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بحث صادرة عن جمعية مادة مطبوعة باللغة الإنجليزية وهي عبارة عن مقترح  
سيدات بيرزيت الخيرية. سيدات بيرزيت الخيرية، وُجدت في مجموعة جمعية

## PROPOSAL

As has been described in our project proposal previously submitted to you, Birzeit Women's Charitable Society; in cooperation with Birzeit University is operating a primary health care center that is servicing sixteen villages (approximately 20000 people). As catalysts and through health care; we are attempting to:

1. Help people identify their problems
2. Help them construct the organizational structure necessary to allow them to participate in the solution of their problems and the protection of their rights

The above objectives are being attempted through the utilization of health care as an entry point to dialogue with villagers. Naturally, health services themselves are needed (both curative and preventive), and in particular in a situation of both military occupation and underdevelopment.

At the moment, with our rural health project stabilized, we are seriously considering expanding by operating a dental health unit. Various reasons contribute to our realization that a dental health project is a priority at the moment. To begin with, dental care in our society is almost absent. Reasons include poverty, but also the lack of understanding of the seriousness of problems caused by dental disease. Additionally, with the changing pattern of food consumption in the area (from traditional nutritious foods to processed ones such as coca cola and sweets that are being dumped by the Israeli and international industries into the Occupied Territories at a cheap enough cost to actually become a substitute to vegetables and fruits), we are witnessing the development of new types of health problems. Among those is dental disease, and particularly among children. This observation prompted us to seriously consider the initiation of this dental health project. The project shall have both curative and preventive components so as to allow the possibility of controlling the spread of new types of diseases. What we would like to start with is conducting screening tests investigating the dental health status of schoolchildren. Based on the results, we would like to plan and implement a dental health education program of the public in a manner similar to what we have done with our primary health care project. We also would like to assess the seriousness of mottling of the teeth (a dental disease due to too much fluoride in the water) that we have observed among the village population that we service. We hope to also arrive at an adequate solution of this problem.

At the moment, we are in the final step of negotiating a grant with a U.S. agency that will, within one month, provide us with the funds for purchasing the dental unit, complete with X-ray machine and the appendages necessary for both curative dental care as well as basic action oriented research. We are expecting patients to pay a small charge for services rendered, covering the costs incurred for operating the clinic. But patients shall not be able to cover the salaries of employees.

We are thus proposing that you would agree to contribute the salaries of the two employees needed: the dentist (very well qualified, with a Masters in Orthodontics, but more importantly perhaps, with very strong preventive care orientation), and the assistant dentist.

The yearly budget for the grant requested is as follows:

	US Dollars Yearly
1. Salary for the dentist	6000.00
2. Salary for the assistant dentist	2000.00
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Total:	8000.00 Yearly

Because of the prevailing political situation in the area, and the absence of a national government interested in the welfare of people, that would normally subsidize if not cover the costs of health care, and since health care is not financially productive, it becomes necessary for us to rely on continuous support from abroad. We thus would like you to make a commitment, if you choose to support us, of paying the above salaries yearly for three years, renewable pending your and our evaluation of the project.

Meanwhile, we hope that you will take this proposal into serious consideration. In case you accept our proposal, please write so that we may inform you of the method of transfer of funds that we are utilizing at the moment. Please write to:

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