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**REFORM Announcement
Call for Researchers****Conducting a research study on: "The disparity of the economic capabilities in the Palestinian areas (Areas C, Camps and Jerusalem) and how it affects equality and stability within Palestinian society"****General Background:**

Any attempt to identify the reasons behind the difficulties facing the economic sector in Palestine should not be confined only to merely examining the economic performance indicators in spite of their effectiveness; but should also take into consideration the in-depth analysis of the Palestinian experience in self-government since the signing of the Oslo Accords and the Paris Protocol on Economic Relations, as well as the monitoring of the policies of the Israeli occupation carried out in the occupied Palestinian territories and their impact on the deterioration of the Palestinian security situation and economic development.

The complex Israeli closure regime has transformed the West Bank into isolated islands that are detached from each other and completely separated Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem, leading to further implications on the Palestinian economy and society and that became vulnerable to economic crises. These fragmentations coupled dividing the West Bank into A, B and C areas, resulted in creating gaps between different components of the Palestinian society - within the West Bank - at the political, social and economic levels, as well as in emerging new societal components that have their own interests, vision and roles.

Decades of conflict exposed the Palestinians to great insecurity, loss of opportunities, political frustration, and increased economic difficulties; the restrictions imposed by the prolonged Israeli occupation and its policies in the occupied Palestinian territories have had drastic effects on the Palestinian socioeconomic status.

The Palestinian economy has been described as a captive economy for being unable to perform under the external constraints that are imposed on Palestinians. Though economic indicators might be able to point out some of the gaps, the social and political differences are more difficult to measure.

It is quite interesting to see how these effects have been reflected on the Palestinian society, as two layers of inequality were formed; one between the Palestinians and their Israeli counterparts and another one between different components within Palestinian society.

Over the past decades, the study and identification of inequalities among components has become one of the most effective tools for assessing and monitoring the level of justice in societies. Some have seen these situations as catalysts for conflict and social unrest, especially when privileged groups exercise sufficient political power over developmental opportunities, as those related to employment and access to resources. Current economic and social studies tend to tackle such topics for their vital impact on the stability of societies. In Palestine, the Israeli occupation and the Oslo Accords led to the fragmentation of Palestinian society into groups with different characteristics, levels and lifestyles. This proposed paper attempts to examine the economic disparities between these groups and their implications on the social cohesion within Palestinian

society, and review the combined effect of social segregation, peer effects, relative size

of marginalized groups, incentives to invest in market-based skills as well as the dynamics of inequality among social components.

Framework: Examine the disparity of the economic capabilities in the Palestinian areas (Areas C, Camps and Jerusalem) and how it affects equality and stability within Palestinian society.

Demarcation: The west bank; including Jerusalem, Palestinians camps and "C" areas.

Hypothesis:

- The research supposes that there is a statue of economic inequality between the Palestinian society components, reflected on the opportunities, salaries, etc., which increases social gaps among the targeted groups.
- The research supposes that Israeli policies are the key actor of this inequality statue.

General objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine the disparity of the economic capabilities in the Palestinian areas (Areas C, Camps and Jerusalem) and how it affects equality and stability within Palestinian society.
Specific objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To study the effect of the economical disparity among different Palestinian regions on their access to several services and opportunities.
Output	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A descriptive study based on an in-depth analytical methodology;
Targeted areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The west bank including East Jerusalem, camps and "C" sectors.
Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • The study should not have been published in the past or will be published. And not to be awarded a degree. • The study should be authentic and theoretical - applied. • Submit research in Arabic and submit a summary of the study in English. • Two or more researchers may participate in the study. • A simplified (14) line is used with no spaces between the lines. • The material is printed on A4 paper and sent by e-mail. Language and spelling review. • The search should not be less than 20 pages. • 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)
The timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Within three months, and two weeks for revision.
The final report should contain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the study.• Executive summary of the research study in Arabic and English.• Methodology of the research study.• Limitations of the research study.• Theoretical Framework (Review of Study Literature)• The practical framework of the research study (to identify the most important obstacles and gaps)• Results• Conclusion and Recommendations
Required skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specialization in any field of humanitarian or social sciences.• Have the skills of preparing studies and research.• Ability to write clearly and sequentially.• Experience in using different scientific methodologies.• Familiarity with the Palestinian context, specifically, Palestinian refugee camps.• Familiarity with the main factors that affect the topic of the research study, specifically the parties, the state, the relevant international institutions, and politicians
The research award	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.• 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.
How to submit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Offer should be delivered by e-mail: info@reform.ps• For inquiries, please contact Mr. Nadim Qandil, Project Officer, 022966645 or 0592333030.• Write the research title on the subject of the e-mail.• Deadline for delivery of required papers is Saturday 07.04.2018.• Provide a financial offer in ILS and tax inclusive in English.• Provide a technical offer.• Attach resume in English.• Offers with missing documents will not be considered.

