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In October 2018, Arab Renaissance for Democracy and Development (ARDD), witnessed the inauguration of a major three-year programmatic initiative on “The Question of Palestine 70 Years On: Priorities for Action” aiming to inject new innovative thinking into the discourse

around the unresolved Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Through ARDD's established Global Network of Experts on the Question of Palestine meetings and stakeholder consultations and coordination, the initiative will create an indispensable platform to influence for key decision-makers and partners actors on Palestine more broadly.

In this Edition

The last three months witnessed various developments with regards to the Question of Palestine with the extension of UNRWA's mandate at United Nations fourth Committee meeting with an overwhelming vote. However, these months registered further escalations on the Palestinian on all fronts,, locally, as attacks and aggressions on the already devastated Gaza Strip continued through the last months: the death toll has reached 35 including children. Regionally, in Lebanon many Palestinian refugees took to the streets with the Lebanese people with demonstrating against the political regime with no end in sight. Internationally the US has shifted its position on Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, no longer viewing them as inconsistent with international law further undermining the legal framework for the peace process, including the notion of Palestinian national rights and the principle of self-determination.

ARDD's quarterly newsletter on the Question of Palestine in its 4th edition and through its selected articles, reports and testimonials showcases information and news from our experts and institutions and reporters tackling Palestinian issues and aims to raise awareness about the conflict's background in order to conduct a meaningful dialogue about Palestinian identity and future policy.

ARDD's Palestine Efforts

ARDD has hosted its third Global Network of Experts on the Question of Palestine's 2nd Annual meeting featuring a forward-looking workshop" *Palestinian Refugees: Towards a New Approach to Solutions.*" in Amman from 20 to 22 October 2019. The Network called for more inclusion of Refugees in any Durable Solution Approach to their Plight.



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The 2nd Annual meeting was concluded under the patronage of HRH Prince Hassan bin Talal who gave a keynote speech addressing the topic on hand and calling for humanizing the stats.

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As part of ARDD's Program on the Question of Palestine HRH Prince Hassan bin Talal,

keynote speech at the Global Network of Experts on The Question of Palestine's 2nd Annual Meeting Tuesday 22nd October 2019.

ARDD launched Voices a pilot research project funded by GIZ and is conducted throughout November and December 2019, aiming to explore how to effectively 'give voice' to Palestinian refugee youth ages 16-30, to counter the alienation and marginalization that affects them due to a lack of representation at the local and or international level.

The Study is being conducted by QoP Network Experts Francesca Albanese and Jalal al Hussein in coordination with the Al Nahda Centre and on behalf of ARDD. Focus group discussions and interview settings are being conducted in Jordan, the West Bank and Lebanon, and Skype sessions are being organized with youth in Gaza and Syria. A report on the pilot project is expected to be shared in January 2020.

Coverage on Global Network Experts



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Coverage on UNRWA

UNRWA appeals for funding at Advisory Commission Meeting

The Advisory Commission on the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) met in Jordan on 25-26 November where it held strategic discussions concerning the Agency and the challenges it faces in providing services to millions of Palestine refugees in the Gaza Strip and West Bank (including East Jerusalem), Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

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New UNRWA REPORT sheds light on hardships that women in Gaza face, genius ways to cope – and breaking points

The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for the Near East (UNRWA) has just completed a study on the experiences of women living in the Gaza Strip, which served as a basis for a report called “How Does She Cope?”

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Overwhelming vote to extend UNRWA mandate at United Nations Fourth Committee Meeting

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) of the United Nations General Assembly voted yesterday to extend the mandate of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) until 2023.

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