



THE LATIN PATRIARCHATE OF JERUSALEM

Project Application

Maintenance Work for Old Bathrooms at Elderly House at Taybeh



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Introduction

In light of the chronic socioeconomic and political challenges in the Holy Land, the social services system in the West Bank and Gaza Strip for marginalized groups, mainly elderly, is very limited and there is a severe lack of quality elderly homes that cater for this underserved segment of the Palestinian community. It is estimated that the total number of Palestinians over 65 constitute around 10% of the Palestinian population, however within the Christian community this percentage is believed to be much higher considering the high rate of young Christian families leaving their homeland to seek a just and a normal life elsewhere.

For the majority of these poor families, usually elderly parents are left alone without any kind of social assistance or medical support. Through this application, the LPJ wishes to empower this sector in a dignified manner as they feel isolated and abandoned.

Governmental support to the Elderly Sector in Palestine

Israel and Palestine share the same geography, however, there are huge gaps between the health service delivery systems in both countries. The West Bank and Gaza are totally dependent on irregular, scarce, restricted and external political financial assistance that hardly meet the essential needs, while Israel's health system is ranked fourth in the World. Elderly people are not entitled to free health care and monthly allocations compared to Israel, they are abandoned and sometimes supported by their extended families if they can afford to spare some financial means for their medications and other vital care costs. Even the Palestinian Ministry of Social Affairs focus on unemployed young workers who are entitled to receiving modest amounts of monthly allocations that do not exceed 100 USD. Let alone the inability of the Government to establish daycare units and elderly homes, on the contrary, it is up to the Civil Society Organizations and Non-Governmental bodies – including the LPJ – to reach out to these vulnerable groups.

The Beit Afram Elderly Home

The Elderly Home of Taybeh, also called Beit Afram Home, was established in 2005 to offer an elderly-friendly healthy environment for the senior members of Taybeh parish and elderly citizens from other surrounding towns and villages. This home was originally opened for five elderly people including a priest who was recovering from his illness. Gradually, the house became fully operational to receive more elderly people from several neighboring villages of Palestine and East Jerusalem.

The Home focuses on providing skilled and respectful care to its residents with the help of a medically knowledgeable team of caregivers. Our Elderly Home also engages the elderly in social interactions with diverse groups such as school students, youth groups and ecclesial movements which keeps them actively engaged in their community, as a way to preserve their dignity and self-worth and give them excellent quality of life.

In addition, this Home offers a comprehensive healthy environment for the elderly; thus, improving their quality of life through assistance in health care, nursing care, medication, hygiene, infection control protocols, physical therapy, and nutrition. It is worth noting that the Home encourages the spirituality of the residents and employees and promotes moments of relaxation through songs, dance and games.

Project Description

Three guest rooms within the Taybeh Elderly Home currently have dysfunctional bathrooms, making them unsuitable for regular use. As a result, the residents assigned to these rooms are compelled to share bathrooms with neighboring rooms, creating discomfort, inconvenience, and clinical risk, for elderly individuals who rely on privacy, accessibility, and safe sanitary conditions. Sharing bathrooms is a primary factor for cross contamination and healthcare – associated infections in senior home facilities. The project will involve maintenance and renovation activities for the three bathrooms located in the three affected guest rooms. The works will include the following:

- **Demolition and Excavation Works:** Demolition of the existing three bathrooms and necessary excavation to allow reconstruction and installation of new systems.
- **Partial Demolition of Kitchen Area:** Removing part of the kitchen structure to access, remove, and replace old sewage and water pipelines.
- **Concrete Block Works:** Construction of new concrete block walls to rebuild the bathroom structures.

- **Finishing Works:** Application of new finishing materials including interior and exterior paint for floor and wall tiles, steel work, wooden doors and asphalt works.
- **Installation of New Mechanical and Electrical Systems:** Replacement and installation of new plumbing networks (water supply, sewage, drainage), installation of new electrical wiring, lighting, fixtures, and safety components and ensuring compliance, safety and modern infection control standards.

Maintaining and renovating these bathrooms is essential to improve residents’ comfort and dignity, restore privacy and hygiene standards, strengthen infection control barriers, and maintain the Home’s commitment to providing a healthy, supportive environment.

Project Duration: 3 months

Cost Estimate

No	Item	Cost Estimate US\$
1	Civil Works	12,975.00
2	Electrical Works	1,840.00
3	Mechanical Works	9,815.00
4	Design, Site supervision fees and management	2,463.00
	Total	27,431.10







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