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1 About Sawaed Association for Relief and Development (SARD)

1.1 Introducing SARD

Sawaed Association for Relief and Development (**SARD**) is a charity licensed by the Palestinian Ministry of Interior (reg. No. 7827, in 2007) and Ministry Social Development. It has been working since 2007 at the marginalized areas in the Gaza Strip, especially eastern part of Gaza City with a population of over 350,000 people, where the unemployment rate rises to reach more than 45%, and the poverty rate exceeds 53%, and more than 80% of its population depend on foreign aid.



SARD has clear strategic plan for its work, another plans for emergency response and others. It has also strong administration and financial systems in addition to policies and values as child protection policy and anti-fraud / corruption policy.

SARD aims to serve the marginalized people who are suffering from unemployment and poverty and to contribute to achieving the sustainable development goals (SDGs) through its programs and projects, where its inspiring and helpful staff are working according to project management best practices and systems,

SARD has strong relations and partnerships with many of international and national organizations, and also has special department for monitoring and evaluation, in addition to external auditor.

1.2 SARD Mission

Sawaed Association focus on the marginalized categories by providing several basic and necessary services to improve the living conditions of the target categories, these services are various in term of its developmental nature such as empower, develop and build the abilities, employment and support the education, including awareness and culturing such as legal, psychological and social support, including also relief services as orphans sponsorships, students, and providing various types of assistance as the seasonal and emergency services, health and social support. This is done by providing services directly to the target groups and sometimes through assisting the various institutions and specialized in providing the services required for the same categories. Hence, Sawaed aims to develop and build the working staff capabilities in the association to improve the level of the provided services.

“We seek to improve the community's conditions and achieve sustainable development by offering diverse and distinctive services for a better, more secure and stable life”.

1.3 SARD Vision

The association aims at providing different services for the local society specially the marginalized groups. It also develops and improves these services by relying on the comprehensive development principles, to contribute effectively to improving the community living conditions in

order to achieve its welfare, alleviate the poverty, develop its resources and protect its marginalized groups, we can express about this by the following vision:

“We aspire to be the leaders in the field of development and community empowerment”



1.4 Strategic Objectives

1. Develop the youth, women and children abilities and support them by implementing various activities and programs.
2. Offer all kinds of assistance for the marginalized groups in the Palestinian society especially those with special needs and orphans.
3. Rehabilitate the individual, especially the child, whether educationally, economically and religiously.
4. Strengthen the basis of social solidarity and encourage the voluntary work.
5. Coordinate and cooperate with the charitable associations in all fields within various forms.

1.5 Beliefs of SARD

1. **Social responsibility:** dealing positively with the community needs by focusing on the most important ones and dealing responsibly with the new and urgent needs.

2. **Renewal and creativity:** keen to follow the developmental policies in the administrative, financial, technical and operational fields.
3. **Equality:** establish the justice between the various beneficiaries as well as between workers.
4. **Teamwork and participation:** enable the spirit of teamwork at the level of the institution as well as the level of the different partner institutions.
5. **Credibility, accountability and transparency:** clarity and abidance to professional clear and declared work plans, mechanisms and programs, and continuous follow-up according to the professional and practical mechanisms, and ensuring that goals are achieved consistently in accordance with the established standards.

2 SARD Developmental Programs and Interventions

2.1 Child and Woman Center

The child and woman care center is located in the most marginalized area in the east of Gaza. This center was built by generous funding from Gift Of The Givers Foundation - South Africa.



The center consists of a ground floor, 5 floors and a roof, they provide services as follows:

The Floor	Area and components	Provided services
Ground floor	It contains of 7 classrooms equipped with a suitable way for children and a modern Montessori teaching method based on exploration, 5 children's bathrooms, an outdoor playground area with 200 square meters, a school area with 200 square meters.	Brainy Bunch, Pre-school education.
First floor	It contains 5 classrooms, atelier, computer lab, library, 5 bathrooms, and a small buffet.	Brainy Bunch, Primary Education
Second floor	It contains 2 psychological support halls, 2 multi-use halls , 2 remedial courses halls, 3 halls for caring of orphans and their mothers.	Orphan care and social services, workshops
Third floor	It contains alumni training halls, women's legal support halls, and multi-use halls.	Alumni care and empowerment of women and workshops.
Fourth floor	The administrative halls of the Child and Women Care Center staff	Administrative services
Fifth floor	Hospitality and reception halls, the center of social and cultural activities.	Various
Roof	Charity kitchen, dining hall and multi-use halls.	Health, food, training and education.

The center serves more than 50,000 families annually.

2.2 Education

2.2.1 Brainy Bunch kindergarten and school

It's one of the most important achievements by the association, where the idea of kindergarten and school is based on exploration and non-systematic education (extracurricular) by using the global Montessori method of education that is based on self-directed activity, hands-on learning and collaborative play. The schools has highly trained teachers who were trained for 6 months in Malaysia.

The kindergarten provides various types of services and it is equipped with modern educational tools such as a computer lab, library, dining halls, indoor and outdoor playgrounds and spacious and comfortable classrooms. It has been provided with a solar energy system to help students learn easily and conveniently, it can also accommodate more than 150-200 children.

The kindergarten and school received many **award-winning prizes** and local privileges, which included:

- The kindergarten has been chosen in the project of improving the child health pre-school, and other projects, it's also considered as one of the educational partners for Islamic Relief in the east of Gaza.
- The kindergarten won the **first place distinction award** in East Gaza and it's ranked second at Gaza Strip by the Ministry of Education.
- They also won the first place in adherence to the health standards which used to keep the children healthy.
- They also won the **first level** in conducting two scientific operational researches about the basis and principles of pre-school education.
- They reached an advanced position in reciting the Holy Quran at the directorate of education.
- During 3 years, they are providing training to other kindergarten teachers about modern learning and teaching methods.



2.2.2 Educational sponsorship

The Association also sponsors more than **600 orphans** as an educational sponsorship in the best private schools. This sponsorship covers the tuition fees, uniforms, school bags, stationery and transportation, as well as special guidance and awareness programs.

2.2.3 School kits project

SARD implements this project at the beginning of every school year for the school students in the most marginalized areas in Gaza strip, as they are contacted with the schools, kindergartens and educational centers in these areas to nominate the neediest students for receiving the school bags, then the school bags which contain all types of stationeries are prepared and distributed for the needy school student.



2.3 Social development

SARD provides psychological support for orphans and poor children. It holds regular awareness-raising sessions and workshops about orphans rights through workshops that are held for the marginalized mothers and families.

Through this field of work, we provide various services / year as follows:

- Provide the essential life requirements for more than 2500 families by providing them with a source of income for food, education, medical treatment and educational supplies.
- Educational sessions, community awareness, and psychological support seminars for more than 500 poor and marginalized families.
- Educate and sensitize the mothers about the methods of modern technology and how to deal with community media.
- Remedial courses for more than 100 orphan children annually.



2.4 Legal Clinic Service

SARD provides the legal and judicial consultations for women in general, and those who are marginalized in particular, where monthly sessions are held for more than 50 marginalized women or those who are subjected to violence and discrimination, in order to provide legal services and to raise awareness about their rights and duties.



2.5 Development of the graduates skills

Facilitate the job opportunities for graduates, by providing computerized training halls to train the graduates and professionals on the leverage points such as:

- English language
- Computer skills
- Professional skills such as photography, montage, and modern media, by helping graduates to produce documentary films or events about general situations, occasions, creative design and manage social media sites, which will provide new job opportunities for them.
- Specialized managerial skills such as communication, creative thinking, marketing and quality management.

This aims to develop the graduates' competitiveness abilities in the labor market by providing a suitable place to enrich their skills.



2.6 Women's Empowerment

Empowerment of Palestinian women, as they are the partners with men in most of the administrative, scientific and professional works, the Palestinian woman needs to work according to her condition, as the most of housewives are working to cover their families and children, especially if they are widowed and divorced.

We empower women by sensitizing them socially about their rights and duties, their role in the society, raise their cultural level, train and empower them economically about how to manage their own projects, starting with planning, implementation, managing procurement and marketing, and ending with economic development, to improve the standard of living condition, and cover their various needs, by training them to develop their knowledgeable and practical skills in several revenue generating fields such as handicrafts or other products as making pastry, various foods and sweets, which they can produce to benefit their returns. The empowering women projects serve more than 400 beneficiaries annually.



2.7 Water and Health

2.7.1 Improving Health Conditions

The project of improving health conditions especially healthy water

According to the saying of: “Water is the mainstay of life”, SARD implemented the project of a desalination plant with a capacity of 250 cups / liter and a water transport vehicle to distribute the desalinated water to schools and sanitation for free. The project serves more than 50,000 students per day.

The project also includes:

- Installing and Supervising on a water plant with a production capacity of 250 cups per day. In addition to the regular follow-up of conducting a periodic and non-periodic maintenance, providing the station with spare parts and other supplies completely, as well as maintenance of the water wells that fueled the station.
- Supervision on (5) water vehicle, including maintenance, provide spare parts, oil, fuel, and other needs. In addition to a Taxi driver and his assistant.
- Distribution water for more than (50) schools in Gaza City.
- Distribution water for a number of public facilities such as (hospitals - kindergartens - mosques - sports clubs for children and youth) and families
- Response to the emergency of educational and health institutions.
- Implementation the projects that serve water such as water tanks, tankers, spare parts, and all water needs.
- Contribution in implementing the agricultural projects related to water.
- Paying the costs of fees and licenses for the official and complementary departments (Water Authority License - Municipality License - Water Vehicle License - Desalination Station License - Water Vehicle Insurance - and Administrative Vehicle).

In addition to implement and install 5 desalination plants for hospitals, schools and Masjids, Digging of more than 3 agricultural wells.



2.7.2 Health & Medical Project

We at Sawaed Association aimed to develop and improve the medical section by:

- Providing hospitals with equipment, medical consumables, fuel, generators and others.
- SARD cooperates with a specialist medical center through offering health services to help poor patients.
- Installing of medical modern optic center that provides more than 1000 eyeglasses / year.
- executing surgeries for patients about 100 / year.



2.7.3 Agriculture and environment protection program

SARD has started reclamation many of agricultural acres and it has planted more than 10000 olive trees, citrus and vegetables in various areas in Gaza strip. In addition to that it has grown decorations and shade trees in the streets and public places, The hydroponic project has also been completed with an area of 200 square meters, where this planting depends on water and nutrient solutions. According to this program, SARD has drilled an agricultural well to irrigate and reclaim the agricultural lands and it seeks to set up more wells.



2.8 Housing Projects

2.8.1 Improving the living conditions for the poor families

This project aims at repairing the poor and needy family's houses that are un-inhabitable, in order to provide them a decent and safe life in a healthy and suitable habitation which will protect them from the changeable weather, it also contributes to prevent health hazards and diseases, as a good kitchen means healthy food, as well as a good bathroom means healthy body.



2.8.2 The safe lighting program

This project aims to provide a safe lighting for public place such as (a medical center, a kindergarten, schools, masjids etc.).

This project affects people positively and it protects them from disasters as fire. SARD has successful experiences during the previous years as we have installed this system for:

- It has provided an integrated solar energy system for pediatric intensive care for children at Al Naser hospital.
- SARD also providing a solar energy system for Haifa charitable medical center and clear vision center.
- SARD also install solar system for child and women care center.
- Installing of solar system for Ibrahim Community center.



2.9 Religious projects

2.9.1 Rebuilding and Repairing the Mosques

Gazan mosques have been destroyed during the three successive wars, the thing that leads to urgent intervention involved to rebuild the damaged mosques or build new mosques or repair the old ones. This program also includes furnishing these mosques with carpets, as well as providing water refrigerators, refrigeration and air-conditioning units inside the mosques.

The most important achievements in this program is:

- constructing a new building inside Al Omari Mosque which is the oldest mosque in Gaza strip, this building includes ablution place, a prayer for women, Qur'an memorization center and a floor to teach the holy Qur'an.
- Construct and finish Ibrahim mosque with 1000 square meter area.
- Construct and finish more than 4 masjids.
- Install of carpets for several Masjids.



2.9.2 Memorization of the holy Qur'an

SARD has implemented Qur'an memorization program for years. It has chosen the best and the most distinctive students who are able to memorize the holy Qur'an.

This project serves more than 500 beneficiaries per year.



2.9.3 “Bar Al Waledeen” program

As the association abidance to continue its services to the beneficiary groups, it initiated to open a new door of charitable through “Barr Al Waledeen” project which aims to develop and employ the most marginalized groups in the Palestinian society as the orphans, poor, needy, graduates and women through providing them with a source of income, operating and providing employment opportunities, community and economic development as well as providing care programs for orphans, poor families and graduates. The project is expected to serve more than 2000 beneficiaries annually directly and 10,000 beneficiaries indirectly through charitable projects.



3 SARD Relief Interventions

3.1 Seasonal and emergency activities

3.1.1 Ramadan Projects

In response to the general low economic situation, low income and poverty, as one of the projects that are in line with the material and religious needs of the society, SARD has implemented Ramadan projects, as food packs, hot meals iftar, Zakat, Eid gifts, Eid clothes and Sahour.

The beneficiaries exceeds 30,000 individual / month.



3.1.2 Qurbani Projects

Every year, SARD distributes the fresh meat for the poor, needy families and orphans at AlAdha Eid in Gaza strip, through purchasing the sacrificial Bulls and slaughter them in healthy ways according to the Islam law principles, then they are distributed to neglected categories to target more than 10,000 individuals per year.



3.1.3 Winter clothing

This is a seasonal relief project which the association seeks to implement it continuously. Due to the difficult bad economic and hard living conditions in many areas in Gaza Strip, and due to the limited infrastructure and supplies there. Therefore, SARD hurried to provide winter clothes, mattresses and blankets, in addition to the heaters that work on gas for poor and needy families to face the harsh and cold weather during the winter season in different areas of the Gaza Strip.



3.1.4 Emergency relief in the disasters time

During the recent wars in Gaza Strip, SARD provided help for more than 200000 families and wounded people by providing food, drink, treatment, clothing, fuel and medical supplies to the hospitals and medical clinics.



4 Annex 1: Major Partners of SARD

Partner name	Country	Type of assistance
Brainy Bunch	Malaysia	Scientific contribution, direct financial support
The Danish Charity Crescent	Denmark	Providing devices or materials, orphans' sponsorship and orphans care activities
Nordic Help	Sweden	Providing devices or materials, participating in courses, orphan sponsorships, and orphans care activities.
Islamic Aid Foundation	Britain	Scientific contribution, participation in courses, direct financial support
Islamic Relief - UK	Palestine	Scientific contribution, participation in courses, direct financial support
Aisha Association for Women Empowerment	Palestine	participation in courses
The Ministry of Education	Palestine	Scientific contribution, participation in courses
UK Islamic mission	Britain	Direct financial support, orphan sponsorship and orphan care activities.
Red Cross international	Palestine	participation in courses
IICO	Kuwait	Direct financial support, holding courses, preparing a kitchen, training marginalized groups
Humanitarian relief	Switzerland	Orphans 'sponsorship, direct financial support, economic empowerment for marginalized groups, orphans care activities.
Zakher Association for Community Development	Palestine	participation in courses

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