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United Kingdom funding for political NGOs

- The British government directly and indirectly provides millions of pounds to highly politicized NGOs focusing on the Israel- Palestinian conflict.
- The recipient organizations receive direct funding through annual grants from the Department for International Development (DFID), Embassy and Consulate.
- Indirect NGO funding comes from church aid frameworks like Christian Aid and other groups, including Oxfam-GB that receive much of their funding from the UK government,
- The British government partners with and supports NGOs that undermine peace efforts and increase tensions through anti-Israel “[lawfare](#)”, [BDS \(boycott, divestment and sanctions\)](#) campaigns, and rhetoric accusing Israel of “apartheid,” “ethnic cleansing,” and “war crimes.” (See below)
- The UK government should initiate an independent review of funding for political NGOs. Similar reviews have been undertaken by the Netherlands and Denmark.

Department for International Development

- [The Department for International Development](#) (DFID – UK Aid) partners with and provides funds to Christian Aid, Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP), Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW), etc.
- There is a severe lack of transparency regarding information on [projects](#) funded by DFID where NGO recipients appear anonymously as “Supplier Name Withheld.”

Christian Aid

- DFID provides [£14,5 million](#) in 2015
- [Systematically ignore Palestinian responsibility in the conflict](#) and minimize Israel's right to self-defense.
- Partner organizations include NGOs that support BDS and a “one-state” framework: [Sabeel](#), [Zochrot](#), [Israeli Coalition Against House Demolitions \(ICAHD\)](#), [Adalah](#), [Palestinian Centre for Human Rights \(PCHR\)](#), [Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees \(PARC\)](#), [Alternative Information Center \(AIC\)](#), and the [Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel \(EAPPI\)](#).
- [Financially supported and participated](#) in the 2013 Zochrot conference, “[From Truth to Redress: Realizing the Return of Palestinian Refugees](#).” Insisting on a “right of return” for 1948 Palestinian refugees and their millions of descendants as the “**Key for a One-State Solution**” .
- Co-signed the report, “[Trading Away Peace](#),” which promotes BDS, calling on the EU and national governments to impose economic sanctions on Israel.

Medical Aid for Palestinians

- DFID provided [£724,518](#) in 2014
- UK-based NGO; accuses Israel of “[indiscriminate attacks](#)” and “[collective punishment](#)”, promotes [BDS](#)
- Organize “[fact-finding](#)” visits, together with the Council for Arab-British Understanding (Caabu) lobby, to disseminate an anti-Israel narrative to British parliamentarians, journalists, and EU politicians.
- In [2013-2014](#), Majed Nassar, served as MAP'S Director of Programmes in the West Bank. Nassar has been a [member](#) of the [Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine \(PFLP\)](#)
- In August 2014, MAP founder Dr. Swee Ang [promoted a virulently antisemitic video made by American white supremacist David Duke](#)

Norwegian Refugee Council

- DFID provided the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) with [two grants](#) totaling £6 million (FY10/11-14/15) for legal advocacy focusing on East Jerusalem and the West Bank.
- DFID funding is in turn transferred to Israeli and Palestinian NGOs for hundreds of legal cases, lobbying for sanctions
- A lawyer affiliated with the NRC program [stated](#) that the objective of these cases are an attempt to “**try every possible legal measure to disrupt the Israeli judicial system... as many cases as possible are registered and that as many cases as possible are appealed to increase the workload of the courts and the Supreme Court to such an extent that there will be a blockage.**” (emphasis added)
- The information available on the British government's Development Tracker website reflects limited transparency. Details on the NGO recipients of funding disbursed by the NRC are “[withheld](#).”

Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW)

- DIFD provides £5 million in “strategic funding to Islamic Relief [Programme Partnership Arrangement](#)” from 2012-2016
- The Islamic Relief Worldwide (IRW) is an international organization based in the UK ostensibly working as an “international relief and development charity.”
- On June 19, 2014, Israel’s Defense Minister [declared](#) IRW to be [illegal](#), based on its alleged role in funneling money to Hamas.
- In [correspondence](#) with NGO Monitor, the DFID refused to release substantive information (through the Freedom of Information process) on mechanisms if any used to ensure that IRW funds did not go to terrorism, citing “public” and “commercial” interests, and alleging that “disclosure of detailed sensitive information about our vetting processes could provide valuable intelligence to the perpetrators of crime.” (The crime was not specified.)

Examples of Israeli NGOs that receive direct and indirect UK funding*

Zochrot:

- [Accusing Israel](#) of “[ethnic cleansing](#),” “ongoing destruction of Palestinian localities,” “expulsion,” “massacres,” and “disregard for the rights of refugees and displaced people.”
- [Supports](#) a “de-Zionized Palestine will be that of a single state”

Funding

Year	Donor	Amount (NIS)
2014	Christian Aid	241,169
	Oxfam - GB	25,878
2013	Christian Aid	161,000

Breaking the Silence

- Highly active in the international demonization and delegitimization campaigns,
- Promotes “[war crimes](#)” charges based on anonymous and unverifiable hearsay “[testimonies](#)” of low-level soldiers.
- Despite its claims to address Israeli society, BtS’ [lobbying and media advocacy campaigns](#) focus primarily on international audiences.

Funding

Year	Donor	Amount (NIS)
2015	Christian Aid	293,500

Terrestrial Jerusalem

- Lobbies intensively [against policies](#) and projects undertaken by the Israeli government and Jerusalem municipality
- [Alleges](#) that “the clear goal” is to take land away from Palestinian residents and make it available for future Israeli development.”

Funding

Year	Donor	Amount (NIS)
2014	Consulate - UK	163,211
	Embassy - UK	145,192
2013	Embassy - UK	450,561