



Bringing Peace Together

Starting from 2003 till now, Panorama Center focuses on internal peace building within the Palestinian society, and the dissemination of the values of democracy and tolerance in civil society, additionally Panorama has been involved to develop the understanding between several Israeli- Palestinian and international peace movements, and to contribute to the development of peace actions, in the region and worldwide.

The bringing peace together is a project that works across the Palestinian-Israeli division to bridge the gap between the two peoples, this project was build on the basis of two assumptions: The first is that the peace movements in Israel, Palestine, and internationally, are working parallel to each other, and the second is that coordination is possible between these movements, whatever political and ideological differentiations between them.

In its first stage the project concentrated more on the Israeli-Palestinian peace movements without enough focus on the regional and the international ones. In this regard the project was able to bring the midstream organizations, representatives of different peace movements together in discussions and exchanges views and experiences, additionally the project was able to work upon different strategies of cooperation from the far radical groups that are closer to the main stream peace camp.

The activities of the first phase of the project included: Holding meetings, roundtables, and Conferences of the peace movements, Producing and distributing the first monitoring report, and the study about evacuating the settlers of Gush Katif, a second monitoring report about all the process of withdrawal from Gaza and North West Bank will be issued by the end of December 2005, Producing two newsletters, and the other will be issued by the end of December) that summarize the two monitoring reports. A meeting with Euro Parliamentarians in Brussels will be held in January to discuss Panorama's suggested plan to the post-disengagement period.

Activities of the second phase of the project aims to go through on deeper issues, to focus more on the regional and international peace movements. The activities include: coordinate between these movements, deal deeper with different strategies of peace cooperation, combine the leading role of the midstream organizations with activities that are organized to include the wider range possible of the peace organizations, episodes in (All for Peace Radio) on related issues. A joint campaign will be established to save Jerusalem as an open city and capital for two states through a joint network that the group will create in the city, and that will initiate activities towards the decision makers locally and internationally in the issue, and also will create public campaigns about it. Additionally, the project aims to combine unilateral, bilateral, and trilateral tracks in the work of the project: The unilateral track will include what will be done in Israel, Palestine, the Netherlands and Europe (unilaterally in every country/region), The bilateral track include the joint Israeli Palestinian activities, The trilateral track include what should be done together by the three partners together, and also what should be done to involve international and regional networks, and also international centers and movements in the project activities. The key word in all the three tracks is brining the peace groups together, that should be done in each society, bilaterally, and trilaterally.

The Non-violent activities of the project promote democratic development, respect of law, respect of the democratically elected governments, promote dialogue and communication in order to promote internal peace in each society, confront terrorism, corruption... etc. and promote symmetric relationships between the two peoples by ending occupation from more and more Palestinian occupied territories.