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Training course on the intellectual disabilities

General Information

Palestine is a small country, 30% of West Bank and 60% of Gaza Strip while the rest area is still occupied, so we are not able to determine the area exactly.

Population distribution

2,895,683 (35.3 %) in Gaza Strip and 64.7 % in West Bank.

Life Expectancy

Male ---- 70 years Female ---- 73 years

Infant Mortality Rate

27.3 / 1000

Main causes: pneumonia 27.9%, premature 19.4%, congenital anomalies 10.8%

Education (compulsory)

Secondary school level in Gaza 89.2%, while in West Bank 86.7%

Unemployment Rate

Gaza 24.2% and West Bank 14.7%

Situation of People with ID

Intellectual disabilities percentage is 19.1 % of total disabilities.

- 1. Finding and diagnosis are usually done by the primary health care centers and hospitals in the Ministry of Health, some cases are covered by UNRWA.**
- 2. Educational services offered by the government associations and NGOs are very modest.**
- 3. Vocational training is offered by some NGOs such as UNRWA, benevolent association for vocational training and recreational work of the disabled.**
- 4. Employment as a young society and because of the recent implementation of**

the law for the disabled persons, there are many disabled persons who are working in governmental and NGOs associations.

5. The Ministry of Social Affairs is responsible for the financial assistance.

Laws Concerned with ID

In 1999, the Palestinian government approved the law no.4 related to the disabled persons that included the total comprehensive services delivered for disabled persons such as education, health, employment and social sectors.

The Community Based Rehabilitation

There are many NGOs working and applying the community based rehabilitation for disabled persons generally, but few of these organizations offer services for ID.

Governmental Organizations Concerned with ID

Ministry of Social Affairs,
Ministry of Health,
Ministry of Education
Ministry of Labor.

NGOs Concerned with ID

There are more than 23 organizations.

#	Name	Function	Tel
1	CBR Program	H.v./social act.	02-2987146
2	Psychological Clinic		02-2922649
3	YMCA		02-2921375
4	Orthothox Center		02-749707
5	Sira School for Special Education		02-2981823
6	Islamic Society		02-2951441
7	Palestinian Union of Medical Affairs		
8	General Union for Disabled		02-2959653

9	Women Union Society		02-2956106
10	Jabal al nijmeh Center		02-2956515
11	Jerusalem Society		02-2959558
12	Swedish Association for the Welfare of Disabled		02-5834294
13	Protective Shelter		02-5812864
14	Palestinian Women Society		02-2971716
15	Al amira Basma Center		02-6283058
16	Benevolent Society for the Welfare of Disabled		
17	Gaza Community for Mental Health Program		
18	Palestinian Red Crescent Society		
19	Rehabilitation Center for C.P		
20	Rafah Rehabilitation Center		
21	Al Amal Center		
22	Don't Forget Me Institution		
23	Falstin Al Mostakbal		

Activities of the International Organizations

There are no specific activities related to ID, but generally through activities for disabilities.

My Organization

The General Directorate of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation is one of the Ministry of Health directorates.

The Ministry of Health provides 54% of the medical and paramedical services in Gaza, and 45% in West Bank.

The General Directorate of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation was founded in 1996 aiming to provide physiotherapy and rehabilitation for all Palestinian people who need such services, design and implement ongoing training programs to improve the work, planning for local services, data collection analysis of disability figures in Palestine allocated with NGOs, supervising the activities for the centers of physiotherapy in the governmental hospitals and in the primary health care

centers.

As a doctor of the rehabilitation unit, my main role is to supervise the rehabilitation activities of the centers of physiotherapy in the primary health care centers, and to design the annual plan for these centers.

To improve the services offered by our directorate to different types of disabilities, which may be mild and temporary or severe and permanent, we are also to improve our skills to deal specifically with ID, it would be a good opportunity for me to gain new skills in the intellectual disabilities.