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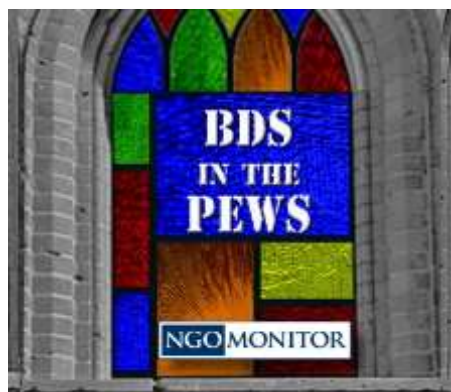
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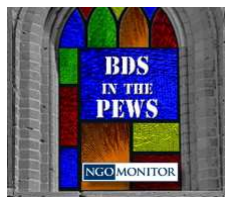
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

“Anyone who does not recognize the Jewish people and the State of Israel — and their right to exist — is guilty of antisemitism.”¹

*Pope Francis I
May 28, 2015*

This NGO Monitor report relates to Catholic aid charity funding for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) operating in Israel and the Palestinian Authority, specifically to groups whose activities contribute to political campaigns that demonize and delegitimize the State of Israel.

During his May 2014 visit to the Middle East, Pope Francis I explicitly called for peace between Israelis and Palestinians. His laying a wreath at the tomb of Theodore Herzl sent a powerful and clear message of the Vatican’s recognition of the right of the Jewish people to sovereign equality in a state of their own. The Pontiff’s invitation to the Presidents of Israel, Shimon Peres, and the Palestinian Authority, Mahmoud Abbas, to meet at the Vatican underscores the Pontiff’s wish to see a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Our detailed analysis demonstrates that, in many cases, NGOs funded by Catholic aid charities participate in international boycotts, divestments and sanctions (BDS) campaigns to isolate Israel diplomatically, economically, culturally, and militarily. Leaders of the BDS movement are on record overtly calling for the destruction of the State of Israel (see Appendix IX). As such, in stark contradiction to the Pope’s message, a number of the NGOs receiving Catholic funding openly call for the dismantlement of the State of Israel. Such a position veers the Church away from the peacemaker role of reconciling adversaries by becoming a participant in the conflict.

Further, most of the Catholic aid charities discussed in this report receive a major proportion of their total annual operating budgets from government frameworks in Europe, the United States, and Canada. A portion of these tax-payer funds are meant to be distributed by the Catholic aid societies to humanitarian NGOs around the world for purposes of alleviating human suffering and providing assistance to those

in need. In some instances, however, some Catholic aid charities allocate these taxpayer funds to NGOs that enflame conflict, dehumanize Israelis, and delegitimize Israel. As such, this report lists all NGOs funded by the Catholic charities studied, including those that are not politicized. The report's focus, however, is on those NGOs that are highly politicized as determined by their support for any combination of the following: BDS, "one state" formulas, the demand for a "right of return," anti-normalization, lawfare or delegitimization and demonization.

Key Findings

1. NGO Monitor analyzed Catholic charity funding for NGOs claiming to promote peace and human rights in the Arab-Israeli conflict. We document how funds provided by ten Catholic aid societies are often used for highly politicized purposes, including activities that, contrary to the Vatican's declared goals, intensify the conflict and undermine genuine efforts for peace.
2. The period studied is 2008 – 2014. We determined that an estimated €13.9 million² (approximately \$14.2 million) was allocated to some 56 NGOs, many highly politicized and active in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. (For a comprehensive listing of NGOs and their Catholic charity funders, see Appendices I & II.) A number of these NGOs have taken extreme positions advocating the maximalist demands of one of the sides in this conflict (see Appendix III).
3. Due to a marked lack of transparency, a complete picture of the flow of funds from Catholic aid societies to politicized NGOs cannot be presented. Funding decision-making processes are unknown outside the aid agencies. Often, various Catholic aid agencies are listed by beneficiary NGOs as donors, but funding amounts are not available on the grantee's or Catholic charities' websites.
4. While Catholic aid agencies receive taxpayer funds, they are not accountable to them. Taxpayers are unable to assess the criteria, if any, used to evaluate the competency and effectiveness of the NGO recipients, and whether their taxes are being used appropriately.
5. Most of the Catholic aid agencies in this study are members of Caritas Internationalis. Others, such as Broederlijk Delen (Belgium), Misereor

(Germany), and Pax (Netherlands), are independent of the Caritas Internationalis network.

6. With 164 chapters around the world, Caritas Internationalis is headquartered in Rome and comes under Pontifical jurisdiction. These chapters are country-based, and the activities on which they focus vary. Projects respond to both domestic and international needs such as emergency aid, support for immigrants and women, climate change, and “peace and reconciliation.” When it comes to the latter, Caritas chapters range from supporting projects with a strictly humanitarian focus to involving themselves in complex and controversial political issues embedded in the Arab-Israeli conflict.
7. The seven Caritas charities³ covered in this report are:
 - I. Caritas Internationalis and the following Caritas members:
 - II. Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (U.K. – Caritas member)
 - III. Catholic Relief Services (U.S. – Caritas member)
 - IV. Cordaid (Netherlands – Caritas member)
 - V. Development and Peace/Développement et Paix (Canada – Caritas member)
 - VI. Séjours Catholique (France – Caritas member)
 - VII. Trócaire (Ireland – Caritas member)

The remaining four are:

- I. Broederlijk Delen (Belgium)
 - II. Misereor (Germany)
 - III. Pax (Netherlands)
 - IV. CCFD
8. All these aid societies, to varying degrees, fund a range of NGOs engaged in highly politicized and biased activities in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Of these, four stand out for their consistent funding and promotion of the political war against Israel:
 - i. **Trócaire** (Caritas Ireland): Trócaire funds NGOs that support BDS, including Badil and ICAHD. In the period studied, NGO Monitor was able to discover an estimated €1.1 million that Trócaire donated to these and similar NGOs (some funding data is unavailable). In September 2013, Trócaire was a co-sponsor of the “International Right of Return Conference,” which

featured speakers from these groups and was organized by Zochrot. The conference focused on the logistical and demographic reality of a complete return of all Palestinian refugees from the 1948 Arab-Israel war and their descendants to modern Israel, leading to a single bi-national state. This would necessarily mean that Israel, as the national homeland of the Jewish people, would cease to exist. In 2013 Trócaire received €18.5 million from Irish Aid, the Irish government's assistance program for developing countries. The UK government contributed to Trócaire a grant of €5.2 million, and the EU/ECHO contributed to Trócaire €3.6 million.

- ii. **Broederlijk Delen** (Belgium): Most of the NGOs receiving Broederlijk Delen funds participate in global political warfare campaigns against Israel. These NGOs support BDS efforts, and many oppose a two-state framework for resolving the conflict. Broederlijk Delen beneficiaries include, but are not limited to, Zochrot, Badil, and Coalition of Women for Peace. In the period studied, Broederlijk Delen granted €1.6 million to these and similar NGOs (some funding data is unavailable). Broederlijk Delen was listed as a co-sponsor of the above mentioned 2013 "International Right of Return Conference." Broederlijk Delen has been granted millions of euros from the Belgian government, receiving €3.6 million in 2012.
- iii. **Cordaid** (Caritas Netherlands): Most of the NGOs receiving Cordaid funds participate in global political warfare campaigns against Israel, supporting BDS efforts and opposing a two-state solution. In the period studied, Cordaid provided an estimated €3.6 million to these NGOs (some funding data is unavailable). Cordaid joined a coalition of 22 European NGOs in producing the monograph "Trading Away Peace: How Europe Helps Sustain Illegal Israeli Settlements." The report repeats the BDS agenda, calling on the EU and national governments to wage political warfare against Israel through various forms of economic sanctions. Cordaid has been granted millions of euros from the Dutch government, receiving €69.9 million in 2012.
- iv. **Misereor** (Germany): Most of the NGOs receiving Misereor funds participate in global political warfare campaigns against Israel, some supporting BDS and opposing a two-state solution.

In the period studied, NGO Monitor was able to discover an estimated €1.9 million that Misereor donated to such NGOs (some funding data is unavailable). Misereor was also listed as a co-sponsor of the above mentioned 2013 “International Right of Return Conference,” organized by Zochrot. Misereor contributed an aggregate of ₪758,278 (approximately €179,033⁴) to Zochrot in 2011 – 2014. Misereor has been granted millions of euros from the German government, receiving €116.6 million in 2012.

Recommendations

The Vatican has a unique opportunity to act as a peacemaker in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. As Christians who care about the Holy Land and the peoples and faiths living there, the Church holds a genuine potential for positive influence in the Middle East.

A substantial amount of funds provided by Catholic aid agencies, however, is working at cross-purposes to the peacemaking role of the Church. Many of the NGOs receiving these funds are acting against peace in that they actively work toward the goal of dismantling the State of Israel.

In the interest of furthering the prospects of peace between Israelis and Palestinians, and on the basis of the detailed analysis provided in this report, NGO Monitor urges the Vatican to review its policies regarding the funding of NGOs active in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Specifically, NGO Monitor counsels the Vatican to

1. formulate explicit criteria that should be met by all NGOs seeking funding from Catholic aid agencies. These criteria would disallow funding to NGOs that engage in demonization, BDS, and other anti-Israel activities, which are contrary to and incompatible with the message of peace and reconciliation conveyed by the Pontiff during his historic visit to Israel, the Palestinian Authority, and Jordan.
2. communicate these mandatory criteria to those Catholic aid agencies involved in funding such NGOs;
3. dissuade Catholic aid agencies from participating in BDS and other delegitimizing campaigns against Israel;
4. increase transparency significantly in the reporting of funding for all NGOs active in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS

Key Points

- ***Caritas Internationalis is the organizational umbrella of 164 official Vatican-affiliated Catholic aid and humanitarian organizations worldwide.***⁵
- ***Caritas Internationalis holds strongly partisan positions regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict.***⁶
 - ***The group's official UN representative in New York endorsed the Palestinian claim of a "right of return."***
 - ***The organization formally supports the annual International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.***⁷
- ***Eight of Caritas' 164 world-wide chapters demonstrate partiality against Israel in their funding of radicalized anti-Israel NGOs and other activities related to the Arab-Israeli conflict.***

Background

In 1951, thirteen country-based Caritas organizations formed the Caritas Internationalis network. Today, Caritas Internationalis consists of seven regions⁸ and 164 Catholic organizations "working in humanitarian emergencies and international development."⁹ Headquartered in Rome, with offices in Geneva and New York, the Caritas Internationalis General Secretariat coordinates the organization's responses to humanitarian emergencies.¹⁰

Caritas Internationalis' bylaws stipulate that its Executive Board should consist of seven individuals - "three of which are appointed by the Holy See and one is elected by the Representative Council."¹¹ Caritas Internationalis' leadership consists of a President, Vice Presidents, Secretary-General, and Treasurer, all of whom are elected by the Caritas General Assembly. In turn, the General Assembly is composed of representatives from all the Caritas member organizations and meets every four years at the Vatican. Candidates for President, Secretary-General, and Treasurer must also be approved by the Holy See.¹²

Caritas Internationalis holds Canonical Legal Status, which grants the Pontifical Council the right to appoint an "Ecclesiastical Advisor" to a four-year term. This Ecclesiastical Advisor has full speaking rights in all Caritas meetings, but no voting rights.¹³

Fundamentally, Caritas Internationalis serves as an umbrella organization that coordinates and supports member activities, provides a platform for interaction between the Vatican and member organizations, but allows individual Caritas members to implement activities in their areas of interest and influence.

Finances

- From 2007-2010, Caritas Internationalis' total aggregate income was €15 million (an average of approximately €4.3 million per annum). This includes a 2009 spike in income derived from "contributions from external donors" totaling €6.8 million. Total expenditures for 2007-2010 ranged from €3 million to €3.8 million.¹⁴
- Income projections for 2011-2015 include yearly incomes ranging from €2.4 million to €2.9 million, and yearly expenditures are projected to range from €2.3 million to €4.3 million, with an approximate average of €40,000 directed annually to the Middle East and North Africa. The report on projected income does not specify the amount scheduled to be allocated to the Israeli-Palestinian arena.¹⁵
- In 2012, Caritas Internationalis participated in an Emergency Appeal for Gaza,¹⁶ which "helped Palestinians with no access to healthcare, who are financially insecure, unprepared for winter and who require psychological support," with a budget of €1.6 million.¹⁷

Bias in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Caritas Internationalis operates in "Palestine"¹⁸ as part of its "Conflicts and Disasters" response program. Caritas Internationalis tasks itself, through local Caritas Jerusalem, Jordan and Syria, with responding to "the emergency needs of the people of Palestine – regardless of their race or religion" and "continu[ing] to believe in peace and justice and to hope for a better future."¹⁹

Over the last dozen years, Caritas Internationalis has taken a number of positions on the Arab-Israeli conflict that demonstrate a high degree of partisanship. (A letter to Caritas Internationalis [see Appendix V] requesting clarification of its official position on the "two-state" framework received no response):

- Joseph Donnelly, the group's official UN representative in New York, endorsed the Palestinian claim to a "right of return" for the millions of descendants of the 1948 refugees: "The inalienable rights of the Palestinian people are defined by law as the right to self-determination, national

independence and sovereignty, and **the return of Palestine refugees to their ancestral homes and lands**” (emphasis added). The demand for such a “return” is largely recognized as a call for the elimination of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people through demographic means.²⁰

- Recognition of and support for the annual International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People on the Caritas Internationalis blog. In 2011, then Caritas Jerusalem Director Claudette Habesch issued a statement marking this day, as did Joseph Donnelly.²¹
- Rhetoric that misrepresents the context of the conflict in Gaza and the West Bank. This includes a post by Caritas Jerusalem’s Communications Officer describing Hamas terrorists as “militants” and suggesting that the November 2012 Gaza clashes were due to the fact that Israel wants to use “force” to compel the Palestinians to “give up their rights to the land.”²²
- A decontextualized account of the tragic deaths of two Gazans, which names “fear” as the cause of death after Israeli aircraft bombed nearby Palestine Stadium during the November 2012 conflict with Hamas.²³ This account avoids discussion of how terrorists used Palestine Stadium in Gaza to fire rockets at Tel Aviv.²⁴
- A call for “an end to the blockade” of Gaza in the aftermath of the flotilla incident in 2010.²⁵
- A description of the spring 2012 fuel crisis in Gaza that describes problems with one of Gaza’s power units, which “rarely runs due to shortages in industrial fuel, which is sent from Israel.”²⁶ The blog post does not mention that Hamas’ reluctance to accept fuel from Israel contributed to the crisis, and that transfers of Israeli fuel ultimately ended the shortage.²⁷
- A 2004 poster portraying the Israeli security fence with the words “For peace in the Holy Land, END THE OCCUPATION.”²⁸ The poster ignored hundreds of terrorist attacks on Israeli civilians that occurred in the previous several years. The poster featured Caritas Internationalis’ Vatican headquarters address and listed the endorsement of 151 of its international branches.
- Caritas participated in a June 2003 conference (“An End to the Occupation. A Just Peace in Israel-Palestine. The role of the Academia”)²⁹ with other highly politicized NGOs including Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions,³⁰ Physicians for Human Rights-Israel,³¹ Ta’ayush,³² and Machsom Watch.³³

CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT – CAFOD (CARITAS - U.K.)

Key Points

- ***Founded in 1960, CAFOD is the “official Catholic aid agency for England and Wales.”***
- ***The majority of CAFOD’s known grant recipients in the Israel-Palestinian region, such as EAPPI and the Jerusalem Legal Aid Center (JLAC), hold strong biases against Israel including support for boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS). CAFOD also funds many humanitarian projects, including a child trauma center in Gaza.***
- ***CAFOD has worked closely with EAPPI for more than ten years and has brought more than 1,000 volunteer accompaniers during that time to Jerusalem and the West Bank. EAPPI is an official program of the World Council of Churches (WCC), an enabler of BDS activities in churches worldwide. While CAFOD’s website makes the claim that EAPPI volunteers hear from a wide range of perspectives during their training, EAPPI’s education material presents a one-sided narrative emphasizing primarily the “nakba” narrative and the Palestinian claim to a “right to return.”***
- ***Jerusalem Legal Aid Centre (JLAC) employs the delegitimizing rhetoric of “apartheid” in demonizing Israel and also signed the Palestinian Civil Society Call for BDS. JLAC’s director has accused Israel of “stealing the organs” of dead Palestinians for “despicable uses.”***

Background

- Website: <http://www.cafod.org.uk/>
- Founded³⁴ in 1960, CAFOD is the “official Catholic aid agency for England and Wales.” CAFOD works with various partners globally “to bring hope, compassion and solidarity to poor communities, standing side by side with them to end poverty and injustice...Inspired by Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching, and the experiences and hopes of people living in poverty, CAFOD works for a safe, sustainable and peaceful world.”³⁵
- As an “integral part of the Catholic Church,” CAFOD’s mandate comes from the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, and CAFOD maintains offices in the

dioceses of England and Wales. CAFOD works with both local partners and through the Catholic Church itself.³⁶

- CAFOD aligns itself strongly with Catholic Social Teaching (CST),³⁷ which is a body of thought “founded in scripture and include[ing] statements and letters written by popes and bishops.” CAFOD officially became a member of Caritas Internationalis in 1965, and is a member of Caritas Europa as well as CIDSE, a group of Catholic agencies from Europe and North America.³⁸ CAFOD’s partner organization within the Caritas Europa umbrella, Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), focuses exclusively on “domestic social action” issues.³⁹ CAFOD is tasked specifically with international development projects.

Budget and Transparency

- CAFOD publishes annual reports and financial information, and lists totals for grants received and given. CAFOD makes no mentions of specific grant recipients in its financial documents, but says it will provide a list of grants over £50,000 by request.⁴⁰
- In both 2011 and 2012, 17% of CAFOD grants went to projects and organizations in the Middle East.⁴¹
- In 2011 and 2012, fellow Caritas members donated £7.5 million to CAFOD,⁴² and £13.8 million came from “government and other grants.”⁴³ Total income in the fiscal year ending in 2012 was £61 million. Specifically, the “Asia and the Middle East” region received 137 grants in 2012 totaling £5,493,000. Of the grants allocated to the Middle East, three were awarded in Israel, at a total of £64,000 (same number as in 2011); and five were awarded in the West Bank and Gaza at a total of £119,000 (compared to £163,000 in 2011).⁴⁴

Grantees

- While CAFOD does not list its grantees in any of its financial documents, NGO Monitor obtained the identity of some grantees through their own reports and descriptions of CAFOD’s work on its website and blog.
- **Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI):**⁴⁵ CAFOD supports EAPPI, a program of the World Council of Churches,⁴⁶ which is based in Switzerland. EAPPI’s volunteers report on their experiences on the CAFOD blog.⁴⁷

- **Yesh Din:**⁴⁸ CAFOD donated 136,800 NIS to Yesh Din in 2014.⁴⁹
- **Jerusalem Legal Aid and Human Rights Center (JLAC):**⁵⁰ CAFOD provided \$45,990 in 2012 to JLAC for the purpose of “strengthening community institutions that seek to promote the principles of human rights and democratic reform, and to provide legal defense to Palestinian victims of abuse and injustice.”⁵¹
- **Worker’s Advice Center (WAC):**⁵² CAFOD supports WAC in its goal of “demanding equal and fair rights” for Arab women working on Israeli farms.
- **Caritas Jerusalem:**⁵³ CAFOD’s “partner” and “sister agency” Caritas Jerusalem received support during and following the Gaza crisis at the end of 2008 and beginning of 2009. CAFOD does not specify whether support continues regularly outside of crisis periods.⁵⁴
- **Islamic Relief:**⁵⁵ During the conflict between Israel and Gaza-based Hamas during 2008 and 2009, CAFOD supported⁵⁶ its partner Islamic Relief by helping build a trauma center for children.⁵⁷

Bias in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

- Despite funding projects providing humanitarian services, such as a child trauma center in Gaza, the majority of CAFOD’s known grant recipients engage in biased activities that demonize Israel.
- CAFOD has worked closely with **EAPPI**⁵⁸ for more than ten years and has brought more than 1,000 volunteer accompaniers during that time to Jerusalem and the West Bank.⁵⁹ While CAFOD’s website states that EAPPI volunteers hear from a wide range of perspectives during their training, EAPPI’s education material presents a one-sided narrative emphasizing primarily the “*nakba*” narrative⁶⁰ and the Palestinian claim for a “right to return.”⁶¹
 - EAPPI is an official program of the World Council of Churches (WCC),⁶² an enabler of BDS activities in churches worldwide.⁶³
 - An EAPPI publication, “40 Years of Occupation,” advocated illegal actions, such as hacking government websites, to “end the occupation”. The specific document, Issue 6 of EAPPI’s *Chain Reaction* magazine, has since been removed⁶⁴ from EAPPI’s website.⁶⁵
- **Yesh Din**⁶⁶ received 136,800 NIS from CAFOD in 2014.⁶⁷ Yesh Din is a leader in attempts to portray Israel and its security forces as unaccountable to the rule of law, as part of a wider strategy of bringing false “war crimes” cases against Israeli

officials in foreign courts and in the International Criminal Court (ICC). This NGO employs demonization and “apartheid” rhetoric in some of its activities, exploiting the language of human rights for political and ideological objectives. In 2011-2013, Yesh Din undertook a project⁶⁸ attempting to change “Israeli policy vis-à-vis criminal accountability of Israeli Security Forces Personnel in the occupied Palestinian Territories,⁶⁹ in such a way that acknowledges and takes into account the **severity and different nature of War Crimes**, as distinguished from regular domestic crimes” and regularly petitions the High Court of Justice to alter Israeli policy.⁷⁰ (emphasis added)

- **Jerusalem Legal Aid Centre (JLAC)** was established in 1974 by the American Friends Service Committee.⁷¹ JLAC signed⁷² the Palestinian Civil Society Call for BDS and is a strong supporter⁷³ of BDS (boycott, divestment and sanctions)⁷⁴ campaigns. JLAC employs the rhetoric of “apartheid” in its criticism of Israeli policies. On August 30, 2009, General Director Issam Abu-Haj wrote an open letter, “They Plunder the Organs of Our Sons,”⁷⁵ following the publication of an article in the Swedish newspaper *Aftonbladet* that accused Israeli soldiers of abducting and killing Palestinians in order to harvest their organs. The article was widely condemned as being a modern-day blood libel.⁷⁶ His letter stated that the “instance of the Israeli Government in detaining the bodies of Arab and Palestinian victims and their refusal to permit any access to them, reinforces our speculation that **Israel is stealing the organs of the dead for such uses as; medical and educational trials, organ transplants, and other despicable uses**” and goes on to “urge you to further advocate this cause and continue your courageous efforts. **For Israel should not exist as a State free of question, shielded by threats of Anti-Semitic accusations.**”⁷⁷ (emphasis added)

JLAC is a member of the Palestinian Council of Human Rights Organizations (PCHRO).⁷⁸ The PCHRO presented a statement on Israeli “apartheid and racial segregation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT)” to the UN Human Rights Council in March 2012,⁷⁹ and opposed the EU’s July 2012 decision to upgrade its relations with Israel.⁸⁰ Al-Haq,⁸¹ Badil,⁸² and Al Mezan⁸³ are also members of the PCHRO, among others.⁸⁴

- In a post on CAFOD’s blog,⁸⁵ David McLoughlin, an author, theologian, and member of CAFOD’s Theological Reference Group, sought to illustrate Christian universal values by criticizing Jewish dietary laws (kashrut), claiming these restrictions have an exclusionary purpose.⁸⁶ McLoughlin describes how “the Pharisees” (forerunners to Rabbinic Judaism) disagreed with Jesus over the people with whom he chose to eat, because “to maintain the purity of Jewish life in the face of foreign influences they had taken all the dietary and purity rules

applicable to the Priests and Temple practice and adapted them to the table of the home [thereby cutting] off the mass of peasants of Galilee and Judaea from their circle of holiness." McLoughlin also contends that "Jesus locates the centre of God's people differently, outside of holy spaces," implying that biblical Judaism presented an exclusive, food-ritual based "other" to Jesus' inclusive universalism. (See Amy Jill Levine's article "Misusing Jesus" for an extended discussion of Christian replacement theology.)^{87,88}

- CAFOD's statements regarding the situation in Gaza and the West Bank also reflect an anti-Israel bias and ignore the context of terrorism and legitimate self-defense measures:
- In 2008, CAFOD co-authored a report "The Gaza Strip: A Humanitarian Implosion,"⁸⁹ which inaccurately labels Israel's Gaza blockade as illegal under international law and constituting "collective punishment."⁹⁰
- CAFOD also co-authored a 2008 "progress report" intended for the Quartet, which relied heavily on questionable claims from other NGO reports presented a misleading image of the Israeli-Palestinian situation, cited the ICJ advisory opinion on the security barrier as if it were legally binding, and claimed that the construction of the barrier could not be linked to the rapid and notable decrease in Israeli deaths from terrorism.⁹¹
- Caritas Jerusalem is a "humanitarian and development organization that represents the socio-pastoral services of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land." It operates a number of centers in the West Bank and Jerusalem, including health centers, an elderly day care center, and an anti-narcotic counseling center. Caritas Jerusalem endorsed a World Council of Churches Global Advocacy week,⁹² which involved tours with BDS supporters EAPPI⁹³ and ICAHD.⁹⁴ Caritas Jerusalem also used the term "apartheid wall" to describe the security barrier. In contrast, the Caritas Day Center in Ramallah appears focused on its mission of "contribut[ing] to the improvement of quality of life of Palestinian elderly in Ramallah."⁹⁵
- Islamic Relief in Gaza is the Palestinian member of Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW), a British-based NGO. On June 19, 2014, Israel's Defense Minister declared IRW as illegal and banned it from operating in Israel and the West Bank.⁹⁶ This decision was based on information regarding IRW's alleged fundraising for Hamas, a designated terror organization by Israel, the U.S., EU, and Canada.

- Following these accusations, IRW submitted a serious incident report to the Charities Commission in June 2014 and began an internal audit.⁹⁷ The UK Charity Commission did not investigate IRW. The Commission issued no special advisory regarding donations to IRW; rather, a Charity Commission spokeswoman said that “it was satisfied that the charity was responding appropriately to the incident.”⁹⁸
- On December 12, 2014, IRW announced it had commissioned an “independent investigation” that found “absolutely no evidence of any links with terrorism” and that “not one of these many audits over many years has found a shred of evidence that Islamic Relief funds terrorism or has terrorist links anywhere in the world.”⁹⁹
- The statement also claims that it has “shared its findings in full with a number of major stakeholders.” The identity of these “stakeholders” was not divulged, although the DEC, an umbrella group of 13 UK charities including IRW,¹⁰⁰ responded in a statement to the press that “The DEC has considered the independent audit report which reviewed Islamic Relief’s operations in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories....We are satisfied that Islamic Relief has robust systems in place to ensure aid money is properly accounted for and spent appropriately.”¹⁰¹
- Mohamed Ashmawey, Chief Executive Officer of IRW,¹⁰² also sits on the DEC board of trustees,¹⁰³ and in a possible conflict of interest according to the guidelines of the Charity Commission,¹⁰⁴ DEC’s Chief Executive, Saleh Saeed, formerly served as CEO of Islamic Relief.¹⁰⁵ IRW’s audit claims are impossible to verify and demonstrate a severe lack of transparency. It has not published the full report or even named the group that conducted the audit. The public is unable to ascertain the extent of the investigation, or analyze the methodology or process by which the audit came to its conclusions and results.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CARITAS - U.S.)

Key Points

- *Catholic Relief Services (CRS), a member of Caritas Internationalis¹⁰⁶, is a major recipient of funding from the U.S. Government – \$270,642,000 in 2012.¹⁰⁷ CRS in turn grants some of this funding to non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that operate in Israel and the Palestinian Authority.*
- *One of these groups, Sadaka Reut, is a highly politicized NGO engaged in demonization and delegitimization of Israel.¹⁰⁸ CRS allocated almost two-thirds of a \$1,000,000 USAID grant to Sadaka Reut¹⁰⁹ for its Gemini Project.¹¹⁰ The Gemini Project is administered by coordinators Yael Tsabari and Rajaa Natour, whose Facebook pages show an extreme bias in the Arab-Israeli conflict¹¹¹ Sadaka Reut also endorses a one-sided narrative of the conflict and partners with fringe NGOs that endorse the Durban BDS strategy.*
- *CRS' Policy Position on "Israel/Palestine" is often one-sided. For instance, it delineates only alleged Israeli "unacceptable" actions that may "predetermine the outcome" of negotiations, but gives no examples of Palestinian actions.¹¹²*
- *On the other hand, the CRS policy statement supports consensus positions endorsed by the United States and Israel, such as "establishing a viable Palestinian state alongside a secure Israel" and that all "final status questions including borders and security arrangements, settlements, refugees, and Jerusalem can only be settled by negotiation."*
- *One of CRS's three official partners is highly politicized:¹¹³*
 - *The Society of St. Yves lists the BDS¹¹⁴ movement, Kairos Palestine,¹¹⁵ Al Haq,¹¹⁶ and BADIL¹¹⁷ as "human rights organizations."¹¹⁸ St. Yves also signed a letter claiming that the "Nakba" was still ongoing and described Israeli policies in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza as "Israeli colonization, occupation and apartheid."¹¹⁹*
- *At the same time, in response to the displacement of Israeli civilians living in northern Israel during the 2006 Second Lebanon War, CRS "committed a substantial amount of aid...through contributions to the American Joint Jewish Distribution Committee and the American Jewish Committee."¹²⁰*

Background

- <http://crs.org/>
- Catholic Relief Services (CRS) was founded in 1943 during World War II with the aim of resettling European refugees.¹²¹ Today CRS “carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas.”¹²²
- Since its establishment, CRS has expanded its mission from helping rebuild post-war Europe to “providing relief in emergency situations,” helping “people in the developing world break the cycle of poverty through community-based, sustainable development initiatives,” and seeking “to foster within the U.S. Catholic community a sense of global solidarity.”
- Catholic Relief Services is a member of Caritas Internationalis.¹²³
- CRS acts as the “overseas relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (UCCB)¹²⁴ and the Catholic community in the United States.”¹²⁵ The General Secretary of the UCCB is the Secretary of CRS’s Board of Directors, and Bishops from fourteen US cities sit on the Board as well.¹²⁶

Budget and Transparency

- Financials:
 - Total private support was \$196,095,000 in 2012 and \$224,046,000 in 2011.
 - Total public support was \$501,318,000 in 2012 and \$592,765,000 in 2011.
 - Total revenue at the end of 2011 was \$822,944,000 and total expenses were \$820,067,000.
 - Total revenue and expenses for 2012 were \$726,076,000 and \$732,418,000 respectively.¹²⁷
- In 2012, US government grants to CRS totaled \$270,642,000, 38.6% of operating revenue.¹²⁸ In 2011, CRS received \$589 million (out of \$823 million in support and revenue)¹²⁹ from “the U.S. or foreign governments and from international organizations such as the United Nations, The Global Fund and The World Bank.”¹³⁰

- CRS is receiving a USAID grant of \$1,000,000 from Sept. 2009 through Dec. 2013, of which \$600,876 is to be allocated to sub-grantee **Sadaka Reut**¹³¹ in support of the “Gemini Project.”¹³² According to public USAID factsheets, this project is described as being “implemented by CRS in partnership with Sadaka Reut, an Arab Jewish Youth Partnership Organization, [which] focuses on bringing together Palestinian and Jewish youth ages 18-25 for an extended period of dialogue, skill-building, mentoring, and activism. The Gemini Project aims to promote an alternative dialogue to militant rhetoric in Jewish and Palestinian communities.”¹³³ Evidence shows that Sadaka Reut and its Gemini Project often display an anti-Israel bias and reflects Sadaka Reut’s partnerships with groups on the extreme fringe. (see page 4)
- From July 2009 through January 2012, CRS received \$1,121,820 from USAID in support of the “Youth Voices for Community Action” project,¹³⁴ launched by CRS “to develop a cadre of young Palestinians who address conflict with nonviolence, the YVCA project provides an outlet for residents long beset by violence within the West Bank.”¹³⁵ The two central strategic objectives were to teach “Palestinian youth [to] use non-violent approaches to address conflict within their communities” and encourage “community members [to] cooperate to address conflict in their communities nonviolently.”¹³⁶
- Catholic Relief Services also supports four additional programs in the region focusing on civil society and governance, disaster response, providing a social safety net, and public policy advocacy.¹³⁷
 - In October 2010, CRS began implanting USAID’s Civic Participation Program (CPP), a multi-year program intended to strengthen citizen engagement with the Palestinian Authority.¹³⁸
 - Also beginning in 2010, CRS worked with Mercy Corps to bring socio-economic recovery assistance to Gaza.¹³⁹ CRS assistance to Gaza families includes humanitarian assistance and conditional cash transfers.¹⁴⁰ The CRS-Mercy Corps cooperation was criticized by a February 2013 USAID Audit of West Bank/Gaza programs as having inadequate oversight, being behind schedule, and ineffective.¹⁴¹
 - In cooperation with the World Food Program,¹⁴² CRS implemented a food voucher program conditioned on recipients participating in environmental activities sponsored by the Palestinian Ministry of Agriculture.¹⁴³
 - As a member of the Catholic Campaign for Peace in the Holy Land (CCPHL), an interreligious program of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops,¹⁴⁴ CRS “strives to support pilgrims, policymakers, local civil

society and Church institutions, and grassroots networks of Catholics in the United States in accessing and disseminating information that promotes a peaceful, just and secure resolution to the ongoing conflict.”¹⁴⁵

Catholic Relief Services does not include a list of their grantees nor of the grant amounts. Its annual reports do include comprehensive lists of individual, organizational, and public donors.¹⁴⁶ Public donors for 2012 included the EU; Australia, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia, Canada, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Honduras, Ireland, Japan, Lesotho, Liberia, Netherlands, Niger, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Spain, Switzerland, the UK; Humanitarian Innovation Fund; Inter-American Development Bank; International Criminal Court Trust Fund for Victims; International Organization for Migration; multiple UN offices; USAID; United States Institute of Peace (USIP); the World Bank; the WHO and others.¹⁴⁷

Grantees^{148,149}

(Sources: *Guidestar Israel, Registrar of Non-profits (Israel), USAID fact sheets*)

Recipient	Year	Amount
B'Tselem	2008	\$100,000 (350,000 NIS at 2008 currency rates) allocated to 90,000 NIS for 2008 and 260,000 NIS for 2009 ¹⁵⁰
B'Tselem	2009	\$100,000 (375,000 NIS at 2009 rates) allocated to 93,750 NIS for 2009 and 281,250 NIS for 2010 ¹⁵¹
B'Tselem	2010	\$75,000 (281,250 NIS at 2010 rates) solely for use in 2010 ¹⁵²
B'Tselem	2011	\$25,721 (91,207 NIS at 2011 rates) solely for use in 2011 ¹⁵³
B'Tselem	2012	480,031 NIS ¹⁵⁴ for "supporting the video project"
B'Tselem	2013	513,691 NIS ¹⁵⁵ for "supporting the video project"
B'Tselem	2014	554,446 NIS ¹⁵⁶ for "supporting the video project"
Youth Voices for Community Action	July 2009 – January 2012	\$1,121,820 from USAID ¹⁵⁷ in support of this program ¹⁵⁸
Sadaka Reut	Sept. 2009 – Dec. 2013	\$1,000,000, of which \$600,876 is to be allocated to sub-grantee Sadaka Reut ¹⁵⁹ in support of the "Gemini Project" ¹⁶⁰

Bias in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

The Gemini Project

- CRS funding recipient Sadaka Reut's Gemini Project brings together "Jewish and Palestinian students and youth engaging in dialogue and action across ten campuses and mixed cities over a period two years" and "encourage social involvement and the importance of assuming responsibility for one's social and political environment."¹⁶¹
- **Sadaka Reut** is a joint Arab-Jewish organization that implements projects aimed at educating Israeli youth – Arab and Jewish – in "building a culture of peace."¹⁶² Sadaka Reut facilitates many activities, such as scrubbing racist graffiti off walls.¹⁶³
 - Sadaka Reut's Community in Action¹⁶⁴ program (not to be confused with the CRS Youth Voices for Community Action project mentioned above) is headed by two coordinators, one Jewish and one Arab. It guides a group of youth participants through a series of monthly activities over the course of one year. The stated goals¹⁶⁵ of the program include "promoting justice and equality" and "strong group understanding." The program's methods and activities, however, are inconsistent with these goals as it works with highly politicized NGOs toward educating participants using a one-sided and reductionist narrative of Israeli guilt and Palestinian victimhood.
 - Participants spend the year living together in Jaffa, and volunteer or attend programs with a number of fringe NGOs¹⁶⁶ that hold extreme and biased positions towards the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. These include Coalition of Women for Peace,¹⁶⁷ Zochrot,¹⁶⁸ Physicians for Human Rights-Israel,¹⁶⁹ and Machsom Watch.¹⁷⁰
 - Educational programs focus exclusively on the Palestinian perspective and train participants in the skills of political protest and activism focusing on narrow political goals.¹⁷¹ Such programs include activities touring "unrecognized villages in...Jaffa [and] exploring...the gentrification process plaguing Jaffa," two months of learning about the "siege on Gaza" and holding protests against the "siege" in Jaffa and at Gaza's Erez crossing, and two months dedicated to "learning about the Nakba" aided by Zochrot-facilitated workshops.¹⁷²

- Each participant, Arab and Jewish, was tasked with asking their families about their experiences of the “Nakba.”
- Participants also participated in the “March of Return” in northern Israel and learned about “Jaffa’s Nakba and its traumatic shift from a central Palestinian city to an impoverished neighborhood of Tel Aviv.”¹⁷³ This programming agenda reflects the extent to which Sadaka Reut’s approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is expressed solely from the Palestinian perspective.
- The program cites as a success that its participants “influence a large group of indirect beneficiaries” lending to the appearance that the program intends to graduate a class of politically-motivated pro-Palestinian activists.
- Sadaka Reut maintains partnerships with organizations on the extreme fringe including Zochrot (with whom they joined for a project called “Introducing the Palestinian Nakba to the Israeli Public”), Coalition of Women for Peace, Physicians for Human Rights-Israel, and Machsom Watch.¹⁷⁴ All these groups engage in activities delegitimizing the State of Israel. Some examples:
 - **Coalition of Women for Peace** is a leader of the BDS campaign.¹⁷⁵ It initiated the “Who Profits” project, an activist tool and database,¹⁷⁶ in “response to the Palestinian Call” for BDS against Israel.¹⁷⁷ CWP organized a divestment letter to the Norwegian Government Pension Fund targeting investments in Israeli companies.¹⁷⁸ CWP’s officials participated in events in which they carried flags of the PFLP terrorist organization.¹⁷⁹
 - **Machsom Watch** is a member of Coalition of Women for Peace and was a signatory to the CWP’s letter to the Norwegian Government Pension Fund.¹⁸⁰ Following the March 2011 Palestinian terror attack in Itamar¹⁸¹ in which five members of a family were murdered in their sleep, including two small children and a baby, Machsom Watch activists, including spokesperson Raya Yaron, visited the Palestinian town of Awarta¹⁸² to comfort the relatives of those who were arrested for the murders. Yaron was photographed¹⁸³ hugging the mother of one of the convicted murderers.

- **Zochrot**¹⁸⁴ supports both a “one–state” framework¹⁸⁵ and implementation of the so-called “right of return” of millions of descendants of the Palestinian refugees from 1948, which would effectively end Israel’s existence.¹⁸⁶
- **Physicians for Human Rights-Israel’s**¹⁸⁷ highly biased political agenda led the Israel Medical Association to halt cooperative activities in 2009.¹⁸⁸ The president of the World Medical Association called PHR-I “a radical political group disguised as a medical organization.”¹⁸⁹

The Gemini Project is administered by coordinators Yael Tsabari and Rajaa Natour. Tsabari’s Facebook page¹⁹⁰ includes a link to the campaign “Love in the Time of Apartheid,”¹⁹¹ suggesting her support for the accusation that Israel is an “apartheid” state.

- According to Natour’s Facebook page she “likes” numerous politicized Facebook groups¹⁹² including the “Third Palestinian Intifada” whose goal is to “defeat the occupation of every inch of the land of Palestine”¹⁹³ meaning the State of Israel and the West Bank and Gaza Strip.
- The Third Palestinian Intifada page makes liberal use of graphically anti-Semitic imagery including a photo of Adolf Hitler with the caption, “I would have killed all the Jews of the world, but I kept some to show the world why I killed them.”¹⁹⁴ The page also includes accusations that Israel is an “apartheid” and “terrorist state,”¹⁹⁵ and encourages the U.S. Congress to halt aid to Israel.¹⁹⁶
- Other groups Natour “likes” are the Insurgency Movement in Palestine,¹⁹⁷ the Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network,¹⁹⁸ the Recruitment of Arab Christians Will Not Pass¹⁹⁹ group (that opposes Israeli Arab Christians who join the Israeli army), and Love in the Time of Apartheid²⁰⁰ among others.
- In 2012, Natour was sponsored²⁰¹ as a Global Peace Fellow by Rotary International.
- CRS lists three official partners²⁰² on its “Jerusalem” page: Society of St. Yves²⁰³ (headquartered in Jerusalem); B’Tselem,²⁰⁴ which focuses on activities in the West Bank; and the Community Media Center,²⁰⁵ which operates in Gaza.
 - **The Society of St. Yves**²⁰⁶ is a “Catholic human rights organization working

under the patronage of the Latin Patriarch in Jerusalem.”

- Founded in 1991 by Michel Sabbah, the former Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem and the Holy Land, St. Yves offers free legal assistance to its community members and manages about 700 cases per year. They represent clients in human-rights related issues such as helping disabled Palestinian Jerusalem residents obtain their insurance rights, helping clergy members obtain visas, and giving “Know Your Rights” lectures educating Palestinian women high school students about their rights as they pertain to future studies in local universities. The St. Yves website,²⁰⁷ however, also lists the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement,²⁰⁸ Kairos Palestine,²⁰⁹ BADIL,²¹⁰ Al Haq,²¹¹ and others as “local human rights organizations.”
 - **B’Tselem**²¹² aims to “document and educate the Israeli public and policymakers about human rights violations in the Occupied Territories.”²¹³ Since 2007, CRS has supported B’Tselem’s “Visual Impact – Documenting the Seldom Seen” project, whose goal is to “document human rights abuses in the Occupied Palestinian Territories on video, and use these visual images as a catalyst for change among decision makers and the Israeli public.”²¹⁴ The video project²¹⁵ was publicized in the *New York Times*²¹⁶ and on the home page of YNet.²¹⁷
 - **Community Media Center** in Gaza (website in Arabic only²¹⁸) was established in 2007 and focuses primarily on educating the Arabic-speaking world about women’s rights in Gaza, the West Bank, and the Arab world in general.²¹⁹
- The 2009 Catholic Relief Services’ report “Water and Conflict” acknowledges that the separation barrier exists to “serve [Israel’s] citizens’ security concerns.”²²⁰ However, the report derives most of its information from a 2003 report published by the Center for Economic and Social Rights (CESR).²²¹ This CESR report in turn cites Palestinian sources only and fails to quote Israeli sources.
- Other Palestinian NGOs cited as sources are the Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs (PASSIA),²²² the Applied Research Institute Jerusalem (which received \$152,822 from Catholic Relief Services in 2011),²²³ and the Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment (LAW).²²⁴

- The report further states that “CESR would like to give special thanks **to our partner**, the Palestinian Hydrology Group, for all their cooperation on this project and the extremely useful information from their comprehensive survey of 615 West Bank and Gaza Palestinian localities, through the WASH project” (emphasis added).²²⁵
- The report also thanks “**our other partners** who made the three case studies possible” including the Palestinian Environmental NGOs Network (PENGON),²²⁶ Adalah²²⁷ (also funded by the New Israel Fund), Save the Children-Jerusalem and Gaza (emphasis added).²²⁸
- Allegations regarding water rights and availability are often used as part of the delegitimization campaign against Israel. The NGOs mentioned above often present a distorted narrative – ignoring the negotiated agreements (i.e. Oslo Accords) that determine the water arrangements, internal Palestinian dynamics, and other complexities – in order to accuse Israel of violating international law on water rights. A 2012 study by Haim Gvirtzman, professor of hydrology at the Institute of Earth Sciences at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, offers the following points:²²⁹
 - The data shows that currently there is almost no difference in per capita consumption of natural water between Israelis and Palestinians;
 - Israel has fulfilled all of its obligations according to the agreements it signed in 1995 with the Palestinian Authority, and in fact has exceeded them;
 - The PA has illegally and surreptitiously connected itself in many places to the water lines of Israel's national water company – stealing Israel's water;
 - At least one-third of the water being pumped out of the ground by the Palestinians (again, in violation of their accords with Israel) is wasted through leakage and mismanagement;
 - The Palestinians should be preventing leaks in domestic pipelines, implementing conservative irrigation techniques, and reusing sewage water as irrigation.

CORDAID (CARITAS - NETHERLANDS)

Key Points

- *Cordaid (the Catholic Organization for Relief and Development Aid) annually receives large sums of funding from the Dutch government, a portion of which it then grants to highly politicized NGOs active in the Arab-Israeli conflict.*
- *Cordaid is a member of the Vatican-based Caritas Internationalis structure and Brussels-based Catholic “International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity” (CIDSE).²³⁰*
- *Cordaid’s annual reports do not comprehensively list projects and grantees. However, all of Cordaid’s known grant recipients in the Israeli-Palestinian arena engage in politicized activities and express partisan opinions regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.*
- *Cordaid’s Director René Grotenhuis, during a 2011 panel in the Dutch parliament, argued that Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) is a defensible tactic because “it is important that people in Palestine look for ways to resist occupation, and it is a nonviolent way to do so.”²³¹*
- *Cordaid joined a coalition of 22 European NGOs in producing “Trading Away Peace: How Europe Helps Sustain Illegal Israeli Settlements.”²³² The report repeats the BDS agenda, calling on the EU and national governments to wage political warfare against Israel through various forms of economic sanctions.²³³*

Background

- Website: <http://www.cordaid.org/en/>
- Established in 2000 with the merger of three smaller organizations: Mensen in Nood, Memisa and Cebemo.
- Mission: “Cordaid strives for a fair and sustainable society in which every individual counts; a society in which people share the Global Common Goods and one that leaves room for diversity.” Cordaid focuses “on development and collaboration in vulnerable regions and areas of conflict” and envisions “a community that flourishes, [and] offers a peaceful and humane existence.”²³⁴

Cordaid within the Catholic Church Structure

- Cordaid is part of the Caritas network: “Although many of our members operate under the Caritas brand, some are known by other names, such as... Cordaid in the Netherlands.”²³⁵ Caritas describes itself as “part of the Catholic church,” and is headquartered in Vatican City, with offices in NYC and Geneva.²³⁶ Pope John Paul II granted Caritas with “Canonical Legal Status,”²³⁷ and Caritas’ Executive Board has three members appointed by the Holy See.²³⁸
- Cordaid is a member of CIDSE, a “network of 17 western development organizations [promoting] human rights, social justice and sustainable development.” CIDSE was founded in 1967 “to coordinate tasks identified by the Second Vatican Council as important tasks for the Catholic Church, namely, to care for the poor and the oppressed and to work for more justice on a global level.”²³⁹ Cordaid participates in CIDSE working groups,²⁴⁰ particularly the Working Group on Palestine/Israel,²⁴¹ and publishes position papers, lobbying letters, and research reports with fellow CIDSE members.²⁴²
- One of Cordaid’s “Field Partners” is “L’Istituto per le opere di religione” or “The Institute for Works of Religion,” also known as the Vatican Bank. It is a “privately held institute located inside Vatican City run by a CEO who reports directly to a committee of cardinals and ultimately to the Pope.”²⁴³

Budget and Transparency

- Cordaid received a €345 million grant from the Dutch government for 2012-2015.²⁴⁴ Cordaid’s 2012 total gross income amounted to €129.3 million, €69.9 million of which came from Dutch government subsidies. This represented 54% of its total income – a decline from previous years, in which subsidies averaged 65% of Cordaid’s total income.²⁴⁵
- Cordaid is also the leading group in an international network called “Together for Change, Communities of Change,”²⁴⁶ which expects to receive €357 million²⁴⁷ from the Dutch government from 2011 to 2015.

- Cordaid received €422 million²⁴⁸ from the Dutch government from 2007 through 2010.
- Cordaid's 2011 budget also included €20.9 million²⁴⁹ from "third party campaigns." In 2012, incoming resources from "third-party campaigns" fell to €9.8 million.²⁵⁰

Grantees

- In 2012, Cordaid allocated €1.7 million to "Conflict Transformation" projects²⁵¹ and €30,000 to "Healthcare and Wellbeing" projects in the "Palestinian Territories/Israel."²⁵² In 2011, Cordaid reports allocating €500,000²⁵³ to projects related to "conflict transformation in the "Palestinian Territories/Israel."²⁵⁴ No further explanation or details are provided.

Grantees (2012 - 2015):

Cordaid's website includes detailed descriptions of projects currently funded in Israel and the Palestinian Authority:

- **Project: "Voices to be Heard"**²⁵⁵
 - Goal: Support Jordan Valley Popular Committees to "better advocate on behalf of residents and to mobilize international solidarity;" "Increas[ing] and improve[ing] the services available to the youth of Zubeidat" in the Jordan Valley
 - Implementing Partner: **Ma'an Development Center**²⁵⁶
 - Duration: Unknown
 - Budget: Unknown
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid, Norwegian Representative Office
- **Project: "Increasing Resilience"**²⁵⁷
 - Goal: "Increas[ing] and improve[ing] the services available to the youth of Zubeidat" in the Jordan Valley.
 - Implementing Partner: **Ma'an Development Center**²⁵⁸
 - Duration: Unknown
 - Budget: Unknown
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid

- **Project: “Theatre Activities For Palestinian Youth”²⁵⁹**
 - Goal: “Supporting the work of an innovative theatre institute in the Gaza Strip”
 - Implementing Partner: **Theatre Day Productions**
 - Duration: January 2012 - December 2013
 - Budget: €216.,940, funded by Cordaid
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Intuitional Donors

- **Project: “Women Empowerment in Relation to Peace”²⁶⁰**
 - Goal: “Increase the influence of women on implementing policies that improve the lives of women in general and stimulate their leadership regarding peace and justice.”
 - Implementing Partner: **Adva Center**
 - Duration: June 2012 - May 2015
 - Budget: €139,249 funded by Cordaid
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- **Project: “Empowering Minority Communities in Haifa”²⁶¹**
 - Goal: Increase the “influence of local women in peacebuilding processes at the local and national level”
 - Implementing Partners: **Association for Arab Youth – Baladna, Kayan,²⁶²** and the **Social Development Committee of Haifa (SDC)**
 - Duration: May 2012 - April 2014
 - Budget: €168,977 funded by Cordaid
 - Funding partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- **Project: “It's Our Turn Now - The Alternative Media”²⁶³**
 - Goal: "Promote a new media outlet who provides visibility and coverage to those standpoints not covered by mainstream media."
 - Implementing Partners: **Social TV²⁶⁴**
 - Duration: January 2012 - December 2014
 - Budget: €220,359 funded by Cordaid
 - Funding partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- **Project: “Building a Culture of Peace”²⁶⁵**
 - Goals: Training “Palestinian and Jewish girls and boys of 15-17 years old” to “critically examine their society” and “engage in...and become agents of social change.”
 - Implementing Partner: **Sadaka Reut**²⁶⁶ (Cordaid notes that this project is the first instance in which they have funded or partnered with Sadaka Reut, and will evaluate Sadaka Reut after the project ends.)
 - Duration: January 2013 - August 2013
 - Budget: €17,500 from Cordaid, €140,403 from “other institutional funders.”
 - Funding partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- **Project: “Campaign For Gun Free Kitchen Tables”²⁶⁷**
 - Goals: "Campaign against the permission for security guards to bring guns home."
 - Implementing Partner: **Isha L'Isha Haifa Feminist Center**
 - Duration: January 2013 - August 2013; May 2014- November 2015
 - Budget: €20,000 (2013) and €40.000 (2014-2015) from Cordaid
 - Funding partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Institutional Donors

- **Project: “Self-Determination through Philanthropy”²⁶⁸**
 - Goal: “Strengthen the operational capacity, visibility and accountability of Dalia Association itself”
 - Implementing Partner: **Dalia Association**
 - Duration: January 2014 – December 2014
 - Budget: €53,800 budget, funded by Cordaid
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- **Project: “Women in Charge of their Stories”²⁶⁹**
 - Goal: Contribute to “increased access for and participation of women and youth in drama/theatre activities, especially concerning storytelling, with special focus on marginalized communities and areas in Gaza”
 - Implementing Partner: **Theatre Day Productions**
 - Duration: January 2014 – December 2015
 - Budget: €245,000, funded by Cordaid

- Funding Partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- **Project: “Trauma Relief for Women and Girls in Gaza”²⁷⁰**
 - Goal: “Provide trauma relief and recovery to women and children in Gaza after the November 2012 War (sic), through drama, theatre and creative activities”
 - Implementing Partner: **Theatre Day Productions**
 - Duration: January 2013 - May 2013
 - Budget: €50,307, funded by Cordaid
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid, National Postcode Lottery

- **Project: “Increased Empowerment for Palestinian Women”²⁷¹**
 - Goal: “Empower Palestinian women psychologically and socially to become proactive contributors to society”
 - Implementing Partner: **Palestinian Counseling Center (PCC)**
 - Duration: January 2014 - December 2014
 - Budget: €75,000, funded by Cordaid
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- **Project: “Women In Gaza Monitor Their Daily Security”²⁷²**
 - Goal: “Increase capacity of women of different areas (rural, urban, refugee camps) of Gaza Strip so they become key actors in promoting and monitoring daily safety and security in their communities.”
 - Implementing Partner: **Ma'an Development Center**²⁷³
 - Duration: January 2014 - December 2015
 - Budget: €167,000 funded by Cordaid
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- **Project: “Strengthening Women's Voices in the Negev”²⁷⁴**
 - Goal: Support "Bedouin women living in unrecognized villages to become aware of their rights...to actively participate in policy advocacy at the local, municipal and (inter)national levels and to present their stories to the national media.”
 - Implementing Partner: **SIDREH**²⁷⁵
 - Duration: January 2014 - December 2015
 - Budget: €185,000 funded by Cordaid
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- **Project: “Women's Access To Justice”²⁷⁶**
 - Goal: “Investigate Palestinian women's access to justice -the forces that allow and inhibit- when addressing the Israeli justice system and the informal Palestinian justice system.”
 - Implementing Partner: **MADA al-Carmel**
 - Duration: March 2014 - December 2015
 - Budget: €130,450 funded by Cordaid
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- **Project: “Emergency Aid For Affected Civilians In Gaza”²⁷⁷**
 - Goal: “Targets the most vulnerable beneficiaries, who will be selected in coordination with the Ministry of Health, World Food Programme, World Health Organization, UNRWA and the Red Crescent.”
 - Implementing Partner: **Caritas Jerusalem**
 - Duration: March 2014 - December 2015
 - Budget: €200,000 funded by Cordaid and €930,855 through other parties
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid, Cordaid Mensen in Nood

- **Project: “Empowerment Of Women Community Groups”²⁷⁸**
 - Goal: “Develop a business and marketing plan and make contacts with relevant businesses and marketing opportunities.”
 - Implementing Partner: **Palestinian Consultative Staff - PCS**
 - Duration: August 2014 - July 2015
 - Budget: €34,000 funded by Cordaid
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- **Project: “Youth Empowerment In Nablus, Palestine”²⁷⁹**
 - Goal: “Developing youth's identity and sense of self-worth, and empowering youth with alternatives to violence in dealing with difficult circumstances.”
 - Implementing Partner: **Palestinian Counseling Center (PCC)**
 - Duration: October 2014 - December 2015
 - Budget: €54,500 funded by Cordaid
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- **Project: “Skill Development For Teenagers In Gaza”²⁸⁰**
 - Goal: “Giving educational, psychological and development skills to Palestinian teenagers in the Khan Younis areas in Gaza.”

- Implementing Partner: **the Culture and Free Thought Association (CFTA)**
 - Duration: January 2015 - December 2015
 - Budget: €55,000 funded by Cordaid
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Institutional Donors
- **Project: “It's Our Turn Now - The Alternative Media”²⁸¹**
 - Goal: “Contribute to a more pluralistic, equal and less militaristic climate via alternative media.”
 - Implementing Partner: **Israel Social TV**²⁸²
 - Duration: January 2015 - December 2015
 - Budget: €50,000 funded by Cordaid
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Institutional Donors
- **Project: “Training Youth Groups”²⁸³**
 - Goal: “Strengthen the feminist knowledge of a group of young Palestinian students from different universities in Israel.”
 - Implementing Partner: **Assiwar**
 - Duration: January 2015 - September 2015
 - Budget: €25,000 funded by Cordaid
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- **Project: “Women And Youth Participation In Democracy”²⁸⁴**
 - Goal: “Develop the skills of women and youth groups to lead a campaign to address the issues of concern for the Arab community across Haifa.”
 - Implementing Partner: **Kayan**²⁸⁵
 - Duration: January 2015 - December 2015
 - Budget: €96,481 funded by Cordaid
 - Funding Partners: Cordaid, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Past Cordaid Grantees (2004 – 2014):

- **Bethlehem Bible College (BBC):**²⁸⁶ Cordaid is a partner with the BBC, though neither Cordaid nor BBC provides specific funding amounts.²⁸⁷
 - Cordaid’s 2012 Annual Report refers to unspecified financial “commitments” made to named beneficiaries, including the BBC: “Religious partners are particularly indispensable for Cordaid in the programs Conflict Transformation, Emergency Aid (with and through, the Caritas international network), and Health & Wellbeing. During the reporting

year, **48 percent of our commitments** pertained to a church or church-related partner.” (emphasis added)²⁸⁸

- In the section on Bethlehem Bible College, the Dutch version of the 2012 annual report specifically mentions Christ at the Checkpoint: “In March 2012, under the title ‘Christ at the checkpoint...’ a meeting was held with about 500 religious and political leaders to clarify and discuss the different views and assumptions.”²⁸⁹
- **Ittijah**²⁹⁰ was funded by Cordaid from at least 2004 through 2009,²⁹¹ when director Amir Makhoul was sentenced to nine years in prison for spying on behalf of Hezbollah.²⁹² Ittijah’s 2004 report to Israel’s Registrar of Non-Profit Organizations lists a grant of 49,445 NIS from Cordaid.
- **Mada al-Carmel – Arab Center for Applied Social Research**²⁹³ received 525,473 NIS from Cordaid in 2011²⁹⁴ and 438,770 NIS in 2012.²⁹⁵
- **Al-Quds Underground (AQU)**²⁹⁶ Cordaid provided €50,000 of AQU’s budget.²⁹⁷
- Cordaid is a supporter²⁹⁸ of the **Olive Tree Campaign**²⁹⁹ – a joint project of **YMCA East Jerusalem**³⁰⁰ and **YWCA Palestine**.³⁰¹
- **Emek Shaveh**³⁰² received 147,553 NIS in 2012 from Cordaid.³⁰³
- **Center on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE)**³⁰⁴ received a grant of more than €170,000 from Cordaid in 2009³⁰⁵ and expected to receive €150,000 in 2010, 2011, and 2012.³⁰⁶
- **Public Committee Against Torture in Israel (PCATI)**³⁰⁷ received €100,000 from Cordaid in 2011³⁰⁸ and €60,000 in 2008.³⁰⁹ While Cordaid remains on its list of donors, PCATI does not disclose grant amounts on its website.³¹⁰ The Registrar of Charities (Rasham Ha’amutot) of the Israeli Ministry of Justice shows PCATI received 110,875 NIS in 2014, 520,541 NIS in 2013 grants from Cordaid, 495,360 NIS in 2012 grants.³¹¹
- **Social TV**³¹² has received yearly donations from Cordaid since 2011.

Cordaid contributed €17,450 in 2011, €71,000 in 2012, €70,345 in 2013³¹³ and ₪137,800 in 2014.³¹⁴

- **Human Rights Defenders Fund**³¹⁵ received ₪23,288 in 2013³¹⁶ and ₪74,860 in 2012³¹⁷ from Cordaid as reported in annual financial reports from the Israeli Registrar of Non-Profits. HRDF has not submitted quarterly reports to the Israeli Registrar of Non-Profits in accordance with the Israeli NGO transparency law.
- **Isha L'isha Haifa** received ₪73,650 in 2012³¹⁸ and ₪37,099 in 2011³¹⁹ from Cordaid.
- **The Culture and Free Thought Association** received ₪40,804 in 2013³²⁰ and ₪117,477 in 2012 from Cordaid.³²¹

Bias in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Cordaid is a member, along with Dutch-based organizations Pax, Oxfam Novib³²² and Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation (ICCO),³²³ of United Civilians for Peace,³²⁴ which advocates for BDS.³²⁵ Cordaid's former director René Grotenhuis, during a 2011 panel in the Dutch parliament, argued that BDS is a defensible tactic because "it is important that people in Palestine look for ways to resist occupation, and it is a nonviolent way to do so."³²⁶

- Cordaid co-published a report with the Dutch Association of Investors for Sustainable Development (VBDO), ICCO,³²⁷ and Pax (formerly IKV Pax Christi) titled "Dutch Institutional Investors and Investments related to the Occupation of the Palestinian Territories."³²⁸ In it, these NGOs claim:

Financing criminal activities falls within the definition of criminal complicity as long as it is established that the financier was (or should have been) aware of the crimes that are being (or to be) committed. If the indirect activities are considered to constitute complicity under international criminal law, then civil liability for these activities may come into play as well.

This assertion is a distortion of international law, which does not recognize aiding and abetting liability for corporations. Moreover, every legal case brought by Palestinian activists on this basis has been thrown out of court. The NGOs authoring the report also reference Richard Falk, outgoing “Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territories.” Falk has been criticized by the U.S. envoy to the UN for having published “bizarre and insulting material,” his “relentless anti-Israel bias,” and for his “noxious and outrageous perpetuation of 9/11 conspiracy theories.”³²⁹

- Joined a coalition of 22 European NGOs in producing “Trading Away Peace: How Europe Helps Sustain Illegal Israeli Settlements.”³³⁰ The report repeats the BDS agenda, calling on the EU and national governments to wage political warfare through various forms of economic sanctions on Israel.³³¹
- Also joined a report (December 2009) titled “Failing Gaza: No rebuilding, no recovery, no more excuses.”³³² The report perpetuated the unsupported legal claim that Gaza remains occupied³³³ and the false allegation of “collective punishment” in order to “prove” their central thesis: “primary responsibility [for the humanitarian crisis in Gaza] lies with Israel.”³³⁴
- Cordaid, through the United Civilians for Peace (UCP) framework, placed sole blame on Israel for the November 2012 Gaza conflict.³³⁵ UCP is a platform established by the Dutch NGOs ICCO,³³⁶ Oxfam Novib,³³⁷ IKV Pax Christi, and Cordaid to campaign on the Arab-Israeli conflict.³³⁸ UCP has been a powerful promoter of BDS activities targeting Israel:
 - On January 8, 2014, a large Dutch pension fund, PGGM, announced that it will “no longer invest in five Israeli banks, namely Bank Hapoalim, Bank Leumi, First International Bank of Israel, Israel Discount Bank and Mizrahi Tefahot.” PGGM claimed that this decision was due to the banks’ “involvement in financing Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian” territories. PFZW (Pension Fund for Care and Well-being), whose funds are managed by PGGM, subsequently listed these banks on the fund’s “exclusion list.”³³⁹

- PFZW director Peter Borgdoff confirmed that NGOs were centrally involved in PGGM’s decision to divest from Israeli companies. According to Borgdoff, “For several years, we have been addressed on this issue by organizations such as **Cordaid, ICCO, IKV Pax Christi, Oxfam Novib**, Werkgroep Keerpunt and the Dutch Palestine Committee. Coincidentally, we also provide pensions to some of these parties.”³⁴⁰ (Translation from Dutch by NGO Monitor)
 - In 2009, a document on these two pension funds was released³⁴¹ based on information and data collected by “Who Profits?”³⁴² a BDS project of the Israeli NGO Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP).³⁴³ This document lists information on the Israeli banks listed above. (Previous NGO Monitor reports³⁴⁴ highlight CWP’s radical anti-Israel agenda. For instance, research shows that CWP officials have been photographed holding a flag of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – an EU-recognized terrorist organization responsible for numerous attacks against civilians.)³⁴⁵
 - The UCP circulated the report to banks, unions and BDS activists.³⁴⁶
- A number of Cordaid’s partners support BDS and/or hold extreme biases and/or present narrow, one-sided viewpoints regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict:
 - **Association for Arab Youth - Baladna:**³⁴⁷ Baladna lists Cordaid as a donor during the period 2011-2013.³⁴⁸ While Baladna organizes projects tackling admirable goals, such as decreasing violence among Arab youth and encouraging equal gender relations,³⁴⁹ the organization also participates with Zochrot, a radical NGO that supports BDS and the demand for a right of return, in a project called “Our Return.”³⁵⁰ The project involves “youth from the third generation of internally displaced Palestinians in Israel” and trains them in the “conceptualization and planning” of a “return to their ancestral villages.” Baladna’s annual report also

highlights the organization's opposition to Israel's national community service program, offered as an alternative to military service, from which most Arab citizens of Israel are exempt.³⁵¹ Baladna claims that Israel's civil service project "indirectly assist[s] the Israeli military" and "erod[es] Palestinian national identity."³⁵² The group maintains a Facebook page encouraging Arab youth to avoid participating in the civil service program.³⁵³ In April 2014 Balada urged an "escalation in efforts to refuse military service" including "mandatory service imposed on the young Arab Druze and Circassians, as well as the civic service imposed on the rest of the spectra of the Palestinian people."³⁵⁴

In addition, Baladna was awarded the Haidar Abdul Shafi Award at the festival of the Palestine Award for Volunteerism for its program "I am not a servant" encouraging Arab youth to oppose Israel-sponsored civil service.³⁵⁵

- **Bethlehem Bible College:**³⁵⁶ Cordaid partners with³⁵⁷ the Bethlehem Bible College, a multid denominational Christian college located in Bethlehem.³⁵⁸ The Bethlehem Bible College co-sponsors with Holy Land Trust (see below) the Christ at the Checkpoint conference,³⁵⁹ a biennial conference launched in 2010.³⁶⁰ The second CatC conference was held in 2012, and the third was in March 2014. Sami Awad, HLT's Executive Director and Founder,³⁶¹ stated regarding non-violent demonstrations, "This is not a substitute for the armed struggle." (The term "armed struggle" is a euphemism used by Palestinian terror groups and their supporters for violent attacks specifically targeting Israeli civilians.)³⁶²

CatC has featured BDS supporters including Sami Awad of the Holy Land Trust,³⁶³ Stephen Sizer, and Naim Ateek of the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center (Sabeel).³⁶⁴ CatC seeks to advance the Palestinian nationalist agenda within Evangelical Christian churches, while simultaneously reviving theological

antisemitic themes such as replacement theology. (See NGO Monitor's report on Christ at the Checkpoint)³⁶⁵ According to Cordaid's 2012 annual report,³⁶⁶ Bethlehem Bible College's programs attempt to "clarify theological relationships with Muslims and Jews as a basis for creating more mutual understanding" because "concepts of the biblical Israel (which should not be confused with the modern state of Israel) and the establishment of the state of Israel as the realization of biblical prophecies, still form obstacles to the ongoing peace process."

- **Holy Land Trust (HLT):**³⁶⁷ HLT lists Cordaid as a "partner,"³⁶⁸ but does not provide donation amounts. HLT supports BDS,³⁶⁹ including signing a petition³⁷⁰ in May 2005 calling for the academic boycott of Israel, signing the 2005 "Palestinian Civil Society Call for BDS,"³⁷¹ and supporting³⁷² the Kairos Palestine document.³⁷³ HLT is also a co-organizer of Christ at the Checkpoint.³⁷⁴
- **Ittijah:**³⁷⁵ Until 2010,³⁷⁶ when Ittijah Director Amir Makhoul was sentenced to nine years in prison for spying for Hezbollah,³⁷⁷ Ittijah was "the network for Palestinian non-governmental organizations in Israel." Prior to the second Durban conference in 2009, Ittijah led a campaign to "boycott Israel, to impose sanctions and to label it as a colonial racist state under the motto: Zionism is Racism- Israel is an Apartheid."³⁷⁸ Ittijah also endorsed a full Palestinian right of return, and organized a 2004 conference titled "Right of Return and Just Peace."³⁷⁹ Ittijah also helped organize the Bilbao Initiative boycott conference.³⁸⁰ The final declaration of the initiative states: "this study has concluded that Israel's regime is a system that uniquely combines apartheid, settler-colonialism and belligerent occupation," and refers to Israeli "ethnic cleansing," "war crimes," and "crimes against humanity."³⁸¹ In response to Makhoul's arrest and conviction, Cordaid called on the EU to "protest to the Israeli authorities about the conduct of the trial," and "urge the Israeli

authorities to safeguard the freedom for human rights defenders in Israel.”³⁸²

- **Ma’an Development Center:**³⁸³ Despite the humanitarian and peaceful nature of their projects’ goals, Ma’an uses demonizing language such as “apartheid”³⁸⁴ and “colonization”³⁸⁵ in its publications and its 2009 report, “Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions: Lessons Learned in Effective Solidarity.”³⁸⁶ In a 2010 report on Israel’s presence in the Jordan River Valley,³⁸⁷ Ma’an refers to Israeli policies as “apartheid policies” and a 2013 report refers to Palestinian villages in the area as having been “ethnically cleansed.”³⁸⁸
- **Mada Al-Carmel:**³⁸⁹ Mada al-Carmel’s publication *Jadal* included an issue dedicated to “Boycotting Israel: Between Theory and Practice.”³⁹⁰ Mada al-Carmel also co-authored the “Haifa Declaration,” which calls for a “change in the definition of the State of Israel from a Jewish state,” and accuses Israel of “exploiting” the Holocaust “at the expense of the Palestinian people.”³⁹¹
- **Sadaka Reut:**³⁹² Sadaka Reut is a joint Arab-Jewish organization that implements projects aimed at educating Israeli youth – Arab and Jewish – in “building a culture of peace.” However, some of Sadaka Reut’s program methods and activities are inconsistent with its goals. It works with highly politicized NGOs toward educating participants using a one-sided and reductionist narrative of Israeli guilt and Palestinian victimhood.³⁹³
- Participants in Sadaka Reut’s Community in Action program volunteer³⁹⁴ or attend programs³⁹⁵ with a number of fringe NGOs that hold extreme and biased positions towards the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including Coalition of Women for Peace,³⁹⁶ Zochrot,³⁹⁷ Physicians for Human Rights-Israel,³⁹⁸ and Machsom Watch.³⁹⁹ Educational programs focus exclusively on the Palestinian perspective and train participants in the skills of political protest and activism focusing on

narrow political goals.⁴⁰⁰ These programs include activities such as holding protests in Jaffa and at Gaza's Erez crossing against the "siege" of Gaza and two months dedicated to "learning about the Nakba" aided by Zochrot-facilitated workshops.⁴⁰¹

- Sadaka Reut maintains partnerships with organizations on the extreme fringe including Zochrot (with whom they joined for a project called "Introducing the Palestinian Nakba to the Israeli Public"), Coalition of Women for Peace, and Physicians for Human Rights-Israel.⁴⁰² All these groups engage in activities delegitimizing the State of Israel.
- **Social TV:** Acts as a platform for accusations of Israeli "apartheid,"⁴⁰³ "racism,"⁴⁰⁴ "occupation,"⁴⁰⁵ "discrimination,"⁴⁰⁶ and perpetrating a "Nakba"⁴⁰⁷ against the Palestinian population, and to advocate the "one-state"⁴⁰⁸ solution and BDS.⁴⁰⁹
- In 2014, Moran Brir and Guy Botabia, activists affiliated with Social TV, were involved with the production of a highly disturbing 2014 video, "The Holocaust's Visit to Yad Vashem." The video claims that the Holocaust was "the best thing that ever happened" to the Jewish people and that the Jewish nation "do[es] not exist" and "never existed."⁴¹⁰ Other inflammatory videos by the pair have been posted on Social TV.⁴¹¹
- In 2014, Social TV featured a lecture⁴¹² by radical historian Ilan Pappé, claiming that the two-state solution is "just a tool where [Israel] maintains control over the [Palestinians]" and that a "one-state" solution is possible because "in South Africa, there were also liberal Zionists, liberal apartheid supporters..."
- In 2013, Social TV aired a video segment, "From Truth to Redress,"⁴¹³ promoting the one-state conference⁴¹⁴ organized by fringe Israeli NGO Zochrot.⁴¹⁵

- In 2013, Social TV aired a segment, “From Holocaust to Revival,”⁴¹⁶ which criticizes organized school trips to Poland for inculcating a “militaristic discourse, speech and codes of behavior” in Israeli society.
- In 2009, Social TV, along with Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP),⁴¹⁷ Mossawa,⁴¹⁸ ICAHD⁴¹⁹ and others, wrote to the Norwegian Pension Fund encouraging them to “stop investing in the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory.”⁴²⁰ The letter resulted in the pension fund divesting from Elbit. Social TV also produced a video on “Agriculture in the Jordan Valley” featuring statements by CWP researchers and claims that Mekorot dries up water sources leading to “no agriculture and no work.”
- **Arab Educational Institute - Open Windows:**⁴²¹ Cordaid is listed on the “Partners & Funders” page of AEI’s website.⁴²² Based in Bethlehem, AEI is a signatory of the BDS “Call” ” and appears on the list of BDS endorsers as “Arab Educational Institute – Open Windows (affiliated with Pax Christie International).”⁴²³ AEI’s most developed project is its Sumud program, which focuses on a specific response to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict – the “third way of nonviolence – neither succumbing to the occupation nor getting overwhelmed by hate in confronting the occupier.”⁴²⁴ AEI hosts an annual Sumud Festival, an annual “Peace Day,” and cooperates with the World Council of Church’s⁴²⁵ Palestine Israel Ecumenical Forum, and the Occupied Palestine and Syrian Golan Heights Advocacy Initiative (OPGAI).⁴²⁶ AEI also operates a media training and youth exchange program with Dutch youth, in cooperation with Kirk in Actie.⁴²⁷
- **Emek Shaveh:**⁴²⁸ Emek Shaveh’s reports claim that “excavation sites are changing the lay of the land, lending force to an historical narrative focusing on the Jewish people, and marginalizing the Palestinian residents from their environment and from their connection to the Temple Mount/al-Haram a-Sharif.”⁴²⁹

This claim formed the basis for the EU's 2012 condemnation of Israel regarding this issue.⁴³⁰

- **Center on Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE):**⁴³¹ COHRE calls for the “right of return” of Palestinian refugees and accuses Israel of “ethnic cleansing,” “collective punishment,” and other politically charged accusations. In January 2011, COHRE partnered with several political advocacy NGOs on a joint submission to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). The submission blamed violence against women and lack of educational opportunities on settlers, rather than on an oppressive and anti-democratic leadership structure in the West Bank and other intra-Palestinian sociological concerns.⁴³² The NGOs also omitted crucial women’s rights abuses, and failed to address domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, or “honor killings.”
- **Public Committee against Torture in Israel (PCATI):**⁴³³ PCATI has repeatedly claimed that Israeli security officers and Israeli doctors are complicit in the torture of Palestinian prisoners. However, these accusations are made without any verifiable evidence, and, as shown by NGO Monitor, the evidence that does exist contradicts PCATI’s allegations. In December 2013, PCATI falsely reported⁴³⁴ that Israeli authorities place Palestinian “prisoners in iron cages (including children),”⁴³⁵ but was forced to retract this claim one week later.⁴³⁶
- **YMCA East Jerusalem/YWCA Palestine’s Olive Tree Campaign:**⁴³⁷ The Olive Tree Campaign conducts tours of Bethlehem, Nazareth and Jerusalem, as well as the “wall,” settlements, “destroyed Palestinian villages,” and Hebron.⁴³⁸ The tour also brings participants to meetings with highly politicized NGOs⁴³⁹ such as Badil,⁴⁴⁰ Zochrot,⁴⁴¹ ICAHD,⁴⁴² and the Alternative Information Center.⁴⁴³ The East Jerusalem YMCA/YWCA has abandoned YMCA’s traditional nonpartisanship and the Joint Advocacy Initiative, which organizes the Olive Tree Campaign, partakes in overtly political activities,⁴⁴⁴

including organizing demonstrations and distributing t-shirts calling to “Isolate the Israeli Apartheid.”⁴⁴⁵

- **Human Rights Defenders Fund:** While HRDF quotes the UN definition of “human rights defenders,” it ignores the universality of the concept by readily admitting that “[p]reference will be given in allocating resources to finance the criminal cases against community leaders who are human rights defenders and active in the struggle against human rights abuses towards the Palestinians in the West Bank.”⁴⁴⁶ Utilizes demonizing rhetoric, accusing Israel of a “culture of impunity that cloaks systematic and repeated breaches of human rights and fundamental freedoms”⁴⁴⁷ and “financed the legal representation of activists arrested in varied contexts and locations” including “Sheikh Jarrah residents protesting their evictions; Leaders of the Rothschild Boulevard social protests; Activists demonstrating against land appropriations in Bilin; Defenders of the rights of the Bedouin residents in the Negev; East Jerusalem Minors systematically intimidated to threaten their families’ involvement in protesting Occupation policies.”⁴⁴⁸
- **Kayan:** In 2005, Kayan submitted⁴⁴⁹ a joint report with Ittijah⁴⁵⁰ to United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.⁴⁵¹ The report blamed underemployment of Palestinian women on Israeli actions which constitute “violation of international human rights law.” Kayan also co-authored a report with Physicians for Human Rights-Israel⁴⁵² which characterized Israel’s Nationality Law as “racist.”⁴⁵³ Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP)⁴⁵⁴ originally included Kayan as a signatory on a letter to the Norwegian Government Pension Fund calling “upon the Norwegian people to join us in our efforts and to stop investing in the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territory.”⁴⁵⁵

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE/DÉVELOPPEMENT ET PAIX (CARITAS - CANADA)

Key Points

- *Development and Peace, the “official development organization of the Canadian Catholic church,” operates development projects globally, responds to emergencies in impoverished areas and educates Canadian citizens about “the causes of impoverishment of peoples and mobilizes actions for change.”⁴⁵⁶*
- *The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) bilateral programs and International Humanitarian Assistance Programs contributed \$3,990,903 in funding during 2011 to 2012 to Development and Peace.⁴⁵⁷*
- *Two of Development and Peace’s partners, the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center⁴⁵⁸ and the Society of St. Yves, pursue extremely biased agendas regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.⁴⁵⁹*
 - *Sabeel, which lists Development and Peace as a donor in its annual reports (see details below), is a prominent supporter of BDS (boycotts, divestment, and sanctions) against Israel. Sabeel’s founder, Naim Ateek, is the originator of Palestinian Liberation Theology, which draws heavily from classical Christian replacement theology (also known as “supercessionism”).⁴⁶⁰ Ateek regularly accuses Israel of being an “apartheid state” and frequently demonizes the Jewish religion by referring to Judaism as a “primitive” and “tribal” faith.⁴⁶¹*
 - *The Society of St. Yves’ website reflects a strong bias against Israel;⁴⁶² it lists the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement,⁴⁶³ Kairos Palestine,⁴⁶⁴ Al Haq⁴⁶⁵ and others engaged in demonization as “local human rights organizations.”*

Background

- Website: <http://www.devp.org/en>
- Development and Peace (Développement et Paix) was founded in 1967 as the “official development organization of the Canadian Catholic church”⁴⁶⁶ by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in response to Pope Paul VI’s declaration that “development is the new word for peace.” Development and Peace defines itself as a “democratic movement for international solidarity [and] supports partners in the Global South in pursuit of alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures.”

Development and Peace “educates the Canadian population about the causes of impoverishment of peoples and mobilizes actions for change...associates with social change groups in the North and South [and] supports women in their search for social and economic justice.”⁴⁶⁷

- Development and Peace is the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis, and two members of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops are represented on its National Council.⁴⁶⁸
- Development and Peace’s relationship with the Vatican and the Catholic hierarchy runs through its membership in Caritas Internationalis. Pope Francis held an informal meeting with executives of Caritas member organizations, during which Michael Casey, Executive Director of Development and Peace and North American President of Caritas Internationalis, was able to discuss his concerns with the Pope.⁴⁶⁹

Budget and Transparency

- Development and Peace was exempted by a Canadian federal court from the requirement to list its grantees.⁴⁷⁰ NGO Monitor obtained limited information on grants from Development and Peace grantee reports and from Development and Peace’s Annual Reports.
- According to its website, “Development and Peace is a membership led organization supported by parish collections, individual donations and *government grants*, principally from the *Canadian International Development Agency [CIDA]*.” [emphasis added]
- Total revenue⁴⁷¹ during the 2011 to 2012 fiscal year⁴⁷² was \$27,082,195, with \$3,990,903 from the Canadian International Development Agency’s (CIDA) bilateral programs and International Humanitarian Assistance Programs. Development and Peace’s Annual Report lists an additional \$956,122 in “government contributions,” but neglects to elaborate on the identity of these government donors.⁴⁷³
- Net expenses for 2011 to 2012 reached \$28,958,955. A total of \$35,000 was allocated to the Middle East Regional Program, but the “Palestinian Territories” program – funded as a “Country Program” – received \$180,000 in 2011-2012.⁴⁷⁴ These grants were earmarked to pay for “thousands of victims of human rights violations in the West Bank [to receive] information and legal services.” Lack of further details regarding the identity of grantees in the “Palestinian Territories” and their activities is likely due to Development and Peace’s court-ordered exemption from the requirement to list grantees.⁴⁷⁵
- Development and Peace’s website includes detailed Annual Reports from 2005 to the present, complete with basic financial information. No

grantees, however, are listed. In 2010, Development and Peace obtained court permission protecting them from a Freedom of Information Act request that would have required them to disclose grantees.⁴⁷⁶ According to Catholic media sources, the organization was suspected by Catholic news organizations⁴⁷⁷ and some Canadian bishops of having funded groups with views on abortion not consistent with Church doctrine.⁴⁷⁸

- In 2012, CIDA significantly reduced funding for Development and Peace from \$44.6 million for the previous five years to \$14.5 million in the upcoming five years.⁴⁷⁹ CIDA did not provide an explanation for the funding reduction.⁴⁸⁰

Grantees

- In the face of the court ruling that exempted Development and Peace from the requirement to list its grantees, NGO Monitor extracted limited information from reporting of individual grantees and from Development and Peace's Annual Reports.
- Annual Reports from 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 show that \$180,000 in both years was allocated to programs and partners in the "Palestinian Territories."
- The Society of St. Yves⁴⁸¹ is a Development and Peace "partner,"⁴⁸² which in May 2012, "benefit[ed] from [the] gift" of an anonymous "major donor" to Development and Peace. The amount of the major donor's gift is not available on the Development and Peace website.⁴⁸³
- The Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center (Sabeel)⁴⁸⁴ mentions Development and Peace (using the abbreviation CCODP) as a donor. In 2011,⁴⁸⁵ Development and Peace granted Sabeel C\$36,608 (130,694 NIS),⁴⁸⁶ and C\$41,647 (148,680 NIS)⁴⁸⁷ in 2010.⁴⁸⁸

Bias in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

- Development and Peace's two known grant recipients, Sabeel and the Society of St. Yves, hold highly biased positions that fuel the Arab-Israeli conflict:
- The **Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center**⁴⁸⁹ is a prominent supporter of BDS. Sabeel's founder, Naim Ateek, is the originator of Palestinian Liberation Theology, which draws heavily from classical Christian replacement theology (also known as "supercessionism").⁴⁹⁰
 - Ateek regularly accuses⁴⁹¹ Israel of being an "apartheid state." In its publications, Sabeel supports⁴⁹² the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement.⁴⁹³

- Ateek frequently demonizes the Jewish religion by referring to Judaism as a “primitive” and “tribal” faith. In 2011, he said, “The establishment of Israel was a relapse to the most primitive concepts of an exclusive, tribal God...”⁴⁹⁴
- Ateek uses decide imagery: “In this season of Lent,⁴⁹⁵ it seems to many of us that Jesus is on the cross again with thousands of crucified Palestinians around him... The Israeli government crucifixion system is operating daily. Palestine has become the place of the skull...”
- For further discussion of Sabeel, see NGO Monitor’s report, “Sabeel’s Theology of Contempt: Injecting Anti-Israel and Antisemitic Activism into Churches.”⁴⁹⁶
- **The Society of St. Yves** is a “Catholic human rights organization working under the patronage of the Latin Patriarch in Jerusalem.” Founded in 1991 by former Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem and the Holy Land Michel Sabbah, its activities, partnerships and leadership promote BDS and demonizing rhetoric to describe Israel.⁴⁹⁷
 - St. Yves partners with highly politicized NGOs⁴⁹⁸ including: Addameer, Al-Haq,⁴⁹⁹ Al Mezan,⁵⁰⁰ Alternative Information Center,⁵⁰¹ Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem,⁵⁰² Badil,⁵⁰³ Bimkom,⁵⁰⁴ Defense for Children International-Palestine Section,⁵⁰⁵ Diakonia,⁵⁰⁶ EAPPI,⁵⁰⁷ Ir Amim,⁵⁰⁸ Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions,⁵⁰⁹ Ma'an Development Center,⁵¹⁰ Oxfam (UK),⁵¹¹ Palestinian Center for Human Rights,⁵¹² Stop the Wall,⁵¹³ United Nations Development Programme,⁵¹⁴ World Vision,⁵¹⁵ Yesh Din⁵¹⁶ and others.
 - The Society of St. Yves signed a joint statement with Addameer, Badil,⁵¹⁷ Al Mezan,⁵¹⁸ Alternative Information Center,⁵¹⁹ Defense for Children International – Palestine Section,⁵²⁰ and others claiming that the “Nakba” was still ongoing and describing Israeli policies in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza as “Israeli colonization, occupation and apartheid.”⁵²¹
 - St. Yves is a member⁵²² of the Coalition for Jerusalem, which aims “to oppose Israeli Government arbitrary measures... and to reaffirm that East Jerusalem is the capital of the future Palestinian state.”⁵²³
 - In March 2013, St. Yves Director Raffoul Rofa spoke at a Badil-sponsored event,⁵²⁴ “The International Fact-Finding Mission on Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory.”⁵²⁵

- Development and Peace is a member⁵²⁶ of **Kairos Canada**,⁵²⁷ which also partners with Sabeel.⁵²⁸ While Kairos Canada does not explicitly advocate for BDS, it recommends “socially responsible investment screens” in its official literature.⁵²⁹ It does, however, recommend as resources organizations that are strong BDS proponents,⁵³⁰ including Sabeel, the World Council of Churches,⁵³¹ ICAHD,⁵³² and Jewish Voice for Peace (JVP).⁵³³
- In 2009, Kairos Canada lost Canadian government overseas project funding. Immigration Minister Jason Kenney reportedly said the “Church-based group lost its federal funding because of its position on the Middle East, more particular because of its anti-Israel stand.”⁵³⁴

SÉCOURS CATHOLIQUE (CARITAS - FRANCE)

Key Points

- *Sécours Catholique is a Catholic aid charity and is a member of Caritas Internationalis.*⁵³⁵
- *Sécours Catholique's activities, positions on core issues in the Arab-Israeli conflict, and responses to major events illustrate a strong bias against Israel.*
- *Examples of bias in the Arab-Israeli conflict include the use of demonizing terms such as "apartheid wall"⁵³⁶ and a call on France and the EU to sanction Israel by reducing arms trade and delaying the Israel-EU Association agreement.*⁵³⁷
- *Sécours Catholique is a member of the French NGO Platform for Palestine.*⁵³⁸ *The Platform includes the official French BDS campaign as one of its projects.*⁵³⁹ *The Platform's radical anti-Israel members include the Palestinian NGO Network (PNGO)⁵⁴⁰ and the Palestinian Environmental NGOs Network (PENGON),⁵⁴¹ as well as the French League of Human Rights (LDH)⁵⁴² and Amnesty International.⁵⁴³ The Platform also maintains ties⁵⁴⁴ with the BDS-supporting NGOs Israeli Committee Against Housing Demolitions (ICAHD)⁵⁴⁵ and Ittijah.⁵⁴⁶ (The latter appears to be defunct, as its founder is in prison for spying on behalf of Hezbollah.)*

Background

- Website: <http://www.Sécours-catholique.org/>
- Founded in 1946, Sécours Catholique (Caritas France) is an organization in service of the Catholic Church and a member of Caritas Internationalis.⁵⁴⁷ Its mission is to "encourage worldwide solidarity through works of Christian charity." They "seek an active partnership with organisations that share its objectives in order to promote social justice in local, national and international policies."⁵⁴⁸
- Sécours Catholique has a close relationship with the Conference of French Bishops. The top tiers of Sécours Catholique leadership must be approved through a process that includes the Conference of Bishops. Furthermore, its membership in the Caritas network provides a platform for participation in events at the Vatican.⁵⁴⁹

Budget and Transparency

- Total income in 2012, the latest available figure published by Séjours Catholique, was €338 million, with €9 million coming from “subsidies and other public support” and €1,167,591 from the French national government.⁵⁵⁰ The largest source of income in 2012 was public donations, totaling €65 million.⁵⁵¹
- The majority of funds – €73 million – were allocated towards projects within France, while €28 million was dedicated towards international projects.
- The French government granted €1,098,397 to Séjours Catholique in 2011.⁵⁵²

Grantees

- Séjours Catholique’s financial reports do not include a comprehensive list of grantees. NGO Monitor has identified a number of grantees through Séjours Catholique’s news reports and self-reporting by grantees.

Grantees include:

(For details on these grantees, see “Background on Séjours Catholique’s Grantees” below.)

- **Sadaka Reut**⁵⁵³ received⁵⁵⁴ 146,212 NIS in 2013,⁵⁵⁵ 148,087 NIS in 2012,⁵⁵⁶ 172,864 NIS in 2011,⁵⁵⁷ 188,092 NIS in 2010,⁵⁵⁸ 130,667 NIS in 2009,⁵⁵⁹ and 136,560 NIS in 2008.⁵⁶⁰
- Séjours Catholique is a “partner”⁵⁶¹ of **Al-Maqdese for Society Development (MSD)**.⁵⁶² Neither organization specifies if their partnership is monetary.
- The **Mahapach-Taghir Association**⁵⁶³ lists Séjours Catholique as a donor for 2010-2011, but does not list specific sums.⁵⁶⁴ As part of its support, Séjours Catholique brought activists with Mahapach-Taghir to France to participate in the “Partners for Fairer Societies” Program.⁵⁶⁵
- **Les Enfants, le Jeu et l'Éducation** (“Children, Play and Education” - EJE-Palestine)⁵⁶⁶ received 146,100 NIS from Séjours Catholique in 2010⁵⁶⁷ and 171,796.50 NIS in 2009.⁵⁶⁸ While EJE-Palestine continues to list Séjours Catholique as a financial supporter on its website,⁵⁶⁹ financial information for 2012 has not yet been published.

- Despite the lack of published donor data from either grantor or grantee, *Séours Catholique* writes in a news update⁵⁷⁰ that it supports the **Tent of Nations**.⁵⁷¹
- *Séours Catholique* supports **Caritas Jerusalem** through speaking invitations,⁵⁷² as well as a donation of €100,000⁵⁷³ to the **OCCC Project** (Old City Counseling Center).⁵⁷⁴
- **Hebron-France**⁵⁷⁵ and *Séours Catholique* jointly sponsored a showing of the film “Un Mur à Jérusalem” (A Wall in Jerusalem) in France.⁵⁷⁶
- **Women and Media in Palestine**⁵⁷⁷ (TAM) lists *Séours Catholique* among “donors and partners” on its website.⁵⁷⁸ *Séours Catholique* sponsored TAM’s director on a visit to France, yet none of TAM’s annual reports list *Séours Catholique* in its donor section.
- **Interfaith Tour**, a 10-month, 48-country interfaith trek for five young adults of different religions, was sponsored in part by *Séours Catholique* along with Coexist.⁵⁷⁹ The travelers recently spent four weeks in Israel and the Palestinian Authority.⁵⁸⁰

Bias in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Séours Catholique’s positions on core issues in the Arab-Israeli conflict and responses to major events illustrate a strong bias.

Partnership with the French NGO Platform for Palestine

- *Séours Catholique* is a member of the French NGO Platform for Palestine,⁵⁸¹ which claims to dedicate itself to “actively contributing to the establishment of a just peace between Palestinians and Israelis based on international law, by both mobilizing French society and developing Palestinian civil society.” However, the Platform advertises BDS France⁵⁸² as one of its projects. The Platform also published a 2014⁵⁸³ article in support of sanctions against Israel in order to “render colonization⁵⁸⁴ more politically and economically costly.”
- Created in 1994, the Platform has 40 member associations and claims⁵⁸⁵ to work for the defense of human rights, as well as awareness and exchange between different French, Palestinian and Israeli actors. The Platform includes the official French BDS campaign⁵⁸⁶ as one of its projects. The

Platform's radical anti-Israel members include the Palestinian NGO Network (PNGO)⁵⁸⁷ and the Palestinian Environmental NGOs Network (PENGON),⁵⁸⁸ as well as the French League of Human Rights⁵⁸⁹ (LDH) and Amnesty International.⁵⁹⁰ The Platform also maintains ties⁵⁹¹ with the BDS-supporting NGOs Israeli Committee Against Housing Demolitions⁵⁹² (ICAHD) and Ittijah.⁵⁹³ (The latter appears to be defunct, as its founder is in prison for spying on behalf of Hezbollah.)

- The Platform organizes campaigns against the “Wall”⁵⁹⁴ and the “Occupation,”⁵⁹⁵ also publishing a variety of booklets on Palestinian refugees and a claimed “right of return”. While condemning Israeli defensive actions, the Platform fails to call for an end to Palestinian violence or for the dismantling of terrorist organizations. The Platform also demands the end of agreements between the EU and Israel,⁵⁹⁶ devoting an entire section of its website⁵⁹⁷ to providing “evidence” supporting this campaign.⁵⁹⁸ The Platform strongly supported the Palestinian attempt to be accepted as a member of the UN, and created a petition to that end.⁵⁹⁹ Within this context, Secours Catholique joined CCFD-Terre Solidaire, Justice et Paix, and Pax Christi in publishing the brochure “The Defeat of Peace” (described below).⁶⁰⁰

Publications, Statements and Positions

- Francois Soulage, President of Séjours Catholique, grossly falsifies the historical record in his description of the creation of the State of Israel: “In 1947, an international accord created two states, but this agreement was never brought into reality because the Jews began a war and created the state of Israel which didn’t respect international law.” In reality, in 1947 the UN General Assembly proposed a partition plan of the British mandate into an Arab and a Jewish state. The Jews accepted the plan while the Arab states did not. Instead, the armies of Egypt, TransJordan, Syria, Iraq, and Lebanon invaded Israel immediately following its announcement of independence on May 14, 1948.⁶⁰¹
- “The Challenge of Peace,” (*Le Défi de la Paix*) published by Séjours Catholique jointly with three other French NGOs, declares, “France and Europe had, and continue to have, a responsibility for the future of both [Israeli and Palestinian] peoples...”⁶⁰² The brochure, however, calls on France and the EU to reduce military trade with Israel, and to condition the Israel-EU Association agreement. The brochure advocates only one perspective in this conflict and uses partisan phrasing and language in its descriptions.⁶⁰³
 - The brochure also uses confusing terminology on its maps, interchanging the terms Israel and Palestine between different years. Furthermore, it includes tendentious maps purporting to illustrate a process of “Palestine” becoming “Israel” – a blatant misrepresentation of the history of sovereignty in the region.⁶⁰⁴
 - The brochure also features the Kairos Palestine document, which calls for BDS against Israel, denies the Jewish historical connection to Israel in theological terms, and blames Israel solely for the continuation of the conflict. Its purpose is to rally churches globally to support BDS, delegitimization, and demonization directed at the State of Israel.
 - The Israeli perspectives included in the brochure are marginal and far outside the mainstream, including Combatants for Peace⁶⁰⁵ and the anti-Zionist fringe group Zochrot.⁶⁰⁶ The brochure also offensively claims that the trauma of the Holocaust caused Israeli, Americans, and Europeans to ignore “the price paid by the Palestinian population.” In addition, the brochure opines that Israeli politicians exploit fear of terrorist attacks to stay in power.

- As part of their “reasons to hope,” the brochure’s authors list the groups Sadaka Reut,⁶⁰⁷ Parents Circle,⁶⁰⁸ and Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI),⁶⁰⁹ all of which present participants with biased and narrow perspectives, and in some cases, act as politicized participants in the conflict instead of peacemakers.
- In regular updates posted on its website, *Sécours Catholique* overwhelmingly relies on material⁶¹⁰ from the Russell Tribunal on Palestine. The Russell Tribunal, organized by leaders of the BDS movement, was a mock court which put Israel and its allies “on trial.”⁶¹¹
- *Sécours Catholique*’s published material on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict uses demonizing terms such as “apartheid wall.”⁶¹² In response to legitimate security measures taken by Israel, *Sécours Catholique*, along with Friends of Sabeel – France, signed a letter to the French Prime Minister urging for the “immediate suspension of the EU – Israel relationship.”
- On the subject of Gaza, *Sécours Catholique* cites highly disputed casualty statistics in their articles,⁶¹³ stating that the majority of Gazan casualties in Operation Cast Lead were civilians.⁶¹⁴ *Sécours Catholique* fails to note that the Hamas Interior Minister admitted that the number of combatant casualties was more than double the figures cited in the Goldstone Report.⁶¹⁵
- A January 2012 article on the *Sécours Catholique* website describes how the Gaza blockade “followed the democratic election that brought Hamas to power” while ignoring the totalitarian means by which Hamas continues to rule Gaza.⁶¹⁶
- In response to the 2010 Mavi Marmara flotilla incident, *Sécours Catholique* published a statement claiming that the ships were “loaded with materials to reconstruct Gaza and passengers pleading for peace in Palestine.”⁶¹⁷ The Mavi Marmara was operated by the Turkish group IHH (a member of the Union of Good, a US-banned terror organization), from which Israeli soldiers were brutally attacked. Furthermore, the convoy carried minimal humanitarian goods and construction materials and sailed with an explicit goal of provoking a violent confrontation with the IDF.⁶¹⁸
- A *Sécours Catholique* article on UN recognition of a Palestinian state argued that the U.S. position against recognition was a result of President Obama’s desire to avoid “alienating the Jewish electorate, three months from the American Presidential election.”⁶¹⁹ Bernard Flichy⁶²⁰, a *Sécours Catholique*

volunteer, spoke at a September 2011 conference⁶²¹ where he explained that the U.S. opposed the Palestinian bid for statehood recognition at the UN because of “electoral motives,”⁶²² specifically the fact that “the American Jewish community⁶²³ is expected to provide powerful support for Obama during the next election.”

Background on *Séours Catholique’s* Grantees

While the majority of *Séours Catholique’s* Israeli and Palestinian grantees engage in meaningful humanitarian aid, some also hold highly biased positions on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

- **Sadaka Reut** “educates and empowers Jewish and Palestinian Israeli youth and university students to pursue social and political change through bi-national partnership.”⁶²⁴ Its activities, however, promote the Palestinian victimization narrative, and involve cooperation with radical NGOs including Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP)⁶²⁵ and Zochrot,⁶²⁶ for a project aimed at “Introducing the Palestinian Nakba into the Israeli Public.” Sadaka Reut produced the film “A Journey against Racism,” demonizing the Israeli government and society with repeated and unsubstantiated accusations of systemic racism.⁶²⁷
- **Al-Maqdese for Society Development (MSD)** has a highly politicized mission to “disclose, document and publish Israeli violations,” particularly as they pertain to alleged “routine violations of Palestinian’s human, social, economic and political rights in Jerusalem.”⁶²⁸ According to an interview⁶²⁹ with an Al-Maqdese member Inas Sawahreh, *Séours Catholique* supports the organization’s weekly and monthly documents alleging Israeli violations of human rights. Examples include accusing⁶³⁰ Israel of “racist,” “ruthless, unforgiving and above all illegal policies” in Jerusalem and “crimes so heinous they make a mockery of international law and Israeli legitimacy.” Refers to an “apartheid wall” and claims Israel is running “a system of abuse and racism masquerading as security.”
- **Tent of Nations** refers to a farm owned by the Palestinian Christian Nassar family, which is today both a working farm and the site for numerous camps and groups focused on addressing “cultural conflicts around the world, including the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, by facilitating positive encounters between young people from different cultures.”⁶³¹ However, Tent of Nations also has used demonizing terms such as “Apartheid wall” in its newsletters.⁶³²

It also maintains a long-standing relationship with the Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center (Sabeel),⁶³³ which promotes BDS campaigns and is a proponent of supersessionism and related antisemitic theologies.⁶³⁴ Board members of Friends of Tent of Nations – North America and members of the Nassar family have spoken at Friends of Sabeel – North America (FOSNA) events.⁶³⁵

- **Caritas Jerusalem⁶³⁶ and the Old City Counseling Center (OCCC)** regularly partner with Séjours Catholique. Caritas Jerusalem is a “humanitarian and development organization that represents the socio-pastoral services of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land.” It operates a number of centers in the West Bank and Jerusalem, including health centers, an elderly day care center, and the OCCC, an anti-narcotic counseling center. The OCCC seems focused on its mission of “preparing psychologists, social workers and students to work in the field of prevention and intervention against drugs [sic] abuse” and providing “a safe place for local children and youth to meet...under the supervision of social workers and trained educators.”⁶³⁷ Despite these humanitarian activities, Caritas Jerusalem also endorsed a World Council of Churches Global Advocacy week⁶³⁸ that involved tours with BDS supporters such as EAPPI⁶³⁹ and ICAHD,⁶⁴⁰ and has used the term “apartheid wall” to describe the security barrier that significantly decreased suicide attacks against civilians.⁶⁴¹ Their choice of partners and demonizing rhetoric raises serious questions about Caritas Jerusalem’s competence as a “humanitarian and development organization.”
- **The Hebron-France Association for Cultural Exchange (Hebron-France)** is a signatory to the “Palestinian Civil Society Call for BDS.”⁶⁴² This NGO established by francophone Palestinians aimed at “developing the francophone presence in Palestine, as well as organizing cultural events” and promoting “the historical heritage of the Hebron district.”
- **Women and Media in Palestine (TAM)** or “Women, Media and Development” is a Palestinian NGO established in 2003 by a group of women media professionals who “felt that there was a severe shortage of programs and information materials of social and feministic [sic] issues in Palestine...”⁶⁴³ The organization’s goals include increasing awareness of gender-related issues in Palestinian society and “improving the image of Palestinian women in the media.”⁶⁴⁴ TAM organizes seminars and training sessions aiming to educate participants about challenges facing women in Palestinian society, including sexual harassment and honor killings. It also produces documentaries⁶⁴⁵ and events⁶⁴⁶ featuring women who have been

involved socially and politically in Palestinian life, including Israeli-Palestinian violence before and after 1948 and 1967. These documentaries often feature politicized terminology and descriptions such as the use of “occupation forces” to refer to the Israeli army and mention of “maps showing stages of occupation and displacement in 1948 and the rest of the Palestinian land after Israeli occupation control over the greater part of historic Palestine.” Tam has also partnered with organizations that hold strong anti-Israel biases regarding the Israeli-Arab conflict,⁶⁴⁷ including ASCUR⁶⁴⁸ and Miftah.⁶⁴⁹ TAM’s use of demonizing rhetoric and biased partnerships undermine its credibility as a humanitarian organization working on behalf of women.

Non-politicized NGOs

- **Les Enfants, le Jeu et l’Education (EJE)** was founded during the violent terror attacks of the early 2000s and consists of ten community centers based in refugee camps throughout the West Bank and Gaza geared toward supporting the “physical, psychological and social well-being” of Palestinian children growing up in conflict.⁶⁵⁰
- **The Interfaith Tour** is a 10-month, 48-country interfaith tour for five French young adults of five different faith backgrounds – Judaism, Islam, atheist, Christian, and agnostic.⁶⁵¹ In addition to regular tourist sites, the group met with representatives from the Jenin Freedom Theatre, Neve Shalom – Wahat al Salam Peace Village, and Hadassah Hospital. The trip included heritage sites from all the major religions in the region and used apolitical language to describe some aspects of the conflict. However, a video accompanying the trip mistakenly locates Masada in “Palestine.”⁶⁵²
- **Mahapach-Taghir**⁶⁵³ defines itself as a “grassroots, feminist, Jewish-Arab organization for social change through education and community empowerment, working towards equal socio-economic and educational opportunities for all.” It operates via community centers in Jewish and Arab socio-economically disadvantaged communities in Israel. Mahapach-Taghir is both transparent regarding the sources of its funding⁶⁵⁴ and apolitical regarding its mission and activities.

TRÓCAIRE (CARITAS - IRELAND)

Key Points

- *Trócaire, the official overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland, is a member of CIDSE⁶⁵⁵ and represents Caritas in Ireland.⁶⁵⁶ Caritas describes itself as “part of the Catholic church,”⁶⁵⁷ and is headquartered in Vatican City, with offices in New York City and Geneva. Trócaire is also one of four agencies associated with the “Commission for Social Issues and International Affairs” under the auspices of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Council.⁶⁵⁸*
- *In 2013, Trócaire received €18.5 million from Irish Aid, the Irish government’s assistance program for developing countries; the Irish government continues to be Trócaire’s single largest donor. The UK government was Trócaire’s second largest donor in 2013, having contributed a grant of €5.2 million. Trócaire also received €3.6 million from the EU/ECHO in 2013.⁶⁵⁹*
- *Trócaire’s grantees include non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that support boycotts, divestments and sanctions (BDS) including Badil,⁶⁶⁰ Coalition of Women for Peace⁶⁶¹ and ICAHD.⁶⁶²*
- *In September 2013, Trócaire co-sponsored the International Right of Return Conference⁶⁶³ that featured speakers from Zochrot⁶⁶⁴, ICAHD⁶⁶⁵, Badil⁶⁶⁶, and advocates for a “one-state solution” to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, meaning the dismantling of Israel and of the right of the Jewish people to sovereign equality.*
- *Trócaire published the report “Sustaining Injustice: EU trade with Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories,”⁶⁶⁷ and co-published “Trading Away Peace: How Europe helps sustain illegal Israeli settlements.”⁶⁶⁸ The reports are part of an intensive lobbying effort on the EU to enact BDS policies against Israel.*
- *Two leading former Trócaire officials who deal or have dealt directly with Palestinian issues were hired after working for the Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign (IPSC)⁶⁶⁹, a radical group that advocates for BDS,⁶⁷⁰ including a cultural boycott of Israeli academics and artists.⁶⁷¹*
- *Acting against Irish government policy⁶⁷², Trócaire conducts a campaign to sanction Israel (and Europe) by suspending mutually beneficial trade agreements, and attempting to block Israel’s inclusion in the OECD.⁶⁷³*

Background

- Website: www.Trócaire.org
- Founded in 1973 as the official overseas development agency of the Catholic Church of Ireland, Trócaire was established “by the Bishops of Ireland to express the concern of the Catholic Church for the suffering of the world’s poorest people.” Trócaire’s establishment was the fruition of the inspiration of group of Irish bishops who were galvanized by the Pope’s directives in Vatican II.⁶⁷⁴
- Trócaire’s mandate is “Trócaire can reach remote communities all over the developing world, creating long-term projects aimed at delivering long-term results” and “In Ireland, we raise awareness about the causes of poverty through our outreach programmes in the education sector, through parish networks, and through our public campaigns and advocacy work.”⁶⁷⁵
- In 2012, Trócaire reorganized its leadership structure, forming an Executive Leadership Team comprised of senior staff members, who report to Trócaire’s Board, which in turn reports to Trócaire’s Trustees.⁶⁷⁶ Trócaire also concentrated its international activities in 17 countries, down from 27, in order to enhance its ability to be effective as well as due to funding concerns.

Trócaire within the Catholic Church Structure

- Trócaire is a member of CIDSE⁶⁷⁷ and represents Caritas in Ireland (“although many of our members operate under the Caritas brand, some are known by other names, such as...Trócaire in Ireland.”⁶⁷⁸) Caritas describes itself as “part of the Catholic church,”⁶⁷⁹ and is headquartered in Vatican City, with offices in New York City and Geneva. Pope John Paul II granted Caritas with “Canonical Legal Status.”⁶⁸⁰ Caritas’ Executive Board has three members appointed by the Holy See.⁶⁸¹
- Trócaire is one of four agencies associated with the “Commission for Social Issues and International Affairs” under the auspices of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Council.⁶⁸² The Commission meets several times a year as part of the Irish Catholic Bishops Council.
- The Chair of Trócaire is Bishop William Crean, an ordained bishop of the Kerry diocese.

Budget and Transparency

- As of February 2013, Trócaire's income reached €60 million, a €7 million decrease from February 2012, when Trócaire's income was €67 million. Irish Aid contributed €18.5 million during 2013; the Irish government continues to be Trócaire's single largest donor. The UK government was Trócaire's second largest donor in 2013, having contributed a DFID grant of €5.2 million. Trócaire also received €3.6 million from the EU/ECHO in 2013.⁶⁸³
- In 2012, Trócaire received €23 million in governmental funding: €18.5 million from Ireland, €2.8 million from the EU, and €1.6 million from the UK. UNICEF also provided €280,000 to Trócaire in 2012.⁶⁸⁴
- According to Trócaire's web site: "In 2012, Trócaire and Irish Aid entered into a new four-year strategic funding relationship.⁶⁸⁵ The overall aim of which is to ensure that poor and marginalized women and men experience less poverty, violence and exclusion by holding governments to account for their use of resources and power. Trócaire received a funding grant of €15.7m that covers the following programmes: Governance and human rights, HIV, Gender equality, Sustainable livelihoods, and Disaster risk reduction. The programmes are being rolled out in 16 countries: Myanmar, India, Pakistan, Israel / Occupied Palestinian Territory, Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Malawi, and Zimbabwe."
- In 2012, Trócaire's Irish Aid expenditure for Palestine was €396,036.⁶⁸⁶
- Trócaire's 2012 and 2013 annual reports list funding from "Contributions and Agencies" as totaling €34,031,000 in 2013,⁶⁸⁷ €30,943,000 in 2012 and €25,222,000 in 2011.⁶⁸⁸

Grantees

- Trócaire funds highly politicized NGOs involved in the Arab-Israeli conflict that support, guide and/or contribute to demonization and delegitimization campaigns against Israel.
- Trócaire's 2013 Irish Aid expenditures are not yet available. Also with the exception of their Irish Aid expenditures on Palestine, there is no other updated information on total Trócaire expenditures in Palestine from 2011-2013.⁶⁸⁹ Trócaire spent €151,187 in "Palestine" in 2009-10, compared with

€952,441 in 2008-09.⁶⁹⁰

- Trócaire's financial reports do not include a comprehensive list of grantees. NGO Monitor has identified a number of grantees through self-reporting by grantees.

Grantees include:

- **Al Mezan Center for Human Rights** states that it received funding in 2010 for "Supporting Documentation of Human Rights Violations in Gaza" from Trócaire. The amount is not specified.⁶⁹¹
- **Breaking the Silence** received 72,377 NIS in 2014,⁶⁹² for "general support" from Trócaire 76,022 NIS in 2012,⁶⁹³ 74,683 NIS in 2011,⁶⁹⁴ and 114,225 NIS in 2010.⁶⁹⁵
- **B'Tselem** received 143,568 NIS in 2013, 224,938 NIS in 2012,⁶⁹⁶ 248,380 NIS in 2011,⁶⁹⁷ 249,795 NIS in 2010,⁶⁹⁸ 275,500 in 2009,⁶⁹⁹ and 255,000 NIS in 2008 from Trócaire.⁷⁰⁰
- **Badil** received €35,000 in 2011, €50,000 in 2010,⁷⁰¹ and €50,000 in 2009⁷⁰² from Trócaire.
- **Gisha** received 192,518 NIS in 2014, 50,019 NIS in 2012⁷⁰³ to "promote the honoring of international law within the Israeli authorities" from Trócaire, 49,834 NIS in 2011 and 48,427 NIS in 2010⁷⁰⁴
- **Hamoked** received a two year grant for €40,000 from 2014-2016, 7,084 NIS in 2013,⁷⁰⁵ 98,892 NIS in 2012,⁷⁰⁶ €19,938 in 2011,⁷⁰⁷ 19,983 NIS and £17,566 and €25,000 in 2010 and €20,000 in 2009 from Trócaire.⁷⁰⁸
- **Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD)** lists Trócaire on its website but does not provide a monetary amount.⁷⁰⁹
- **Public Committee Against Torture in Israel (PCATI)** lists Trócaire on its website but does not provide a monetary amount.⁷¹⁰
- **Rabbis for Human Rights** received 213,818 in 2013,⁷¹¹ 233,333 NIS in 2012,⁷¹² 257,990 NIS in 2011, 243,745 NIS in 2010⁷¹³ and 66,000 NIS in 2008 from Trócaire.⁷¹⁴
- **Who Profits** received 94,496 NIS in 2014 for "research"⁷¹⁵ and Coalition of Women for Peace 24,179 NIS in 2013.⁷¹⁶
- **Zochrot** received 47960 NIS in 2013,⁷¹⁷ 99,380 NIS in 2012,⁷¹⁸ 100,972 NIS in

2011, 150,092 NIS in 2010,⁷¹⁹ 54,798 NIS in 2009⁷²⁰ and 54,104 NIS in 2008 from Trócaire.⁷²¹

Bias in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

- All but one of Trócaire’s grantees exhibit biased and heavily politicized positions regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
 - In September 2013, Trócaire co-sponsored the International Right of Return Conference⁷²² which featured speakers from Zochrot,⁷²³ ICAHD,⁷²⁴ Badil,⁷²⁵ and advocates for a “one-state” formula. Topics included a discussion on the specifics and logistics of refugee “return” and a talk on how “to end the colonial nature of Israel.”⁷²⁶
 - Zochrot⁷²⁷ was established with the aim of “rais[ing] public awareness of the Palestinian Nakba” and “recognizing and materializing the right of return.” However, promoting the right of return is understood as a euphemism for the elimination of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people. Zochrot also promotes the Durban demonization rhetoric, accusing Israel of “ethnic cleansing,” “ongoing destruction of Palestinian localities,” “expulsion,” “massacres,” and “disregard for the rights of refugees and displaced people.” As explained by director Eitan Bronstein, “When the refugees return, Jews will become a minority in the country. Israel as a Jewish state will change radically, and it will no longer be defined as such.”
 - **ICAHD**⁷²⁸ is active in promoting BDS against Israel and explicitly advocates for the elimination of Israel as the nation state of the Jewish people, stating that “the only option for resolving the conflict [is] a one-state solution.”⁷²⁹ ICAHD Director Jeff Halper has participated in many activities under the framework of “Israel Apartheid Week” around the world; in Glasgow (2010), his theme was “Israeli Apartheid: The Case for BDS.”⁷³⁰
 - **Badil’s**⁷³¹ stated mission is to “defend and promote the rights of Palestinian refugees and IDPs.”⁷³² In practice, however, Badil promotes a so-called “right of return,” the aim of which is to eliminate Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people. BADIL also promotes “resistance” and “martyr” rhetoric,⁷³³ anti-peace initiatives⁷³⁴, and a “one-state” framework as well as BDS campaigns⁷³⁵ and has engaged in blatantly antisemitic activities. Badil’s 2013 publication on BDS implied that Palestinians shouldn’t abandon violence, noting, “it is hypocritical for Westerners to dismiss violent means altogether in the Palestinian case.”⁷³⁶ Furthermore, an antisemitic cartoon⁷³⁷ won a

monetary award in BADIL's 2010 Al-Awda Nakba caricature competition.⁷³⁸ The antisemitic caricature was removed from BADIL's website after NGO Monitor approached BADIL partner DanChurchAid on the issue and funding to BADIL was frozen.

- **Coalition of Women for Peace:** is a leader of the BDS campaign.⁷³⁹ It initiated the "Who Profits" project, an activist tool and database,⁷⁴⁰ in "response to the Palestinian Call" for BDS against Israel.⁷⁴¹ CWP organized a divestment letter to the Norwegian Government Pension Fund targeting investments in Israeli companies.⁷⁴² CWP's officials participated in events in which they carried flags of the PFLP terrorist organization.⁷⁴³
- **Breaking the Silence** is a political organization that uses "testimonies" in order to "make heard the voices of these soldiers, pushing Israeli society to face the reality whose creation it has enabled." In reality, however, the NGO's lobbying and media advocacy focus on international audiences, including translations of its materials into English and other languages and extensive presentations throughout Europe and the United States.
- **Sadaka Reut** claims to "educate[] and empower[] Jewish and Palestinian Israeli youth and university students to pursue social and political change through bi-national partnership."⁷⁴⁴ Its activities promote the Palestinian victimization narrative, and involved in cooperation with radical NGOs including Coalition of Women for Peace and Zochrot, for a project aimed at "Introducing the Palestinian Nakba into the Israeli Public."⁷⁴⁵
- **HaMoked – Center for the Defense of the Individual's:**⁷⁴⁶ main objective is "to assist Palestinians of the Occupied Territories whose rights are violated due to Israel's policies,"⁷⁴⁷ and also accuses Israel of enforcing "apartheid"⁷⁴⁸ with the West Bank security barrier.⁷⁴⁹ Hamoked has described Israel's policies as "ethnic cleansing" and "racist." For example, in an interview in the *National*, Director of Hamoked Dalia Kerstein said, "There is clearly a policy to push Palestinians out of Jerusalem and Israel to reduce what is called here the Palestinian demographic threat. It's really a case of ethnic cleansing."⁷⁵⁰
- **Public Committee against Torture in Israel (PCATI):**⁷⁵¹ PCATI has repeatedly claimed that Israeli security officers and Israeli doctors are complicit in the torture of Palestinian prisoners. However, these accusations are made without any verifiable evidence, and, as shown by NGO Monitor, the evidence that does exist contradicts PCATI's allegations. In December 2013, PCATI falsely reported⁷⁵² that Israeli authorities place Palestinian "prisoners

in iron cages (including children),”⁷⁵³ but was forced to retract this claim one week later.⁷⁵⁴

- **Gisha**⁷⁵⁵ uses the rhetoric of “apartheid”⁷⁵⁶ as part of its politicized agenda. Ignoring security concerns as a factor in Israel’s policy towards Gaza, Gisha asserts that the current blockade, which was found legal by the UN⁷⁵⁷, exists solely for purposes of “collective punishment.”⁷⁵⁸
- **Al-Mezan** consistently refers to the Israeli army as the Israel Occupation Forces (IOF), erasing the context of Palestinian terror and delegitimizing Israeli self-defense. During the Gaza conflict, Al Mezan publicized allegations of “Israeli massacres,” “slaughtering civilians,” “scandalous war crimes,” and “despicable disregard to civilian life.”⁷⁵⁹ Hamas’ use of human shields and illegal rocket attacks against Israeli civilians were not condemned. The NGO’s highly unreliable statistics on civilian casualties and building demolitions were cited in the Goldstone report. Al Mezan’s director has also “testified” before UN committees, “especially [about] the willful killing of civilians committed by the IOF [sic].”⁷⁶⁰
- Trócaire began “a new phase of our organizational advocacy campaign on Palestine”⁷⁶¹ in September 2012 with their report “Sustaining Injustice: EU trade with Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories,”⁷⁶² and a second report “Trading Away Peace: How Europe helps sustain illegal Israeli settlements.”⁷⁶³ The reports are part of a concerted lobbying effort on the EU to enact BDS policies targeting Israel.
- Two leading former Trócaire officials who deal or have dealt directly with Palestinian issues were hired after working for the Ireland Palestine Solidarity Campaign (IPSC).⁷⁶⁴ The IPSC is a radical group that advocates for BDS,⁷⁶⁵ including a cultural boycott of Israeli academics and artists.⁷⁶⁶
 - Trócaire’s “OPT/Israel Program Officer” Garry Walsh, is former National Coordinator of the IPSC⁷⁶⁷;
 - Eoin Murray, who was Trócaire’s Campaigns Coordinator, was also the National Coordinator for the IPSC and Head of the International Department at the Palestine Centre for Human Rights in Gaza City.⁷⁶⁸
- Acting against Irish government policy,⁷⁶⁹ Trócaire conducts a campaign to sanction Israel (and Europe) by suspending mutually beneficial trade agreements⁷⁷⁰, and attempting to block Israel’s inclusion in the OECD.⁷⁷¹ These actions are consistent with Trócaire’s history of political activity against Israel,

including a campaign against the security barrier and sponsorship of events commemorating the “nakba.”

- Trócaire’s educational material reflects a one-sided approach to the Arab-Israeli conflict and contains false information such as inflated casualty statistics.⁷⁷² Joint reports with other political NGOs advance highly disputed legal claims; for instance, the blockade on Gaza is labeled “collective punishment,” and Israel is referred to as the “occupying power” in Gaza.⁷⁷³
- Updates during the 2008-09 Gaza war regularly condemned Israel’s actions as “a clear violation of international law” and “massively disproportionate,” but made only a few passing mentions of Hamas’ rockets targeting Israeli civilians.⁷⁷⁴
- Partner organizations⁷⁷⁵ include the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR)⁷⁷⁶, Rabbis for Human Rights⁷⁷⁷, Badil⁷⁷⁸, and B’Tselem⁷⁷⁹.
- In 2007, Trócaire joined Badil in a “Call to Action,”⁷⁸⁰ which advocated anti-Israel boycotts and sanctions, and enlisted “journalists to organize a targeted campaign to expose the lies of AIPAC and the Anti-Defamation League and to expose the Jewish and Zionist community’s double standards regarding Nakba & Occupation.”⁷⁸¹

BROEDERLIJK DELEN (BELGIUM)

Key Points

- *Brussels-based Broederlijk Delen (BD), a Catholic development and peace organization, is a major funder of numerous highly politicized non-governmental organizations (NGOs) active in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Some of this funding originates with the Belgian government, which in 2012 provided €172,000 in partial funding to four of Broederlijk Delen's ten projects in Israel and the Palestinian Authority.⁷⁸² This Belgian government funding represented 80% of the €215,000 granted to these four projects by Broederlijk Delen.*
- *Most of the NGOs receiving Broederlijk Delen funds participate in global political warfare campaigns against Israel. These NGOs support boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) efforts, and many oppose a two-state framework for resolving the conflict.*
- *One particularly radical organization receiving funds from Broederlijk Delen is Zochrot, a politicized NGO⁷⁸³ which argues that "peace will come only after the country has been decolonized."⁷⁸⁴ Zochrot supports a "one-state" framework⁷⁸⁵ and implementation of the Palestinian demand for a "right of return" of the millions of descendants of the Palestinian refugees of 1948, which would effectively end Israel's existence as a Jewish and democratic state. In September 2013, Zochrot organized the International Right of Return Conference, discussed in detail below.⁷⁸⁶*
- *Two Broederlijk Delen staff members concurrently work for "Israel/Palestine" departments of two other NGOs. Both of those NGOs maintain politicized, biased perspectives on the Arab-Israeli conflict, and both publish tendentious articles by these staff members.*
- *Broederlijk Delen partners with similarly biased NGOs such as the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI)⁷⁸⁷, Sabeel⁷⁸⁸, and Zochrot⁷⁸⁹*

Background

- Website: www.broederlijkdelen.be
- Broederlijk Delen (BD) is a Catholic "nongovernmental organization that specializes in development cooperation. We work in the Christian spirit and take autonomous initiatives to fight worldwide poverty, injustice and discrimination, and achieve just political, social and economic structures. In Flanders, we present ourselves as an open volunteer movement which

sensitizes the public on north-south themes and calls for concrete solidarity with the people in the South by means of fundraising activities.”⁷⁹⁰

Finances

- **Budget**⁷⁹¹:

Year	Total Expenditures
2012	€14,928,213
2011	€16,123,830
2010	€17,468,280

- In 2012, the Belgian Development Cooperation (DGD) contributed €3,642,674 to 81 Broederlijk Delen co-sponsored projects worldwide. Four of those projects, with a total government contribution of €172,000, were implemented in Israel and the Palestinian Authority.⁷⁹²
- While the DGD contributed approximately €7 million⁷⁹³ to co-sponsored projects in both 2010⁷⁹⁴ and in 2011,⁷⁹⁵ Broederlijk Delen began a “restructuring process” in 2011 due to a significant decrease in private donations following the 2008 financial crisis.
- Broederlijk Delen’s 2012 Annual Report contains a comprehensive and detailed list of grants.⁷⁹⁶
 - The 2011 Annual Report lists amounts from fundraising but does not include an exhaustive list of sources. BD reported €4,509,169 in “personal donations, gifts and legacies.”⁷⁹⁷
 - The 2010 Annual Report included a comprehensive overview of BD’s finances except for a list of specific grantees.⁷⁹⁸

Broederlijk Delen’s Grantees

(Sources: *Guidestar Israel, Registrar of Non-profits (Israel), Grantee Annual Reports*)

BD’s 2014⁷⁹⁹ and 2012⁸⁰⁰ Annual Reports list detailed funding information for all organizations worldwide, including all those funded within “Asia.” The only “country,” however, listed in the Asia category is “Israel/Palestine.” Organizations funded in this category include:

- **Badil**⁸⁰¹: €20,000 in 2012 to Badil for a “human rights campaign for Palestinian refugees.”

- **HaMoked**⁸⁰²: €30,000 in 2010 to HaMoked's Court Watch for "critical analysis of rulings of the Israeli supreme court (in regards to international law and the occupation of Palestinian territories)."
- **Breaking the Silence**⁸⁰³: €30,000 towards "decreasing violations of human rights in Hebron through informing Israeli society of the stories of former soldiers."
- **Defense for Children International-Palestine Section (DCI-PS)**⁸⁰⁴: €40,000 in 2014 and €20,000 in 2012 to DCI-PS for "defending the rights of children in occupied Palestinian territories."
- **Women's Center for Legal Aid and Counseling (WCLAC)**⁸⁰⁵: €40,000 in 2014 and €30,000 in 2012 for "defending the rights and needs of women in the occupied Palestinian territories."
- **Parents Circle Family Forum**⁸⁰⁶: €20,000 in 2014 for "female group: dialogue, meetings and work for reconciliation."
- €20,000 towards "circus art for the Palestinian population; through circus training, children and young adults are being taught basic skills such as teamwork, equality and the importance of trust."

Belgian Government Funding

The following Broederlijk Delen grantees also received funding⁸⁰⁷ from the Belgian Development Cooperation (DGD)⁸⁰⁸ as part of their Broederlijk Delen grant.

- **Adalah**⁸⁰⁹: €50,000 (DGD contribution €40,000) in 2014-2016 for "land in project planning" and €45,000 (DGD contribution €36,000) in 2012 for "the legal defense and protection of the rights of Arab citizens in Israel with regards to land planning."
- **Breaking the Silence**: €40,000 (DGD contribution €32,000) in 2014⁸¹⁰ for "Israeli soldiers testify about their experiences in the Palestinian Occupied Territories."
- **Gisha**⁸¹¹: €60,000 (DGD contribution €48,000) in 2014 and €60,000 (DGD contribution €48,000) in 2012 for "legal assistance and public advocacy for the Palestinian right to freedom of movement."

- **Zochrot**⁸¹²: €40,000 (DGD contribution €32,000) in 2014⁸¹³, €50,000 (DGD contribution €40,000) in 2012 for institutional support for Zochrot, “which works to inform, in a creative way, Israeli society on the establishment of Israel, and the ill-fated consequences this had on Palestine, in order to work towards a climate of conciliation.”
- **Theatre Day Productions (TDP)**⁸¹⁴: €60,000 (DGD contribution €48,000) in 2014 for "Empowerment for women and children through theater and drama" and €60,000 in 2012 (DGD contribution €48,000) for “a youth theater in the occupied Palestinian territory, to give children the opportunity to develop and not fall into the hands of radicalization.”

Between 2008 and 2014, the following Israeli organizations received funding from Broederlijk Delen:

- **Adalah**: 214,017 NIS in 2013;⁸¹⁵ 220,729 NIS in 2012;⁸¹⁶ 199,510 NIS in 2011;⁸¹⁷ 357,107 NIS in 2010.⁸¹⁸
- **Breaking the Silence**: 262,102 NIS in 2013⁸¹⁹; 258,605 NIS in 2011;⁸²⁰ and 35,268 NIS in 2010.⁸²¹
- **Coalition of Women for Peace**⁸²²: 5,752 NIS in 2009.⁸²³
- **Gisha**: 279,681 NIS in 2014; 284,143 NIS in 2013;⁸²⁴ 172,973 NIS in 2012; 296,597 NIS in 2011; 237,160 NIS in 2010; 165,729 NIS in 2009; and 104,011 NIS in 2008.⁸²⁵
- **HaMoked**: 143,171 NIS in 2013,⁸²⁶ 293,994 NIS in 2012;⁸²⁷ €29,939 in 2010 for a project on the Israeli Supreme Court;⁸²⁸ and €21,000 in 2009⁸²⁹ for a similar project. HaMoked also received temporarily restricted funding in the amounts of 116,334 NIS in 2009⁸³⁰ and 145,414 NIS in 2010.⁸³¹
- **Zochrot**: 186,362 NIS in 2014⁸³²; 239,915 NIS in 2013⁸³³; 244,559 NIS in 2012⁸³⁴; 212,815 NIS in 2011⁸³⁵; 189,199 NIS from “Broederlijk Delen & Belgian Government” in 2010;⁸³⁶ 206,003 NIS in 2009;⁸³⁷ and 183,477 NIS in 2008.⁸³⁸

Bias in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

- All but one of Broederlijk Delen’s grantees exhibit biased and heavily politicized positions regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

- **Adalah**⁸³⁹ participated in⁸⁴⁰ an April 2013 “lawfare”⁸⁴¹ strategy conference organized by the Palestinian Center for Human Rights (PCHR)⁸⁴². According to PCHR, the express purpose of the conference, “pursuing justice and redress for Palestinian victims: developing strategies for advocacy and litigation,”⁸⁴³ was to drive attacks against Israel in international legal forums: “If it is concluded that the domestic legal system is blocked, this means international legal mechanisms for justice are the only available alternatives available to victims, such as the International Criminal Court.” Adalah has been criticized by the Israeli High Court of Justice for “de-legitimizing the state of Israel while threatening...to employ ‘universal jurisdiction.’”
- **Badil**⁸⁴⁴ advocates for BDS⁸⁴⁵, has published antisemitic material on its website,⁸⁴⁶ and actively supports “lawfare” efforts in its 2009 report, “Litigating Palestine,” which alerted activists to various venues where claims against Israel can be filed.⁸⁴⁷ Badil engages in delegitimizing rhetoric against Israel, including use of the terms “colonial apartheid regime”⁸⁴⁸ and “systematic ethnic cleansing.”⁸⁴⁹ In 2010 Badil awarded its Al-Awda Nakba prize to an antisemitic cartoon,⁸⁵⁰ which was removed from their website⁸⁵¹ after NGO Monitor approached Badil partner DanChurchAid on the issue.⁸⁵² The cartoon utilized classic antisemitic tropes, including a Jewish man wearing traditional Hasidic clothing with a hooked nose, standing over a dead child and holding a pitchfork dripping with blood. Badil’s joint funding from the NGO Development Center (a joint fund of Switzerland, Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands)⁸⁵³ froze funding to Badil after its publication of the cartoon.⁸⁵⁴
- **Breaking the Silence** mostly addresses international audiences instead of Israeli society, which they claim is their target in their mission statement.⁸⁵⁵ Amos Harel, columnist for Haaretz, wrote, “Breaking the Silence...has a clear political agenda, and can no longer be classed as a ‘human rights organization...’ The organization has a clear agenda: to expose the consequences of IDF troops serving in the West Bank and Gaza. This seems more of interest to its members than seeking justice for specific injustices.”⁸⁵⁶ The *Telegraph* also published an article noting that “Breaking the Silence appears to be sexing up the harshness of the Israeli presence on the West Bank by focusing [sic] only on its very worst manifestation....And it is largely funded by Europe.”⁸⁵⁷
- **Coalition of Women for Peace**⁸⁵⁸ (**CWP**) is a leader in the global BDS campaign. It initiated the “Who Profits” project,⁸⁵⁹ an activist tool and database, in “response to the Palestinian call” for BDS against Israel.⁸⁶⁰ In addition, CWP organized a divestment letter⁸⁶¹ to the Norwegian

Government Pension Fund targeting investments in Israeli companies. One of CWP's founding members, Dalit Baum,⁸⁶² spoke at Harvard University's One-State Conference⁸⁶³ in March 2012. In 2011, CWP participated in Israel Apartheid Week and organized an event in Jaffa called "Life and Struggle in Apartheid."⁸⁶⁴ CWP's officials have also participated in a project in which they carried flags of the PFLP terrorist organization.⁸⁶⁵

- **Defense for Children International-Palestine Section⁸⁶⁶ (DCI-PS)** supports BDS⁸⁶⁷ campaigns, including within UN frameworks,⁸⁶⁸ and lobbies for "lawfare" efforts.⁸⁶⁹ Furthermore, DCI-PS published a letter in the wake of the 2010 Gaza flotilla incident urging the international community to enact sanctions against Israel and, in particular, calling for the cancellation of the EU-Israel Association agreement.⁸⁷⁰ DCI-Palestine Director Rifat Kassis is also the coordinator and spokesperson for the Kairos Palestine document that advocates BDS targeting Israel.⁸⁷¹ He notes, "These advocacy campaigns must be carried out with courage, openly sincerely proclaiming that their object is not revenge but rather to put an end to the existing evil." In addition to supporting BDS, the Kairos Palestine document reflects supersessionist theology, exploits related themes to demonize Israel, denies the Jewish historical and religious connection to Israel, and ignores the extreme harassment and violence committed by Palestinians against Christians.⁸⁷²
- **Gisha⁸⁷³** uses the rhetoric of "apartheid"⁸⁷⁴ as part of its politicized agenda. Ignoring security concerns as a factor in Israel's policy towards Gaza, Gisha asserts that the current blockade, which was found legal by the UN⁸⁷⁵, exists solely for purposes of "collective punishment."⁸⁷⁶
- **HaMoked – Center for the Defense of the Individual's⁸⁷⁷** main objective is "to assist Palestinians of the Occupied Territories whose rights are violated due to Israel's policies,"⁸⁷⁸ and also accuses Israel of enforcing "apartheid"⁸⁷⁹ with the West Bank security barrier.⁸⁸⁰ Hamoked has described Israel's policies as "ethnic cleansing" and "racist." For example, in an interview in the *National*, Director of Hamoked Dalia Kerstein said, "There is clearly a policy to push Palestinians out of Jerusalem and Israel to reduce what is called here the Palestinian demographic threat. It's really a case of ethnic cleansing."⁸⁸¹
- **Parents Circle Family Forum⁸⁸²** activities⁸⁸³ promote a highly biased view of the conflict based on the Palestinian narrative and draw an immoral equivalence between terror victims and terrorists. While PCFF advocates for "reconciliation," "dialogue," and "knowledge of the other," it exploits the grief of families and the language of peace to

promote a highly divisive, contentious, and narrow personal agenda.⁸⁸⁴ PCFF events have become vehicles for the personal agendas of its officials. For instance, spokesperson Robi Damelin regularly travels to the United States on behalf of the organization, promoting views that place sole blame for the continuation of the conflict on Israel.⁸⁸⁵

- **Women’s Center for Legal Aid and Counseling (WCLAC)**⁸⁸⁶ signed the “call” for BDS⁸⁸⁷ and joined an April 2012 campaign against companies doing business in Israel.⁸⁸⁸ In its submission to the UN Commission on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, the WCLAC neglected to discuss women’s rights issues inside Israel, as well as incidents of violence against women in Palestinian society such as honor killings. Instead WCLAC focused primarily on blaming Israel for women’s rights issues in the Palestinian Authority.⁸⁸⁹
- **Zochrot**⁸⁹⁰ supports a “one-state” framework⁸⁹¹ and implementation of the Palestinian demand for a “right of return” of the millions of descendants of the Palestinian refugees of 1948, which would effectively end Israel’s existence as a Jewish and democratic state. In September 2013, Zochrot organized the International Right of Return Conference⁸⁹² (discussed in detail below). It also submitted testimony to the UN Human Rights Council accusing Israel of “ethnic cleansing.”⁸⁹³
- Broederlijk Delen’s sole apolitical grantee, **Theatre Day Productions**, submits regular reports on its activities and focuses on its youth theater productions, while avoiding political commentary or politicized activities.⁸⁹⁴
- In September 2013, Broederlijk Delen grantee Zochrot hosted the International Right of Return Conference⁸⁹⁵, which featured speakers from Zochrot⁸⁹⁶, the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD)⁸⁹⁷, and Badil⁸⁹⁸, and advocated for a “one-state solution” to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Lecture topics included a discussion on the specifics and logistics of refugee “return” and a talk on how “to end the colonial nature of Israel.” The logistical and demographic reality of a complete return of all Palestinian refugees from the 1948 Arab-Israel war and their descendants to modern Israel, leading to a single bi-national state, would necessarily mean that Israel, as the national homeland of the Jewish people, would cease to exist.
- Two of the four members of Broederlijk Delen’s “Lobbying Department” simultaneously work for the Israel/Palestinian departments of other local NGOs.

- Brigitte Herremans, who is specifically tasked with Israeli-Palestinian issues at Broederlijk Delen⁸⁹⁹, concurrently works for Pax Christi Flanders.⁹⁰⁰
- Deborah Casalin also serves as a Policy Officer at CIDSE's⁹⁰¹ working group on Palestine/Israel, based at BD's Brussels office.⁹⁰² CIDSE, (Coopération Internationale pour le Développement et la Solidarité) an "international alliance of Catholic development agencies," urged the EU to link upgrading the EU-Israeli relationship to progress on the Israeli-Palestinian issue.⁹⁰³
 - The two criticized EU support of Israel.⁹⁰⁴ Herremans wrote an article commemorating the 65th anniversary of the "Nakba,"⁹⁰⁵ linking to Adalah's⁹⁰⁶ website and a petition to "Stop the Praver Plan."⁹⁰⁷ (For more information on NGO campaigns and distortions regarding the Negev Bedouin, see "NGOs and the Negev Bedouin Issue in the Context of Political Warfare.")⁹⁰⁸
- During the November 2012 Gaza conflict, CIDSE criticized "the Israeli closure" of Gaza, ignoring the fact that Egypt also borders Gaza and imposes stringent border restrictions on that territory. The CIDSE statement further makes the unsupported legal claims that "Gaza is still considered occupied, and remains under a five year-long Israeli closure, which primarily affects civilians and is contrary to international humanitarian law."⁹⁰⁹
- Broederlijk Delen was a signatory to the 2012 report "Trading Away Peace" that repeats the BDS agenda, calling on the EU and individual European governments to wage political warfare through various forms of economic sanctions on Israel.⁹¹⁰
- Broederlijk Delen organized a "peace tour" to Israel from October 26, 2012 to November 6, 2012 with Pax Christi Flanders.⁹¹¹ The trip's itinerary included tours in Israel, the West Bank, and various refugee camps, as well as meetings with political advocacy groups such as OCHA, the Norwegian Refugee Council, Breaking the Silence⁹¹², Coalition of Women for Peace⁹¹³, Gisha⁹¹⁴, and the Parents Circle⁹¹⁵. The itinerary did not include meetings with mainstream Israeli groups or Jewish refugees from Arab and Muslim countries and the partisan nature of the majority of the speakers suggest that the briefings given on the trip overwhelmingly presented the Palestinian perspective.
- In 2009, Broederlijk Delen joined other organizations calling on the EU to suspend an upgrade in relations with Israel.⁹¹⁶ In addition, they joined

Trócaire⁹¹⁷, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)⁹¹⁸, and others in publishing a report – “EU’s Position on the Middle East Peace Process: Key Inconsistencies” – which criticizes nine aspects of EU policy vis-à-vis Israel from a biased perspective.⁹¹⁹ For example, the report accuses the EU of circumventing international law by not declaring the Israeli blockade of Gaza illegal, despite the fact that a UN study found the blockade to be within Israel’s legal rights.⁹²⁰ In addition, the report condemns the EU for refusing to hold Hamas militias and the IDF to the same standards, despite the significant and clear differences between the two organizations.

- Broederlijk Delen co-signed a 2011 Amnesty International letter⁹²¹ to the Quartet⁹²², following the publication of the Palmer Report⁹²³, requesting that Quartet members affirm the illegality of the “closure regime on Gaza,” despite the Palmer Report’s clarification that the naval blockade on Gaza is legal.
- Broederlijk Delen produced an alternative tourism brochure⁹²⁴ in which it recommends visits with Sabeel⁹²⁵ and tours with Zochrot.⁹²⁶ These NGOs promote a biased perspective on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict by supporting political tools such as BDS and using the term “apartheid” in descriptions of Israeli policy. The brochure also highlights Breaking the Silence’s politicized tours in the West Bank⁹²⁷, and includes EAPPI⁹²⁸ and the St. Yves Society⁹²⁹ as information references.
 - EAPPI presents a one-sided Palestinian narrative⁹³⁰, participates in activities commemorating the “Nakba,”⁹³¹ promotes⁹³² the “right of return”⁹³³ and BDS.
 - The Society of St. Yves “is a Catholic human rights organization working under the patronage of the Latin Patriarch in Jerusalem.” While focusing mainly on providing legal assistance to members of their community in Jerusalem, the Society of St. Yves also engages in political activities such as signing a joint NGO statement condemning “Israeli colonization, occupation and apartheid” and the “ongoing Nakba.”⁹³⁴ St. Yves’ director, Raffoul Rofa, participated in panels with Badil⁹³⁵ and ICAHD⁹³⁶ director Halper at the UN Human Rights Council in 2013.

MISEREOR (GERMANY)

Key Points

- *Misereor was founded in 1958 as “the German Catholic Bishops’ Organization for Development Cooperation.”⁹³⁷*

Misereor⁹³⁸ co-sponsored a September 2013 conference on “Realizing the return of Palestinian refugees.”⁹³⁹ Organized by Zochrot the conference advocated for a “one-state solution” to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.⁹⁴⁰ Lecture topics included a discussion on the specifics and logistics of refugee “return” and a talk on how “to end the colonial nature of Israel.” The logistical and demographic reality of a complete return of all Palestinian refugees from the 1948 Arab-Israel war and their descendants to modern Israel, leading to a single bi-national state, would necessarily mean that Israel, as the national homeland of the Jewish people, would cease to exist.⁹⁴¹

- *Misereor receives millions of euros from the German government and uses those funds to “influence public opinion and policymaking,”⁹⁴² particularly in Germany and the EU.⁹⁴³*
- *Reports written for the purpose of influencing policy regarding the Middle East typically are based on allegations from Misereor’s Israeli and Palestinian grantees, all of which exhibit biased and heavily politicized positions regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.⁹⁴⁴*
- *Despite stating that it “stands for transparency” and “regularly accounts to individual and public donors,” Misereor provides no public information on the Israeli and Palestinian NGOs that it funds. Conversely, Misereor does publicize its current projects and partnerships in other countries.⁹⁴⁵ This is notable because Misereor donates substantial funding and engages in advocacy efforts with NGOs active in the Arab-Israeli conflict.*

Background

- Website: <http://www.misereor.org/>
- As the German Catholic Bishop’s Organization for Development Cooperation, Misereor “has been committed to fighting poverty in Africa, Asia and Latin America” for over 50 years.⁹⁴⁶ Misereor supports projects run by local partner organizations, and lobbies on behalf of its partners and grantees.⁹⁴⁷

- Instead of sending “development experts from Europe...to the region in question,” Misereor “rel[ies] entirely on its local partners...[who] receive support from Misereor in the form of advice, expertise and funds.”⁹⁴⁸ This overreliance on grantees reflects the NGO “halo effect” – the phenomenon whereby NGOs are seen as irrefragable and thereby avoid independent scrutiny⁹⁴⁹ – and suggests a lack of due diligence on the part of Misereor.
- Government advocacy is a central goal of Misereor. The organization “aims to influence public opinion and policymaking. Political education, the exchange of experiences and networking are key elements of this work. This is how Misereor helps enable its partners and the beneficiaries to overcome structural injustices ... appeal[ing] to the consciences of the powerful in Europe.”⁹⁵⁰

Budget and Transparency

- Misereor’s 2013 annual budget was €179.3 million, of which Germany’s Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) granted €115.1 million. “Palestinian Territories” projects were allocated a total of €1.3 million, of which over €1,638,000 was granted to the Palestinian Authority. Misereor does not offer any funding information past 2013.⁹⁵¹
- Misereor emphasizes the importance of transparency directly claiming, “Misereor stands for transparency.” However, Misereor does not list any Israeli or Palestinian partners on its project page.⁹⁵²
 - Information on funding for NGOs was obtained from independent research of NGO financial reports and the Israeli Registrar of Non-Profits’ transparency database.
- The only information provided about its work in Israel and the Palestinian Authority is Misereor’s “Humanitarian Law Initiative Middle East” page.⁹⁵³ This page provides general statements without any specificity regarding Misereor’s work, such as “defend[ing] [local partners] human rights and international legal concern” and “preserving the civilian population from the effects of armed conflicts.”
- Additionally provided on the page are links to partners CIDSE and Brot für die Welt.
 - Misereor funded Brot für die Welt- EED in 2010 with €96,550,00.⁹⁵⁴
 - Misereor is a member of CIDSE⁹⁵⁵ and CIDSE is entirely “funded by membership fees.”⁹⁵⁶

Grantees

All of Misereor's grantees exhibit biased and heavily politicized positions regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. (See section: "Bias in the Arab-Israeli Conflict" below.)

NGOs	Amounts & Years
Zochrot	NIS 114,496 (2014) ⁹⁵⁷ NIS 124,314 (2013) ⁹⁵⁸ NIS 247,695 (2012) ⁹⁵⁹ NIS 271,773 (2011) ⁹⁶⁰ NIS 277,272 (2009) ⁹⁶¹
Sadaka Reut	NIS 215,895 (2013) ⁹⁶² NIS 214,207 (2012) ⁹⁶³ NIS 296,360 (2011) ⁹⁶⁴ NIS 165,147 (2010) ⁹⁶⁵ NIS 281,949 (2009) ⁹⁶⁶
Society of St. Yves	Not Disclosed ⁹⁶⁷
Hamoked	NIS 700,500 (2014) ⁹⁶⁸ NIS 444,412 (2012) ⁹⁶⁹ €145,000 (2011) ⁹⁷⁰ €388,508 (2010) ⁹⁷¹ €206,700 (2009) ⁹⁷² €100,000 (2008) ⁹⁷³
Breaking the Silence (BtS)	NIS 603,977 (2014) ⁹⁷⁴ NIS 333,139 (2013) ⁹⁷⁵ NIS 157,057 (2012) ⁹⁷⁶ NIS 245,713 (2011) ⁹⁷⁷ NIS 119,868 (2010) ⁹⁷⁸
Rabbis for Human Rights (RHR)	NIS 151,046 (2013) ⁹⁷⁹ NIS 100,126 (2012) ⁹⁸⁰ NIS 52,958 (2011) ⁹⁸¹

Partnerships

- Misereor and Brot für die Welt- EED⁹⁸² partner closely on an International Humanitarian Law in the Middle East Initiative.⁹⁸³ This is listed under "Konflikte und Krisen" (Conflicts and Crises) and only addresses "Israel | Palästina" (Israel | Palestine) and no other conflicts or crises in the Middle East. Syria falls under the category "Projektarbeit" (Project Work) but only as a "humanitarian disaster."⁹⁸⁴

Apparently this section hasn't been updated in a number of years. It cites as statistics: "so far nearly 14,000 people have died in the civil war. 1.5 million Syrians are on the run." The numbers as of the date of this report are now 162,000 dead⁹⁸⁵ and over 9 million displaced both internally⁹⁸⁶ and around the Middle East.⁹⁸⁷

- As part of this collaboration, Misereor and Brot für die Welt-EED work together with Israeli and Palestinian NGOs to "defend their human rights and international legal concern on German and European level effectively."⁹⁸⁸ The collective partnership aim is to "encourage leaders in Berlin and Brussels to fulfill the obligations arising out of the conflict for third countries to consistently implement." Misereor also funded Brot für die Welt- EED in 2010 with €96,550,00.⁹⁸⁹
- Brot für die Welt-EED and Misereor released a statement commending Germany's 2013 decision to allow products to be labeled according to the side of the 1967 armistice line from which they originated.⁹⁹⁰
- Misereor and Brot für die Welt- EED co-published a 2009 brochure, "The occupation knows the rules of humanity: What Europe in the respect of International law can do in the Middle East."⁹⁹¹ The brochure, written for the purpose of influencing EU policy in the Middle East, cites skewed maps, facts, and portrayals of the conflict. The report cites quotes by Misereor grantees such as Society of St. Yves⁹⁹², B'Tselem⁹⁹³, and HaMoked.⁹⁹⁴ The document displays what appears to be digitally edited photographs of the walled portion of the security barrier. Lining the report as a border, the same series of photos are repeated in an apparent effort to portray the security barrier as an overwhelming outdoor prison.
- Misereor is part of the Brussels-based network of Catholic aid organizations "International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity (CIDSE)."⁹⁹⁵ CIDSE is "a catalyst for efficient development programme cooperation by creating space for dialogue among member organisations and with Southern partners."⁹⁹⁶
- Most of CIDSE's members are politicized NGOs⁹⁹⁷. The network disproportionately focuses on the Arab-Israeli conflict and produces biased literature. CIDSE's reports include "Continuing forced displacement in Area C: uprooting any chance of a just peace"⁹⁹⁸ and "Europe rewards Israel unconditionally: How does this advance peace?"⁹⁹⁹ which calls upon the EU and its member states to place conditions on the EU-Israeli relationship and to divest from Israeli projects.

- Misereor also produced a CIDSE booklet, “Gaza Dignity under Siege: Voices from Behind the Blockade,” featuring testimonies of 13 Palestinian activists who accuse Israel of acting disproportionately and abusing its power, and insinuating that Israel seeks control over the Palestinians through its economic activity. Israel’s perspective and security needs are omitted, and little reference is made to the broader context of attacks from Gaza and the presence of Hamas – an internationally-designated terrorist group.¹⁰⁰⁰

Bias in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

Misereor’s grantees exhibit a profound bias in the Arab-Israeli conflict:

- **Zochrot**¹⁰⁰¹ received NIS 114,496 (2014)¹⁰⁰² from Misereor. Zochrot is an Israeli NGO established in order to “raise public awareness of the Palestinian Nakba... Along with it, the rights of the refugees to return must be accepted.” This agenda is equivalent to calling for the elimination of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people.

Zochrot accuses Israel of “ethnic cleansing” and “forcible displacement and dispossession of the Palestinian people.” Zochrot hosted a 2013 conference at the Eretz Israel Museum in Tel Aviv, titled “From Truth to Redress: Realizing the Return of Palestinian Refugees.”¹⁰⁰³

Zochrot founder Eitan Bronstein stated, “When the refugees return, Jews will become a minority in the country. Israel as a Jewish state will change radically, and it will no longer be defined as such. Jews will no longer be able to determine their future...by themselves.... There may be Jews, most of them of European origin, who won’t be able to adjust to a non-Zionist reality, and prefer to use their other passport to move elsewhere...”¹⁰⁰⁴

Additionally Zochrot organized¹⁰⁰⁵ a joint study visit to Cape Town, South Africa, in order “to learn from cases of expulsion and return.”¹⁰⁰⁶ They then published “The Cape Town Document,” which envisioned a “de-Zionized Palestine,” and recommended “repealing the 1950 Law of Return,” and creating a “name of the new state, its flag and other symbolic representations.”¹⁰⁰⁷

- **Sadaka Reut**¹⁰⁰⁸ received NIS 215,895 (2013)¹⁰⁰⁹ from Misereor. Sadaka-Reut “educates and empowers Jewish and Palestinian Israeli youth and university students to pursue social and political change through bi-national partnership.”¹⁰¹⁰ Its activities promote the Palestinian victimization narrative,

and involve cooperation with radical NGOs including Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP)¹⁰¹¹ and Zochrot¹⁰¹², for a project aimed at “Introducing the Palestinian Nakba into the Israeli Public.” Sadaka Reut produced the film “A Journey against Racism,”¹⁰¹³ demonizing the Israeli government and society with repeated and unsubstantiated accusations of systemic racism.

- **Society of St. Yves**¹⁰¹⁴ (amount not available)¹⁰¹⁵: According to its mission statement¹⁰¹⁶, the Society of St. Yves “provides gratis legal assistance, counsel and advocacy to members of the community,” and lobbies nationally and internationally to “bring the situation of the poor and marginalized to the attention of communities around the world.” In fact, the organization engages in legal warfare against Israel and publishes demonizing statements including accusations of “ethnic cleansing,” “colonization,” and “apartheid.”¹⁰¹⁷ The organization promoted a Palestinian Nakba lobby and initiated a petition against the building of the security barrier, protesting the decision of the Special Appeals Committee that deemed the construction of the barrier as legal and justified¹⁰¹⁸. The Society of St. Yves repeatedly uses the language of demonization, referring to “forced displacements,”¹⁰¹⁹ and works with¹⁰²⁰ radical anti-Israel organizations including the Right of Return Organization -Geneva, Al Mezan¹⁰²¹, Badil¹⁰²², Defence for Children-PS¹⁰²³, Addameer¹⁰²⁴, Al Haq¹⁰²⁵, Adalah¹⁰²⁶ and ICAHD.¹⁰²⁷
- **Breaking the Silence (BtS)** received NIS 603,977 (2014)¹⁰²⁸ from Misereor. BtS is a political organization that uses testimony from a few soldiers to portray a “grim picture” of IDF actions. Like other such allegations, there is no way to verify their accuracy, or whether they are more than marginal exceptions. In contrast, BtS ignores evidence of positive and moral IDF activity, disregarding the extensive IDF measures to prevent injuries to Palestinians caught in this conflict.¹⁰²⁹
- **Hamoked**¹⁰³⁰ received NIS 700,500 (2014)¹⁰³¹ from Misereor for a project titled “Legal assistance for Palestinian human rights in the Occupied Territories.”¹⁰³² Hamoked is an Israeli organization whose main objective is “to assist Palestinians of the Occupied Territories whose rights are violated due to Israel’s policies.”¹⁰³³ However, Hamoked also exploits its legal has described Israel’s policies as “ethnic cleansing” and “racist.”¹⁰³⁴ In an interview in the *National*, Director of Hamoked Dalia Kerstein accused Israel of a “clearly a policy to push Palestinians out of Jerusalem and Israel to reduce what is called here the Palestinian demographic threat. It’s really a case of ethnic cleansing.”¹⁰³⁵

Misereor also sponsors events in the Arab-Israeli conflict that are highly politicized or in connection with bias partners:

- Misereor¹⁰³⁶ co-sponsored a September 2013 conference on “Realizing the return of Palestinian refugees.” Organized by Zochrot¹⁰³⁷, the conference advocated for a “one-state solution” to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Lecture topics included a discussion on the specifics and logistics of refugee “return” and a talk on how “to end the colonial nature of Israel.” The logistical and demographic reality of a complete return of all Palestinian refugees from the 1948 Arab-Israel war and their descendants to modern Israel, leading to a single bi-national state, would necessarily mean that Israel, as the national homeland of the Jewish people, would cease to exist.¹⁰³⁸
- Misereor supported and promoted Breaking the Silence’s (BtS)¹⁰³⁹ “Testimonies of a crew” exhibit in Berlin.¹⁰⁴⁰ BtS has been active in promoting war crimes charges against Israel after the 2009 Gaza war, despite the fact that the charges were based on anonymous and unverifiable hearsay “testimonies.”¹⁰⁴¹ BtS has also encountered criticism for its international exhibitions such as the Misereor-sponsored exhibit; critics argue that BtS abandons its stated mission of changing Israeli society from within by focusing on international lobbying and advocacy.
- Sponsored¹⁰⁴² a 2013 conference¹⁰⁴³, in conjunction with the 2nd Annual Forum on Business and Human Rights, which featured an official from Al-Haq¹⁰⁴⁴ and brought “together representatives of affected communities in the occupied Palestinian territory (OPT)... to present case studies on the impact of extractive industry operations in their respective locations.”¹⁰⁴⁵ Al Haq is a leader in the anti-Israel “lawfare”¹⁰⁴⁶ and BDS (boycotts, divestments and sanctions) campaigns.¹⁰⁴⁷

PAX (NETHERLANDS)

Key Points

- *IKV Pax Christi – renamed Pax in January 2014 – was founded in 2006 when the “two largest peace movements in the Netherlands”¹⁰⁴⁸ – Pax Christi and the interdenominational Interchurch Council Foundation (IKV) – merged. Pax is a member of Pax Christi International,¹⁰⁴⁹ a “global Catholic peace movement and network” that supports local peace movements and international coalitions dealing with conflict-related issues.*
- *Pax operates programs in fifteen countries and implements projects dealing with humanitarian issues such as dangers related to mining, landmines, and the Syria civil war.*
- *However, many of its programs, grantees, and publications relating to the Arab-Israeli conflict are part of one-sided, biased political advocacy campaigns that repeat the Palestinian narrative and encourage economic and other forms of political warfare against Israel.*
- *Pax’s publications in 2012 and 2013 encourage European countries to engage in BDS tactics against Israeli companies and companies that do business with Israel through its reports “Dutch Economic Links with the Occupation”¹⁰⁵⁰ and “Trading Away Peace.”¹⁰⁵¹ Both reports are based on information from the Coalition of Women for Peace, a biased and politicized NGO, and its “Who Profits” campaign that was established in response to the Palestinian call for BDS. They provide the framework upon which divestment actions by Dutch companies are based.*
- *Pax is a member of United Civilians for Peace (UCP)¹⁰⁵², a main proponent of divestment efforts in the Netherlands. UCP’s Director René Grotenhuis, during a 2011 panel in the Dutch parliament, argued that BDS is a defensible tactic because “it is important that people in Palestine look for ways to resist occupation, and it is a nonviolent way to do so.”*
- *Pax also supports organizations which brings participants on politicized tours that include meetings with supporters of BDS and opponents of a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.*

Background

- Website: <http://www.paxforpeace.nl/>
- Pax was founded in 2006 (as IKV Pax Christi) when the “two largest peace movements in the Netherlands” – Pax Christi and the interdenominational

Interchurch Council Foundation (IKV) – merged. Pax Christi’s and IKV’s leaderships continue to “watch over the mission and identity of Pax” and “contribute to the development of the vision and oversee the main policy lines.”¹⁰⁵³

- Pax describes its mission as working “in conflict areas to protect human security, to prevent or end armed violence and to build peace with justice. In doing so, Pax works with concerned citizens and partner organisations in the countries where we operate. IKV Pax Christi is a vigorous peace movement working on different themes in the Netherlands and globally. We combine knowledge, energy, and people to realise our objective: peace!”¹⁰⁵⁴

Pax within the Church

- Pax is a member of the global Catholic Pax Christi International network¹⁰⁵⁵, through which they maintain contacts with the Holy See. Pax also takes part in meetings of the Council of Churches of the Netherlands and attended the 2013 Assembly of the World Council of Churches in South Korea.¹⁰⁵⁶
- Founded in 1945 as an international Catholic peace movement in post-war Europe, Pax Christi International considers itself both Catholic and “well-embedded in the ecumenical world.”¹⁰⁵⁷ Pax Christi International’s president is always either a bishop or a cardinal, but the movement itself works as an independent NGO both within and external to the Catholic Church. Its Catholic activities include relationships with the Holy See, the US Council of Bishops, CIDSE, Caritas Internationalis, and others.¹⁰⁵⁸ Ecumenically, it participates¹⁰⁵⁹ in the World Council of Churches (WCC) and WCC’s Palestine and Israel Ecumenical Forum (PIEF)¹⁰⁶⁰ and Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI)¹⁰⁶¹, both of which exclusively represent the Palestinian perspective in the conflict, use inflammatory demonizing rhetoric against Israel, and support BDS. Pax Christi International also participates in the World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel¹⁰⁶², the Middle East Council of Churches¹⁰⁶³ and the International Fellowship of Reconciliation. Interfaith activities¹⁰⁶⁴ include participation with the Religions for Peace¹⁰⁶⁵ network and its member group, European Council of Religious Leaders.¹⁰⁶⁶

Budget and Transparency

- Pax’s total income for 2012, was €12,323,190.¹⁰⁶⁷
 - In 2012, Dutch government subsidies through the MFS II program, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ co-funding framework for civil society organizations engaged in international development, constituted 63% of Pax’s total budget.¹⁰⁶⁸

- In addition to MFS II subsidies, Pax also received €389,441 in non-MFS II Dutch government grants in 2012, and €850,000 was promised in non-MFS II government grants in 2013.¹⁰⁶⁹
- The Freedom from Fear Alliance, a coalition comprised of Pax and three other Netherlands-based human rights NGOs, “obtained a grant for the years 2012 through 2015 from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the new co-financing system (MFS II) for 2011 - 2015.”¹⁰⁷⁰ According to their 2012 Annual Account,¹⁰⁷¹ Pax received €6,109,000 of their MFS II grant from a total of €30,708,000. Pax notes that it is “the leading party for the Freedom from Fear Alliance. It bears legal and economic responsibility before the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for all alliance parties' compliance with MFS II grant requirements.”
- According to Pax’s 2012 Annual Accounts¹⁰⁷², Freedom from Fear’s “Human Security in Fragile States” program granted to the Palestinian Territories subprogram €212,000 in 2011, €349,000 in 2012, and had budgeted €372,000 for 2013. The total budget spent for the “Human Security in Fragile States” program was €3,784,276 in 2011 and €3,895,833 in 2012.
- As a member of the Communities of Change Alliance (of which Cordaid is the leading party), Pax carries out programs dealing with “mining, mineral ores, and conflict.” They received €672,000 of MFS II funding as part of a total €3,360,000 MFS II grant running from 2011-2015.¹⁰⁷³

Grantees

- Neither Pax’s 2012 Annual Account¹⁰⁷⁴ nor its 2012 Annual Report¹⁰⁷⁵ lists grantee identities or amounts received by specific grantees. However, NGO Monitor obtained limited information from grantee reporting and Pax’s descriptions of their activities in Israel and the Palestinian Authority.
- Pax is a supporter of the **Olive Tree Campaign**¹⁰⁷⁶ – a joint project of **YMCA East Jerusalem and YWCA Palestine**¹⁰⁷⁷. The Olive Tree Campaign offers volunteers opportunities to sponsor the planting of olive trees and travel to the Holy Land on a politicized and biased tour.¹⁰⁷⁸ (See below for more details on the Olive Tree Campaign.)
- According to the 2012 Annual Report, “eleven Palestinian neighborhoods received communication and negotiation training.”¹⁰⁷⁹
- **The Arab-Jewish Center for Equality, Empowerment and Cooperation - Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development (AJEEC-NISPED)**¹⁰⁸⁰ list IKV Pax Christi (Pax) as a donor, although none of its official reports contain grant amounts¹⁰⁸¹. Pax and the EU support the Civil Society for Peace program¹⁰⁸², which is run by both AJEEC-NISPED and the Center for Democracy and Community Development in Palestine (CDCD).¹⁰⁸³ The

program aims to create a network of activists from various Middle Eastern countries in order to promote the Arab Peace Initiative (API) as “the basis for a comprehensive regional solution,” and to raise awareness in Israel and promote the values of the API.¹⁰⁸⁴

- Pax also supported numerous additional activities of the **CDCD**. These include a 2008 conference jointly held by the CDCD and Al-Quds University titled “Towards a Sustainable Peaceful Solution.”¹⁰⁸⁵ The conference’s purpose, according to CDCD Director Walid Salem, was to “seek visions and ideas to move the peace process forward,” and featured almost 50 speakers from Israeli, Palestinian, and international backgrounds, the majority of whom spoke in favor of a two-state solution.

Bias in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

- Despite an explicit declaration that “IKV Pax Christi is not allied with any political movement,”¹⁰⁸⁶ some of Pax’s partners and activities promote a one-sided politicized agenda regarding Israeli relations with the EU and solutions to the Arab-Israel conflict.
- **Publications and Advocacy:**
 - Pax’s publications contributed to the growing momentum towards divestment in the Netherlands. Its April 2013 report, *Dutch Economic Links with the Occupation*,¹⁰⁸⁷ explicitly calls for BDS against companies involved in many aspects of the Israeli economy. To carry out this aim, it identifies a list of companies to be targeted and harassed by BDS activists. To support this campaign, the report makes many false factual and legal claims.
 - The report’s authors note that “extensive use was made of the online database ‘Who Profits,’¹⁰⁸⁸ a service provided by the pro-BDS Israeli organization Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP).”¹⁰⁸⁹ “Who Profits” was initiated in response to the Palestinian call for BDS and identifies targets for anti-Israel divestment and boycotts.¹⁰⁹⁰ CWP’s political goals include support of “universal jurisdiction for war crimes” and encouragement of European “divestment from companies that are involved in the occupation.”¹⁰⁹¹
 - Pax also co-published an October 2012 report, *Trading Away Peace*¹⁰⁹², which urges European governments to engage in BDS tactics¹⁰⁹³, blames settlements as the “decisive factor” in the stagnation of the peace process, while ignoring the effects of terrorism and Palestinian rejectionism. This report was funded by a number of politicized church aid agencies in addition to Pax, including Trócaire¹⁰⁹⁴, Cordaid¹⁰⁹⁵, DanChurchAid¹⁰⁹⁶, and Christian Aid.¹⁰⁹⁷ The far-reaching effects of the report were seen in July 2013, when the EU published guidelines on EU-

Israel relations, specifying that Israeli entities operating in “territories occupied by Israel since June 1967” will no longer be eligible for EU prize or grant support.¹⁰⁹⁸

- Pax’s 2009 report, “Talking to Hamas,” asserts that politically boycotting Hamas is counterproductive and weakens the moderate elements in Palestinian society, and that a sustainable peace agreement will be impossible to achieve without Palestinian political unity. The report’s conclusions argue that the EU/Quartet’s marginalization of Hamas has “done no more than to push Hamas further along its ideological path,” and characterizes the EU as a “spoiler in the Middle East political process.” Pax encourages the EU and Dutch government to engage with Hamas in order to encourage the group to renounce violence and reconcile with Fatah, and ultimately to broker a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas and bring Gaza’s border crossings under international supervision.¹⁰⁹⁹
- In its news page, Pax uses politicized terms to describe aspects of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Pax describes Israeli policy in East Jerusalem as “colonial policies”¹¹⁰⁰ and its 2012 Annual Report also uses the word “colonists” to refer to Israeli citizens living in the West Bank. Further, in its 2012 Annual Report, Pax notes, “due in part to round-table discussions that IKV Pax Christi set up in conjunction with Church and Israel, the situation of Palestinian Christians is again on the agenda of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands.”¹¹⁰¹
- Following Operation Cast Lead in 2009, Pax joined a coalition of human rights and development NGOs in calling on the EU “to immediately suspend any further enhancement of its relations with Israel, known as an ‘upgrade,’ until it agrees to a comprehensive ceasefire and provides unimpeded humanitarian access.”¹¹⁰² The statement also notes that “both Israel’s offensive in Gaza and Hamas rocket attacks into Israel have caused unacceptable civilian casualties.” Pax also published a call from the Christian churches in Jerusalem urging “the International community, President Bush and the leaders of Israel” to end the siege on Gaza, characterizing it as “illegal collective punishment” and “an immoral act in violation of the basic human and natural laws as well as International Law.” The call failed to mention the reasons for which the blockade was initially enacted.¹¹⁰³
- Pax’s divestment efforts do not focus solely on Israel; it also advocates complete divestment¹¹⁰⁴ from the Syrian regime and produced a report on “Investment of European Companies in Syria,” focusing in particular on Shell¹¹⁰⁵. Furthermore, the majority of Pax’s publications during 2012 and 2013 deal with Iraq and Syria¹¹⁰⁶.

Activities and Alliances:

- United Civilians for Peace (UCP)¹¹⁰⁷ is a platform of four Dutch NGOs – ICCO¹¹⁰⁸, Cordaid¹¹⁰⁹, Oxfam Novib¹¹¹⁰, and Pax. UCP is a main proponent of divestment efforts in the Netherlands, and in 2009, it circulated a highly influential document¹¹¹¹, based on data collected by the Coalition of Women for Peace (CWP)¹¹¹² and listing information on major Israeli banks, to Dutch banks, unions, and BDS activists.
 - UCP's Director René Grotenhuis, during a 2011 panel in the Dutch parliament, argued that BDS is a defensible tactic because "it is important that people in Palestine look for ways to resist occupation, and it is a nonviolent way to do so." As a member of UCP, Pax also called for Netherlands and the EU to label settlement products¹¹¹³, and have been regularly pressuring¹¹¹⁴ large Dutch pension funds such as PGGM to divest from Israel.
- Pax is a supporter of the Olive Tree Campaign (OTC)¹¹¹⁵ – a joint project of YMCA East Jerusalem and YWCA Palestine¹¹¹⁶. OTC offers volunteer opportunities to sponsor the planting of olive trees and travel to the Holy Land on a highly politicized tour¹¹¹⁷ that includes Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, and Jerusalem, as well as "the wall," settlements, "destroyed Palestinian villages," and Hebron. The tour brings participants to meetings¹¹¹⁸ with BDS supporters Badil¹¹¹⁹, Zochrot¹¹²⁰, ICAHD¹¹²¹, and the Alternative Information Center¹¹²². The group tours settlements such as Ma'ale Adumim juxtaposed with visits to Bedouin communities.
 - OTC's fact sheet¹¹²³ on the role of olive trees in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict repeatedly refers to Israeli citizens living in the West Bank as "colonists." The East Jerusalem YMCA/YWCA has abandoned¹¹²⁴ YMCA's traditional nonpartisanship and supports the BDS movement.¹¹²⁵ It also signed a petition¹¹²⁶ calling for an academic boycott of Israel. The Joint Advocacy Initiative, which organizes the Olive Tree Campaign, partakes in overtly political activities¹¹²⁷, including organizing demonstrations and distributing t-shirts calling to "Isolate the Israeli Apartheid."
- Pax organizes a biannual solidarity pilgrimage to Bethlehem, scheduled to coincide with Christmas.¹¹²⁸ The trip includes home stays with Palestinian families; meetings with members of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities; and visits to Jerusalem, Hebron, unrecognized villages in the Galilee, and Bethlehem for Christmas. Participants meet with Israeli and Palestinian peace activists in order to "try to understand the conflict from the different perspectives."¹¹²⁹
 - No online itinerary is available. A participant wrote on Pax's blog about the "deep impression"¹¹³⁰ left on him by the members of Parents' Circle,¹¹³¹ while acknowledging that ten days was clearly not enough time to grasp the intricacies of the conflict. Another participant and blog

contributor wrote about meeting with the Christian Peacemakers Team¹¹³² during a visit to Hebron, as well as with Yusuf Daher, one of the authors of the Kairos Palestine document¹¹³³ and Executive Secretary of the Jerusalem Inter-Church Center¹¹³⁴ (the World Council of Church's Jerusalem member), who spoke about a "mass boycott of products from Israel."

- According to its 2012 Annual Report, Pax "successfully launched a network of neighborhood organizations in East Jerusalem" with the future goal of "strengthen[ing] this Jerusalem forum so that it can adroitly defend the future of Palestinians in East Jerusalem."¹¹³⁵
- Pax helped organize an international meeting that took place in Istanbul on March 29-30, 2012 on the subject of "Promoting the Arab Peace Initiative as a Basis for a Comprehensive Middle Eastern Peace."¹¹³⁶ The meeting included participants from Europe, the Arab world, and Israel. Center for Democracy and Community Development, NISPED, and Pax published a pamphlet¹¹³⁷ on the Arab Peace Initiative leading up to the conference. Following the Istanbul meeting, Pax helped organize an update meeting on the Arab Peace Initiative in Brussels in November 2012.¹¹³⁸
- Pax supports "Bringing Peace Together (BPT)," a "platform of Israeli and Palestinian peace organizations which advocates in Israel and the Palestinian Territories, in Brussels as well as with international representatives in Jerusalem."¹¹³⁹ Founded in 2004,¹¹⁴⁰ original members included Peace Now, the Israeli Palestinian Center for Research and Information (IPCRI), and others. Originally coordinated by the Panorama Center for the Dissemination of Democracy, which became CDCD¹¹⁴¹, BPT has no working website, but appears to remain one of Walid Salem's projects. In 2009, the BPT Coordinating Team - Salem, Jannie Kuik of Pax, and Prof. Dan Jacobsen of Tel Aviv University – wrote a letter to President Obama urging him to restart the peace process.¹¹⁴² In the letter, they clearly express their support of the two-state solution and the Arab Peace Initiative.
- The Freedom from Fear Alliance, founded on January 1, 2011, is an alliance between Pax, Amnesty International Netherlands, Free Press Unlimited, and the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC).¹¹⁴³ The Alliance establishes programs and subprograms fostering "peace, human rights, and freedom for civilians and communities in countries that have to contend with dominant security problems."¹¹⁴⁴ Since the Freedom from Fear Alliance's inception, Pax has partnered with Amnesty International Netherlands on a Human Security and Human Rights in Fragile States subprogram in the West Bank and Gaza.¹¹⁴⁵ In the context of this program, Pax:
 - Provided "communication and negotiation training" to eleven Palestinian neighborhoods in East Jerusalem¹¹⁴⁶

- Launched a network of East Jerusalem neighborhood organizations in order to “defend the future of Palestinians in East Jerusalem”¹¹⁴⁷
 - As part of United Civilians for Peace, Pax called upon the EU and the Netherlands to label Israeli products made in settlements
 - Through roundtable discussions, succeeded in putting the situation of Palestinian Christians on the agenda of the Dutch Protestant Church
 - Facilitated meetings for local peace activists and Palestinian refugees
 - Drew attention to human security issues
 - Launched 2012 Olive Tree Campaign focusing on Palestinian farmers
- Pax’s Middle East program employees maintain a blog, Nassama,¹¹⁴⁸ on which they publish their views on current events. Jannie Kuik,¹¹⁴⁹ Israel/Palestine Program Leader and member of Pax grantee [CDCD’s International Advisory Board](#), avoids using demonizing language when writing about issues such as the International Court of Justice’s opinion on the security barrier, Christians in Israel, and the power relations in the newly elected Israeli government. Jan Jaap van Oosterzee¹¹⁵⁰ (Team Leader for the Middle East and Asia) dedicates a number of blog posts to supporting the Palestinian quest for UN membership.¹¹⁵¹ In anticipation of Netanyahu’s 2012 visit to the Netherlands, Pax CEO Jan Gruiters’ wrote an “obituary” to the Middle East peace process on his blog.¹¹⁵²
- **Pax’s Israeli and Palestinian partners include:**
 - **Middle East Nonviolence and Democracy (MEND):**¹¹⁵³ Based in East Jerusalem, MEND’s website no longer exists; but it operates a Facebook page explaining that MEND’s mission is to “pioneer awareness about the power of nonviolence within the context of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and also within the broader regional context.”¹¹⁵⁴ The page’s photo section¹¹⁵⁵ displays many pictures of youth participants performing community service work, a summer camp program with the theme “no to violence, yes to democracy,”¹¹⁵⁶ and a program for “non-violent youth service”¹¹⁵⁷ apparently sponsored by the US State Department’s Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI).¹¹⁵⁸ MEPI’s logo is displayed next to a photo¹¹⁵⁹ of a map¹¹⁶⁰ of Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank devoid of any labels or borders and listing only cities included in the concept of a “Greater Palestine”; Jaffa appears on the map, while its immediate neighbor Tel Aviv does not. The map is displayed in the Mojtamai Community Center in Issawiya, newly renovated by youth volunteers.
 - **Center for Democracy and Community Development (CDCD)**¹¹⁶¹ is an East Jerusalem-based Palestinian NGO whose goals include promoting democracy, community development, and civic participation among women, and which runs programs and publishes numerous papers in service of its mission.¹¹⁶² CDCD also partners with research institutions from Jordan to California (Arab Thought Forum in Jordan, Al-Quds University, UNESCO, and Stanford’s Center for International Conflict and

Negotiation).¹¹⁶³ CDCD undertook a project in order to promote the Arab Peace Initiative¹¹⁶⁴ in both Israeli and Palestinian society, and cooperated with Pax on various activities in support of this project.¹¹⁶⁵ Pax also sponsored CDCD's 2010 Conference on Human Security in Area C.¹¹⁶⁶ CDCD Director Walid Salem, a professor at Al-Quds University, is a prolific writer and authors the majority of CDCD's material.¹¹⁶⁷ Salem's biography reflects a long history of political activism and ultimately renouncing his membership in the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, after which he began working to "spread[ing] non-violence and democracy among the Palestinian society" and "transform[ing] the conflict."¹¹⁶⁸

- **Al Quds University Community Development Center (CDC)** and its **Jerusalem Women's Parliament (JWP)**: The CDC, as part of Al Quds University, works to help Palestinian Jerusalemites handle challenges in all areas of their lives, educate new leaders, and facilitate the participation of women in society "amidst a situation of ongoing occupation and annexation of East Jerusalem." Specifically, the Jerusalem Women's Parliament (JWP) brings together Jerusalemite women in order to facilitate positive change in their communities. The program also offers "Life Skills" courses for women, funded in part by the French Consulate in Jerusalem.¹¹⁶⁹
- **The Arab-Jewish Center for Equality Empowerment and Cooperation – Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development (AJEEC-NISPED)**, based in Beersheva, coordinates economic and social development, education, and peace-building projects to "work towards creating equal, inclusive and flourishing societies" in Israel, the Middle East and internationally. They cooperated with the CDCD and Pax in their joint project, "Civil Society for Peace," focused on raising awareness about and "promoting values of the Arab Peace Initiative among diverse audiences who have not had positive exposure to the initiative."¹¹⁷⁰

CCFD-TERRE SOLIDAIRE (FRANCE)

Key Points

- *Paris-based Catholic Committee Against Hunger And For Development-Terre Solidaire (Comité Catholique Contre La Faim Et Pour Le Développement-Terre Solidaire or “CCFD”) is a major funder of numerous highly politicized NGOs active in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Some of this funding originates with the French government.*
- *Most of the NGOs receiving CCFD funds participate in global political warfare campaigns against Israel. These NGOs support BDS (boycott, divestment and sanctions) efforts, and many oppose a two-state framework for the conflict*
- *CCFD was a co-sponsor of the 2013 conference “From Truth To Redress: Realizing The Return Of Palestinian Refugees.” The conference focused on the logistical and demographic reality of a complete return of all Palestinian refugees from the 1948 Arab-Israel war and their descendants to modern Israel. This would mean the end of Israel, the expression of the Jewish people’s right to national self-determination.¹¹⁷¹*
- *In 2012 and again in 2013, CCFD transferred a total of NIS 340,303 to Zochrot. CCFD also provided funds to other BDS-supporting Israeli NGOs. In 2012 and 2013, CCFD granted a combined total of NIS 115,593 to Social TV and the Alternative Information Center.*
- *CCFD co-authored “Orange’s Dangerous Liaisons in the Occupied Palestinian Territory,” a 51-page report that was accompanied by intensive lobbying of the French government, the French company Orange, and the Palestinian Authority to participate in the BDS campaign against the Orange mobile phone network in Israel.¹¹⁷²*

Background

- Website: <http://ccfd-terresolidaire.org>
- The Catholic Committee against Hunger and for Development-Terre Solidaire (Comité Catholique Contre la Faim et Pour le Développement-Terre Solidaire) is “the first development NGO in France.”¹¹⁷³
- Aims to develop three separate missions: “International development projects conducted with local partners; Awareness raising and development education conducted with the French public, to build an inclusive global society; And advocacy among French and European political and economic decision-makers.”¹¹⁷⁴
- Claims to support “over 460 projects in 63 countries of South and East. With each of our partner organizations, we develop social, economic and educational projects aimed at reducing poverty... based on themes: food sovereignty, the sharing of financial resources, promoting a social economy, equality for women and men, prevention and conflict resolution and international migration.”¹¹⁷⁵

Budget and Transparency

- CCFD’s budget in 2014 was €50,300,000,¹¹⁷⁶ of which France’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs via the Agence Française de Développement gave €770,032¹¹⁷⁷ for a project titled “Education and Citizen Involvement of Gazan Children and Youth Transparency.”
- CCFD claims that its grants are handled responsibly: “CCFD-Terre Solidaire ensures that financial accounts of the partners are audited by external offices of expertise... to monitor the proper allocation of funds.”¹¹⁷⁸ However, neither these audits nor the allocated funding amounts are published by CCFD.¹¹⁷⁹
- The only information provided about its work in Israel and the Palestinian Authority is CCFD’s “Palestine-Israël” page.¹¹⁸⁰ This page provides question and answer fact sheets on some of their partners, including Zochrot, Sadaka Reut, and Arab Center for Agricultural Development.

Grantees

All of CCFD's grantees in the chart below exhibit biased and heavily politicized positions regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. (See section: "Bias in the Arab-Israeli Conflict" below.)

NGOs	Amounts	Years
Zochrot	NIS 139,124 ¹¹⁸¹	2014
	NIS 141,861 ¹¹⁸²	2013
	NIS 198,442 ¹¹⁸³	2012
	NIS 137,053 ¹¹⁸⁴	2011
	NIS 145,006 ¹¹⁸⁵	2010
	NIS 222,013 ¹¹⁸⁶	2009
	NIS 126,843 ¹¹⁸⁷	2008
Alternative Information Center	NIS 95,856 ¹¹⁸⁸	2013
Social TV	NIS 19,737 ¹¹⁸⁹	2012
Breaking the Silence	NIS 47,258 ¹¹⁹⁰	2014
	NIS 129,706 ¹¹⁹¹	2013
	NIS 22,268 ¹¹⁹²	2011
Hamoked	€26,970 ¹¹⁹³	2013
	€34,970 ¹¹⁹⁴	2012
	€34,978 ¹¹⁹⁵	2011
	€39,910 ¹¹⁹⁶	2010
	€20,000 ¹¹⁹⁷	2009
	€15,000 ¹¹⁹⁸	2008
Sadaka-Reut	NIS 131,455 ¹¹⁹⁹	2013
	NIS 100,215 ¹²⁰⁰	2012
	NIS 83,376 ¹²⁰¹	2011
	NIS 24,700 ¹²⁰²	2010
	NIS 90,217 ¹²⁰³	2009
	NIS 79,179 ¹²⁰⁴	2008
Culture and Free Thought Association	NIS 772,178 ¹²⁰⁵	2014
	NIS 19,500 ¹²⁰⁶	2014
Total		--

Partnerships

- CCFD is a member of CIDSE and Plateforme-Palestine.

- “International Cooperation for Development and Solidarity” (CIDSE)¹²⁰⁷ is a Brussels-based Catholic international alliance of development organizations. CCFD, along with Broederlijk Delen,¹²⁰⁸ CAFOD,¹²⁰⁹ Cordaid,¹²¹⁰ Misereor,¹²¹¹ and Trócaire,¹²¹² coordinate CIDSE’s “Working Group on Palestine/Israel.”¹²¹³ Publications produced by the “Working Group on Palestine/Israel” include “Continuing Forced Displacement in Area C: Uprooting Any Chance of a Just Peace”¹²¹⁴ in which CIDSE partners with Adalah and Diakonia to “to draw EU officials’ attention to the realities and the policies underlying forced displacement.” CIDSE has also produced “Gaza Dignity under Siege: Voices from Behind the Blockade,”¹²¹⁵ featuring testimonies of pro-Palestinian activities, accusing Israel of disproportionate force and abuse of power, and omitting Israeli perspectives and security concerns.
- CCFD is a founding member of the Platform of French NGOs for Palestine (Plateforme des ONGS Françaises pour la Palestine).¹²¹⁶ Plateforme-Palestine is a network of French NGOs active in the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Platform lobbies Members of European Parliament to impose sanctions on Israel, offers several biased resources for advancing an anti-Israel agenda, and engages in BDS campaigns.
- The Platform launched the campaign “Colonisation Illégale, Palestine en Danger” (Illegal Colonization, Palestine in Danger) to advocate for labeling products from the Israeli settlements and for divestment from Israeli institutions with connections beyond the 1949 Armistice Line. In the same year, the Platform lobbied French Members of Parliament (MPs) to advance the labeling campaign, and collected 55 MPs declarations in favor of excluding Israeli institutions beyond the 1949 Armistice Line from cooperation with France. The anti-Israeli NGO network also organized a petition for banning the import of settlement products.¹²¹⁷

Bias in the Arab-Israeli Conflict

CCFD’s grantees exhibit a profound bias in the Arab-Israeli conflict:

- **Zochrot** received NIS 141,861 (2013) and NIS 198,442 (2012) from CCFD. Zochrot is an Israeli NGO established in order to “raise public awareness of the Palestinian Nakba.... Along with it, the rights of the refugees to return must be accepted.”¹²¹⁸ This agenda is equivalent to calling for the elimination of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people.
 - Zochrot accuses Israel of “ethnic cleansing” and “forcible displacement and dispossession of the Palestinian people.” Zochrot hosted a 2013 conference in Tel Aviv, titled “From Truth to Redress: Realizing the Return of Palestinian Refugees.” CCFD was a co-sponsor of this event.¹²¹⁹
 - Zochrot founder Eitan Bronstein stated, “When the refugees return, Jews will become a minority in the country. Israel as a Jewish state will change radically,

and it will no longer be defined as such. Jews will no longer be able to determine their future...by themselves.... There may be Jews, most of them of European origin, who won't be able to adjust to a non-Zionist reality, and prefer to use their other passport to move elsewhere..."¹²²⁰

- Additionally Zochrot organized a joint study visit to Cape Town, South Africa, in order "to learn from cases of expulsion and return."¹²²¹ They then published "The Cape Town Document," which envisioned a "de-Zionized Palestine," and recommended "repealing the 1950 Law of Return," and creating a "name of the new state, its flag and other symbolic representations."
- **Alternative Information Center (AIC)** received 95,856 (2013) from CCFD for a project titled "Mapping the future of the Middle-East."¹²²² The founder and head, Michael Warschawski, has said that "one has to unequivocally reject the very idea (and existence) of a Jewish state, whatever will be its borders," and has written that "Peace, or, better, justice, cannot be achieved without a total decolonization (one can say de-Zionisation) of the Israeli State." AIC strongly opposes "normalisation," – meaning cooperation and positive interactions between Israelis and Palestinians.¹²²³
- **Social TV** received 19,737 (2012) from CCFD. Social TV is a media network which acts as a platform for accusations of Israeli "apartheid," "racism," "occupation," "discrimination," and perpetuating a "Nakba" against the Palestinian people. It advocates for BDS and a "one-state" framework. Examples include featuring a 2014 lecture by radical historian Ilan Pappé, claiming that the two-state solution is "just a tool where [Israel] maintains control over the [Palestinians]." A second example features a 2014 article promoting BDS demonstrations against the performances of the Israeli dance company, Batsheva, at an arts festival in New Zealand. The article includes a cartoon of an Israeli dancer holding a gun in front of the security barrier; the caption reads: "DON'T dance with Israeli APARTHEID."¹²²⁴
- **Breaking the Silence (BtS)** received NIS 47,258 (2014) from CCFD. BtS is a political organization that uses "testimonies" in order to "make heard the voices of these soldiers, pushing Israeli society to face the reality whose creation it has enabled." In reality, however, the NGO's lobbying and media advocacy focus on international audiences, including translations of its materials into English and other languages and extensive presentations throughout Europe and the United States.
- **Hamoked** received NIS 129,706 (2013) from CCFD. Hamoked is an Israeli organization whose main objective is "to assist Palestinians of the Occupied Territories whose rights are violated due to Israel's policies." However, Hamoked also exploits legal boundaries describing Israel's policies as "ethnic cleansing" and

“racist.” In an interview in the *National*, Director of Hamoked Dalia Kerstein accused Israel of a “clearly a policy to push Palestinians out of Jerusalem and Israel to reduce what is called here the Palestinian demographic threat. It’s really a case of ethnic cleansing.”¹²²⁵

- **Sadaka Reut** received NIS 23,860 (2013) from CCFD. Sadaka Reut claims to “educate and empower Jewish and Palestinian Israeli youth and university students to pursue social and political change through bi-national partnership.”¹²²⁶ Its activities promote the Palestinian victimization narrative, and involved in cooperation with radical NGOs including Coalition of Women for Peace and Zochrot, for a project aimed at “Introducing the Palestinian Nakba into the Israeli Public.”¹²²⁷

CCFD is also associated with a number of other Palestinian and Israeli NGOs. Besides Hamoked named above, *it is unclear if any of these receive funding*. Partners listed throughout CCFD's Israel-Palestine page¹²²⁸ include:

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| 1. Al Haq ¹²²⁹ | 11. L’Association d’échanges culturels Hébron-France (AECHF) ¹²³⁸ |
| 2. Alternative Tourism Group (ATG) ¹²³⁰ | 12. Library on Wheels for Nonviolence and Peace ¹²³⁹ |
| 3. Association France Palestine Solidarité ¹²³¹ | 13. Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committee ¹²⁴⁰ |
| 4. Children, Play and Education (EJE) ¹²³² | 14. Palestinian Counseling Centre (PCC) ¹²⁴¹ |
| 5. Cultural and Free Thought Association ¹²³³ | 15. Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS) ¹²⁴² |
| 6. Culture et pensee libre (CPL) | 16. Palestinian Society Women Working for Development (PWWSD) ¹²⁴³ |
| 7. Department of Service to the Palestine Refugees (Middle East Council Of Churches) ¹²³⁴ | 17. The Arab Center for Agricultural Development ¹²⁴⁴ |
| 8. FIDH ¹²³⁵ | 18. Union Syndicale Solidaires ¹²⁴⁵ |
| 9. Hamoked ¹²³⁶ (see above) | |
| 10. Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHD) ¹²³⁷ | |

CCFD has sponsored programming on the Arab-Israeli conflict that is supportive of dismantling the State of Israel and rationalizes terrorism. CCFD also produces documents that are highly politicized or are collaborative efforts with biased partners:

- In a conference titled “Palestine-Israel: the Challenge of Peace,” in which participates of an “immersion trip to Palestine...recounted the difficult daily lives of West Bank Palestinians,” CCFD officials declared that Palestinians “resist... [by] also taking up arms, driven by despair to their hopeless situation.”¹²⁴⁶
- CCFD co-sponsored a September 2013 conference “Realizing the Return of Palestinian Refugees.”¹²⁴⁷ Organized by Zochrot, the conference advocated for a

“one-state” framework for the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Lecture topics included a discussion on the specifics and logistics of refugee “return” and a talk on how “to end the colonial nature of Israel.” The logistical and demographic reality of a complete return of all living Palestinian refugees from the 1948 Arab-Israel war and their descendants to modern Israel, leading to a single bi-national state, would necessarily mean that Israel, as the national homeland of the Jewish people, would cease to exist.

- CCFD co-authored “Orange’s Dangerous Liaisons in the Occupied Palestinian Territory,”¹²⁴⁸ a 51-page report that was accompanied by intensive lobbying of the French government, the French company Orange, and the Palestinian Authority to participate in a BDS campaign against the Orange mobile phone network in Israel. The publication was part of a multi-year campaign by a number of NGOs to pressure Orange and the French government to boycott Israel.
- CCFD publishes¹²⁴⁹ works by Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center¹²⁵⁰ and coordinated events numerous times with Violette Khoury Director of Sabeel-Nazareth in both Europe¹²⁵¹ and Israel.¹²⁵² Sabeel promotes a radical reinterpretation of the Bible based on “liberation theology,” which claims that Palestinians represent a modern-day version of Jesus’ suffering. This language is used to demonize Israel and Judaism. Sabeel also supports a “one state” framework.¹²⁵³
- CCFD co-authored two reports, “Failing Gaza”¹²⁵⁴ and “Dashed Hopes: Continuation of the Gaza Blockade,”¹²⁵⁵ that repeat the unsupported claim that Gaza remains occupied, and the false allegations of “collective punishment.” These reports also minimize the responsibility of Hamas for mass terror against Israeli non-combatants and for flagrant incitement to violence.

APPENDIX I: TABLE - CATHOLIC CHARITY FUNDERS TO NGO BENEFICIARY

NOTE: The entries in this table reflect available funding information, and should not be considered complete.

KEY:

- U/A - Unavailable

Currencies: € - Euro | ₪ - New Israeli Shekel | \$ - USD | CHF – Swiss Francs | £ - Pound Sterling

- Amounts given in euros, dollars, Swiss francs and pound sterling indicate reporting from the donor.
- Amounts given in New Israeli Shekel (NIS) indicate reporting from the Registrar of Non Profits of the Israeli Ministry of Justice.

Catholic Charity (Funder)	Grantee	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Totals
BROEDER-LIJK DELEN (Belgium) Funding to BD by Belgium government: €3,642,674 (2012) €5,579,856 (2011) €7,339,677 (2010)	Badil	0	0	€20,000	0	0	0	0	€20,000
	Hamoked	U/A	₪143,171	₪293,994	0	€29,939	€21,000	0	₪437,165 €50,939
	Breaking the Silence	₪226,341	₪262,102	€30,000	₪258,605	₪35,268	0	0	€30,000 ₪782,316
	Defense for Children Internationa I-Palestine	€40,000	0	€20,000	0	0	0	0	€60,000
	Women's Centre for Legal Aid and Counsel-ling	€40,000	0	€30,000	0	0	0	0	€70,000
	Adalah	€50,000	₪214,017	€45,000	₪199,510	₪357,107	0	0	€95,000 ₪770,634
	Gisha	€60,000	₪284,143	€60,000	₪295,697	₪237,160	₪165,729	₪104,011	€120,000 ₪1,086,740
	Zochrot	₪186,362	₪239,915	€50,000	₪212,815	₪189,199	₪206,003	₪183,477	€50,000 ₪1,217,771
	Theatre Day Productions	€60,000	0	€60,000	0	0	0	0	€120,000
	Coalition of Women for Peace	0	0	0	0	0	₪5,752	0	₪5,752
	Parents Circle Family Forum	€20,000							€20,000

Total Euros €635,939

Total NIS ₪4,300,378

SÉCOURS CATHOLIQUE (Caritas France)	Grantee	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Totals
Funding to SC by French government: €1,167,591 (2012) €1,09,397 (2011)	Sadaka Reut	U/A	₪146,212	₪148,087	₪172,864	₪188,092	₪130,667	₪136,560	₪922,482
	Caritas Jerusalem			€100,000	0	0	0	0	€100,000
	Mahapach-Taghir	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	0	0	0	
	Les Enfants, le Jeu et L'Education	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	₪146,100	₪171,796	0	₪317,896
	Hebron-France	0	0	U/A	0	0	0	0	0
	Interfaith Tour	0	U/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Women and Media in Palestine	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	0
	Tent of Nations	0	U/A	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Euros									€100,000
Total NIS									₪1,240,378

CORDAID (Nether-lands)	Grantee	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Totals
Funding to Cordaid by Dutch government: €69.9 million (2012) €422 million (2007-2010)	Ma'an Development Center	0	€167,000 (2 year grant)		0	0	0	0	0	€167,000
	Sadaka Reut	0	0	€17,500	0	0	0	0	0	€17,500
	Joint grant: Association for Arab Youth – Baladna Kayan	0	€168,977 (3 year grant)			0	0	0	0	€168,977
	The Social Development Committee of Haifa									
	Adva Center		€139,249 (4 year grant)			0	0	0	0	€139,249
	Dalia Association	0	€53,800	0	0	0	0	0	0	€53,800
	Theatre Day Productions		€245,000 (2 year grant)	€50,307	0	0	0	0	0	€512,247
				€216,940 (2 year grant)						
	Palestinian Counseling Center	0	€75,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	€129,500
			€54,500							
	Bethlehem Bible College	0	0	U/A	0	0	0	0	0	
	Mada al-Carmel	0	€130,450	0	₪438,770	₪525,473	0	0	0	₪964,243 €130,450
	Emek Shaveh	0	0	₪123,339	₪147,553	0	0	0	0	₪270,892
	Public Committee Against Torture in Israel (PCATI)	0	₪110,875	₪520,541	₪495,360	€100,000	0	0	₪60,000	₪1,186,776 €100,000
	Social TV	€50,000	₪137,800	₪343,055	€71,000	₪17,450	0	0	0	₪498,305 €121,000
Center on	0	0	0	€150,000	€150,000	€150,000	€170,000	0	€620,000	

	Housing Rights and Evictions (COHRE)						000	0		
	Ittijah	0	0	0	0	0	0	U/A	U/A	
	YMCA East Jerusalem/YWCA Palestine.	0	U/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Al-Quds Underground	0	0	0	0	0	0	€50,000 (co-funder: Anna Lindh Foundation)	0	€50,000
	Human Rights Defenders Fund	0	U/A	₪23,288	₪74,860	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	₪98,148
	Isha L'isha Haifa Feminist Center	0	€40,000	€20,000	₪73,650	₪37,099	0	0	0	€60,000 ₪110,749
	Caritas Jerusalem		€200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	€200,000
	Palestinian Consultative Staff		€34,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	€34,000
	Culture and Free Thought Association	€55,000	₪40,804	₪117,477	0	0	0	0	0	€55,000 ₪158,281
	Assiwar	€25,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	€25,000
	Kayan	€96,481	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	€96,481
	SIDREH		€185,000 (2 year grant)	0	0	0	0	0	0	€185,000

Total Euros €2,865,204
Total NIS ₪3,456,371
Total NIS ₪3,287,394

CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT (CAFOD)	Grantee	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Totals
Funding to CAFOD by UK gov't (DFID): £9,034,000 (2013) £5,114,000 (2012) £5,367,000 (2011) £2,924,000 (2010)	Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI)	0	0	0	0	U/A	0	0	
	Yesh Din	₪136,800	₪144,783	0	0	0	0	0	₪281,583
	Jerusalem Legal Aid and Human Rights Center (JLAC)	U/A	0	\$45,990	0	0	0	0	\$45,990
	Worker's Advice Center	U/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Caritas Jerusalem	0	0	0	0	0	U/A	U/A	
	Islamic Relief	0	0	0	0	0	U/A	U/A	

Total USD \$45,990
Total NIS ₪281,583

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (U.S.)	Grantee	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Totals
	B'Tselem	₪554,446	₪513,691	₪480,031	\$25,721	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$300,721 ₪1,548,168
Funding to CRS by US gov't:									
\$229,335,000 (2013)	Youth Voices for Community Action	0	0	\$1,121,820 (4 year grant)				0	\$1,121,820
\$270,642,000 (2012)	Sadaka Reut	0	\$600,876 (4 year grant)				0	0	\$600,876
\$351,625,000 (2011)									
\$312,830,000 (2011)	Applied Research Institute Jerusalem	0	0	\$152,822	0	0	0	0	\$152,822

Total USD \$2,176,239
Total NIS ₪1,548,168

CCFD-Terre Solidaire (France)	Grantee	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Totals
	Zochrot	₪139,124	₪141,860	₪198,442	₪137,053	₪145,006	₪222,013	₪126,843	₪1,110,341
Funding to CCFD by French gov't:									
€770,032 (2014)	Alternative Information Center	0	₪95,856	0	0	0	₪56,424	₪54,624	₪206,904
	Social TV	0	0	₪19,737	0	0	0	0	₪19,737
	Breaking the Silence	₪47,258	₪129,706	0	₪22,268	0	0	0	₪199,232
	Hamoked	0	€26,970	€34,970	€34,978	€39,910	€20,000	€15,000	€171,828
	Sadaka-Reut	0	₪131,455	₪100,215	₪83,376	₪24,700	₪90,217	₪79,179	₪509,142
	Culture and Free Thought Association	₪772,178	0	₪19,500	0	0	0	0	₪791,678

Total NIS ₪2,837,034
Total Euro €171,828

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE (Caritas Canada)	Grantee	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Totals
	The Society of St. Yves	0	0	U/A	0	0	0	0	
Funding to DP by Canadian gov't:									
\$2,158,632 (2012-2013)	Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center	0	0	0	₪130,694	₪148,680	0	0	₪279,374
\$4,947,025 (2011-2012)									
\$13,242,247 (2010-2011)									
\$13,195,988 (2009-2010)									

Total ₪279,374

TRÓCAIRE (Ireland)	Grantee	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Totals
	Al Mezan Center for Human Rights	0	0	0	0	U/A	0	U/A	
Funding to Trócaire by Irish gov't:									
€27.3 million (2013)	Breaking the Silence	₪72,377	0	₪76,022	₪74,683	₪114,225	0	0	₪337,307
	Gisha	₪192,518	0	₪50,019	₪49,834	₪48,427	0	0	₪340,798
	Israeli	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	

Committee Against House Demolitions (ICAHN)									
Public Committee Against Torture in Israel (PCATI)	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	
Rabbis for Human Rights	0	₪213,818	₪233,333	₪257,990	₪243,745	0	₪66,000		₪1,014,886
Zochrot	0	₪47,960	₪99,380	₪100,972	₪150,092	₪54,798	₪54,104		₪507,306
B'Tselem	0	₪143,568	₪224,938	₪248,380	₪249,795	₪275,500	₪255,000		₪1,397,181
Badil	0	0	0	₪35,000	€50,000	€50,000	0		€135,000
Hamoked	€40,000 (Until 2016)	₪7,084	₪98,892	€19,938	₪19,983 £17,566	€25,000	€20,000		₪125,959 €104,938 £17,566 ₪118,675
Coalition of Women for Peace	₪94,496 [Who Profits]	₪24,179	0	0	0	0	0		
Total NIS									₪3,842,112
Total Euro									€239,938
Total Pounds									£17,566

MISEREOR (Germany)	Grantee	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Totals
Funding to Misereor by German gov't: €116.6 million(2012)	Zochrot	₪114,496	₪124,314	₪247,695	₪271,773	0	0	0	₪ 758,278
	Hamoked	₪700,500	0	₪446,694	€145,000	€388,508	€206,700	€100,000	₪1,147,194 €840,208
	Rabbis for Human Rights	0	₪151,046	₪100,126	₪55,958	0	0	0	₪307,130
	Sadaka Reut	0	₪215,895	₪214,207	₪296,360	₪165,147	0	0	₪891,609
	Breaking the Silence	₪603,977	₪333,139	₪157,017	₪245,713	0	0	0	₪1,339,846
	The Society of St. Yves	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	
	Total NIS								
Total Euro									€840,208

PAX (formerly IKV Pax Christi) Funding to Pax by Dutch gov't: €8,153,050 (2012)	Grantee	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Totals	
	Arab-Jewish Center for Equality, Empowerment and Cooperation- Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development (AJEEC-NISPED)	U/A	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	CDCD	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A	U/A		
	YMCA East Jerusalem/YWCA Palestine	U/A	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total									U/A	

APPENDIX II: TABLE - NGO BENEFICIARIES AND THEIR CATHOLIC CHARITY FUNDERS

NOTE: The entries in this table reflect available funding information, and should not be considered complete.

KEY:

- U/A - Unavailable

Currencies: € - Euro | ₪ - New Israeli Shekel | \$ - USD | CHF – Swiss Francs | £ - Pound Sterling

- Amounts given in euros, dollars, Swiss francs and pound sterling indicate reporting from the donor.
- Amounts given in New Israeli Shekel (NIS) indicate reporting from the Registrar of Non Profits of the Israeli Ministry of Justice.

GRANTEES	CATHOLIC CHARITY FUNDER	AMOUNTS GRANTED BY CATHOLIC CHARITY TO NGO GRANTEES*	GOVERNMENT FUNDERS
		*Missing years reflect inconsistency in grantee reporting	
ADALAH	Broederlijk Delen	€50,000 (2014) ₪214,017 (2013) €45,000 (2012) ₪199,510 (2011) ₪357,107 (2010)	Belgium (via DGD)
ADVA CENTER	Cordaid	€139,249 (2012-2015)	Netherlands (via MFA)
AL MEZAN CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS	Trócaire	U/A (2010 and 2008)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland (via Irish Aid) • EU (via Echo) • UK (via DFID)
AL-QUDS UNDERGROUND	Cordaid	€50,000 (2009)* *Co-funded with the Anna Lindh Foundation	Netherlands (via MFA)
ALTERNATIVE INFORMATION CENTER	CCFD Terre- Solidaire	₪95,856 (2013) ₪56,424 (2009) ₪54,624 (2008)	France
APPLIED RESEARCH INSTITUTE JERUSALEM	Catholic Relief Services	\$152,822 (2011)	United States (via USAID)

B'TSELEM	Catholic Relief Services	₪554,446 (2014) ₪513,691 (2013) ₪480,031 (2012) \$25,721 (2011) \$75,000 (2010) \$100,000 (2009) \$100,000 (2008)	United States (via USAID)
	Trócaire	₪143,568 (2013) ₪224,938 (2012) ₪248,380 (2011) ₪249,795 (2010) ₪275,500 (2009) ₪255,000 (2008)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland (via Irish Aid) • EU (via Echo) • UK (via DFID)
BADIL	Broederlijk Delen	€20,000 (2012)	Belgium (via DGD)
	Trócaire	₪35,000 (2011) €50,000 (2010) €50,000 (2009)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland (via Irish Aid) • EU (via Echo) • UK (via DFID)
BETHLEHEM BIBLE COLLEGE	Cordaid	U/A (2012)	Netherlands (via MFA)
BREAKING THE SILENCE	Broederlijk Delen	₪226,341 (2014) ₪262,102 (2013) €30,000 (2012) ₪258,605 (2011) ₪35,268 (2010)	Belgium (via DGD)
	CCFD Terre-Solidaire	₪47,258 (2014) ₪129,706 (2013) ₪22,268 (2011)	France
	Misereor	₪603,977 (2014) ₪333,139 (2013) ₪157,017 (2012) ₪245,713 (2011)	Germany
	Trócaire	₪72,377 (2014) 76,022 (2012) ₪74,683 (2011) ₪114,225 (2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland (via Irish Aid) • EU (via Echo) • UK (via DFID)
CARITAS BABY HOSPITAL	Caritas Switzerland	U/A	Switzerland
CARITAS JERUSALEM	Séjours Catholique (Caritas France)	€100,000 (2012)	France (via MFA)
	Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)	U/A (2008-2009)	UK (via DFID)
CATHOLIC NEAR EAST WELFARE ASSOCIATION	Caritas Switzerland	\$132,316 (2011)	Switzerland
CDCD	Pax (formerly IKV Pax Christi)	U/A	Netherlands (via MFA)

CENTER ON HOUSING RIGHTS AND EVICTIONS (COHRE)	Cordaid	€150,000 (2012) €150,000 (2011) €150,000 (2010) €170,000 (2009)	Netherlands (via MFA)
COALITION OF WOMEN FOR PEACE	Broederlijk Delen	₪5,752 (2009)	Belgium (via DGD)
	Trócaire	₪94,496 (2014) ₪24,179 (2013)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ireland (via Irish Aid) EU (via Echo) UK (via DFID)
DALIA ASSOCIATION	Cordaid	€53,800 (2014)	Netherlands (via MFA)
DEFENSE FOR CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL-PALESTINE	Broederlijk Delen	€40,000 (2014) U/A (2013) €20,000 (2012)	Belgium (via DGD)
ECUMENICAL ACCOMPANIMENT PROGRAMME IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL (EAPPI)	Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)	U/A (2010)	UK (via DFID)
EMEK SHAVEH	Cordaid	₪123,339(2013) ₪147,553 (2012)	Netherlands (via MFA)
FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE	Caritas Switzerland	U/A (2008-2010)	Switzerland
GISHA	Broederlijk Delen	€60,000 (2014) ₪284,143 (2013) €60,000 (2012) ₪295,697 (2011) ₪237,160 (2010) ₪165,729 (2009) ₪104,011 (2008)	Belgium (via DGD)
	Trócaire	₪192,518 (2014) ₪50,019 (2012) ₪49,834 (2011) ₪48,427 (2010)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ireland (via Irish Aid) EU (via Echo) UK (via DFID)
HAMOKED	Broederlijk Delen	₪143,171 (2013) ₪293,994 (2012) €29,939 (2010) €21,000 (2009)	Belgium (via DGD)
	CCFD Terre-Solidare	€26,970 (2013) €34,970 (2012) €34,978 (2011) €39,910 (2010) €20,000 (2009) €15,000 (2008)	France
	Misereor	₪700,500 (2014) ₪446,694 (2012) €145,000(2011) €388,508 (2010) €206,700 (2009)	Germany

		€100,000 (2008)	
	Trócaire	€40,000 (2014-2016) ₪7,084 (2013) ₪98,892 (2012) €19,938 (2011) ₪19,983 & £17,566 (2010) €25,000 (2009) €20,000 (2008)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland (via Irish Aid) • EU (via Echo) • UK (via DFID)
HEBRON-FRANCE	Sécours Catholique (Caritas France)	U/A (2012)	France (via MFA)
Human Rights Defenders Fund	Cordaid	U/A (2014) ₪23,288 (2013) ₪74,860 (2012) U/A (2008-2011)	Netherlands (via MFA)
INTERFAITH TOUR	Sécours Catholique (Caritas France)	U/A (2013)	France (via MFA)
ISLAMIC RELIEF	Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)	U/A (2008-2009)	UK (via DFID)
ISRAELI COMMITTEE AGAINST HOUSE DEMOLITIONS (ICAH)	Trócaire	U/A (2008-2011)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland (via Irish Aid) • EU (via Echo) • UK (via DFID)
ITTIJAH	Cordaid	U/A (2008-2009)	Netherlands (via MFA)
JERUSALEM LEGAL AID AND HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER (JLAC)	Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)	\$45,990 (2012)	UK (via DFID)
LES ENFANTS, LE JEU ET L'EDUCATION	Sécours Catholique (Caritas France)	U/A (2012-2014) ₪146,100 (2010) ₪171,797 (2009)	France (via MFA)
MA'AN DEVELOPMENT CENTER	Cordaid	€167,000 (2016-2015)	Netherlands (via MFA)
MADA AL-CARMEL	Cordaid	€130,450 (2014) ₪438,770 (2012) ₪525,473 (2011)	Netherlands (via MFA)
MAHAPACH-TAGHIR	Sécours Catholique (Caritas France)	U/A (2011-2014)	France (via MFA)
PALESTINIAN COUNSELING CENTER	Cordaid	75,000 (2014) 54,500 (2014) ¹²⁵⁶	Netherlands (via MFA)
Parents Circle Family Forum	Broederlijk Delen	€20,000 (2014)	Belgium (via DGD)

PUBLIC COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE IN ISRAEL (PCATI)	Cordaid	₪110,875 (2014) ₪520,541 (2013) ₪495,360 (2012) €100,000 (2011) €60,000 (2008)	Netherlands (via MFA)
	Trócaire	U/A (2008-2014)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland (via Irish Aid) • EU (via Echo) • UK (via DFID)
RABBIS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS	Trócaire	₪213,818 (2013) ₪233,333 (2012) ₪257,990 (2011) ₪243,745 (2010) ₪66,000 (2008)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland (via Irish Aid) • EU (via Echo) • UK (via DFID)
	Misereor	₪151,046 (2013) ₪100,126 (2012) ₪55,958 (2011)	Germany
SABEEL ECUMENICAL LIBERATION THEOLOGY CENTER	Development and Peace (Caritas Canada)	₪130,694 (2011) ₪148,680 (2010)	Canada
SADAKA REUT	Séjours Catholique (Caritas France)	U/A (2014) ₪146,212 (2013) ₪148,087 (2012) ₪172,864 (2011) ₪188,092 (2010) ₪130,667 (2009) ₪136,560 (2008)	France (via MFA)
	Cordaid	€17,500(2013)	Netherlands (via MFA)
	CCFD Terre-Solidare	₪131,455 (2013) ₪100,215 (2012) ₪83,376 (2011) ₪24,700 (2010) ₪90,217 (2009) ₪79,179 (2008)	France
	Misereor	₪215,895 (2013) ₪214,207 (2012) ₪296,360 (2011) ₪165,147 (2010)	Germany
	Catholic Relief Services	\$600,876 (2009-2013)	United States (via USAID)
	SOCIAL TV	Cordaid	€50,000(2015) ₪137,800 (2014) 343,055₪ (2013) €71,000 (2012) €17,450 (2011)
	CCFD	₪19,737 (2012)	France
SOCIETY OF ST. YVES	Development and Peace (Caritas Canada)	U/A (2012)	Canada
	Misereor	U/A (2008-2014)	Germany
TENT OF NATIONS	Séjours Catholique (Caritas France)	U/A (2013)	France (via MFA)

THEATRE DAY PRODUCTIONS	Broederlijk Delen	€60,000 (2014) U/A (2013) €60,000 (2012)	Belgium (via DGD)
	Cordaid	€245,000 (2014-2015) €50,307 (2013) €216,940 (2012-2013)	Netherlands
WOMEN AND MEDIA IN PALESTINE	Séjours Catholique (Caritas France)	U/A (2008-2014)	France (via MFA)
CWP/Who Profits	Trócaire	₪94,496 (2014) ₪ 24,179 (2013)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ireland (via Irish Aid) EU (via Echo) UK (via DFID)
WOMEN'S CENTRE FOR LEGAL AID AND COUNSELLING	Broederlijk Delen	€40,000 (2014) U/A (2013) €30,000 (2012)	Belgium (via DGD)
	Caritas Switzerland	498,810 CHF (2013-2015) \$80,000 (2011) \$26,400 (2010)	Switzerland
WORKER'S ADVICE CENTER	Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)	U/A (2014)	UK (via DFID)
YESH DIN	Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)	₪136,800 (2014) ₪144,783 (2013)	UK (via DFID)
YOUTH EMPOWERMENT CENTER	Caritas Switzerland (via DanChurch Aid)	€343,000 (2011)	Switzerland
YMCA EAST JERUSALEM/YWCA PALESTINE	Cordaid	U/A (2014)	Netherlands (via MFA)
	Pax (formerly IKV Pax Christi)	U/A (2014)	Netherlands (via MFA)
YOUTH VOICES FOR COMMUNITY ACTION	Catholic Relief Services	\$1,121,820 (2009-2012)	United States (via USAID)
ZOCHROT	Broederlijk Delen	₪186,362 (2014) ₪239,915 (2013) €50,000 (2012) ₪212,815 (2011) ₪189,199 (2010) ₪206,003 (2009) ₪183,477 (2008)	Belgium (via DGD)
	CCFD Terre-Solidare	₪139,124 (2014) ₪141,8610 (2013) ₪198,442 (2012) ₪137,053 (2011) ₪145,006 (2010) ₪222,013 (2009) ₪126,843 (2008)	France
	Misereor	₪114,496 (2014) ₪124,314 (2013) ₪247,695 (2012) ₪271,773 (2011)	Germany

	Trócaire	<p>₪47,960 (2013)</p> <p>₪99,380 (2012)</p> <p>₪100,972 (2011)</p> <p>₪150,092 (2010)</p> <p>₪54,798 (2009)</p> <p>₪54,104 (2008)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ireland (via Irish Aid) • EU (via Echo) • UK (via DFID)
<p>JOINT GRANT</p> <p>ASSOCIATION FOR ARAB YOUTH – BALADNA</p> <p>KAYAN</p> <p>THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF HAIFA</p>	Cordaid	<p>€168,977 (2012-2014)</p>	Netherlands (via MFA)

APPENDIX III: NGOS SUPPORTING BDS AND/OR OTHER ANTI-ISRAEL POSITIONS, AND THEIR CATHOLIC CHARITY FUNDERS

GRANTEES	POSITIONS SUPPORTED BY GRANTEES/PARTNERS <i>* right of return</i> - euphemism for ending Israel as a Jewish state § <i>one state</i> - euphemism for a Palestinian majority in Israel	CATHOLIC CHARITY FUNDER and/or PARTNER	AMOUNTS (2008-2014) <i>Unavailable</i> = non-transparent
AL MEZAN CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS	BDS, right of return*	Trócaire (funder)	Unavailable
ALTERNATIVE INFORMATION CENTER	BDS, right of return, one state ⁵	CCFD Terre- Solidaire (funder)	≈206,913
ARAB EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE – OPEN WINDOWS	BDS	Cordaid (partner and funder) PAX (Unavailable
BADIL	BDS, antisemitism, right of return	Broederlijk Delen (funder)	€20,000
		Trócaire (funder)	€100,000 ≈35,000
BALADNA	BDS, right of return	Cordaid (partner)	
BETHLEHEM BIBLE COLLEGE	BDS, antisemitism (at its Christ at the Checkpoint program)	Cordaid (partner)	
COALITION OF WOMEN FOR PEACE	BDS, one state, right of return	Broederlijk Delen (funder)	≈5,752
		Trócaire (funder)	≈24,179
DEFENCE FOR CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL-PALESTINE	BDS, right of return,	Broederlijk Delen (funder)	€60,000
ECUMENICAL ACCOMPANIMENT PROGRAMME IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL	BDS	CAFOD (funder)	Unavailable
HEBRON-FRANCE	BDS	Séours Catholique ¹²⁵⁷ (Funder) CCFD (partner)	Unavailable
HOLY LAND TRUST	BDS	Cordaid (partner)	
ISLAMIC RELIEF	Allegedly funneled money to Hamas (terrorism) ¹²⁵⁸	Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (funder)	Unavailable
ISRAELI COMMITTEE AGAINST HOUSE DEMOLITIONS	BDS, one state, right of return ¹²⁵⁹	Trócaire (funder) CCFD (partner)	Unavailable
JERUSALEM LEGAL AID AND HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER (JLAC)	BDS, antisemitism ¹²⁶⁰	CAFOD (funder)	\$45,990
SABEEL ECUMENICAL LIBERATION THEOLOGY CENTER	BDS, one state, antisemitism (supercessionism, deicide imagery)	Development and Peace (funder) CCFD (partner)	≈279,374
SOCIAL TV	Programming frequently features subjects of BDS, one state, right of return; these pieces appear to overwhelmingly highlight the proponents of these positions.	Cordaid (funder)	€138,450 ≈480,855
		CCFD (funder)	≈19,737
YMCA EAST JERUSALEM/YWCA PALESTINE	BDS, one state, right of return	Cordaid (funder)	Unavailable
		Pax (funder)	Unavailable
WHO PROFITS	BDS	Trócaire (funder)	≈94,496
ZOCHROT	BDS, one state, right of return	Broederlijk Delen (funder)	≈1,217,771 €50,000
		CCFD Terre-Solidaire (funder)	≈1,110,342
		Misereor (funder)	≈758,278
		Trócaire (funder)	≈507,306

APPENDIX IV: CARITAS MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT

Country	Caritas Member¹²⁶¹
Canada	Developpement et Paix
France	Séours Catholique
Ireland	Trócaire
Italy	Caritas Italiana
Netherlands	Cordaid
UK	Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)
US	Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

APPENDIX V: NGO MONITOR LETTER TO CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS



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9 January, 2014

Dear Mr. Nicholson,

NGO Monitor (www.ngo-monitor.org), a Jerusalem-based research institute, is preparing a series of reports on funding to various political advocacy NGOs that are active in the context of the Arab-Israeli conflict, including some members of the Caritas Internationalis network.

In the course of our research, we found a statement¹²⁶² by the head of the Caritas Internationalis Delegation in New York, Joseph Cornelius Donnelly, supporting the Palestinian claim to a “right of return”: “The inalienable rights of the Palestinian people are defined by law as the right to self-determination, national independence and sovereignty, and the return of Palestine refugees to their ancestral homes and lands.”

In light of these comments, we have the following questions:

- 1) Does Mr. Donnelly’s statement constitute an official position of Caritas Internationalis?
- 2) If so, how is this political position consistent with a “two-state” resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict?

Please provide any response and comments by **January 16, 2014**.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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APPENDIX VI: CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN NGO MONITOR AND CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

NGO Monitor letter to Catholic Relief Services (October 2, 2013)

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Subject: CRS Funding for Sadaka Reut



October 2, 2013

CRS Funding for Sadaka Reut

Ms. Carolyn Y. Woo, President & CEO
 Catholic Relief Services

Dear Ms. Woo,

As part of NGO Monitor's research into funding for political advocacy non-governmental organizations (NGOs), we have compiled a detailed draft report (attached), "**The Role of Catholic Aid Societies in the Assault on Israel's Legitimacy: Catholic Relief Services.**" We suggest initiating a dialogue between our organizations on these important issues, and would appreciate your response to our questions below, as well as any comments on the draft report.

We note that Catholic Relief Services allocated almost two-thirds of a \$1,000,000 USAID grant¹²⁶³ to Sadaka Reut for its Gemini Project.¹²⁶⁴ Our research demonstrates that Sadaka Reut is a highly politicized NGO engaged in demonization and delegitimization of Israel.

- The Gemini Project is administered by coordinators Yael Tsabari and Rajaa Natour, whose Facebook pages show an extreme bias in the Arab-Israeli conflict.
- On her Facebook page,¹²⁶⁵ Natour "likes" numerous politicized Facebook groups including the "Third Palestinian Intifada" which makes extensive use of blatant antisemitic imagery including a photo of Adolf Hitler with the caption, "I would have killed all the Jews of the world, but I kept some to show the world why I killed them."
- The Third Palestinian Intifada page states its goal is to "defeat the occupation of every inch of the land of Palestine". This strongly suggests support for the destruction of the Jewish state of Israel.
- Sadaka Reut also promotes a one-sided narrative of the conflict and partners with fringe NGOs that endorse the boycotts, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) movement.

The report also considers CRS's official partners listed on your Jerusalem¹²⁶⁶ page, including:

- The Society of St. Yves, whose website¹²⁶⁷ reflects a blatant institutional bias by listing the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS)¹²⁶⁸ movement, Kairos Palestine, BADIL,¹²⁶⁹ Al

Haq,¹²⁷⁰ and other groups leading anti-Israel campaigns as “local human rights organizations.”

- B’Tselem, which has faced criticism¹²⁷¹ for its misrepresentations of international law, inaccurate research,¹²⁷² and skewed statistics (including casualty lists)¹²⁷³, and for politicizing their studies through the publishing of inaccurate research.¹²⁷⁴

In light of these and other facts highlighted in our report, we would appreciate your official response to the following questions:

- 1) What is the procedure and criteria for deciding which groups receive funding? Were evaluations in place to monitor the use of Catholic Relief Services’ funding for Sadaka Reut and other grantees? Are the evaluations made public?
- 2) The current CRS allocation to Sadaka Reut is scheduled to end in December 2013. Will your organization be providing another grant to Sadaka Reut for the next and/or future years? If yes,
 - a. for which projects are the funds earmarked?
 - b. as in the current grant, are these funds allocated from USAID or any other U.S. government agencies?
 - c. is this information publicly available? If so, how can we retrieve it?
 - d. if this information is not publicly available, please explain why.
- 3) Are there other NGOs active in Israel and the Palestinian Authority that are under consideration for future funding by CRS? If yes,
 - a. are these funds allocated from USAID or any other U.S. government agencies?
 - b. what evaluation criteria are in place to determine that this funding does not go to organizations that fuel conflict?

Any additional responses and comments will be appreciated. **Please provide these by October 15, 2013.**

We look forward to discussing these important issues with you.

Sincerely,

Yitzhak Santis | [NGO Monitor](#) | The Amuta for NGO Responsibility, R.A.
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Catholic Relief Services Reply – October 15, 2013

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Subject: Gemini Project -Conflict Management and Mitigation

Dear Mr. Santis,

Thank you for your inquiry addressed to Dr. Woo dated October 2, 2013. We appreciate your interest in the activities of our Jerusalem, West Bank, and Gaza office. For information regarding our programs and partners, including proposal development and partnership best practices, please visit our website at <http://www.crs.org/middle-east/> and <http://www.crsprogramquality.org/>. Regarding information on our USAID-funded programming, I suggest you visit <http://www.usaid.gov/west-bank-and-gaza> and <http://israel.usembassy.gov/cmm2.html>.

Again, thank you for your interest in CRS and our over half a century's work to facilitate a just, secure, and lasting peace in the Holy Land.

Best Regards,

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APPENDIX VII: CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN NGO MONITOR AND USAID

NGO Monitor letter to USAID (October 8, 2013)

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Re: USAID funding for Catholic Relief Services

Dear Ms. Romanowski,

As part of NGO Monitor's research into funding for political advocacy non-governmental organizations (NGOs), we have compiled a detailed draft report (attached), "The Role of Catholic Aid Societies in the Assault on Israel's Legitimacy: Catholic Relief Services."

As noted in USAID's October 2012 fact sheet, Catholic Relief Services is the beneficiary of a \$1 million grant (9/2011-12/2013) for "The "Gemini" project implemented by CRS in partnership with Sadaka Reut." Sadaka Reut received \$600,876 as part of this project.

Our research demonstrates that Sadaka Reut is a highly politicized NGO engaged in demonization and delegitimization of Israel, and the Gemini Project is administered by coordinators whose Facebook pages show an extreme bias in the Arab-Israeli conflict. This raises questions about the prudence in partnering with Sadaka Reut on peacemaking projects.

As with our previous reports on U.S. government funding, we appreciate your comments and feedback, in particular with regards to U.S. funding processes, oversight mechanisms, evaluations and accountability. **We plan on publishing our report in the near future; please provide any responses by October 18, 2013.**

We look forward to your response, and to the ongoing dialogue on US government funding for political advocacy NGOs, including the role of Catholic Relief Services in supporting Sadaka Reut.

Sincerely,

Naftali Balanson

cc: Prof. Gerald Steinberg, President, NGO Monitor

USAID Reply – October 17, 2013



October 17, 2013

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Mr. Balanson,

Thank you for your October 8 email regarding NGO Monitor's latest draft report. As we shared with you earlier this year, USAID's policies and procedures regarding the award of Conflict Mitigation & Management (CMM) programs are consistent with overall U.S. foreign policy objectives. The Agency does not support organizations that oppose a two-state solution to the conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians, nor does it partner with organizations that promote incitement against the State of Israel and Israelis or organizations that seek to undermine the State of Israel's legitimacy.

USAID's CMM projects, per congressional directive, promote cooperation between Jewish Israelis, Arab Israelis, and Palestinians in areas of common concern and strategic interest, helping to build the foundation for a sustainable two-state solution. USAID's grant selection criteria are detailed in its Annual Program Statement (APS), which is publicly available at <http://www.grants.gov>. CMM grant awardees and individual project beneficiaries are subject to stringent vetting, per USAID's internal requirements. All grantee and sub-grantee organizations must sign anti-terrorism certifications. Once grants are awarded, USAID field program managers closely monitor, track, and assess projects to ensure that they align with U.S. Government priorities.

USAID often encounters vastly differing points of views and recognizes that a robust civil society is essential to any democracy. As such, we regularly support a diverse range of organizations. Engaging with civil society is a critical component of our efforts to achieve a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. As President Obama said in a speech earlier this year in Jerusalem, "Peace will have to be made among peoples, not just governments."

Thank you for sharing your concerns. We appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback. USAID remains fully committed to the achievement of a negotiated two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. We will continue to support this effort by both helping build and strengthen the institutions for a future Palestinian state, as well as by fostering meaningful people-to-people interactions.

Sincerely,

Alina L. Romanowski
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APPENDIX VIII: WHAT IS BDS?

BDS: Beginnings

BDS has its origins in the NGO Forum of the UN's 2001 World Conference Against Racism in Durban. Using demonizing language, some 1,500 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) crystallized a strategy of delegitimizing Israel, explicitly calling for the "complete and total isolation of Israel as an apartheid state" through the "imposition of mandatory and comprehensive sanctions and embargoes, the full cessation of all links (diplomatic, economic, social, aid, military cooperation and training) between all states and Israel."

Among the accredited NGOs at this Durban NGO Forum were 35 Christian religious institutions representing a number of churches¹²⁷⁵ including the Catholic Church.¹²⁷⁶ In the following decade many of these churches would be targeted for co-optation by proponents of the Durban strategy.

Why the Churches?

BDS activists are fully aware of the role churches can play in amplifying and legitimizing their extremist message. The BDS Movement's website states:

*Religious institutions are seen in many communities as embodying important moral and ethical principles... Divestment campaigns that target companies such as Caterpillar have been initiated in a number of major Christian churches. Not only will successful divestment campaigns financially weaken the Occupation, but will raise both the public profile and legitimacy of the BDS campaign.*¹²⁷⁷

Capturing the churches' moral voice in the service of a political cause that demonizes one people is the goal.

BDS, Lethal Narratives, and the World Conference Against Racism – Durban 2001

The UN's World Conference Against Racism, held in Durban, South Africa in August and September 2001, was intended to unite nations in the fight against racism. Instead, this gathering succeeded in birthing and amplifying a lethal narrative against Israel and the Jewish people.

"Lethal narratives" are stories that are told *with the intention of creating hatred and a desire for revenge*. Some are based on real events in a conflict, and some are invented out of whole cloth. All involve the accusation of deliberate murder. These narratives are weapons of war, designed to both incense, incite, and provoke one population against another by embodying a reactionary 'us-them' scapegoating mentality that views the 'enemy' as evil. Few phenomena hurt the possibility of peace more than their circulation, and nothing could more violate the basic progressive discourse than this kind of bellicose story-telling, especially when they are concocted out of malice."¹²⁷⁸

In Israel's case, the intention is to incite populations the world over to hate Israelis and to alienate from Israel peace-loving people. The strategy is to cast Israel as an unspeakably evil state – akin to apartheid South Africa and even Nazi Germany – so as to rationalize and justify Israel's ultimate destruction.

Laying the Groundwork for the Lethal Narrative: The Iranian Role

In the lead up to the Durban conference, at a preparatory meeting for Asian countries convened in Tehran in February 2001, the Iranian government effectively excluded Israel and Jewish groups from participating. Congressman Tom Lantos (who attended Durban as an official U.S. delegate) wrote, "Australia and New Zealand, two outspoken supporters of Israel in the Asia group, were also excluded from participation in the meeting."¹²⁷⁹ The day the conference opened, the Teheran government published an article in the *Teheran Times* denying the Holocaust.¹²⁸⁰

The Declaration singled out Israel above all other countries – despite the well-known problems with racism, xenophobia and

As noted by Lantos, "The Declaration and Plan of Action agreed to by the delegates in the discriminatory atmosphere of Tehran amounted to what could only be seen as a declaration by the states present of their intention to use the conference as a propaganda weapon attacking Israel. Indeed, the documents not only singled the country out above all others-despite the well-known problems with racism, xenophobia and discrimination that exist all over the world-but also equated its policies in the West Bank with some of the most horrible racist policies of the previous century. Israel, the text stated, engages in 'ethnic cleansing of the Arab population of historic Palestine,' and is implementing a 'new kind of apartheid, a crime against humanity.' It also purported to witness an 'increase of racist practices of Zionism'."¹²⁸¹

This injected a lethal narrative into the Teheran Conference Declaration, falsely accusing Israel of perpetrating "holocausts," "ethnic cleansing," and "a new kind of apartheid, a crime against humanity," and declared that Zionism "is based on race superiority."

From Teheran to Durban: The Lethal Narrative Goes Global

The themes of the Teheran meeting would be repeated in Durban.

The Durban conference itself consisted of three parallel gatherings: an official diplomatic forum, a "youth summit," and a massive NGO Forum. The diplomatic framework, affected by the tone set in Tehran, led to U.S. and Israeli delegations walking out of the government sessions in protest.

The **NGO Forum** generated most of the publicity and impact from the Durban Conference, focusing on the development of a broad campaign to delegitimize Israel as a sovereign state.

From the NGO Forum to global BDS

An estimated 1,500 NGOs participated in the three-day NGO Forum at Durban, claiming to represent the “voices of the victims” of racism, discrimination, and xenophobia. The large attendance and funding from the Ford Foundation and various governments made the NGO Forum the central focus of the entire Durban Conference. This support also reflected the dominant ideology that viewed NGOs and civil society as “authentic” voices and representatives, in contrast to those of government officials and elected representatives in democratic societies.



Anti-Israel demonstration during Durban Conference, 2001

The NGO Forum took place against the backdrop of the intense violence of the “second intifada” that began at the end of September 2000. Speakers focused on the theme of Israel as the world’s singular human rights violator, stripping away the context of the conflict and the violence of Palestinian terror organizations such as Hamas, Islamic Jihad, and Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades among others.

The atmosphere at the Durban conference was dominated by overt antisemitism. Flyers promoted by the Arab Lawyers Union containing anti-Jewish stereotypes were circulated. Another flyer justified the Holocaust. Still others compared Israel to Nazi Germany and apartheid-era South Africa.

The European Roma Rights Center declared it was “saddened to conclude that it cannot endorse the 72-page NGO Declaration and Programme of Action submitted to the organisers of the World Conference against Racism in Durban on behalf of the NGO Forum. ‘These documents contain inappropriate language, fueling precisely the kind of hatred and racism the Durban gathering was meant to challenge,’ said Dimitrina Petrova, Executive Director of ERRC.” The ERRC was among the more than 50 NGOs from more than 20 countries in Central and Eastern Europe who protested the NGO Forum process and its resulting documents.¹²⁸²

The NGO Forum Final Declaration employed the Teheran conference’s lethal narrative by “*declar(ing) Israel as a racist apartheid state...*” This was coupled with a

“call upon the international community to impose a policy of complete and total isolation of Israel as in the case of South Africa which means the imposition of mandatory and comprehensive sanctions and embargos, the full cessation of all links (diplomatic, economic, social, aid, military operation and training) between all states and Israel.” (emphasis added)

Using virtually identical language, the 2005 Palestinian Civil Society Call for BDS declared:

“We, representatives of Palestinian civil society, call upon international civil society organizations and people of conscience all over the world to impose broad boycotts and implement divestment initiatives against Israel similar to those applied to South Africa in the apartheid era. We appeal to you to pressure your respective states to impose embargoes and sanctions against Israel.” (Emphasis added)

APPENDIX IX: THE GOAL OF BDS: DEFEATING ISRAEL, NOT PEACE

BDS leaders often claim they do not advocate any particular solution to the Israeli-Palestinian impasse, arguing that “Zionists falsely claim BDS movement opposes two-state solution.”¹²⁸³ This is deliberate obfuscation, as the goal of BDS campaigns is to *criminalize the State of Israel* and *disown the Jewish people of their history*. These same leaders expressly state a belief that “a single democratic state is the most practical and ethical way to fulfil (sic) [BDS] demands.”

BDS is not about coexistence. The creation of a single Palestinian state (or multiple Palestinian states) with a “right of return” proposes there be no Israel. This means *no right to self-determination and sovereign equality for the Jewish people*.

This is a call for conflict until a final victory over Israel.

“(The one state solution means) a unitary state, where, by definition, Jews will be a minority.”¹²⁸⁴

- *Omar Bargouti*
Founder, Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel

“I think the BDS movement will gain strength from forthrightly explaining why Israel has no right to exist.”¹²⁸⁵

- *John Spritzler, Pro-BDS Author*

“BDS’s stated goals (ending the Occupation, equality for non-Jews and Jews, and the right of return of the Palestinian refugees) logically imply the end of Israel as a Jewish state...”¹²⁸⁶

- *John Spritzler, Pro-BDS Author*

“Ending the occupation doesn’t mean anything if it doesn’t mean upending the Jewish state itself...BDS does mean the end of the Jewish state.”¹²⁸⁷

- *Ahmed Moor, Pro-BDS Author*

“The real aim of BDS is to bring down the state of Israel....That should be stated as an unambiguous goal. There should not be any equivocation on the subject. Justice and freedom for the Palestinians are incompatible with the existence of the state of Israel.”¹²⁸⁸

- *As’ad AbuKhalil, Pro-BDS Author*

“BDS represents three words that will help bring about the defeat of Zionist Israel and victory for Palestine.”¹²⁸⁹

- *Ronnie Kasrils*

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