

Host Organisation details

Legal name of the host organisation	Organizzazione OVERSEAS per lo sviluppo globale di comunità extraeuropee onlus
Web site	http://www.overseas-onlus.org/
National Identification Number	80077530378
Short description of organisation activities	<p>Overseas Onlus is an NGO that operates in the field of international cooperation since its foundation since 1971. It has been active in the Occupied Palestinian Territories since 2002. Here it has gradually widened the typology and scope of interventions, specializing in agriculture, management and the use of rainwater and the efficiency of water systems in agriculture, environmental protection and land protection through awareness activities on a community basis in waste management. The latest projects in the West Bank, included interventions financed by the Italian Cooperation, by the decentralized cooperation (Emilia Romagna Region, Province and Municipality of Modena) and by the European Union and OCHA. Specifically, the initiatives concerned the creation of domestic vegetable gardens and support for income generating activities on a cooperative basis, biodiversity and family farming for Palestinian women, construction and management of nurseries for the production of seeds (Emilia Romagna Region, 2009, 2014) ; rehabilitation and extension of the water distribution network in the Jordan Valley (AID 10042, period 2014 and OCHA 2015-2016) and poverty reduction in the Palestinian rural areas through the defense and enhancement of biodiversity in local organic farming (period 2012 - 2015). Overseas in the last three years 2016 - 2018 is operating with emergency interventions - especially wash - and development - waste management system sector - in the refugee camp of Shu'fat - East Jerusalem: AID 10736 emergency initiative funded by AICS Jerusalem (August 2016 - May 2017); in progress, the EU - funded "Improvement of environment and hygiene conditions of the community of Shufat refugee camp" project (ENI / 2015/359 - 899) in partnership with Cesvi (leading applicant) and UNRWA (April 2016 - March 2019). In May 2018 the AID 10910 emergency initiative was concluded in partnership with the NGO Cesvi in the refugee camp of Nur Shams (Tulkarem) with the promotion of initiatives to raise awareness on the management of the waste system and the creation of domestic urban gardens and for the target schools, whose second annuity, once again financed by AICS Jerusalem, will start during the month of September 2018.</p>

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OVERSEAS: Field work position description

Title of the field work activity	Support to the development of urban agriculture in the Palestinian refugee camp in Tulkarem
Field work location	Address:
	Post code:
	City: Tulkarem
	Country : Palestine
Situation of the country or area	<p><i>National context</i></p> <p>The Palestinians continue to bear the brunt of the Israeli conflict and occupation that caused a security crisis with serious humanitarian consequences. The displacement of Palestinian civilians and communities is caused by a combination of factors, including difficulties in accessing and controlling lands and resources, permits and planning, forced expulsions and demolitions, restrictions on freedom of movement and access to services, and to assistance, violence, intimidation. This situation hampers the provision by the Palestinian authority of basic services.</p> <p>Solid waste management in many areas of the West Bank is still poorly regulated and planned, with a negative impact on the economic, environmental and population health levels. The daily production of solid waste in the West Bank amounts to approximately 2,137 tonnes (0.75 kg / person / day) (ARIJ, 2016), but no accurate data are available. The limited control exercised by the Palestinian authorities on resources and on the territory further hinders the development of effective strategies. Waste recycling is limited to a few public initiatives, while the informal sector uses practices that endanger public health and the environment. The "National Strategy for Solid Waste Management in the Palestinian Territory 2017-2022" represents the framework for waste management in the State of Palestine. Refugee camps, unfortunately, are not considered. UNRWA Field Operational Solid Waste Management (SWM) Strategy 2017 is the reference operational framework for refugee camps in the West Bank. Within the 19 UNRWA camps in the West Bank, the collection and disposal of waste is managed by UNRWA. The Palestinian refugees officially registered in the West Bank amounted to 823,000 (about</p>

27% of the population of the West Bank), among them it is estimated that 247.886 reside in the camps (UNRWA 2017). The waste collected in 2016 in the 19 fields amounts to 46.611 tonnes (UNRWA 2017). An average growth rate of 4% leads to an increase in the population in the camps to over 900,000 people by 2021. Overcrowding, together with the control policies by the Israeli forces and the structural and economic deficiencies, make the system waste management obsolete and unable to cope with the amount of waste produced daily in the fields, with negative consequences on the health of the inhabitants and the environmental conditions of the areas in question.

In this framework, therefore, the need arises, in addition to an immediate response to the waste problem, to create a broader sensitivity on environmental issues by introducing good practices that are also able to meet some shortcomings typical of refugee camps in Palestine, favoring a rational use of scarce resources (water and soil) and a self-production of vegetables for teaching / demonstration purposes and aimed at the most vulnerable households (thus responding to problems of food safety and wholesomeness of what is consumed).

Regional context

The project intends to support local actors in the supply of sanitary-sanitary services, and specifically the waste collection and disposal service, in and near the refugee camps of Nur Shams and Tulkarem located in Tulkarem Governorate. UNRWA operates this service through the operational offices in the fields. UNRWA operators use handcarts that are hand-pushed by collecting waste from homes and cleaning streets. The collection points are located on uneven or unpaved soils and are accessible to the population inside and outside the camp; there are practices of illegal disposal of solid and special waste and firewood generation.

There is no separation and recycling activity in the Tulkarem camp. At Nur Shams, Cesvi and Overseas have introduced cardboard separation.

In the field of Nur Shams a complementary system has been introduced for the collection of special waste (bulky, mowing, electronic, construction and demolition) and recyclables (in addition to the cardboard will be collected separately small fractions of staff) exploiting synergies with collection initiatives / recycling in the Municipality of Tulkarem and establishing agreements with actors in the area.

The action is in close continuity with the projects in the fields of Nur Shams and Shufat using the experience, lessons learned and relationships established with public and private actors and will ensure a further step forward in the process of improvement of living conditions and of area empowerment.

At the Nur Shams refugee camp, UNRWA male and female schools, although already involved in the project activities "Support for the development of an innovative integrated waste management and

	<p>community awareness system for the refugees of the Nur Shams camp" AID10910, show further training and awareness needs on environmental protection and waste management. The themes treated so far by the previous action must be strengthened and disseminated. School leaders expressed deep interest in the possibility of continuing education and awareness raising activities, extending them to wider issues such as the dissemination of good food practices and the management of urban gardens, in order to promote greater awareness and awareness among young refugees. .</p> <p>A similar need has been identified among the local project partners the Women Center and the Rehabilitation Center, where training courses have already been started on environmental education, waste management and urban agriculture. Desire expressed by the Women Center is to be able to implement urban vegetable gardens and food education at the center and fortify the educational module with respect to the environment and waste. With regard to the Tulkarem camp, the four UNRWA schools, male and female, nowadays united in a single building, show difficulties in developing the training path and raising awareness with respect to environmental education, health and waste management. Schools have no environmental clubs, environmental issues have been tackled in a lackluster manner and the few activities on the subject of waste management and in particular of reuse and recycling have been mainly for demonstration purposes. The school managers, met during the need assessment phase, expressed the need for a focus on environmental education and on the need for the formation of environmental clubs, as well as a profound interest in the activities of urban gardens for educational purposes.</p>
<p>Department/s targeted by the field work position</p>	<p>Scienze e Tecnologie agro-alimentari - DISTAL</p>
<p>Detailed program of the activity</p>	<p>The student will be included in the context of the projects carried out by Overseas Onlus in the fields of Nur Shams and Tulkarem and followed in all phases by the project manager and the staff of the organization. In a first phase the student will support experts from the University of Bologna and other institutions that collaborate with Overseas Onlus in the projects. This period will serve as training, also technical and related to the work environment, in the field. In a second phase the student will follow the technical part of the management of simplified out-of-soil gardens, the reuse of compost for agricultural purposes, the management of water and land resources, under the supervision and support of the Overseas staff present in the territory and involved in the projects. In this phase the student's activities will be followed and guided remotely (via teleconferences at least twice a week) by the supervisor, the mentor and possibly by other experts involved. In addition to these interviews, the student must also report via email at least once a</p>

	week on the activities carried out, on the problems and on the progress of the activities, on the results obtained.
Knowledge, skills and competence to be acquired at the end of the activity	The student will acquire technical skills concerning the construction, management and training of the beneficiaries regarding the simplified out-of-town vegetable gardens used in the context. It will obviously be a "learning by doing" training that will lead to the acquisition of a series of transversal and technical skills (self-construction with materials available on site, creation of efficient irrigation systems, implementation and monitoring of an effective nutritive solution, etc.), and management of groups with an intercultural approach. The experience in Palestinian refugee camps is always extremely formative even on a personal level.
Number of seats available for this field work	1
Tentative working hours per week	30
Tentative period	01/03/2019 – 30/04/2019
Planned duration	2 months
Main language of the field work	English
If any, computer skills required	Knowledge of basic Office programs
Contact details or weblink to apply to this offer	selezione@overseas-onlus.org
Deadline for candidates to send the application to the NGO	15 October 2018