



Proposal for
Support Gaza strip students to Join online Classes project
Gaza Education Hub

2024



Summary:

The Gaza Strip has been ravaged by war, leading to widespread destruction, displacement, and a deepening humanitarian crisis. Among the hardest hit are university students, whose futures have been thrown into uncertainty. Forced to live in makeshift shelters without basic necessities like electricity, study materials, and internet access, their dreams of education are fading.

The devastation is overwhelming. Human rights organizations report the destructions of over 80% of schools, loss of 3 university presidents, 95 deans and professors, and 68 instructors in Israeli raids. Additionally, 88,000 students have been forced to halt their studies, while 555 scholarship recipients have been unable to pursue their opportunities abroad.

As a result, Palestinian universities in Gaza announced the resumption of university education to complete their educational journey that had been halted since the start of the war on October 7. E-university studies began on June 1, 2024 (using the Moodle platform). Most students were unable to join these university educational platforms due to the living conditions of displaced students who live in tents that lack the necessities of life and study, as there is no internet, electricity, or suitable place to study.

The people of the Gaza Strip have been living without income since the beginning of the war due to their continuous displacement and the destruction of their livelihood during the war on the Gaza Strip. Therefore, most of the people of the Gaza Strip depend on aid to provide the necessities of life. Therefore, a displaced student cannot pay \$10 per day to sit in a place where the internet and electricity are available. Therefore, most university students do not pay attention to education because they are unable to pay the high daily costs. In response to the urgent need to provide a free space for students to be able to complete their education, we launched the "Gaza Education Center" initiative to provide support to displaced university students in the southern Gaza Strip, which will provide a study space with internet, electricity and a suitable place to study for free.

Impact of the Initiative:

The " Gaza Education Hub" initiative is expected to have a significant and lasting impact on displaced university students in the southern Gaza Strip, as well as the broader community. Here are some anticipated impacts of the initiative:

1. Improved Access to Education: By providing essential resources and support services, the initiative will enable displaced students to overcome barriers to education and continue their academic journey, ultimately improving their prospects for the future.
2. Enhanced Academic Performance: Access to conducive learning environments, academic support, and mentorship will contribute to improved academic performance among displaced students, leading to better educational outcomes and increased opportunities for employment and higher education.
3. Increased Well-being and Resilience: Counseling services, mental health support, and stress management workshops offered by the initiative will help students cope with trauma and emotional distress, fostering their overall well-being and resilience in the face of adversity.
4. Community Empowerment: The "Education Hub" initiative will empower the local community by



mobilizing resources, fostering collaboration, and promoting a culture of education and resilience. By engaging community

members as partners and supporters of the initiative, the initiative will strengthen social cohesion and community resilience.

5. Long-term Socio-economic Development: By investing in the education and well-being of displaced students, the initiative will contribute to the long-term socio-economic development of the Gaza Strip. Empowered and educated individuals will become agents of positive change in their communities, driving innovation, economic growth, and social progress.

Objectives:

The primary objective of "The Education Hub" is to provide comprehensive support to displaced university students in the southern Gaza Strip, empowering them to overcome adversity and continue their academic journey. The initiative aims to:

1. Provide a conducive learning environment: Establishing safe and conducive spaces for students to study, equipped with necessary resources such as internet connectivity and electricity.
2. Offer academic support: Providing students with access to educational materials, mentorship, and guidance to facilitate their learning process.
3. Contributing to compensating the educational losses of university students in the Gaza Strip.

The proposed area for creating the education hub

The targeted areas are the Central Governorates region Deir Al-Balah and the Khanyounis Governorate region .

The beginning will be the establishment of one center in Deir al-Balah, after the war end will movement the hub into Gaza City.

Beneficiaries

An estimated 1,000 male and female university students and High School students will benefit from the initiative, as the students will be able to be present during the session based on their study schedule for lectures, so that coordination will be made between the management of Hub and the students, and he will be given a seat based on a specific time.

Activities

1. Rent a larger space sufficient to serve the target number of beneficiaries "our goal help 1000 students "and supplying the Hub with electricity generated from solar energy, a water source, high-speed internet, furniture, and stationery.
2. Conducting the identification of educational needs for the beneficiary group, and announcing the start of registration for free incubator services.
3. Receiving beneficiaries, providing them with appropriate space, internet, a source of water, electricity, stationery, and ensuring the continuity of services. Current Situation for Gaza

Timeline:

The timeline for the implementation of the " expand Gaza Education Hub" initiative is as follows:

	Activity	First Month				Second Month	Third Month	Four Month
		1Week	2Week	3Week	4Week			
1	Choosing a suitable place to establish the education hub, and supplying the hub with electricity generated from solar energy, a water source, high-speed internet, furniture, and stationery.	Done						
2	Conducting the identification of educational needs for the beneficiary group, and announcing the start of registration for free incubator services.							
3	Receiving beneficiaries, providing them with appropriate space, internet, a source of water, electricity, stationery, and ensuring the continuity of services.							

Outputs:

1. By the fourth month, 1,000 (50% female) university students in the Gaza Strip had re-engaged in the educational process, including students with disabilities.

Budget

The initiative is estimated to cost \$ 42,494.25 based on last update for the price in the market, shown in the table below, this budget contains establishment expenses and operating expenses for a period of 4 months and 1000 university and high school students.

The Budget					
Seri	Items		Unite	Price	Total
	Fixed assets				
1	Solar installation				
1.1	Battiries 100AM	Number	4	750	3,000.00
1.2	Solar Panels, 500 watts	Number	4	783.78	3,135.12
1.3	Inverter 4 kilo	Number	1	2,037.84	2,037.84
1.4	Cables	Meter	100	3.76	376.00
2	internet connection				
2.1	Router	Number	5	37.84	189.20
2.2	Switch	Number	3	31.35	94.05
2.3	Internet distributor	Number	1	600	600.00
2.4	Cables	Meter	75	1.1	82.50
2.5	Lap Top	Number	1	800	800.00
3	Office Furniture				
3.1	Tables	Number	70	31.35	2,194.50
3.2	Chairs	Number	250	8.46	2,115.00
3.3	Electric air fans	Number	4	54.05	216.20
	Total Solar installation and internet connection and Furnitures				14,840.41
	operation Expenses				
4.1	Rental Expenses				
4.1.1	rent	Month	4	3,000.00	12000
4.1.2	Printer With printer ink	Month	4	60	240
4.2	Salaries Staff				
4.2.1	Project Coordinator	Month	4	1000	4000
4.2.2	Administration officer	Month	4	700	2800
4.2.3	Electrical and Internet technician	Month	4	700	2800
4.2.4	Cleaner Worker	Month	4	400	1600
4.3	Stationery	Month	4	100	400
4.5	Publications	Meter	10	27.03	270.3
4.6	communications	Month	4	50	200
4.7	hospitality	Month	4	50	200
4.8	internet fees	Month	4	280	1120
	Total Operation Expenses				25630.3
	Total Place setting and operation expenses				\$ 40,470.71
	Overhead 5% of Total Project budget				\$ 2,023.54
	Total estimated project cost				\$ 42,494.25



Sustainable Plan:

The sustainability of the "Education Hub" initiative is paramount to its long-term success and impact. Here's a sustainable plan outlining key strategies to ensure the initiative's continued effectiveness:

This initiative has a sustainable impact and a continuing need during the war and after the war due to the destruction of university buildings in addition to the destruction of infrastructure, including electricity and internet networks in the Gaza Strip. In addition to this, the destruction of student homes that provided them with the educational environment that helped them in academic achievement.

1. Resource Mobilization: Establish partnerships with local businesses, NGOs, and government agencies to secure ongoing funding and resources for the initiative. Seek grants, sponsorships, and donations to support the operational costs of the "Education Hub" centers, including rent, utilities, and staff salaries.

2. Community Engagement: Foster a sense of ownership and involvement among the local community by engaging community members as volunteers, mentors, and supporters of the initiative.

4. Monitoring and Evaluation: Implement a robust monitoring and evaluation framework to assess the impact and effectiveness of the initiative over time. Regularly review key performance indicators (KPIs), collect feedback from stakeholders, and conduct evaluations to identify areas for improvement and inform strategic decision-making.

5. Adaptability and Flexibility: Remain responsive to the evolving needs and challenges faced by displaced students in the Gaza Strip by continuously adapting and refining the services and support offered by the "Education Hub" centers. Stay informed about changes in the socio-political landscape and adjust programmatic activities accordingly to ensure relevance and effectiveness.

Explore opportunities for collaboration on joint initiatives, research projects, and capacity-building activities to enhance educational opportunities for displaced students.

6-The education Hub work will not stop when the funding ends. It will continue as long as there is a need to help students in their studies.

7- After the end of the initiative period of 4 months, during which the war is expected to end, the initiative will continue and operating expenses will be lower given that prices will stabilize and prices will become more appropriate and funding from the donor can be renewed. First, look for funding from other institutions and resort to a self-financing source by setting fees Suitable covering costs.

Current situation: -

On 8/31/2024, we launched the Gaza Education Hub as a pilot project with a simple funding of \$1200. We were able to rent a small place that was enough for 20 people per hour. After closing the registration phase, which was done on a limited scale due to the lack of available opportunities and according to specific criteria for two days, 500 people registered. We chose 120 people from them. The rest are still on the waiting list, waiting to join if the possibilities allow us. We allocated 6 hours per week for each person, at a rate of two hours per day. A local internet and electricity provider sells us internet and electricity for \$1 per student for the two hours. Daily, we need a cost of \$75 for a student

We need your support to reach our goal 1000 students per month and help them get to the classroom.

important links

For a more detailed overview of the project Please check the linkers attached:

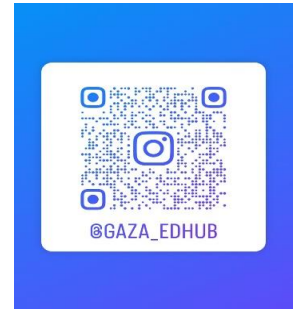
1-<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qeSB4n0mdOTTu-dHKf0Y5Hm5F0bnTdmG70qOZqJyTZl/edit?usp=sharing>

2-Gaza Education Hub Instagram page

https://www.instagram.com/gaza_edhub/?hl=ar

3-Linked in profile Mohammed Hajjaj

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