

## Project Proposal Summary

<b>Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator's Thematic Area</b>	Linking peace and Economic Development
<b>Rotary Focus Area</b>	Peace and Conflict Prevention / Resolution
<b>Contact:</b> Contact person within your group (Name and email)	Reem Ghunaim, Rotary Peace Fellow from Palestine and current Rotary Action Group for Peace Executive Director.  Email: reem@rotariansforpeace.org
<b>Project Title:</b> Provide a full title (and acronym if any)	Providing Economic Mobility to Palestinian Youth Through Social Entrepreneurship in Tulkarem City
<b>Project Partners and Participating Organisations:</b>  List all your project partner organisations, including participating Rotary clubs and districts if any	<i>Potential Partners:</i>  Rotary Club of Ramallah  Khanduri University  United4Change Center (U4C)  Other stakeholders: Local businesses and vendors, Local government
<b>Geographical Scope</b>	The marginalized city of Tulkarem in the West Bank in Palestine.

<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>Please provide a concise summary with a maximum of 500 words outlining the project and explaining the community needs your project will address and how these needs were identified.</p> <p>Ensure that you include what your project aims to achieve (objective) and how (method/procedure). What will be the main outcomes?</p> <p>Explain in a few sentences how you will incorporate the objective of sustainability into your project.</p>	<p>Youth comprise one third of Palestinian society, representing 30% of the 4.95 million population. Youth live under harsh conditions, with around 40% unemployed, of whom 50% are among graduates at the university level. According to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, in 2021 Tulkarem City itself has a population of 68,712. It contains two refugee camps, Nur Shams Camp which has a population of 6,839 and Tukarm camp which has a population of 10,574. This means that 25% of Tulkarem residents are refugees residing in these two refugee camps.</p> <p>The goal of this project is to reverse the economic injustice for college graduates in Tulkarem city in the Palestinian territories by providing social entrepreneurship training and infrastructure. By creating a Social Entrepreneurship Lab (SEL), young Palestinian will have a creative outlet and opportunities to create innovative solutions, improve their self-expression, and develop leadership skills.</p> <p>The SEL will provide participants with the skills, tools, connections, and confidence to lead positive peace through social and technological innovation. Furthermore, through the SEL, social local businesses will have access to international markets of technology.</p> <p>The SEL will train and mentor Palestinian youth on social entrepreneurship through technology. The SEL will be designed to connect their creative solutions to the “Positive Peace” framework and will allow the intersection between business, peace education, technology, and trauma healing.</p>
<p><b>Beneficiaries:</b></p> <p>Who are the beneficiaries? Please include the estimated number of direct beneficiaries</p>	<p>This project includes a one-year program that will directly impact at least 60 young unemployed college graduates in Tulkarem, including women and refugees.</p>