



At one level, women face challenges resulting from discriminatory laws, regulations, and policies in force, including a lack of effective representation in the structures that enforce them.

Women representation in policy and decision-making body is increased to 18%.

5. Security conditions: The overall security situation remains characterized by a constant and latent tension, with the possibility of sudden violence because of the conflict existing on both sides with significant differences between the West Bank and Gaza.

6. Expected starting date: June 2014

7. Local host organization: The EU Aid Volunteer will be coordinated by GVC Palestine (www.gvc-italia.org) who is the organization responsible for the implementation of activities.

8. Brief description of organization project: GVC was one of the first humanitarian organizations to sign the agreement in the operational framework for the implementation of emergency projects in 1993, after the birth of DG ECHO.

Present in Palestine since 1992, with a first focus on health care interventions involving the grassroots community organizations, GVC began his collaboration with ECHO in this area in 1997, with the construction of the first blood transfusion Center in the Gaza Strip, in collaboration with the Central Bank of the Blood of Gaza.

Since that date the partnership with the European Union for the implementation of cooperation projects to mitigate the humanitarian crisis permanently consolidated over the years, allowing GVC Palestine to implement 22 humanitarian projects in Southern West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Together with the local partners, GVC Palestine identified the difficulty of access to water resources as one of the most critical and urgent issue. In the recent years the main results are the following: more than 750 tanks within communities and schools built and rehabilitated, over 150 wells and springs built and restored; tens of kilometres of rural roads rehabilitated to ensure links between the community and break down the costs of water supply for areas not reached by water networks; dozens of miles of aqueducts were built to connect communities not yet served.

All the interventions go with awareness campaigns and capacity building activities. Since the early years, the common commitment of GVC and DG ECHO in the occupied Palestinian territories was to ensure Palestinian communities to guarantee all the basic needs, to allow the population to remain in their lands, making a free choice.

