

Annual report

Partners for Sustainable Development

To

Unique Zan Foundation (UZF)

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Achievements and Program Highlights

This report presents a summary of **Partners for Sustainable Development's (PSD)** key achievements and the impact of its program on beneficiaries, stakeholders, and the broader community during the period **October 2024–October 2025**.

It highlights progress in **emergency response and developmental interventions** implemented in **Gaza and the northern West Bank**, including food distribution, clean water provision, psychosocial support for families, supportive education for children, and women's social and economic development.

While the program was originally designed to strengthen **social and economic resilience**, the ongoing war and genocide in Gaza have required PSD and its partner, the **Unique Zan Foundation (UZF)**, to expand their efforts to include large-scale **emergency and humanitarian interventions**.

In partnership with and through the financial support of **Unique Zan Foundation (UZF)**, PSD responded to urgent needs in Gaza, where famine has reached critical levels and access to fresh food and clean water remains severely limited. Through this collaboration, PSD provided **fresh vegetable packages and water supplies** to displaced families who had lost their homes and belongings.



At the same time, PSD implemented **psychosocial support and well-being sessions**, alongside **supportive and recreational education** for children affected by trauma and displacement.

Our response also extended to the **northern West Bank**, where approximately **60,000 people were displaced** from their homes, often without being able to retrieve their belongings.

To promote sustainable recovery, **40 women** were provided **micro-grants** to start or restart income-generating activities, supplying their local communities with essential goods and services.

In parallel, PSD supported Gaza volunteers with **cash assistance**, enabling them to continue delivering humanitarian and educational services under extremely challenging conditions.

All these interventions reflect PSD's and UZF's **shared strategic vision** to integrate **emergency and humanitarian response** within broader social and economic development frameworks, while strengthening the **capacity of local community-based organizations (CBOs)** to sustain the work beyond the project's life.

Emergency and Humanitarian Response

As the war in Gaza intensified, PSD and UZF prioritized **life-saving assistance** to meet urgent needs for food and clean water.

- **600 families** received **fresh vegetable packages**, ensuring consistent access to nutritious food during months of severe scarcity.
- Families also benefited from **clean water resources**, as PSD secured and maintained water tanks in the displacement areas. Distributions were led by trained local youth and volunteers, ensuring that support reached overcrowded and underserved communities quickly and effectively.



Psychosocial Support and Well-Being

The prolonged violence has taken a deep psychological toll on women, children, and families.

- In **Gaza**, **400 women** participated in **psychosocial support and well-being activities**, including group counseling, stress-relief exercises, and safe-space discussions for mothers and caregivers.
- In the **northern West Bank**, **150 displaced families** joined **group sessions** designed to help parents and adolescents cope with the loss of loved ones, homes, and livelihoods.

These interventions were designed to restore a sense of **safety, belonging, and collective healing**, helping women rebuild self-confidence and hope amid trauma.

“For the first time since displacement, I felt safe enough to talk and breathe again,” shared one mother from Tulkarm Camp.



Supportive and Remedial Education

PSD responded to the disruption of education by establishing **supportive learning and recreational activities** for children who had lost access to schools.

- **450 children** participated in **remedial classes, storytelling, art therapy, and play-based learning** sessions facilitated by local teachers and youth volunteers. These programs helped children **cope with trauma**, rebuild **learning routines**, and regain a **sense of normalcy and joy** amid displacement.



Women's Social and Economic Empowerment

Continuing its core mission, PSD empowered women as agents of recovery and social transformation.

- In the **West Bank**, **200 women** completed **social and economic development programs** that focused on entrepreneurship, cooperative work, and financial literacy. They also participated in life skills training, advocacy workshops, and podcasting to raise their voices and participate in national campaigns advocating for rights and promoting positive change, with around 120 training hours completed for them.
- **20 women** received **micro-grants** to launch or expand small businesses, generating income and supporting their families with dignity.
- In **Gaza**, an additional **20 women** whose facilities were destroyed during the war received **micro-grants** to restart their previously established social businesses without the need for retraining.



These initiatives reflect PSD's and UZF's long-term vision: transforming relief into sustainable recovery through **women's economic participation and leadership**.

Energy Access and Institutional Recovery

To ensure continuity of community services despite persistent power shortages:

- **One partner organization in Gaza** received **solar cell panels**, restoring its operational capacity to serve vulnerable groups.
- In the **West Bank**, PSD supported **three local organizations** by covering their **operational costs**, enabling them to host psychosocial support sessions, supportive education, and recreational activities.

These actions underscore PSD's commitment to **green recovery, institutional resilience, and sustainable community infrastructure**.

Volunteer Engagement

PSD recognizes the courage and dedication of **Palestinian volunteers** who continue to serve under extreme and dangerous conditions.

- **35 volunteers** received **financial support** to sustain their engagement in humanitarian relief, education, and psychosocial initiatives. Their dedication exemplifies PSD's belief in **local ownership, solidarity, and community-driven action** the foundation upon which true recovery is built.



Challenges

The reporting period was marked by **extraordinary challenges** that shaped both the nature and implementation of PSD's interventions in Gaza and the northern West Bank.

1. **Ongoing War and Restricted Access:**
Continuous airstrikes, movement restrictions, and the destruction of infrastructure made access to affected areas extremely difficult, delaying the delivery of food, water, and psychosocial services.
2. **Escalating Humanitarian Needs:**
As displacement and poverty deepened, the number of families in need of support far exceeded available resources, requiring constant prioritization and difficult decisions about targeting.
3. **Limited Communication and Coordination Channels:**
Frequent internet blackouts and the collapse of communication networks in Gaza hindered real-time coordination with partners and volunteers on the ground.



4. **Psychological Fatigue and Burnout:**
Field teams and volunteers faced high emotional pressure, witnessing trauma and loss daily, while continuing to serve their communities with limited psychosocial support for themselves.
5. **Funding and Logistical Constraints:**
Import restrictions on materials and volatile market prices in Gaza significantly increased operational costs and reduced the purchasing power of grants.

Lessons Learned

Amid these constraints, several important lessons emerged that will guide PSD and UZF in future interventions:

1. **Integrated Response Is Essential:**
Combining emergency relief with psychosocial, educational, and economic interventions proved far more effective than isolated humanitarian actions. Supporting emotional recovery alongside food and income generation restored both hope and agency among families.
2. **Local Partners Are the Backbone of Resilience:**
The rapid response and adaptability of community-based organizations (CBOs) and volunteers demonstrated that sustainable impact depends on **local capacity and trust**. Strengthening these partnerships will remain a core strategy.
3. **Flexibility in Program Design:**
The ability to adjust program activities quickly — such as shifting from in-person to home-based or mobile interventions — ensured continuity of services even under siege conditions.
4. **Women's Leadership Multiplies Impact:**
Women participants not only rebuilt their livelihoods but also became advocates and organizers within their communities, showing that investing in women's capacities directly enhances community-wide recovery.
5. **Energy and Infrastructure Investments Are Lifelines:**
Installing solar panels and covering CBOs' operating costs protected continuity of essential community services, underscoring the value of sustainable, climate-resilient solutions even in emergencies.

Next Steps and Strategic Priorities

Looking ahead to **2026**, PSD, in partnership with the Unique Zan Foundation, will continue strengthening its dual approach: **emergency response and long-term development**.

Key strategic directions include:

1. **Expanding Emergency Relief Coverage**
Increase the number of supported families in Gaza and the northern West Bank through food, water, and hygiene interventions, prioritizing displaced women and children.



2. **Scaling Psychosocial and Educational Programs**
Broaden outreach of psychosocial support, especially for children and youth, integrating art therapy, life skills, and trauma-informed education.
3. **Strengthening Women's Economic Recovery**
Launch a second phase of the microgrant program to expand women-led enterprises and cooperatives, supported by mentorship, digital marketing, and market linkages.
4. **Building Local Institutional Capacity**
Provide advanced training and operational support to CBOs to enhance management, financial accountability, and sustainability beyond donor cycles.
5. **Green and Digital Resilience**
Promote renewable energy, digital connectivity, and innovation to ensure that partners can operate despite infrastructure disruptions.
6. **Documentation, Learning, and Advocacy**
PSD will document field experiences, generate case studies, and share evidence-based lessons to inform humanitarian and development partners about effective models of community resilience.

Conclusion

Through unprecedented adversity, PSD and UZF have demonstrated that **solidarity, adaptability, and local trust** can sustain life and dignity even in the harshest conditions.

The achievements of this reporting year are a testament to the courage of Palestinian women, youth, and volunteers — and to the steadfast partnership between PSD and the Unique Zan Foundation in transforming compassion into action.