



Emergency Line and working hours in official holidays and/or after the official working hours:

Due to the increase in Israeli violations of human rights especially in cases of forced evictions, home demolitions and/or seizure, as well as cases related to arbitrary and collective detentions of youth and children in East Jerusalem, MSD administration offers free emergency line 1700-709-717 to receive phone calls and/or emergency and exceptional cases of violations. This mission has been entrusted to the LC staff on official holidays and/or after the official working hours. One of the staff member stays in the office to receive phone calls and solve emergency cases of beneficiaries. MSD administration determined specific hours for these shifts on a regular basis.

Main beneficiaries receiving technical and legal services:

- Women, housewives and girls.
- The old people.
- Children under the age of 18
- Individuals belonging to marginalized families and/or poor families in the society.
- Jerusalemite workers in the Israeli labor market and settlements.
- Prisoners in Israeli prisons and released prisoners.
- Low-income youth

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What is the Legal Clinic?

In January 2008, Al-Maqdese for Society Development (MSD) launched an 18-month project funded by the Spanish Agency of International Cooperation for Development "AECID" and titled "Legal Clinic LC". This project became one of MSD prominent programs due to the increasing numbers of Palestinian citizens who have sought the various legal services provided by the clinic. The LC is based in Wadi Al-Jouz neighborhood- East Jerusalem, where an experienced and multidisciplinary legal team is present to offer high quality and punctual legal and technical services for the victims of the various Israeli violations of human rights. MSD strives to ensure the continuity of the LC's work in offering services related to political, civil, economic, social and cultural rights.

Establishment

The LC was established as a reaction to the Israeli serious violations of Palestinians' human rights in the occupied East Jerusalem within the context of the ongoing Israeli discriminatory practices and the imposition of administrative and military regulations upon the Palestinian habitants of the city, which constitute an explicit violation of the International Humanitarian Law and the Fourth Geneva Convention. Imposing such policies aims at changing the demographics of the city, geographic borders and legal status.

For the purposes of defending and protecting Palestinians' rights in East Jerusalem, empowering them and enabling them to realize their rights, it was necessary to establish the LC, which offers legal and technical services and consultations to Palestinians living in East Jerusalem and abroad.

Vision

Jerusalem free from all human rights violations.

Mission

Palestinians in Jerusalem have their Human Rights, including their legal rights, reestablished and fully enjoyed.

Goal

General Objectives

To re-establish the Human Rights of Palestinian citizens living in Jerusalem, who have long been exposed to serious violations of their human rights, through providing them with legal and technical services and consultations, which will finally enable them from restoring their normal lives' conditions.

Specific Objectives

- 1- To increase access of Palestinians, under the Israeli occupation, to legal aid and representation especially those who are unable to access them due to economic and financial reasons.
- 2- To provide high quality legal and technical services for Palestinians living in occupied Jerusalem.
- 3- To improve the financial and social conditions of Palestinian families and marginalized groups in occupied Jerusalem.
- 4- To raise awareness of the Palestinians in Jerusalem on their political, economic, social, cultural and civil rights as provided in the international laws and treaties and human rights conventions.

Legal services and technical consultations:

MSD Legal Clinic receives around 25-35 beneficiaries from East Jerusalem on a daily basis. In 2010, the Clinic offered legal and technical services of 21 different categories. Since its establishment until October 2011, the overall services of the LC have amounted to 45,000 individual and collective services, including services for 4200 direct beneficiaries and 25,000 indirect beneficiaries. MSD's estimates indicate that the beneficiaries have saved approximately 750,000 Euros (about 3,750,00 NIS) due to receiving the aforementioned services free of charge. This amount is three times the budget allocated for the LC in this phase.

In 2011, the services improved in quantity and quality i.e. 57 legal and technical services were provided in various Israeli institutions, departments and ministries.

These figures demonstrate the efficiency, the effectiveness and the impact of the LC; which collectively indicate the unique success of this developmental initiative. On the other hand, MSD has largely made use of the Legal Clinic to collect field information for the Data Bank project (a database specialized in drafting reports on violations of the Palestinians' rights including home demolitions; through documenting testimonies when violations happen). Such data is used to prepare analytical, in-depth, and evidence based reports about social, economic, cultural, educational and emotional violations of Palestinians in East Jerusalem, for advocacy purposes as well as the provision of data and information for periodic and monthly newsletters and comparative studies.

Cases where legal and technical consultations are offered (which do not require opening a file)

- Providing legal and technical consultations for beneficiaries face to face and/or via email and/or phone.
- Raising awareness on human rights namely, political, social, economic, cultural and civil rights.
- Responding to the Palestinians' inquiries on their rights (providing information).
- Filling in all forms and applications of different Israeli official departments, namely, the Ministry of Interior, the Municipality, the Insurance, the execution proceeding office
- Offering legal translation and interpretation services.
- Reading official letters in Hebrew for beneficiaries and explaining them.
- Drafting declarations under oath by the notary public
- Offering consultations on the low income taxes
- Offering consultations and aid for cases related to worker's rights.

Cases where legal and technical consultations are offered (cases which require opening a file)

- The municipality of West Jerusalem.
- The National Insurance Department.
- The Israeli Ministry of Interior.
- The Israeli Execution Proceeding Office (Execution and Tax Collection)
- The Israeli tax authority/broadcasting authority.
- Palestinian prisoners and/or arrested and/or detained persons.
- Labor and worker's rights.
- Miscellaneous cases.

Cases that are not included in the LC services and/or legal aid

- All cases related to family conflicts, divorce, family allowance, marital disputes and cases related to inheritance.
- Criminal and commercial cases, personal problems whether criminal or civil.
- Traffic fines, medical negligence and other problems not related to the Israeli occupation and its practices.