



BACKGROUND:

Most schools in the Gaza Strip operate on a double or triple shift just in order to meet the needs of students with class attendance, depending upon location, from 37 to 45 and sometimes even exceeding 50 students per class. During the Israeli military incursion of 2008-2009, in less than one month 10 schools were destroyed and 168 were damaged; 164 students and 12 teachers were killed, and 454 students and 5 teachers were injured. Of the schools not destroyed, 15% are closed due to damages that cannot be repaired because of the blockade.

With the large number of students in each class and the absence of qualified teachers, it is very difficult for students to participate in the classroom or to even fully comprehend the instruction. Consequently, educational standards are degenerating under the strain of poverty, unstable circumstances, chronic under-funding, and the introduction of the new Palestinian curriculum.

PROGRAM:

The KinderUSA tutoring project will work to bridge the gaps for students in core subjects that they are failing. We will be holding tutoring lessons after each school day in Arabic, Math, and English. Students from the local university are paid a stipend to tutor along with one instructor as the coordinator. This is the third year our program has been implemented, with wide participation each year. Last year, students waited in line to sign up, forcing us to expand the program from 3 days a week to 5.

BUDGET:

\$ 5,000 USD (see attached appendix for full description)

PROJECT DURATION:

Five months beginning September 2012 taking into account holidays.

PROJECT'S DESCRIPTION:

- A total of 10 different study groups of 5th and 6th graders, both male and female
- Each study group will have 10 students, totaling 100 students served
- Each group will be studying three essential subjects (Arabic, English, Math)
- Each group will have a single one-hour session per day

BENEFICIARY SELECTING CRITERIA:

- Families who have five or more children less than 18 years old
- Families living under the poverty line (defined as \$ 2.00 per day)
- Primary caregivers are illiterate

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APPENDIX I: BUDGET

Item	Unit	# of Units	# of Months	Price (USD)	Total \$ (USD)
Instructor from Al shomo' club.	month	1	5	50	250
Tutors	month	5	5	50	1250
Wooden board	board	5	once	56.25	281.25
A4 (1 package per month per each group)	package	5	5	17.50	437.50
Pencils (2 packages per month per each group)	package	10	5	2.25	112.50
Notebooks	notebook	300	1	2	600
Chalk	package	5	5	1.5	37.50
Carbon papers	roll	1	1	8.75	8.75
Refreshments	month	1	5	150	750
Water cooler	cooler	1	once	400	400
Geometrical set	package	100	once	1.25	125
Facility rent	month	1	5	50	250
Administrative expenses	month	1	5	62	310
Total					\$ 5,000