

NAME OF PROJECT:

REHABILITATION OF PTSD CHILDREN OF JENIN REFUGEE CAMP

INTRODUCTION:

In Jenin refugee Camp there are 5000 children, between the ages of 3 and 17.

While visiting the refugee camp we found a great number of PTSD among them. The symptoms of those children are: Bedwetting, anxiety, fears, nightmares, sleep disturbances, clinging to parents, undermining of parental authority and more.

In Jenin refugee camp there are no means to deal with those problems. The place in which the children are function best is school. There are few preliminary assumptions as to why schools are providing and facilitating these isles of relative strength and health for those children, suggesting that schools be the best place to start therapeutic intervention.

A few months ago, we organized a meeting with educational, community and rehabilitation professionals in order to learn together the main issues and problems, and discuss what can be done to build up a comprehensive interventional therapeutic program. In that meeting there was an atmosphere of understanding and cooperation that allowed the participants to identify some of the main problems and necessities and to create a vision for the future. Unfortunately there was no continuing this first meeting since our potential partners backed off.

THE NEEDS ARE:

- Half time job for a Project Coordinator \$ 30 dollars per hour. .1
- Payment for two Israeli Palestinian psychologists from Nazareth \$45 dollars .2
per hour.
- Toys for group therapy. \$1000. .3
- Travel expenses for Israeli psychiatrists (Tel Aviv-Jenin and back).650 shekels .4
per time.