

Abstract

This research looks at the issue of the nature of gender priorities in governmental sector post Oslo. This study examines if those priorities implemented by governmental sector and funded by UN women are similar to the gender priorities in post conflict and state building despite the continuity of the Israeli occupation to the Palestinian Occupied Territories (OPT). This research seeks to answer the question: “are gender priorities implemented by governmental and funded by UN women similar to gender priorities of post conflict and state building?” The research examines how gender priorities of both Palestinian governmental sector and UN women have aligned or not. In addition, the research delves into the impact of political conditions including the establishment of Palestinian National Authority, the emergence of the second Intifada and winning of Hamas of the elections in 2006 on changing the nature of gender priorities and continuity of delivering assistance by UN women to Palestinian governmental sector.

Through document reviews and interviews, the research presents both the Palestinian and UN women gender priorities in the governmental sector post Oslo, before the second Intifada, after second Intifada and after the winning of Hamas for the Palestinian legislative elections in 2006. Thirteen people who were interviewed represent the women non-governmental organization, ministries of women affairs, social affairs and agricultural in the Palestinian technocratic government and ministries of women affairs and social affairs in the government in Gaza in addition to UN women technical experts working in the offices of Palestinian ministries and UN women polices and planning manger. Interviews provided critical insights on the nature of gender priorities in Palestinian government sectors and reasons for the existence of those priorities and their alignment with the priorities of UN Women and how the political conditions affect the delivery of assistance provided by UN women to governmental sector.

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The research findings show that the gender priorities in Palestinian governmental sector are similar to gender priorities of post conflict and state building .However, despite the close match between Palestinian gender development priorities in PA successive governments and the last technocrat government, there is no alignment with Palestinian gender priorities in governmental sectors in Gaza. In addition, the political conditions have a clear impact on directing the delivery of assistance provided by UN Women to Palestinian governmental sectors.