

ENHANCING LOCAL AUTHORITIES' CONTRIBUTION TO GOVERNANCE AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES IN PALESTINE **ARD INITIATIVE**

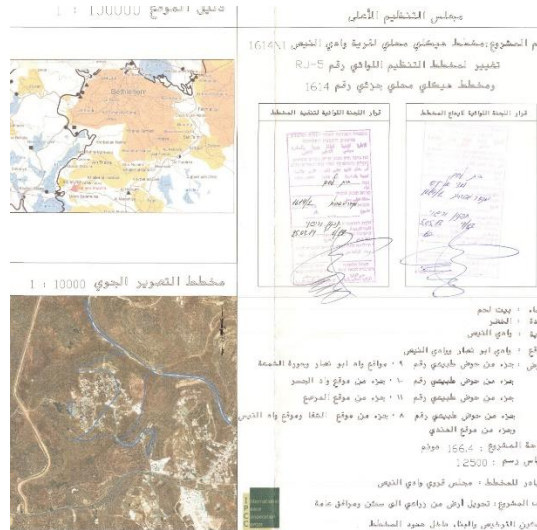
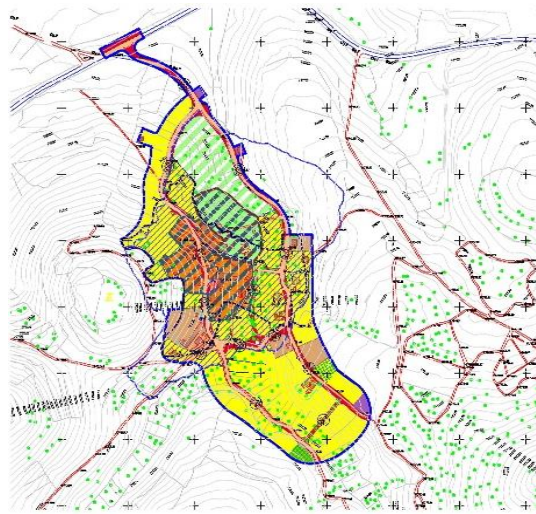


In the past 20 years, IPCC developed an accumulative experience in practical areas of

LOCAL URBAN PLANNING

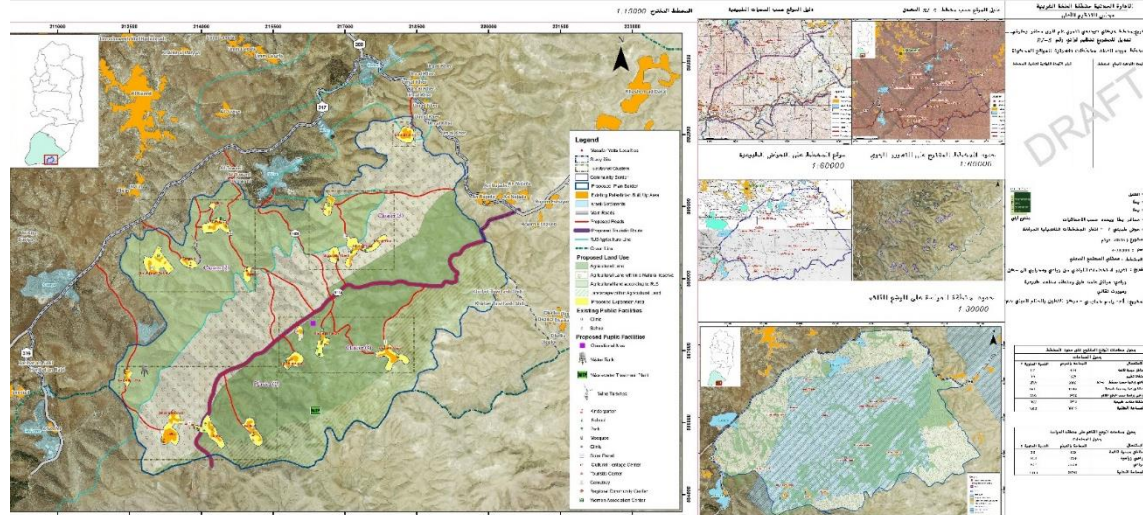
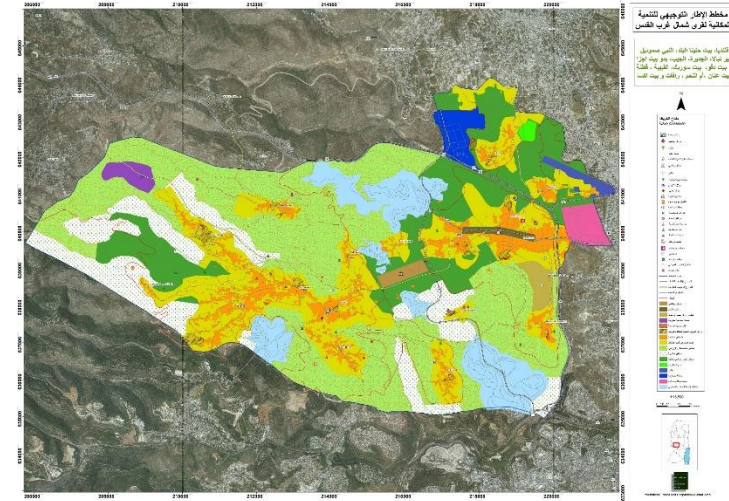
- Outline plans have been developed for 78 communities in Area C, covering an estimated population of more than 50,000 citizens.
- Outline plans have been developed for 18 neighborhoods in East Jerusalem, covering an estimated population of more than 45,000 citizens.

MoLG and the IPCC held bi-weekly meetings with ICA along the past 6 years to discuss plans, and to establish a statutory process in terms of plan boundaries, regulations, public space allocation, and technical appendixes solution to water, sewage, roads and transportation etc.



CLUSTER AND REGIONAL URBAN PLANNING

- Cluster and regional plans have been developed to guide land-use and service provision at a strategic level and helps to overcome the territorial and functional fragmentation that typifies Area C.
- The approach unifies localities within one planning effort by geographical and functional relation, assessing their needs jointly on the scale of the region, providing sub-regional plans and including locations for ad-hoc improvement projects in the spaces between the villages, promoting territorial and social continuity.
- The approach also allows for expansion planning and, eventually, the delivery of joint projects that address common needs. North-West Jerusalem Governorate (NWJ), Masafer Yatta in Hebron, Joret Shama' and Herodoiein in Bethlehem Governorate are the cluster plans developed until now by IPCC and cover an area of 126,000 dunum with a population of more than 62,000 citizens.



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATORY IN STATUTORY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING

- The plans were carefully developed with community representatives through a series of meetings, surveys, workshops and seminars. Community discussions were supplemented by detailed technical surveys of the area, needs assessments and GIS analysis.
- Finalized planning packages are handed to representatives of each community as de facto plans and used “voluntary” to develop their communities, meaning those plans became the reference to develop their space and used by donors to support infrastructure and public institutions projects.



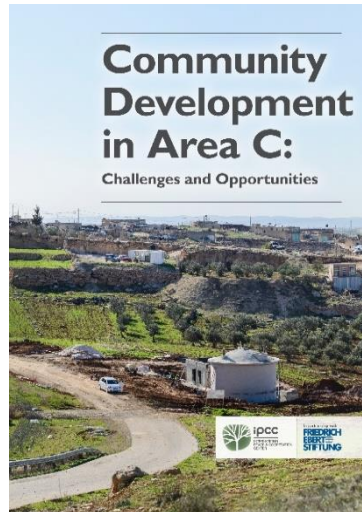
CAPACITY BUILDING

- IPCC relation with local government started in 2009 through a program titled “Supporting the Civil Society and Local Councils in West Bank Periphery” targeting heads of local councils, councils’ engineers, and members of their staff, community activists, students in addition to national government representatives.
- To date, over 180 Local and Joint Services Councils and municipalities took part in the project’s workshops, drawing in a total of over 500 participants. Each group (25-30 participants) had 20 intensive training hours (3 working days, 2 overnights) covered the following themes: urban planning, public space development, public administration, integrity and accountability, regional cooperation, local economic development, and community participatory methods.



NETWORKING AND ADVOCACY WORKING WITH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- Learning Network Planning Area C, initiated by UN-Habitat/IPCC and providing an open source platform for all domestic planning actors involved in planning in Area C. Its main focus is on raising planning standards and capacity building of planning actors; guiding/drafting new Detailed Outline Plans, additional Detailed Plans, Strategic Local Development Plans and other key documents: guidelines, TOR, etc; capacity building of all domestic institutional stakeholders on plan preparation, negotiation and implementation.
- Advocacy activities include hundreds of meetings and debriefing to diplomats and international visitors in addition to that materials and information sheets was developed and disseminated to local and international stakeholder's agencies and media..
- Establishing links with regional and national planning initiatives; establishing links between planning in Area C and planning in Area A/B; monitoring and reviewing progress and impact of planning in Area C; increasing awareness and visibility on Planning in Area C (publications, exhibitions, site visits, etc)



BUILDING YOUTH AND WOMEN'S VOLUNTEER GROUPS IN JERUSALEM AND WEST BANK

IPCC trained many youth and women in west bank and east Jerusalem on the voluntary work, create community initiatives, place-making, cooperation and territorial approach. From these training many groups were built, many initiatives were take place in the cities streets, villages yards, and inside schools and kindergartens.



BARTAA MUNICIPALITY \ IPCC INITIATIVE IN BARTAA AREA

Activities done in the first 6 months of the project:

- Meetings with the Bartaa area LG and representatives.
- Public meetings with the 7 communities.
- 2 days workshop for the 7 communities LG and representatives.
- Joint activity “Marathon for the kids of the 7 communities”.
- Workshops with youth and women in the 7 communities to build groups and joint associations.



Role/contraption to support the implementation of the ARD initiative

Based on the IPCC experience we proposed the following as an “add value” for our role in the ARD initiative:-

- Support planning initiatives at local outline level and cluster level
- Ensuring planning system applied in line with community needs and Palestinian planning regulations
- Facilitate communal participation process to raise awareness and engagement in enhancing space, services and economic conditions.
- Facilitate technical discussions with ICA and other relevant authorities
- support capacity development for local leaders, planners, architects and engineers on planning and urban leadership
- Provide planning advice to any project/ programme preparing for investments in basic services and infrastructure in Area C and liaise with organizations involved;
- Support local partners in implementing projects and programs financed by international donors
- Support advocacy work at local and international level.

