



KARAMA: NEW PERSPECTIVES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND WOMEN IN
PALESTINE.

كرامة: آفاق جديدة لشباب و نساء في فلسطين.

Project Concept Note

Bringing together a young Palestinian generation from isolated
communities in a summer camp.

1. General Information Karama Organization

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Organisation Established (year): 2002

Organisation Registered (when/where): 2003, PNA Ministry of Social Affairs.

A certificate can be provided upon request.

Summary statement: Karama (Arabic for dignity) strives to empower Palestinian women and children in Deheishe Refugee Camp and surrounding communities in need in Palestine by providing a safe haven for learning, personal growth, cultural awareness and recreation away from the violent streets.

Organisational structure.

Karama Organization manages the activities by seven board members (four men & three women) who are made up of the following roles:

- A- Association Chairman
- B- Secretary.
- C- Accountant.
- D- Projects and Activities Coordinator.
- E- Public Relation Coordinator.
- F- Women sector Coordinator
- G- Logical Needs Coordinator.

The Association includes 60 members of the Assembly, 27 of them are female. This Karama association is implementing periodical election every two years.

All local Karama staff are volunteers while the project also attracts international volunteers serving on a short-term commitment. Additional staff is contracted when needed in projects undertaken in our community with examples in a trainer for our rooftop gardens project for women and teachers for our remedial classes in six UNRWA schools.

2. Key Project Data

Project name: **Bringing together isolated youth and refugees in a summer camp.**



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Goals of the project:

- Provide disadvantaged youth from Deheishe Camp and Khirbeit Zakaria with recreational and educational opportunities.
- Encourage friendships, collaboration and communication between two isolated communities.
- Teach life skills and contribute to positive empowerment for communities under threat.
- Serve as a platform for continuous activities that benefit both communities.

Total Project Duration: 2 weeks during August 2014.

Geographical Location: Bethlehem and Hebron Area, West Bank, Palestine.

Project Budget: total 4500 USD, requested 2000 USD.

3. Program Outline

These 2014 summer camps will be a repetition of last year's success of Karama's then newly established connection with the community of Khirbet Zakaria. By bringing these communities together, they can break the wilful isolation placed upon them by the Israeli occupation and give their youth a change to learn, grow and play. Both the village and the camp live under harsh conditions, where violence is more common than a playground and restrictions are limiting the children's development. These summer camps are a rare opportunity for the children to leave their negative environment and come together for a week of joy and laughter.

The camps will be instructed by experienced social workers as well as local and international volunteers, to provide the participants with a range of workshops and activities. Education will be followed by sports and creative expressions. Trips will be a part of the program as well to experience the beautiful environment of Palestine and create the rare chance for the children to swim in a local swimming resort. The participants will be encouraged to work together, make new friends and relieve some of the stress they have built up in the past time. Creative activities will be prepared for a concluding ceremony inviting both communities for a moment to meet each other and celebrate the promise of this young generation.

This is an urgent appeal for two reasons:

1. The current military actions of the Israeli army have placed an extra burden on both communities. Several children and families have experienced the trauma of army raids and arrests, while all are suffering from more military presence. This places a lot of stress on the families which makes this project more urgent than ever.
2. The current gap we are facing in our budget. Karama Organization has been able to secure a large part of the budget already through generous donations. The small gap left makes every contribution count now!



Pictures summer camps 2013.





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4. Issues addressed by this project.

- Isolation of Khirbet Zakaria and individualisation of Palestinian society in general.
- Lack of recreational possibilities in both communities.
- Build-up of stress and tension due to the strike, extended classes and current occupation.
- Need for creative classes and positive empowerment of our young generation.

5. Goals of this project.

These needs identified will be addressed in the following ways.

> This camp will serve as a practical platform to bring together communities on different levels; both youth, teachers, parents and community leaders.

> Social workers will engage the children in stimulating activities that focus on relieving stress and develop trust and a healthy self-esteem.

> The creative expressions and cultural part of the program will result in a closing ceremony where collaboration and the abilities of our young generation will be celebrated. This should bring both communities further together and help to make this summer camp a platform for closer interaction between the communities.

> Volunteerism will be encourage in both communities among the older youth. They will be encouraged to contribute to their communities and think of ways how to continue this on a regular basis.

6. Project budget

Total: 4500 USD

Funding guaranteed: 2500 USD

Funding requested: 2000 USD

Budget break down:

Daily transport between the two communities:	700 USD
Two trips during the summer camp:	1000 USD
Food & drinks for all participants:	1000 USD
Concluding ceremony including certificate for participants:	500 USD
Materials for activities:	700 USD
T-shirt and hat for all participants:	600 USD

7. Project time frame

End of July 2014 (Ramadhan)	Preparations with social works, communication with Khirbet Zakaria.
August 2014	1,5 week of summer camp
September 2014	Schools start, a follow up day will be organized during the weekend.

