industry and building support for an eventual two-state solution.

\$5M

ENVIRONMENT

ECOPEACE MIDDLE EAST \$3.3M

30 Israeli and Palestinian scientific experts will jointly developing 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. 150 Israeli and Palestinian young professionals will participate in water diplomacy training to promote sustainable water use and cooperation.

\$3.3M

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.

HEALTH

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, whilst creating strong personal and institutional relationships that will lay the foundations for peace.

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.

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.

FRIENDS OF WOLFSON \$600K

Israeli and Palestinian trauma surgeons will jointly undergo educational, academic and clinical programs in the field of trauma therapy. This will create encounters between the groups and guarantees better trauma care for both societies.

\$7.06M

ECONOMIC

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 \$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 280 Israeli and Palestinian entrepreneurs, to build connections and the infrastructure for long-term, large-scale peaceful exchanges and economic growth.

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.

\$10M

Dec. 20
Enactment

Sep. 21
APS released

Oct 2021
Apps received
and reviewed

Feb 2022
Apps received
and reviewed

March 2022
First grants
announced

June 2022
Apps received
and reviewed

July 2022
More grants
announced

Sept 22
Apps received and
reviewed, more grants
announced

implementation phase of the projects funded

2023

2024

2025

2026