MachsomWatch
Women's Fund for Human Rights

Annual Report
2017

Qalandiya Checkpoint at dawn, December 2017
Achievements

CHECKPOINTS
MACHSOMWATCH ACTIVISTS MONITORED CHECKPOINTS THROUGHOUT THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES 823 TIMES

WE WERE MENTIONED IN THE US JOURNAL THE NATION IN A REPORT ABOUT THE PRIVATIZATION OF THE CHECKPOINTS AND IN A SIMILAR REPORT IN NEWSWEEK.
BLACKLISTING
WE ASSISTED 2,869 PALESTINIANS IN APPEALING AGAINST THEIR BLACKLISTED STATUS. 39% WERE SUCCESSFUL.
WE ALSO HELPED 201 PALESTINIANS SUBMIT COURT APPEALS AGAINST THEIR BLACKLISTINGS AND 50% SUCCESSFULLY APPEALED!

COURTWATCH
WE ATTENDED 47 COURT HEARINGS, HEARING MULTIPLE CASES.

We believe that the outcome of our presence and subsequent reporting on the hearings is greater public awareness of what goes on within the military courts, as most Israelis are unaware of the existence of these courts. The other outcome is that the Israeli military officials are aware that we are monitoring them, which we believe affects their conduct.
Monitoring the Seam Zone and

Due to our almost daily monitoring of the agricultural checkpoints and the ties that we have created with the farmers and members of the local village councils, we now receive very current information about the obstacles that farmers face in realizing their rights to cultivate their lands.

Together with Palestinian landowners and the local councils, we have also been monitoring and documenting traditional cultural/religious sites, which are not freely accessible to Palestinians, because of the proximity of settlements and the army which controls them.
RAISING AWARENESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE JORDAN VALLEY

MACHsomWATCH MEMBERS, TOGETHER WITH TA'AYUSH, ACCOMPANIED SHEPHERDS TO THEIR FIELDS, PROTECTING THEM FROM SETTLER VIOLENCE.

Settlers are known to have set up outposts in the areas and chase the Palestinian shepherds out of the grazing fields. The settlers and soldiers had tried many tactics to cause the shepherds to give up access their lands, such as by declaring it closed military zones, which also included parts of Area A, or by entering the homes of some of the shepherds and intimidating them.

MACHsomWATCH MEMBERS ENGAGED IN NON-VIOLENT PROTEST AGAINST CONFISCATIONS.

MachsomWatch members were present on a shift when soldiers tried to confiscate two tractors and a car. Our members engaged in a non-violent protest by standing in front of the tractor and preventing attempts to confiscate the vehicle. The standoff extended for several hours but ultimately the commander decided that the vehicles would not be confiscated. Our volunteers were not arrested in spite of threats that they would be. Photographs of this event circulated on Facebook, praising our activists for their actions.
Tours to the Public

912 people visited the checkpoints in 36 tours to the general public.

Young People's Outreach

993 young Israelis met with Machsom Watch members to talk about human rights. 153 of these young people visited the checkpoints and the occupied territories.
IN JUNE, MACHsomWatch AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, HELD A MULTIDAY PROTEST EVENT, MARKING 50 YEARS OF THE OCCUPATION AND CALLING FOR ITS END.

The event, which included marches, speeches, and musical performances, took place under the general umbrella of the “50-Out” initiative to end the occupation, and in cooperation with both Givat Haviva and Neve Shalom.

MEDIA OUTREACH

OUR FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS INCREASED BY 29%! WE HAD OVER 80 ITEMS IN THE PRESS! WE NOW HAVE AN ACTIVE TWITTER ACCOUNT! OUR WEBSITE HAD 22,359 VISITORS IN 2017. OF THOSE USERS, 68% PERCENT WERE NEW VISITORS, AND 31% WERE RETURNING VISITORS!
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