



Operational Report

Concerning the Overall Programmes of the Palestinian Peace Coalition-
Geneva Initiative 2024

Executive Summary

The Palestinian Peace Coalition “PPC” successfully implement a wide range of activities in 2024 under the projects titled **“Two-State Coalition, Policy Engagement & Constructive Exposure for Palestinian Youth, Empowering Women as Two-State Advocates, Trilateral Female Leadership, Promoting Reconciliation through Media & Peace@Home ”**, which were supported by the EU, USAID, Sweden (Olof Plame Center), Netherlands and SHARE Stiftung.

In 2024, PPC-GI implemented more than 130 activities which reached to 2650 Participants, 1420 females and 1230 males in the West Bank & E. Jerusalem. Following October 7, 2023 and the war in Gaza, PPC halted all operations in the Gaza Strip. At the level of decision makers and opinion shapers, PPC-GI engaged over the year with more than 100 decision makers and opinion shapers who contribute to setting the political agenda in Palestine, including members of the PLO Executive Committee, members of Fatah Central Committee and other political factions, current and former members of the Cabinet, members of the Palestinian Negotiations Affairs Department, current and former advisors to President Abbas as well as journalists and op-ed writers. At the international level, PPC along with our Israeli HLEP-GI continued the international advocacy campaign reaching out to several European, American and regional officials. We also implemented approximately 5 grassroots initiatives in cooperation with Palestinian and Israeli members of the Two-State Coalition. Our work in 2024 has been reflected and amplified through several media articles, radio/ TV talk shows and social media posts.

2024 has been characterized by an active role for the PPC towards mobilizing for preserving the two-state solution through networking and coordinating with Palestinian, Israeli, European and regional civil society organizations, as well as with key political stakeholders. ***The challenge of October 7 and the war on Gaza, turned our messages for an end game-settlement based on the two-state vision to become much more relevant, dire and crucial.*** Knowing the challenges for immediate and direct engagement on the realization of the two-state solution despite the launching of the Global Alliance for the Implementation of the Two-State Solution, the PPC pushed mainly for maintaining the conditions on the ground towards keeping the two-state solution attainable and doable in the future.

Projects Highlights - 2024

1- POLICY ENGAGEMENT & CONSTRUCTIVE EXPOSURE - USAID



The Policy Engagement & Constructive Exposure for Palestinian & Israeli Youth program is a 36-month program funded by the USAID designed to mitigate the conflict and promote support for a negotiated settlement to the conflict among Palestinians and Israelis by increasing belief in its viability among the demographic of young leaders. Also, the program aims to include young voices in the peace camp on both sides and to address dangerous trends of increased despair, apathy, and radicalization among youth. Ultimately, the program aims to strengthen conditions for reconciliation and increase public pressure for the resumption of negotiations.

In 2024 the PPC, the Palestinian Peace Coalition implemented (26) activities. This includes (6) local Training Courses, (3) Bilateral Dialogue Meetings, (5) 'Breakout Room' Consultations, (5) Local Preparatory Workshops, (4) joint Palestinian-Israeli Two-Day Seminars in Cyprus, (3) Empowerment Policy Roundtables.

The approximate number of people participating in USAID supported program in 2024 was including **408 Participants (307 females and 101 males)**.

2 - TWO-STATE COALITION - EU

The TSC is funded by the EU and aims “to promote conditions for a negotiated settlement of the conflict; and “to consolidate the efforts of peace oriented CSOs’ towards maintaining the viability of the Two-State Solution”.

In 2024, PPC-GI implemented 46 activities that target 30 civil society organizations aiming to promoting conditions for two-state solutions. The activities included secretariat meetings (internal), language training courses, Secretariat meetings with Palestinian and Israeli stakeholders, local knowledge-building workshops, high level, cross border visits, Awareness-Raising Tours for TSC and Opinion-Shapers, joint international seminar, joint advocacy visit to Stockholm, Brussels and Berlin; Besides the publication of 12 editions of the Two-State Solution Index (TSI).



The Two-State Coalition program for 2024 has been concluded by a joint meeting in Cyprus, Nov. 21-23, with the attendance of some 24 members in addition to EU representatives which included intensive discussions between participating Israeli and Palestinian representatives of the TSC regarding developments on the ground, public opinion, their own organizations’ work on issues related to the two-state solution and current as well as potential future synergies between organizations. During the seminar, EU High Representative for Foreign Policy Joseph Borrell requested to meet the over 30 representatives of Israeli and Palestinian civil society participating. He outlined the principles that must guide supporters of peace, local and international, towards a two-state solution, and encouraged the participants to continue dialogue between the sides despite the pressure and difficulties. This was one of the last speeches that Borrell delivered during his tenure as the highest-ranking diplomat in the European Union. Mr. Borrell’s interest in meeting with the TSC in Cyprus indicates that the reputation of the TSC has at this point been established among high diplomatic levels. The content and timing of the speech, as well as its publication on the official EU website, point to Borrell choosing to establish his legacy and priorities at the end of his service in the forum of a Two-State Coalition seminar.

3-PEACE4Youth -Sweden



In 2024, the PPC implemented 15 main activities contributing to the project which included, 2 Planning/Internal Capacity Building, 3 capacity building seminars, 2 advanced leadership courses, 1 Youth Conference, 4 “meetings with political leaders and opinion shapers”, 1 Joint meetings, 3 follow up Meetings and 2 “international advocacy meeting”. However, each activity of the project helped in preparing the young leaders to take matters into their own hands and be the leaders for change. We reached 150 participants in the Peace for youth project, 90 females and 50 males.

4- EMPOWERING WOMEN AS TWO-STATE SOLUTION ADVOCATES - EU



This project is funded by the EU with the aim to involve women in advocating for the two-state solution by understanding their visions, convening women advisory and focus groups that helps in reaching more women and develop a more holistic view of women towards conflict resolution and support for the two-state solution.

In 2024, we implemented 15 activities including (4) Local introductory workshops, (1) narrative tour and (2) two-days joint meetings in Cyprus, (5) Local training workshop, (4) roundtable with aim to train and building capacity for reconciliation and knowledge building with the ***“Dealing with the Past”*** framework. The project reached directly to 250 female participants.

The target groups have gained the necessary skills and knowledge allowing them to engage in the socio-political sphere in addition to using peaceful means of resolving conflicts. The participants also enjoyed the safe space to express their political views and to hold policy makers accountable while meeting with decision makers.

5- Trilateral Female Leadership Program – USAID funded program



The program aims to create partnerships for peacebuilding advocacy work between influential women in three target populations: Israeli Jews, Arabs with Israeli citizenship, and Palestinians from the West Bank. Direct participant recruitment will focus on women with the potential to impact, or themselves become, important stakeholders in the conflict, with participants drawn from female leaders in civil society, journalism and media, education, political, public service and municipal leadership fields.

In 2024, the PPC implemented 20 activities that included 6 capacity building seminars, 4 local workshops, 4 roundtables with policy makers and opinion shapers, 2 joint meetings, 3 geopolitical tours in the West Bank and 1 women conference in Ramallah. During the year, the program targeted 233 women.

6- Promoting Reconciliation Through Media Discourse – funded by Netherlands



The project aims to offer knowledge and bridge-building opportunities for Palestinian and Israeli media professionals, which will be used to impact public discourse through increased coverage of the issues and solutions in the conflict, exposure to voices and stories on the other side, and constructive changes in tone and terminology. In specific, the project is targeting journalists, analysts, editors, and other traditional as well as social media influencers alongside opinion-shapers. The project aims to increase positive media coverage of the conflict and peace by mobilizing project's participants to report actively and positively. In 2024, PPC implemented 12 activities, including 5 capacity building workshops for journalists, 2 seminars, 4 educational geopolitical tours and 1 joint meeting.

7. Healing from War with Religious Cohorts for Peace

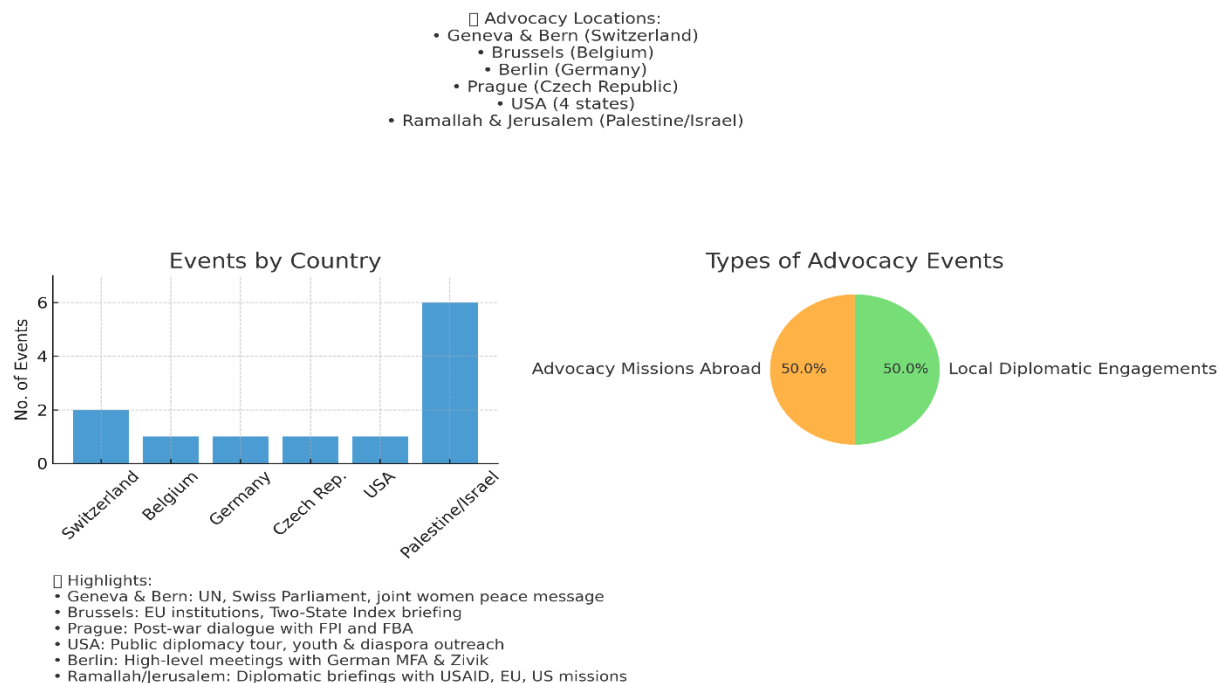
The project allowed a free and flexible venue for learning and interaction amongst youth, women, religious leaders and civil society activities on issues of security, stability, and peace. The conversation as part of the project played a crucial role in shifting the discourse away from despair and zero-sum game perspectives towards peace, reconciliation, and a lasting solution. PPC implemented 6 activities as part of the project including, workshops, seminars, educational tours as well as joint meetings.

INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY

Meetings Abroad

In 2024, the PPC team along with our Israeli partners (HLEP-GI) conducted a series of international advocacy trips to Europe and the United States, including visits to Geneva, Bern, Brussels, Prague, USA, Berlin, Cyprus and Stockholm to meet with international partners as well as representatives of foreign governments and parliamentarians.

PPC 2024 International Advocacy – Summary Infographic

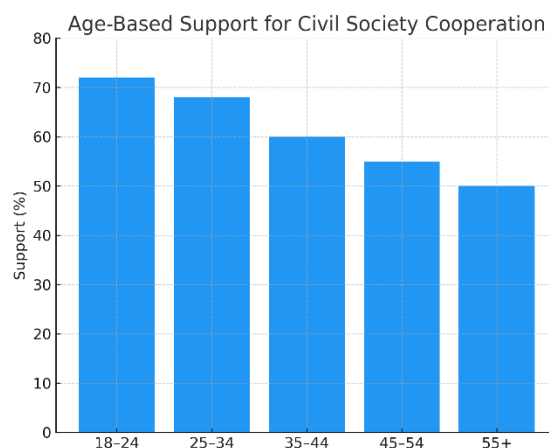
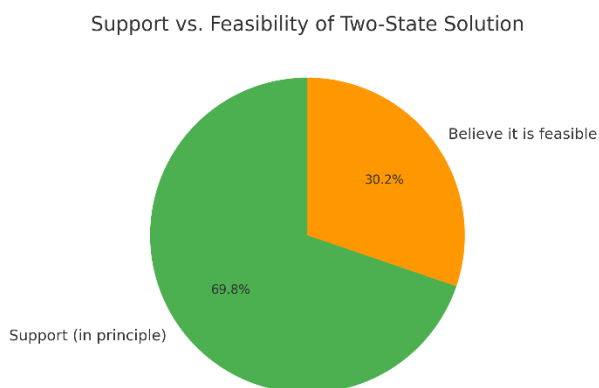


Besides, the **PPC-GI** organized a series of meetings with representatives of the international community in 2024. These meetings aimed for a constructive exchange on the available opportunities, as well as the need for the international community to put more efforts towards the realization of the two-state solution as envisioned in the Geneva Accords. Meetings with foreign diplomats included meeting with the ambassadors and officials from Lithuania, Cyprus, Slovenia, and Malta, meeting with the USAID administrator Mrs. Samantha Power, meeting with Gorge Noll, the US Office of Palestinian Affairs' Chief of Mission, briefing German Deputy head of mission Dr. Anne-Sophie in Ramallah on the efforts as well as meeting with EU representative Alex Stetzman and other international representatives in Jerusalem and Ramallah.

PUBLIC OPINION POLLS

In 2024, PPC-GI has conducted 2 public opinion polls through the Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research. Below are the links to the two polls which were conducted with an EU support.

Two-State Solution: Public Opinion Insights - March 2024



Links:

<https://ppc.org.ps/ar/Article/160/TSC-Public-opinion-poll---The-Two-State-Solution,-the-Gaza-war,-and-the-prospectsfor-reforms-within-the-PA-in-2025>

<https://ppc.org.ps/ar/Article/164/TSC-Public-Opinion-Poll-The-two-state-solution,-the-Gaza-war,-and-the-role-played-by-Iran-since-October-7>

In the Media:

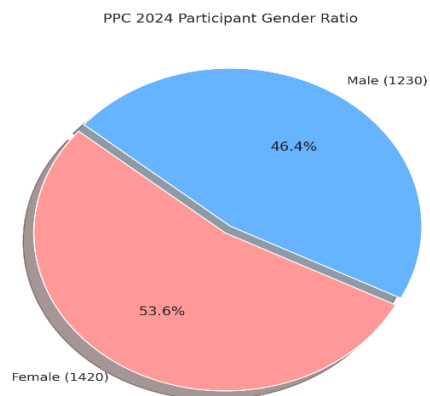
In 2024, the Palestinian Peace Coalition (PPC) significantly enhanced its international media visibility, with coverage spanning major platforms across Europe, the Middle East, Australia, and North America. PPC's Director General, Nidal Foqaha, served as the primary spokesperson, frequently joined by Gadi Baltiansky from HLEP. Together, they advocated for the Geneva Initiative and the Two-State Coalition across diverse media landscapes.

Key engagements included interviews with **Swiss Radio (SRF)**, articles in **Euronews**, **Cyprus Mail**, **El Debate** (Spain), and op-eds in **The Age** and **Sydney Morning Herald** (Australia). PPC was also featured in **The Times of Israel**, **The New York Times**, and official **EU communications**. Topics ranged from the future of the two-state solution post-October 7, regional diplomacy, and the humanitarian situation in Gaza, to the role of civil society in building a peaceful future.

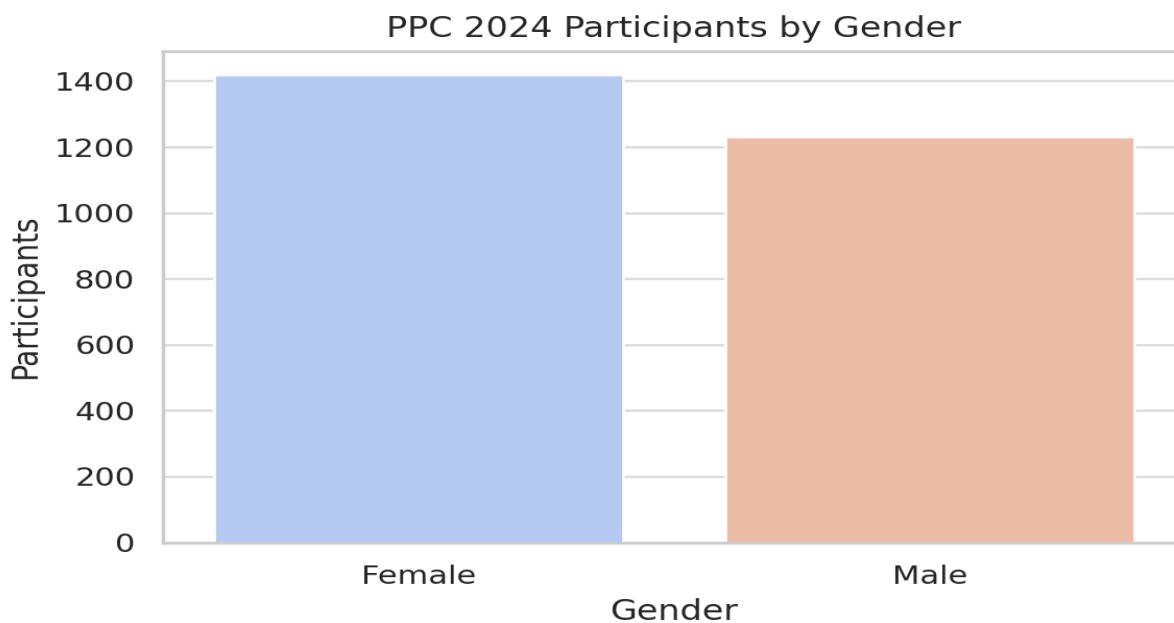
This broad media engagement reflects PPC's growing role as a credible voice in regional peace discourse and public diplomacy.

Gender equality

Gender equality is a core principle of the Palestinian Peace Coalition. Women make up the majority of our staff and account for over 54% of participants in our programs. PPC is committed to empowering women from across Palestine by creating inclusive and safe spaces where all genders can engage in dialogue, express political views, and contribute to shaping a more just and peaceful society.



Our activities frequently include gender-focused discussions and capacity-building sessions on equality and human rights. Through open dialogue and mutual respect, participants are encouraged to challenge harmful stereotypes and cultural norms. One such moment occurred when a male participant voiced a biased opinion about women's role in society. This prompted a powerful exchange, where female participants used dialogue—not confrontation—to shift the conversation and promote understanding. The experience became a learning moment for all involved, exemplifying PPC's approach to transformative, inclusive peacebuilding.



Challenges and Lessons Learned

The Palestinian Peace Coalition's 2024 initiatives were implemented amidst severe geopolitical tension, social division, and digital constraints. Despite these hurdles, PPC successfully adapted through strategic learning and responsive implementation. The following table summarizes the primary challenges encountered and the corresponding lessons learned:

Challenges	Lessons Learned
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Escalating political and security tensions, including the Gaza war and regional violence➤ Deep-rooted mistrust between Palestinians and Israelis limiting dialogue impact➤ Social and cultural restrictions on women's participation in leadership and dialogue➤ Disillusionment and apathy among youth due to prolonged conflict and stagnation➤ Digital divide and reduced access to in-person gatherings during periods of unrest	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Flexible activity planning and rapid adjustments ensured program continuity amid unrest.➤ Built trust gradually through consistent joint engagement and shared experiences.➤ Tailored empowerment approaches respecting local contexts expanded inclusion.➤ Created hopeful, action-oriented spaces to engage youth in meaningful civic roles.➤ Utilized hybrid platforms and local facilitators to sustain community-level engagement.