

2021 Annual Report

Message from the board

In November 2021, BuildPalestine celebrated 5 years of impact!

Since Stripe closed the account of our crowdfunding platform in 2017, we would regularly ask basic questions like "what is BuildPalestine?" and "what do we do?" Parting from our identity as a crowdfunding platform was not easy, but it was necessary.

Five years later, it feels like the pieces have come together! We drafted many iterations of our theory of change and tested numerous different programs to find out what would make a true impact that is aligned with our raison d'etre (reason of being). At our core, BuildPalestine is about empowering the people. First, we come together to inspire during our annual Summit, which is a space by Palestinians, for Palestinians to have honest discussions about what we need as a community. Then, we ideate during our Bootcamps where we use design thinking tools to break down large problems (like a broken healthcare system) into manageable pieces. Finally, there is the responsibility to build through our Fellowship program, where we invest heavily in a cohort of 10 social entrepreneurs who are tackling problems that directly impact their communities. It's a cycle of social innovation that touches the hearts and minds of many people along the way-- empowering them to build the Palestine we all want to see.



Let's build,

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Besan Abu-Joudeh Board Chair

Lama Amr Executive Director



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OUR STORY

BuildPalestine was founded in 2016 as a crowdfunding platform for social impact projects in Palestine to give the world a trusted portal to support impact in Palestine.

Since then, we've grown to become a support entity for social entrepreneurs and social enterprises in Palestine. Today, we work with changemakers, and continue to connect supporters to sustainable grassroots efforts.



WHAT WE DO

At BuildPalestine, we support the inspiring and growing social innovation sector in Palestine by connecting changemakers making an impact on the ground with supporters around the world.

VISION & MISSION

Palestine is on the global stage forsocial innovation and inspirespeople around the world to takeaction.

We empower local changemakers by promoting social innovation and mobilizing a global community of supporters







2021 Programs

FELLOWSHIP

SUMMIT

CROWDFUNDING



BuildPalestine Fellowship

We empower social enterprises in Palestine by amplifying their impact and connecting them with supporters from around the world





HAKINI

Hakini, "tell me" or "talk to me" in Arabic, is an online platform which provides mental health services in Palestine, and aims to make therapy accessible to a wider range of people.

Hakini was founded by Sondos Mleitat, who came up with the idea after finding it difficult to access mental health services herself. Sondos wanted to help others overcome this challenge, bringing Hakani to life in 2020. Homely Care

HOMELY CARE

HomelyCare started out as a small group of nurses with a goal to make healthcare services accessible through home visits.

HomelyCare supports healthcare seekers who are unable to reach health services. For many in Gaza, it's sometimes impossible to access needed medical care. HomelyCare has made that possible, and at affordable prices (less than \$3 USD) per visit, half of which is used to support HomelyCare, and half is used to cover costs for people who otherwise cannot afford it.



TEBFACT

TebFact is an online medical consulting services platform and app specialized in providing urgent, chronic, and mental health services.

TebFact was established as an initiative by a group of medical students in Gaza. The app was launched in early 2019, to provide medical consultations, to promote accurate medical information, and to easily connect patients with doctors.

2021 FELLOWS



Founded by Baker Bozeyeh, Osama Hnini, and Eyad Arafat, Flowless is a Ramallah-based social enterprise with a mission to contribute to water sustainability by helping utility companies increase water supply efficiency. The work of Flowless is especially vital in the Palestinian context, where water supply already scarce.

Flowless uses innovative comprehensive systems to monitor and control water systems and networks. The technology also allows users to collect real-time data to detect faults, create automations, and help with decision making.



MNJM

MNJM was founded in 2018 by Yousef and Aya Khatib. The duo invested their personal savings to start the solid waste collection and sorting initiative. What started out as a Facebook community page soon turned into an award winning enterprise working in Ramallah with a mission to expand to Palestine and beyond.

MNJM's model works by way of a reward system with which individuals can trade in recyclable materials for points to a wide range of products. So far, MNJM was able to collect and sort through over 540 kilograms of solid waste. The next step for MNJM is developing the first e-shop for recycled materials.

2021 FELLOWS



GREENERS

Greeners' journey began with their participation in the Hult Prize in 2020. Lina Zahayka was joined by Noor Dababat, Haytham Sharabati and Tasneem Khamaiseh, who later became co-founders of Greeners. The team was the first in Palestine to win the Hult Prize with their product.

Greeners innovatively reuses carbon dioxide emissions absorbed from the atmosphere to manufacture environmentally friendly biofertilizer. The team also seeks to provide guidance and services to Palestinian farmers on all things related to the agricultural field.



SAWAED19

Sawaed19 is an online platform which connects volunteers with meaningful and impactful volunteering opportunities. The Sawaed19 team has developed a smart volunteering management and matching system to match volunteers with ideal opportunities for which they can employ experience, and learn from the community.

"Amazing things can happen when the right volunteer falls into the right place with the right experience." - Hiba Awaysa - Founder.



FORAS PALESTINE

Foras.ps is an online platform which sources and lists educational and professional opportunities available for Palestinians.

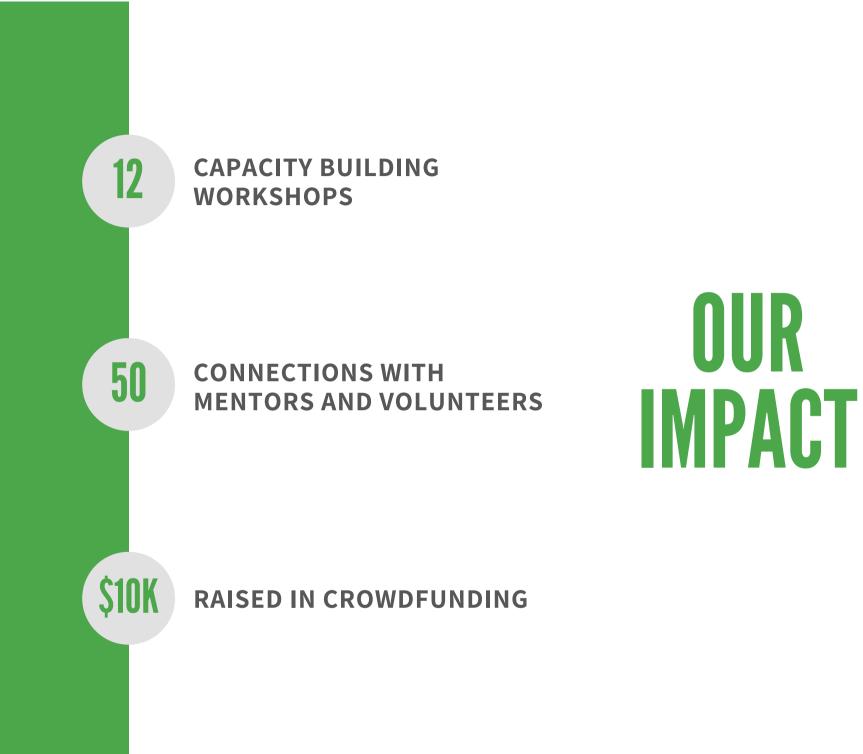
The platform has been well received by the community. Safaa continuously receives positive messages from people who've benefited from the platform. "Even if our impact is small, it will be amplified as more people benefit" - Safaa Ayyad, Founder.

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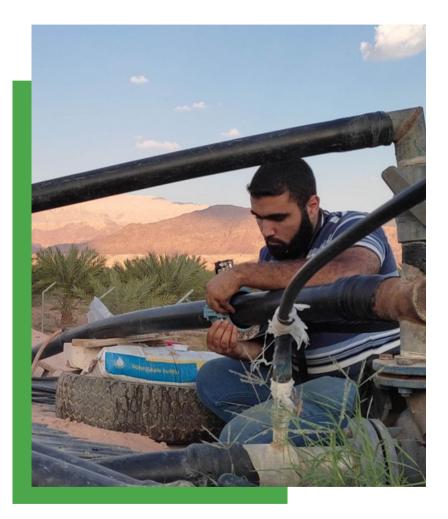
Jusoor is an an EdTech Startup which offers interactive simulations as well as virtual labs to students and educational institutions, especially in STEM subjects. Jusoor piloted the platform with over 2,000 students in Palestine, demonstrating a significant improvement in the performance of students.

2021 FELLOWS





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Baker Bozeyeh

Co-founder and CEO, Flowless

"Joining BuildPalestine's fellowship program was a great opportunity to improve our business and develop it further. I learned a lot about social entrepreneurship and met with great likeminded entrepreneurs committed to achieving social and environmental impact. The support provided by BuildPalestine team and the program mentors was essential to help us align our work with the envisioned impact and refine our impact approach. generation Thank you BuildPalestine!"



BuildPalestine Summit

A global gathering for Palestinians and allies to celebrate achievements, discuss challenges, and ideate solutions for Palestine.



HARNESSING OUR COLLECTIVE POWER





CREATING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

COMMUNICATING AND ADVOCATING FOR PALESTINE

SUPPORTING SOCIAL INNOVATION SECTOR

ENHANCING HEALTH AND WELLBEING







Ola Hassan

Summit Attendee

"Impressive organization, vital topics, influential speakers and very emotional event. The BuildPalestine Summit is an event I look forward to every year! "



Crowdfunding

BuildPalestine continues to offer crowdfunding consulting services to support the sustainability of Palestinian organizations







CAMPAIGNS

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Sabreen Association For Artistic Development





funded of \$50,000 USD

569 supporters, Project Closed

SUCCESS!

Support Palestinian Tourism and Economy in Al-Quds

Last summer, Grassroots Al-Quds launched a crowdfunding campaign to create the Arabic version of their book Wujood - The Grassroots Guide to Jerusalem.

"Wujood is more than just another guidebook to Jerusalem. It provides visitors of Jerusalem practical information about places to visit, attractions to seek and services to find in the eastern part of the occupied city."

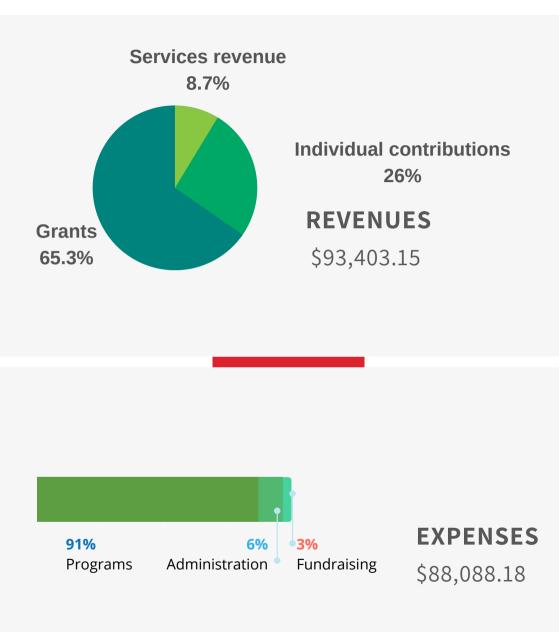


Khaled Farrage

General Director, Grassroots AlQuds

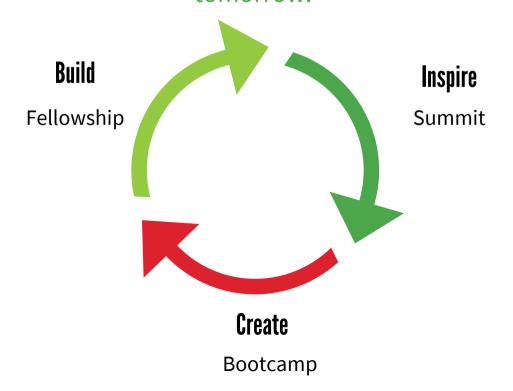
"BuildPalestine's experience with crowdfunding campaigns made it simple for us to run one! Their crowdfunding templates are wellbuilt and their constant follow-up and encouragement contributed to the campaign's success"

OUR FINANCIALS



Looking ahead to 2022

At BuildPalestine, we are specialized in building programs responding to social entrepreneurs' needs. In 2022, we have decided to bring back the Social Innovation Bootcamp program from 2020 to assist changemakers in the idea stage build impactful interventions for their community. We will be helping the Palestinian community get inspired, create and build the solutions of tomorrow.



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