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Dear Friends,

For those of us who care deeply about Israeli-Palestinian peace, this year has held both moments of opportunity but also, more frequently, tragic loss and regression. We see trends among Israeli and Palestinian youth towards extremism and mutual hostility that help explain—and will be accelerated by—recent Israeli elections results and unprecedented violence in the West Bank. The need for a scaled and substantive drive toward a real peace between Israelis and Palestinians is more stark than ever.

For us at ALLMEP, this period signaled a new chapter for the peacebuilding field as the $250m Middle East Partnership for Peace Act (MEPPA) saw its first year of implementation. Already, MEPPA funding has almost doubled the previous Governmental investment in civil society peacebuilding work, but it is only the start. Recognizing the urgency of this moment, we have accelerated our advocacy to scale MEPPA toward an International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace. This concept was raised at the G7 Leaders Summit this summer, and was also referred to in a speech by the UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak this December. Looking at the scale of the challenge in the region, it is an idea whose time has now surely come.

Yet this moment has also shown the strength, resolve, and strategic vision of our community of peacebuilding NGOs, now numbering over 170 groups having grown faster in 2022 than in any previous year. It is their work that should provide us with hope. Civil society in the region is more active than ever, and Palestinians and Israelis are breaking down barriers and building trust and momentum every day. They are the embryo of the Middle East we want to build.

What if those efforts were scaled to 10, 20, or 100 times their current size? What might be different? MEPPA and a broader International Fund offer us a chance to answer that question, devoting resources at a scale that approaches the depth of the crisis.
In tandem, ALLMEP scaled its programs in the region and launched several new ones in service of our members, ensuring that the resources our advocacy has unlocked can have the greatest possible impact. From AlumHub, which harnesses the power of the tens of thousands of people who have passed through peacebuilding programs, to ScaleHub, which raises the capacity and cooperation of the field, or WomensHub, our newest program which amplifies the voices of women in the peacebuilding field; we have never been doing more to support our growing community. Drawing them together as a united and cohesive movement for peace and equality.

We can proudly say that we support over 170 member organizations, adding 25 new members in 2022.

ALLMEP is the largest and the fastest-growing network of Palestinian and Israeli peacebuilders. Our expanded members services package not only ensures that the field is equipped with best-in-class tools and insights, but that everything is predicated on a culture of partnership and collaboration.

With a dual strategy that has delivered hundreds of millions of dollars in governmental support to peacebuilders, and a sophisticated suite of programs that ensures that every dollar invested delivers the greatest possible return on investment: we believe this year has opened doors to lasting and sustainable change.

We are heading into 2023 with the conviction that we can build something better than what’s gone before, and that peace and equality—

—and our ALLMEP community—can be at the very core of this transformative moment.

Sincerely,

John Lydon, Huda Abuarquob, and Kari Reid
The ALLMEP Executive Team
The Alliance for Middle East Peace (ALLMEP) is the region’s largest and fastest-growing network of peacebuilding organizations. We envision a Middle East in which our community of Palestinian and Israeli peacebuilders lead their societies toward and beyond a sustainable peace.

With a coalition of over 170 organizations— and tens of thousands of Israelis and Palestinians— we foster cooperation that increases their impact, adds stability in times of crisis, and builds an environment conducive to peace over the long term.
We provide capacity building, support, and visibility to amplify the voices and impact of our member organizations in the region. ALLMEP’s team supports our member organizations with a variety of programs and resources designed to scale their aggregated impact. The goal is to progress from transforming the fates of individual Palestinians and Israelis towards impacting entire communities and institutions. We connect individuals and groups to create a critical mass that live and act in support of peace.

We also secure and scale funding to expand peacebuilding activities in the region. Our advocacy has created and sustained the USAID CMM grants program, which has distributed over $130m to Israeli and Palestinian civil society organizations, and the Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act (MEPPA), which dedicates over $250m over 5 years to peacebuilding and economic development. Further, our advocacy has secured $3m in funding from both the UK and Canadian governments, with an eye toward creating a genuine International Fund.

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Organized in 2004, with a small group of 12 non-governmental organizations (NGOs), our coalition functions as a mechanism for building constituencies for peace. ALLMEP works to connect member organizations, promote and support their work, and help scale their programming and optimize their impact.
Membership Growth

Since inception, ALLMEP has grown membership to over 170 people-to-people organizations whose thematic focuses and activities range from youth in sports, to the environment, to economic development, to much more. This past year, ALLMEP marked its largest growth in membership in history, adding 25 new member organizations.

2004  12 Members

2021  156 Members

2022  171 Members
Our Members

Our theory of change and vision of the field is rooted in cooperation and collective impact of our members. As such, we strongly encourage member organizations to utilize our network to find and foster partnerships to further shared goals and projects.

It is via such partnerships that members typically feel the greatest benefit of ALLMEP membership, as we support and prioritize joint efforts undertaken by members.

If you are interested in becoming a member or learning more about membership, check our website at www.allmep.org or email our Director of Membership Operations, Doubi Schwartz at doubi@allmep.org.
ALLMEP's Global Advocacy

In the last year, ALLMEP has focused its advocacy efforts on leveraging the Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act—the US MEPPA investment—to raise government support for an International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace, while preparing our 170+ NGO membership to consolidate and scale, taking maximal advantage of the unprecedented resources that our advocacy has now unlocked.
Leveraging MEPPA Toward an International Fund: 2022 Milestones

March 2022
16 peacebuilding country donors attend a UNSCO roundtable in a preliminary talk on multilateral cooperation

April 2022
USAID’s MEPPA Advisory Board unanimously supports exploring internationalization

June 2022
Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi calls for internationalization of MEPPA at the G7 Summit

October 2022
USAID’s MEPPA Advisory Board meeting occurs with reiteration of a call to explore internationalization

November 2022
US starts outreach to allies around the world, assessing interest in exploring options for multilateral cooperation.

December 2022
UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak calls for working with US allies toward an international fund
Support for MEPPA & the International Fund

The 48th G7 summit was held in June 2022 in Germany, where Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi raised the concept of an International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace among G7 leaders.

“As Keir pledged a year ago: we will strive at all times to be pro-Israel, pro-Palestine and pro-peace...It is why we remain committed to supporting the establishment of an International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace.”
- UK Shadow Chancellor Rachel Reeves MP, in address at Labour Friends of Israel’s Annual Lunch

These funds [MEPPA] will be used to support local projects that bring together Israeli and Palestinian teachers, nurses, entrepreneurs, climate scientists, and leaders from countless other fields to tackle the shared challenges affecting their communities.”
- US Secretary of State Antony Blinken at the 2022 J Street Conference

“This government will explore with our US allies joining the International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace, an exciting new way to empower the kind of peaceful coexistence projects that CFI has so vocally championed over the years.”
- UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak at the Conservative Friends of Israel annual business lunch
In 2022, our Director of Development & Regional Advocacy, Brian Reeves conducted 40 one-on-one consultations with members on their MEPPA applications. ALLMEP extended invitations to all members to submit their proposal drafts for review and feedback.

In addition to increasing members’ chances of securing a MEPPA grant, ALLMEP used this opportunity to gather unprecedented knowledge on what types of projects are being submitted to MEPPA, trends among applicants, deficiencies, and partnership opportunities that will feed into our capacity building efforts and engagement with USAID. At the end of Year 1 of the MEPPA funding, six of the nine awards were given to ALLMEP members.
In 2022, six of nine MEPPA awards were awarded to ALLMEP members. For a full list and description of each MEPPA grant, visit here.

Learn more about each grantee by clicking their logos.
APPLESEEDS

TechSeeds for Peace (T4P) harnesses technology as a common interest to bring together Palestinians and Israelis for skills development and career advancement to take advantage of this growing market and building lasting personal relationships.

OUR GENERATION SPEAKS

The Next Generation Accelerator initiative creates a generation of leaders with the skills, motivation, and networks to build an entrepreneurial community committed to shaping a peaceful Israeli-Palestinian future from the ground up.

PROJECT ROZANA

The Palestinian-Israeli Specialist Nursing Hub activity engages nearly 500 nurses from leading Palestinian and Israeli healthcare institutions in seminars and collective peacebuilding activities, real-time consultations, and regular case sharing.

For a full list and description of each MEPPA grant, visit here.
“MEPPA’s Progress and Promise, One Year In”

In September 2022, ALLMEP Founder and President Avi Meyerstein published an article with Mitvim. Grounded in Meyerstein’s field research in Northern Ireland and years of advocacy for an International Fund, the article explores MEPPA’s accomplishments in its first year as well as how it can grow in its successes in Year 2. Read the entire article here.

Recommendations for MEPPA Year 2

1. Make room for small and medium grants
2. Make capacity building a major goal
3. Revolutionize monitoring and evaluation of program impact
4. Invest in program graduates
5. Balance MEPPA priorities and always focus on conflict transformation
6. Encourage systemic change
7. Lean in to religious and non-traditional audiences
8. Consider and develop a long-term strategy
9. Establish a regional peacebuilding strategy group
10. Create an International Fund for conflict-size impact
Private philanthropy now has a unique opportunity to leverage and find synergies with this influx in US government funding in order to affect new levels of impact on the ground. ALLMEP has assembled a new resource, which explains how philanthropic actors can revise their funding strategies and priorities, collaborate with grantees, and leverage this profound change in the funding landscape toward greater collective impact and progress for all those who share the goals of peace and equality.

ALLMEP is eager to work with private philanthropists to think through the opportunities for scaling peacebuilding and shared society work that have arisen thanks to MEPPA. Contact our Director of Development and Regional Advocacy, Brian Reeves at brian@allmep.org if you would like to discuss the wider role for private philanthropy in light of MEPPA.
ALLMEP’s direct regional advocacy works to improve the access for Palestinians and Israelis to meet. We’ve secured double the amount of daily permits to enter Israel from the West Bank, from 2,500 to 5,000, for Palestinians to participate in in-person programs over the Green Line. It is critical that ALLMEP assists in opening doors to bring Israelis and Palestinians together for our members, and we are grateful for the work of our Director of Member Relations, Doubi Schwartz, for facilitating this process.
ALLMEP Activities

**SCALEHUB**
Building organizations’ capacity by teaching strategic planning, communications, advocacy and fundraising, and best practices in programming and resource management. We also provide trainings for the broader membership on specific topics, and review MEPPA proposals.

**ALUMHUB**
Institutionalizing alumni engagement by training organizations to cultivate their alumni networks, collaborate on alumni re-engagement, tell their stories, and to transform alumni from participants to lifelong peace ambassadors.

**MEMBERSHUB**
General assistance to the field: networking, amplifying visibility, an online platform for organizations to interact, and events such as ALLMEP’s Annual Peacebuilders’ Conference.

**WOMENSHUB**
Future programming: Increasing the prominence of women on matters of security and conflict resolution by mentoring emerging women leaders and movements in the field to play larger roles within their communities.
ALLMEP supports and scales up peacebuilding NGOs to ready them for the multi-million-dollar grants that our advocacy efforts have secured via MEPPA – a $250m roll-out of funds by USAID for peacebuilding and economic development projects in Israel-Palestine- and other pending funding. ScaleHub was founded to help organizations work more effectively and strategically with one another, strengthening a cooperative field-wide culture and ensuring that every dollar invested in the region by funders like USAID goes that much further.

The program has multiple components: member trainings, individual consultancies, and a capacity building practitioners’ forum. ScaleHub’s first training cohort focused on ALLMEP’s Palestinian members in the cross-border space, who have been severely affected by broken diplomacy, the COVID-19 pandemic, and a dearth of private investment. Further cohorts include shared society and Israeli members.
Based on an initial needs assessment, ALLMEP has identified several areas of focus that fit with the field of practice and their vision for the future of civil society in Israel and Palestine.

- Increase opportunities for collaboration within the Palestinian Peacebuilding Community
- Create space for grassroots organizations to lead the field of practice
- Empower the shrinking cross-border space and support new cross-border initiatives in the field
- Support enhanced planning, monitoring, and evaluation for programs
Preventing to Scale

Originally published in *Times of Israel* by ALLMEP President and Founder, Avi Meyerstein:

When U.S. officials announced at the beginning of September 2021 that a new quarter-billion dollar fund for Israeli-Palestinian partnerships would start accepting project proposals immediately, hundreds of non-governmental organizations working in the field had to organize quickly. The announcement marked the start of a multi-year effort under the Nita M. Lowey Middle East Partnership for Peace Act of 2020 (MEPPA).

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Now, we needed to help our members and, by extension the U.S. government, deliver. Meeting in Jerusalem, Beit Jallah, and Ramallah, ALLMEP’s Israeli, Palestinian, and international staff immediately got to work. Within a month, the team had developed and scheduled a series of “Innovation, Scaling, and Partnership” workshops, spread around the region to enable maximum participation. Just weeks later, by the beginning of February, about 40 organizations had already participated in the sessions.
In December 2022, ALLMEP hired MEPPA-Award winning grantwriter, Noga Zivan of NZ Consulting, to facilitate a three-day resource development training with our members. The workshop explored grant writing, fundraising, and donor engagement.

As more and more of our members are applying to MEPPA and other grants around the world, enhancing their capacities in resource development is a priority area for ALLMEP.
A core pillar of ALLMEP’s membership program is supporting and amplifying the work of our members. In service of this aim, ALLMEP has partnered with Lightful Learning, a leader in training non-profits in digital fundraising, social media, communications, and public relations. In addition to offering bimonthly master classes, our members get access to Lightful Academy. Lightful Academy is a database of over 200 video tutorials on all things digital communications. From paid advertising on Facebook to search engine optimization to running a successful #GivingTuesday campaign, Lightful Academy allows our members to design and self-pace their own learning.
Communications Consultations

In August 2022, ALLMEP’s Digital Communications Manager, Nick Acosta, relocated to Jerusalem for five weeks to deepen engagement with the membership and strengthen their capacities in digital strategy, social media, content creation, and more.

Nick met with 30+ members during his trip for one-on-one consultations to evaluate their communications strategies and offer support in amplifying their digital visibility.
ALLMEP hosted a series of workshops at La Maison de la Conversation in Paris, France entitled “Middle East in Dialogue”. The series was the result of a collaboration between ALLMEP and Connecting Actions, and the first events of their kind in France, where the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is often the “elephant in the room” when many civil society groups meet.

The workshops saw facilitated discussion on both Jewish-Muslim relations in France and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict– and its role within those relations– as well as training on dialogue and conflict resolution techniques. Senior leaders from French NGOs were joined by ALLMEP members, including the Parents Circle-Bereaved Families Forum, Rabbis for Human Rights, and Taghyeer, as well as ALLMEP’s Regional Director Huda Abuarquob.
A Need for More

While positive feedback from participants at our workshops marks a critical first step, the biggest takeaway was the desire for more. Some of those looking to collaborate say they want thought partners for new, bigger projects. Others are seeking new content to share with their existing participants or training for their teams. Some want help expanding their footprint to many more locations. What they all seem to share is a recognition that these kinds of network-level collaborations are critical to maximizing this moment. With the largest resources in history beginning to enter the field, they see new partnerships that offer the potential for Israeli-Palestinian peacebuilding to take on a scale and ambition never before tried or seen.
AlumHub brings together alumni coordinators from a cross-section of ALLMEP member organizations each month to learn from each other’s best practices, maximize resources, and conduct joint activities to advance and professionalize the sphere of alumni engagement. The goal is to leverage the power and diversity of the thousands of graduates of Palestinian and Israeli peacebuilding programs by forging a community of next-generation leaders who can play a central role in shaping a more peaceful future in their respective communities.
Over the past decades, Israeli and Palestinian peace NGOs have produced tens of thousands of program alumni who have been transformed by the experience of engaging with “the Other.” Yet too often, organizations are understandably preoccupied with the ongoing work of recruiting and training new participants rather than ensuring that those who have already graduated are leveraging their experience towards social and political impact.

Rooted in ALLMEP’s theory of change is an understanding that Israelis and Palestinians who have passed through our members’ programs form a privileged constituency who together can establish the foundations for lasting peace in the region.
Many in the ALLMEP community struggle to tell their stories, and to challenge and resist—together, as equals and allies—the reality of continued violence and enmity. MidEast Storytellers was created, alongside partners B8 of Hope and Pendulum, on the premise that the stories of our community’s young leaders can be a powerful medium for amplifying their work and our values. The goal is to progress from transforming the fates of individuals towards impacting entire communities and institutions, as well as the politics that flow from them.

Paired with experienced industry mentors, participants amplify and further peace work in their communities through skill-building in digital communications, leadership, advocacy, and grassroots organizing. At the end of the program, participants’ completed projects are evaluated by an expert committee based on three main categories: social media influence, community engagement, and social impact. ALLMEP collected stories in 2020 and 2021, launching a series of public art exhibitions in 2022.
In 2022, MidEast Storytellers was featured in a street exhibit hosted by Geneva municipality and most recently at the 2022 J Street’s national conference in Washington DC. The Geneva exhibit touched the hearts of diplomats from around the world, who were posted at the United Nations. In Washington, thousands of J Street conference participants interacted with the exhibit in between conference sessions and praised the nuance it brought to the panel discussions.
Produced in partnership with New Israel Fund, our Groundwork Podcast has been downloaded more than 8,000 times. Season 1, The Mixed Cities Edition, profiled mixed cities and the work of grassroots activists who work and live there in the aftermath of the 2021 May War. Listen here.

With increasing listenership throughout the year, we were inspired to renew the podcast for a second season in 2022. The season focuses on different activists, their work, and the future and trajectory of peacebuilding in the region. We are currently finishing recordings, which will be released across platforms in February 2023.
In May 2022, ALLMEP convened over 400 participants for the largest Peacebuilders Conference in its history in Jerusalem, including peacebuilders, academic experts, diplomats from around the world, and private philanthropists. The conference provides an opportunity for ALLMEP’s membership to come together, share insights, and forge partnerships that can deepen their impact. Unite the Field’s programming explored the opportunities and challenges facing the field and how we can work together to further and accelerate the ALLMEP community’s goal of delivering peace and equality among and between Palestinians and Israelis.
UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres on ALLMEP’s Unite the Field:

“On 31 May, hundreds of Palestinian and Israeli civil society activists met in Jerusalem for one of the largest-ever conferences of groups engaged in peacebuilding, organized by the Alliance for Middle East Peace. During the conference, which was attended by representatives of the United Nations and diplomats from some 30 countries, participants discussed, inter alia, ways to increase the impact of their work, and how to use peacebuilding initiatives as a tool for policy change.”

Featured in UN Secretary General’s quarterly report to the Security Council
Unite the Field Panels (Click to View)

YOUTH & INTERGENERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

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ANALYSIS: HARNESING MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL DYNAMICS

CAPACITY BUILDING: SCALING THE FIELD

ACTIVISM: FROM CO-EXISTENCE TO CO-RESISTANCE?

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT: FUNDING THE FIELD

POLICY: PEACEBUILDING AS A TOOL FOR POLICY CHANGE
WomensHub is our newest program that will officially launch in the first quarter of 2023, describing activities to extend the definition of feminism and women empowerment so that it is rooted in traditions and values from the MENA Region.

In doing so, we want to help women from grassroots movements realize their potential as social and political leaders and bridge the gap between activism on the ground and policy work.

For too long, while they are often the first responders in crises and are involved in grassroots mediation efforts, women have been overlooked and underrepresented in formal peacebuilding processes and regional politics.
WomensHub Objectives

Through WomensHub, ALLMEP seeks to catalyze women into positions where they can be stakeholders in peacebuilding efforts at the political level, both locally and nationally, by providing women leaders in civil society with the skills and connections to move into this advance.

1. The active involvement of more women from the grassroots peacebuilding community in regional and national politics and social movements

2. To help implement a definition of feminism that is rooted in the beliefs, realities, and cultural norms of Middle Eastern women, which can offer a valuable alternative to the dominant framework of western and white feminism, and;

3. To strengthen women’s movements in the region that are working towards the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 “Women, Peace, Security” (WPS).
WomensHub Projects

**THINK TANK**
The goal of the think tank is to approach the topic of “feminism” and “women’s empowerment” from a MENA perspective through research and knowledge transfer. The research will focus on women’s movements, women’s participation from a traditional perspective, feminism in Palestine etc., and to place these topics in the context of peace activism, i.e. to build bridges between women’s participation, tradition & religion, peace & non-violence, and UN Resolution 1325.

**WOMEN LEADERSHIP INCUBATOR**
We will design seminars for women leaders from the grassroot level for them to acquire the skill sets and tools they need to move towards more political involvement. The seminar design will be based on the findings from the think tank and will aim at making women feel more confident in their role as leaders and change makers.

**STRENGTHENING WOMEN-LED MOVEMENTS**
In parallel, ALLMEP will work with women-led movements in Palestine and Israel towards the national implementation of UNSC Resolution 1325. ALLMEP will continue to act as a convening entity. Using our think tank, we will also help our member organizations to inform their programming with women and root it in an authentic language around peacebuilding, thereby strengthening their legitimacy in the eyes of marginalized women.
ALLMEP is composed of a small but dedicated team of peacebuilding, advocacy, and communications professionals. With staff in Israel, Palestine, Germany, France, and the United States, the team works around the clock to support our members and increase the visibility of peacebuilding work in the region.
ALLMEP SEES NEW BOARD LEADERSHIP IN 2022

In 2022, ALLMEP welcomed the election of our new Board Chair, Annie Spar. Annie has served on the ALLMEP board for seven years and has been a mentor, friend, and inspiration to so many in our community and leading ALLMEP’s growing presence on the West Coast. Annie succeeded outgoing Board Chair, Josh Thomas, who helmed ALLMEP’s lay leadership for the past six years, marking perhaps our most transformational period. Josh has been a force for positive transformation in the field.
The Alliance for Middle East Peace is generously supported by a diverse array of donors, including individuals, foundations, legal services, gifts in kind, and a modest amount of staff support from government funders. ALLMEP operates as a non-partisan, 501c3 entity with contributions from across the political spectrum. Our donor base and board are proudly made up of Arabs and Jews, Palestinians and Israelis, and international stakeholders, with diverse gender and age representation.
All the activities highlighted in this report would not have been possible without the generosity of our donors and community partners. Their generous support has helped us expand exponentially over the years and support the peacebuilding field in incredible ways.

Thank you for joining us at the forefront of a more just, peaceful reality for Palestinians and Israelis.
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Contact us for information about planned giving, to ensure that your gift will build a brighter future for Palestinians and Israelis. Reach out via email to info@allmep.org