

Provide support to Local and Church Institutions

Organization Name:	Steps Center for Child Development, Bethlehem	Project. No:	DB0242
Proposal Subject:	Various needs to improve mental health service delivery for children		
Organization Profile:	No. of beneficiaries	50 children with special needs	Total Request
			€6,800.00

The "Steps" Child Development Centre is a Church-related organization (NGO), founded in 2015, in Bethlehem which provides mental health services for children and families. The idea behind establishing the center emerged as a result of the increasing number of mental health issues among adults and children, the number of impoverished and underserved families in the West Bank, and most importantly, the difficulties that people face receiving these services. The major focus of the center is to provide educational, health, developmental and psychological support for children who suffer from mental health issues and learning disabilities. The center provides mental health counseling and early intervention for children, focusing on screening, assessment, care management, awareness, and treatment of mental health problems of high-risk children and youth. This is in the form of occupational therapy, physiotherapy, and pronunciation deficiency counseling for autistic children.

Project Description

The Steps Child Development Centre provides rehabilitation services to ensure that children improve their cognitive abilities and daily function that will allow them to attend regular schools instead of specialized schools, which are largely lacking in Bethlehem. There are two distinct sections of the center: a nursery which provides early education and rehabilitation for 22-25 preschoolers and kindergarteners (however due to COVID-19, this number is down to 10 children); and 25 primary and secondary schoolchildren. The needs of the center are great as the government does not provide subsidized funds that supports annual operating costs, equipping and other essential needs. Particularly, the center needs to replace the old washing machine which was used to wash smocks, blankets and other material belonging to the nursery children. More worrying, the staff have reported a gas leakage in the oven after the oven was sent for repair; a new oven is required to safely cook and heat healthy meals for the nursery children. The center also requires an additional 3 solar water heating units in addition to the one the nursery has which will provide a greater quantity of hot water for handwashing and disinfection. Finally, to save electricity and heating costs, the center needs an AC/heating unit as well as some therapeutic kits for the children. The PMP requests financial assistance from KHS-Holland in the total amount of €6,800.00.



Budget Details

Washing Machine	€1,100.00
Oven/Cooker	€1,200.00
Air Condition 2 Ton Unit	€1,875.00
Therapeutic Kits	€500.00
Solar Water Heating Units	€825.00
Refrigerator	€1,300.00
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App. No:	Total Project Budget	€6,800.00
241	Local Contribution	€0.00
	Total Request from partner donor	€6,800.00