

6. Palestinian Authority

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THE COUNTRY REPORT

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION :-

The population of Gaza strip counted more than one million and it contains of five governates, North , Gaza, Deer el balah , khanyounis and Rafah . with area square 362 killo meter , lenght 50 k.m and width 12.5 k.m live population “ density “ 3000 per killo meter square .

The life expectancy from 60 year, to 73 years and the infant mortality rate 7% comparing with mortailty rate is aboat 70-80 death rate for every 100 thousands birth case

The recent study before three years about literacy the percentage is 3-4 percent.

There is a law applied recently obliged all citizens for compulsory education for every child at 6 years .

Nowadays if we speak about unemployment, it becomes less than before nearly 20% “ percent “

II. Situation of people with I.D. with a short glance on intellectual Disabilities at Gaza strip , the majoroty of population and organizations take the role of care and kindness,.

Some organizations if it is founded ignore and absent , the information and understanding of integration and the role of community and they concentrated on isolation and believe the place of such cases to keep them at home and shameful from their appearance to others .

Most of the services which introduced for all disabilities related to blinds,deaf,mental, speech, multihandicaped .

Until now there is no governmental authority which specialized in this field which take care of such cases .

except certain organizations which offer simple services for special persons .

All the cases which already well known to us or recorded do not receive any help or care otherwise from local communities or governmental organizations because they have not a back ground on such cases otherwise enough informations and employee with special qualification in this field in suitable places .

There is no institution which take the role of diagnosis of these cases and early intervention beside in the field of education and vocational training specialized in it .

which the society in need to such services .

The ministry of social affairs is only authority which take this role of offering the material aids , and medical security and these things did not cover all the needs .

According to the laws for such cases,there is no special law, but it had already assigned for the all hanidicapped .

The program of community - based rehabilitation , it concentrated only in local commnunities which introduced the services through daily centers beside some programs home rehabitation and reaching the service by specialized persones in rehaibitation by introducing the counsiling to the parents how to deal with such cases .

The Government agencies which concerned with I.D is only Ministry of Social Affairs . Through three centers which introduce simple services material aids , medical Security and daily care .

Non governmental organization

There are N.G.O,S take the role of care of such cases .I.D which concentrated of Gaza City included .

1-The organization Right to live ,Gaza,East line telfax , 0097072868340-

2-The organization do not forget me .never Beit lahia tel.fax 0097072457075

3- The organization , Future of Palestine . Gaza - Al remal tel.fax 0097072841509

4- Palestine red crescent Society - All Amal City Khan Younis telfax 00-97207-2054261

International organizations which take care of such I.D. cases materially which indicate

1- Swedish organization for personal Relief .

2- united nations agency .

Khan Younis Center

It located at Khan youins city , population is about ,250 thousands , which is the only Center related to the Ministry of Social affairs offers the services to whole handicaped is irgenral to about 80 clients their ages from 25 to 75 years .

The kinds of handicapped which are founded , movements , deaf , blind , speech , illness psychological diseases mental , old and multihadicappel

The services which introduced are material aids , transportation, rehabilitation by acquiring work habits development of abilities , medica Security

My responsibilities in the Center are ,

all the admicistrative tasks . beside the vocational tasks which include , receiving new cases open file, division in to groups related to abilities and activities , fellow up to every case write a social report to discuss with vocational committe . put Plans and progremms for future vision , cooperation, with local NGOs which works in the this field in the area .

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