The Final Report for Youth Capacity Building in Humanitarian Action in North Africa and Middle East.

Gaza, Palestine
2019
What is the training program MYCHA?

MYCHA is a training program to develop the capacity of young people in humanitarian action in North Africa and Middle East being part of a global movement to anchor young people participation and leadership in national, local and international humanitarian operations.

The program aligns with ROTA’s strategic objective to support young people in all circumstances to realize their full potential and contribute to the development of their communities. The training program contributes directly to Key Action 3 of the Compact for Young People in Humanitarian Action which contribute to the achievement of positive transformation in humanitarian program.

The compact of young people in humanitarian action was launched at the World Summit on Human Rights which represent a global commitment by humanitarian partners as well as governments, civil society, UN institutions, and the private sector. The commitment is to ensure young people priorities are addressed by the humanitarian system.
As part of replicating MYCHA in the region, SYFS in partnership with UNFPA and Education Above All, among several local and international partners is localizing MYCHA in the Gaza Strip. MYCHA training program was implemented in Gaza Strip within five training days between the period of 21/7/2019 till 25/7/2019.

32 young people with humanitarian initiatives were selected, and MYCHA training components/agenda were formulated in cooperation between SYFS and Partners.
How Does the Compact of Young People in Humanitarian Action Goals Align with SYFs and UNFPA?

The Compact of Young People in humanitarian action goals align with Save Youth Future Society's SYFs which invests in youth as the ultimate priority and believes that young people is the vibrant and capable body to lead positive change and promote sustainable development for the Palestinian society. SYFS also envisions that creativity and innovation are born from facing and overcoming the surrounding challenges.

The United Nations Population Fund UNFPA envisions a world where every young person can make their choices and enjoy their rights. All adolescents and youth must have opportunities to learn and practice decision-making skills in their families, communities and beyond. This is also true in humanitarian and peacebuilding contexts, where adolescents and youth are critical agents of positive change. UNFPA has long viewed young people as a potent source of energy, innovation and know-how to tackle the daunting problems that humanity faces. UNFPA has committed to giving young people a stronger role in improving the situations in which they find themselves, and empower them to fulfil their potential and realize their dreams.

Implementing MYCHA program in Gaza is a realization of Young People Compact igniting the transformation for young people leading humanitarian programs.
How Does MYCHA Gaza Contribute to the Compact?

MYCHA has six interrelated components. Each is designed to increase capacity among youth from crisis-affected contexts and to provide platforms for them to demonstrate their ability to contribute in positive ways. The development, refinement, and delivery of youth focused training content forms the core of the model. Components of the emergent model will be synthesized into open source tools and resources which are replicable and adaptable by other agencies to meet their needs for engaging youth at the local level.

01 **SKILLS**
Developing new youth focused training manual on the basics of humanitarian action

02 **REGIONAL TRAINING**
Provided a platform for networking and knowledge sharing

03 **LOCALIZED TRAINING**
Are implemented in accordance with local priorities and context

04 **YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP**
Engaging young people in the design and leadership of the initiative

05 **EVIDENCE GENERATION**
Researching and documenting contributions youth make in humanitarian contexts

06 **YOUTH-LED ACTION**
Researching and documenting contributions youth make in humanitarian contexts
MYCHA GAZA 2019 ACHIEVEMENTS:

01. 32 Palestinian Young People participated in the training program
02. 5 training days implemented
03. 5 Major training domains
04. 27 training areas covered through partners
05. 10 local and international partners
06. One field visit implemented by the end of the training program
07. 22.5% Increase of trainees' knowledge of the training topics was recorded.

01. Training Day 01 reach: 8245
02. Training Day 02 reach: 4257
03. Training Day 03 reach: 4073
04. Training Day 04 reach: 2591
05. Training Day 05 reach: 2833
06. Opening Ceremony reach: 5380
07. Video MYCHA Gaza 2019 team reach: 3821
Who are Our Partners?

MYCHA is a partnership-based program. From the development of the training content, to the replication of MYCHA trainings at the local level. Each component of MYCHA Gaza 2019 was supported by a key group of partners.
Content of the Training Program:

**Content 1:** Frameworks of Humanitarian Intervention and Youth Participation

1. UNSCR 2250 Resolution
2. Humanitarian Standards
3. Humanitarian Principles and Code of Conduct
4. The International Humanitarian System and its Actors

**Content 2:** Youth are Leaders in Humanitarian Action and Mechanisms for Youth Participation

1. Introduction to Personal Safety and Security
2. Assessing Humanitarian Needs at the Community Level
3. Communication During Emergency
4. Protection of Affected Individuals and Communities
5. Planning and Delivering Youth-Led Humanitarian Actions
### Content 3: Special Terms of Disaster Impact, Management, and Response

- **01** Sphere Standards
- **02** Coordination During Crisis
- **03** Distribution of needed Aid/Management of Storehouse
- **04** Gender Mainstreaming in Emergency Response
- **05** PWD Mainstreaming in Emergency Response
- **06** M&E of Emergency Response and Disaster
- **07** Safe Evacuation

### Content 4: Shelter Management

- **01** How to set up shelter
- **02** WASH management
- **03** Shelter Management/Rules
- **04** Field Visit- Shelter
- **05** Shelter Manager role and responsibility and Management of the shelter team
- **06** First Aid/response

### Content 5: Mobilization Including Access to Resources to Support Youth Initiatives in The Humanitarian context

- **01** Humanitarian Coordination /Linkage with NGOs/INGOs and governmental agencies
- **02** Child Protection - Psychosocial Support Management in Emergencies
- **03** Crowdfunding platforms
Some of the trainees' humanitarian initiatives:

**Al-ihsan voluntary campaign:**
We are a young voluntary team in humanitarian and community actions, we aim to serve the vulnerable and people affected with the possible capacity and resources that we have. We are 170 change-leaders in the community, implementing youth led humanitarian voluntary initiatives that severs all community groups.

**Love your Heart:**
Awareness raising and educational initiative concerned with hearts diseases and blood vessels targeting youth. The initiative corresponds with the humanitarian action standards where it provides voluntary service to the community with the aim to increase awareness and knowledge of the risks of heart and blood vessels diseases as well as the importance of healthy nutrition and its role in preventing diseases. We aim for a better and healthy life!

**Friends of Autism:**
We are a humanitarian voluntary team of youth who are graduates in Special Education and Rehabilitation of People with Disabilities. We invested our energy as youth and established the first specialised programme to provide care for children with autism through diagnosis, evaluation and early intervention all the way towards ensuring access to school education in order to develop their potential and empower them to engage in the community.
Some of the trainees' humanitarian initiatives:

**Youth Council:**
An organised youth body consisting of 1500 active youth and leaders in all governorates in the Gaza Strip; we are the safe space for youth to learn and exchange expertise and develop themselves. We provide voluntary community services and interventions for all community groups.

**Language through Music:**
The aim is to use my language skills in English (Speaking, Listening, Reading and Writing) to teach children with low-attainment by incorporating music and dance in teaching. The rationale is to provide the necessary support to these children, especially those from low-income families, for free without the need to go to the learning centers that demand high prices; in addition to the use of fun and engaging methodology in teaching, away from the traditional banking system used in the schools.
How Does the MYCHA Gaza Training Program 2019 Participate in Forming Youth as Leaders?

Young People Advisory Committee is selected at the end of the training program. The committee will act as ambassadors to enhance the developed capacities among other young people through the trainees who have already developed their capacity at the training, and will implement several initiatives reflecting the local context and humanitarian needs during 2019 as a practical step to realizing young people vibrant contribution in design, implementation and leadership of humanitarian activities.

- **01** Showcase the potential/capacity of young people as humanitarian actors and contributors
- **02** Supplement the MYCHA training and capacity building by providing further outlets for youth to demonstrate and further improve their skills and knowledge
- **03** Mobilize a pool of youth ready to work with different stakeholders at various levels
- **04** Generate new knowledge by documenting and sharing experiences and best practices
Next Steps

SYFS is committed to adopt trainees’ initiatives considering the unmet needs and local context. Investing in young people initiatives will be the main purpose of replicating, implementing and realization of the training program results reaching wider groups of young people in 2019 and 2020 as well as investing together with partners replicate of MYCHA training program in 2020 reaching new young people groups of humanitarian initiatives and involvement of the MYAG and partners.

SYFS will contribute to follow-up of the young leaders in their humanitarian work.