



ALROWWAD

**Annual Report
2021**

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Vision

A free Palestinian society, free of violence, and accepts others and respects human rights values.

Mission

ACTs is an independent, (and) not-for-profit, non-governmental organization, distinguished by its philosophy of "Beautiful Resistance," working in the spirit of social entrepreneurship, to deepen the notion of belonging, volunteering, creativity and self-expression for children, youth and women, regardless of origin or religion. We partner with kindergartens, schools and the local community to create a harmonious and unified society using and employing "non-violent" expression through education as well as with performing and visual arts which preserve Palestinian oral history. Moreover, ACTs provides vocational training for job creation and building the peace within individuals to be able to build it among Palestinians and the world.

Objectives

1. Empower local community capacities, with a focus on children, youth and women through creative means to achieve and enhance constructive and peaceful ways of self-confidence and self-expression, openness and a sense of belonging through exposure to technology and literacy coupled with the conservation of indigenous knowledge and human values using specialized training and awareness campaigns.
2. Challenge media stereotypes about Palestinians using performing and visual arts, Media, international artistic tours, and local and international "Friends of Alrowwad" support groups.
3. Build the institutional and human capacity of Alrowwad.

The constituent body

1. Dr. Abdelfattah Abusrour
2. Samir Atta Odeh
3. Adnan Ahmad Ajarma
4. Ibrahim Issa Abusrour
5. Ishaq Ahmad Oda hallah
6. The deceased Anwar Ahmad Al-Dibs
7. Adnan Abd Saed Hamdan

Administrative board

1. Head of the board: Ibrahim Issa Abusrour
2. Sub-head: Dr. Waleed Alkhatib
3. Treasurer: Motasem abu aker
4. Secretary: Salam alkhawaja
5. Naheel Abusrour
6. Ayman Abu Seera
7. Odai Abu Odeh

General director message:

Palestinian greetings, greetings of return,

the year 2021 was full of activities and giving despite the epidemic.

despite political, economic and social challenges, lack of resources, and despite quarantine in different governorates for multiple periods.

We did not despair and did not rest. Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society, as usual in normal or exceptional circumstances, works alone or in cooperation with other institutions inside and outside the camp and with partners and friends of Alrowwad around the world to respond to the needs and priorities of Aida camp residents and areas surrounding areas at various levels.

The year 2021 started with winter camps for children and women, and a professional program to introduce children to different professional options to think about their skills and future directions. Many official figures and international delegations in solidarity with the people and the Palestinian cause.

Some delegations receive their relations with conditional funding that criminalizes the struggle and history of our people, or because of their normal relations or suspicious funding that is contrary to the Palestinian national agenda.

There are many activities and events in the society's various programs and units in education, arts, images for life, women, vocational training, health and the environment.

As last year, during the holy month of Ramadan, despite the continuation of the Corona pandemic, Alrowwad society launched the Takiya Aida program for the second year through Alrowwad restaurant in solidarity by preparing Iftar meals (about 17,000 meals served this year, in addition to more than 1000 food parcels and medical assistance Medicines (for needy families) by delivering them to people's homes to maintain their safety and dignity. We have learned to provide the necessary assistance we have been able in partnership with friends of pioneers internationally and

locally and in cooperation with different institutions. During Eid Al-Fitr, we again launched the Eid clothing program for more than 450 needy families and orphans when we participate in drawing a smile on their faces.

and to keep them safe. During the summer, we implemented summer camps for children as well as for women and youth.

Despite all the challenges and the scarcity of resources resulting from the closure of the guest house with diners since March 5, 2020, the cancellation of bookings and visiting and solidarity delegations, and the suspension of some projects due to the difficulty of implementing them in light of the pandemic, Alrowwad continued to work and continued its leading and supportive role for its community.

The year 2021 ended with the participation of Alrowwad with friends of Alrowwad UK in organizing the Bethlehem Cultural Festival 2, which lasted for four days (5-2 December 2021) in which many personalities and institutions participated to show the city of Bethlehem with its art, institutions, culture, history and presence. In addition to including other countries this year. Some activities were also virtual.

The general director, Dr. Abdelfattah Abusrour During his tour in Britain at the invitation of friends of Alrowwad in Britain, the Amos Trust Association, as well as the staff of the Bethlehem Cultural Festival, he was also the founder and director of this festival with 3 other colleagues.

Alrowwad also continued to work with more than 40 institutions in Palestine and the Diaspora with training within their program Investment in Human Rights to build their capabilities in administrative, financial and other fields.

We are also still working to equip the media training unit, teaching and 3D printing techniques, and film production.

We need a lot to complete the work. During these times when quarantine continues intermittently, we will use all possibilities and donations to complete building maintenance procedures, preparing the solidarity kitchen and building roof for next Ramadan 2022, to

prepare Iftar meals for families in need and deliver them to homes as during 2020 and 2021. Therefore, we urge you to support us to serve as many families as possible and reach 20,000 meals during 2022.

We continue with you and are determined to serve our society and people, and to serve all humanity, respecting human rights and principles. Despite the difficult situation in all respects, we continue to work tirelessly. We hope to make a change that we are proud of despite the challenges and despite the ferocity of COVID-19.

We deeply thank the leading friends, individuals and institutions in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Norway, Britain, the United States, Italy, Switzerland and others for their moral and financial support. I also thank the staff of Alrowwad and volunteers who continued to work With dedication, I thank the efforts of the Administrative body and its follow-up to programs.

We do not forget to thank the residents of Aida camp, its institutions and the surrounding areas for their awareness and responsibility to control the spread of the epidemic in the camp and their support for the work of the Emergency Committee in partnership with the camp service officer and the camp's popular committee.

We are now starting a new year. We hope for health and safety for all, recovery for the sick, freedom for families, return to those deported and uprooted. with hope that life will return to normal in a world of justice, freedom, peace, security and equality, and to see our friends, partners and guests among us soon.

Best wishes to you during the coming years and every year and you are all well.

General condition 2021

During the year 2021, Alrowwad Society for Culture and Arts managed to overcome the circumstances of the Corona pandemic by following up the implementation of activities, programs and projects and drawing up policies and plans to deal with the emergency situation that Palestine is going through in light of the pandemic and the difficult economic and political conditions under which continue the journey followed by the association in its vision of the general situation in implementing its programs.

Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society continued its approach to removing all obstacles to the continuation of its work by overcoming their challenges. Foremost among them are the measures of the Zionist occupation. Developments have tried to obstruct the progress of work and violate international rights and laws through repeated incursions into buildings.

Alrowwad society and its departments and tampering with its contents more than three times during the year. Despite these challenges, Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society has worked hard to maintain communication and cohesion with the local community without interruption in the various governorates of the country through the implementation of programs, projects and activities that have been carried out in a parallel and thoughtful manner to ensure that all target groups, whatever they may be its presence in occupied Jerusalem, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Palestinian diaspora.

In terms of financial and funding, the institution, like other national institutions and all over the world, has been affected by the Corona pandemic. Alrowwad association was one of the institutions that refused conditional funding and a member of the national campaign against conditional funding in partnership with the Global Network for Palestinian Refugees and Displaced Persons and a group of Palestinian institutions, especially the European Union fund and others who have worked to carry out local and international campaigns have rejected donor institutions, which require the signing of a "terrorism" document to obtain

funding. Despite the decline in financial support, Alrowwad society continued to implement its programs and projects in order to complement the emergency plan it implemented during the first year of the pandemic, with an expansion in the circle of beneficiaries of its cancellation programs and the arrival of as many as possible in Bethlehem governorate and its villages.

During Ramadan, the Aida Alit hospice run by Alrowwad society provided more than 17,000 meals, more than 300 food parcels and 300 Eid clothes for children in Aida camp and nearby areas.

Alrowwad Cultural and arts Society has developed new programs that have included it in its range of programs so that Alrowwad society has a sustainable development program with the aim of establishing sustainable production plants that provide material revenues to continue to provide its technical, educational, training and relief programs. Alrowwad society has started a project to raise bees and produce honey in order to provide the possibility of producing quantities of honey and distributing them during the harvest seasons. This project is one of the first plans of the sustainable development program

at Alrowwad society, which will work Many sustainable projects will be implemented and their proceeds will be fully returned to the University Student Fund and the Relief Program, which provided material, food and medical assistance to the needy and poor families in Aida camp.

The Investment in human rights program at Alrowwad society has become an important pillar for Palestinian community institutions because of its training to build institutional capacity with 35 institutions in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and the Palestinian diaspora and raise awareness of cultural rights and women's rights Human rights and their legal defence.

Despite the difficulty of implementing artistic events and cultural activities, Alrowwad society remained present in the Palestinian cultural scene. Its artistic teams participated in presenting performances in a number of national and artistic festivals locally and internationally, the most prominent of which were the Bethlehem

Cultural Market and the Bethlehem Festival The celebration of Bethlehem, the capital of Arab culture. During the year 2021, Alrowwad society created a new music schools through which it provided new training for a number of musical instruments.

Through its information program, Alrowwad society was able to create a film production department where its recently produced film "by the Sea" participated in a screening that was launched within the activities of the Red Sea International Film Festival. During the year 2021, Alrowwad society hosted exclusive screenings of a group of Palestinian, Arab and international films as part of the film screenings on the apartheid wall as part of the "Outdoor Cinema" shows, the Festival of Cinema Days and the International Mediterranean Festival in partnership with the Spanish Consulate and the Refugee Cinema Festival.

The programs of Alrowwad society remained at a close distance from school students, especially in Aida camp and nearby areas in light of the Corona pandemic. The education program provided support lessons for children in Arabic, English and mathematics courses to support students in passing this stage Education in light of distance education.

During 2021, Alrowwad society was able to continue the process of construction and development not only in terms of its programs, but also through the development of its buildings in order to complement its plans to activate Alrowwad society for humiliating training and its facilities and developing new technological means that contribute to improving performance and providing needs It is necessary to succeed in the work, the last of which was to equip a solar free network to provide the association's electricity needs.

Despite all the difficult circumstances and challenges that passed during the year 2021, Alrowwad society maintained its national mission and vision and worked to develop its approach to serving the local community and opening prospects in the near future to expand the circle of beneficiaries and services to achieve values And the goals I found for.

Alrowwad... 23 years...nonstop development and for a better future

During the year 2021, Alrowwad society for Culture and Arts sought to move forward in developing its programs and developing new means to keep pace with the recovery phase from the Corona virus pandemic, which is in the process of being achieved despite all the repercussions caused by the pandemic at the economic and social, cultural, and arts may continue for several years to come.

This year, Alrowwad society has managed to avoid a significant stagnation in community programs and activities. This has been achieved thanks to the rapid response set by Alrowwad society in terms of policies and priorities despite all challenges.

The Palestinian cultural and artistic scene is still in place. Cultural and artistic concerns exist and try to withstand all challenges that plague themselves, and their major concerns have not gone beyond them in the Palestinian society. However, during the year 2021, Alrowwad society was able to implement more than 340 activities, in more than 200 locations, serving more than 18,000 beneficiaries from all over the West Bank.



About 17,500 ready and packed meals were provided during the holy month of Ramadan and beyond, 1000 food parcels, 500 health parcels, 450 clothing items for children and orphans. About 25 scholarships were distributed to students, and capacity building was built to 35 institutions in 9 governorates. 30 were covered with a monthly medical condition in the West Bank, Gaza and refugee camps in Lebanon.

Alrowwad society worked to develop the infrastructure works of its vocational training center and added solar panels on the roofs to generate electricity in preparation for completing the work on equipping the new theater, developing the association's programs, adding a cinema school and film production house for filmmakers Young people and a space for photography and painting exhibitions. Developing the music training program to become a music school and orchestra, preparing performances to organize local tours , and organize a festival of theatrical and visual arts for children, amateurs and professionals.

Through its programs, Alrowwad has been able to attract dozens of children and young people within its programs and activities through training courses, workshops, artistic performances and local and international participation in various cultural and artistic fields. It has expanded its partnership circle Its cooperation with various institutions and bodies in Palestine and abroad.

Spotlights 2021:

- **Launch of the second phase of the investment in human rights program**

During 2021, Alrowwad implemented the second phase of the investment program in human rights with the aim of empowering Palestinian civil society institutions in Palestine and the diaspora to be able to make change sustainably in light of the current Palestinian situation.

The program's pillar began to become clear after completing work on the first phase of building institutional capacity with 35 institutions in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and the Palestinian diaspora, raising

awareness of cultural rights, women's rights and human rights and defending them legally to promote their application in Palestinian institutions.

Alrowwad for Culture and Arts has held successive meetings for institutions participating in the investment program in human rights in the northern, central and southern West Bank region in order to implement the second phase of the program, which included the completion of extensive training for institutions that have been completed the administrative and financial manual and administrative plans were developed. During the second phase, institutions received training in lobbying, advocacy and project writing in addition to presenting a range of initiatives.

- **Alrowwad library launches a new program encouraging children to read**

During 2021, Alrowwad for Culture and Arts, through its library, launched a competition to encourage children to read short stories in order to encourage reading behaviour, encourage children to learn and provide knowledge, and highlight the importance of the Arabic language as a supportive intellectual and cultural vessel for future generations in addition to encouraging the creativity of talented and creative students in the field of story writing and developing a spirit of competition among them. The categories of the competition included children between the ages of 8 and 15 years. This competition comes in the field of writing a short story to draw the attention of children and creators towards reading, promoting knowledge values, developing their talents and motivating them to compete.

- **Alrowwad's dabka troupe choreographs a new artistic dance performance.**

Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society's dabka group performed and choreographed a new dancing and artistic performance titled "turateat", reflecting the Palestinian culture, while at the same time, the second dabka group performed a new artistic performance titled " Ya Zaman" which reflects the reality of living in a refugee camp as children.

- Alrowwad implements a number of music and piano trainings for children of Aida camp

At the beginning of 2021, Alrowwad for Culture and Arts launched a new course for children in Aida Piano Playing Camp. The training program in the course includes introducing children to the concept of piano key names, memorizing alphabets, playing musical letters and knowing their places. It ends with playing a music track. The course is based on teaching the basics of the art of playing piano," especially as music plays an essential role in many arts. Alrowwad seeks to implement a series of training courses in the field of music, teach children to play a number of musical instruments, discover children's talents, form a new band and produce new distinguished Palestinian artistic works.



- **Alrowwad establishes a new program for sustainability.**

Alrowwad for Culture and Arts has launched the Sustainable Development Program with the aim of establishing sustainable production stations that provide material revenues for the programs that the Association is concerned with in order to continue to provide its artistic, educational, training and relief programs. Alrowwad has started a project to raise bees and produce honey through the purchase of free bees and their supplies in order to provide the possibility of producing quantities of honey and distributing them during harvest seasons. This project is one of the first plans of the sustainable development program at Alrowwad. If it will receive many sustainable projects, the proceeds of which will be fully returned to the university student fund and the relief program provided by Alrowwad with material assistance food and medical supplies for the destitute and poor families in Aida camp.

- **Alrowwad implements “a game” initiative for youth**

Alrowwad for Culture and Arts, through the carpentry and laser operator at Alrowwad vocational training center, has concluded training workshops for a group of young volunteers as part of a game initiative launched by Muhannad Abu Srouf with funding from GIZ Foundation in order to enable young people to return wood recycling. The purpose is to design and manufacture wooden toys for children. During the third day, volunteers received intensive training with the pioneer staff of the carpentry workshop and designed dozens of wood bottles using recycled wood. “A game” initiative is one of the youth initiatives supported by the Pioneers Association. The result is wooden works and games for children.

- **Alrowwad designed and updated their website to be friendly for people with visual disabilities.**

Alrowwad for Culture and Arts has launched electronic access tools to facilitate browsing by persons with partial visual impairment of Alrowwad website and easy access and registration of programs, activities and training. It takes into account the electronic access tools that have been added to the Association’s website are the problems faced by website surfers with partial visual impairment,

especially those who have a problem with colors and lighting. Visitors to the website can click on the disabled sign on the website, access electronic aids and control font sizes, color tone and lighting.

- **Alrowwad Cultural and arts celebrates their 23rd anniversary.**

During March, Alrowwad for Culture and Arts celebrated its 23rd anniversary in a different way this year in light of the inability to organize festivals and events and prevent gatherings due to the Corona virus pandemic. Alrowwad launched the hashtag #23_الرواد and volunteers posted posters and posts on social media platforms talking about their experience as part of Alrowwad family, its artistic teams and cultural and educational programs. The hashtag generated a great deal of interaction by actors on electronic platforms.

- Alrowwad announces their guesthouse to be a quarantine, health care place for people with COVID-19.

Alrowwad for Culture and Arts announced that Alrowwad Guest House, consisting of 14 hotel rooms, has been placed at the disposal of Bethlehem Governorate and the International Relief Agency after the worsening epidemic situation in Aida camp and Bethlehem governorate and the number of people infected with coronavirus has seriously increased.

The decision to place Alrowwad Guest House with all its capabilities at the disposal of the governorate and the Relief Agency stems from social responsibility and the need for everyone to join hands in the face of any crisis experienced by the people of the governorate, especially in camps where there are no suitable places for quarantine in light of the overcrowding in A small geographic spot.

- Alrowwad's initiative tekeyyet Aida distributed more than 17500 food parcels for needy families in Aida camp and surrounding area.

Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society was able to distribute 20150 iftar meals during the holy month of Ramdan for fasting families in need in Aida camp and neighboring areas in Bethlehem. Tekeyyet Aida was able to distribute a minimum of 500 meals a day reaching 1000 meals per day during the last ten days of Ramadan.

Alrowwad's team, volunteers and chefs worked on a daily basis on preparing high quality, fully nutritious food for families in need. all the work, cooking, and distribution started from early mornings till sunset every day.

Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society didn't stop communicating with Tekeyyet Aida's beneficiaries informing them that their meals are covered and will be at their doorsteps by Iftar time. which serves people with saving their dignity Alrowwad took into consideration the importance of serving a variety of food from the Palestinian cuisine. which lead into cooking different main dishes, a number of delights and sweets, soup and dates on a daily basis.

- **Alrowwad establishes and airs their TV program “cultural narratives”**

Alrowwad for Culture and Arts announced the broadcast of the episodes of the television program it produced entitled “Art Stories” through Palestine Live satellite TV and Alrowwad platform on YouTube during the holy month of Ramadan, through 15 television episodes in which a Palestinian artistic band is hosted in each episode. This is the result of Alrowwad to highlight Palestinian artistic teams and artistic performances in addition to introducing Palestinian and Arab audiences to Palestinian and Arab art and folkloric paintings presented by artistic teams on stage by transmitting them on television. It opened the way for members of artistic teams to talk about their artistic performances in addition to the success stories told by team members. Alrowwad worked to prepare episodes of the Art Tales program in order to create a variety of Palestinian teachings content that will be presented to the public to revive Palestinian artistic evenings. What institutions and technical teams used to implement them during Ramadan and stopped due to the Corona pandemic.

- **Establishment of the solidarity campaign, from Bethlehem to Gaza**

A youth group launched a campaign entitled “From Bethlehem to Gaza” in the center of Bethlehem with the aim of collecting donations urgently and emergency relief for our affected people in the Gaza Strip who lost their homes and were displaced to shelters due to the brutal aggression in the Gaza Strip. The campaign, which was supervised by Alrowwad for Culture and Arts and in partnership with Al-Manar Center for Culture and Creativity, collected donations from citizens in Bethlehem city center and in the rest of Bethlehem governorate, its institutions and various events. A campaign from Bethlehem to Gaza has contributed to alleviating the difficult conditions experienced by more than 50 families in the Gaza Strip after the cessation of aggression, especially families who have lost their homes and jobs and cannot provide for their needs.

- Alrowwad distributes more than 300 eid clothing parcels for children in Aida camp

Alrowwad for Culture and Arts has provided more than 300 parcels to families in Aida camp and nearby areas, including sterilizers, first aid and some necessary medical supplies that must be available in every home in light of the Coronavirus pandemic. It has provided more than 300 purchase cards for Eid Al-Fitr clothing happy this year for children in Aida camp and nearby areas to contribute to alleviating the financial hardship of families by meeting even a fraction of the clothes and needs of children for Eid clothing.

- Alrowwad's concluded their first women camp

Alrowwad for Culture and Arts concluded the activities of its first women's camp, which was implemented with the participation of more than 15 volunteers in the women's program, which lasted for a week and included cultural and community activities, excursions, workshops, handicrafts, cosmetic arts, climbing and an environment path. The activities of the women's camp are an artistic workshop at Alrowwad Carpentry and Laser Operator through which participants learn how to print wooden designs by



laser and how to make home products. Each participant made and printed their own design. The events included an exploratory trip to the village of Battir to learn about the village and its old lanes and participate in the environmental path and climbing activity. Through Alrowwad Women's Camp in its first edition, the Pioneers Association offered educational workshops of interest to women, awareness meetings and sessions for precious discharge and mental health and general health workshops to prevent the risks of breast cancer and first aid. The first experience of Alrowwad Women's Camp attracted interaction by participating women who demanded that the experiment be repeated annually to give them the opportunity to relax themselves during the summer and experience new community experiences.

- **Alrowwad attacked by Israeli army in Aida camp**

During 2021, forces from the Zionist occupation army stormed the headquarters of Alrowwad and the headquarters of Alrowwad Center for vocational training. The Zionist occupation forces removed the main doors of Alrowwad's buildings, which are located in two different locations in addition to the headquarters of the Popular Committee in Aida camp. After examining the place, it was found that the soldiers of the Zionist occupation had tampered with various papers and files in the offices The administration of the association, the public library and the main hall. They took up the roof of the Alrowwad's vocational training center building. before withdrawing from the place. Alrowwad for Culture and Arts condemned this "criminal behavior" by the Zionist occupation forces, especially since it is not the first against them. It called on human rights institutions to work hard in exposing and prosecuting the occupation because of its practices against Palestinian institutions and their employees, including It violates the rules and laws of international legitimacy.

- **Alrowwad welcomes minister of the Palestinian ministry of culture**

Alrowwad Society for Culture and Arts received His Excellency the Minister of Culture, Dr. Atef Abu Seif, and the Director General of the Ministry of Culture in Bethlehem Zuhair Tamiza, in the presence of the Director General of Al-Rowwad Association, Dr. Abdel Fattah

Abu Srou, the Executive Director, Ribal Al-Kurdi, and the Director of Services of Aida Camp and Beit Jibreen Ibrahim Abu Srou as part of his visit to cultural institutions in Bethlehem. For his part, His Excellency the Minister of Culture, Dr. Atef Abu Seif, praised the fact that Alrowwad Association has shown many distinctive cultural programs, stressing that cultural action, when it is a model, contributes to empowering people, enhancing their resilience and making their lives possible despite its difficulties and encouraging them to adhere to the story of life The basic Palestinian, in essence, is the story of the truth of the Palestinians. His Excellency the Minister was also briefed on the facilities and programs of the Association and toured Alrowwad's vocational training center.



Stages 2021:

- Playbus activities for school students.
- Extracurricular activities for children
- Drama and theater performances
- Mahmoud Abbas association visit to Tekeyyet Aida
- Bethlehem governor visit to Tekeyyet Aida
- Providing oxygen machines for people with COVID-19 at Alrowwad's guesthouse.
- Extracurricular activities for children 2
- French language course for children
- Crafts workshop for children
- Tekeyyet Aida 2
- Cultural exchange
- Tekeyyet Aida
- Playbus activities with school students
- Supportive education program
- Head of UNRWA's visit to Tekeyyet Aida
- Nakba activities with children
- Theater trainings
- From Bethlehem to Gaza
- I belong among you all initiative
- Eid' Al-fitr activities for children
- Activities for children with cancer and disabilities.
- Painting and drawing sessions
- Alrowwad's music school
- We Jerusalem first summer camp
- Artistic performances

- Trainings for youth
- Dabka performances
- Alrowwad's summer camp- we Jerusalem 2nd
- Painting and drawing activities.
- Investment in human rights trainings
- Cultural meetings and greetings
- First Aid training
- Celebrating tawjihi graduates.
- honey production
- strategic planning workshop- Investment in human rights project
- 2nd phase- honey production
- Dabka trainings
- Extracurricular activities for children
- UNRWA's visit to Alrowwad
- Ministry of culture visit to Alrowwad
- Drama and theater performances
- Alrowwad's music school
- Votes for new administrative body
- Welcoming children from Silwan
- My profession camp for children
- Alrowwad supportive education program
- Charity dinner for university student fund
- Computer and research training sessions for children
- Early detection for breast cancer
- Installation of solar panels
- Short film production- ornina and the ogre.
- Alrowwad's cinema club (2)

- Alrowwad's cinema club (1)
- Film screenings on apartheid wall (2)
- Alrowwad's women camp
- Yoga session for women
- Celebration of Eid Al-Adha
- Film screenings, Apartheid wall (1)
- Photography sessions
- Ministry of economy visit to Alrowwad
- Land day hiking
- Dabka performances, celebrating cultural day
- Planting olive trees with children
- Thanking the medical group in charge of COVID-19
- Drawing sessions for youth
- First aid training session
- Cultural and literature seminar
- Land day
- Digital security workshops for schools
- Cooking classes for women
- Russian language sessions
- Trips for the women's unit
- Women right's workshop
- Investment in human rights trainings

Programs 2021

- Cultural and Arts program

Ever since Alrowwad was established, cultural and arts activities were the pillars of work. It started by providing safe places and environments for Palestinian youth, children and women to free their creativity. This was neatly done by creating and forming different groups and cultural bands for Dabka, music, theater, and so on, for different ages. These groups, through their art and creativity, helped with breaking the stereotypical image taken about the Palestinian society, and promote the idea of a beautiful resistance in all shapes and forms. Local and international tours were the key points to reflect the true image of the Palestinian society, along with giving the opportunity for Palestinian youth to unleash their inner artists.

- Plenty of Palestinians from different ages and backgrounds joined Alrowwad's arts program. As it provides them a perfect atmosphere away from the marginalization, oppression and challenging living conditions they have to deal with under the Zionist occupation. They all gathered in one place, sharing similar interests, building a better future and making change happen.
- In 2020, and under the hard time of the pandemic, all meetings for the arts program were held online, making sure that everyone is safe. But the pandemic never stopped the work, nor the dreams of these youth, as participation was great all the time.



- **Dabka trainings:**

Despite COVID-19, we continue with our dabka trainings for all groups at Alrowwad, they are divided into 3 groups

1. Children's group with 47 participants
2. Youth groups with 19 participants
3. Adults group with 14 participants.

During 2021, Alrowwad's dabka group performed a total of 8 of dabka and artistic performances locally, and they were part of the TV program "cultural narratives"

- **Music**

Alrowwad values the importance of music in representing the Palestinian culture, therefore, Alrowwad established a music school program targeting people from all genders and ages to help them unleash their inner creativity.

Outcomes:

- **Learning on new musical instruments, such as:**
 - Violin
 - Clarinet
 - Piano
 - Drums
 - Guitar
 - Saxophone

Stories of success:

Fadi Salem joined Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society's music group when he was only four years old. This is because he felt the passion of music since he was at pre-school and in his house. He was able to join and learn on the instrument of his own choice, by which he chose the piano and drums. Fadi participated at a local music competition among school and got third place locally, and soon joined his school's music group. Fadi dreams of becoming a well-known musician locally and internationally.

- **Painting and drawing.**

During the year 2021, work was made to launch a drawing course for beginners and an advanced one within the activities of the program “The Illusion of Painting and its Impact on the Person, the Complex, Culture and Arts” of Alrowwad Association. This is considered as it is one of the different means of absolute creativity among children and young people benefiting from this activity, in addition to promoting the spirit of art and creativity buried and releasing it in the safe environment created by the Pioneers Association. The paintings that were completed by the beneficiaries of children and young people in the painting course served to give a vivid picture of the identity and culture of Palestinian society in addition to embodying internal ideas and thoughts related to all daily topics with their joy and comfort. After the completion and completion of the two consecutive courses, a specialized studio was launched to hold various painting courses and activities by the Pioneers Volunteers Club. Work was made to empty a space utilization room at Alrowwad’s building and making it a room to be used to hold all workshops Art courses and activities related to drawing

Story of success

Yasmeen Alqam is a volunteer and member of alrowwad’s volunteers’ club. Yasmeen is a university student who has been always passionate about drawing and painting, therefore, decided to share her talent with others and help children sculpture their talent in this field. She implemented a number of drawing workshops with children, and then sessions with both children and youth in field of coloring, painting and drawing. She believes that drawing is a fundamental tool in presenting the Palestinian culture.

- **Playbus**

The playbus program aims to create games that carry the Palestinian identity in order to create a space for children to entertain and play with a range of educational and educational games and make different tours that include many schools in Bethlehem governorate and different areas in the West Bank. In light of the general situation and the coronavirus situation, the program during 2021 was limited

to some schools and institutions in the Bethlehem area, and to various activities during summer camps.

top activities

No.	Activity	Partner/volunteer	Beneficiaries
1	Fun day for children	Volunteer Bissan Abu Odeh	300
2	Playbus at Aida UNRWA school	Alrowwad's volunteer club	100
3	Playbus in Qalqilia	Qalqilia public library	200
4	We Jerusalem first summer camp	Alrowwad's volunteer club	150
5	We Jerusalem 2 nd summer camp	Alrowwad's volunteer club	80
6	Playbus- Dhisheh camp	Ibdaa' center for culture and arts	80
7	Playbus- Saint Joseph sister's school	Alrowwad's volunteers	500

Education program

Alrowwad's education unit's main objective is to create a better, healthier, more developed educational atmosphere using up-to-date techniques for children. The program, with its fully developed library and computer space for all school students and university students to use for academic research or school projects. In addition, education unit works every summer and winter break in creating summer and winter camps for children.

During 2021, Alrowwad's educational program got a lot of beneficiaries, who were interested in getting the help they need at Alrowwad's library, and be part of both the curricular and extracurricular activities at Alrowwad.

Next to the school education work that is done in the education program, our team also work on spreading awareness among children, mainly in the times of the pandemic. Our team worked on planning and organizing campaigns regarding health care and

hygiene in the time of these hard times. This was done by online campaigns, summer and winter camps and workshops for students and their parents.

The program includes a library archive that has more than 4000 hardcopy and softcopy books. These books cover plenty of topics, whether it's prose, poetry, literature, language, history, sociology, kids...etc. the library has books in three different languages, English, Arabic and French. This library was fully turned into an online one for students and readers to borrow books as needed online.

Top activities

No.	Activity	Partner/volunteer	Beneficiaries
1	Supportive education		30-50
2	Painting workshops	Volunteer Yasmeen Alqam	25
3	French language course	French Volunteer Betist	20
4	Fther, read for me activities	Tamer for community development institute	35
5	You won't find a sun in closed room activities	Tamer for community development institute	30
6	Computer sessions		12
7	3D printing		35
8	Film screenings		53
9	Extracurricular activities		180
10	Fun day for children	Volunteer Bissan Abu Odeh	300
11	Playbus		640
12	Summer camps		230
13	My profession camp		30

Story of success:

Halima Sager is a sixth grader, who participated at Alrowwad's library and education unit since she was in the third grade. She sees that Alrowwad's supportive education program helps her a lot in school, by which her grades became very good. She also enjoys everything offered at the library, especially books. By which it's the only place where she can borrow stories and read them.

Women's unit

Alrowwad cultural and arts society deeply believe that women are changemakers, and the strongest pillar in the society. This is why Alrowwad started a program that is dedicated to women and their interests. This program gave all women the perfect, safe atmosphere away from the society they live in. making them aware of their value in this society, and aware of their rights, and equality.

Alrowwad's women's unit, during 2021, was able to implement a number of activities and workshops for women, in field of empowering women, making them the change makers of the society and decision makers in their own community.

During the year 2021, the Women's Program, in cooperation with partner institutions, was able to host the mobile clinic project for the initial screening of breast cancer for 10 consecutive days. A large number of women from inside the camp and nearby areas were tested and received the medical report and photo results "Mammogram" and directing women who need treatment for necessary medical follow-up. In addition to several awareness workshops on breast cancer during pink October, health workshops and various different activities during the year.

Stories of success

- Mrs. Mazozah Shrarah

Mr's Shrarah is one of the outstanding participants at Alrowwad's women unit, by which she participates in every workshop related to mental health, photography and empowering. She also pays much attention to cinema, theatre, arts and crafts. And got a wonderful

opportunity to be part of an acting crew in a short film, that was filmed in Aida camp.

- **Um Yousef Rumi**

Mrs. Rumi took part of the homemade soap session that was help at Alrowwad, simply because she wanted to start her own business and be financially staple on her own. After finishing the training, she opened her own online shop and started working from her house, selling her products to the local community, and she states that she's never felt better about herself and about any other achievement of hers.



Month period	Activities/workshops	No. of beneficiaries
January	Virtual Palestinian cooking class through ZOOM with friends of Alrowwad around the world	
February	Mental health workshop with volunteer Haneen Qaraqe Establishment of social and cultural engagement program, in partnership with partner grassroots.	20 women
March	Mental health workshops with Almanar for Culture and Creativity	30 women
April-May	Regulation and laws in relation to women's rights in the Palestinian court. (workshops)	
June	Alrowwad's first women's summer camp. Hiking at Battir and the Romanian pool A number of trips around the west bank	10 women
August	Natural soap course, empowering women financially and build their skills	10 women
September	Mental health for families of martyrs and political prisoners, in collaboration with YMCA	10
October	Pink October and breast cancer awareness activities Breast cancer awareness workshops with Bethlehem University's nursing department Breast cancer mobile clinic with Augusta Victoria Hospital	150 women
November	Gender roles and women's leadership workshops Quran workshops Yoga outdoors sessions	25 women
December	Women's parliament play participation	10 women

Health and Environment unit

Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society's health and environment unit works really hard in terms of raising awareness among children, youth and women in fields of their health and saving the environment. This is done by implementing its different activities at school, universities and with the local community.

Alrowwad, in collaboration with the Medical relief, worked on implementing a first aid training course, where a number of participants graduated the course and passed the exam at the end of the course. In addition, the health and environment unit works on implementing free medical days for children, women and elderly on a regular basis, including eye sight check, diabetes, blood pressure, body shape, and oral care.

Mental health is as important as physical health, therefore, Alrowwad's health and environment unit implements a variety of activities that targets children, youth and women in terms of taking care of their mental health and how to deal with the generational trauma caused by the Israeli occupation.

Story of success:

- **Mrs. Wafa' Alherbawi**

Mrs. Alherbawi is a participant at Alrowwad's health and environment unit, as well as the women's unit. She took part of the first aid training course that took place at Alrowwad, and was an outstanding student among her peers. After finishing the course, Mrs. Alherbawi opened a lot of doors for volunteering in different organizations in the local community.

Month Period	Activities/workshops	Participants and beneficiaries
March	Planting olive trees in Aida camp and neighbouring areas	
July August	-First aid training course -mental health workshop for children -visit to cancer unit for children with Alrowwad's volunteer club	25 youth from both genders 65 children
October	-yoga sessions -olive picking with children	18 women 40 children
November	-mental health workshops for children and youth -self-expression workshops	45 beneficiaries

Media unit (images for life)

Alrowwad for Culture and Arts established the Images for Life program in 2007. In order to train children, youth and adults in photography and video skills by professional local and international trainers to highlight the causes of the daily struggle, justice and freedom as well as highlight the daily lives of the Palestinian people.

Through training in this program, trainees are given an opportunity to train and provide them with the opportunity to practice journalism and media and obtain employment opportunities.

The images for Life program offered young people an opportunity for vocational training through a specialized diploma in film and television production in its first edition in 2008 and a specialized diploma in journalism and media in its second edition in 2014.

During 2015, the program launched the first Palestinian radio station for children via the Internet. Children had the opportunity to train, practice radio work, present live and recorded radio programs and participated in a series of radio broadcasts through Palestinian cities throughout the years 2016 – 2018 Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society started developing the program during 2020 to include new

specialized departments of making film productions that promote Palestinian cinema, in addition to launching a series of global digital training and a number of platforms to keep pace with the modern world to train children and young people to use it and make global media products with modern digital tools.

At the beginning of 2021, Alrowwad worked to prepare Alrowwad's Cinema School, through which a group of film amateurs who want to join the world of cinema and film productions will be prepared through a series of training and involve them in film productions.

- **Media unit beneficiaries are from both genders, and ages between 8-17 years old for children, 18-25 youth and above 25 for adults.**

Top activities

Activity	Number of sessions/year	partners	Place of implementation
Photography sessions	1	Alrowwad	Alrowwad
Videography	1	Alrowwad	Alrowwad
Media trainings for Alrowwad's summer and winter camps	4	Alrowwad	Aida UNRWA boys' school
Workshops in digital security and safety for school students	11	Ministry of education	Bethlehem public schools
Social media training within Investment in human rights program	1	Alrowwad-ASTM	Nablus
Cinema club	23	Cinema days-Spanish embassy	Alrowwad's outdoors stage
Total activities			41

Vocational training center

- For children:

Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society's vocational training unit establish and started an outstanding summer camp idea, called my profession camp for children. Within its activities, children visit different places and look through different professions, such as carpentry, design, police, security, fire department, and craft men. This gives children opportunities for children to get to know the different professions, in order for them to choose their own path afterwards.

- Alrowwad's educational-solidarity kitchen

For the second year in a row, Alrowwad Solidarity Kitchen has provided a pioneering experience in community work through Aida camp, which has been applied at Alrowwad Kitchen throughout the holy month of Ramadan and providing hot meals to poor and needy families in Aida camp and nearby areas.

Alrowwad seeks to develop the idea of a solidarity kitchen by directly benefit needy families in the camp and surrounding areas, with saving their dignity.

During 2021, Alrowwad provided electronic courses to teach cooking Arabic food and oriental sweets to a group of Alrowwad friends around the world in partnership with friends of Alrowwad in the United Kingdom.

- Alrowwad's carpentry and laser workshop

Alrowwad Carpentry and Laser Operator at Alrowwad vocational Training Center is a professional opportunity to make wood and laser products and provide creative wood designs through laser engraving technology that contributes to reducing the burden on residents of Aida camp and nearby areas and meeting their necessary needs for products Wooden, whether bedrooms or kitchens, and their household items are in a step to employ a young workforce and reduce the financial burden on parents. During the year 2021, Alrowwad operator worked to complete the production of the logistics needs that Alrowwad society needs to complete its facilities.

Stories of success:

Mohammad Aqel, a 14 year-old child dreams to be a fireman to help people in the Palestinian community and save lives. Mohammad was able to pay a visit to the fire department and the Palestinian civil defence center in Bethlehem through “my profession” camp and get introduced to the work done and the duty of a fireman.

Mohammad states that it’s always been his passion to be a fireman, and that he has always been fascinated by the great work done by those brave men, and joining this camp gave him a great opportunity to have a closer look into the job of a fireman.

This upcoming fireman saw that he was able to know the fundamentals of this job, and the great duty, and humanitarian message held within this profession. He shows great gratitude towards firemen and everyone who works hard on saving lives.

Investment in Human Rights program

since 2020, Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society, in partnership with our friends in Luxembourg and ASTM has established a program shedding lights on human rights values in general and Palestinian rights in particular. We work with more than 45 different Palestinian grassroots from the West Bank, Gaza, Jerusalem, and the diaspora (Lebanon and Jordan). This program provides capacity building trainings, leadership, and strategic planning for grassroots to be ready to serve in the field. Nevertheless, plenty of initiatives, workshops, artistic performances, advocacy campaigns, awareness programs, and media productions are part of this program; promoting human rights and values. We aim to create a powerful, empowered network that holds all partner grassroots within the program, in order for these grassroots, and all Palestinian local society organizations to be the valid, reliable source of information about Palestine, human rights and the right of return.

Goals and objectives:

In general, the main goal of the project “Investment in Human Rights” is to empower the Palestinian civil society by creating and

providing an atmosphere for these societies to make change, under all the consequences of general conditions in Palestine. The pillar of the project is to improve the institutional and human capacities, in order to strengthen a variety of rights, such as: cultural rights, women rights and the Palestinian individual rights. Which will lead to raise awareness of human rights, and the way to legally defense human rights. In addition to spreading this awareness among all civil society institutions in Palestine. Ever since the first steps taken in the implementations of the project, plenty of challenges and difficulties stood as an obstacle in implementing a number of training sessions and programs planned. This is due to Coronavirus pandemic, and the quarantine the happened in March of 2020, and till now. Because of this, we had to take proceedings into consideration, to insure that the project will continue. In accordance with all health protocols, all activities were established using all sorts of technology, for both groups and individuals. The second period of this project wasn't the easiest either, as Palestinians dealt, and are still dealing with, plenty of oppression politically. Especially with all the circumstances that happened in Sheikh Jarrah, Silwan and Gaza. But since the main objective of the project is advocating for Human rights, it was our duty, as Alrowwad and partner grassroots in this project to spread awareness and stand with our people.

Results

•**R.1** the organizational capacities of grassroots organizations are sufficient and adequate to fulfil their missions Palestinian culture organizations have thus far emphasized the production and provision of culture for the community while giving little attention to developing their organizational and structural capacities. To ensure the sustainability of these organizations in the long-run and enable them to take on larger-scale projects, these organizations have to develop competencies in other fields such as management, legal, financial, or human rights.

1.Training on human resource management: These training are essential to ensure that the participants receive the skills and strategies in human resource management, which directors and human resource managers can transfer to the organization's staff members.

2. Training in resource development: A significant challenge facing culture organizations and individuals is the lack of financial support for their events and activities. Productions and exhibits are mostly dependent on external funding. Most organizations and individuals are unaware of the potential funding opportunities available to them locally. This training will include Project Cycle Management (PCM) training as a basis for developing well-planned projects.

3. Training on rights advocacy, locally and internationally: Since the Palestinian cultural expression has become very politicized, rights advocacy at the local and international level is crucial for the on-going success and sustainability of the project. The importance of Palestinian cultural expression and freedom must be understood by decision-makers in the PA so that the community's cultural rights are officially protected and promoted. While the partner organizations will activate an advocacy component early in the project, the participants will create individual policy-makers. In other words, project participants will have the ability to communicate, network and conduct lobbying campaigns at the local and international level.

- **R.2** Palestinian organizations will become a source of information:
 1. Public seminars to raise awareness via schools, community centers, and libraries: In Palestine, there is a widespread lack of knowledge and awareness of culture and human rights and of the importance of practicing and expressing Palestinian culture and transferring it between generations.

To effectively carry out future activities in advocacy, a knowledge base within the community must be built first. Therefore, lecture and seminar series will be organized by Alrowwad, aimed at students, educators, and professionals.

- **R.3** Local organizations and networks in Palestine will promote change; influence legislative networks and place issues and demands in an articulated way.

1. Governmental Advocacy in the Palestinian Authority: Alrowwad will work with staff from organizations who have been trained in advocacy to engage with decision-makers. Lobbyists from the two organizations will write each a position paper specific to the needs

of their community (An organization representing the Network and Alrowwad).

2. Formation of Steering Committee: Alrowwad will be responsible for the development and activation of the Network. However, for the Network to become sustainable beyond the life of the project, it needs to be managed by the community. It is important to start the process of forming the steering committee for the Network in the second year to ensure the right transition to an independent and sustainable management system.

3. Rights Advocacy: The steering committee members, along with representatives from the Network, will meet with governmental and public officials to promote fair allocation of public funding, adequate representation of minority.

4. International Advocacy: As the international community has a significant stake in the region, there is potential for cooperation on the activities particularly in promoting Palestinian culture and human rights abroad and advocating for recognition of Palestinian rights.

Summery

Even though the year 2021 was challenging, due to the health and political obstacles in our faces, and the political uprising, Alrowwad was still able to hold the training and meetings as smoothly as possible, and according to the planned time table. As said last year, we tried to raise the number of the partner grassroots in the "investment in human rights" project, which we did. We were able to train 40 grassroots this time, in many fields, specifically, writing projects, planning advocacy campaigns, creating context, and digital storytelling.

During those six months, many volunteers, employees and board members took direct benefit of the training, and were enlightened in many fields discussed during the training sessions.

After the meetings, partner grassroots were able to plan local campaigns regarding human rights along with a group of winter camps at the end of the year.

During these months of hard work, endless trainings, and the bitter-sweet meetings, all of the target organizations are now prepared more to stand strong on their feet and work for people as much as they can. All partner grassroots now apply the manuals and measures established last year, and they are working in accordance to their executive plan. We took into consideration their recommendations regarding the training, and that's how we were able to manage and satisfy their needs during the last half of the year.

By this, we were the witness eye of the positive change that was happening in those grassroots, that acted like a push forward to continue with the hard work to make those grassroots like we envisioned, change makers, and sources of information.

Evaluations and feedbacks:

The overall evaluation for the work that was done is really positive, by which all the comments and feedbacks that we got were all really encouraging and pleasing.

- **Khader Alahmar, Baladi Cultural Center**

I'm Khader Alahmar, a dancer and volunteer at Baladi Cultural Center, from Dheisheh Camp. I participated in the three days training, and I truly believe that this workshop and training is really important and that many other organizations should participate in such things. Especially when it comes to media and advertising training, by which we, as grassroots in Bethlehem, have a lack in media and documentation. Not only that, but all other training was just as good, such as strategic planning, and writing proposals and projects. Especially that we have a lack of professionals in these fields. Indeed I encourage more grassroots to be part of this project and training, as it is really important and great at all levels, planning and implementation.

- **Jawaher Faraj, Laylac Center.**

I'm Jawaher, from Deheshieh Camp, Bethlehem. And I'm a volunteer and board member in Laylac center. I am really pleased by the effort Alrowwad put into the "Investment in human Rights" project. from

what I remember, I've never messed a training or a meeting this year for the project. This is mainly because I see the trainings as great opportunities to build Laylac and to make us strong, especially nowadays. I am more than happy that us, as Layalc, now know more civil society grassroots, not only in Bethlehem governance, but the West Bank, Gaza and the diaspora. As a result of that, we were able to partner with other grassroots in order to make the winter camp come to life. Where we took good use, not only from the trainings, but also from the experts found in other partner grassroots.

- **Mustafa Awadat, Aqbet Jaber Youth center.**

My name is Mustafa, from Jericho and I'm the head of Aqbet Jaber youth center board. I am glad that our center got the chance to be one of the grassroots targeted in the "Investment in Human Rights" project. After 2020 finished I wondered what might happen in 2021, because we already participated in plenty of trainings that really helped us spot out problems and solve them. And I wasn't disappointed at all. The entire year was filled with even more creative and professional trainings that helped me and people in the center realize all work procedures, planning and implementation. It is really an honor being part of this project and I'm looking forward to 2022.

Top achievements of 2021

This order is time-framed

- **First: producing the short film, "Ornina and the Ogre"**

Alrowwad Cultural and arts Society, in collaboration with FilmLab, produced the short fiction film "Ornina and Ogre" for Emile Saba. The script won the "Sun Bird cinema competition" and was soon filmed and produced with a group of professional filmmakers. The film was soon screened within Palestine's cinema days in 2021.

- **Second: Alrowwad's cinema club, and screenings on the apartheid wall.**

As a step forward in fighting against the ugliness of the apartheid wall. this also comes under reflecting the true image of Palestinians

through Palestinian cinema and films. And to encourage youth filmmakers and those interested in cinema to make more film in order to deliver their vision and message to the world.

- **Third: digital security and media workshops for school students.**

For the first time in Bethlehem, and in partnership with the ministry of education, Alrowwad Cultural and Arts Society implemented a series of workshops for school students, discussing topics related to media, digital security and safe social media as well.

- **Fourth: Alrowwad's short film "By the Sea" participates at the red sea film festival**

The short film produced by Alrowwad society entitled "By the Sea" directed by Wissam Al-Jafari participated in its first screening in the first edition of the Red Sea International Film Festival (6-15 December) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. It was selected among 18 fiction short films to compete in the short film competition. The film revolves around Nahed's a married Palestinian girl and her child, Ward, who is trying to celebrate her husband's birthday who is being chased by the Israeli occupation army, with all the difficulties she faces to obtain cake ingredients in light of the Corona pandemic.

The film is written and directed by Wissam Al-Jafari, co-starring Yasmine Shalda, Ward Al-Kurdi and Emil Saba. It is produced of Alrowwad society for Culture and Arts. Solutions MAD is responsible for distributing and marketing.