



MAP UK – PROJECT SUMMARY

Title:	Supporting People with Disabilities
Location:	Qabatiya, northern West Bank
Priority level:	High
Total funding requirement (3 years):	£188,000
Year 1:	£81,000

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

To improve the quality of life for people with disabilities in Qabatiya, West Bank. This will be achieved by developing a responsive Community Based Rehabilitation programme, including home visits, self help groups and an active programme of community mobilisation and support for mothers of children with disabilities.

To upgrade the community centre with a sensory room, mother's room, toy library and a quiet learning room.

In the first year, this project aims to help 2,500 children and their families.

If MAP is able to raise sufficient funds over and above the funding requirements for year 1 of £81,000, MAP will develop the safe playground area for the children of the town, people with disabilities and others, to come together for joint activities.

THE CURRENT SITUATION: AN OVERVIEW

In the occupied West Bank, it is the most vulnerable who face the greatest hardship. For children with disabilities, as well as their parents and carers, the situation is getting ever more challenging.

The town of Qabatiya, in the northern Governate of Jenin, is home to many vulnerable families. They are either unable to pay for the necessary medical support needed to maintain the health of a child or young adult with disabilities, or unable to get access to healthcare due to the checkpoints and the Separation Wall.

People with disabilities also face discrimination, prejudice and ignorance. There is a lack of opportunity for equal social learning, and the denial of access to education and work, both of which create barriers to social participation.

There is an urgent need for this local project in Qabatiya to improve access to health and learning for people with disabilities. It will allow their voices to be heard and they will be able to make their own life choices and participate in community life.

WHO WILL BENEFIT

The project aims to help 2,500 children with disabilities and their families and carers.

1. To provide social, educational and physical activities for children with disabilities.
2. To tackle the isolation faced by mothers of children and adults with disabilities.
3. To provide practical support for carers and parents.
4. To increase inclusion and participation in the community.

PROJECT ACTION PLAN

This project will help alleviate the problem in the following ways:

1. To provide social, educational and physical activities for children with disabilities by:
 - Providing a sensory room with interactive tools to encourage development of all their senses.
 - Providing vital support to teachers working with children with disabilities who are in mainstream education.
 - Working with mothers to utilise the library of toys for education and stimulation and support their children in developing their everyday activities.
2. To tackle the isolation faced by mothers of children and adults with disabilities by:
 - Providing a safe space in Qabatiya for mothers to discuss their experiences, their children's needs and their own needs with others.
 - Organising home visits to mothers of young children with disabilities and adults with disabilities.
3. To give practical support to carers and parents of those with disabilities by:
 - Offering mothers support and space to encourage babies with disabilities to breastfeed, bringing much needed nutrition and strength.
 - Giving access to a mothers' room and quiet learning room, as well as access to volunteer networks.
4. To increase inclusion and participation in the community by:
 - Providing support for self-help groups within the community.
 - Strengthening the network of local volunteers to work within the community.