Newsletter (October 2015 – April 2016)

Memorandum of Understanding between JCAN and Alquds University:

JCAN signed a memorandum of understanding with Alquds University's legal clinic. Both support the Palestinian resistance in order to create a relationship between the civil society organizations in general and the legal clinic and JCAN in Particular. Law students who take the legal clinic course get trained by the lawyers in JCAN's centers.

The legal Clinic in Alquds University works on training its students in all Human Rights aspects and strengthens the legal resistance culture where they integrate with Human Rights organizations such as JCAN.

Whereas JCAN specializes in advocacy and empowerment of marginalized residents who suffer from the lack of social, economic, cultural and political rights. JCAN raises awareness of rights within the communities it serves by helping individuals develop the skills they need to access and pressure their rights.

Coordination with organizations:

Teachers village:

JCAN in partnership with the teachers village in Al Suwaneh area agreed to implement a series of legal awareness sessions under the name "Know your Rights". JCAN started its first session on the first of December.

Our Social worker welcomed the attendants who were women from the community and gave them a brief introduction about JCAN whereas our Lawyer Saleh Ayoub gave them a session about the Rights of detainees.

Another lecture was given in the Teachers village about disability and what are the rights of a disable person given in the National insurance institution. Many women attended and they were keen to know their rights as Jerusalemites.

Sawa Organization:

JCAN and Sawa Organization agreed to implement a course for the students in Al Quds Open University under the name of Sexual Abuse. It was a three session's course that contained various topics such as violence, sexual abuse of women and children and how to deal with aids as a disease.

These sessions were held in order to help and support our woman by giving them consultation in these topics which are supposed to be very sensitive to our community.

Legal awareness sessions:

JCAN implemented a series of legal session in the new center of shufat where a group of community women attended. Our lawyers in JCAN Tamar Hassassian and Fida Maslamani gave a brief introduction to the attendants and the started the lecture. The sessions will include the following topics:

- 1. Reunification
- 2. Children's registration.
- 3. Rights of Jerusalemites in the National insurance institution which contained various topics.
- 4. Divorce from a legal point of view.
- 5. Demolition of houses.
- 6. Women's right to inheritance.

Warm Winter Campaign:

JCANS volunteers organized a campaign to collect winter clothes for people who are in need.

This campaign was a little bit different from the other campaigns because our volunteers managed to wrap these clothes as gifts. We managed to collect 300 to 400 pieces. Twenty five families benefited from this campaign till now.

Meetings:

The meeting of psychologists and social workers in JCAN in order to face the current political events. It was held in JCANS center in shufat where a group of social workers and psychologists met to search for means of intervention and psychological support for Jerusalem residents.

They discussed the psychological and physical that could appear on people due to the current situation. The organizations that participated in the meeting are: JCAN, YMCA, TRC, Aleman School, Spafford.

All the above agreed to begin supporting all the victims' families.