

Combating Corruption through Education

Anti-Corruption Training Program ACT Palestine

The Coalition for Accountability and Integrity AMAN and CHF International West Bank and Gaza announced the launch of the ACT program on December 9, 2006. ACT, the Anti-Corruption Training program is a 14 month transparency and accountability project for Palestinian youth. The goal of ACT is to provide Palestinian youth with an understanding of corruption and how to combat it through transparency, accountability, and integrity. The project was launched on December 9, 2006 which coincided with the United Nation's Anti-Corruption Day, an international day designated to raise awareness about corruption and its negative social and economic effects. Four showings of an interactive, educational play were held in Al-Kasaba theatre in Ramallah for 600 school children who attended from all over the city. In addition, around 60,000 booklets, leaflets and educational posters were distributed to 62 targeted schools.

Since then ACT had worked on organizing activities for high school students and teachers, developing a university course on corruption in cooperation with Birzeit University, run specially designed summer camps for children, created a virtual library so that the public can access books, articles and other materials on corruption available on-line, and published a newsletter to raise awareness on corruption, transparency and accountability.

High School Component:

Teacher Training:



In order to achieve the goal of the program which aims at providing Palestinian youth with an understanding of corruption and how to combat it through transparency, accountability, and integrity ACT adopts the 'train-trainer' TOT method. High school teachers were trained on how to introduce anti-corruption concepts in the learning process.

For this purpose, 6 training workshops were organized; four in the West Bank and two in Gaza. The workshops targeted 62 high school teachers from 22 private schools and 49 teachers from 37 UNRWA schools in the West Bank. In Gaza, the workshops targeted 48 teachers from 40 UNRWA schools. Thus the program targeted 27.6% of the total number of UNRWA schools and 8% of the total number of private schools.

The training was able to highlight topics pertaining to anti-corruption concepts and values already incorporated within the school textbooks. It also showed the importance of strengthening integrity values and systems of transparency and accountability within the educational process itself. A teacher training manual was developed and distributed to teachers in the workshops.

An Interactive Educational Puppet Show: AL-Hares "The Guard"

ACT had produced an interactive educational puppet show in cooperation with Hakawati Theater. The show was launched with the launching of the program and four shows were played at Al-Kasaba theatre in Ramallah on December 9, 2006. AMAN had further organized an additional 42 shows that targeted different schools in the West Bank.





The shows tackle issues of corruption, nepotism, and favoritism in the Palestinian society. Al-Hares is a puppet show based on a short story that conveys lessons of integrity and accountability for kids. The motif behind the story shows how practicing favoritism negatively affects the development of a society. The showing of the play marks an innovative attempt in utilizing drama in tackling the issue of corruption for kids.

University Course Component:

ACT and Birzeit University have developed an anti corruption university curriculum that will be introduced as an required course for students enrolled at the Faculty of Public Administration at the University starting in first academic semester 2007-08.

The course involves topics on integrity and good governance, corruption and its negative impact on the different sectors of society, international and regional experiences in achieving integrity systems and combating corruption, the Palestinian experience in combating corruption and building a national integrity system, a futuristic approach for achieving the national integrity system, and case studies.



A workshop was held to review and make recommendations on the course content in May 2007 and a training was held for professors in June 2007 to go

Summer Camps:

ACT had started the implementation of 50 summer camps in the West Bank. Two 'additional fun days' are being prepared for to take place mid August in Gaza. ACT is presenting its anti-corruption program to 6000 West Bank and Gaza children aged 8-17 attending summer camps.



The summer camps are being run by over 50 University student volunteers who were trained in early July by the ACT team.

Summer camp kits were developed for the camps and included the production of two story books, a comic book and activity material.

ACT aims at building on AMAN's innovative role in utilizing drama, art, and literature in combating corruption inside summer camps.