



Pioneers for life,
Pioneers for change



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Alrowwad Culture and Arts (Pioneers for Life) Society (ACTs) started its journey in 1998 on the hope of giving children of the camp the opportunity, potential and inspiration to express themselves through theatre, art and education. Starting from the belief in the right of the Palestinian people to resist against the ugliest occupation of all times by all possible methods and gain their right of freedom, independence and justice in accordance to all international resolutions, ACTs wished to open the doors for our children towards better lives and allow them to achieve miracles through beautiful resistance.

ACTs is a continuous journey of growth where it moved from a space of only two rooms to the current building. Moreover, in 2014, it has started the construction of a new vocational training center that will consist of a restaurant, a guest house, and several vocational and educational programs that will be open to all categories of society, focusing on children, youth and parents, mothers in particular.

ACTs's main care is to fulfill society's needs by creating job opportunities, maintaining refugees' human dignity, strengthening their determination and defending their rights and identity as Palestinians.

ACTs's dedication didn't stop at the camp, but it expanded to include conducting events across all Palestinian governorates where the number of participants in these events has varied from 20 thousand to 50 thousand participant of all ages (females and males).

The events included theater, art performances, Palestinian traditional dancing (Dabka), musical shows, singing, photography, and educational activities that aimed to spread awareness about health, national and environmental issues. Some events were also carried out in several countries of the world.

ACTs isn't just a project or just a number of projects... ACTs is a way of life that inspires hope and creates a positive change that guarantees human rights and values and defends Palestinians' rights in the long-term.

2017 was the year of challenges and achievements on many levels where Israeli occupation has increased the number of attacks and raids against Aida refugee camp and systematically

targeted children and youth. Besides, there were strange agendas that were imposed by funders on societies such as ACTs to restrict the freedom of expression especially on societies supporting BDS movement.

ACTs has also faced challenges amid the continuously deteriorated political situation, Palestinian Authority and Palestinian government weakness caused by the Palestinian national conflict and international pressure. The situation escalated especially after the latest resolution of American President Donald Trump to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of the Israeli Zionist occupation. Amid the absence of any strategy to protect the Palestinian people, Israeli Zionist occupation continued inserting pressure on Palestinian authority to accept the status quo to weaken it and force UNRWA and UN to cut funds and services presented to Palestinian refugees.

Despite all challenges and obstacles, ACTs didn't hesitate in helping the society and continuing with its social services and programs. It was all possible by the support of local and international individuals and societies that are friends with ACTs and by the hard work of local and international volunteers along with ACTS's dedicated employees.

ACTs hopes for 2018 to be better than the precedent years and it will carry on with its journey to

provide the best for Palestinian society and work for a better future for the Palestinian children and the children of the whole world. ACTs is thankful to all partners who continued inspiring hope and protecting the lives of Palestinian children, for them to be able to live for their country and be change makers in Palestine and in all over the world.



ALROWWAD

**Pioneers for Life
THE Right of Return
Is Not Negotiable
and Not Subject to Any
Compromises**

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FIRST CHAPTER

Alrowwad (pioneers for life, pioneers for change) Culture and Arts society (ACTs) was established in 1998 and registered as a not-for-profit organization in August of 2003, under law Number 1 of Charitable Societies and Non-Governmental Associations, 2000, by the Ministry of Interior of the Palestinian National Authority under the License Number BL-360-CU and license number 239/B/100/2009 in the Ministry of Culture

Vision and mission

Vision:

a free Palestinian society, free of violence that accepts the other and respects human rights and values.

Mission:

ACTs is a not-for-profit and non-governmental organization that works in sectors of culture, arts, academy, society and media for children, youth and women. ACTs attempts to provide the suitable atmosphere and environment for creativity, be part of elevating the economic situation.

Strategic goals:

1. Develop the abilities of children, youth and women by empowering them through education, knowledge and arts.

2. **Develop vocational abilities and create jobs opportunities to improve the economic situation for the best interest of youth and women.**
3. **Improve the infrastructure and the Society's interior potential**

Targeted groups:

ACTs targets the local Palestinian society including all categories, but mostly focuses on children, youth and women. ACTs conducts activities and projects to help empowering the targeted groups by developing their skills and improving their living circumstances especially in marginalized areas that lack potential and located near the segregation wall.

Mechanisms to achieve society's goals:

1. **Conduct specialized programs to develop the capabilities of children, youth, women.**
2. **Create more programs for women, youth, children to spread awareness in different areas.**

3. Conduct artistic and creative specialized programs for self-expression.
4. Conduct local and international programs that aim to build bridges of collaboration in exchanging experiences and volunteering.
5. Evolve development programs to empower children, youth and women

Administrative structure

The constituent body:

1. Dr.Abdelfattah Abu Srour.
2. Samir Atta Odeh.
3. Adnan Ahmad Muhammad al-Ajarma.
4. Ibrahim Issa Abedalaziz Abu Srour.
5. The deceased Anwar Ahmad Salman al-Dibs.
6. Ishaq Ahmad Abedalfattah Odah Allah

Administrative board:

- 1. President of administrative board: Azhar Abd al-Hamid Abu Srou.**
- 2. Vice-president: Dr.Waleed al-Khatib.**
- 3. Treasurer: Ibrahim Issa Abu Srou.**
- 4. Secretary: Khader Abu Sawi.**
- 5. Member: Dr.Hala al-Yamni.**
- 6. Member: Dr. Mazin al-Qumsiya.**
- 7. Member: Samir Atta Odeh.**

ACTs aims to provide programs and activities that effectively contribute in creating healthy environment to empower children, youth and women in different Palestinian areas, cities and refugee camps, particularly in marginalized areas that suffer from the consequences of the Zionist occupation and lack of potentials.

During the year of 2017, ACTs conducted activities and programs that covered areas from the the south of the West Bank in Hebron to the North of the West Bank in Jenin, defying all Israeli Zionist occupation obstacles that have succeeded indeed in standing in the way of conducting many activities in different areas including Aida refugee camp.

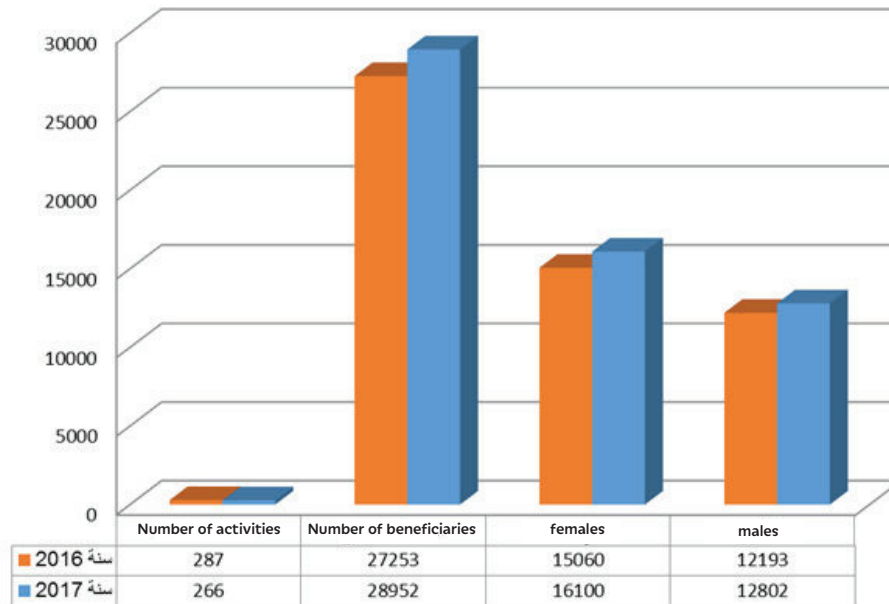
Aida refugee camp is constantly subjected to the occupation's oppressive, inhumane and illegal procedures where Israeli occupational army fires gas canisters, sound bombs and rubber-coated bullets towards the camp as part of a collective punishment policy carried out against the refugees of the camp. As a consequence, ACTs is forced at many occasions to stop from conducting several planned activities that aim to provide a healthy atmosphere to allow

individuals to express themselves and be creative. Therefore, many refugees are deprived from benefiting from such activities due to the Israeli occupational procedures.

Despite all obstacles and challenges, ACTs is able to continue with its journey of giving to the society and empowering all slices of the society and particularly focusing on Children, youth and women.

Program	Number of activities	Number of beneficiaries	females	males
Education program	118	3746	2236	1510
Pictures for Life program	24	906	514	392
Women program	20	400	350	50
Health and environment program	12	350	200	100
Arts program	90	20250	11000	9250
delegations	-	2800	1500	1300
International performances	2	500	300	200
Sum	266	28952	16100	12802

Total Beneficiaries



SECOND CHAPTER
Programs and Activities

The arts program

The arts program was conducted in 2017 along with several other activities, performances and trainings in the fields of theatre, music, cultural and social activities and Dabka in collaboration with many partners in the local society.

The arts program worked on widening the circle of beneficiaries from the conducted activities especially in marginalized areas that lack potentials.

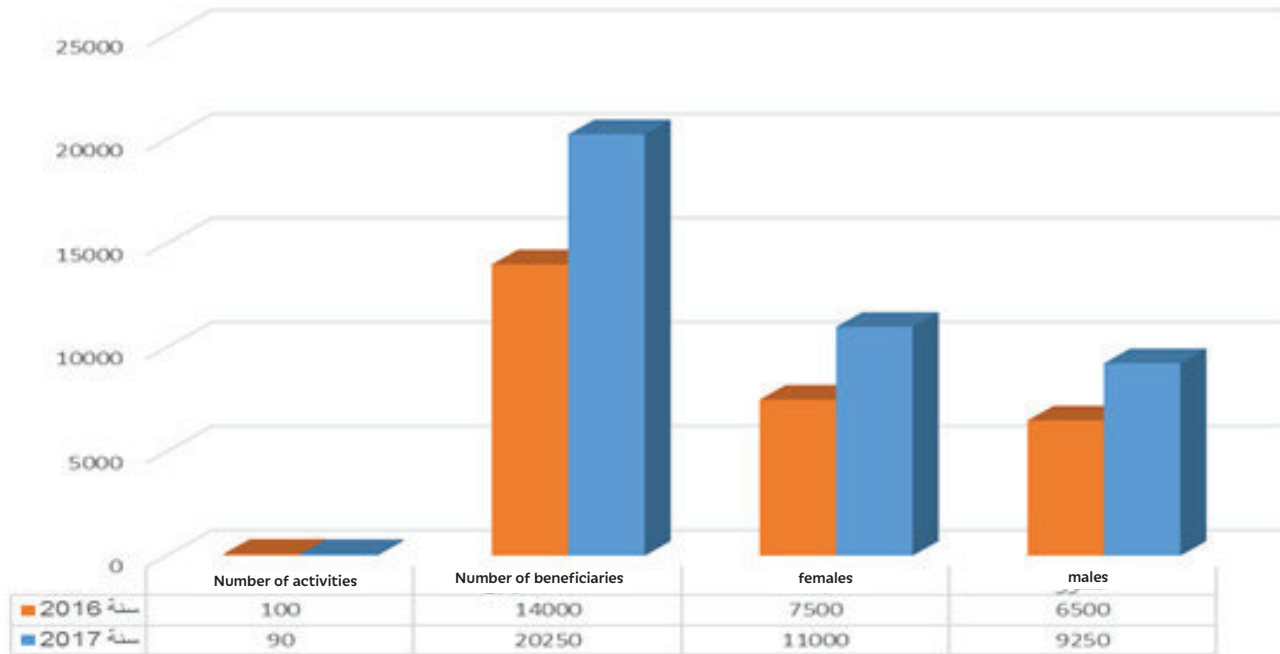
In 2017, the arts program carried out more than 90 activities during several cultural, social, political and national occasions and the number of beneficiaries reached 20250 people of different ages. As a further matter, ACTs produced a play titled 'Borders' in partnership with the French theatre (Compagine Grizzli). 'Borders' expresses the painful reality Palestinians are forced to live under to the occupation's inhumane and illegal procedures.

Noticeably, the first performance of 'borders' was carried out in France in 2017. The partnership

with the French theatre Compagnie Grizzli will continue to present performances in the refugee camps and cities of the West bank. A play that tackles the issues of violence and dropouts in schools was also produced and conducted in several schools across the West Bank.

In 2018, the arts program will continue to develop more specialized activities in the field of theatre and drama with the support of local and international partners.





Arts groups

No.	band	Age group	Number of participants
1	Dabka - children	9-15 years old	35
2	Dabka - youth	16-25 years old	35
3	Music	7-18 years old	20
4	Theatre -children	9-14 years old	10
5	Theatre -youth	20 and above years old	5

Workshops

No.	Workshop title	date	Number of beneficiaries
1	Sustainable development	23/02/2017	30
2	drawing	13/06/2017	35
3	Theater	3/07/2017	25
4	Social phenomena- social media	6/07/2017	50
5	The right of play	24/07/2017	40
6	Drama and its effects	5/08/2017	45
7	Historical effects of occupation	18/09/2017	50

Arts performances

No.	Arts performance	place	organizer	date	Number of beneficiaries
1	Theater	al-Nukhbah kindergarten	al-Nukhbah kindergarten	26/02/2017	300
2	Theater	al-Nukhbah school	al-Nukhbah school	27/02/2017	500
3	Theater	al-Ulbeidiya girls school	al-Ulbeidiya girls school	28/02/2017	500
4	Theater	Alrowwad Society	Freedom theatre	4/03/2017	120
5	Theater	al-Khulafa elementary school	al-Khulafa elementary school	5/03/2017	150
6	Theater	al-Asakra school	al-Asakra school	6/03/2017	150
7	Theater	Alrowwad society	Alrowwad- Red Cross	10/03/2017	100
8	Theater	Beit Fajjar	Alrowwad	14/03/2017	250
9	Theater	Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation	Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation	21/03/2017	150
10	Theater	Sancta Maria Hotel	Solidarity delegation	23/03/2017	60
11	Theater	Alrowwad society	Alrowwad society	24/03/2017	100
12	Theater	Tiberias school for girls	Tiberias school for girls	28/03/2017	450
13	Theater	Aida schools for boys	Alrowwad-UNRWA	3/04/2017	400

14	Theater	Beit Jala mixed school	Alrowwad-UNRWA	4/04/2017	750
15	Theater	al-Masoudi school for girls	al-Masoudi school for girls	6/04/2017	350
16	Theater	al-Walaja school	al-Walaja school	10/04/2017	300
17	Theater	Ibaiyat school for girls	Ibaiyat school for girls	11/04/2017	400
18	Dabka performance	Wad Rahal school	Wad Rahal school	17/04/2017	400
19	Dabka performance	Russian Cultural Center	Alrowwad Society	18/04/2017	300
20	Dabka performance	al-Awda theatre	Alrowwad Society	29/04/2017	300
21	Dabka performance	Dhiesheh refugee camp	Dhiesheh refugee camp	9/05/2017	250
22	Theater	Irtas school for girls	Irtas school for girls	9/05/2017	350
23	Dabka performance	al-Awda school	Alrowwad- amos trust	10/05/2017	200
24	Dabka performance	Manger square	Palestinian Prisoner Society	11/15/2017	150

25	Dabka performance	Alrowwad Society	Alrowwad Society	15/16/2017	80
26	Dabka performance	al-Rowwad Society	Alrowwad- solidarity delegation	29/06/2017	50
27	Dabka performance	Convention palace	Palestinian Dental Association	20/07/2017	400
28	Dabka performance	Alrowwad society	Alrowwad Society	27/07/2017	100
29	Dabka performance	Dar al-Kalima	Palestinian Medical Relief Society	12/08/2017	800
30	Dabka performance	Alrowwad society	Alrowwad Society	12/08/2017	100
31	Dabka performance	al-Tiba village	al-Tiba village	17/09/2017	1000
32	Dabka performance	Jib al-Thieb village	Palestinian ministry of education	30/09/2017	50
33	Dabka performance	al-Quds Open University	al-Quds Open University	03/10/2017	700

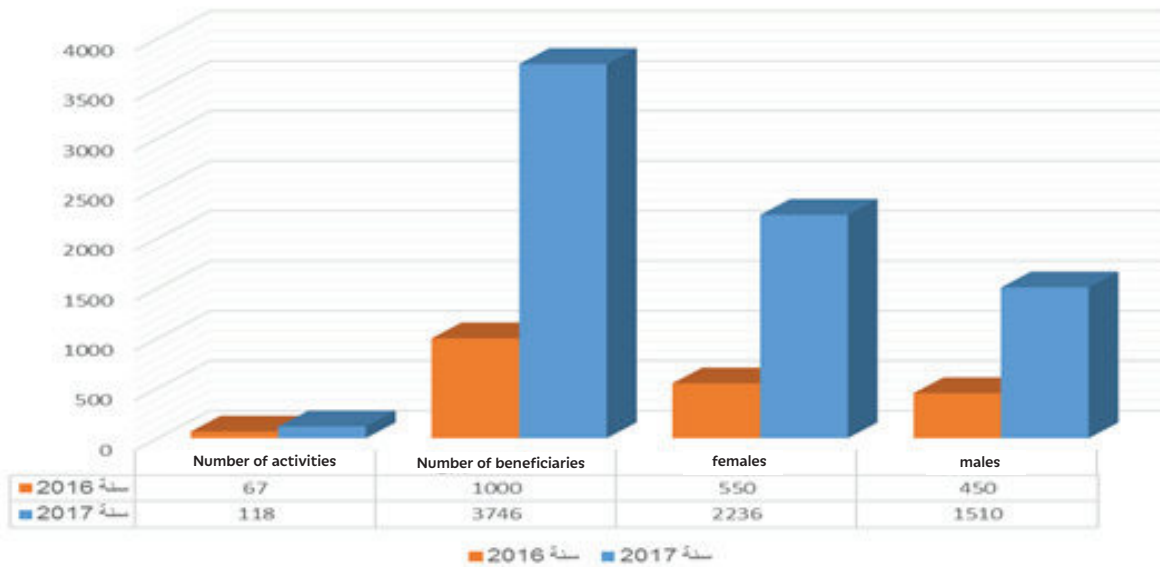
34	Dabka performance	Alrowwad Society	Alrowwad- solidarity delegation	12/10/2017	60
35	Dabka performance	Alrowwad Society	Alrowwad- solidarity delegation	26/12/2017	40
36	Dabka performance	Alrowwad Society	Alrowwad- solidarity delegation	31/12/2017	40

Play Bus

No.	Activity	place	date	Number of beneficiaries
1	Play bus	S.O.S Children's Village	10/01/2017	100
2	Play bus	The Key of Return	4/02/2017	120
3	Play bus	Batir school	6/03/2017	250
4	Play bus	Dar Salah School for girls	7/03/2017	350
5	Play bus	al-Khader school for girls	9/03/2017	300
6	Play bus	Aida refugee camp	20/03/2017	100
7	Play bus	al-Walaja village	23/03/2017	200
8	Play bus	Taghyeer Social media	24/03/2017	150

9	Play bus	Qalqilya schools- 3 schools	26/03/2017	1300
10	Play bus	Aida refugee camp	30/03/2017	70
11	Play bus	S.O.S Children's Village	3/04/2017	80
12	Play bus	Beit Jala mixed school	4/04/2017	400
13	Play bus	Aida refugee camp	5/04/2017	80
14	Play bus	Krimsan area, Beit Jala	5/04/2017	90
15	Play bus	Aida refugee camp	06/04/2017	120
16	Play bus	al-Walaja school	8/04/2017	350
17	Play bus	Ras al-Wad school	10/04/2017	400
18	Play bus	Ymca	13/04/2017	100
19	Play bus	al-Tiba village, Ramallah	3/06/2017	400
20	Play bus	Beit Jibreen refugee camp	18/09/2017	150
21	Play bus	Abu Ammar Hall	20/09/2017	300
22	Play bus	Jib al-Theib	26/09/2017	50
23	Play bus	al-Dawha	28/09/2017	200
24	Play bus	Beit Jala mixed school	28/09/2017	500
25	Play bus	Abu Ammar Hall	23/09/2017	350

26	Play bus	al-Khader elementary school for boys	1/10/2017	350
27	Play bus	That al-Nitaqin school	3/10/2017	300
28	Play bus	Beit Jala secondary school	7/10/2017	450
29	Play bus	Irtas elementary school for boys	12/10/2017	350
30	Play bus	al-Khulafa elementary school	17/10/2017	250
31	Play bus	al-Nawras center	28/11/2017	280
32	Play bus	Alrowwad Society	3/12/2017	150
33	Play bus	al-Sadil association	5/12/2017	150
34	Play bus	Aida refugee camp	9/12/2017	80
35	Play bus	Beit Jibren refugee camp	12/12/2017	150
36	Play bus	al-Dawha	18/12/2017	150
37	Play bus	Alrowwad Society	29/12/2017	80
38	Play bus	Aida refugee camp	31/12/2017	70



Education program

ACTs's education program has worked during the year of 2017 on developing the educational process for children by providing modern educational methods, using educational games that stimulates the children's learning skills.

The education program aims to create a healthy atmosphere for children to be able to find a safe environment for learning and take their skills in learning to another level by using non-traditional teaching methods.

ACTs dedicated its efforts in the education program to mainly improve the academic level of Palestinian students where the program includes having several academic and social activities.

By employing technology in many different academic and social activities, the program aims to create technological potentials that can help the new generations in keeping up with the times.

Moreover, the education program conducted a reading path for children at Batir historical path

and worked on making use of speaking tablets and launching ACTs's electronic library which is the first electronic library in Aida camp.

In 2017, 3700 participants benefited from the education program that succeeded to conduct 118 different activities and it will continue its attempt to make a turning point in the educational system, hire technology in teaching and use games in the educational process.

month	Number of activities	activities	Number of beneficiaries	
			male	female
Jan	1	Winter camp	12	31
Feb	9	Reading club meeting- monthly protection committee meeting, Bethlehem University activities- educational path-supportive courses	80	120
Mar	10	Psychological health activity- international women day celebration-social media bus-workshop on domestic pollution- event on apartheid- dummies making workshop	76	227
Apr	12	'What the earth says' path- educational field trip- annual anniversary of the martyr Abedalhamid - painting a mural- honoring the coordinator of Tamer association	80	154
May	10	Mobile cinema- minors university- two stories discussion session- women trip- inclusive education workshop	65	152
Jun	8	Ramadan nights- group Ramadan iftar- marketing plan for the library- a story discussion session	72	97
Jul	1	Summer camp	15	20

Aug	8	Workshop on the damages of gas- workshop on the importance of education- an activity at Sira school- two stories discussion session- Eid party	118	155
Sep	7	Entertaining activities- a story discussion session- a training on how to manage activities- the fourth marathon	83	164
Oct	8	Traditional storytelling performances- screening Balfour declaration movie- two training courses- picking olives activity	93	152
Nov	11	'Father, read for me' campaign- a discussion session on the education curriculum- 4 training courses with foreign volunteers- ending Bethlehem University activities for the current semester- two activities of children's rights- 'libraries for change' show	70	101
Dec	9	International day for disabled persons event- ending meetings of refugee women club after conducting 30 events and library activities- Cobiac foundation.	-	-

Images for life program

Images for life program continued to focus in 2017 on giving the chance to the largest number of school and university students to take part in training courses that aimed to strengthen and develop their journalistic and media skills. Additionally, the program's staff worked on capturing all events and activities that have took place at the local society on camera.

2017 was the year of international partnerships where many training programs and galleries have been launched along with many creative activities on radio and short films. Moreover, ACTs's cinema festival for short films was launched also in 2017.

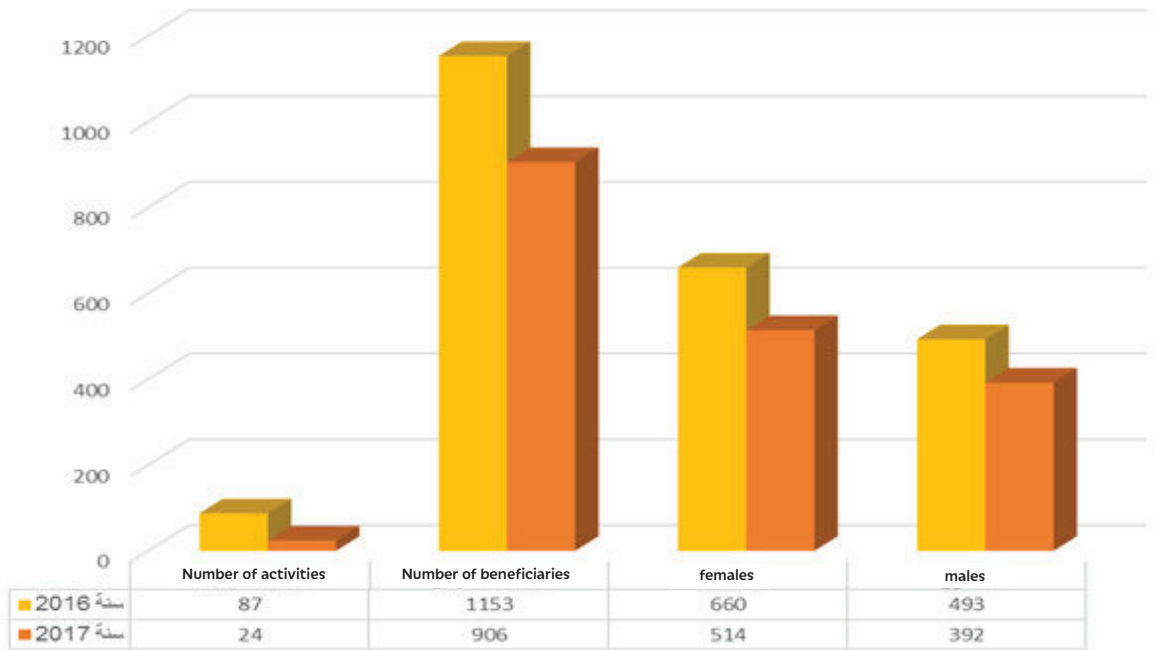
Images for life focused on attracting as many Palestinian youth directors and producers as possible to participate in ACTs's Cinema Festival. Three galleries that showed pictures taken by 75 amateur photographers from Bethlehem governorate were held, while Children broadcast was held with the participation of 45 children from Aida refugee camp.

In 2017, Images for life has conducted 24 activities specialized in media and production training and number of beneficiaries of these different activities reached 900 persons.

The program aims to widen the circle of local partners in the field of production and to develop the radio broadcasting of ACTs radio 194.



month	Number of activities	activities	Number of beneficiaries	
			male	female
Jan-Feb-Apr-May-Jul-Aug-Oct-Nov	4	Photography training course	87	95
7/8/2017	2	Broadcast media course	12	16
Feb-Jun-Sep-Nov-Dec	6	Producing short films		
Mar-Jun-Dec	3	Pictures galleries	180	260
		450 DVD copies		
		Producing a video for a play		
Jun	1	Animation training course	4	6
Jul-Aug	2	A workshop between Alrowwad students and Danish students	22	25
Apr-Oct	4	Films screening	78	101
Feb	1	Pictures galleries in France		
		Sum	392	514



Women program

The women program was able during the year of 2017 to make a change in women labor field where several women initiatives in many industries, handcrafts, housekeeping were conducted along of many other workshops and specialized training courses that gave women the opportunity to empower themselves by being self-dependents and improve their skills.

the main aim of the program is to empower women to be able to make a change in the society and encourage marginalized women to get involved in social pioneering work.

The women program has also launched 'Badder' (initiate) campaign to provide job opportunities for the women of Aida refugee camp in the fields of sewing and embroidery which 60 women took advantage of in 2017.

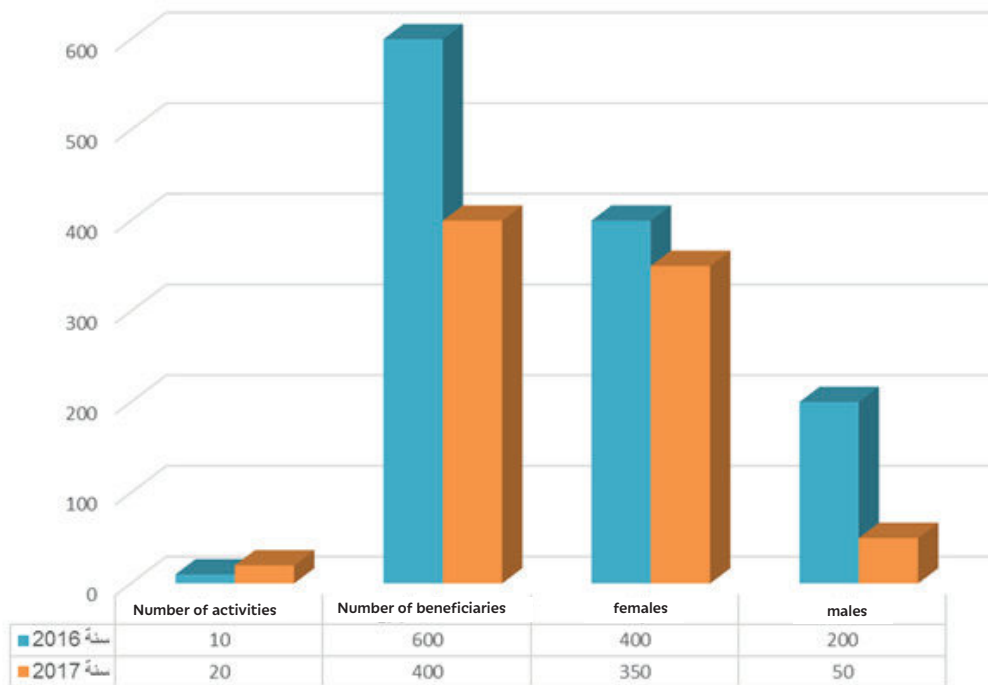
A recipe book in English language was also issued by the women program and it was recognized as one of the best food recipes books of 2017.

20 specialized trainings and activities were conducted, benefiting 400 participants in 2017.



month	Workshops and courses	Number of female beneficiaries
1	A lecture to spread awareness on women health in general and during menopause by a female doctor volunteer	12
2	physical fitness classes	20
3	1-physical fitness classes	20
	2-celebrating international women day and honoring a number of social active women.	40
	3- awareness-raising lecture on domestic pollution and its effects on health and environment by Doctor Nima Kanan	12
4	1-physical fitness classes.	20
	2- sewing courses using sewing machine by Sana al-Khatib.	4
5	Ramadan gallery for traditional products	8
6	Physical fitness classes	20

7	Physical fitness classes	15
8	Physical fitness classes	10
9	1-physical fitness classes.	10
	2- workshop on learning sewing on loom by the volunteer Nikita.	20
10	1-Yoga classes by Nahid al-Bandak.	6
	2-weaving wool class by Abeer al-Zaghal.	22
	3- workshop on domestic violence by students of Bethlehem University.	10
11	1- Yoga classes by Nahid al-Bandak.	6
	2- knitting class by Shahira al-Hajajra.	12
	3- lecture on breast cancer by Doctor Taraji al-Qadi.	8



Health and environment program

The health and environment program held many educational and awareness-raising workshops in the field of health and mental guidance along with holding several meetings that tackled issues of health and environment in 2017.

Moreover, the program worked on conducting campaigns that targeted the local society to improve the health and environmental situation and it received the encouragement of tens of social active participants.

Campaigns to spread awareness on breast cancer for women were also carried out, besides campaigns and activities that were conducted for children who suffer from diabetes in Bethlehem governorate.

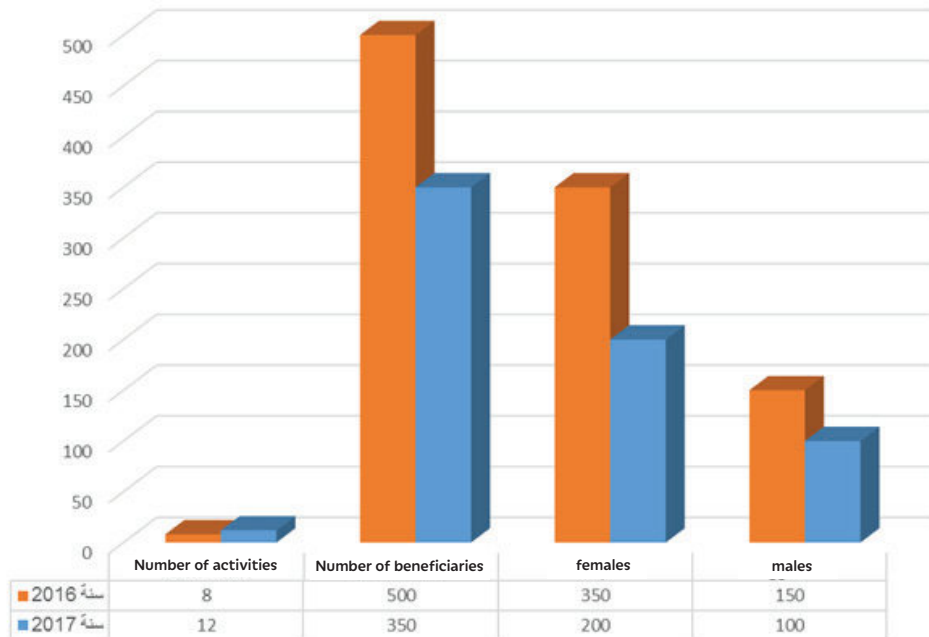
The program shed light on the dangers of the gas canisters that Israeli occupational army fires towards the residents of Aida refugee camp which was recognized as the most area with highest

to tear gas in the world.

The number of beneficiaries from the different activities carried out by the program reached 350 people.



month	activities	Number of beneficiaries	
		male	female
Dec	Launched an awareness-raising campaign on breast cancer.		20
May-Apr-Mar	Conducted workshops for children on the dangers of smoking and drugs.	30	20
Aug-Jun	Distributed home plants and saplings to the houses of Aida refugee camp as part of campaign to preserve environment.	30	120
Nov-Oct	Contributed in a campaign to clean the allies of Aida refugee camp.	55	40



Vocational training program

ACTs worked during 2017 on finishing the third stage of construction of the new vocational building and preparing the interior for opening in 2018.

ACTs's vocational center is considered one of the specialized centers that provide the chance for students to develop skills and learn in fields of carpentry, smart devices and computer maintenance, embroidery, media, cooking, and housekeeping.

Vocational center was funded by a group of ACTs friends and a groundbreaking ceremony was held in 2015 and was planned to be opened in the first quarter of 2018.

The center consists of six floors, first floor is a carpentry workshop and a museum, second floor is department for women program and sewing-learning workshop, third floor is department for media, a specialized studio, Television and digital recordings, fourth and fifth floors are a guest house, while the sixth floor is a specialized educational kitchen.

The carpentry workshop was used in 2017 to prepare the interior of the building where the carpentry work by the workshop on the building was considered as an experimental phase. The workshop was supplied with all needed equipment and qualified staff who can run the workshop.

By the end of 2017, the third stage of preparing the interior of the building was finished.



THIRD CHAPTER
Achievements of 2017

Administrative and organizational development

1. ACTs worked in 2017 to update the organizational structure of the society by evolving the work mechanism to grow the employees' skills and create jobs that can serve the needs of the society.
2. ACTs conducted programs and trainings to develop the capabilities of the employees in the field of strategic planning and impact measurement to advance the institutional work.
3. finance manual and procurement manual were updated in line with requirements and it was approved by the administrative board.
4. ACTs has continued in 2017 to work on completing the third stage of interior finishing of the new vocational center to be ready for opening on schedule in 2018. Vocational training is considered a social need in light of the lack of job opportunities and the increased unemployment rate in the Palestinian society where ACTs will contribute in dropping the rate of unemployment by providing job opportunities for Palestinian youth and women.

5. ACTs worked in 2017 on updating information and programs that are used by employees on daily or monthly bases to facilitate the ability to recognize and measure the effects of the programs, activities and projects periodically and sufficiently by using 12 electronic templates. Additionally, ACTs worked on developing programs related to scholarships and online registration for volunteering to give the chance to more people to benefit from the programs and to strengthen bridges of international collaboration where all programs and news are translated also to Spanish besides English.

Challenges

ACTs has faced many challenges amid the inability to deliver all the needs of the society and make programs and activities reachable to as many people as possible. There was a lack of human resources which affected conducting many activities and programs.

ACTs finds itself today in front of a huge challenge to complete and open the vocational center amid the current political and economic situation. Despite all, ACTs is determined to complete the vocational center and provide job opportunities for the Palestinian youth and women and that could also help them gain experiences in several fields of specialty.

ACTs will work in 2018 to carry out a number of programs that send and reflect humane values and laws through artistic, creative, academic, media and vocational methods.

The beneficiaries' opinions

One of the beneficiaries from the woman program Mrs Subhiya Malash said that she had joined many courses that were organized by the program during the past years and that she felt that it was a turning point of her life to gain education in the fields of physical and mental health, Yoga and protection from diseases.

Ms. Dua al-Nabtiti, one of the volunteers in the woman program, has expressed her liking in the activities that the program conducts, saying that these activities have motivated her to develop her skills in sewing and embroidery which lead her to take part in a number of the intensive training courses that gained her experience in wool sewing and embroidery. She added that she has gained skills and experiences that will help her in her daily life.

Majd Abu Srour, a volunteer in Images for Life program, has become one of the young photographers of Aida refugee camp and he has participated in many local and international galleries with his works. He said that the chance that he took advantage of in ACTs's photography

training to was the turning point of his life. In addition, ACTs has helped him to include his works in a gallery in France during a workshop with a group of French photographers.

Mayar al-Mughrabi is one of the children who participated in the education program where she used to visit ACTs on daily bases after school to read books at the library and go through her homework with the help of ACTs's teachers as part of the education program that provides English, Arabic and Math classes for children after school. Mayar considers ACTs her second home, the place where she meets up with her friends, uses computer and expresses herself through arts, drawing and playing.

Narmin Abdo is one of the volunteers in the arts program and has been performing as a member of al-Dabka crew for years. Narmin said that she feels happiness when she is around her friends and colleagues of al-Dabka crew especially when she joins them in presenting a folklore performance during tours around the world. She considers the chance that she had at ACTs since she was in school and after joining university, has impacted her life majorly and developed her physical and mental skills.

A student of Birzeit University and a volunteer at al-ACTs's charity campaign 'warm winter' Anas al-Khatib said that he is happy with his experience at ACTs and especially that he was able to help the less fortunate. He says that he has learned the love of giving others and dedication in helping the society after his experience at ACTs.

Bethlehem University's student Nidaa Malaa said that she was very pleased to get the chance to join ACTs's media program where she was objected to an intensive training in fields of journalistic writing and broadcasting. Nidaa added that she was able to develop her skills in broadcasting, producing and recording broadcast episodes which helped her passing a number of university courses successfully.

Omar Odeh, a volunteer with the arts band, said that his first encounter with the musical instruments was when he joined one of ACTs's courses when he was only a child and that he has become a member of the band ever since. Omar said that he was able to learn how to play a number of musical instruments including Piano, Guitar, Lute and especially xylophone.

FOURTH CHAPTER

ACTs has been aiming since 2002 to expand networking with partners and supporters of the Palestinian people's rights. Making partnerships and networking first started with French friends and then expanded to include friends from the United States of America, Britain, Scotland, Norway, and Australia.

In 2017, ACTs continued its efforts and managed to make friends with several supporters of the Palestinian cause and people.

Volunteers

ACTs was able to attract the attention of tens of local and international volunteers who came to ACTs to develop their skills and to also help in different departments based on their capabilities and experiences. ACTs made sure to provide the suitable atmosphere for the volunteers to be able to perform at their best in accordance to the goals of the programs and activities, be creative and take advantage of all activities whether they were in education, arts or media.

20 international, and 30 local people have volunteered at ACTs in 2017 where they were able to conduct many programs and activities in the fields of education, arts and media.

ACTs will continue working on widening the circle of friends and partners through the volunteering program in 2018.

Delegations

Thousands of foreigners from all over the world visit ACTs every year where more than 2800 visitors from different parts of the world and especially from France, Britain, USA, and Norway have visited ACTs in 2017. Some of them went back to ACTs to volunteer in different fields of arts, media and education.

FIFTH CHAPTER

Under the theme 'Pioneers for Life', ACTs began its 2017 by winning the Impact Award after adhering to all standards of Stars Foundation, which is a foundation specializes in awarding non-governmental associations in developing countries across Asia, Africa, Middle East and Latin America. Stars Foundation has improved and enhanced the lives of children in countries where children face threats, violence and dangers. The award that has been won along with six Palestinian organizations and 23 international ones, is considered as an important Arab and Palestinian achievement and sheds light on the Palestinian cause and supports it.

ACTs was devoted at the first quarter of 2017 to come up with a strategic plan to implement programs that empower children and women and give them the chance to be a positive changemakers and determined in their home Palestine. Additionally, the aim was to organize training courses and workshops in theatre, music, choir, traditional Palestinian dancing, photography, video making and editing, media, and play bus that travels across the cities of West Bank to reinforce educating children through non-traditional methods and using educational

games. Play bus targets all Palestinian children and specially those who live in marginalized areas and suffer from lack of potentials. Therefore, it travels to many West Bank cities and areas during political, social, educational and national occasions where the numbers of beneficiaries from play bus has reached 20250 of different ages in 2017.

The education program worked on following up with the students benefiting from the education program of ACTs during the second school semester by providing the requirements and needs for students including books, places to study and play, and computers to help students complete their homework in several educational courses. Winter and summer camps were organized as part of the education program where hundreds of children participated during their summer and winter vacations. More than 3700 participants benefited from the 118 activities and programs that were organized by the education unit in 2017.

Images for Life program gave media training courses specialized in photography and audio media besides workshops in the field of modern media. 2017 distinguished with the international

partnerships that made all the training courses, galleries, and even the launching of ACTs Cinema festival for short films possible. ACTs cinema festival for short films aimed to support Palestinian talents in Palestinian, diaspora and all over the world by participating with their creativities that fall under the criteria of the festival in many national, cultural, social and political occasions. The number of beneficiaries reached 20250 of different ages in 2017 from Images for Life program.

ACTs was able to also provide 107 scholarships worth of 28 thousand dollars to Palestinian university students across West Bank as part of the students' fund program that ACTs started in the year of 2001 and 500 Palestinian students benefited from. The program also gives the chance for Palestinian high school students to join university and continue their educational journey along with helping university students to complete their studies. Noticeably, ACTs students fund program depends mainly on local support by people who volunteered to support Palestinian refugees to continue their education and it is also supported by ACTs's international friends who have contributed majorly in the fund program recently.

In 2017, ACTs participated in several national occasions, social workshops and conferences that were organized and arranged by the local society where ACTs has contributed in supporting social cases in these events. ACTs became known for its important role in supporting the less fortunate families through its yearly campaign 'People of Goodness' that was very effective in 2017 and particularly during Ramadan.

ACTs sought in 2017 to make a change through art and creative resistance as well as to open new doors towards new partnerships, local and international, and all achievements were added up to many others of the past 19 years of dedication.









**DOMINATING HEADLINES OF
ALROWWAD IN LOCAL AND
INTERNATIONAL MEDIA**

1. Alrowwad wins international Impact Award.
2. Alrowwad starts winter camp 'Hand in Hand, Change Makers'.
3. Alrowwad's international crew gains membership in the international Federation of Journalists.
4. Alrowwad organizes a play entitled 'School Chair'.
5. Alrowwad's play bus starts its training tour in France.
6. Alrowwad hosts events of apartheid week.
7. Alrowwad hosts Social Media Bus.
8. Alrowwad participates in the fifth international Palestine Marathon 'Run for Freedom.
9. Alrowwad participates in the Earth Day path.

10. Alrowwad hosts the premiere of the play 'Dreamer Cage'.
11. Alrowwad holds the second A'edon festival in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners.
12. Alrowwad launches football league of Palestinian villages.
13. Alrowwad concludes 'My Freedom' gallery for pictures.
14. Alrowwad arts crew performs at An-Najah National University.
15. Alrowwad participates in in Palestine Photo Marathon in Jericho.
16. Alrowwad commemorates the 67th anniversary of the Palestinian Nakba.
17. Alrowwad launches 'People of Goodness' campaign for 2017.
18. Alrowwad's carpentry workshop show its first products at the vocational center.
19. Alrowwad launches animation workshop entitled 'Let your ideas come to life'.

**ALROWWAD'S FRIENDS
AND PARTNERS**

International partners:

- 1. alrowwad friends/ France.**
- 2. Alrowwad's friends/ USA.**
- 3. Alrowwad's friends/ UK.**
- 4. Alrowwad friends/ Belgium.**
- 5. Educaid/ Italy.**
- 6. Astm/ Luxembourg.**
- 7. nogent-sur-oise municipality/ France.**
- 8. The Martin Baro Fund/USA.**
- 9. Alrowwad's friends/ Norway.**

10. Amos Trust/ UK.

11. Stars Foundation

12. Compagnie Grizzli / France.

13. Alrowwad friends/ Australia.

14. Cobiac foundation/ France.

Local partners:

- 1. The popular committee of Aida refugee camp.**
- 2. Palestinian ministry for culture.**
- 3. Palestinian ministry of social affairs.**
- 4. Al-Hara theatre.**
- 5. Al-Quds University.**
- 6. S.O.S children's village.**
- 7. Badil Resource Center for Palestinian Residency and Refugee Rights.**
- 8. Ghirass Cultural Organization.**
- 9. Palestinian ministry of education.**
- 10. Ibda'a Society.**
- 11. Lailac Center.**
- 12. Aida Youth Center**

THEATER PERFORMANCES TOURS

year	Country	Number of shows	Performances
Aug 2000	Sweden/ Denmark	6	'We Are The Children of The Camp' play
May 2003	Egypt	4	'We Are The Children of The Camp' play+Dabka dance +puppet show
Jun-Jul 2003	France	30	'We Are The Children of The Camp' play+Dabka dance +puppet show
Jun-Jul 2005	USA	12	'We Are The Children of The Camp' play+Dabka dance
Jun and Jul 2006	France/ Belgium	26	'We Are The Children of The Camp' play+Dabka dance +music
Jun and Jul 2007	West Bank	45	'We Are The Children of The Camp' play+Dabka dance+choir+clown show
Jun and Jul 2008	France/ Belgium	22	'Blame on The Wolf play+Dabka dance+choir
Apr 2009	Austria	3	'We Are The Children of The Camp' play+Dabka dance+choir

May 2009	Palestine	1	alrowwad's dabkah crew and choir were the only ones to present a performance during the visit of Palestinian president Mahmoud Abbas and the pope to Aida refugee camp.
Jun 2009	Palestine	1	'Handala' play
Jul 2009	Boston+Cambridge+ cape cod + Vermont + connecticut + New york USA		'Blame on The Wolf play+'We Are The Children of The Camp' play+Dabka dance
Jul 2009	Austria/ Vienna	2	'We Are The Children of The Camp' play at Austria youth theatre
Jul-Aug 2009	Palestine	12	'Blame on The Wolf play +Dabka dance +choir
Mar 2010	Barcelona-Spain	1100	The founder and general director of Alrowwad is an honor guest and a speaker at the club of the International Net of Anna Lindh Foundation

Apr 2010	Aida refugee camp-Palestine	200	Musical concert +choir of Schmidt school for girls
May 2010	Irtas village-Palestine	400	A participation by Alrowwad's Dabka crew and choir in the Lettuce festival
Jun-Jul 2010	Vermont-USA	3	A participation by Alrowwad's children in Circus Smirkus summer camp
Oct 2010	al-Tiba village-Palestine	1500	Dabka and choir performances
Jun-Jul 2011	France/ Luxembourg	18	Tour for 'Handala' play
2012	France	10	A participation in International Theatre Festival
2012	Vermont-USA	3	A participation by Alrowwad's children in Circus Smirkus summer camp
2013	Vermont-USA	3	A participation by Alrowwad's children in Circus Smirkus summer camp
2013	nogent-sur-oise	2	International camp

2014	nogent-sur-oise	3	A participation by Alrowwad's children in Circus Smirkus summer camp
2014	nogent-sur-oise	2	International camp
2015	Istanbul-Turkey	6	International Theatre Festival
2016	Turkey	10	Dabka performance in the International Children Festival
2016	Scotland/ Britain	15	Arts performances tour
2017	France	2	Production of a play in collaboration with

program	Description	Beneficiaries	area	partner
Training and rehabilitation	Make wooden games and children's activities at the playgrounds	youth/ children	West Bank	Astm
Alrowwad radio	Train children on media and radio programs	children	Bethlehem	
Play bus	Entertaining and educational activities	children	West Bank	
Alrowwad vocational center	carpentry/ Palestine heritage museum/ women heritage handcrafts/ guesthouse/ educational kitchen/ media program	All ages	Bethlehem	Alrowwad's friends from Norway/ France/USA
Summer of Freedom program	Specialized training program in the fields of human rights/ creative writing/ international pleas/ inserting pressure and support	youth	Bethlehem	Martin Baro Fund

Year	Achievement
1998	The first professional theatrical training in Palestine
2000	The first education program for children with learning difficulties
2000	The first training program for creating animation films in West Bank in collaboration with Theatre Day Productions
2005	The first fitness center for women in a refugee camp in Palestine
2005	The first professional training diploma course in photography and video making
2005	The first outdoor cinema festival screened on the apartheid wall
2006	Founder and general director of Alrowwas chosen as the first partner of Ashoka-social creator- in Palestine
2006	The first mobile cinema program in West Bank

2006	Moved from Alrowwad's two-rooms old rented building to the two-floors new building owned by Alrowwad. Building consists of photography and video making section, library, computer section, play section, two rooms and administration offices.
2008	The first festival for the popular tale and elevating the role of libraries in maintaining the Palestinian verbal heritage in collaboration with Kobiak French foundation.
2009	Alrowwad arts crew was the only crew to perform during the visitation of Pope Pope Benedict XVI to Palestine
2009-2011 , 2011-2013	The election of the founder and general director of Alrowwad Abedalfattah Abu Srour as the head of Palestinian Theatre League
2009	Completing the third floor of the new building to start the women unit that consists of a hall for fitness training and arts activities and another unite specialized in media
2009	The first book fair in the camp in collaboration with the Palestinian ministry of culture and five Palestinian publication houses

2010	The founder and director of Alrowwad presents Beautiful Resistance, screens a movie and then a Dabka and choir performances followed at the international educational center in Palestine
2011	Founder and general director chosen as a colleague in synergos institution for social creativity
2011	Alrowwad Dabka crew and choir perform during the visitation of The president of the Republic of Chile to Aida refugee camp
2011	First performances tour of Handala play for the adults crew
2012	Providence of lightning system for alrowwad's hall and providence of heating system for the entire building
2015	The start of the building process of the vocational center
2016	Signing a memorandum of understanding with Zarqa municipality in Jordan
2016	Signing a memorandum of understanding with Burj al-Luqluq Social Center Society
2016	The opening of the ground floor of the vocational center

2016	alrowwad's arts crew is the first crew to take part in the Edinburgh International Festival in Scotland
2017	The issuing of the cooking book 'beautiful recipes' for traditional Palestinian food and desserts
2017	Production of the play 'borders' in partnership with the French Compagnie Grizzli
2017	Winning the Impact Award by Stars Foundation
2017	Launching football team for boys born in years 2004-2008
2017	Launching football team for girls born in years 2003-2009

Other achievements

Num.	Activity	Link
1	Closing ceremony for the second outdoors Cinema festival	www.youtube.com/watch?v=En3d5Qtxupk
2	Opening ceremony for the second outdoors Cinema Festival	www.youtube.com/watch?v=60KCHvWU8K4&feature=related
3	Beautiful Resistance	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WR8izNtdl1Y
4	Selection of the play 'Blame of The Wolf', tour in France and Belgium	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOcC5d3Hsnw
5	Selection of pictures of gallery 'We' by Images for Life program	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jml_YMrQdgQ http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LfWgFAEGVGU&feature=related
6	'Bethlehem checkpoint' film at 4:00 am	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1FaWE1SIZk

7	Selection of the play 'We Are The Children of The Camp'	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Chm5qEmG_LU
8	Pope Benedict XVI visit to Aida refugee camp	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmbNTIyIZNI
9	Beautiful Resistance	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xwcbal25g_s
10	Launching of the first children radio (Alrowwad's radio 194)	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U3fyFolnMCs
11	'Aida The Glory' song, produced by Alrowwad	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-4iJ0xEiu18
12	Alrowwad and 'tales by the sea'	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6vRp5qfjIF4
13	'Take me mama, in your lap' song	http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B4AOYFDzGqw
14	Launching Alrowwad's winter camp 'hand in hand, changemakers'	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ptt67gb7aMk

15	Poster campaign for the 100th anniversary of Balfour declaration	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z8xffytnDTA
16	An interview with Alrowwad's founder and general director by Ma'an TV 'Alrowwad wins the international Impact Award'	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UB2lo8MtWJ0
17	Alrowwad vocational center-preparations	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HubheohNlyE https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bf3kuENupKc
18	Aerial photography, Alrowwad Pioneers for Life	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvHDKP-s9p8
19	Nakba	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uhSv4WoqJJE
20	We are all with Palestinian prisoners	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTroDkP3li4

21	Alrowwad Vocational Center	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HJ9CgHgsxzc
22	clashes/Aida refugee camp	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7IgmGldpviQ
23	Beautiful Resistance film	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyw0ImwtbIM
24	Change The Record	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=frbSIVZf_-M
25	Alrowwad 1-12-2017	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yb3Cv_gg1I4
26	An episode on ending violence against women	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0qKnVjcC2g
27	Merry Christmas and a happy new year 2017	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VfE6y6LV0kE
28	'Nakba is continues' play with the Australian volunteer Ray	https://archive.org/details/a_Ray



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