



Summary Narrative Report of Activities in 2015

Introduction

In January 2015, Karin Arts became chair of the newly established Tadamun foundation. Rifat Kassis, Khaled Quzmar, Harry Derksen (treasurer), Jeff Handmaker (secretary), Aloys van Rest and Benoit van Keirsbilck became members of the board.

Mission

Tadamun's mission is to support and raise funds for Defense for Children International Palestine (DCI-Palestine) in relation to its work for children's rights in Palestine and the Middle Eastern region.

Organisational set up

Tadamun was registered in the Dutch Chamber of Commerce, following the discussion of concrete plans that were approved in the board meeting of April 2015. The modalities for financial administration were also developed, an accountant was contracted and a bank account was opened.

Program 2015

Advocacy tour in July 2015

In June 2015, Tadamun organised an advocacy tour with two advocacy officers from DCI-Palestine. who spoke for audiences in Groningen, Leiden, Nijmegen, Rotterdam, The Hague and Brussels. In the course of this tour we introduced Tadamun to the Dutch child rights network.

Staff

Per 1 September 2015, Mieke Zagt became part-time director for Tadamun, bringing in her many years of experience and networks on issues concerning children in the Middle East and especially Palestine. In view of the shared research interests between Arts and Handmaker and the work of the Foundation, the International Institute of Social Studies of Erasmus University Rotterdam (ISS) offered an office space, a hospitality agreement and some other facilities to Tadamun for one day a week.

Website development

In September, Tadamun developed its program, including a communication strategy that led to the creation of a professional website and social media connections. In November, the website was launched and the first e-mail announcement went out in order to formally present Tadamun to the substantial, shared network of the Foundation's director and founding members.

Call to join Tadamun on a create trip to Palestine

Both on the website and through e-mailing, Tadamun called for applications from young professionals to join our *create trip* to Palestine, in order to develop new campaigns for a Dutch audience. In the course of the next couple of months, Tadamun worked out the program and selected four candidates.

Networking and advocacy

On 28 November 2015, Tadamun organised a benefit buffet dinner in Rotterdam. Participants were asked to make a donation.



Radio interview

On 10 December 2015, International Human Rights Day, Tadamun presented itself at the Rotterdam Graphic Lyceum on the occasion of a national fundraising campaign on forgotten wars for the popular program *Radio 1 Serious Request*.

Dutch Coalition for Palestinian Children in Israeli Detention

In September 2015 Tadamun agreed to become a member of the Dutch Coalition for Palestinian Children in Detention in which Gate 48, Palestine Link, A Different Jewish Voice, War Child, UCP and Kairos NL are participating. In December 2015 the Coalition wrote a letter to the Minister of Trade and Development asking the Minister to stop exporting the trained dogs to the Israeli army. <http://palestijnsekinderencoalitie.org/>

In November 2015 the Coalition organised a photo exhibit in the City Council Hall of Leiden with pictures of children in Gaza by the photographer Anne Paq. The exhibit was called "This used to be my bedroom" and depicted children in ruined bedrooms. The mayor of Leiden and DCI Netherlands director Aloys van Rest opened the exhibit.

Volunteers

During this first period of activities, volunteers applied, or were asked to join us, to support the work of the Foundation. Not all candidates were qualified. Tadamun selected four candidates for participation in the *create trip* and 2 volunteers for research and social media.

Fundraising

A strategy for crowdfunding and institutional fundraising was initiated in 2015 and remains under development.

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In December, the Foundation applied for official status as a charity (which was approved in February 2016).

A short financial report is also available via Tadamun's website: www.Tadamun.nl

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