



### Baitona for Community Development (BCD)

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**Acronym:** BCD  
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**Legal Status and Registration:** Baitona for Community Development (BCD) is a non-governmental and non-profit organization. It was registered in the Ministry of Interior on 20th May 2003 under registration NO. 7284. Baitona's health services are registered in the Ministry of Health under registration NO. "2007/4H". The registration number of social affairs is 1045 on 2nd augh. 2003. BCD also has a license from the Ministry of Education and Hight Education under the .number 31511228

#### Vision:

"Towards pioneering in providing health, social and developmental services to the Palestinian community"

#### Mission:

"BCD, an independent NGO, seeks to empower the various and most vulnerable segments of Palestinian society in the governorates of Gaza through quality integrated programs (health, educational, social, and developmental) with its commitment to the principles of democracy and human rights"



#### Values:

"Observance of the values and customs of society, humanity, social responsibility, ethics, equality and commitment to human rights, and justice."

#### Beneficiaries:

- a. Children
- b. Women and men
- c. Youth
- d. Old people
- e. People with disabilities

#### Objectives:

1. activating the role of the Palestinian house in sustainable community development.
2. Early intervention with the family to take care of children from the first year of birth.
3. Reducing psychological and social pressure on children and their families.
4. Providing training opportunities for young people to create a spirit of initiative and leadership in building productive development projects.
5. Spreading community awareness about the principles of democracy and civil society.
6. Work on rehabilitating women to increase their participation in community activities aimed at developing their capabilities and building their independent personality.
7. Providing appropriate opportunities for women's participation in economic development through income-generating projects.
8. Establishing health centers in line with the needs of the Palestinian society.
9. Establishing educational centers and institutions and kindergartens in line with the needs of the Palestinian society.
10. Establishing cultural centers in line with the needs of the Palestinian society.

#### Programs:

Baitona provides the services through two main programs, which are:

##### 1. The Community Rehabilitation Program:

- a. **Physio & Occupational therapy Center:** The physio and functional therapy provides assistant devices, physiotherapy and occupational therapy for all people including children, adult and old ages.
- b. **Speech-language Therapy Clinic:** The speech and language clinic provide the speech language therapy for all people including children, adult and old ages.



- c. **Psychosocial Support Unit:** Psychosocial support sessions help the children, caregivers and old people to decrease the stress, anxiety, and any other emotional disturbance which may affect their life and performance negatively. In this context, our staff provide the caregivers with consultations and advices on how to deal with the behavioral and psychological problems among their children and may affect the education performance negatively.
- d. **Al Hanan spatialized Center for autism and development delay children:** it provides early intervention and rehabilitation services for children with autism and developmental delay.
- e. **Baitona Optic Center:** performing comprehensive eye and vision tests including analyzing vision tests, identifying sight problems, prescribing and offering corrective eyeglasses, providing advice to users on proper eye care techniques, and referring eye doctors and ophthalmologists when patients need to undergo surgery or in cases of severe eye injuries to community members.
- f. **Baitona center for youth communication:** Baitona Youth Communication Center works to strengthen civic engagement among young people. This mission is attained through a number of diverse activities, such as education, volunteering, advocacy, psychosocial and peacebuilding activities, and work with the media. A further mission of the centre is the development and strengthening of democratic principles and values, with the aim of enhancing the quality of life of young people. The centre seeks to construct freelancer unit in North Gaza Governorate aimed at the economic empowerment of youth.

## 2. The Education and Training Program

- a. **Cultural Child Forum:** it provides several activities for children such as
  - i. Librarian activities.
  - ii. Mobile Library activities.
  - iii. The summer and winter camps
  - iv. Theater activities.
  - v. Drawing activities.
  - vi. Entertainment activities.
- b. **Education and Training Center:** It provides training and educational services, to contribute in developing the life and professional skills of the beneficiaries. The major activities of this program are: pre and post graduates training, remedial classes.

3. **Local Referral network:** It is important to mention that Baitona leads a local referral network "LRN" consist of 37 active INGO's, NGOs and CBOs in different sectors (Health, Education, Protection, etc.). Baitona supervises and follow up all the referral activities. It aims to ensure the maximum possible accessibility of services for the people with disabilities including, the health and rehabilitation, education, social, livelihood and empowerment services.



4. **Emergency Program:** The program was established in 2015 in response to the lessons learned from the 2014 escalation in the Gaza Strip with the participation of Humanity and Inclusion (HI). The program consists of three elements. 1<sup>st</sup> an activated emergency plan agreed upon by NGOs and INGOs, 2<sup>nd</sup> warehouse contains assistive devices, non-food items, and medical consumables that are distributed during emergencies, and 3<sup>rd</sup> a total of 70 volunteers from various specializations, who received trainings about working during emergencies and crises.

**Partners:**

Baitona also has a long and rich partnership with national and international partners which coincides with BCD's vision to facilitate access to the services mainly to people residing in the North Gaza governorate and other Gaza Strip Governorates. Those partners are:

- Alsalam Training Center Group
- Directorate of Education
- Educ-Aid
- Enable
- Humanity & Inclusion (HI)
- International Medical Corps
- Islamic relief
- IOCC
- JUZOOR for Health & Social Development
- MA'AN Development Center
- Mercy Core
- North Gaza Governorate
- Save the Children
- Taawon Association (Welfare Association)
- Tamer Institute for Community Education