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## Razan Zuayter

Chairperson of the Board | The Arab Group for the Protection of Nature



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After 7 October 2023, we are left with only two choices: either to stand with injustice and darkness, or to be like watermelon seeds that sprout everywhere.

## Mariam Al Jaajaa

General Manager | The Arab Group for the Protection of Nature



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At APN, we believe that true liberation from colonialism requires resisting its imposed narrative as well as its economic and political systems. This involves breaking free from its products and markets, and instead, constructing an alternative economy rooted in local productive sectors and independent agricultural and food systems that integrate within the wider Arab region. By doing so, we create a foundation that is resistant to discord and division.

The first step towards liberation is believing that we are worthy of it.

## About the Arab Group for the Protection of Nature (APN)

The Arab Group for the Protection of Nature was established in 2003 as a non-profit civil society organisation to contribute to the protection of the environment and natural resources of Arab countries, in coordination with both Arab and international organisations, against all hazards, including the destructive impacts of war and foreign occupations.

## Our Mission

APN seeks to reinforce the capacity of the Arab people to sustain their natural resources and gain sovereignty over their food, especially in areas under occupation and conflict, and to mobilise civil society organisations to advocate for regional and global environmental issues.

## Our Goals

### 01

**Contribute** to the rehabilitation and sustainability of natural resources in Arab regions affected by war and armed conflicts, with a particular focus on Jordan and Palestine.

### 02

**Influence** the drafting and implementation of environmental, agricultural, and food policies through effective partnerships.

### 03

**Mobilise** efforts of civil society to contribute and respond to local, regional, and global environmental issues.

### 04

**Build** the capacity of APN to achieve its mission with professionalism, effectiveness, and institutional sustainability.





## 2023 General Assembly

APN held its annual General Assembly on 10 May 2023, with a majority of its members present, during which the financial and administrative reports were discussed. The meeting began with a review of the projects and activities completed during the year 2022 and ended with the approval of the independent auditor's report for the fiscal year ending on 31 December 2022, presented by a representative from the auditing company.

## Auditors

Talal Abu-Ghazaleh & Co. International

# APN Founding Members

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Humam Mufti  
Nicola Billeh  
Rami Barhoush  
Zina Kawar  
Saad Hijjawi  
Asem Shehabi

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The late Humam Darwazah  
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Inas Bseisou  
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Hassan Al Jaajaa  
Lubna Irsheid

Mutaz Al Afifi  
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Sami Nabulsi  
Subhia Al Maani  
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**Razan Zuayter**  
Chair of the Board



**Rami Barhoush**  
Vice Chair



**Mariam Al Jaajaa**  
General Manager



**Mohammad Qtaishat**  
Project Manager



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### Board of Directors

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Treasurer



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Representative of APN in Palestine



**Asmaa Awwad**  
Media Coordinator



**Humam Mufti**  
Board Member



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Secretary



**Lisa Shahin**  
Advocacy and Research Officer



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### APN Staff

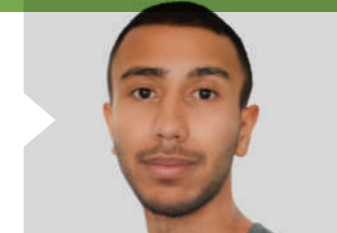
**Fouz Shocair**  
Board Member



**Omar Shegem**  
Board Member



**Theeb Al-Ghanem**  
Visual Content Creator



**Aya Al-Obaidi**  
Campaigns Coordinator



Arab Group for the Protection of Nature

### Agricultural Advisor



**Hassan Al Jaajaa**  
Agricultural Advisor



**Muhannad Jariri**  
Accountant



**Walaa Dabash**  
Administrative Assistant

## APN Volunteers

APN relies on the participation of a large volunteer community working in a horizontal structure. Over the years, thousands of volunteers of all ages have joined together to spread and act on the organisation's message.



## APN Maintained the Following Accreditations

- 01** Special Consultative Status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- 02** Observer Status at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- 03** Actor for the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (UN-Decade)
- 04** Accreditation from the Development & International Cooperation Affairs at the Kuwaiti Ministry of Foreign Affairs

## APN Collaborates with the Following Regional and International Institutions:



## APN is a Member of the Following Networks and Institutions:

- Arab Network for Food Sovereignty (ANFS) -----> Founder and Executive Committee Member
- People's Coalition on Food Sovereignty (PCFS) -----> Co-Chair & Regional Steering Council Member
- Sub-Committee on the Eradication of Hunger affiliated with the League of Arab States -----> Member
- Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples' Mechanism (CSIPM) -----> Founder of the Working Group on Protracted Crises
- CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness (CPDE) -----> Co-Chair of the Working Group on Conflict & Fragility
- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) -----> National and Regional Committee Member
- Global Forum for Agricultural Research (GFAR) -----> Member of the Partners' Assembly
- Global Campaign to Return to Palestine -----> Member
- International League of Peoples' Struggle (ILPS) -----> Member of International Coordination Committee and Regional Committee



## APN Partners in Tree Planting Programmes

### In Palestine:

- Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC)
- Palestinian Farmers' Union
- Palestinian Ministry of Agriculture
- Al Nahda Rural Society
- Bethlehem Farmers' Union
- Awsaj Association
- Qalqilya Water and Irrigation Association
- Al Qamar Association Jericho
- Palestinian Farmers Association Tubas
- Arab Agricultural Engineers Association
- Council of Palestinian Municipalities
- Salfit Development Association
- Handala Cultural Center
- Ahali Center for Community Development
- Al Hakura Society
- Palestinian Farmers' Association in the Gaza Strip – Al Wusta Governorate
- Gaza Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture Platform



### In Jordan:

- Al Numeira Environmental Association
- Thara Charity Association
- Madaba Women's Charity Association
- Jordanian Agricultural Workers' Union
- National Agricultural Research Center (NARC)
- Al Balqa Creativity Institute
- Naua Platform
- Greater Amman Municipality
- Al Hussein Youth City – Sports City
- Asayel Bader Association
- Directorate of Agriculture in the Southern Jordan Valley



## APN Donations are Deductible from Taxable Income

Jordanian donors can fully deduct donations made to APN from their taxable income. This deduction is authorized by Cabinet Resolution No. (8933), which recognizes the environmental nature of the donations, and is subject to the conditions and restrictions outlined in paragraph (b) of Article (10) of the Income Tax Law No. (34) of 2014.



## Donations to APN's Million Tree Campaign in Palestine are Eligible for Zakat

"Paying Zakat for the provision of fruit trees to be cultivated on lands threatened with confiscation or annexation to nearby settlements affirms the ownership of these lands and preserves the right of Palestinian citizens to their land and country".

Grand Mufti of Jerusalem

# Summary of Achievements in 2023

APN continued its work within its 4 programmes during 2023, resulting in quality achievements at the local, regional, and international levels.



# THE MILLION TREE CAMPAIGN

The MTC started in 2001, under the slogan “They uproot one, we plant ten”, to preserve Palestinian land in the face of an ongoing Israeli campaign to destroy the agricultural sector and seize land.

In 2023, the MTC cultivated 231,682 fruit trees on 7,658 dunums belonging to 2,484 farmers and 14,817 of their family members. The MTC also cultivated 500 dunums of wheat in the Palestinian Jordan Valley and constructed 2 new water-collecting wells. The total number of trees planted since the launch of the MTC until the end of 2023 is 2,908,348 trees in all governorates of Palestine, in addition to the implementation of many agricultural development projects.

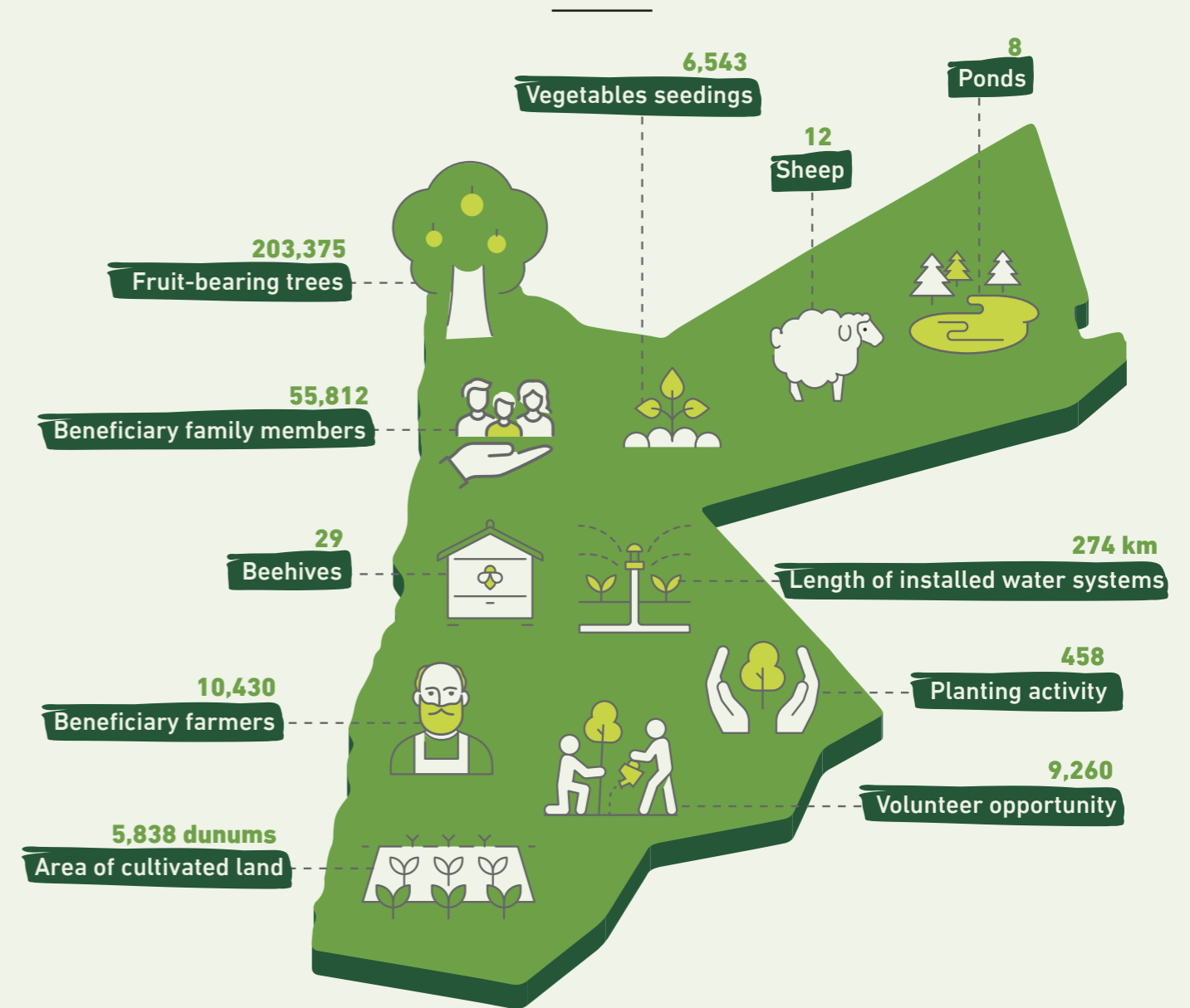
## Achievements of the Million Tree Campaign from 2001 to 2023



# THE GREEN CARAVAN PROGRAMME

The Green Caravan was founded in 2003 with the goals of expanding Jordan's green cover, combating desertification, highlighting the value of the agricultural sector, and supporting small-scale farmers, who are the foundation of Jordan's food basket. The programme also aims to support food security and establish food sovereignty. In 2023, the programme continued its tree-planting activities throughout Jordan, where 37,306 trees were planted on more than 1,409 dunums, benefiting 806 farmers and 6,306 of their family members. Thus, bringing the total number of trees planted since its inception in 2003 until the end of 2023 to approximately 203,375 fruit trees.

## Achievements of the Green Caravan Programme from 2003 to 2023



# THE FOOD SOVEREIGNTY PROGRAMME

The programme seeks to influence environmental, agricultural, food, and development policies at the national, regional, and international levels by collecting and analysing data, organising dialogues between stakeholders, advocating for priorities, and leading negotiations at global platforms on behalf of civil society organisations. This is in addition to participating in technical work groups and organising fact-finding missions, and campaigns.

The programme continued its impactful and influential activities in 2023, advocating for the priorities of the Global South, the Arab region, and particularly Palestine and Jordan.

Internationally, we maintained a strong and impactful presence at the meetings of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. In a dialogue with FAO in Rome, we exposed the hegemony of Global North organisations in representing global civil society. During the regional technical consultative meeting, we questioned FAO's silence regarding the starvation in Gaza. Furthermore, in our speech at the Forest Week workshop, organised by FAO and the Jordanian Ministry of Agriculture, we stressed the need for local community partnership in tree-planting projects to promote the planting of trees with economic and nutritional value.





Through our work with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), we intensified our efforts to deliver interventions and statements condemning the environmental crimes committed by the occupation. Our advocacy efforts led to Gaza becoming a central topic at the meetings of the Arab Forum for Environment (AFEN), which is hosted by UNEP. We provided a testimony on the war in Gaza to Arab environment ministers and took the initiative to draft a statement issued by UNEP-accredited organisations of West Asia. The statement strongly condemned the inhumane crimes committed by Israel in Palestine, called for the criminalization of the occupation, and urged its prosecution in international courts. We also insisted on addressing the environmental impacts of the war on Gaza during preliminary consultative meetings in preparation for the sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA), organised by UNEP.

In response to the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) breaching humanitarian

principles, we initiated and led an international and regional campaign to hold her accountable. We presented a letter to the UN Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres, through the UN Resident Coordinator in Jordan, Sherri Ritsima-Anderson on behalf of 124 Arab and international civil society organisations involved in agriculture, food security, environment, and human rights.

During meetings organised by the European Union, we withdrew from a training session in Bari, Italy, which was attended by "Israelis". In another meeting in Belgium, we presented a critical view of its development support policies in the Arab region.



Through our active participation in the meetings of the United Nations' Committee on World Food Security (CFS), we amplified the Arab voice in support of Palestine. Our representative in the Arab Network for Food Sovereignty delivered a powerful intervention criticizing Washington's obstruction of the final session of the Committee's 51st plenary, due to disagreements over the content of the final statement regarding Gaza.

At the "Voices of Solidarity: Rise Up for Palestine" forum organised by the People's Coalition on Food Sovereignty (PCFS), coinciding with the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, we encouraged the development of strong ties among supporters of the Palestinian cause. We emphasized

the need to improve national industries, maintain and enhance agricultural production, and affirm sovereignty over natural resources, economy, and food.

During a webinar organised by the Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP) for South and East Asia, part of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), we called for the protection of Gaza in light of the genocidal war being waged by Israel. We delivered a powerful speech on the hypocrisy of donors and the failure of humanitarian and "civilized" principles regarding Gaza during the consultative meeting with civil society organisations convened by the International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF), part of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Moreover, we prepared two papers detailing the nature, extent, and impact of Zionist violence on the food systems of Jordan and Palestine. These papers were published by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to food on his website.

In Marrakech, coinciding with the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank Group on their 79th anniversary, we spoke out against their programmes, highlighting their negative impact on the agricultural sector in Jordan and Palestine.



We participated in the 9th Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) Partners Meeting and discussed the comprehensive study we conducted titled "Land and Conflict in the Arab Region", in collaboration with UN-Habitat and GLTN.



Regionally, as part of a dialogue between experts and activists, organised by AFSC in Jordan, we spoke about redefining climate justice in the Arab region. We presented our perspectives on livelihoods, climate change, and the impact of occupation at the Carnegie Middle East Center's MENA Climate Vulnerability Conference.



We took part in the 9<sup>th</sup> Regional Summer School on “Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture towards Equitable and Justice-based Food Systems in the MENA Region”, hosted by the Heinrich Böll Foundation in Palestine and Jordan under the slogan “It’s More Than Just Food”.



In Beirut, we shared our insights and recommendations at the conference “Civil Society Organizations and a Just Transition in the Middle East and North Africa: Challenges and Opportunities”, hosted by the Arab Reform Initiative.



At regional platforms, we provided feedback and recommendations on the Arab Food Security Strategy during a special meeting of the Subcommittee for the Eradication of Hunger affiliated with the League of Arab States. We actively participated in the 9<sup>th</sup> committee meeting and successfully added Gaza on the agenda of the tenth meeting.



At the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), we issued a call for a comprehensive regional strategy for wheat cultivation during the Arab Bread Day seminar. Our aim is to ensure sovereignty over our wheat production in the Arab world and consequently, sovereignty over our political and economic decisions.

At the first national gathering for The Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) – Yemen, held in Amman, we contributed to the discussion on the importance of national unity in achieving food security. We also planting trees in Palestine on behalf of each participant.



Locally, we prepared a scientific paper on alternatives to the Water-for-Energy Agreement in collaboration with the Jordanian Boycott Movement BDS to confront normalization projects with the occupation. The project entails exchanging electricity generated in Jordan for water from the Zionist entity.

## ورقة حقائق اتفاقية المياه مقابل الطاقة



## ماء العدو احتلال

In the context of the Biosafety Law, as members of the working team, we emphasized the importance of tackling the law itself before diving into its procedural and technical dimensions.

We presented our position on foreign funding during a dialogue hosted by the Coordination Committee for Civil Society Organizations (HIMAM), affirming our conviction that foreign funding is a form of neocolonialism.

We spoke about food sovereignty and liberation at Carob House, an initiative dedicated to regenerative ecological agriculture and establishing an educational space for the local community.

We participated in a workshop organised by the National Agricultural Research Center (NARC) under the heading “The Arab Experience in the Field of Introducing the Planting of Quinoa in the Local Agricultural Systems”. The workshop was attended by specialists from Algeria, Tunisia, and Morocco who discussed their expertise and studies in the field.

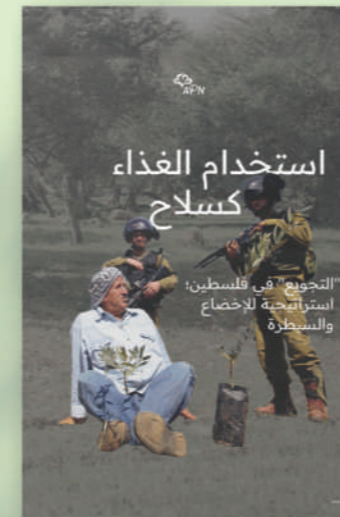


It is worth mentioning that we attended numerous other meetings with partners and organisations, including a meeting on 18 January 2023 with the Regional Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Jordan, and another with FAO’s Representative in Jordan on 22 February 2023.



# AWARENESS AND MOBILISATION

In 2023, we expanded our awareness and mobilisation efforts, launching our new digital awareness campaign "Trees for Palestine" (#TreesforPalestine). This campaign is the first of its kind to deliver Palestinian environmental and agricultural content in Arabic, English, and Italian, in partnership with 50 international and media partners.





We mobilised as a green resistance movement since the beginning of the aggression on Gaza in October 2023, to expose the truth about the genocide and the war of starvation through a series of digital publications in both Arabic and English. Moreover, we spoke at an international press conference attended by over 90 journalists and writers.

We participated as a keynote speaker at the 20th European Palestinians Conference, which was held in Sweden and attended by 15,000 people. In conjunction with the conference, we conducted a fruitful tour where we met supporters of the Palestinian people in Europe.

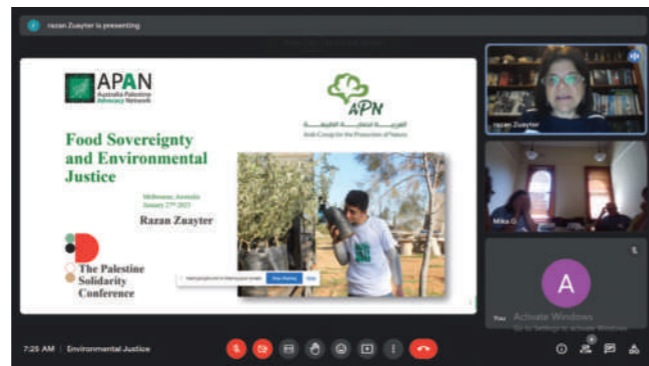


Our active participation extended to the activities of the International League of Peoples' Struggle (ILPS), where we hold a membership in its administrative body. We delivered a strong message at an international forum held in solidarity with Gaza, and in another session organised by ILPS, we discussed the roots of the crisis in Sudan. Additionally, we contributed to their statement calling for the lifting of sanctions on Syria.



To affirm our shared struggle against apartheid, we chaired a session at the Global Anti-Apartheid Conference for Palestine in South Africa, held in commemoration of the late leader Nelson Mandela, and attended by his grandson, Member of Parliament Nkosi Zwelivelile Mandela.

We spoke about the aggressive war on Gaza and the roots of settler colonialism in Palestine at the International Peasant Movements' Solidarity Conference hosted by the Asian Peasant Coalition (APC), the 16th General Assembly of the Pakistan Kissan Mazdoor Tehreek (PKMT), the Peoples' Forum for Peace for Life (PFL) in Manila - Philippines, and at an international solidarity forum organised by the International Migrants Alliance in Indonesia.



We also discussed the issues of food sovereignty and environmental justice at the Palestine Solidarity Conference organised by the Australia Palestine Advocacy Network (APAN).

Moreover, we were among the political, cultural, and artistic figures from over 24 countries who participated in the "International Forum of Ambassadors of Return to Palestine", organised by the Global Campaign to Return to Palestine. During the event, we were invited to present an honorary shield to Tushar Gandhi, grandson of Gandhi, on behalf of the forum.

We contributed to the statement issued by the Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism (CSIPM), part of the United Nations Committee on World Food Security (CFS), in solidarity with all those affected by the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

We participated in an introductory meeting organised by the Arab International Investor Forum (AIIF) in Jordan for its new Board of Trustees, affirming the necessity of promoting food sovereignty not only on

a national level but also with a comprehensive regional perspective for the Arab region. Achieving this requires Arab economic integration.

We also signed a new Memorandum of Understanding with ArabiaWeather as part of our strategy to establish strategic partnerships with public and private sector companies and institutions.

We garnered significant media coverage through over 170 visual, audio, and written content across more than 76 networks and platforms globally, regionally, and locally in Jordan and Palestine. These articles covered our activities and news in Arabic, English, Spanish, and French. We were invited to discuss topics concerning food, agriculture, and the environment in the Arab region, particularly in Jordan and Palestine, highlighting the impact of occupation and ongoing crises on these critical sectors. Additionally, we contributed articles to local and regional newspapers addressing pressing issues in agriculture, food, and the environment.

# “IF ONLY YOU KNEW” CAMPAIGN

The campaign began its activities in 2012, targeting thousands of university and school students in Jordan, to raise awareness about the significance of agriculture and its advantages, as well as to familiarize students with the environmental challenges faced by Jordan and the wider Arab region. The campaign also sheds light on the solutions pursued by communities and civil society organisations in addressing these challenges. In 2023, our team completed over 19 activities, engaging with 800 students from Jordanian universities and schools, along with their professors and teachers. This was done in collaboration with 14 academic and educational institutions, including Al-Balqa Applied University, the Arab Council in coordination with the the International Academy – Amman, AlAsriyya Schools, American Community School (ACS), Cambridge High School, AIESEC, Ahliyyah & Mutran School, Al-Hussein Secondary School for Girls, Hanifiyyah Elementary School, Modern American School, Amman Academy School, Qasr al-Hallabat School, Al Fiker Al Tarbawi Schools, and Al-Bayan School.



## The Arab Network for Food Sovereignty (ANFS)

Back in 2012, APN and a group of Arab civil society organisations established the Arab Network for Food Sovereignty (ANFS) in Beirut, Lebanon, as an independent civil coordinating body based on the principles of food sovereignty, strengthening resilience strategies, and confronting the underlying causes of social, economic, agricultural, and environmental vulnerabilities facing Arab societies. The network encompasses over 35 NGOs, and unions of farmers, fishermen, shepherds, workers, women, and youth, in addition to consumer associations located in 13 different Arab countries. Razan Zuayter, APN Chairperson, was the president of ANFS until September 2021. She now serves on the executive board as the network's founder.

### Why the Arab Network for Food Sovereignty?

The Arab region stands as one of the most reliant on food imports and bears a significant impact from the global food crisis as it imports up to 50% of its caloric intake and is the largest importer of cereal globally. According to the 2023 statistics from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, 59.8 million people in the region suffered from undernutrition in 2022, representing 12.9% of the total population, significantly higher than the global average of 9.2%. Several factors contribute to regional agricultural deficiencies. Environmental factors, particularly water scarcity and climate change undoubtedly play a role in reducing productive potential, while population growth rates of >2% add pressure to increasingly scarce resources.



Food, environmental, and agricultural policies play a key role in shaping food security levels in the region. The decline of investment in agricultural productivity and resource efficiency, coupled with the absence of governmental support for infrastructure and extension services has lowered production and weakened resource sustainability. The high import dependency ratio has dire consequences for food stability, not only because of fluctuating prices but also because of the likelihood of trade disruption due to persistent wars, occupation, and socioeconomic shocks.

The Arab world has vast expanses of arable land that remain unutilized, estimated at approximately 1.55 billion dunams, or 11.5% of the region's total area.

The Arab region has significant potential to enhance food security by utilizing uncultivated land, increasing investment and research at the national and regional levels, supporting small producers, reducing food loss and waste, and implementing better legislation to improve productivity and efficiency. Additionally, it is essential to protect food-producing resources such as water, land, and seeds, and to take advantage of rainfed agriculture. The Arab Network for Food Sovereignty was initiated to actualize that potential.

### What is Food Sovereignty?:

Food sovereignty is the right of peoples, communities, and nations to define their policies on agriculture, labor, fishing, food, and land, appropriate to their unique environmental, social, cultural, economic, and political circumstances. This includes the right to healthy and nutritious foods and their sources of production. Food sovereignty places the aspirations and needs of those who produce, distribute, and consume food at the center of food systems and policies, rather than large companies and market demand.

### Strategic Goals:

The Arab Network for Food Sovereignty aims to achieve the following goals:

- 01 Promote concepts, practices, and strategies for food and natural resource sovereignty in the Arab world.
- 02 Improve institutional and community capacity to enhance the role and effectiveness of civil society organisations working in the fields of agriculture and food security.
- 03 Encourage and mobilise innovative initiatives in the areas of food security and food sovereignty at the community and institutional levels.
- 04 Strengthen the cooperation and coordination of regional and global networks to serve the ANFS vision.
- 05 Influence governmental and non-governmental policies and regulations on the local, national, and international levels to achieve food and natural resource sovereignty.

### Executive Committee:

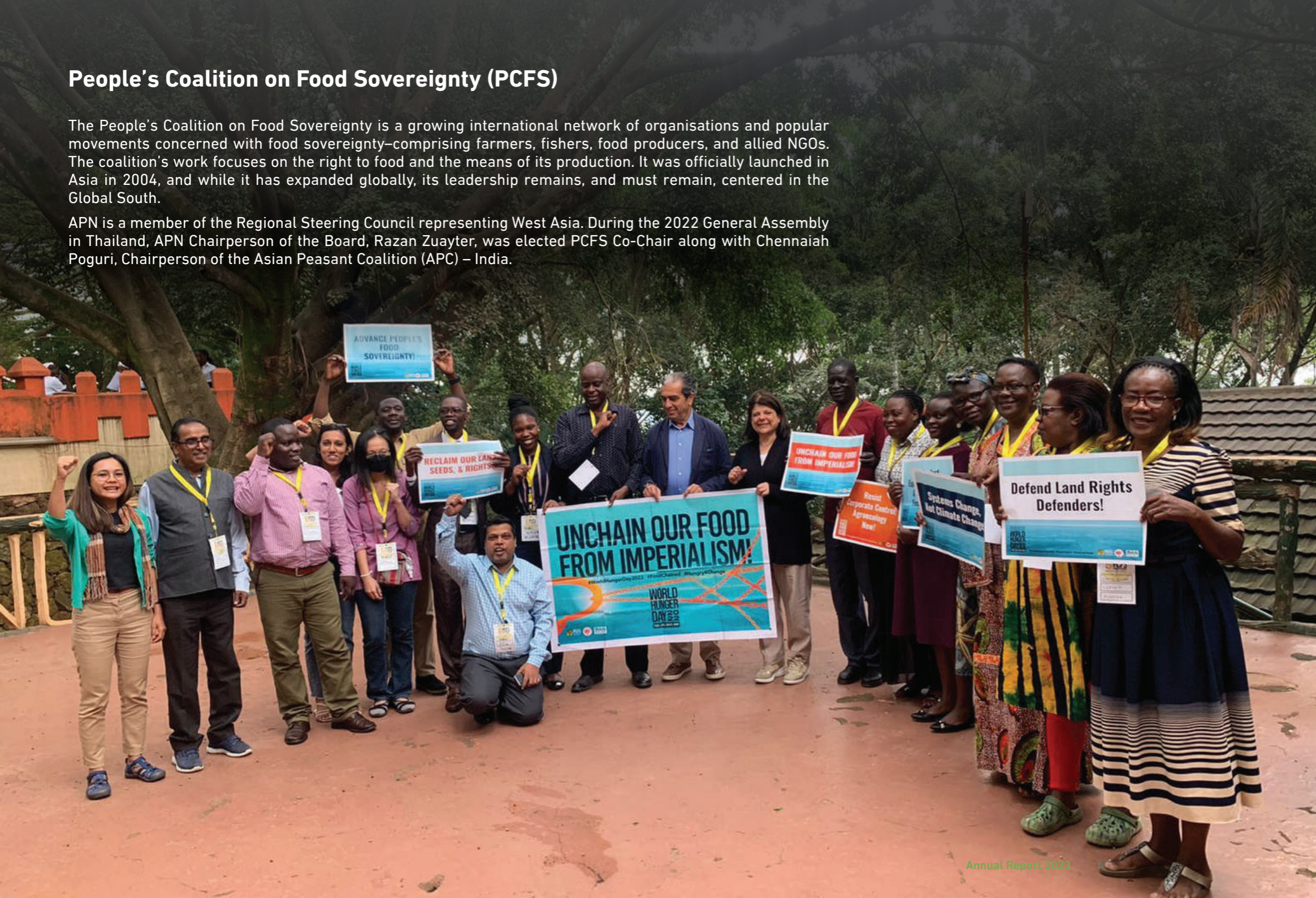
The General Assembly of the Arab Network for Food Sovereignty voted for the following executive committee on 22 September 2021:

Razan Zuayter from Jordan, Munjed Abu Jaish from Palestine, Hanada Sadat from Syria, the Haidar Dekmak from Lebanon, Abbas Rahi from Iraq, Laith Ben Bishr from Tunisia, Abdullah Al-Balihi from Morocco, Abla Ahmed from Sudan, and Sayed Ahmed Obeid from Mauritania.

## People's Coalition on Food Sovereignty (PCFS)

The People's Coalition on Food Sovereignty is a growing international network of organisations and popular movements concerned with food sovereignty—comprising farmers, fishers, food producers, and allied NGOs. The coalition's work focuses on the right to food and the means of its production. It was officially launched in Asia in 2004, and while it has expanded globally, its leadership remains, and must remain, centered in the Global South.

APN is a member of the Regional Steering Council representing West Asia. During the 2022 General Assembly in Thailand, APN Chairperson of the Board, Razan Zuayter, was elected PCFS Co-Chair along with Chennaiah Poguri, Chairperson of the Asian Peasant Coalition (APC) – India.



### PCFS Mission:

- Promote food sovereignty as an orientation for global food and agricultural policies.
- Establish the “People’s Convention on Food Sovereignty” as a means to articulate the concept of food sovereignty and unify efforts between organisations and civil society across the world.
- Organise regional and international activities on food sovereignty, including research and capacity building.
- Exchange knowledge and expertise within the realm of food sovereignty.
- Push for the ratification of a binding global convention on food sovereignty at the national and international levels.

### Executive Committee:

Chennaiah Poguri	Asian Peasant Coalition (APC) – India	Global Co-Chair
Razan Zuayter	Arab Group for the Protection of Nature	Global Co-Chair
Hakim Baliraine	Eastern and Southern Africa Small-Scale Farmers Forum	Africa Steering Council
Chathurika Sewwandi	Vikalpani Women’s Federation – Sri Lanka	Asia Steering Council
Julie Smit	PCFS – Luxembourg	Europe Steering Council
Alejandro Barrios	Instituto Politécnico Tomás Katari – Bolivia	Latin America Steering Council
Leïth Ben Becher	ANFS – Tunisia	West Asia and North Africa Steering Council

# Programmes 2023



# Food Sovereignty Programme 2023



## International Platforms

### Powerful and Effective Engagement in Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Meetings

#### We Exposed Northern Hegemony Over Civil Society Representation at FAO's Dialogue in Rome

FAO invited us to participate in a two-day dialogue held in Rome on 6 - 7 June 2023. The dialogue involved civil society organisations from across the world and aimed to explore ways to strengthen FAO-CSO engagement. The Director-General of FAO, Qu Dongyu, was also present during the dialogue.

APN Chairperson addressed the gaps in engagement between civil society organisations, particularly in the Global South, and FAO. She called for the inclusion of all regions, particularly the Arab region, in discussions and strategy formulation. Currently, engagement is limited to select civil society organisations from the Global North that operate according to their priorities.



APN Chairperson attributed this disparity to the policies and practices of the International Planning Committee for Food Sovereignty (IPC) Secretariat. The Secretariat monopolizes the mediation between FAO and civil society, lacking clear and equitable selection criteria that would guarantee inclusivity and diverse and fair representation.

#### We Questioned FAO's Silence on Gaza's Starvation at Regional Technical Consultative Meeting

During FAO's Regional Technical Consultative Meeting held from 23 - 25 October 2023, in preparation for the 37th session of the FAO Regional Conference for the Near East at the beginning of 2024, APN Chairperson urged FAO not to delay any further in issuing statements within FAO's mandate regarding the genocide in Gaza and the escalating famine. She questioned the reason for FAO's delay in addressing these issues.

Our team intervened in several sessions, highlighting the omission of critical factors such as wars and occupation that contribute to community vulnerability in the technical papers. We reiterated our call for the adoption of the Framework for Food Security Analysis in Protracted Crises (FFA), which has been endorsed by countries that ironically support the genocide in Gaza.

#### Our Calls for Local Community Partnership in Tree-Planting Projects During FAO's Near East Forestry Week

APN Chairperson was invited to speak at the 5th Near East Forestry Week, organised by FAO from 11 - 13 September 2023, in Amman.

She stressed that the absence of participatory strategies in tree planting often results in ad-hoc decisions that jeopardize the sustainability of projects. To address this, she highlighted the importance of inclusive collaboration involving various entities including the public and private sectors, civil society, local communities, and academia, spanning from establishing priorities and strategies to implementation, monitoring, and ensuring accountability. She also warned against conditional funding set by international donors for organisations to plant nonproductive trees without an economic benefit to the local community.



Finally, she exposed the injustice and double standards of climate summits that advocate for reducing agriculture in the Global South as a way to reduce emissions. She argued that the responsibility for emissions reduction should be shifted from those who make the least contributions to the countries and sectors that are the largest emitters.

## Major Efforts to Condemn the Environmental Crimes of the Israeli Occupation at United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Conferences

### Our Advocacy Efforts Succeed in Prioritizing Gaza at the Arab Forum for Environment (AFEN) Organised by UNEP

In collaboration with civil society organisations accredited by UNEP, APN General Manager spearheaded a movement to prioritize the war in Gaza during the second session of the Arab Forum for Environment (AFEN). The Forum, organised in partnership between UNEP and the League of Arab States, took place in the Sultanate of Oman from 24 – 25 October 2023, leading up to the 34<sup>th</sup> session of the Council of Arab Ministers Responsible for the Environment (CAMRE) on 26 October 2023.

Preceding the Forum, the Regional Consultative Meeting for West Asia for UN-accredited civil society organisations took place. During this meeting, APN General Manager incorporated sections addressing Gaza into the meeting's statement that was submitted to Arab states. CAMRE adopted the recommendations proposed by civil society, which include immediate action to stop the genocide and forced displacement, lift the siege, address the environmental, health, and humanitarian crises of the aggression, and conduct an investigation into environmental violations.



APN General Manager was invited to give a testimony on the war in Gaza. She portrayed the harsh humanitarian and environmental conditions experienced by Gazans before and after the war, urging nations to reconsider normalization relations. She described these relations as an implicit endorsement of the oppressive practices of the occupation. She further called for pressure on major countries supporting the occupation to adhere to their extraterritorial obligations.

### UNEP-Accredited Organisations of West Asia Demand that the Israeli Occupation is Brought to International Courts

We contributed to formulating the statement released on 12 November 2023, by environmental organisations accredited by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in West Asia. The statement strongly condemned the crimes perpetrated by Israel in Palestine and affirmed the right of the Palestinian people to defend themselves and liberate their land.

The statement further condemned the global silence surrounding the Israeli crimes in Palestine, Lebanon, and Syria. Additionally, it condemned the financial and military support provided by certain Western governments. This support encourages the occupier to inflict harm on more children in Gaza with impunity. The organisations expressed astonishment at the international community's apparent inability to halt this genocide.

The occupation demanded compensation for the losses caused by the Israeli aggression on southern Lebanon. This damage includes the destruction of 40,000 perennial trees, the burning of 1.4 million square meters with white phosphorus.

### Our Commitment on Highlighting Environmental Impact of Gaza War in UNEP Preparatory Consultations for UNEA-6

In preparation for the Sixth session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-6), we took part in the first preparatory consultations for Major Groups and Stakeholders as a UNEP-accredited organisation and a member of the Farmers Major Group.

During the first consultation on 16 November 2023, we emphasized the necessity of addressing the environmental impacts of wars and conflicts during the upcoming UNEA-6.

In the second consultation on 19 December 2023, we provided feedback on a draft resolution addressing environmental assistance and recovery following periods of conflict. We recommended that the resolution includes measures to address the deliberate use of the environment as a weapon, the dispatch of fact-finding missions to neutrally assess the destruction, and the development of reconstruction and compensation projects.





## Call for Accountability and Resignation of the World Food Programme Executive Director

On 28 November 2023, we delivered a letter to the UN Secretary-General, Mr. António Guterres, through the UN Resident Coordinator in Jordan, Sherry Ritsima-Anderson, on behalf of 124 Arab and international civil society organisations working in the fields of agriculture, food security, and environment and human rights. The letter demanded accountability and expulsion of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP), Cindy McCain, for her participation in her official capacity in the Halifax International Security Forum, held from 17 to 19 November 2023 in Canada. In her speech, she spoke about the dialectical relationship between conflict and hunger. While providing numerous examples where food is used as a tool of subjugation,

she notably omitted any mention of the 2 million Palestinians that are currently starving in Gaza due to the Israeli occupation's weaponization of food.

In her presence alongside former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, the Halifax Forum granted the annual John McCain Prize for Leadership in Public Service to the People of "Israel". The award was accepted by Achim Laneshek – "Brothers in Arms", an organisation dedicated to raising funds for the procurement and supply of equipment to colonist military and security forces, and settlers.

To ensure that the statement is delivered and documented, it was submitted on behalf of the signatory organisations to the following entities:

### The appeal was submitted in person to:

- **Barbara Manzi**, Regional Director for Arab States, United Nations (who delivered it directly to António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations).
- **Alberto Correia Mendes**, WFP Country Director in Jordan (who delivered it to Corinne Fleischer, Regional Director for the Middle East, North Africa, and Eastern Europe, WFP).
- **The Office of the United Nations**, Resident Coordinator in Jordan, Sheri Ritsema-Anderson (which delivered it to António Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations).

### The appeal was submitted via email to:

- **António Guterres**, Secretary General of the United Nations.
- **Corinne Fleischer**, Regional Director for the Middle East, North Africa, and Eastern Europe, WFP.
- **Qu Dongyu**, Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- **Philippe Lazzarini**, UNRWA Commissioner-General.
- **Deidre Walker**, Director and Chief Ethics Officer, Ethics Office, WFP.
- **Elia Yi Armstrong**, Chair, Ethics Office, United Nations Secretariat.
- **Members of the Ethics Panel** of the United Nations

The UN Ethics Office acknowledged receipt of our appeal and affirmed that there has been follow-up by the Panel members as needed and appropriate within the scope of their mandate.



## Confronting the Hegemony of the European Union (EU)

### We Withdrew from an EU Training Workshop in Italy Attended by Israelis

Trough APN General Manager, we registered a direct objection followed by a withdrew from the "Regional Training and Study Tour on Optimal Irrigation Management" organised by the EU in Bari – Italy in June 2023, due to the presence of an Israeli delegation.

One of the organisers, an Arab civil society organisations network, nominated APN General Manager to attend the region-specific water and irrigation training. However, she was taken aback by the presence of a delegation from the occupation entity, along with delegations from Arab countries, some of which condemn normalization with Israel.

She made a public objection before her withdrawal, stating that the European Union was contradicting itself by inviting one of the main contributors to the region's water crisis. She rejected the use of environmental issues to normalize relations with the occupation.

### During an EU Meeting, We Criticized Their Development Policies in the Arab Region

We presented an unorthodox perspective at a panel discussion titled "Driving change and building partnership in the urban context", at a meeting organised by the European Union's Policy Forum on Development, held in Brussels - Belgium on 28 September 2023.

She pointed out that the Arab region is one of the fastest urbanizing regions globally, because it has been a victim of a series of proxy conflicts and occupation, resulting in a large influx of refugees, 85% of whom reside in urban areas. Additionally, rural areas have been marginalized through policies of reduced public expenditures and the elimination of subsidies.

She clarified that urbanization affects food security on the one hand, and exacerbates conflicts on the other. In her recommendations, she called for support for local food systems, warning against donors' conditions, including the EU, which avoids supporting the agricultural sector in their programmes.



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### Washington Obstructs CFS 51 Over Gaza and ANFS Responds

Following a month-long delay, the 51st plenary session of the United Nations Committee on World Food Security (CFS) concluded on 25 November 2023, instead of the initially scheduled date of 27 October 2023. The suspension of the closing session, focused on food security in conflict zones, occurred when the representative of Egypt submitted a proposal regarding the criminalization of using food as a weapon in Gaza. This proposal provoked the United States representative, who rejected it and exited the room.

In the closing debate, our representative in the Arab Network for Food Sovereignty delivered a strong intervention, criticizing the delay that had occurred. While the session was paused to discuss the “language”, our people in Palestine were, and still are, being ethnically cleansed in the most brutal and horrific forms, in addition to being starved and deprived of water.

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**Defining True Solidarity during PCFS Forum  
“Voices of Solidarity: Rise for Palestine”**

In conjunction with the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on 29 November 2023, the People’s Coalition on Food Sovereignty (PCFS) organised a webinar, during which our Agricultural Advisor delivered the closing remarks. In his address, he emphasized that we must confront imperialism together, which requires developing our communities, equipping ourselves with knowledge and technology, fostering national industries, preserving agricultural production, and reinforcing food sovereignty in our countries.

### Our Call to Protect Gaza during CEESP Webinar

We delivered a significant intervention in a webinar, organised by the Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP) – South and East Asia affiliated with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) on 14 October 2023. APN General Manager gave a testimony on the ongoing Israeli aggression in Gaza, emphasizing its impacts on the environment and the human population, who also lack any form of protection. She advocated for taking actionable steps that IUCN-CEESP can take to address these violations more effectively.

### We Contributed Two Papers on Jordan and Palestine, Published on the Website of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food

The UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food published two papers prepared by us on his website detailing the nature, degree, and impact of Zionist violence on the Jordanian and Palestinian food systems.

In the report on the Palestinian situation, APN described the different tactics employed by the occupation to weaponize food. As for the Jordanian case study, we exposed Israel’s complex scheme to damage the country’s agricultural sector.

**We demanded that Israel is held responsible for its systematic attacks, and to force Israel to compensate affected farmers for the damages and losses caused by these attacks.**



### Presenting at an IMF/WB Counter-Summit on a Subjugated Agricultural Sector in Jordan and Palestine

In conjunction with the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank Group (WB) on their 79th anniversary, and in rejection of their programmes, we participated as organisers and speakers in the “Reclaim Our Future” conference in Marrakech, Morocco, alongside a range of social movements, civil society organisations, and advocates for food sovereignty from the Arab world and the Global South, from 8 - 9 October 2023.

APN Media Coordinator delivered a case study focusing on Jordan and Palestine titled “8 Decades of Attempting to Establish a Dependent Agricultural Economy”. In regards to Jordan, we highlighted the painful reforms imposed by the IMF and the WB, which have affected the agricultural sector.

As for Palestine, we discussed the blockade imposed by the occupation and international institutions on the Palestinian economy, as well as the systematic marginalization of Palestinian agriculture. The Oslo Accords of 1993 played a pivotal role in shaping the Palestinian economy, with the assistance of the WB and IMF.

### We Redefined Climate Justice in the Region at AFSC's Dialogue Exchange

As part of the dialogue exchange between experts and activists, the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) organised a discussion on 6 March 2023, inviting APN General Manager to speak about redefining climate justice in the Arab region.

In her talk, she addressed several issues, including climate colonialism, which is manifested by ignoring the differential responsibility for carbon footprints between the Global North and South. She also discussed the Global North's efforts to undermine agriculture in the Global South, advocating for reducing the agricultural sector in these countries as a key solution to lowering carbon emissions, rather than focusing on addressing the problem in their own countries and in the sectors with the greatest climate impact.



She discussed the role of settler colonialism in polluting the environment, noting that the Israeli settler emits ten times the amount of carbon dioxide compared to what Palestinians emit. Palestinians are significantly affected by climate change impacts due to the occupation's environmental violations, in addition to the constraints imposed on them that hinder sustainable water management and transition to renewable energy.

### Exposing Funders' Hypocrisy and the Failure of Humanity and Civilisation Principles in Gaza at OECD Meeting

Upon invitation from The International Network on Conflict and Fragility (INCAF) affiliated with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), APN General Manager delivered a strong message during the CSO Consultation on 7 November 2023 on the draft report on the implementation of Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus (Triple Nexus).

During her intervention, she emphasized that any shortcomings in its implementation should not be seen as a failure of the approach itself. Instead, it is a failure of human decency and civilisation.

She also revealed the involvement of Western governments and companies in this genocide through their military, financial, and media support.

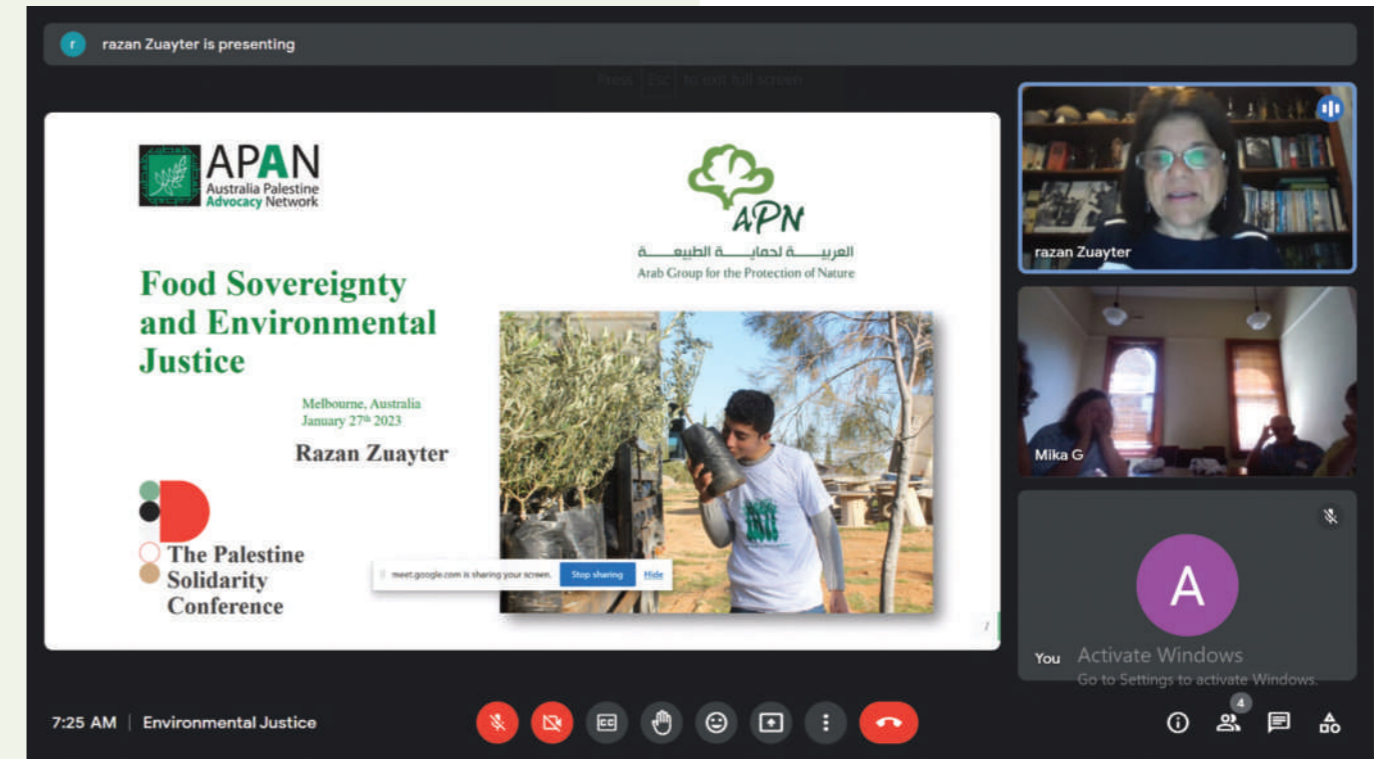
### Our Vision on Food Sovereignty and Environmental Justice at APAN's Conference

As part of The Palestine Solidarity Conference organised by Australia Palestine Advocacy Network, APN Chairperson was invited to delivered a presentation on Food Sovereignty and Environmental Justice in Palestine on 27 January 2023. In her presentation, she highlighted the occupation's discriminatory system that strips Palestinians of their land, water, and other natural resources. She went on to offer a glimmer of hope by sharing stories of farmers who have resisted the occupation's attacks and remained steadfast in their land, with the help of APN's Million Tree Campaign.

### Our Perspective on Livelihoods, Climate Change, and Occupation at Carnegie's Conference

We were invited to speak at the "MENA Climate Vulnerability Conference", organised by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace – Middle East Program. The conference took place on 3 – 4 October 2023, in Amman, Jordan.

APN Advocacy and Research Officer put forth APN's recommendations which include promoting Arab agricultural economic integration, bolstering food reserves, promoting the cultivation of fundamental food crops such as wheat, and establishing an Arab fund to support these crops.





### Our Participation in a Summer School Under the Slogan “It’s More Than Just Food”, Organised by Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung – Palestine & Jordan

We participated in the 9th regional summer school organised by Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung – Palestine & Jordan, focused on “Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture towards Equitable and Justice-based Food Systems in the MENA Region”. The school took place from 29 July to 5 August 2023 in Amman, Jordan.

During the school’s field trip to the Jordan Valley, APN spoke about the environmental and agricultural violations committed by the occupation against Palestinian and Jordanian farmers particularly in the Jordan Valley as part of an old strategy to dismantle the agriculture sector in the valley and displace its farmers.

### Our Intervention at the 9th Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) Partners Meeting

APN General Manager, participated in the 9th Global Land Tool Network (GLTN) Partners Meeting, which took place on 3 May 2023 in a hybrid format. The primary objective of the meeting was to exchange information on the achievements, challenges, and lessons learned gained from the Arab Land Initiative.

In her intervention, she highlighted APN’s comprehensive study titled “Land and Conflict in the Arab Region”, conducted in collaboration with UN-Habitat and GLTN.

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## Regional Platforms

### Assessing the Food Security Strategy and Intense Discussions at the League of Arab States’ Subcommittee for the Eradication of Hunger

#### We Presented Recommendations on the Arab Food Security Strategy at the League of Arab States (LAS)

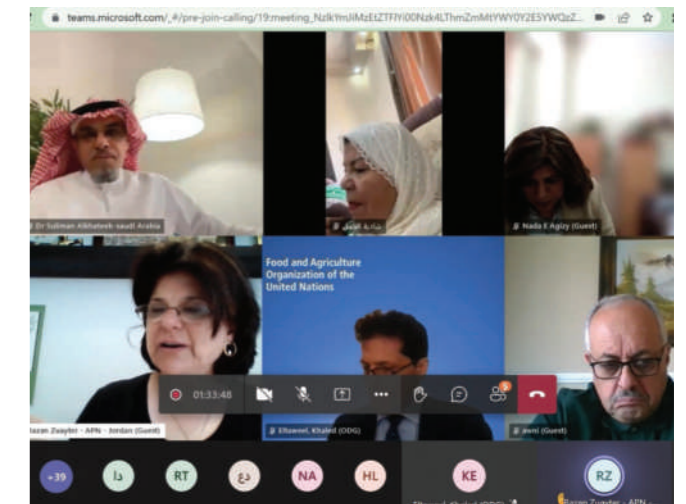
This occurred through an in-depth discussion during a special meeting of the Subcommittee for the Eradication of Hunger at the League of Arab States on 27 July 2023.

APN Chairperson emphasized the importance of addressing the root causes of food insecurity in the Arab world and using the terms “occupation”, “inter-state conflicts,” and “protracted crises” to describe the situations in several Arab countries. She highlighted that Arab integration is essential and should be reflected in all investment and trade aspects among Arab countries.

She also stressed that the strategy’s importance lies in increasing and strengthening production, and not confusing plans and programmes related to food loss in the primary agricultural chain, which is most significant in our low-income countries, with food waste, which is higher in high-income countries.

#### Active Participation in the 9th Meeting of the Subcommittee for the Eradication of Hunger

During the meeting held on 4 June 2023, APN Chairperson called for distinguishing between food loss and waste, and emphasized the need to address the root causes of food loss, which is more prevalent in our Arab countries due to the lack of infrastructure and facilities related to agricultural production, storage, and transportation, as well as the initial stages of cultivation. She also stressed the importance of having policies that protect small farmers.



### Spotlighting Gaza During the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Subcommittee for the Eradication of Hunger

During the meeting held on 10 December 2023, participants approved the proposal put forth by APN Chairperson to include a dedicated agenda item on Gaza.

**In her intervention, she underscored that the genocide in Gaza, coupled with the use of starvation and food as a weapon, are central to the committee's mandate.**

At the end of the meeting, she recommended to issue a statement on behalf of the committee on the war of starvation on Gaza. This statement should emphasize the need to activate relevant resolutions from LAS, utilize all available means, including economic measures, to stop the genocide and the weaponization of food, and to pressure international organisations to fulfill their roles. Additionally, it should call for the rehabilitation of the agricultural sector to combat starvation.

### Our Vision and Recommendations at the “CSOs and a Just Transition in the Middle East and North Africa” Conference in Beirut

APN Advocacy and Research Coordinator presented an intervention at the conference held in Beirut from 29 - 31 May 2023. Our recommendations emphasized the importance of local ownership by countries in executing just transition strategies in the face of climate change. We stressed the need for transparency and collaboration with genuine grassroots community organisations, supporting the agricultural sector and small farmers, particularly in cultivating climate-resilient crops and preserving and storing local climate-resistant seeds. Additionally, we highlighted the need to address the

### Our Call for a Comprehensive Regional Strategy for Wheat Cultivation During ESCWA's Arab Bread Day Seminar

The Arab Union for Food Industries and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) invited us to participate in the 2023 Arab Bread Day seminar, held on 10 July 2023.

**During her intervention, APN Chairperson emphasized that the lack of political will is the root cause of the decline in wheat cultivation in our countries. She proposed the implementation of a comprehensive regional strategy for wheat cultivation to achieve food sovereignty in the Arab world. She recommended developing a comprehensive regional strategy for wheat cultivation to achieve self-sufficiency in the Arab region, thereby gaining sovereignty over our wheat and, consequently, political sovereignty.**



root causes of vulnerability, especially in areas affected by wars and occupation, and to exert pressure on the perpetrators—an issue that international organisations have often overlooked in their dealings with our region.

### Our Role in the First Conference for The Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) – Yemen and Honoring Participants with Tree Planting in Palestine

The Coordinating Secretariat of the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement – Yemen invited APN Agricultural Advisor to speak at the first national gathering for Yemeni food partners, held in Amman on 5 June 2023.

This historic gathering marked a significant milestone as it brought together the Yemeni Ministry of Planning, the Secretariat, relevant technical teams from Yemen, and various United Nations organisations.

In his intervention, he emphasized the significance of diversity within Yemeni society, highlighting that national unity is crucial and that the foremost national programme should be built upon civil peace as a prerequisite for development. He further emphasized that Yemen, once reconstructed, has the potential to become a donor state.

In recognition of the high morale that prevailed at this meeting, we honored the attendees by planting a tree in Palestine on their behalf.



## Local Platforms

### We Prepared a Paper Addressing Alternatives to the Water-for-Energy Deal in Collaboration with BDS Jordan

collaboration with the National Forum to Support Resistance and Protect the Homeland and the Jordanian Boycott Movement BDS.

We met with 20 experts in the water and energy sectors to explore the current water situation in Jordan and the risks associated with entering into a new agreement with the Zionist occupation. These meetings culminated in the formulation of alternatives to the water-for-energy deal to address the water deficit in Jordan. They encompass



investments in desalination plants, domestic power generation, judicious water resource management, investments in wastewater treatment plants, and the desalination of brackish water. Additionally, the alternatives emphasize the exploration of complementary agreements with neighboring Arab countries, the assertive pursuit of Jordan's rightful water allocations from the Zionist entity, and the imperative to initiate a public fund to bolster support for the water sector.



### We Emphasized the Importance of Discussing the Biosafety Law Prior to its Technical and Procedural Aspects

During the workshop on the “Administrative and Technical Manual” related to the Biosafety Law in Jordan, held in February 2023, APN Chairperson, as a member of the working team, made an intervention highlighting the importance of understanding the developments of the Biosafety Law draft itself and whether the previous recommendations from the committee had been incorporated so that it could be presented to the Parliament in the future. She emphasized the need to expand the participation of civil society organisations concerned with the issue.

### Our Position on Foreign Funding at a Dialogue Hosted by the Coordination Committee for Civil Society Organizations (HIMAM)

APN General Manager contributed to a dialogue titled “Civil Society Relations with Donors and Empowering the Role and Independence of Civil Society”, organised by the Coordination Committee for Civil Society Organizations (HIMAM) on 20 December 2023.



In her intervention, she emphasized APN's consistent internal policy position against accepting foreign funding. She affirmed that it is a form of neocolonialism and emphasized the necessity for radical change in the unhealthy relationship between donor agencies and local organisations that led to distorted socioeconomic sectors marked by excessive dependence and systematic decline.

She highlighted the importance of exploring alternatives to foreign funding, such as reinforcing social responsibility, establishing and reaching out to Arab funds, and engaging in popular campaigns, the success of which is contingent on aligning with local priorities that have a direct impact on communities. Finally, she advocated for a comprehensive assessment of foreign donors, emphasizing the importance of not solely focusing on the “positive” experiences that donors showcase to improve their image. Instead, the evaluation should encompass all projects and their broader impacts on the country's different sectors. She concluded by calling on participating organisations to adopt a unified position that is key to reforming donors' practices.

### We Spoke About Food Sovereignty and Liberation at Carob House

Carob House invited APN General Manager to speak at a seminar on food sovereignty and liberation, held on 25 November 2023, alongside a group of speakers.

Carob House is an initiative dedicated to regenerative ecological agriculture, aiming to establish an educational space for the local community.

During the talk, she highlighted APN's role as a green liberation movement, resisting settler colonialism in Palestine. This resistance involves combatting various forms of neo-colonialism which has transformed our once productive and agricultural Arab societies into dependent markets.

### Our Participation in a Workshop Organised by the National Agricultural Research Center

APN Agricultural Advisor partook in a workshop held by the National Agricultural Research Center (NARC) under the heading “The Arab Experience in the Field of Introducing the Planting of Quinoa in the Local Agricultural Systems”, held in February 2023.

In addition to the participation of specialists from Algeria, Tunisia, and Morocco who discussed their expertise and studies in the field, the workshop included sessions that shed light on the experience of planting quinoa in Jordan.



### Our Call for Supporting Small Farmers During a Workshop Organised by the Jordanian Ministry of Agriculture, FAO, and the Norwegian Embassy

We made an intervention during the opening workshop for the project “Transitioning to More Efficient, Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable Agri-Food Systems” on 17 March 2023. We discussed the importance of supporting small farmers, particularly in production inputs, marketing, and agricultural processing. We also inquired whether crops like wheat would be among those supported within the project, which has an estimated budget of over 1.4 million USD.

# The Million Tree Campaign 2023



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# WHY THE “MILLION TREE CAMPAIGN”



## Historical Context

In 1897, the First Zionist Congress was held in Basel, Switzerland, to promote the implementation of Zionist goals, namely the creation of a home for the Jews in Palestine under public law (Mitchel, 2011). In 1917, Arthur James Balfour, the United Kingdom's Foreign Secretary, wrote a letter known as the Balfour Declaration to one of Britain's most influential Jewish citizens, Baron Rothschild. This letter expressed the government's support for a Jewish homeland in Palestine.

Since assuming control in 1917, the British Mandate played a significant role in the confiscation of Palestinian land. Through the implementation of various legislations and laws, such as the Land Ownership Rights Settlement Law in 1928, the mandate aimed to privatize the 12 million dunums of communal lands (Salhia, 2009).

These measures facilitated the Zionist acquisition of large tracts of land from the newly established land market. Despite the favorable conditions provided for Zionist colonizers, by the late 1940s, they only controlled approximately 7% of Palestinian territories. Through a systematic series of violations, measures, and arbitrary laws following the establishment of the Zionist entity, Israel's control



expanded to 85% of Palestine's historical land. Palestinian communities now control less than 15% of historical Palestine, represented by the West Bank and Gaza Strip (Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, 2022).



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## Discriminatory Laws Enacted by Israel to Seize Private Palestinian Land:

### The Absentee Property Law, 1950

The law gives Israel the “right” to seize, administer, and control land owned by individuals who have been forcibly displaced or left their land due to war-related concerns, even if their absence was brief and they relocated to a nearby village. This law extends its reach to even those who continue to reside as lawful citizens under the occupying authority (Abu Arafa, 1981). Israel has transferred property to the Israel Development Authority and the Jewish National Fund (Bishara, 2009), and the law prohibits non-Jewish residents from using or purchasing these lands (Falk & Tilley, 2017).

### 2. The Land Acquisition Law, 1953

The law legalizes the seizure of land based on security and development (Forman & Kedar, 2004; Liston, 2013).

### 3. Ottoman Land Law 1858

In the 1980s, Israel began implementing an 1858 Ottoman law, which states that any plot of land which has not been cultivated for three years or has less than half its area cultivated, must be reverted to the Ottoman sultan, or under Israeli application, to the colonial state (Matar, 1997).

While the Ottoman law was originally enacted to encourage farmers to use their land, whereby acquired lands are granted to other Palestinian farmers to cultivate, it has been manipulated by Israeli occupation authorities to facilitate mass land grabbing, the expansion of illegal settlements, the building of settler-only roads, and the extension of the Israeli Apartheid wall (El-Jazairi, 2010).



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■ Palestinian Land  
□ Zionist Settlements



## The Significance of the Palestinian Agricultural and Olive Sectors

The agricultural sector in Palestine holds significant historical and strategic importance due to its role in enhancing food security, contributing to the GDP, providing essential raw materials for the industrial sector, and protect farmers' lands from confiscation.

- 94% of agricultural lands in Palestine are cultivated (Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics; Ministry of Agriculture, 2022).
- One-third of all women in the West Bank are employed in the agricultural sector.
- Palestinians have relied on olives for centuries, and the strategic targeting of their emblematic olive groves is an attack on Palestinian identity, culture, heritage, and livelihoods.

- The olive industry—table olives, oil, and byproducts—supports between 80,000 and 100,000 Palestinian families and is worth between US\$160 and US\$191 million (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 2016).
- 85% of cultivated area in Palestine is planted with olives cultivated (Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics; Ministry of Agriculture, 2022), constituting about 14% of the Palestinian economy.

Therefore, the destruction of agricultural lands and restrictions on land access are considered as using food as a tool for starvation and subjugation, posing an existential threat to Palestinian communities that rely on agriculture as a source of income. As a result of these impediments, many farmers no longer have the financial means to replant their uprooted trees.

## The Current Situation in the West Bank

### General Overview:

The Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip (1995) divided the West Bank into three administrative categories: Areas A, B, and C. Soon after, a new category, "Natural Reserves," was formed. The areas differed in the amount of self-governance Palestinians would have through the Palestinian Authority.

Area	Area A	Area B	Area C	Natural Reserves
<b>Governance Structure</b>	Palestinian Authority civil and security control	Palestinian Authority civil control & Israeli security control	Full Israeli civil and security control	Israeli military zones with no access
<b>Percent of West Bank Land</b>	<b>17.7%</b>	<b>18.4 %</b>	<b>60.9 %</b>	<b>3.0%</b>

- Of the remaining land, 60% of the West Bank is classified as "Area C" which is under full Israeli control and contains most of agricultural land.
- Since the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in 1967, the Israeli occupation has declared approximately 1,700 km<sup>2</sup> of Palestinian land as "state land" (using the 1858 Ottoman Land Law and others mentioned earlier), amounting to about 31% of the total land area of the West Bank (Colonization & Wall Resistance Commission, 2024).
- The number of settlers in occupied West Bank settlements reached a total of 726,000 settlers, residing in 179 settlements and 186 outposts, including 83 agricultural outposts that control more than 270,000 dunums (most of which are concentrated in the Jordan Valley and eastern slopes), and equivalent to three times the area existing settlements. In 2022 alone, 12 new outposts were established, and the number of service, industrial, and other colonial sites reached 52, as well as 94 military sites and 40 military colleges (ibid.).
- The area of Palestinian land cultivated by settlers reached 120,000 dunums. In 2022, the Israeli occupation authorities seized more than 26,000 dunums of citizens' lands under various pretexts, including declarations of natural reserves or state lands (ibid.).
- The Apartheid Wall, which Israel began constructing in 2000, cuts deep into the West Bank expanding the expropriation of Palestinian land. The Wall is not built along the 1967 boundary, rather 85% is located within the West Bank, annexing 1,200 km<sup>2</sup> (21%) of land in the West Bank.

- Palestinians are subject to a complex system of physical and bureaucratic barriers that impede freedom of movement and access to healthcare, education, and other essential services (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 2017; Human Rights Watch, 2006).



## The Right to Water in the West Bank

The land allocation according to Israel's classification facilitates continuous exploitation of Palestine's natural resources, namely through the restriction of Palestinian access to water (The World Bank, 2008).

- Israel denies Palestinians their right to utilize the waters of the Jordan River.
- Israel grants itself the exclusive right to collect spring and rainwater.

- Palestinian water extraction is limited to 17% of the share of the aquifers' water, while Israel extracts the remaining 83% for settler use, consumption in areas occupied in 1948, or for sale back to Palestinians at inflated prices (The World Bank, 2008).

These discriminatory policies result in alarming disparities in water access between Palestinians and Israelis; settlers receive four times more water than Palestinian citizens.



## Israeli Violations on the Agricultural Sector in the West Bank

To facilitate the expropriation of occupied land, thousands of acres of Palestinian agricultural land have been razed and uprooted by Israeli authorities.

- Settlers continually attack Palestinian lands, resulting in the burning, vandalism, and poisoning of trees (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 2016).
- Since 2006, 70% of the attacks on the agricultural sector in the West Bank have targeted olive and fruit trees, for their high cultural, economic, and political significance to the Palestinian people.

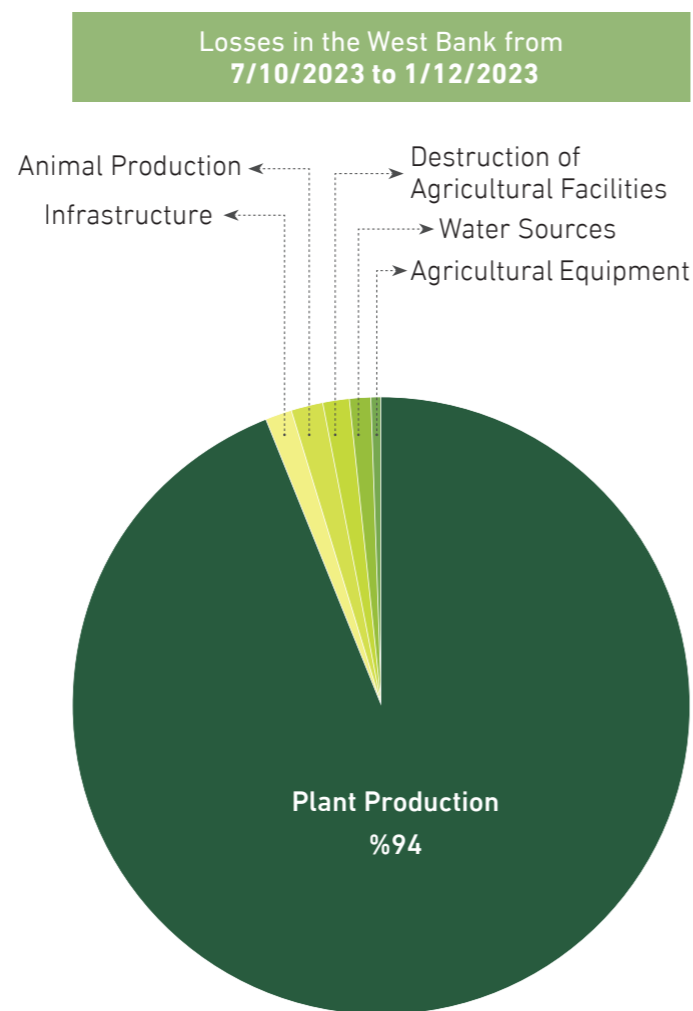
- Approximately 3 million trees have been uprooted or destroyed since the year 2000, the majority of which are olive trees.
- The construction of the Apartheid wall resulted in the uprooting of an estimated 100,000 trees, along with the displacement of hundreds of families and the severance of vital roads (Mair & Long, 2003).
- An estimated 90% of Palestinian communities own olive groves within or around Israeli settlements and are frequently denied access to them by Israeli occupation authorities under the pretense of "security rationals" leading to land deterioration and confiscation (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 2012)



## Harvest War 2023

The 2023 harvest season was particularly difficult for West Bank farmers, coinciding with the brutal military campaign in Gaza. Capitalizing on the global focus on Gaza, the occupation forces and settlers restricted farmers' access to their lands through intimidation. From 7 October 7 to 1 December 2023, Israeli aggressions included burning orchards and buildings, uprooting trees, stealing and destroying harvest and equipment, bulldozing land for new settlements, blocking water sources, and isolating and contaminating springs in Palestinian villages, as well as destroying water infrastructure and solar panels, and even stealing livestock.

The occupation isolated 82,000 dunums of olive groves, preventing the harvest of 1,977,615 trees, approximately 11% of olive trees, resulting in a \$11,541,740 loss for the Palestinian economy in the West Bank. Total losses from Israeli violations against the agricultural sector during this period amounted to \$22,585,410, with plant production, particularly olives, accounting for 94% of these losses (Palestinian Ministry of Agriculture, 2023).



## The Situation in Gaza

### The Siege on Gaza before 7 October 2023; Not Enough Food!

- In 2007, the Israeli occupation of Gaza's land, air, and sea, transformed into a blockade locking 2 million people away from the outside world (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, 2017). The blockade has destroyed public infrastructure, devastated food and agricultural imports, halted people's movement, and has severely limited the delivery of basic utilities including water and electricity.
- The Israeli military has imposed "buffer zones" inside Gaza rendering 30–40% of the arable land inaccessible.
- Israel restricts clean water from entering Gaza, while 97% of drinking water isn't potable due to Israel's bombing of water infrastructure and sanctions that ban building material for its rehabilitation (Agha, 2019). As a result, 50% of children suffer from water-borne diseases of whom 12% tragically do not survive.
- Despite the Oslo Accords giving them access to 20 nautical miles, the occupation imposed a similar buffer zone on fishermen, restricting them to 3–6 nautical miles, thus undermining the livelihoods of more than 4,000 fishermen (Palestinian Farming and Civil Society Organizations, 2013).
- The occupation has launched a series of brutal wars aimed at systematically undermining the agricultural sector and dismantling local food systems. In 2008 alone, 400,000 fruit trees were bombed and uprooted in 21 days. In 2014, direct and indirect losses amounted to \$550 million. During the Sword of Jerusalem Battle in May 2021, the agricultural sector's losses exceeded \$200 million in just 11 days.
- The occupation sought to inflict lasting damage on agricultural lands, infrastructure, soil, and water by regularly spraying chemical pesticides along the border and using lethal, internationally banned weapons.

The cruel blockade on Gaza is one of the most atrocious examples of using food as a tool for collective punishment and subjugation. This was expressed by Dov Weissglass, advisor to former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, in 2006 when he said, "The idea was to put the Palestinians on a diet, but not to make them die of hunger."

To achieve this, in early 2008, the Israeli occupation created a “calorie count” to limit Gazans’ food intake to levels slightly above death by starvation. Consequently, Israel has restricted the amount of food allowed into Gaza up till this day, despite media exposure of this document.

In 2022, after 14 years of this tactic, several reports classified 64.3% of Gaza's population as suffering from moderate or severe food insecurity (UN, 2022). They highlighted increasing rates of underweight prevalence, stunting, wasting, and acute malnutrition (WHO, 2022). Additionally, more than half of pregnant women and children were found to be anemic (Palestinian Ministry of Health, 2018 and 2020), and a deficiency in micronutrients led to higher disease incidence and mortality rates (World Bank, 2022).

### The “Death Diet” and Genocide after 7 October 2023

After the recent war, the occupation tightened the blockade on Gaza, closing all border crossings and blocking the entry of aid convoys, previously averaging 500 per day before 7 October 2023. For several weeks, no trucks were allowed entry, or only very few, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis and hindering relief efforts. Prices surged sharply, and there were direct attacks on aid convoys, their personnel, and civilians near them.

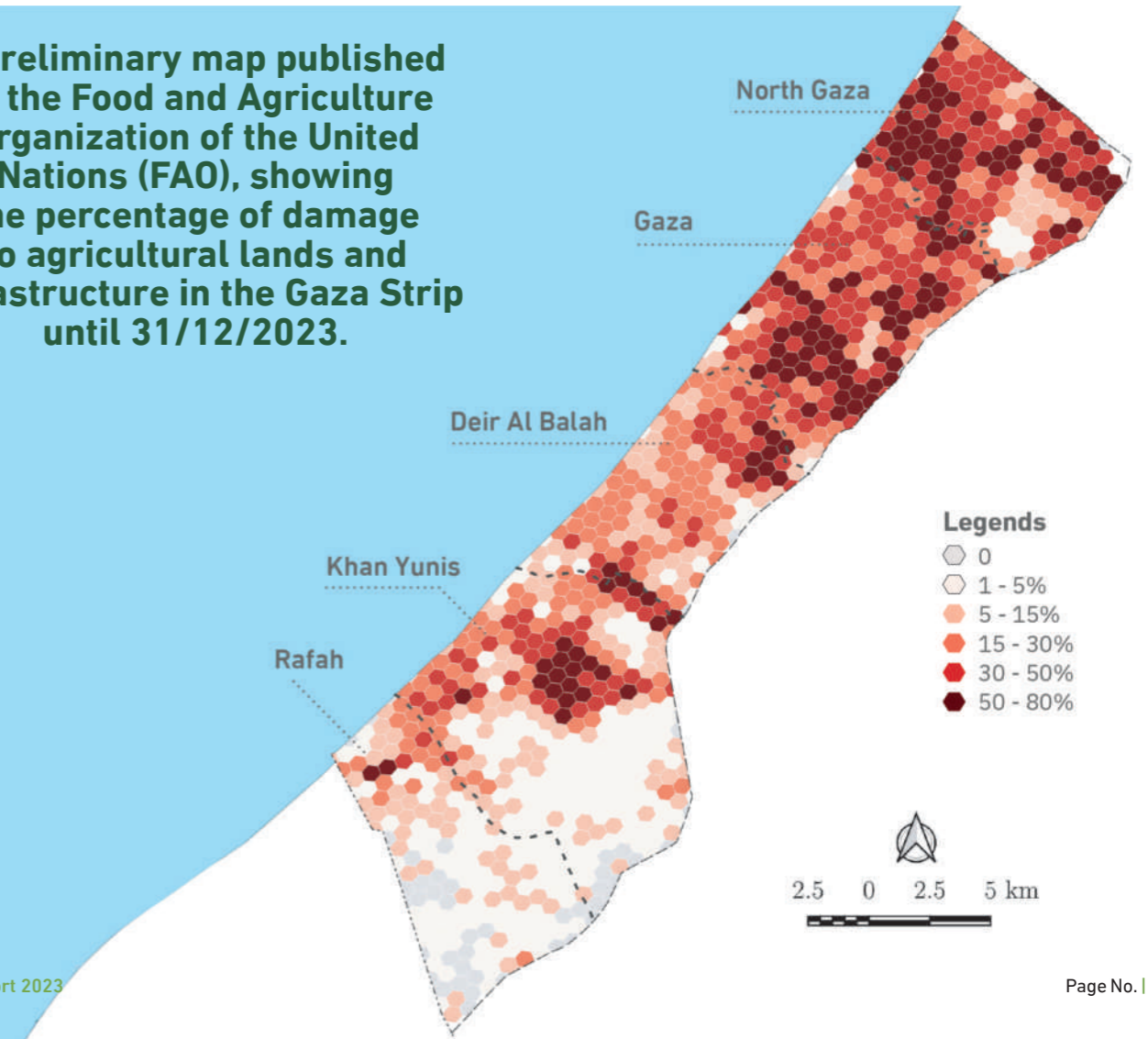
From the first day of the war, the occupation targeted agricultural lands and facilities with bombardment followed by bulldozing. Initial reports indicate that 75% of Gaza's agricultural sector has been destroyed (Institute for Palestine Studies, 2024). The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) assessed the damage to Gaza's agricultural sector as of 15 February 2024, as follows:

- 1** Destruction of **66,940** dunums of agricultural land, which constitutes **42.6%** of the cultivated agricultural area.
- 2** Destruction of **3,390** dunums of greenhouses (**6,780** greenhouses), representing **26.6%** of total greenhouses.
- 3** Destruction of **626** agricultural wells, either completely or partially, concentrated in the northern governorates.
- 4** Destruction of Gaza's only port, in addition to a large number of sheep and livestock pens and farms, as well as broiler chicken and dairy farms.

### Onset of Famine in Gaza: Systematic Starvation with Intent

This war has caused the worst famine since World War II. After 35 days of the war's onset, FAO announced that no one in Gaza was food secure. Six months into the conflict, according to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC), 95% of Gaza's population was classified as being in 'food crisis or worse', with 30% in phase 5 (famine/catastrophe). Palestinians have resorted to eating tree leaves, grass, and animal feed, sometimes mixing them with soil. Moreover, 90% of children and 95% of pregnant and breastfeeding women suffered from food insecurity, which impeded their ability to breastfeed their children.

**A preliminary map published by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), showing the percentage of damage to agricultural lands and infrastructure in the Gaza Strip until 31/12/2023.**



## The Palestinian Cause and International Policy

Israel has violated decisions made by the International Court of Justice and a plethora of international laws including the 4<sup>th</sup> Geneva Convention. Three UN resolutions breached by Israel include:

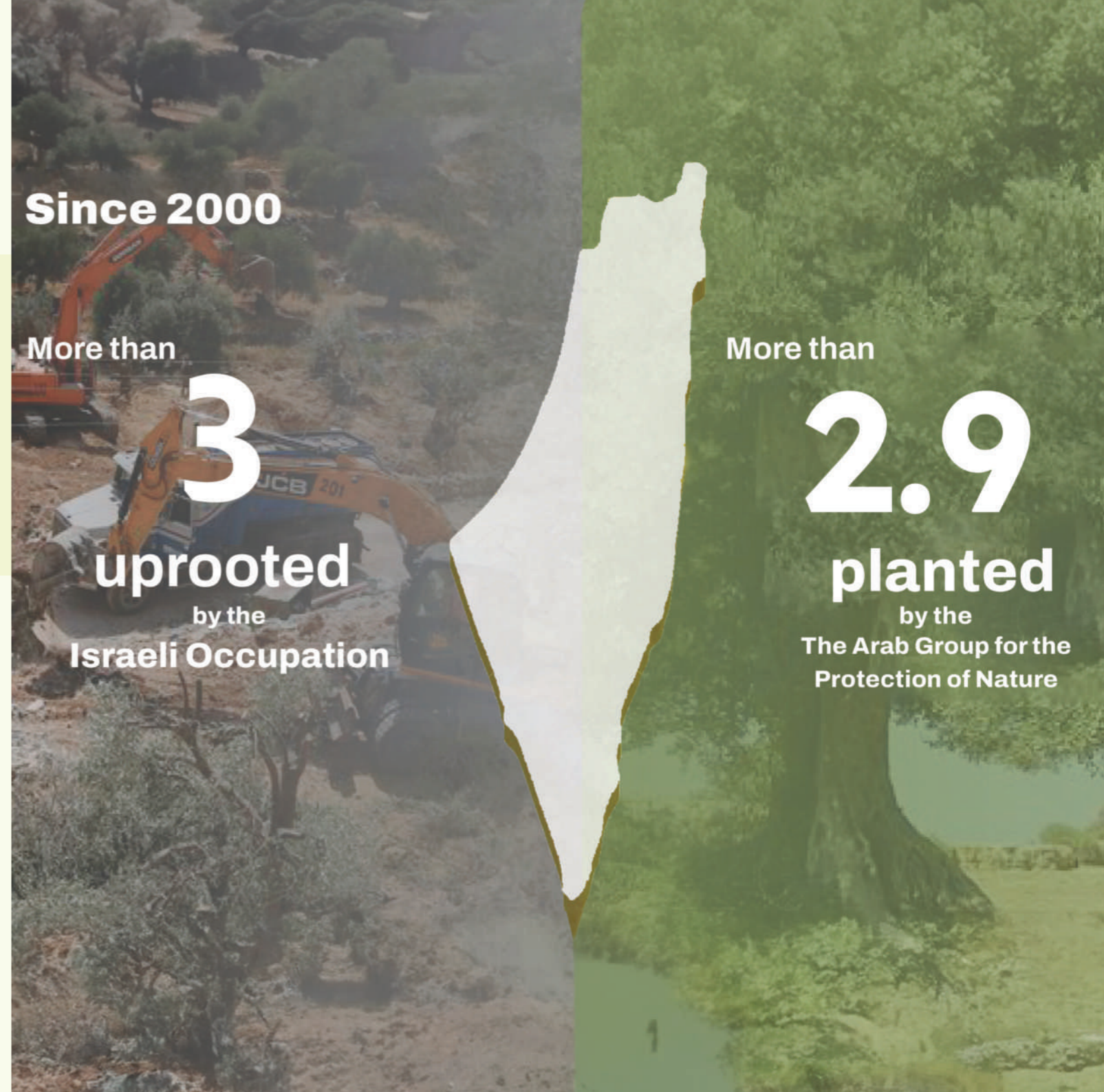
Resolution 194 (III), 1948	Resolution (ES-10/14), 2004	Resolution 2334, 2016
<p>In 1948, the UN General Assembly adopted resolution 194 (III) stating that Palestinians have the right to return to their homes, which completely invalidates Israel's Absentee Property Law (United Nations General Assembly, 1948).</p>	<p>Following the submission of resolution ES-1014 by the General Assembly, the International Court of Justice ruled that Israel is obliged to return the land and olive groves seized for the construction of the wall to the Palestinian owners (El-Jazairi, 2010).</p>	<p>The UN Security Council passed Resolution 2334 reaffirming that Israeli settlements, the confiscation of land, the demolition of homes, and the displacement of Palestinian civilians are flagrant violations of international law and have no legal validity.</p>

A UNESCWA study in 2017 on “the Question of Apartheid” stated that the system of racial discrimination enforced by the state of Israel is a threat to regional peace and security (Falk & Tilley, 2017).

On 31 December 2022, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution requesting an advisory opinion from the Court of Justice on Israel's violation of the Palestinians' right to self-determination, nearly two weeks after the UN Assembly voted overwhelmingly on a resolution endorsing the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination. Years earlier, the UN

Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs highlight in 2012 that despite Israel's obligations as an occupying power to protect civilians and Palestinian territories under international law, the Israeli occupation authorities and illegal settlers persistently carry out violations without facing consequences.

On 29 December 2023, South Africa submitted an official request to the International Court of Justice accusing Israel of committing acts of genocide in the Gaza Strip following the outbreak of war in the last months of 2023. The case was accepted.



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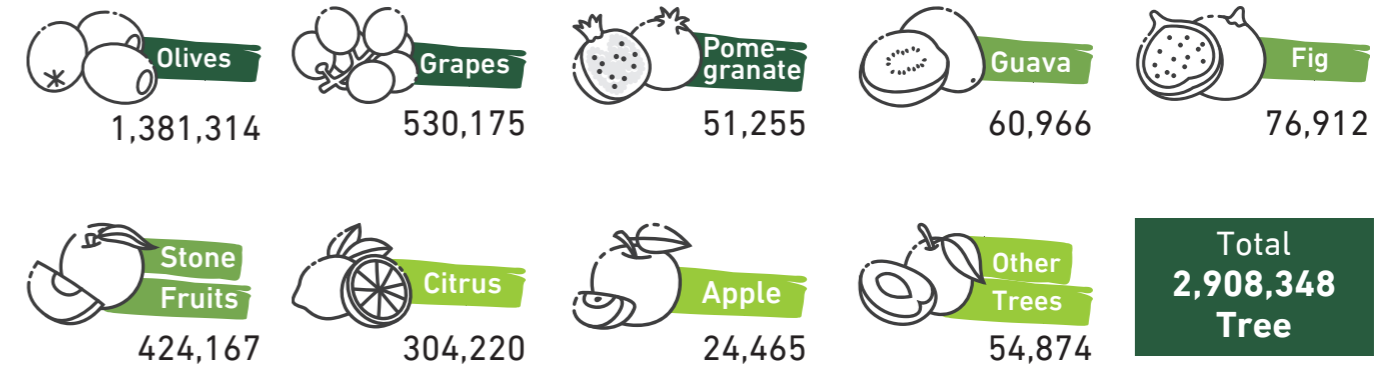
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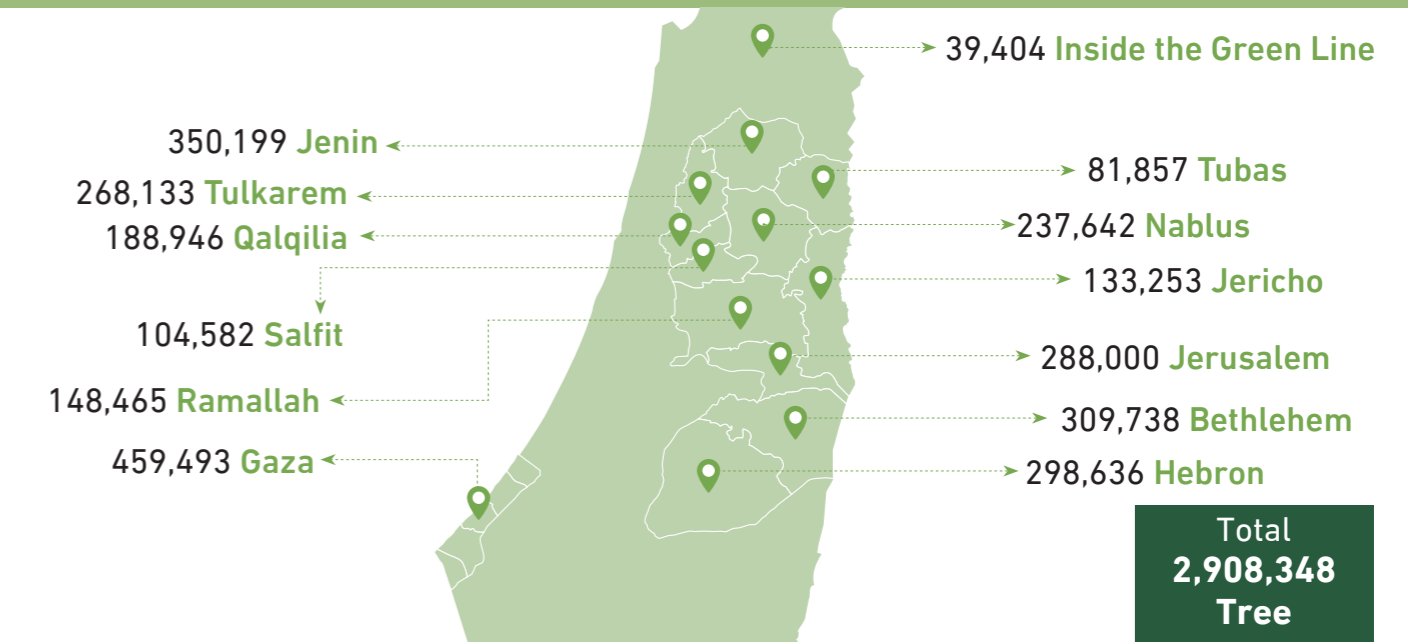
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## Trees Planted as part of the Million Tree Campaign 2001-2023



## Distribution of Trees Planted as part of the Million Tree Campaign 2001-2023



# ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MILLION TREE CAMPAIGN

2001 - 2023



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2023

The number of trees planted in 2023 as part of the Million Tree Campaign increased by approximately **182%** compared to 2022. The partnership base with farmers expanded by **315%**, while the number of individuals benefiting from tree-planting saw a **295%** jump. Additionally, we successfully increased the cultivated land area by **175%**.

Farmers  
2,484



Dunums  
7,658



Seeds  
6,500 kg



Family  
Members  
14,817



Number of  
Trees  
231,682



Collection  
wells  
2





# PROJECTS OF THE MILLION TREE CAMPAIGN 2023



## 147,752 Trees Take Root in Palestine in a Large Agricultural Project Backed by the Arab Fund

We cultivated with farmers and their families olives, stone fruits, grapes, figs, pomegranates, citrus fruits, and guava.

To safeguard our Palestinian Arab land and stand alongside our resilient farmers, we planted 147,752 trees across 4,602 dunums on the lands of 35 villages in the governorates of Tubas, Qalqilya, Jericho, Jenin, Tulkarm, and Nablus. This project is supported by the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.

Partnering with 1,585 agricultural families, encompassing 9,619 individuals determined to remain steadfast on their land, the project holds particular significance as many of these families are situated within Area C.





## Jenin is Not Alone: APN Plants 20,000 Fruit Trees to Support its Resilience

We embarked on a significant project to plant 20,000 trees including olives, stone fruits, pomegranates, figs, and grapes. The project covers an area of 1,015 dunums, bolstering the resilience of 189 agricultural families comprising 1,386 individuals.



“The contributions and resilience demonstrated by the people of Jenin warrant global recognition and admiration. The inspiring spirit emanating from this city, even as we find ourselves away from our Palestinian homeland, instills in us a sense of strength and unwavering determination. Through our Million Tree Campaign in Palestine, we aim to support the people of Jenin in their quest for sovereignty over their land and food. It is our collective responsibility to unite and fulfill our duty in rebuilding this heroic city, standing together in solidarity.”

APN Chairperson, Razan Zuayter

## We Cultivated 9,000 Trees in Arrabet Jenin

At first, we cultivated and distributed 2,000 trees, making a considerable impact in the town. Encouraged by the farmers' enthusiasm, we expanded the project, completing a second activity to plant an additional 7,183 olive, grape, and citrus trees. This brought the total to 9,183 fruit-bearing trees spread across 629 dunums, benefitting 90 steadfast agricultural families.



## 5,900 Fruit Trees in the Free “Republic” of Burqa

We joined forces with the local community to plant 15 different varieties of trees. Upon our arrival at the village, specifically in the Magharam area near the road leading to Homesh settlement, we were welcomed by farmer Yousef and his grandchildren who participated in the planting. Yousef expressed his profound joy, emphasizing that this land serves as his lifeline and the source of his happiness. He asserted that no amount of money is worth trading the land for.

In 1988, Burqa village in Nablus transformed into a “free and independent republic”, as declared by its people during the First Intifada. Interestingly, it evolved into a term that was used by the late Palestinian President Yasser Arafat in response to the then-US Secretary of State George Shultz. Shultz had urged Palestinians to ease tensions, to which Arafat suggested negotiating with the “Republic of Burqa”.



In 2023, settlers reoccupied Homesh settlement after having left it in 2005.

## 4,900 Olive Trees Cultivated in Partnership with Life for Relief and Development

This activity was carried out in the villages surrounding Jerusalem, spanning 205 dunums. It was done in collaboration with 58 farmers who provide for 522 individuals, aiming to strengthen their resilience against the Israeli occupation's attempts to confiscate their land.



## 4,677 Trees Confront the Apartheid Wall in Idna

"Anyone who wants a homeland must care for it", was the heartfelt appeal of the people of Idna in Hebron Governorate, who are determined to hold onto every inch of their land. In response, we planted olive trees in several orchards to support them in safeguarding their land, including those located within 10 meters of the apartheid wall, which now faces a wall of olive trees.



## 4,500 Trees Bolster the Historical Tenacity of Furush Beit Dajan

The occupation specifically targets agricultural activities in the village of Furush Beit Dajan with the aim of undermining its infrastructure through land seizures, the deliberate destruction of water tanks, excessive groundwater extraction, and other similar tactics. The village's people consider tree-planting to be the foundation of their resistance. Therefore, APN supported their efforts by implementing this activity in collaboration with the Beit Dajan Cooperative Society for Agricultural Development.





## 4,241 Trees Challenges the Poisonous History of Settler Colonialism in Aqraba

Published in 2023, documents unveiled an attempt made 50 years ago to seize the lands of Aqraba, a village located in Nablus Governorate. The goal was to turn it into a military training area, involving the destruction of locals' agricultural tools and crops, and the dispersal of toxic chemicals harmful to animals and humans. Despite this, the people of Aqraba remained steadfast on their land. Recognizing our responsibility to support them, we planted these trees across 146 dunums of land owned by 42 resilient agricultural families, totaling 322 individuals. This activity was made possible with contributions from the Plant for the Planet Foundation and other partners.



## We Planted 3,700 Guava Trees in Qalqilya to Support Farmers

In Qalqilya governorate, renowned for producing high-quality guava, the villages of Azun Atme and Jayus hosted a large tree-planting activity where we planted a total of 3,700 guava trees, benefiting 15 farmers who support a total of 90 individuals.



## 3,500 Fruit Trees Protect Turmusaya From the Violence of the Hilltop Youth

This activity was undertaken to confront the "Hilltop Youth" gang, which wreaks havoc in West Bank villages, aiding occupation forces in land confiscation and restricting Palestinians from accessing their orchards and farms. The gang is based in an illegal settlement outpost, posing a significant threat to towns such as Turmusaya, where they attempt to claim uncultivated lands.



## We Planted 3,350 trees in Sur Baher and Silwan Villages in Partnership with Al-Quds Committee at the University of Jordan

These two villages are constantly subjected to Israeli violations. This agricultural activity was implemented to protect their lands from confiscation at several locations and to send a message of defiance to the occupation. This message was conveyed by the students of Al-Quds Committee at the University of Jordan, who have consistently supported our tree-planting activities in Jerusalem.



## Construction of 4 Agricultural Wells to Support Steadfastness of 39 Palestinians in Villages Southwest of Jerusalem

Four stories of steadfast resilience unfold in the villages southwest of Jerusalem, featuring farmers who refused to surrender their lands to the occupation. Supporting 39 individuals, these farmers encountered challenges in irrigating their crops due to water scarcity. In response, we constructed an agricultural well for each family. These wells are crucial, as the farmers' lands, being their primary source of income, are situated in areas facing water scarcity and potential threats from settlers backed by the occupation's forces.

### An Agricultural Well from the People of As-Salt to Farms in Al-Khader



The second well was constructed on a land adjacent to the Kiryat Arba settlement whose residents are known to be among the most violent settlers in the West Bank. The land's owner says that their goal is to annex the village by turning it into fallow land, thereby facilitating confiscation. The occupation has implemented various restrictions, including the deliberate cutoff of water access to the farmers in this area.

Through a donation in the name of the "People of As-Salt", the first well was established in the town of Al-Khader, where a farmer highlighted the challenges posed by a displacement policy characterized by house demolitions and frequent evacuation notices. The prohibitions on land development further hinder increased production. The well facilitates the cultivation of the farmer's land, offering a crucial solution amid these obstacles.



### An Agricultural Well in Memory of the Late Fouad Badr and Etaf Kasbeh

### An Agricultural Well from Al-Quds Committee – Jordan University of Science and Technology

The third well was constructed on the land of a farmer from the town of Al-Khader, who supports 7 people. Relying solely on his land to generate income for his family, the farmer faced significant challenges due to a severe water shortage and the high expenses associated with purchasing water. He will now be able to supply the water needed to irrigate his crops.



### An Yemeni Agricultural Well in Memory of the Late Mohammed Hamid bin Abdullah Al-Ahmar



The fourth and final well was constructed on a 9-dunum land located near the apartheid wall in the village of Al-Walaja, a targeted area for land confiscation and the displacement of farmers. This plot was selected to secure essential water resources for continuous cultivation and, consequently, land protection. The goal is to alleviate the financial burden on farmers by reducing the need to purchase and transport water.

## 3,165 Trees Planted to Counter "Adora" Settlers' Land Confiscation

The call made by the farmers of the town in Hebron Governorate aimed to protect the lands classified as Area "C" and adjacent to the Adora settlement. We planted these olive and grape trees over an area of 109 dunums, benefiting 36 farmers, including Afif, whose land we have replanted for the third time.



## We Cultivated 2,500 Olive Trees in Tarqumiyah to Confront the Expansion of Adora and Telem Settlements

The daily challenges faced by the people of Tarqumiyah town in Hebron governorate are intensifying. To protect farmers' lands from confiscation, we cultivated these trees over several activities on an area covering 100 dunums of the village's lands belonging to 169 Palestinian agricultural families, encompassing more than 730 individuals.



## Jabal Sabih Summit Overlooks 2,200 Trees we Cultivated in Qabalan

Situated southeast of Nablus, the town of Qabalan, along with Beita and Yatma, played a crucial role in safeguarding the summit of Jabal Sabih from Zionist colonialism. To safeguard its lands, we cultivated olive, grape, pomegranate, fig, and citrus trees across an 86-dunum area to benefit multiple families in the town, encompassing a total of 67 members. This activity was supported by Firas Al-Kilani, Saad Al-Beitar, Basel Fakhoury, Asem Shehabi, Samer Al-Najjar, Ahmed Shadid, the couple Majd Mohsen and Walid Al-Daher, Youssef, and a benefactor.



## We Cultivated 2,000 Trees in Arana Village in Partnership with Hikma Pharmaceuticals

These trees covered an area of 83 dunums of orchards in the village located in Jenin Governorate, to support 34 farmers providing for 192 individuals. Most of its lands are classified as "Area C", and more than 200 dunums of its lands have been seized for the construction of a bypass road connecting the settlements.



## With Support from Female Benefactors from Jordan, We Cultivated 2,075 Trees of Solidarity in Palestine

Consistently honoring their commitment, female benefactors from Jordan have once again made new contributions to support our efforts. These contributions enabled us to plant 1,075 trees in Jerusalem and its surrounding villages, 500 trees in Tarqumiyah - Hebron, and 500 trees in Beit Dajan - Nablus.



## 2,000 Fruit Trees Breaks the Settlements' Enclosure of Beit Ummar

The Israeli occupation seeks to distort the Palestinian environment in the village located in Hebron governorate and replace it with a new visual landscape. To strengthen Palestinian existence, we cultivated stone fruits and grapes on an area spanning 48 dunums, supporting 18 agricultural families who refuse to abandon their lands.

## We Planted 2,000 Trees Near Kiryat Arba Settlement with Support from Ideal Solutions Company

We brought these trees of Arab solidarity to Al-Baq'a village in Hebron, close to the "Kiryat Arba" settlement, where violent settlers consistently carry out attacks against the local community, resulting in harm to both individuals and trees. These trees were planted in multiple orchards, including some situated only 100 meters away from the apartheid wall that encircles the village.



## Resisting the Siege with 1,920 Trees in Baqa ash-Sharqiyya

Upon arriving at the town in the Tulkarm governorate, it was evident how the apartheid wall imprisons it, with its iron gate that opens for just an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon, at the whims of the occupation, and often remains closed. To counteract the siege, it was necessary to provide the community had a stable food source by planting olives, stone fruits, citrus fruits, and guavas across 70 dunums. This initiative was made possible through the contributions of women including Mona Al-Masri, Maha Najdawi, Leen Logi, Areen Fino, Ruba Shahrouri, and a benefactor.



## "Nabd Al-Quds" Committee at the Hashemite University Plants 1,425 Fruit Trees

The students of the "Nabd Al-Quds" Committee at the Hashemite University reaffirmed their dedication to Jerusalem, the capital of Palestine. As part of our tree-planting campaign in Palestine, they contributed trees that were planted on behalf of the participating students at two locations: the first in Bidu village, which is encircled by settlements, and the second on a reclaimed land in the village of Beit Liqya, which is constrained by the Green Line.



## Supporting the Ecovillage of Farkha with 1,419 Fruit Trees

The village of Farkha, situated in Salfit, is famous for being an ecovillage, setting an exemplary model in environmental agriculture and land rehabilitation. In our commitment to support 28 farming families in Farkha, we planted 1,419 fruit trees across an 87-dunum area, which will support 169 individuals.



## Al-Hassad Al-Tarbawi Schools Support Us Another Year by Planting of 1,250 Trees Around Jerusalem

The students of Al-Hassad Al-Tarbawi Schools excelled in their second campaign this year, planting 1,250 olive trees in the villages surrounding Jerusalem. This effort aims to bolster the resilience of the local community and establish a lasting connection to their land in Palestine.



## In Jerusalem, Salfit, and Ramallah, We Planted 1,240 Trees with the Support of Hamdi Idris

### 782 Trees Cultivated in Bayt Duqu - Jerusalem - first activity

An oppressive colonial weight rests upon the village, continuing to increase following the occupation's approval in 2023 for the largest settlement expansion plan since 2012 in the West Bank, including 559 settlement units in the "Giv'at Ze'ev" settlement built on the village's land. To support the local community, 80% of whom work in agriculture, we completed this activity in three orchards.



Regardless of the villagers' occupations, agriculture remains our primary job. It involves safeguarding the village lands from encroaching settlements seeking to usurp them, and we regard these trees as our children.

**Local Farmer**

## 258 Trees Planted Once Again in Kufr al-Dik - Salfit - second activity

One of the village's lands, spanning 17 dunums, faces the threat of confiscation by the occupation. In the past, they uprooted 258 olive trees to facilitate the seizure. This year, we replanted these trees.



## 200 Trees to Protect a Land in Sinjil - Ramallah - third activity

Farmer Khaled relies on this land as a source of income to support his family of 11, especially after losing his job due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, safeguarding it from the implications of the old land law is a challenging task, given its proximity to the Ma'ale Levona settlement, subject to daily attacks by settlers. Responding to his plea, we planted 200 fruit trees on his land.



## In Memory of Tareq Jadallah, We Planted 1,211 Trees in the Village of Kufr al-Dik

The village stands as the most besieged by the encroachment of settlements in Salfit governorate. It is, strangled by four settlements and a Zionist industrial area, along with a bypass road that has annexed numerous hectares of its land. Despite the hurdles faced in the village, we successfully distributed and planted these trees to safeguard a portion of its land from confiscation.



## Al-Quds Committee at Jordan University of Science and Technology Support the Planting of 1,075 Trees

We have planted 1,075 assorted fruit trees, including olives, figs, stone fruits, grapes, pomegranates, and guavas, in support of 12 farmers who provide for 61 individuals. These trees were planted on the lands of Bidu village, situated in the northwest of Jerusalem city, in Jerusalem governorate.



## 1,000 Trees Support Qaryut Women's Association

The village is surrounded on all fronts by three settlements and numerous settlement outposts, devouring a significant 65% of its land area. These challenges have made the orchards adjacent to the houses extremely valuable. As a result, the farmers of the "Qaryut Women's Association" reached out to us for assistance in planting, aiming to protect every vulnerable area from confiscation. This activity resulted in benefiting the majority of households in the village.





## We Launched Our “Wheat of Resilience” Campaign in Northern Palestinian Jordan Valley and Joined the Harvest

We answered the call made by Palestinian farmers in Tubas Governorate, located in the northern Palestinian Jordan Valley. Their plea aimed to safeguard their lands from confiscation, facing daily assaults by settlers, protected by the occupation’s army, who claim them as state property. Our campaign succeeded in planting 500 dunums of wheat.



In just a few months, the land yielded its produce, and we joined the farmers in the harvest. Ensuring the sustainability of this activity, a share of the yield was set aside for distribution among farmers intending to cultivate the land in the next season, while another portion was allocated to aid marginalized families and secure their food supply.



## We Planted 1,000 Trees Contributed by the Algerian El-Baraka Association near Jerusalem

Algerian solidarity has reached the capital of Palestine through the planting of fruit trees in the villages surrounding Jerusalem. These trees were planted in land encircled by a Zionist Civil Administration center on one side and surrounded by settlements from all directions, thereby putting the land at risk of expropriation if left unplanted.



## 1,000 Trees Planted with Support from Al Emar Contracting Engineers

We cultivated olive and grape trees to support the resilience of farmers from the villages of Jerusalem and the Palestinian Jordan Valley, who provide for 36 individuals. They seek to protect their lands from confiscation and annexation.



## 1,000 Fruit Trees from Abu Issa Holdings Company to the West Bank

In various activities across Nablus and the Palestinian Jordan Valley, we stood alongside farmers facing the threat of settlement expansion encroaching on their lands. This endeavor serves as a beacon of hope, offering support and safeguarding their orchards from confiscation.



## With Support from Abu Shakra, 1,000 Trees Planted 10 Meters Away from "Kiryat Arba" Settlement

In Hebron Governorate, where the occupation exploits legislation and encroaches upon lands without notice, next to the "Kiryat Arba" settlement, we stood alongside 5 farmers supporting 35 individuals to plant these trees in their lands at risk of confiscation, situated only 10 meters from the most aggressive settlement in the West Bank.

## 1,000 Trees Contributed by Sukhtian Confront Colonial Roads

We planted these trees in three orchards in Bethlehem with support from Ghiath and Nadia Sukhtian. One of them sits along the route planned for a new 40-meter-wide bypass road linking Highway 60 to the military checkpoint established on the lands of Jab'a village. The other two orchards border the Efrat settlement and are prime targets for destruction and aggression by settlers aiming to take control of them.



## 'Women for Jerusalem' Support Us with 1,000 Trees

The initiative led by the women of this group exemplified the saying "In unity, there is strength" and showed their commitment to supporting Palestine. We successfully planted these trees on 31 dunams of land in the village of Qatanna in Jerusalem, benefiting 8 farmers who support 50 people. The variety of trees planted included olives, stone fruits, grapes, and figs.



## 1,000 Trees from e.construct to Qalqilya and Bethlehem

The trees planted included olives, grapes, and guava, and this was done over two activities. In the first activity, we planted 260 olive trees in lands at risk of confiscation in the village of Nahalin near Bethlehem, close to Israeli settlements. In the second activity, we planted 740 trees in the village of Jayyous, benefiting 6 farmers whose lands are next to the apartheid wall.



## We Planted 924 Trees to Protect the Lands of Yasuf

What makes this village a focus of our work is its proximity to the Za'tara military checkpoint to the east, with the Ariel settlement blocking the west. To the north and south, the Kfar Taffouh and Rahalim settlements serve as barriers. In this challenging environment, we planted trees to protect land threatened by ongoing settlement expansion from the new Taffouh outpost.



## 800 Fruit Trees Planted in Highway 60's Security Buffer Zone with Support from Wael Shqairat

In this unique activity, we worked near the security buffer zone with farmer Walid, a resident of the villages near Jerusalem. He requested our help to plant and protect his land from confiscation because it borders the road.



Highway 60, like other bypass roads, is part of the colonial infrastructure that fragments West Bank villages and serves as supply routes for settlements. Under the guise of "security purposes", the surrounding areas are designated as buffer zones, restricting Palestinian access.



## Amidst 5 Settlements, We Planted 744 Fruit Trees in the Villages Near Jerusalem with the Support of Pioneers Academy

Three farmers from the villages near Jerusalem, where their lands lie amidst five settlements, are actively striving to safeguard them from confiscation. This drive has led us to join them in planting these trees, with contributions and backing from students of the Pioneers Academy.

## The Heirs of Humam Darwazah Stand Alongside the Farmers of Falamyia with 600 Trees

The story of the Falamyia community is a tale of resilience which APN willingly embraced in a mission that led us to this isolated village. We launched an agricultural project covering 10 dunums owned by two families, comprising 15 members, all of whom refuse to leave their village.



## Tamam Foods Contributes 500 Fruit Trees to Confront Settlers in Jenin and Hebron

During a recent tree planting tour in Arrabet Jenin, APN, with the support of Tamam Foods, bolstered the resilience of farmers' lands against the occupation. A total of 500 olive, citrus, and grape trees were planted, benefiting eight farmers situated in various locations around the town.



## 500 Trees Planted as Challenge in Wadi Fukin and Al-Khader with Support from Samir Abdel Hadi

The distance separating the two villages in Bethlehem Governorate is just 5 kilometers, yet there are political motives to maintain their separation, especially in areas surrounded by settlements. Accessing the orchards of the farmers benefiting from this initiative presented a major challenge for our team, especially amidst escalating settler attacks on farmers concurrent with the war on Gaza, and the closure of agricultural routes. Nonetheless, we reached our destination and successfully completed our work.

## Ayla Oasis Backs Planting 500 Trees in Neighborhood Blocked by Occupation's Gates

We carried out this activity in the Khalat Qalqas neighborhood of Hebron, which has been isolated by the occupation from the city for 17 years, rendering attempts to reach it risky. Despite the possibility of easy access through a gate less than 200 meters away, the occupation prohibits it and imposes long and winding routes on Palestinians, taking hours to navigate.



## 500 Trees Safeguard a Land Amidst 15 Settlements and Outposts with Support from Abdul Rahman Nobani

Abu Thaer, one of the farmers residing in villages near Jerusalem under the suffocating grip of the occupation, believes that the greatest form of resistance is cultivating the land and refusing to abandon it. Every day after work, he dedicates himself to caring for the trees on his land, which he considers as dear as his own children. To safeguard his ownership rights and prevent the manipulation of an old land law by the occupation to confiscate his land, we joined him in planting these trees.



## APN Plants 500 Olive Trees in Burqa in Memory of Mohammad Al-Otaibi and Intisaf Abu Omar

The memory of the late Hajj Mohammad Walid Abdul Rahim Theeb (Al-Otaibi) and his late wife Intisaf (Nawal) Abdul Aziz Abu Omar lives on in their hometown of Burqa village in Nablus governorate in the form of trees. We planted these trees for 5 agricultural families supporting 30 individuals in total.

## Jordan Commercial Bank Sponsors the Planting of 500 Trees in Sa'ir Town



This activity was completed in the northern town of Hebron, which faces intense restrictions from the occupation, constantly encircling and encroaching upon its lands. From the east lies Asfar settlement, and from the south, Kiryat Arba settlement, along with an iron gate and a watchtower. Surrounding it to the south is Highway 60. Despite these challenges, we succeeded in planting with support from the bank.



## Talal Al Shaer Contributes 500 Trees to Jenin

We planted these trees in the village of Al Mughayyir for the benefit of three agricultural families supporting 15 individuals. The village suffers from the oppression of the occupation due to its proximity to the apartheid wall, which has confiscated thousands of dunams of its agricultural lands that citizens rely on for producing their crops, such as olives and seasonal crops known in our region.



## Al Tumayr Initiative Keeps its Promise and Plants 400 Trees in Al-Khader

Through this activity, Mona El Aref upheld her commitment to supporting Palestine for another year, adopting the trees we planted in two events in the village situated south of Jerusalem.



## Princess Sumaya University Students Support Planting 375 Fruit Trees in Villages Near Jerusalem

We planted olive, fig, stone fruits, and pomegranate trees in lands threatened with confiscation in villages surrounding Jerusalem.



## On the Same Tractor, 300 Trees Return With the People of Masafer Yatta to Their Homes

Following yet another eviction attempt by the occupation, the residents of Masafer Yatta defiantly returned to their homes on a tractor. They confront daily challenges as a result of the prohibition on using buses and cars to access Masafer Yatta, a region comprising 19 villages and hamlets inhabited by Palestinians displaced from the Beersheba and Naqab areas since the Nakba in 1948. On the same tractor that transported the people of Masafer Yatta back to their homes, were APN's 300 fruit trees dedicated to Palestinians who are safeguarding the land until its liberation.



## 300 Fruit Trees and an Agricultural Well in Jerusalem in Memory of Zainab Abu Hatab

In honor of Zainab Abu Hatab, her loved ones chose to immortalize her name in Jerusalem by contributing to the construction of an agricultural well and the planting of olives, figs, stone fruits, and various others trees in villages near Jerusalem. These specific areas are facing the risk of confiscation for the expansion of Israeli settlements.



## Palestine Hosts 240 Trees in Memory of the Kuwaiti-Palestinian Academic Sa'ad Akashah

The late Dr. Sa'ad Akashah was born in Palestine and found solace in Kuwait until his return, where his intellect flourished, leading him to become a university professor. He

dedicated himself to research and knowledge, becoming an expert and leader in industrial projects within the oil and energy sectors in Kuwait and across Arab countries. The Palestinian cause remained close to his heart, and he steadfastly followed the path of righteousness. As one of our supporters, we honored his memory by planting guava and fig trees in two locations: first, at the Faculty of Agriculture at An-Najah National University, and second, in a land threatened with confiscation in Jenin, just meters away from the apartheid wall.



## Moroccan Writer Bennouna Sponsors 200 Trees in Cooperation with the Arab and International Organization to Construct in Palestine

Moroccan writer Khanata Bennouna began her literary journey by donating the proceeds from her novel to support the Palestinian cause. After more than half a century, she returns to support Palestinian land by sponsoring 200 trees that were planted by APN in Gaza and Jerusalem.



## 200 Trees to Protect an Orchard from Ma'ale Shomron Settlement with Support from Haitham Atteyeh and His Family

In the heart of Qalqilya governorate, the people recognize the importance of taking action to safeguard their livelihoods, and secure their existence amidst the ongoing struggle over their lands. In response to one of the farmer's call, APN planted citrus trees on his land which is threatened with confiscation.



## Khalid Al-Qarout Family Contributes 200 Trees to Protect a Land near Highway 60 South of Jerusalem

In this activity south of Jerusalem, along the colonial road that divides Palestinian villages longitudinally from Beersheba in the south to Nazareth in the north, the occupation prevents Palestinians from approaching it within a distance of 30 meters, considering it a security buffer zone. However, we collaborated with a farmer to carry out this cultivation.





## 200 Trees Reach a Land South of Jerusalem with Support from Ibrahim Shaaban and His Family

In Al Khader village, situated near Jerusalem, the imposition of Zionist restrictions poses challenges for the local community in accessing their lands. Recognizing this struggle, we extended our support to a farmer in need. With resolve, we brought grape seedlings and irrigation water, marching together towards the land, which the farmer described as the heart of the struggle against the occupiers. He cautioned that neglecting it would inevitably lead to confiscation. Despite the harsh conditions, he works tirelessly to ensure that the homeland remains cultivated and productive.



## ATG Contributes 200 Fruit Trees to Support Farmers of Jorish

Jorish carries historical importance as the birthplace of one of the heroes from the Battle of Karameh, the martyr Abdul Ghani Abdul Rahman Al-Latayfah. He immortalized the essence of the struggle with his sacrifice, epitomizing the unity of both riverbanks embodied in one individual standing against the occupation. In honor of his memory and bolstered by the Arab Technical Group (ATG), we implemented this project on a land threatened with confiscation.



## 200 Trees in South Jerusalem Honor the Memory of Alia Elmosa

The untimely passing of the young Alia Samir Anwar Elmosa while in diaspora weighed heavily on the Palestinian community. However, the gracious gesture carried out by her family has transformed grief into supporting the steadfastness of an agricultural family in Jerusalem that faces cruel daily harassments, including the denial of access routes to reach their own land. Nonetheless, they forged their own path to reach their besieged orchard, which was under the threat of confiscation. On foot and utilizing animals, we transported trees and water to implement this agricultural activity.

## 200 Trees Cultivated for a Family in Arrabet Jenin with Support from Jumana Al-Saket

This project provided a glimmer of hope for an agricultural family enduring challenging economic circumstances. Simultaneously, they face the looming threat of their orchard being seized by the occupation. In collaboration, we planted citrus and olive trees to secure their ownership and establish a sustainable source of income.





## 200 Trees Supports a Family in Bayt Ijza with Support from Ahmed Amin Shreim

The occupation is attempting to sever the village from its connection to Jerusalem. During our interactions with the farmers, it was clear that they were determined to resist this reality. Most of the village's land is under Israeli control, and approximately 1,500 dunams have been seized by the apartheid wall. To support them, we conducted this activity in partnership with the Rural Renaissance Association of Villages Northwest of Jerusalem



## Children of the Late Abdel Hamid Abdel Hafez and Najia Honor Their Parents by Contributing 200 Trees

A lesson in loyalty was demonstrated by the children of Haj Abdel Hamid Abdel Hafez and the late Hajjah Najia Al-Sayed, by supporting us in planting these trees in the village of Bayt Liqya – Jerusalem. Despite the occupation's arbitrary measures that hinder well digging and land reclamation in an effort to confiscate it, 17% of the village's residents continue to work in agriculture.

## Cultivating 200 Trees in Qatanna with Support from Muhammad Mushtaha

The village's people refused to succumb to the occupation's incentives to leave and sell their lands, despite the blockade imposed to improvish and displace them. In close proximity lies the "Har Adar" settlement, built on confiscated Palestinian land and known as one of the most affluent settlements within the Zionist entity.



## 200 Trees Planted Behind the Occupation's Iron Gates with Support from Globitel

This activity was completed in one of the orchards in Khamlet Edar neighborhood of Hebron governorate. This area, marginalized and isolated by the occupation, is encircled by iron gates on both sides, necessitating a 30-kilometer detour for entry and exit. This activity was implemented in partnership with Globitel.



## Al Sajdi Family Plants 200 Trees in Jerusalem to Confront Settlers

With an initiative from Mr. Ammar Al-Sajdi and his family, we have accomplished this cultivation in villages south of occupied Jerusalem, which are constantly subjected to Israeli violations. The aim was to improve food and economic security and to counter attempts by settlers to seize uncultivated land.



## Dr. Izzeddin and Raghda Katkhuda Contribute 200 Fruit Trees to the Villages Near Jerusalem

The trees included 100 olive trees and 100 grapevines, cultivated on the land of farmer Nadir, located near the apartheid wall and a military checkpoint.

## Al Quds Committee Students at Na'our University Plant 200 Fruit Trees in Generous Contribution

Al Quds Committee at the Faculty of Educational Sciences and Arts/UNRWA contributed the trees planted in Jamil's land, who is among the farmers who lost their livelihood after October 7th and found a solution by returning to his land despite lacking any resources to cultivate it.



## Heirs of the Late Amin Shuqair Contribute 200 Fruit Trees to Villages Near Jerusalem

These trees varied between olives and grapes, planted in the land of farmer Ibrahim south of Jerusalem, in an area located between Efrat settlement and Neve Daniel settlement, which is threatened with confiscation.





## Moshpit Contributes 200 Trees Cultivated in Al Khader's Orchards

We planted 110 grape trees and 25 olive trees in two orchards situated near the apartheid wall. Furthermore, we distributed 65 fruit trees to other farmers. The recipients understand the significance of cultivation in safeguarding land from confiscation, prompting them to contact us for tree provision.



## Rawabi Al Quds Academy Contributes 193 Trees

In the village of Al-Khader, we planted these trees in Rahma's orchard, who supports a family of 12. These trees will provide her with a source of resilience against the occupation's systematic displacement tactics, as the village is situated amidst 15 settlements and settler outposts.



## 200 Trees Cultivated with Support from the Speciality Hospital

200 fruit trees, comprising 175 olive and 25 grape trees, were distributed and planted.

This activity was carried out in the villages near Jerusalem, specifically on the land of farmer Yousef, located within Area "C". These villages are in proximity to Highway 60 and adjacent to the apartheid wall dividing Al Khader town from its territories.



## APN and Kuwaiti Female Philanthropists Plant 175 Trees of Solidarity

Our mission is fulfilled with every tree of solidarity we plant in Palestine on behalf of our Arab people. To affirm this message's sincerity, we successfully planted these trees in Farmer Ali's orchard in villages south of Jerusalem, which are among the affected and threatened lands.

## Solidarity Employees Contribute to Planting 162 Fruit-Bearing Trees

Hamzeh, a steadfast farmer, greeted us in his land, which is besieged by settlements to the south of Jerusalem. Employees from Solidarity - First Insurance Company were filled with pride and honor as they generously contributed these trees to support him in defending his land against the assaults of settlers in the area.



## 150 Fruit Trees Stand Firm on the Frontline in South of Jerusalem

At close range, Amal, visiting from abroad, observed the situation in Al Khader town in Bethlehem, which is positioned between 15 settlements and a settlement outpost. Together with her family and friends, we conducted this planting activity, demonstrating the unity between the Palestinian community, spanning those within Palestine as well as across the Diaspora.



## Ayla Schools Supports the Planting of 140 Grape Trees in Villages in South Jerusalem

Given the challenges and threats confronting Palestinian farmers in the villages south of Jerusalem from Zionist settlers attempting to confiscate their land, APN, with the support of Ayla International Schools, planted 140 grape trees in these villages. The goal is to enhance farmers' resilience, improve their income, and foster local economic development in the region.

## 120 Fruit Trees in the Villages Near Jerusalem in Memory of Izzat Zahida and Naji Habashneh

This activity was carried out on lands that face the threat of annexation by Israeli settlements, as the occupation seeks to colonize the area and displace Palestinians from their land.



## Al Hussein Technical University Students Plant 87 Trees in Palestine

In their first initiative to support us, students from Al Hussein Technical University contributed 87 trees under the slogan "We plant today to harvest tomorrow".

## Al Quds Committee - Yarmouk University Plant 80 Fruit Trees in Villages Near Jerusalem

We planted olive and grape trees on the land of the farmer Atef, located in the villages near Jerusalem which are surrounded by settlements. Since 7 October 2023, the occupation has obstructed access to it, but with our determination, we succeeded in reaching it and replanting it anew.



# The Green Caravan 2023



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2003 - 2023



## The Current Status in Jordan

Thousands of years ago, the Fertile Crescent was known as the cradle of civilization, lauded for its incredible fertility and advanced agricultural development, from extended irrigation networks to the domestication of livestock. In the 1930s, WANA was a net exporter of wheat, with Egypt, Iraq, and Transjordan as major producers (Woertz, 2014).

Since the 1990s, however, a multitude of complex geopolitical, socioeconomic, and environmental

issues have led to the brutal decline of the region's renowned agricultural conditions. Consequently, WANA is considered one of the most food-insecure regions globally (Center for International and Regional Studies, 2012). Jordan, in particular, has fallen casualty to weak agricultural policies and a neoliberal-driven economic development strategy.



### Poor Agricultural Policies:

Throughout the late 1990s, an eager focus on economic development and modernization, largely based on the Western model of societal reform, led to overwhelming neglect of a key source of stability and welfare; the agricultural sector (Baylouny, 2008). As a condition of joining the World Trade Organization, Jordan began implementing the Agricultural Structural Adjustment Program (ASAP), which was in line with neoliberal policies that favoured

deregulation and privatization of the sector (Jabarin, 2005; El Saadi, 2017).

As such, ASAP led to a major decline in governmental support through the elimination of agricultural subsidies and incentives, the removal of standard pricing of agricultural commodities, and the placement of interest rates on agricultural loans (EuropeAid, 2012; Jabarin, 2005). The agricultural reform also led to the adoption of an export-led and trade-based food security strategy, along with a

heavy reliance on foreign labour for domestic productivity (Woertz, 2014).

The budget cuts and misallocation of resources have not ceased. Between 2011 and 2012, the salaries of Ministry of Agriculture employees saw a significant rise of 46%, whereas investments experienced a notable decrease of 27%. As a result of neglect, Jordan has weak post-harvest storage and processing infrastructure and has only one agricultural credit institution (Ibid.).

Other institutional constraints include the weak farm extension system with considerably limited physical and technical capacity. The sector's direct contribution to the national GDP stands at a mere 5.6% (Jordan National Food Security, 2021), a considerable decline from roughly 40% in the 1950s (EuropeAid, 2012).

In 2023, the Jordanian government allocated 80,386,000 Jordanian dinars to the Ministry of Agriculture, accounting for 0.84% of the total annual expenditures (Jordanian Ministry of Finance, 2022). However, the government's spending on agricultural projects amounted to 22,975,000 Jordanian dinars, which represents only 29% of the Ministry of Agriculture's allocations (Jordan General Budget Department, 2022).

### Trade Imbalances:

In the 1960s, Jordan's wheat self-sufficiency was at 70%, whereas today, the country imports 80% of its food needs than 98% of its cereal needs (Santos & Cececci, 2015).

The over-reliance on such food imports among many others has exposed Jordan to the vulnerability and volatility of international food supply chains and food prices (AFED, 2014; ESCWA, 2010). Jordan was hit particularly hard by the 2008/09 and 2011 global food crises and faces high fiscal and political pressures as a result of its soaring food import bill (Harrigan, 2015).

According to Jordan's National Food Security Strategy 2030-2021, the country relies heavily on food imports, which amount to approximately \$4 billion. This represents around 32% of Jordan's budget revenues for 2022. Notably, these imports account for 95% of the nation's wheat and barley requirements, as well as 100% of its rice and sugar needs.

### Foreign Labour:

The agricultural sector presents significant potential for employment, offering opportunities to accommodate a large workforce. This, in turn, can help alleviate poverty and unemployment rates.

In 2022, the unemployment rate stood at approximately 38.7% for individuals aged 15-24 and 49.5% for those aged 25-39 (Department of Statistics, 2021). However, due to low returns from the sector, many workers in the agricultural sector gradually migrated into other sectors, namely services, and industry (UNDP, 2013).

The agricultural sector witnessed a continuous decline in the share of formally registered employment from one third in the 1960s to less than one-tenth by the 1980s, and approximately 2% in 2010 (UNDP, 2013; Baylouny, 2008).



## Environmental Challenges:

Jordan is one of the most water-scarce countries in the world, with an average rainfall of only 150 mm/year on 90% of the Kingdom's area (Ministry of Agriculture, 2020). The limited area fit for cultivation is slowly declining due to urban sprawl and other biophysical constraints, including excessive groundwater extraction, the depletion of soil quality, soil salinization, and frequent droughts. The country also suffers from inefficient water use and management.

Furthermore, the progression of climate change in the region and nationally is expected to significantly affect local production. The domestic agricultural sector will rely on the country's ability to adapt to rising temperatures, a reduction in rainfall, and more frequent and intense climatic events, all of which place greater pressure on natural resources. Hence, it is crucial to provide support for initiatives that promote the expansion of green spaces and the development of agricultural projects tailored to Jordan's unique conditions and requirements.



## Geopolitical Challenges:

While Jordan is widely considered as an oasis of peace surrounded by turmoil, the country has not escaped the consequences of regional war, conflict, and occupation.

Jordan's resource crisis has been exacerbated by Israel's water strategy, which relies on the full exploitation of water resources within and largely beyond its boundaries (Stork, 1983). In 1964, Israel's National Water Carrier began transferring water from the Sea of Galilee to the Negev mainly for irrigation projects (Bleier, 1994), diverting the flow of water from the Jordan River into the Sea of Galilee. This resource appropriation left Jordan and Syria with brackish, saline water, and has substantially affected local agricultural activity. Moreover, the annual fires systematically set by the Zionist occupation annually pose a significant challenge to the agricultural sector in the Jordanian Jordan Valley.

Jordan has long depended on Syrian and Iraqi markets as major export destinations and gateways to European markets. The closures of these borders and markets have had dire consequences on agricultural exports.







### The Green Caravan

In light of these pressures on the agricultural sector, APN launched the Green Caravan in 2003 to protect the land and increase national green cover.

The Green Caravan targets vulnerable smallholder farmers across Jordan, who have fallen victim to harsh economic conditions and agricultural policies marked by neglect and marginalization of the agricultural sector.

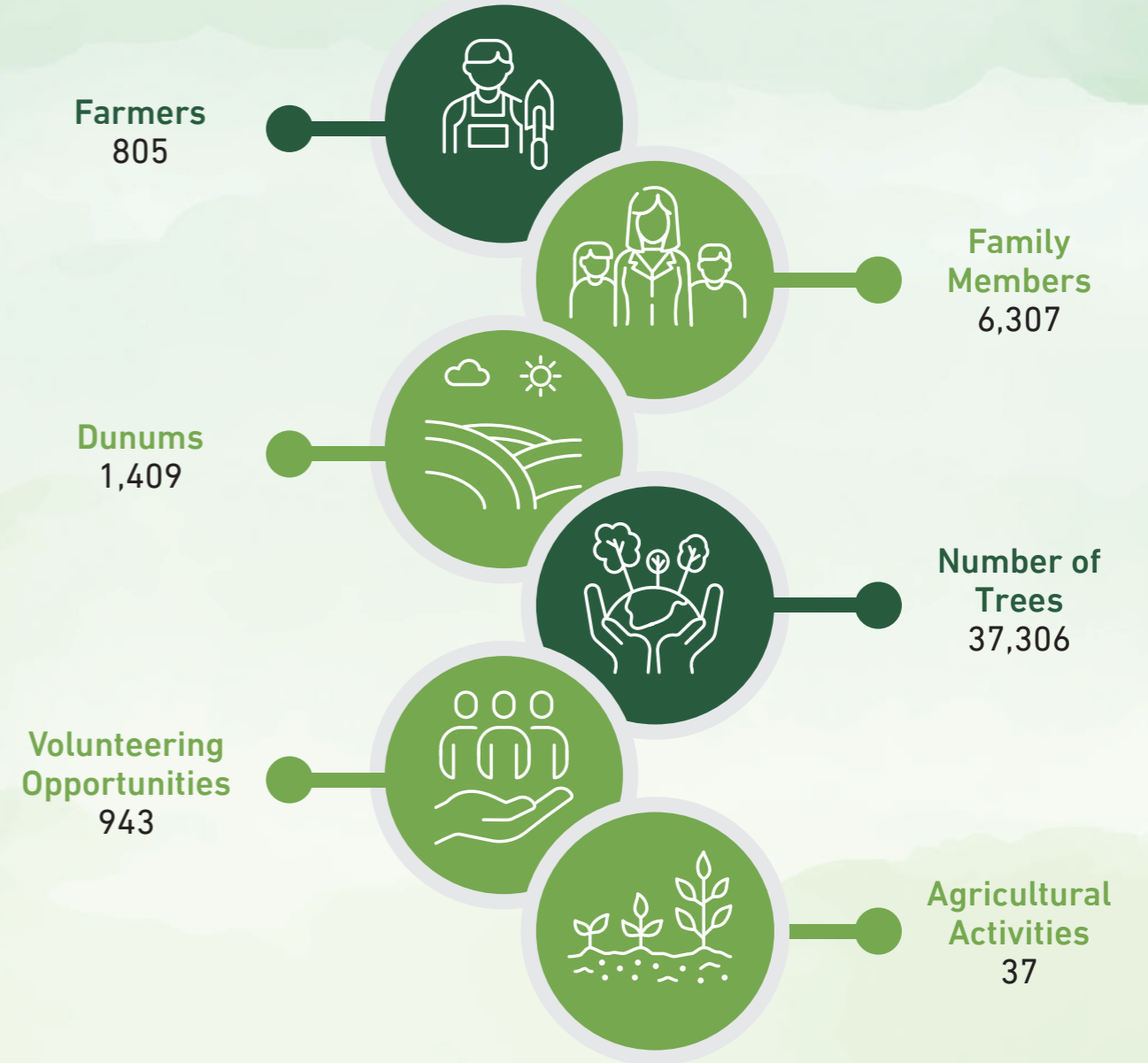
The programme aims to supply Jordanian farmers with fruit trees that bring an additional source of sustainable income. Additionally, the programme aims to enhance food sovereignty, strengthen food security at the national level, and support endeavors to mitigate the impacts of climate change in Jordan.

As such, the programme seeks to reinvigorate the farming culture in Jordan and revive the connection of local communities with their land, encouraging them not to sell them for the benefit of large enterprises that use them for non-agricultural purposes.



# ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE GREEN CARAVAN 2023

The number of trees planted in 2023 as part of the Green Caravan increased by approximately **157%** compared to 2022. The partnership base with farmers expanded by **42%**, while the number of individuals benefiting from tree-planting saw a **103%** jump. Additionally, we successfully increased the cultivated land area by **93%**.





# PROJECTS OF THE GREEN CARAVAN 2023

## As part of the “Trees of Goodness” Project: We Planted Over **16,000 Trees** in Jordan with Great Effort and Determination

To achieve Jordan's food sovereignty, we successfully planted 16,473 fruit-bearing trees, including citrus, stone fruits, grapes, pomegranates, and others during the 2023 agricultural season. These orchards spanned an area of 900 dunums across 6 governorates and benefited 295 farmers who support more than 4,000 individuals.



## The Green Caravan and Gharisoon Initiative Win DHL Award to Plant **3,550 Fruit Trees** in Jordan

The year 2023 witnessed the success of the Gharisoon initiative—an exceptional volunteer-driven project to support the Green Caravan programme. Through this initiative, we planted 3,550 fruit trees across the southern and northern Jordan Valley, Mafraq, and Amman. This effort benefited a total of 47 farmers, supporting over 467 individuals. Additionally, the initiative included the establishment of a school garden at Sweileh Secondary School for Boys and Othman Bin Affan School in the northern Jordan Valley.

It is worth highlighting that the Gharisoon Initiative and APN won an award from DHL, following the submission of a project aimed at planting trees to enhance the economic status of farmers and enhance their living conditions.

## We Planted 2,000 Trees in Partnership with the Housing Bank to Support Farmers in the Northern Jordan Valley and Central Badia

Implemented during the 2023 agricultural season, the first phase of the project included cultivating 1,630 lemon trees in the northern Jordan Valley for the benefit of 5 farmers supporting 25 individuals, the proceeds of which will be an important source of income for families.

As for the second phase, it was carried out in Al Jizah area in the Central Badia. Volunteers from the bank, alongside our team, planted 370 olive trees to support four farmers who opted to remain steadfast on and cultivate their land.



## 1,350 Fruit Trees Planted in Southern Jordan Valley as part of Phase I of the Association Support Fund Grant

The first phase, concluded on 23 November 2023, involved planting 1,350 fruit trees in the Southern Jordan Valley, supporting 11 farmers responsible for the livelihoods of 75 individuals. This endeavor encompassed cultivating around 47.5 dunums of their land with citrus and guava seedlings. Phase two, scheduled to begin in January 2024, will entail the distribution of 8 beehives to local beekeepers.

## APN Gifts 1,112 Trees to the Sport City

APN offered a gift to the Jordanians by planting 1,112 trees to offset what the forest lost in the previous winter storms.

The Green Caravan completed this initiative by planting Jacaranda, Melia Azedarach, Carob trees during the 2022-2023 agricultural season.

## APN Gifts Over 1,000 Trees to 55 Families in Bayader Wadi Al-Seer

Supporting 55 farmers who opted to safeguard their land from urban sprawl in Bayader Wadi Al-Seer, we embarked on an extraordinary endeavor over two phases during the 2023 agricultural season, planting a total of 1,064 fruit trees. In the initial phase, in collaboration with the Asayel Badr Association, we joined forces with the local community to plant 442 trees, benefiting 27 farmers. The subsequent phase saw the planting of 622 fruit trees across the lands of 28 farming families.



## We Planted 1,000 Fruit Trees and Provided 15 Agricultural Families with Irrigation Systems Supported by Zain



Southern Jordan Valley

During Ramadan 2023, we planted and distributed 600 fruit trees, including citrus and guava, to benefit 8 agricultural families supporting more than 40 individuals. Additionally, 4 agricultural families benefited from the distribution of 12,800 meters of drip irrigation systems (GR). These families, comprising 25 individuals, will be able to irrigate their lands optimally, conserving water which is scarce in the summer, and reducing water loss from evaporation by controlling the timing and amount of irrigation.



In the town of Balila in Jerash

On 14 October 2023, together with volunteers from the company, we planted 200 olive, cherry, apricot, peach, and grape trees for nurse Hisham, who decided to invest his free time in revitalizing his orchard.



In Central Badia - South of Amman

On 17 October 2023, together with volunteers from the company, we planted 200 olive and fig trees that can withstand the area's low rainfall. This initiative benefited teachers Jibril and Zaid, who chose to stay on their land instead of migrating to the city, combining their teaching profession in the morning with agriculture in the afternoon, exemplifying a holistic approach to sustainable development.



## Bank al Etihad Supports Planting of 1,000 Fruit Trees Across 4 Governorates

In support of 5 farming families in the Southern and Central Jordan Valley, the local community, alongside bank employees, participated in activities carried out from January to June 2023. The trees planted will provide a sustainable source of income and play a vital role in reducing carbon dioxide emissions by 22 tons annually.



## 900 Trees Cultivated with Support from Jordan Ahli Bank

### In Jerash

On 17 November 2023, within two tree-planting activities in Souf - Jerash, we planted 500 trees including stone fruits, grapes, and peaches, with the participation of 20 volunteers from the bank.



The first activity took place on the land of Abu Sahel, who supports a family of 7, including two who are still in school.

The second activity was completed on the farm of Tawfiq and his family. Considering that 4 of his children are currently unemployed, these trees will serve as a sustainable source of income for the family.



### In Southern Jordan Valley

On February 28, 2023, we planted a variety of 400 fruit trees, including citrus and guava for two agricultural families consisting of 12 members. The tree-planting activity was supported by 60 volunteer students from the local area, in collaboration with Al Numeira Environmental Association.

Present at the event were the CEO/General Manager of the bank, Dr. Ahmad Al Hussein, APN Chairperson Razan Zuayter, APN Agricultural Advisor Hassan Al Jaajaa, and APN Project Manager Mohammad Qtaishat. Farmer Zaid Al-Huwail handed us an honorary plaque.

## 600 Trees Planted to Offset Carbon Emissions of Fourth Amman International Film Festival

Implemented during the 2023 agricultural season, the activity aimed to foster the connection between art and agriculture, and concurrently offset the carbon emissions generated by the festival's activities. It is worth mentioning that, across three editions of the festival, this partnership has led to the planting of 1,633 trees, contributing to the festival's commitment to environmental sustainability, promoting sustainable development, and fostering ecological balance.



## 500 Trees Planted in Al-Amariyah Provide Oxygen for 1,000 People in Partnership with MetLife

The activity was successfully carried out on 12 June 2023, with the involvement of company employees. The planted trees will aid in absorbing an average of 11 tons of carbon dioxide annually and will supply oxygen to around 1,000 individuals, in addition to providing economic returns for the local community.



## We Cultivated 500 Trees with Support from Jordan Kuwait Bank

This activity was completed on 14 June 2023 in Kufranjah - Ajloun Governorate, specifically at Dar Ne'meh Cottage, affiliated with the Princess Taghreed Foundation for Development and Training. It was attended by the CEO of the bank, Mr. Haitham Al Batikhi, Dr. Aghadir Jouihan, Director of the Foundation, and APN Chairperson Razan Zuayter.



## We Planted 500 Trees in Partnership with Bank of Jordan

The olive seedlings, resistant to diseases and pests, and capable of withstanding dry conditions and water scarcity, along with grape and stone fruits seedlings, covered an area of 12 dunums belonging to two families totaling 15 individuals in the Al-Amiriyah area, south of Amman. More than 40 volunteers from the bank's employees participated in the activity, which was completed on 3 July 2023.



## We Planted 300 Fruit Trees in Ma'an

APN planted 330 fruit trees including olives, grapes, and stone fruits, for the benefit of seven agricultural families in Ma'an on 22 February 2023, a renowned city known as the "Pilgrim City". This activity was carried out in line with the natural characteristics of the region, known for its abundant Hijazi and Levantine orchards cultivated with pomegranate, fig, apricot, and various other trees.

## 300 Trees Cultivated in Jordan Valley with Support from the Employees of Jordan Central Bank

On 18 March 2023, we planted 330 fruit trees in the land belonging to two agricultural families from Gawr as-Safi - Jordan Valley, comprising a total of 16 individuals. The proceeds from the planted citrus and guava trees will contribute to improving their economic situation and land rehabilitation. Fifty bank employees participated in the activity under the supervision of the bank's "Local Community Support" committee.



## We Cultivated 250 Plum Trees Sponsored by Tesco

In a gesture of support for a family of nine residing on a four-dunum plot, 40 employees from the company, in partnership with the Souf's Nashmiyat Association, came together on 7 October 2023 to conduct this project. Present at the event were Hala Darwazeh, Talal Al-Hayek, and George Abdel-Massih, as well as APN General Manager, Mariam Al Jaajaa, and APN Projects Manager, Mohammad Qtaishat.



## Students from American Community School (ACS) Plant 220 Trees

These activities took place in Al Hussein Youth City - Sports City and the village of Bayyudah in As-Salt, spanning from 3<sup>rd</sup> March to 16-17 May 2023. Over 120 students from the school contributed to these activities. These agricultural activities were complemented by educational lectures presented as part of our "If Only You Knew" campaign for students ranging from fifth to eleventh grade.



## We Planted 200 Trees with the Hussein Cancer Foundation

The activity took place on 20 September 2023, on a land in Al-Amiriyah area, south of Amman, as part of the campaign launched by the foundation. It was attended by Rana Al Ghafari, Head of Advocacy and Government Affairs at the Foundation, Mariam Al Jaajaa, APN General Manager, along with several media personalities, influencers, and volunteers.



## We Planted 200 trees in Commemoration of Arbor Day in Collaboration with Middle East Insurance

Jacaranda, Carob, and Melia azedarach trees were planted in Al Hussein Youth City - Sports City to compensate for the trees we lost during previous snowstorms. The activity was carried out on 15 January 2023 in the presence of the company's General Manager Majed Smairat, Mariam Al Jaajaa, APN General Manager, Mohammad Qtaishat, APN Project Manager, and 20 employees from the company.



## 200 Olives Trees Cultivated with Support from Capital Bank

We completed this activity on 13 June 2023, in the Al Jizah area, south of Amman, with the participation of employees from the bank. The aim was to achieve genuine sustainable development, protect the area's environment, and support farmers seeking to sustain their livelihoods and provide for their families.



## We Cultivated 200 Trees in Partnership with New English School

On 28 October 2023, 60 high school students from the New English School joined Aus on a trip to Al Jizah in Central Badia to plant olives, stone fruits, and grapes trees. Among these, 150 trees were dedicated to farmer Alaa, who remained dedicated to his land, utilizing it to secure extra income for his family of six. The students planted an additional 50 trees for the benefit of Al Zamila Secondary School for Boys. This not only aimed to enhance the school's healthy environment but also support the fund for underprivileged students at the school.



## We Planted 200 Fruit with Support from Cedar Maritime Agencies

On 17 May 2023, we implemented the activity for three families in the Al-Amiriyah area of Al Jizah, located south of Amman. These families were facing difficult circumstances, and their lands had been neglected for an extended period. The seedlings planted included stone fruits and local olive trees, which are resilient to pests and climate change.



## We Cultivated 200 Local Olive Trees with Support from PwC

On 3 May 2023, we completed the tree-planting activity with the participation of 50 volunteers from the company and local residents in Al-Amiriyah. This initiative aimed to boost the economic income of one of the farmers by utilizing his land.



## 200 Trees Planted in As-Subayhi with Support from Estarta Solutions

On 18 April 2023, in commemoration of Earth Day, we conducted this activity in Bayyudah - As-Subayhi in As-Salt. The planted trees, which included citrus, stone fruits, grapes, apples, and figs, were cultivated over an area of 7 dunums



## Al Hussein Technical University (HTU) Plants 120 Trees

On 25 February 2023, we planted Jacaranda trees to replace those damaged by snowstorms in the forest of Al-Hussein Youth City – Sports City. This was done with the participation of students from Al-Hussein Technical University.



## We Planted 115 Fruit Trees with the Ahliyyah & Mutran Schools

On 12 May 2023, we planted 19 varieties of stone fruits, citrus, olives, and guava in two orchards belonging to two agricultural families in the village of As-Subayhi in As-Salt. The activity was supported by the families of elementary school students from the Ahliyyah and Mutran Schools and carried out in collaboration with Al-Balqa Innovation Association, on the occasion of Earth Day.



## We Cultivated 120 Trees Sponsored by Edgo

This activity was completed on 4 March 2023, in commemoration of Arbor Day, with the participation of volunteers from the company's employees and their families, in the forest of Sports City. It was attended by APN Co-Founder and Agricultural Advisor, Hassan Al Jaajaa, and APN Project Manager, Mohammed Qtaishat.



## APN and the International Islamic Charity Organization Plant 100 Trees in Memory of the Late Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah

## We Planted 100 Trees in Netil village in Collaboration with "Leaf a Mark" Initiative

We planted local olive trees in the village located in Al Jizah area south of Amman on 12 June 2023, with the participation of volunteers from the initiative launched by Cairo Amman Bank.

Participating in the event held on 19 December 2023, were several field partners of the organisation in Jordan, along with Jordan's Office Director, Mustafa Al-Awwad, and APN General Manager, Mariam Al Jaajaa.

## We Planted 100 Citris Trees with Support from AFSC

The activity was carried out in March 2023 on the land of an agricultural family from the Jordan Valley, on the sidelines of a Dialogue and Exchange Program organised by AFSC titled "Climate Justice: Bridging the Gaps between Governments and Civil Society in the MENA Region". It involved the participation of 30 attendees from the Arab region.



## We Planted 100 Trees in Ma'an Smart Village's Agricultural Learning Hub

This activity, conducted on 15 October 2023, contributes to the success of this learning hub, which is supervised by the Ma'an Youth Association for the Preservation of the Environment. It serves as a pilot project of an environmental model that can be developed, expanded, and disseminated in the future with the local community.



## We Planted 100 Fruit Trees with Young Climate Justice Ambassadors

On 7 September 2023, we cultivated these trees on a small farmer's land in the town of Souf in Jerash Governorate in collaboration with Friedrich Ebert Foundation. The activity took place on the final day of the training for "Young Climate Justice Ambassadors" from various Arab countries (Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Iraq, Libya, Tunisia, Morocco, Yemen, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Algeria, and Palestine). The training covered topics concerning climate change, climate justice, and strategies for participating in local initiatives while ensuring their sustainability.



## With Our Support, Malak, Jude, and Haya Launch Their First Tree-Planting Campaign

The first tree-planting campaign spearheaded by eighth-grade students Malak Hamoud, Jude Abu Hassan, and Haya Mukhlis from Cambridge Schools proved successful. Despite limited resources, they successfully collected donations to plant 20 Melia azedarach trees. We joined them in planting these trees on 2 May 2023, at Al-Raya Park in East Amman.

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2023**





# ACTIVITIES OF “IF ONLY YOU KNEW” CAMPAIGN

2023

## We Spoke About Green Resistance to the Students of Al-Balqa Applied University at a Workshop Hosted by Fikra Initiative

On 26 December 2023, APN Chairperson and APN Agricultural Advisor were invited to deliver a workshop under the title “Our food between sovereignty and dependence: do we eat what we cultivate?”. This event is part of a series of environmental awareness workshops in universities, organised by Fikra, an initiative launched by ECO Jo, and Contrast BAU. ECO Jo is a platform dedicated to promoting environmental sustainability and fostering a greener generation within Jordanian universities.



## Keynote Speakers at the Opening Ceremony of the 9th Arab Council Conference Hosted by The International Academy (IAA) and Al-Asriyya Schools

In the presence of more than two hundred students and academic figures from the Ministry of Education, as well as public and private schools, APN was invited as a guest of honor and keynote speaker at the opening ceremony of the 9th annual conference of the Arab Council. It was organized by the International Academy School – Amman and Al-Asriyya Schools, under the slogan “Our Unity is Our Future”.

At the end of the speech, we presented a tree that will be planted in Palestine in the conference's name through APN's Million Tree Campaign.



## An Awareness Lecture and Tree-Planting Activity at Al-Hussein Secondary School for Girls in Zarqa Helps Support the Student Fund

On 2 May 2023, Al-Hussein Secondary School for Girls hosted our team to deliver an awareness lecture on food sovereignty and the importance of supporting the environmental and agricultural sectors in Jordan. The lecture was followed by an activity to plant 30 olive trees. The proceeds from these trees will support the student fund.



## Fruitful Collaboration with the Students and Faculty of the American Community School (ACS)

### 1- Panel Discussion With ACS Teachers on Community Service

The Community Engagement Department of the American Community School (ACS) invited us to speak at a special panel discussion as part of the school's teacher training. The aim was to foster a stronger relationship between local civil society organisations and teachers interested in integrating community service into the curriculum to instill values of volunteerism among students.

**General Manager:**

APN offers students an understanding of current environmental and agricultural issues from a local and national perspective that aligns with our priorities. This approach counters the foreign concepts imposed on our countries that ignore the differences between countries and equate those responsible for environmental problems with those affected by them, especially in developing countries. Additionally, one of the key priorities of the "If Only You Knew" campaign is to equip and train students to become future environmental leaders.



### 2- Our Participation in ACS's NGO Fair "From Empathy To Action"

We participated in the NGO Fair hosted by the school on 20 September 2023, under the slogan "From Empathy to Action".



### 3- Enriching Awareness Lectures with ACS Students

On 10 May 2023, a series of virtual awareness lectures were conducted for students in grades five through eleven. The lectures addressed the significance of the agricultural and environmental sectors, and the vital role that tree-planting plays in food sovereignty and conserving the environment.







## Kicking Off Another Year of Collaboration with Cambridge High School



### 1- Our Participation in Cambridge High School's NGO Fair

APN was invited to take part in the first NGO Fair hosted by Cambridge High School on 22 November 2023. Students and teachers had the opportunity to learn about our four programmes that address environmental and agricultural challenges in Jordan, Palestine, and the Arab region.



### 2- Sharing Our Experience at Cambridge High School's Career Day

As part of the Career Day activities at the school on 8 March 2023, we shared our experiences and work in the environmental and agricultural sector with the school's ninth grade students and faculty.



### "If Only You Knew" Continues in Qasr al-Hallabat

On 5 April 2023, our team visited Qasr al-Hallabat Secondary School, which is considered one of the less privileged schools. There, we had a fruitful lecture with tenth-grade students and engaged in a rich discussion about the importance of the environmental and agricultural sector in Jordan. After the lecture, we planted 30 fruit trees, including stone fruits, olives, apples, figs, and pomegranates, with the proceeds going to support the Student Fund.



### Graduates of Amman National School Honor their Teachers by Planting Trees in Palestine

The graduates of 2023 at Amman National School gifted 24 trees to the Million Tree Campaign in Palestine as a heartfelt gesture to the school's educational and administrative staff for their dedicated efforts. Michael Sakab, a graduate, had the honor of presenting the certificate to Mrs. Zuka Taher, the school's principal, at the school's graduation ceremony on 2 June 2023.



We were invited by the school to participate in the 14th Dahnoun festival which was held on 12 May 2023. APN's team gave an overview of its four programmes, and provided the opportunity for students to participate with their families by donating to plant trees in Jordan and Palestine.

## Addressing Environmental Normalization at the 5th Jordan BDS Youth Summer Camp

With great enthusiasm, the boys and girls of the 5th edition of the “Ard” summer camp, organised by Jordan BDS, engaged with us. On 20 July 2023, we delivered a lecture on the importance of agriculture, resisting environmental normalization in Jordan and Palestine, and the significance of food sovereignty. The lecture also addressed environmental crimes committed by the occupation in Jordan and Palestine, including greenwashing, water theft, and deliberate fires on the borders.



## Exploring Environmental Sustainability and Occupation at Two AIESEC Sessions with University Students

We were hosted as keynote speakers by the AIESEC Youth Leadership Development Association on 24-25 November, 2023, where we spoke with a group of Jordanian university students about environmental sustainability and environmental occupation.



## Our Participation in the “Yalla Shabab” Conference at Ahliyyah and Mutran Schools

The Ahliyyah and Mutran Schools invited APN to participate in the annual youth conference “Yalla Shabab” which aims to help students shape their futures and positively influence their communities. Our team delivered a presentation about volunteering and raising awareness through environmental and agricultural campaigns, drawing from the success of APN’s digital campaign, “Trees for Palestine”.



## Effective Community Engagement Explored in Enriching Lecture at Al Bayan School

Sixth, seventh, and eighth-grade students at Al Bayan School enthusiastically participated in APN’s lecture. The session delved into environmental and agricultural issues in the Arab region, particularly in Jordan and Palestine, shedding light on their impact on our daily lives and culture.

Later, on 19 December 2023, the school invited our team for a discussion session with the students of the environmental committee and their supervisors to talk about establishing a sustainable environmental club at the school.





## Together We Learn, APN Lectures at Al Fiker Al Tarbawi Schools

Our lecture with the seventh-grade students on 24 September 2023 proved to be an inspiring event. The students and their teachers learned about the importance of eating what we grow and how the agricultural sector plays a crucial role in our food sovereignty and environmental conservation.



## Fostering Environmental Responsibility Among Second Graders at the Modern American School

In an engaging and informative awareness lecture on 27 November 2023, second-grade students at the Modern American School were introduced to the vital significance of trees, agriculture, and the environment. The session also raised awareness about the importance of fostering environmental responsibility.

## An Outdoor Lecture and Tree-Planting Activity in Hanifiyyah Elementary School - Al-Muwaqqar

We conducted a lecture on 9 April 2023 at the school, considered one of the marginalized schools in East Amman, in support of the school's environment. We concluded our visit by planting 15 Melia azedarach trees to provide a healthy school environment for the students given that those trees will provide shadow, expel insects, and purify the air from dust.



# Awareness and Mobilisation 2023



## We Launched the First-Ever International Digital Campaign “Trees for Palestine” in Partnership with 50 International Organisations and Media Partners

On 13 March 2023, we launched the first-ever international digital campaign “Trees for Palestine” under the hashtags: #أشجار فلسطين and #TreesforPalestine. This campaign is unique as it enriches content about the Palestinian environmental and agricultural sectors with diverse visual, audio, and written materials. Following months of extensive research, the campaign material was developed in collaboration with local designers, experts, and partners from around the world.

The campaign material, which was posted on social media platforms over several weeks, included multilingual awareness posts that highlight the crimes perpetrated by the occupation against the Palestinian environmental and agricultural sector targeting planted trees, and called for their replanting. The campaign also featured short films, including the main campaign film, and testimonials from farmers.



## Extensive Arabic Media Coverage

The campaign received wide media attention from the Arab region with around 25 media outlets covering the campaign, including Al Mayadeen Channel, Roya TV, Al-Mamlaka TV, Kuwaiti newspaper Al-Qabas, Lebanese newspaper Al-Akhbar, Jordanian newspapers Alghad and Ad-Dustour, The Jordan Times, Palestinian News and Information Agency-WAFA, and radio stations Husna FM, Mazaj FM, and Mood FM.

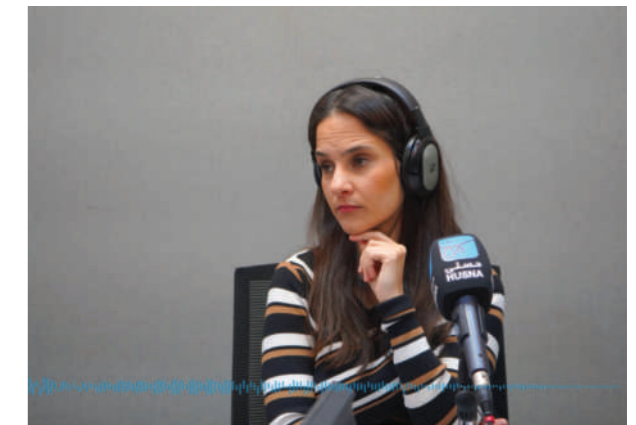
The coverage varied between in-depth news reports and interviews on TV channels, radio stations, and daily newspapers (both electronic and print versions), in addition to being featured on various news websites. Additionally, APN took part in both Arabic and English live social media broadcasts to highlight the goals of the campaign.



APN Vice Chairperson spoke about the campaign on Mood FM



Chairperson hosted by Al Mayadeen on the campaign's launch day



General Manager talked about the campaign's importance on Husna FM

## Success of the “Plant Your Resilience” Campaign: 34,000 Fruit Trees from the People of Jordan to Palestine

Our “Plant Your Resilience” campaign achieved great success in its fifth season. Through open broadcasts on Jordanian Husna FM, Jordanians generously responded to the call, donating over 170,000 Jordanian dinars. This funding supported the planting of 34,000 fruit trees in villages around Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip, covering an area of up to 850 dunums. These lands are at risk of confiscation if not cultivated, including areas that were bombed and bulldozed in Gaza, as well as liberated lands after the Zionist withdrawal from the Strip in 2005.

The launch of the campaign’s newest season comes following its successes during the past four seasons, supporting 1,481 Palestinian farmers that support 9,128 individuals. The campaigns also protected 4,316 dunums threatened with confiscation after planting 105,517 trees of different species and digging 24 water collection wells.



## A Digital Awareness Campaign to Expose the Crimes Against Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank

As a green resistance movement, we worked tirelessly since the beginning of the aggression on Gaza on 7 October 2023 to expose the reality of Zionist crimes against its people, with a particular focus on the use of food as a weapon. This was achieved through a series of publications in both Arabic and English. The posts also exposed the hidden harvest war in the West Bank.



## Our Participation as a Keynote Speaker at the European Palestinians Conference in Sweden Attended by 15,000 People

APN was invited to participate in the 20th session of the European Palestinians Conference on 27 May 2023, under the slogan "75 Years and We Will Return", in the presence of 15,000 people. The conference aims to serve as a platform for bringing together Palestinians in Europe, with the goal of preserving Palestinian identity and protecting the Palestinian cause from fading away.

During the general session of the conference, Al Jaajaa delivered a keynote speech on the main stage, highlighting the goals, significance, and achievements of the Million Tree Campaign in Palestine over the past two decades.



APN also set up a booth to showcase its activities and organised an informative workshop about the Million Tree Campaign in Palestine.

On the sidelines of the conference, we conducted a productive tour in Sweden, where we held important meetings with Arab and international figures supporting the Palestinian cause in various cities, as part of expanding the network of supporters for our programmes.

In Stockholm, we met with journalist Donald Boström who documented in a book the Palestinian struggles with the occupation. Furthermore, he published an article that addressed the organ theft from Palestinian martyrs by the Israeli army, with the organs purportedly being sold to human organ trafficking agencies in New Jersey. This incident caused a significant international scandal for Israel.

Additionally, APN General Manager met with the Swedish historian and scholar of comparative religion, Matthias Gardell, who was one of the passengers on the Mavi Marmara ship. The ship was attacked by the Israeli occupation forces before reaching Gaza to break the blockade on the region.

In another meeting, she met with the musician, composer, and political activist, Donald Droufier.

In the city of Uppsala, APN's team held several meetings, including with Palestinian activist Fayeq Saleh, President of the Palestinian People's Association. They also met with Swedish politician Janeth Ekanila Diaz, a former member of the Swedish Parliament and the Chairperson of "Ship to Gaza". Lastly, they held a meeting with former Swedish parliamentarian Torbjörn Bjurling, who was also aboard one of the ships attempting to break the blockade imposed on Gaza.

In Malmö, we met with the Swedish anti-Zionist writer Bernt Hermele, author of first book about the Palestinian Nakba in the Swedish language.



On another note, APN's team met with representatives from the Justice Center and the organisation Nordisk Hjälp (Nordic Aid).

## Key Moments from Our Participation in the Events of the International League of Peoples' Struggles (ILPS)

### 1- Zuayter Delivers a Strong Message during ILPS International Solidarity Forum for Gaza

APN Chairperson, who also serves as PCFS Global Co-Chair, Razan Zuayter, was a speaker at the online forum "Voices of Resistance: Stop the Genocide, organised by ILPS on 14 November 2023".

International solidarity including protests, boycotts, and media campaigns are an integral part of resistance, which has been deeply valued by Palestinians all over the world.

Chairperson Razan Zuayter



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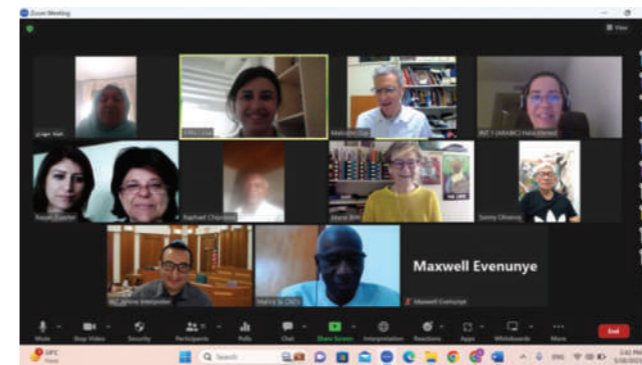
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### 2- Addressing the Conflict in Sudan during ILPS's Dialogue

ILPS organised a dialogue session on 18 May 2023 to discuss the situation in Sudan in response to a request made by APN. APN Media Coordinator provided an overview of the roots of the conflict related to land ownership history, particularly during the colonial era and subsequent successive governments. Former Sudanese parliamentarian and political and social activist, Abla Mahdi, provided insights into the ongoing situation, highlighting the transgressions and violations taking place on the ground. She emphasized the deepening crisis driven by international actors the purpose of seizing Sudan's valuable resources.

We facilitated the session which was attended by ILPS Vice President, Malcolm Jay, and ILPS Regional Coordinator, Sony Oliveira. Additionally, members of ILPS-Africa were also in attendance. Zuayter called for an end to the shedding of Sudanese blood, preserving the unity of Sudan's territorial integrity, and halting its as a battleground for foreign interests.

### 3- Our Contribution to ILPS's Statement to Lift the Sanctions on Syria

As a member of the executive board of ILPS, we supported the statement of solidarity issued by Working Group for Africa and West Asia in the wake of the earthquake which struck Syria and Turkey causing the death of thousands of people.

The statement stressed that the punitive Caesar's Law imposed on Syria has weakened the capacity of the Syrian people to rebuild and fortify itself against natural disasters such as earthquakes, particularly in the aftermath of the destruction caused by years of war.

The statement called for an end to collective punishment against Syrians and for the unobstructed delivery of genuine aid and emergency relief to all disaster-stricken individuals without discrimination.





## Shared Struggles of Apartheid and Discrimination, We Participated in the Global Convention of Solidarity with Palestine in South Africa

In commemoration of the 10th anniversary since the passing of former South African President Nelson Mandela, APN Chairperson and APN Agricultural Advisor participated in the fifth Global Convention of Solidarity with Palestine, titled "Nelson Mandela & Palestine: Confront Racism till Liberation".

The conference, co-hosted by the Global Campaign for Return to Palestine, began with a welcoming speech from Mandela's grandson, Nkosi Zwelivelile Mandela, a member of the South Africa National Assembly, who affirmed his grandfather's statement that "our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of the Palestinians".

APN Chairperson was tasked with chairing the first committee titled "Civil Society, Public Opinion, and Palestine". In this capacity, she led discussions on the ways in which grassroots movements, advocacy

groups, and public opinion play pivotal roles in shaping policies, increasing awareness, and influencing global perspectives regarding the Palestinian struggle.

APN Agricultural Advisor made valuable contributions by emphasizing the importance of perseverance in inflicting meaningful change, highlighting that the impact of collective efforts and determination is cumulative over time. In conclusion, he affirmed that solidarity is essential, stressing that our struggle is one, and the tools at our disposal are highly significant if effectively utilized.



## Our Address at the International Peasant Movements' Solidarity Conference Hosted by APC

The Asian Peasant Coalition (APC) invited APN Agricultural Advisor, to address the International Peasant Movements' Solidarity Conference on 23 November 2023. During the first panel titled "Issues and Challenges Faces Peasant Movements", Al Jaajaa shed light on the aggression war targeting Palestinian farmers in the West Bank and Gaza.

He emphasized that the current Zionist genocide unfolding in Palestine is the most severe since the beginning of the last century, targeting all Palestinians



who are predominantly peasants relying on what they cultivate and produce for their livelihoods. He urged conference participants to build strong revolutionary fronts, capable of following strategic road maps aimed at creating a world where everyone can live with dignity and freedom.



## The 32<sup>nd</sup> Arab National Conference Adopts the Million Tree Campaign in Palestine

We participated in the 32<sup>nd</sup> Arab National Conference titled "Jenin Session", in the presence of its Secretary-General Hamdeen Sabahi, which was held in Beirut on 30-31 July 2023. The conference adopted the Million Tree Campaign, the green resistance movement we launched in Palestine.

During the conference sessions, APN Chairperson highlighted that food sovereignty and support for agriculture and farmers are key conditions for Arab economic integration. She called for the formation of a committee to support agricultural initiatives and food sovereignty in the Arab region, with the aim of influencing policies.

## Kuwait's “Long Live the Olive Tree” Solidarity Evening Supports Olive Cultivation in Palestine

In commemoration of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the LOYAC Foundation and the LOYAC Academy of Performing Arts (LAPA) held a charitable event on 29 November 2023 that allocated the proceeds to support our Million Tree Campaign in Palestine.

In her opening address, Ms. Fareah Al Saqqaf, LOYAC Chairperson and Managing Director of the Academy, reflected on the significance of “the olive tree as a symbol of the deep-rooted connection of the Palestinian people to their ancient history and sacred land, the land of peace and the cradle of monotheistic religions”. APN Chairperson delivered a recorded speech, greeting Kuwaitis and all those who chose to resist injustice and occupation. After the events of October 7th, a new page was turned in history, and now there are two inevitable choices: either to stand with genocide and colonization or stand with the resistance against injustice using all means and methods.



The event featured an auction of olive trees, with the generated proceeds allocated to planting of over 4,200 trees in Gaza.



## Unveiling the Root of Israeli Occupation at the Pakistani PKMT 16th General Assembly

APN Co-Founder and Agricultural Advisor was invited to address the 16th General Assembly of the Pakistan Kissan Mazdoor Tehreek (PKMT) held on 4 November 2023, concerning the ongoing Israeli aggression on Gaza, Palestine.

He spoke about the centennial historical context of the Israeli occupation in Palestine to understand the implications of events and their connection to the present. He emphasized the resilience of Palestinians and urged participants to support the Palestinian cause, highlighting that it is not only a just cause but also a right and a collective duty.



## Addressing Israeli Settler-Colonialism at an International Solidarity Forum

The International Migrants Alliance – Indonesia invited APN Co-Founder and Agricultural Advisor to speak at a virtual international solidarity forum titled “Understanding Israeli Settler-Colonialism in Palestine and the Roots of US Imperialism in the Arab Region”, on 18 October 2023.

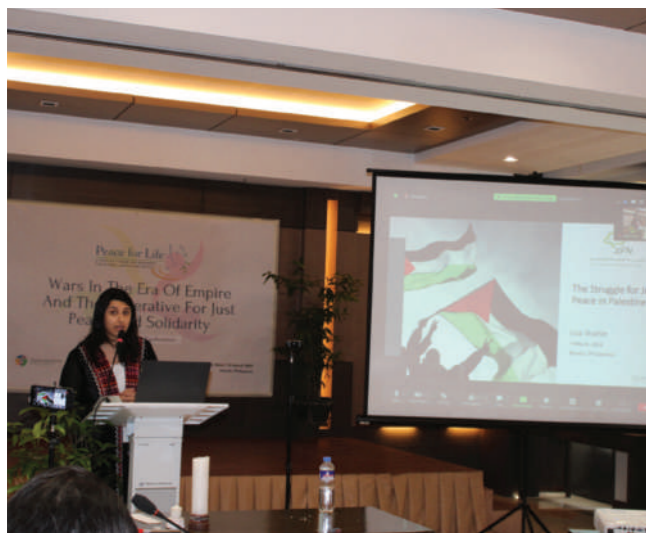
During his speech, Al Jaajaa presented a brief history of Israeli settler-colonialism by quoting the words of famous Zionist leaders used to describe Palestinians and what it takes to establish a Zionist Israeli state. He stated that plans to establish a foreign body in the Arab region were formulated as far back as 1907, with the objective of preventing any form of Arab unity and keeping it under the control of imperialist states. This policy continued destroying many countries over the past decade including Libya, Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Yemen, and Sudan.



## We Spoke about Green Resistance at the Peace for Life Conference in Manila

The People's Forum on Peace for Life (PFL) invited us to speak at its conference titled "Wars in the Era of Empire and the Imperative for Just Peace and Solidarity", held on 8 March 2023 in Manila, Philippines. The conference brought together individuals and grassroots movements from around the world to strengthen international solidarity in the fight for a just peace.

APN Research and Advocacy Officer delivered a presentation addressing the struggle for just peace in Palestine by reviewing the history of the British mandate and colonialism, followed by the Zionist occupation of Palestine. She also exposed the systematic Israeli campaign to confiscate Palestinian lands through waging an agricultural war against the Palestinians.



## We Presented an Honorary Shield to Gandhi's Grandson at the "International Forum of Ambassadors of Return to Palestine" in Lebanon

We were invited to participate in the "International Forum of Ambassadors of Return to Palestine" held in Lebanon between 18 - 30 May 2023. Organised by the Global Campaign to Return to Palestine, the conference was attended by political, cultural, and artistic figures from more than 24 countries around the world.

The forum held several dialogue sessions under various themes, including "Challenges and Prospects of Solidarity Work with Palestine". The sessions concluded with an honorary ceremony for the ambassadors, where the campaign awarded them the title of Ambassadors for the Return to Palestine, including Mandela Mandela (grandson of the renowned activist Nelson Mandela), Hafidh Derradji (Algerian sports journalist), Manu Pineda (Member of the European Parliament), Tushar Gandhi, Aleida Che Guevara (daughter of the revolutionary Che Guevara and global political activist), Ghassan bin Jiddo (Tunisian journalist), Mu'in Sharif, and Hussein Al Akraf (poet and singer).

## We Contributed to CSIPM's Statement for Unhindered and Indiscriminate Aid to Earthquake Victims in Turkey and Syria

The Civil Society and Indigenous Peoples Mechanism (CSIPM), affiliated with the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), issued a statement in which it expressed complete solidarity with all the people of Turkey and Syria as a result of the destructive earthquake.

We successfully included in the statement that efforts to address the effects of the natural disasters had been hindered due to the sanctions and restrictions imposed on Syria, causing a delay in the arrival of aid, rescue teams and equipment, and hence an increase in the loss of life.



## APN Hosted by the Ambassador of Venezuela

We were hosted by the Venezuelan Ambassador to Jordan, His Excellency Omar Vielma Osuna, in February 2023. He listened to a summary of our programmes, and we emphasized the importance of solidarity among countries affected by manufactured food crises, especially in our Arab region. Ambassador Osuna expressed interest in our efforts to support small farmers and advocate for food sovereignty. He mentioned his intention to invite our team to visit Caracas and noted Venezuela's interest in expanding cooperation with Arab and Islamic countries, a priority for President Nicolás Maduro.

## PCFS Condemns Israel's Incursion in Jenin and Demands Accountability for the Occupation's Crimes

On 8 June 2023, the People's Coalition on Food Sovereignty (PCFS), which APN Chairperson serves as its Co-Chair, condemned Israel for its two-day large-scale incursion in Jenin City, which left 12 youths dead, 143 injured, and 4000 displaced.

## An introductory Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Arab International Investor Forum (AIIF)

APN Chairperson and Founder of the Arab Network for Food Sovereignty attended an introductory meeting organised by the Arab International Investor Forum (AIIF) on 14 February 2023 in Amman for its new Board of Trustees, at the invitation of the secretary general of the Forum Mr. Nadhim Mohammad Al-Sabah.

During her intervention, she highlighted the need for a responsible, just, and sustainable economy and investments that serve the public interest. She also emphasized that strengthening food sovereignty extends beyond the national context and requires a broader perspective on the Arab region as a whole.



## A New Memorandum of Understanding with ArabiaWeather

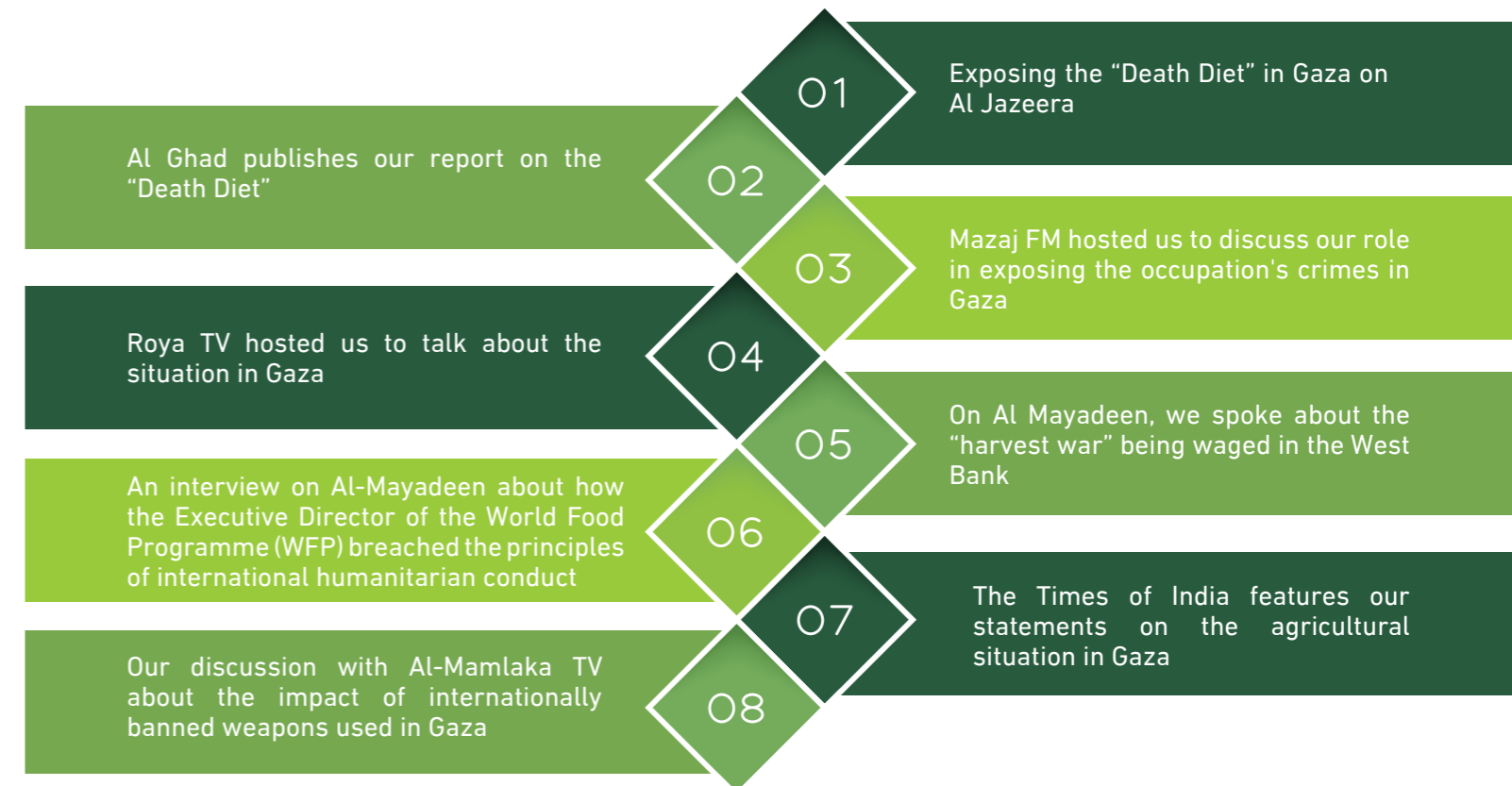
In March 2023, we entered into a new memorandum of understanding and joint marketing agreement with the Arab Weather Company, attended by its General Manager, Fares Shaaban, and APN General Manager, Mariam Al Jaajaa.

## Media Coverage

More than 76 media networks and platforms, including visual, audio, and written media, both globally and locally in Jordan and Palestine, covered our activities across our four programmes in Arabic, English, Spanish, and French. We were invited to discuss topics concerning food, agriculture, and the environment in the Arab region, particularly in Jordan and Palestine, highlighting the impact of occupation and ongoing crises on these critical sectors.

## Intensive Media Spotlight Since the Start of the Aggression on Gaza

Since the onset of the aggression on Gaza, we have mobilised to expose the truth about the occupation's crimes against our people, examining Gaza's food crisis before and after the recent aggression, and particularly addressing the weaponisation of food. We have also brought attention to the starvation tactics implemented by the occupation in the West Bank.



## Our Statement at an International Press Conference on Palestine with Over 90 Journalists and Writers in Attendance

In the press conference titled “Unheard Palestine”, organised by A Growing Culture on 6 November 2023 and attended by over 90 journalists and writers, APN General Manager provided forthright responses regarding the unfolding genocide in Gaza. Addressing the roots of the food crisis in Gaza, she emphasized that the ongoing genocide manifests through tactics of starvation and dehydration. She proceeded to discuss the prevailing narratives that have been strategically crafted to manufacture consent for this genocide, overcoming ethical impediments to mass extermination.

She urged the attending journalists not to perpetuate false narratives but instead to serve as independent voices that debunk unverified news and propaganda. She implored them to shed light on the stories of the Palestinians who have been lost, emphasizing the importance of addressing the root causes of the ongoing struggle—namely, 100 years of apartheid and colonialism. She cautioned against the double standards of the West, asserting that history will document the hypocrisy and silence of those complicit in the genocide of Palestinians.



## Our Statements to 'The New Arab' on the Water Conflict Between Jordan and the Israeli Occupation

The newspaper published a report on 21 December 2023, prepared by journalist Philippe Pernot, following an interview with APN General Manager.



## Mongabay Report Cites Our Work

The platform, which covers 70 countries through 800 reporters, published a report on 30 November 2023, about settler attacks on Palestinian olive trees. The report referenced our work in Palestine through the Million Trees Campaign.





## En Cisjordanie, les colons israéliens pillent les cultivateurs d'olives

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Colons et soldats israéliens décuplent leurs raids contre les agriculteurs palestiniens depuis l'attaque du Hamas. Ils s'en prennent aux olives, dont la récolte est cruciale pour l'économie et l'identité palestinienne. [English translation at the end]

« Nous sommes attaqués par des colons et des soldats, je vous écris quand je rentre chez moi. » Reporterre a reçu ce message de Ghassan al-Najjar samedi 18 novembre, peu avant l'entretien téléphonique que nous avions prévu. Quelques minutes plus tard, l'agriculteur palestinien de 34 ans nous a envoyé une vidéo tremblante, filmée de loin. On y voit des personnes armées, en uniforme, qui chargent de grands sacs en toile blanche dans un pick-up sur lequel brille un gyrophare.

La scène se déroule dans ses champs d'oliviers, près de Naplouse, en Cisjordanie occupée. « Ils nous ont fait s'asseoir dans l'herbe, nous ont volé 8 récolteuses, qui coûtent 4 000 dollars chacune, et environ 250 kg d'olives destinées à faire de l'huile, d'une valeur de plus de 2 000 dollars », dit-il. « Mais nous allons bien, grâce à Dieu », finit-il par soupirer d'un air las.

### 250 attaques en Cisjordanie

Ghassan al-Najjar a l'habitude. Burin, son village perché sur des collines arables, est pris en étau entre trois colonies israéliennes. Depuis des décennies, il est régulièrement la cible d'attaques, de confiscations et de destructions. Mais depuis l'opération « Déluge d'al-Aqsa » du Hamas, qui a fait 1 200 morts en Israël, les actes de vengeance des colons et soldats contre les Palestiniens sont en hausse constante.

## Independent Journalist Philippe Pernet Interviews Us in Palestine

His report, published in French on 29 November 2023, addressed Israeli violations in the agricultural sector in the West Bank following his meeting with APN's representative in Palestine.

## Discussing Food Loss and Waste on Al-Mayadeen TV

Correspondent Mohammed Faraj hosted APN Chairperson on Al-Mayadeen TV on 29 March 2023, to discuss the cultural and economic dimensions of food waste and its relation to climate issues.



## Al-Mamlaka TV Features Our Million Tree Campaign

Aired on 15 December 2023, as part of "Sabah Al-Mamlaka" programme, the channel featured APN Chairperson discussing the campaign's role in replanting trees uprooted by the occupation.



## How Does Climate Change Affect Our Food Systems?

On 29 August 2023, on Al Mayadeen, our agricultural advisor spoke about how climate change affects the Arab region and the world. He emphasized how it poses a serious threat to the agricultural sector and its implications for food security, social conditions, and political stability.

## Opinion Articles by APN Chairperson

**Sudan in the Heart:** Internal conflict is a crime perpetrated by those who incite it and, more importantly, by those who fall into its trap”, published on 26 June 2023.

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