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**REFORM Announcement  
Call for Researchers****Conduct a research study on “Reducing UNRWA services and its effect on the social spheres in Refugee Camps within West Bank and Gaza Strip”**

**General Background:** The UNRWA was established in 1950 under The General Assembly resolution NO. 302; by that time it provided essential services for nearly 720,000 people on whom the UNRWA’s Practical definition of Refugee applies. Basically; the UNRWA services target two levels; human development and basic humanitarian services of health, education and relief.

According to this; the UNRWA responsibilities are confined at providing several services and managing its installations. The agency does not have the validity of maintaining security which stayed under the control of the host states.

The UNRWA supplies essential basic services for refugees in their camps where poverty, high population, weak infrastructure and other difficult economic and social circumstances exist.

The number of refugees currently registered in the Agency's records is more than five million, whom must be covered by the Agency's various services. The Agency's statistical reports indicate the effectiveness of the programs it provides and its importance to refugees within refugee camps; there are more than 500,000 students enrolled in UNRWA schools, the annual number of visits to the Agency's health programs and clinics is 9 million, The Agency, through 102 women and social centers, has approximately benefited 300,000 refugees.

Since 1950 until now the number of the UNRWA employees has reached 30 thousand, most of which are Palestinian refugees from different camps; so in addition to providing the camps with different basic services it provides employment opportunities that target the refugees themselves.

The continued presence of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in Palestine (UNRWA) is linked to two main issues: first, the continued voluntary support from the international community, as UNRWA depends mainly on the provisions of some Member States of the United Nations. The second is the social and economic situation and humanitarian situations in the camps, which require continued intervention by the Agency.

Agency reports indicate that they have suffered a financial deficit since the beginning of their work; however, the recent aggravation of this problem has resulted in reducing the Agency’s services to refugee camps.

This research study tackles the impact of reducing UNRWA services on the social sphere within refugee camps, especially those that are related to social ills, specifically, social violence.

**Objective of the study:** The impact of reducing UNRWA services on the social sphere within refugee camps, especially those that are related to social ills, specifically, social violence.

**Hypothesis:** Reducing UNRWA services will result in several social phenomena in refugee camps, especially social violence.

**Framework:** social violence is defined as behavior basis on victimization, non-recognition of the other, failure to observe customs, traditions, or the law for personal interests.

Community violence results from many factors such as feelings of injustice, and a deteriorated culture of dialogue in society. So that violence appears to be the only means of resolving disputes within difficult political, economic and legal situation in society.

In general, the causes of societal violence are difficult to quantify. For instance, social oppression and lack of social discipline are also some of its causes. Therefore, it is necessary to combat marginalization within society, and engage marginalized groups in public life, which is considered a vital role of civil society institutions and governmental bodies.

According to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) 2011, the Palestinian camps are considered the poorest areas compared to other rural and urban areas, which indicates that this economic gap which largely affects the social environment within different Palestinian areas, must be bridged.

Palestinian camps are considered marginalized and impoverished areas where violence is largely spread. In fact, the increasing prevalence of social violence is attributed to social and political contexts. Thus, providing several services to different areas where the community violence is prevalent plays an important role in controlling this phenomenon and vice versa.

In light of reducing support for Palestinian refugee camps, many outcomes related to this issue are being raised, foremost of which is community violence. Therefore, reduced services provided by UNRWA and their impact on the social fabric within Palestinian refugee camps must be closely examined In order to reduce community violence and thus contribute to promoting civil cohesion.

<b>General objective</b>	The impact of reducing UNRWA services on the social spheres within refugee camps, and how it is related to social violence.
<b>Specific objective</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studying potential social problems that might be resulted from reducing UNRWA services.</li> <li>• To come up with proposals and recommendations to reduce the expected negative impact of reducing UNRWA services to Palestinian refugee camps.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the refugee camps' urgent need for UNRWA services.</li> </ul>
<b>Output</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Descriptive study based on an in-depth analytical methodology.</li> </ul>
<b>Timeframe</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upon the American resolution on 2017 to freeze the funds allocated to UNRWA.</li> </ul>
<b>Place Limits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palestinian Refugee Camps in Palestine, Including those in the West Bank, Jerusalem area and Gaza Strip.</li> </ul>
<b>Terms of Reference</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The research should take into consideration the scientific assets of writing a scientific research; Abstract of the research (500 words) includes: introduction, previous studies, research study problem, and reasons for conducting this research study, significance of the research study, objective of the research study, hypotheses of the research study, questions of the research study, research study methodology, and research framework.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The study should not have been published in the past or will be published. And not to be awarded a degree.</li><li>• The study should be authentic and theoretical - applied.</li><li>• Submit research in Arabic and submit a summary of the study in English.</li><li>• Two or more researchers may participate in the study.</li><li>• A simplified (14) line is used with no spaces between the lines.</li><li>• The material is printed on A4 paper and sent by e-mail. Language and spelling review.</li><li>• The search should not be less than 20 pages.</li><li>• Margins are written with serial numbers and placed at the end of the page. The method of documentation in margins and references (page numbering should be removed from the references)</li></ul>
<b>Timeline</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Within three months, and two weeks for revision.</li></ul>
<b>The final report should contain</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to the study.</li><li>• Executive summary of the research study in Arabic and English.</li><li>• Methodology of the research study.</li><li>• Limitations of the research study.</li><li>• Theoretical Framework (Review of Study Literature)</li><li>• The practical framework of the research study (to identify the most important obstacles and gaps)</li><li>• Results</li><li>• Conclusion and Recommendations</li></ul>
<b>Required skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Specialization in any field of humanitarian or social sciences.</li><li>• Have the skills of preparing studies and research.</li><li>• Ability to write clearly and sequentially.</li><li>• Experience in using different scientific methodologies.</li><li>• Familiarity with the Palestinian context, specifically, Palestinian refugee camps.</li><li>• Familiarity with the main factors that affect the topic of the research study, specifically the parties, the state, the relevant international institutions, and politicians</li></ul>
<b>The research award</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• REFORM shall publish the research after it is being approved by the research scientific committee and after the amendments thereto by the researcher in the name of the institution and the researcher.</li><li>• After the research is approved by the institution, the research becomes its property, and the corporation has the freedom to use it or publish it without the rights and / or obligations of the researcher. The researcher may not publish the study with any other party.</li></ul>
<b>How to submit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Offer should be delivered by e-mail: <a href="mailto:info@reform.ps">info@reform.ps</a></li><li>• For inquiries, please contact Mr. Nadim Qandil, Project Officer, 022966645 or 0592333030.</li><li>• Write the research title on the subject of the e-mail.</li><li>• Deadline for delivery of required papers is Saturday 07.04.2018.</li><li>• Provide a financial offer in ILS and tax inclusive in <b>English</b>.</li><li>• Provide a technical offer.</li></ul>





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