

2024 Giving Circle Application

Member-Nominated Nonprofit

Build Palestine Co.

US Fiscal Sponsor "Social Good Fund"



Leader

Lama Amro, Executive Director



Summarize what is the core mission & vision

Vision:

Thriving Palestinian changemakers driving inclusive, sovereign, and increased sustainable economic growth in Palestine.

Mission:

Empower and connect Palestinian social entrepreneurs with the resources, networks, and opportunities they need to create sustainable, impactful solutions that address the most pressing challenges facing Palestine.

Briefly explain when your nonprofit was founded, why and by whom.

2016, Besan abu Joudeh and Derrar Ghanem

Who is your constituency and approximately how many people are served by your nonprofit?

BuildPalestine serves Palestinian social entrepreneurs and changemakers, working across various sectors, including education, health, utilities, and more. Our programs empower these entrepreneurs by offering resources, mentorship, and funding opportunities to help them scale their impact. We directly support dozens of social enterprises, which in turn benefit thousands of people across Palestine, addressing critical community needs and fostering sustainable development.

What is the impact of your nonprofit over the past five years?

Over the past five years, BuildPalestine has provided non-financial and financial support to 32 social enterprises in historical Palestine across sectors like education, health, and utilities, helping them scale their impact. Examples are Flowless and Foras, Flowless is a water management system that saved enough water to fill a 188 Olympic swimming pools, which is a vast amount for Palestine where the water crises is severe, and Foras is a recruitment platform that offered over 1,200 jobs for Palestinian youth until this day. We've also collaborated with over 80 projects led by social enterprises and NGOs, facilitating successful crowdfunding campaigns that have raised over \$1,050,000 to fund critical community-led projects. We are also currently running an initiative called "Nourishing Hope for Gaza" where we boost crowdfunding campaigns for projects launched by changemakers on the ground in Gaza and funded two community projects so far, and we are moving to the following project. Check them out here: <https://buildpalestine.com/nourishing-hope-for-gaza/>

What is your goal for the next 1-5 years?

Our goal for the next 1-5 years is strengthening our value chain for early-stage social enterprises, culminating in the establishment of the first venture philanthropy fund in Palestine. This fund will invest in

social enterprises, providing them with both advanced financial and non-financial support to scale their impact. We aim to increase the number of social enterprises and maximize their impact (depth and width).

What is one key item our giving circle members should know?

One key thing our giving circle members should know is that at BuildPalestine, we believe in the power of social enterprises because they are designed to be independent and responsive to community needs. We see them as essential to our journey towards liberation in Palestine, reclaiming agency by creating solutions that directly address the challenges we face. Social enterprises offer a path to sustainable development and resilience, which is critical for building a future where Palestinians can thrive on their own terms.

If you receive funding from the Women's Giving Circle, how would you plan to use the funds?

We will use it to support the launch of Hurjay, the first local crowdfunding platform in Palestine. Developed by BuildPalestine, Hurjay addresses the absence of operating crowdfunding platforms in Palestine due to the international fiscal restrictions on Palestine. This platform aims to harness internal funding from within Palestine to support social enterprises and civil society organizations, providing them with an alternative source of funding.

Learn more about Build Palestine:

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Nonprofit Tax ID# (EIN) 46-1323531 (Social Good Fund, Fiscal Sponsor)

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Additional Information

■ [BP 2023 Impact Report - Lama Amr.pdf](#)

■ [Social Entrepreneurship Landscape in Palestine English Final - Lama Amr.pdf](#)

Current Initiatives:: <https://buildpalestine.com/nourishing-hope-for-gaza/>

Fiscal Sponsorship Information

■ ED-Certified-Build-Palestine-for-Community-Development.pdf

■ Build Palestine INTERNATIONAL Model C.pdf

Social Good Fund: socialgoodfund.org

Pictures

