



International School of Languages **Learn, Mediate, Influence**

Operational Body: Gilboa Regional Council and the district of Jenin

Location Site: Gilboa and Jenin

Period of Activity: All year round

Budget Required: \$1,264,000

1. Project Description:

The International School of Languages is the name of an educational, cultural and social project that will be operated in two centers – one in Jenin and the other in the Gilboa. The center will provide lessons in various languages given by exchange teachers. The center will ensure that the residents of all ages will be able to learn Hebrew, Arabic, English, Spanish and French.

Today, great importance is placed on the learning of languages due to the ever-developing global village in which we live.

The learning of another language provides a window through which one can learn about a different culture and with that knowledge draw closer to its people. Many barriers are removed once both sides are able to communicate in the same language. A common language provides the opportunity for an open discussion about shared issues.

The project will create a genuine bridge between the Israelis and the Palestinians and will provide both peoples with a center for learning, practice and experience through which they can strengthen their contact.

This special project will be a model for direct communication between the two peoples at grass roots level for the entire population. The interpersonal contact that will develop from this project will broaden the circle of participants in the quest for co-existence.

The International School for Languages will create economic potential for the Israeli and Palestinian businessmen. Together, they will be able to negotiate new business transactions.

Studies at the center will take place five days a week. The mornings will be devoted to organized groups and the afternoons and evenings will be set aside for students and adults. Israeli teachers will teach in Jenin and Palestinian teachers will teach in the Gilboa. Teachers from around the world will join the local staff and take a significant role in the project.

Each student will learn from two to six hours weekly according to a personalized program.

Each group will consist of between five to fifteen students.

A large proportion of the studies will be conducted through the use of computers. This method will strengthen the knowledge of the culture as well as language and will allow direct, daily communication through the social channels.





2. Project's Objectives:

- a) Creation of a bridge for peace and tolerance between the peoples through language acquisition
- b) The removal of barriers and the unification of Israelis and Palestinians.
- c) Teach languages – Hebrew, Arabic, English, Spanish and French- to the largest number of students.
- d) Prepare counselors and language teachers and develop a pool of high quality teachers.

3. Intended Population:

- a) The citizens of Jenin and Gilboa from six years of age to 120.
- b) Educationalists – principals, teachers and kindergarten teachers.
- c) Businessmen.

4. Expected/ Anticipated Achievements: (output/results?) of the project

- a) To teach 1,200 students a year in the various languages offered.
- b) To develop a pool of Israeli teachers who will teach in Jenin and Palestinian teachers who will teach in the Gilboa.
- c) To create and strengthen contact between the inhabitants of the Gilboa and of Jenin through the fields of communication, education and culture.
- d) To influence cultural and behavioral stances of a large population which will, in turn, affect and influence the entire area.
- e) To encourage interpersonal communication which will broaden the circle of participants in the quest for co-existence.

Project Budget:

a principal for each of 2 centers	110,000
2 administrators	60,000
Employment of teachers	500,000
Exchange teachers	180,000
Overhead Costs	40,000
Equipment	14,000
Teacher training	40,000
Total	\$ 944,000

Construction: (Equipment and Furniture)

4 computer rooms	100,000
Conference room	50,000
20 classrooms ?	100,000
Furniture	70,000
Total	\$ 320,000

Final Total

\$1,264,000

(Based on the use of existing buildings in both areas – Gilboa and Jenin)

