

# DSMT

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IN THE MIDDLE EAST

## Celebrating DSMT achievements since 2005

Your generous support contributed to these and other activities in the first ten years of the Trust. Special thanks to major corporate donors Kroll, Abraaj Capital and ABC International Bank whose contributions over several years helped sustain these programmes. An enormous thank you too to Kroll for annual sponsorship of fund-raising and administration costs from 2005-2019.

Total donated to  
these projects:  
**£274,956**

(takes account of historic exchange rates)

*"I came away utterly convinced that the Trust was right to be focusing on girls' education and pleased that the projects we have chosen really are changing lives. Thank you for making this happen."*

Georgina Simpson, DSMT visit 2010

# Thank you

## Kindergarten Education £96,273



From 2006-13, with expert partner Early Childhood Resource Centre (ECRC), East Jerusalem: extensive training for 100s of kindergarten teachers in the West Bank [in early childhood development, teaching and learning techniques, use of creative arts etc] plus refurbishment of a successful kindergarten to lead training and development for neighbouring kindergartens.

## Secondary School Education: special projects £27,445



In 2008 and 2011 to extend learning opportunities for girls at the Good Shepherd Swedish School (GSSS), Bethlehem (£10,341): work benches and equipment for practical science lessons; up to date computer equipment for students' use in classrooms and library, in memory of Mrs Samira Hassassian.

From 2011-13 to improve facilities at government-funded Bardala School for Girls in the north Jordan Valley (£17,104), in partnership with ANERA. Phase I: laboratory equipment and furniture,

computers and books; phase 2: laptops, projectors and screens in 5 classrooms. Ministry of Education then used DSMT project as a model to extend effective use of technology across the curriculum in neighbouring schools.

## Vocational training for young women £146,238



From 2007-2015, annual contributions to vocational programmes at the East Jerusalem YMCA's Vocational Training Centre, Jericho in up-to-date, market-oriented skills [e.g. accountancy, IT, administration, graphic design, website development, English] to prepare disadvantaged girls from traditional families to enter the labour market; in partnership with UK-based Y-Care International.

## Entrepreneurship and skills training in Palestine and Lebanon £5,000



In 2013-14, one-off grant to a large project run by Christian Aid through local partners to improve the employment prospects of marginalised young Palestinian women living in refugee camps in the OPTs and Lebanon.

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## Scholarship Programmes

DSMT's two scholarship programmes with Dar Al-Tifel Girls School, East Jerusalem have been funding access to school and higher education for disadvantaged girls each year since 2007, supported by donations from individuals and companies, including Kroll, Abraaj Capital, ABC International Bank, Council of Arab Ambassadors, Shell, Dar Lighting, Canning Trust.



Most recent DSMT visit



End of year  
celebrations  
before last year of  
school [for DSMT  
student Nadeen]



Five new school scholarships  
awarded in 2019

School scholarships  
funded (2007 - to date)  
**£210,765**

35 scholarships enabling girls to stay at school till age 18 and take national school-leaving qualification. All progressed to higher education. 5 more girls currently studying on DSMT school scholarships and five more scholarships awarded from September 2019-21.

*"I am thankful and very happy for DSMT giving me this scholarship because now I can stay at dar al tifel al Arabi school which I really love."* Natal, summer 2018

*"After your [DSMT] visit to Palestine, Lana and I travelled to the USA, as part of the Reel Stories Program between the Arab American National Myseum in Michigan, and the Palestinian Heritage*

HE scholarships  
funded (2007 - to date)  
**£88,757**

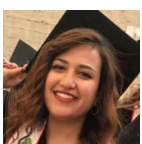
Scholarships cover fees for under-graduate degree courses at Palestinian Universities, thus lessening financial pressure and anxiety on students and hard-pressed families. 15 scholarships awarded since 2007; 6 girls now graduated and 9 at various stages in their studies.



**Hala (2011-15):** graduated in English & Business Studies from Birzeit University, now working for Fedex in Ramallah as a Customs Clearance Officer.



**Rinad (2013-16):** graduated in Law a year early with Honour grades. Now studying for Palestinian and Israeli professional law licenses and a Masters in Law.



**Rand (2014-18):** graduated with a major in geography, minor in history and diploma in education. After a three-month 'life and work skills' course she has joined a

tourism company and plans to study as a tour guide.

Museum. It aims to empower young women through the art of film making. Getting accepted in such program was a shift in my life. I learned a lot... We spent a week representing our whole group and presenting our film that we have worked on for more than 6 months..." Rawan, Sept 2017, now studying Computer Engineering at Birzeit University.

What some former DSMT school scholarship girls are doing now:



**Shaima (2009-11):** graduated in Administration and Political Science, now working for the charity Mercy Corps.



**Bodour (2010-12):** graduated in Medicine last year, currently studying for the Israeli board qualification to work in hospitals.



**Lana (2016-18):** now studying Dentistry at Al Quds University

*"...I had an amazing experience in the past four years, and I could not have been more grateful...the university experiment changed me a lot and I am a different person now....Without the support of DSMT I would not have been through all of this, so I want to thank you for upholding my higher education from the beginning to the end..."* . Rand 2018



**Isra'a**, fourth year of a five-year Architecture degree at An Najah University

*"...I am more familiar with the language of architecture, which was an obstacle for me in the*

*beginning. Almost everything is becoming clear now and connected in a very strange fantastic way. THANK YOU."*



**Narmeen**, second year Law at Birzeit University

*"..... I am so proud of my grades and for reaching my goal for this year... I have shared with you about the opportunity you have provided me with and how much lucky I am....."*



**Arwa**, first year Nursing at Al Maqased Hospital and Birzeit University....

*"I thank you for this great opportunity that you give me and from the bottom of my heart,*

*because I need it to continue my academic education... I really can not express the amount of my joy in this grant and the beautiful opportunity for me."*