

# Al-Maqdese for society development

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### **House Demolition**

Israel has developed a body of laws that is designed to facilitate and legalize both land acquisition and home demolition..

#### Legal Clinic

To amplify awareness of human rights principles and values among the Palestinian public in Jerusalem through awareness, consulting and advocacy. And to face the Israeli violation by legal defense

### Youth Leadership Cycle

we understand that youth who volunteer are less likely to engage in risky behavior and are more likely to feel connected to their communities, this is where both of our organizations cross, COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Drug Prevention Program In fact only being young is a risk factor!!! Why should YOU care? Because a drug user may be one of your family members.

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# Who we are ?

Al-Maqdese for Society Development (MSD) is non-profit a nongovernmental organization which was formed in Jerusalem 2007 as a reaction to some academics, doctors, lawyers and many other individuals who are interested in improving Palestinians life's quality through empowering Jerusalem citizens to face, defend and demand their civil rights, which are violated by the Israeli occupation on a daily basis.

MSD had interpolated all legal procedures regarding authorization; the organization is a registered organization in both Palestinian Ministry of Interior and Jerusalem\ Israeli Non-Profit Organization Registrar as a social/ legal development organization.

MSD is not affiliated with any political parties, nor that are we a religious based organization. MSD believes that the ultimate weapon is knowledge; ignorance is what we're fighting.

#### MSD Vision

To spread knowledge in all available levels through the Palestinian society as one blind person can not lead another blind person.

#### **MSD** Mission

- To raise the voice for the negligent Palestinian and demand justice.
- to empower the Palestinian to know, defend and demand their full rights.
- To fight ignorant in all level and to raise awareness through prevention and advocacy.

### **MSD** Objective

- Legally defend and support negligent Palestinian.
- Provide legal advice and consulting for Jerusalem residents.
- Empowering woman, children and youth through prevention and awareness programs.
- Increase the Palestinian society knowledge and awareness about all society issues.
- Increase youth participation and involvement in the society through social voluntary work.
- Improving (MSD) staff capacity building to fulfill its mission and goals.



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#### **Home Demolition**

The Israeli government "actively pursing the illegal annexation" in Jerusalem, either by using settlement expansion, house demolition, discriminatory housing policies, and the west bank barrier. In this way east Jerusalem the Palestinian part of the city is becoming a branch of isolated urban enclaves struggling to exist under the devastating trial of the Israeli segregation wall.

Home demolishing is one of the best known Israeli practices, each time they use a deferent excuse, during the course of the al-Aqsa intifada, which began in September 2000, Israel has implemented a policy of mass demolition of Palestinian houses in the Occupied Territories. In that period, Israel has destroyed about 4,170 Palestinian homes.

We have to rationalize that an enormous part of the dilemma that we are facing these days reflect our unconsciousness of our civil and humanitarian rights, which the Israeli take advantage of it to the maximum.

### Legal Clinic

This program aims to support social, economic and civil rights of the Jerusalemites citizens, to Empower the role of women in the society, support the educational, cultural and social demonstration, rousing and developing the Jerusalemites youth , strengthening the principles of democracy and good governance, improve the institution administrative and structural capacity to ensure more impact.

The highly cost of living and the very high costs of hiring a lawyer who can abandon the important legal cases, which considered as an obstacle in front of the Jerusalemites citizens who cannot afford such a high expanses and therefore they stop calling for their rights.

The flagrant and the systematic violations of the Jerusalemites citizen's rights is unacceptable<sub>1</sub> the absence of the social justice must be ended to minimize the suffering of the Arab residents of east Jerusalem and to maximize the services provided to strengthening their steadfastness in their land and city.

#### Youth Leadership Cycle

Make difference in communities and in process to themselves!

Youth who volunteer are less likely to engage in risky behavior, and more likely to feel connected to their communities.

This program aims to recruit youth to serve their communities through a long-term Program "2 years" at three levels: LEARN, REFLECT AND IN-SPIRE.

It's a unique approach! We'll address massages through Drama, singing, dancing, Dabkeh, open discussion, presenting films, sport activities, capturing pictures, meetings and brain storming. NO LECTURING WILL BE DONE!

Also through this program we'll develop personal skills, the ability to analyze situations, to take quick decisions, to communicate with others, to negotiate and enter into compromises and to provide them with tools that will engage them in good personal connections with people in community.

#### Drug Prevention Program

A number of strategies have been employed to change the attitude and behavior of children and adolescents regarding drug use, researches has shown that prevention programs that relying solely on providing information are not only ineffective but may actually result in greater likelihood of drug experimentation.

MSD has designed a very systematic and comprehensive program which includes different strategies for different ages.

Prevention needs to target all students, since risk factors are present years before initiation, prevention activities must start in elementary schools.

Prevention Program will be held in Schools, Summer Camps, Women groups and youth it will cove the Drug use problem from all aspects "social, familial, physical, mental and environmental" it aims to reduce risk factor while raise and empower protective factors.

AGAIN... no lecturing will be done.