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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**G**erman government funding for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) is [officially dedicated](#) to “combating poverty, securing food, establishing peace, freedom, democracy and human rights, shaping globalization in a socially equitable manner, and preserving the environment and natural resources.”

However, in Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA), German government funds are directly and indirectly transferred to highly politicized NGOs. These NGOs oppose peace negotiations, promote narratives that reject the legitimacy of a Jewish state, exploit human rights principles, and, in some cases, express blatant antisemitism.

Churches play a central role in German development policy. Church aid organizations (MISEREOR and Bread for the World/EED), which receive most of their budgets from the German government, are major funders of politicized NGOs in Israel and the PA. Their grantees include some of the most radical political advocacy NGOs in the region. Rather than promote cooperation and peace, these groups continue to deepen the divide and further polarize societies. NGO Monitor research also shows that many recipients of German church aid funding do not have the competence to implement the official objectives or to advance German policies in the region.

Analysis of available NGO financial statements and donors lists indicates that Christian aid organizations in Germany provide a significant percentage of the budgets of the specific organizations operating in Israel (71% in 2012-2015) and the PA (accurate figures not available).

For example:

- [Zochrot](#) (funded by MISEREOR), a fringe Israeli NGO, promotes a highly distorted narrative [seeking](#) to “raise public awareness of the Palestinian Nakba” and “recognizing and materializing the right of return,” and [stressing](#) that “the rights of the refugees to return must be accepted.” This agenda is equivalent

to calling for the elimination of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people.

- [Coalition of Women for Peace](#) (CWP) (funded by Bread for the World/EED [Evangelical Church Development Service]) is a pro-BDS group that initiated the [“Who Profits” campaign](#), an activist tool and database that [identifies targets](#) for anti-Israel divestment and boycotts. “Who Profits” is now a separate entity, also funded by Bread for the World/EED in 2015.
- [Al Haq](#), a Palestinian NGO, has received funding from Bread for the World/EED, although the organization has not released financial details or donation amounts since 2009. Al Haq is a leader in anti-Israel [“lawfare”](#) and [BDS](#). Central activities include submitting [politically motivated reports](#) to the UN Human Rights Council and [other international bodies](#), and [calling](#) on the European Union and “relevant United Nations (UN) bodies” to boycott Israeli products.

**German church funding frameworks exhibit limited transparency and accountability.** Most frameworks discussed in this study do not publish details regarding recipient organizations, the amounts of allocations, or information on how grantees are selected. Rather, the funding details provided in this report have been gathered through analysis of NGO annual reports and financial reports to the [Israeli Registrar of Non-Profits](#). Further, most church funders offer no public evaluation or assessment mechanisms that would allow analysis of and accountability for the impact of the projects funded by taxpayers’ money.

Based on this research, NGO Monitor recommends a set of guidelines for the German government, for both direct and indirect NGO funding:

1. No funding for NGOs involved in antisemitism
2. No funding for NGOs involved in terrorism/terrorism supporters/terrorist affiliated staff
3. No funding for organizations that deny Israel’s right to define itself as a Jewish state, that promote one-state frameworks, or support “right of return” claims for millions of refugee descendants
4. No funding for NGOs involved in BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanctions) campaigns
5. No funding for NGOs promoting anti-Israel “lawfare”
6. No funding for NGOs that promote anti-normalization and reject peace negotiations.

# 1. BACKGROUND

The NGO Forum of the 2001 [Durban Conference](#) adopted a strategy of political warfare and delegitimization against Israel, using allegations of “apartheid,” “racism,” “war crimes,” and similar rhetoric. Implemented by a network of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), this strategy operates under the banners of human rights, democracy, peace, and humanitarian aid. NGOs exploit tactics such as [BDS \(boycotts, divestment and sanctions\)](#), and abuse universal judicial frameworks such as the International Criminal Court to target Israeli officials and block counter-terrorism efforts (“[lawfare](#)”). Much of the funding for the NGOs leading these demonization campaigns comes from European governments. The NGO campaigns actively work against the policies advanced by these same governments.

The [BDS campaign](#) views churches as a key target for cooptation and promotion of their agenda:

*“Religious institutions are seen in many communities as embodying important moral and ethical principles... Divestment campaigns that target companies such as Caterpillar have been initiated in a number of major Christian churches. Not only will successful divestment campaigns financially weaken the Occupation, but will raise both the public profile and legitimacy of the BDS campaign.”*

In this report, NGO Monitor focuses on German church aid organizations' support for Israeli and Palestinian NGOs that are centrally involved in this Durban strategy of political warfare. We provide systematic analysis of the activities of these organizations, their relationships with their respective German counterparts, and when possible, funding details.

## 2. GERMAN FUNDING MECHANISMS

Germany is one of the leading countries worldwide in providing development aid. In absolute terms, in 2011, Germany ([€10.2 billion](#)) was the second largest bilateral donor after the United States. Germany committed itself to increasing its development assistance allocation to 0.7 per cent of gross national income (GNI) in 2015.

Direct funding to NGOs originates in the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), and other government branches. BMZ is the leading ministry that develops the guidelines and fundamentals of development policy, and allocated 11.9% (€777.4 million) of its 2015 budget to “civil society and economic organizations and institutions.”

Some of this German funding for NGOs is then channeled via church-based aid groups and powerful political foundations associated with German political parties. The two main church-related organizations that are active internationally and receive funding from BMZ are Bread for the World/EED (Brot für die Welt – Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst, EED), associated with the Protestant Church, and MISEREOR, associated with the Catholic Church. Both have been working for 50 years within the framework of German development cooperation ostensibly to ease poverty and enhance living conditions.

Bread for the World/EED (BfW/EED) and MISEREOR are also part of [VENRO](#), an umbrella organization of development and humanitarian NGOs in Germany that was founded in 1995 in order to represent NGOs in the political arena and strengthen their influence in decision-making processes. As stated on its [website, at the time of VENRO's creation, “NGOs wanted to be not only helpers of the south, but also a critical voice in north-south politics and to exert their influence on political decision-makers.”](#)

VENRO has a [working group](#) (Kofinanzierung) designated for “intensive political dialogue” with BMZ and the European Commission, advising them on funding guidelines and selection of beneficiaries. At the same time, many VENRO members, among them MISEREOR and BfW/EED, are themselves heavily funded by the German government. VENRO is also a member of the NGO network [CONCORD](#), which regards itself as “the main interlocutor with the EU



institutions on development policy.”

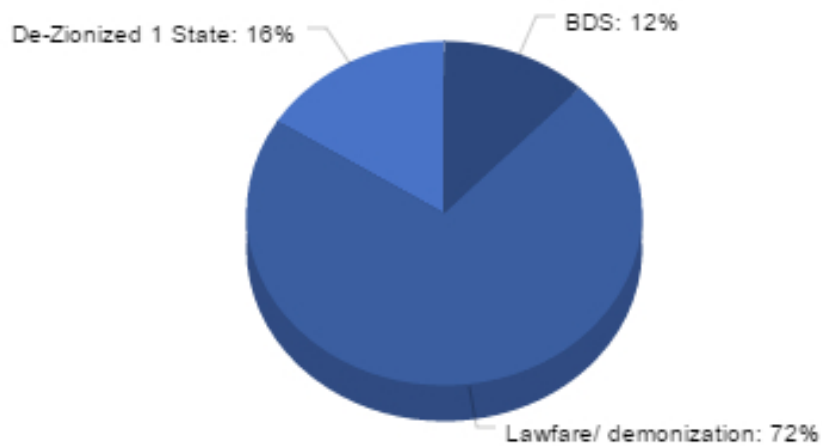
VENRO's current CEO, Dr. Bern Bornhorst, is head of the “politics and global issues for the future” department (PGZ) at BfW/EED. His deputy at VENRO, Dr. Klaus Seitz, is head of the political department in MISEREOR. As indicated by their titles, the two are responsible for political lobbying for their respective organizations.



VENRO CEO Bernd Bornhurst with Chancellor Angela Merkel and Federal Minister of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) Gerd Mueller

These two German church aid organizations often do not promote peace: they partner and fund politicized NGOs that advocate for BDS (boycott, divestment, and sanctions) campaigns against Israel, manipulate legal systems to demonize Israel, and single out Israel internationally.

### German Church Funding to NGOs in Israel for 2013 and 2014



During the wave of stabbing attacks on Israeli civilians by Palestinian perpetrators that began in October 2015, NGOs funded by German church aid organizations including Adalah, Coalition of Women for Peace, Physicians for Human Rights-Israel, and Al Haq, all released statements criticizing Israeli policy and actions that killed or wounded Palestinians, without noting that these individuals were neutralized while in the middle of perpetrating terror attacks.

Al Haq maintains a [list](#) on its website that records each attack as an “alleged” crime, and emphasizes that the Palestinians were killed by Israelis, as if unprovoked. Al Haq does not refer to the attacks as criminal or illegal, nor does it attempt to ascertain the identities and conditions of the Israeli victims.

In this regard, the statements of Al Haq and other NGOs are inconsistent with human rights, promotion of the rule of law, and fact-finding, deny Israelis the rights to life and self-defense, and erase the many victims of Palestinian terror attacks, including children and the elderly.

## 3. GERMAN CHURCH AID ORGANIZATIONS

### 3.1 Bread for the World/Brot fuer die Welt (BfW); Protestant Development

#### **Agency/Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst (EED)**

BfW/EED [claims](#) to be “the globally active development and relief agency of the Protestant Churches in Germany and is associated with the regional Protestant and Free Churches in Germany and supports over 1,500 projects annually, which are implemented through ecclesiastical and civil society partner organizations.”

Bread for the World (Brot für die Welt) was founded in 1959 in the framework of the Protestant and Free Churches in Germany, within the Ecumenical Diakonia, a department of the Social Service Agency (Diakonisches Werk) of the German Protestant Church.

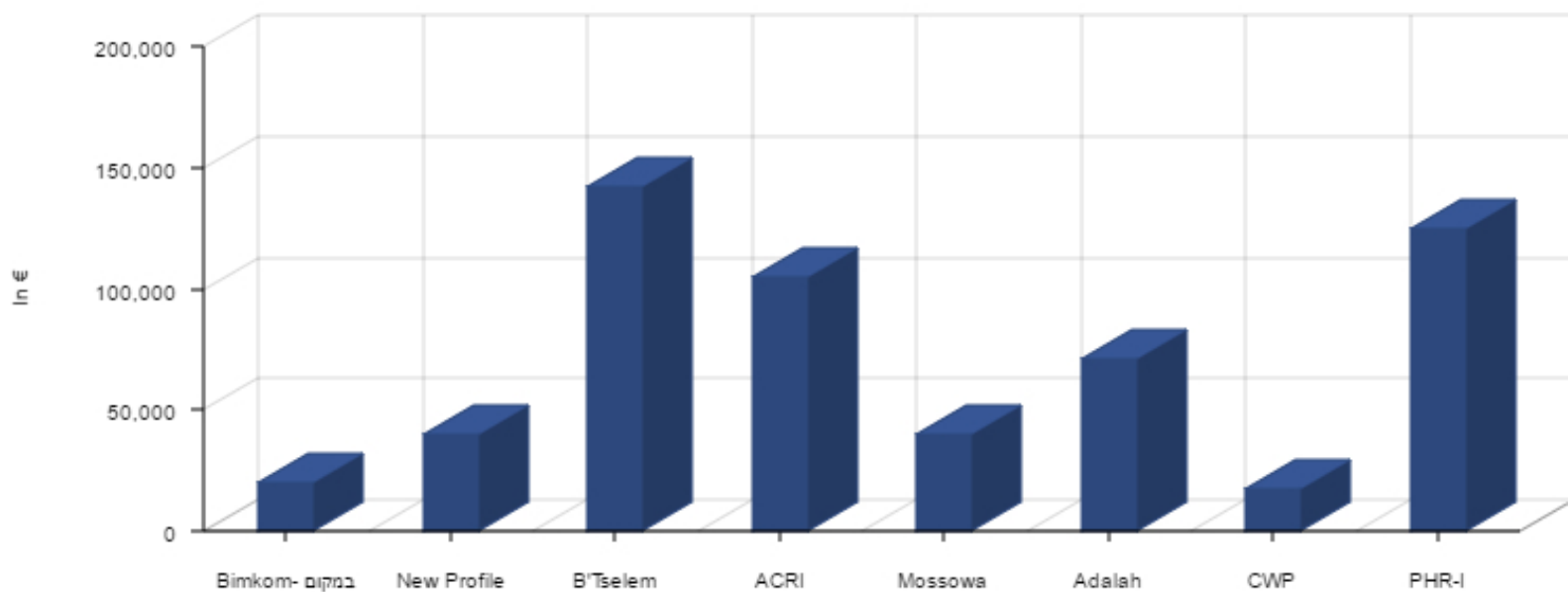
On August 30, 2012, the Church Development Service (Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst-EED) [merged](#) with Brot für die Welt and formed a new agency, “Brot für die Welt – Evangelischer Entwicklungsdienst” (Bread for the World – Protestant Development Aid Service), as part of the new Protestant Agency for Diakonia and Development (Evangelisches Werk für Diakonie und Entwicklung).

BfW/EED shares the mission of “supporting churches and partner organizations worldwide in their struggle for improved living conditions for the poor, for justice, peace and human rights

as well as for the integrity of creation!" It is a member of the Act Alliance, a coalition of churches created by the [World Council of Churches \(WCC\)](#). The Act Alliance and WCC both play key roles in mobilizing international [BDS campaigns](#) against Israel. [Forty-eight](#) percent of BfW funding for 2014 came from the German government's BMZ office.

- In 2014 BfW/EED spent €501,100 for 2 projects in Israel and €3,592,500 for 12 projects in the PA.

#### Brot Fuer die Welt/EED funding for NGOs in Israel 2014



BfW/EED (as well as its composite elements before the merge) engages in highly politicized activities, while simultaneously funding other biased NGOs active in the Arab-Israel conflict.

- In 2012, as a member of [APRODEV](#), BfW/EED endorsed the policy of banning goods produced over the 1949 Armistice line as part of the wider BDS campaign.
- In July 2014, BfW/EED and MISEREOR (see below) held a conference in Berlin on "[The ICJ's Wall Opinion Revisited: Towards its Effective Implementation.](#)" The event addressed "the impact of the wall ... on the human rights of the local population, ... attempt to clarify the role of the United Nations and ...the role of third parties in ensuring the implementation of the legal obligations described in the advisory opinion." The conference portrayed a one-sided picture, failing to mention that the security barrier was built in response to mass suicide bombings and other terror attacks emanating from the West Bank and has saved countless lives since its construction. Since the issuing of the International Court of Justice's (ICJ) non-binding and entirely politicized decision, the NGO network has sought to "enforce" it by filing frivolous universal jurisdiction

lawsuits, lobbying at the International Criminal Court (ICC), and using it as a basis to have EU and European governments enact BDS policies against Israel. The conference framework and the list of speakers (see below) reflect the blatant propagandistic nature of the event, as well as its exploitation of academic, human rights, and legal terminology.

Most of the speakers involved in this conference were affiliated with radical Palestinian NGOs deeply involved in delegitimization, BDS, and lawfare targeting Israel:

- Shawan Jabarin, General Director of [Al Haq](#), a Palestinian NGO leader in lawfare and BDS activities, has been denied exit visas by Israel and Jordan on several occasions due to alleged ties to the PFLP terrorist group. A June 2007 decision by the Israeli Supreme Court called Jabarin a “Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde,” a human rights campaigner by day and a terrorist by night.
- Hamdi Shaqqura, [Deputy Director](#) for Programs Affairs at the [Palestinian Centre for Human Rights \(PCHR\)](#). PCHR accuses Israel of “[ethnic cleansing](#),” “[war crimes](#),” and the “[Judaization of Jerusalem](#).” PCHR is a Leader in anti-Israel “[lawfare](#),” including ICC campaigns; calls Hamas rockets that injure Palestinians (rather than reaching their intended Israeli civilian targets) “[misuse of weapons](#)”; and accuses Israel of [crimes](#) in trying to stop Palestinians while carrying out stabbing attacks.

BfW/EED sponsored a December 2014 “Canaan Conference” in Berlin titled “Dialogue with Israel and Palestine,” which included radical NGOs Israeli Social TV, New Profile, and Café Palestine Freiburg. While the Canaan conference claimed to be “a platform for bi- and trilateral communication between women from Palestine, Israel and Germany,” it featured many inflammatory speakers, including one who reportedly declared “Zionists are racists.” Café Palestine Freiburg has previously advocated “dismantling Jewish ideology” and has been accused of stoking modern antisemitism.

In a September 13, 2013 article, “20 Years since the Oslo Accords: Learning from the History of the Middle East Peace Process,” BfW blames the failure of the peace process on Israel, while failing to mention Palestinian rejectionism, violence, incitement, corruption, and the role of Hamas.

BfW/EED publishes inaccurate [water libels](#), alleging insufficient and inequitable water distribution, ignoring evidence that Israel provides Palestinians in the West Bank with more

water than required under the Oslo framework and that thieves are responsible for stealing up to 50% of supplies in some Palestinian areas. In so doing, BfW manipulates and distorts water issues in order to falsely portray Israel as a brutal regime.

## Political NGOs Funded By BfW/EED

### Al Haq

- A leader in the anti-Israel "[lawfare](#)" and BDS campaigns. The organization regularly files lawsuits and submits [anti-Israel "reports"](#) to the UN Human Rights Council and other international bodies. The Israeli Supreme Court has [identified](#) Al Haq's general director Shawan Jabarin as "among the senior activists of the Popular Front terrorist organization." Jabarin has been denied exit visas by Israel and Jordan on account of these [alleged ties](#).
- Al Haq uses the [Palestinian Human Rights Organisations Council](#) (PHROC) as a platform to lobby international forums and disseminate statements demonizing Israel.

Examples of Al Haq activities:

- In 2015 it published "[Divide and Conquer: A Legal Analysis of Israel's 2014 Military Offensive Against the Gaza Strip](#)," presenting a completely biased and distorted view of events leading to the 2014 Gaza War.
- Al Haq issued a 2013 position paper, "[Feasting on the Occupation](#)," calling on the European Union and "relevant United Nations (UN) bodies" to boycott Israeli produce. The paper accuses Israel of "violations of international humanitarian law," "illegal conduct," and "extensive destruction and appropriation of Palestinian resources."
- In 2013, Al Haq was part of a libelous [campaign](#) falsely suggesting that Israel steals water from Palestinians in order to interfere with cooperation between Dutch companies and the Israeli company Mekorot.

### CWP (Coalition of Women for Peace)

- Initiated the [Who Profits campaign](#) "in response to the Palestinian Call for BDS on Israel." "Who Profits?" is an activist tool and a database that [identifies targets](#) for anti-Israel divestment and boycotts (see below). CWP officials have been [photographed](#) holding a flag of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, an EU-recognized terrorist organization responsible for numerous attacks against civilians. (Since the distribution of a prior NGO Monitor report to some of CWP's funders, this image has been removed from [CWP's Facebook](#)

[page.](#))

Examples of other activities:

- CWP is [involved in campaigns](#) against major Israeli banks, the Elbit and G4S security companies, Ahava cosmetics, and [Agrexco produce](#); in support of the Berkeley divestment vote; and with a successful divestment initiative with the Norwegian Government Pension Fund. CWP endorses the "[Free Gaza Movement](#)."
- In December 2009, CWP lobbied the British government to "[Enable Prosecution of Israeli War Criminals](#)."
- CWP participated in Israeli Apartheid Week 2011, organizing an event in Jaffa, "[Life and Struggle in Apartheid](#)."
- In January 2014, the "Who Profits?" campaign [announced](#) that "[due to] its increasing professionalization as a research center, the project separated from CWP and became an independent organization." The two organizations continue to "collaborate as sister organizations."

## [Who Profits](#)

- Initiates [international BDS campaigns](#) that target Israeli and foreign banks, security companies, civil infrastructure facilities, and private companies. Its website features a "[Report a Company](#)," section which "depends" on the public to "identify companies that may belong in our database." Based on information provided by and lobbying from Who Profits, a large Dutch pension fund, PGGM, announced on January 8, 2014 that it will "[no longer invest in five Israeli banks](#)."

Who Profits publishes various problematic claims:

- A May 2012 report, "[Ahava: Tracking the Trade Trail of Settlement Products](#)," falsely alleges that the Israeli company "extracts the mud from occupied Palestinian territory, thereby exploiting Palestinian natural resources."
- A February 2012 report accuses [Hewlett Packard](#) of "direct involvement in the occupation" and uses the company as "a case study to discuss the role of international and local corporations in Israel's mechanisms of surveillance and control over the occupied Palestinian territories." The report completely distorts legitimate Israeli security concerns, ignoring the human rights of Israeli citizens.

## [Adalah](#)

- Opposes Israel's right to define itself as a Jewish state and has [compiled a list of](#)

[Israeli laws](#) that it claims to be racially discriminatory. Adalah employs a loose definition of “discrimination,” applying the term to laws and proposed laws entirely unrelated to Israeli Arabs or other minorities. Laws promoting Zionism and the historic Jewish connection to Israel are labeled as discriminatory. This includes laws that relate to Israel as a “Jewish and democratic state,” as well as the use of Jewish symbols and the Hebrew calendar. Adalah uses the word “Zionist” in a pejorative manner throughout the database, indicating that it accepts the “Zionism is racism” canard.

Examples of other activities:

- In the 2014 Gaza war, Adalah submitted a [joint statement](#) to the UNHRC alleging “grave violations of international humanitarian law and international criminal law [that] may amount to war crimes and crimes against humanity.”
- In 2009 following the Goldstone report, Adalah urged governments to “[re-evaluate their relationship with Israel](#).”
- In 2007, Adalah published “[Democratic Constitution](#),” which calls for replacing the Jewish foundation of the state.

### [Physicians for Human Rights-Israel \(PHR-I\)](#)

- A highly biased political NGO that uses a façade of medicine to advance a narrow agenda and falsely accuse Israel of “war crimes.”

Examples of its activities:

- During the Gaza operation (Dec 2008-Jan. 2009), [PHR-I accused](#) Israel of using “extreme and disproportionate force ... against the population of Gaza” and of “targeting medical teams and aid convoys.” Dr. Yoram Blachar, former president of the World Medical Association, [criticized](#) PHR-I as “[a radical political group disguised as a medical organization](#).”
- In an October 2011 publication “[Doctoring the Evidence, Abandoning the Victim](#),” PHR-I accused Israeli doctors and institutions of involvement in the “torture and ill-treatment” of Palestinians. [Detailed analysis](#) of the sweeping claims demonstrates deeply flawed research, and the Israel Medical Association denounced the highly selective publication for erasing important details. Based on faulty methodology, PHR-I asserts that Israeli security officers “routinely employ interrogation methods which amount to torture and ill-treatment” and that “medical professionals are frequently involved either actively or passively in torture or ill-treatment.” Lexical or legal definitions for “torture” and “ill-treatment” are not provided and are used inconsistently.
- On January 21, 2015, PHR-I published “[Gaza, 2014: Findings of an independent](#)

[medical fact-finding mission](#),” alleging Israeli violations of human rights and international legal norms during the 2014 Gaza War. The incomplete account in the actual publication provides absolutely no proof or evidence for these serious charges. To accurately draw such conclusions requires factual knowledge, considerable military expertise, as well as access to comprehensive data from both the Israeli army and from within Gaza, in particular during the fighting. PHR-I does not possess any of this information, and the NGO is unqualified to issue its conclusions.

## Mossawa

- [Claims](#) “to promote the economic, social, cultural and political rights of the Palestinian Arab citizens in Israel.” In reality, Mossawa rejects Israel as a Jewish state and published a position [paper](#) that alleges that “(t)he State of Israel was established on the ruins of the Palestinian people, for whom the event was a national tragedy – the Nakba.”

Examples of other activities:

- In February 2014, Jafar Farah, the director of Mossawa, presented a letter to [European Parliament President Martin Schultz](#) accusing Israel of “population transfer” and “forced displacement” and urging the European Union to take action to influence Israeli policy in the region.
- Mossawa features the “[Homeless in Your Own Home](#)” blog, which intends to provide “a glimpse of the daily challenges... of the Palestinian Arab minority of Israel.” The blog accuses Israel of “collective discrimination,” “home demolitions,” and denying basic rights to minority citizens. This represents a further attempt to advance the narrative that the Palestinians and Bedouin are the native and legitimate residents of the land and that Israel is a foreign, occupying power.

## Bimkom

- [Claims](#) to advance “the development of planning policies and practices that are more just and respectful of human rights, and responsive to the needs of local communities,” when, in fact, it regularly [politicizes and exploit the issue of the Bedouin in the Negev to wage political warfare against Israel](#). Bimkom’s officers also engage in demonizing rhetoric: Executive Director Hedva Radovanitz (who has worked with other advocacy groups including the [Physicians for Human Rights-Israel](#)), [Bimkom](#) and [New Israel Fund](#) told U.S. embassy officials in February 2010 “that she believed that in 100 years Israel would be majority Arab and that the **disappearance of a Jewish state would not be the tragedy that Israelis fear since it would become more democratic**” [emphasis added].

Examples of other activities:



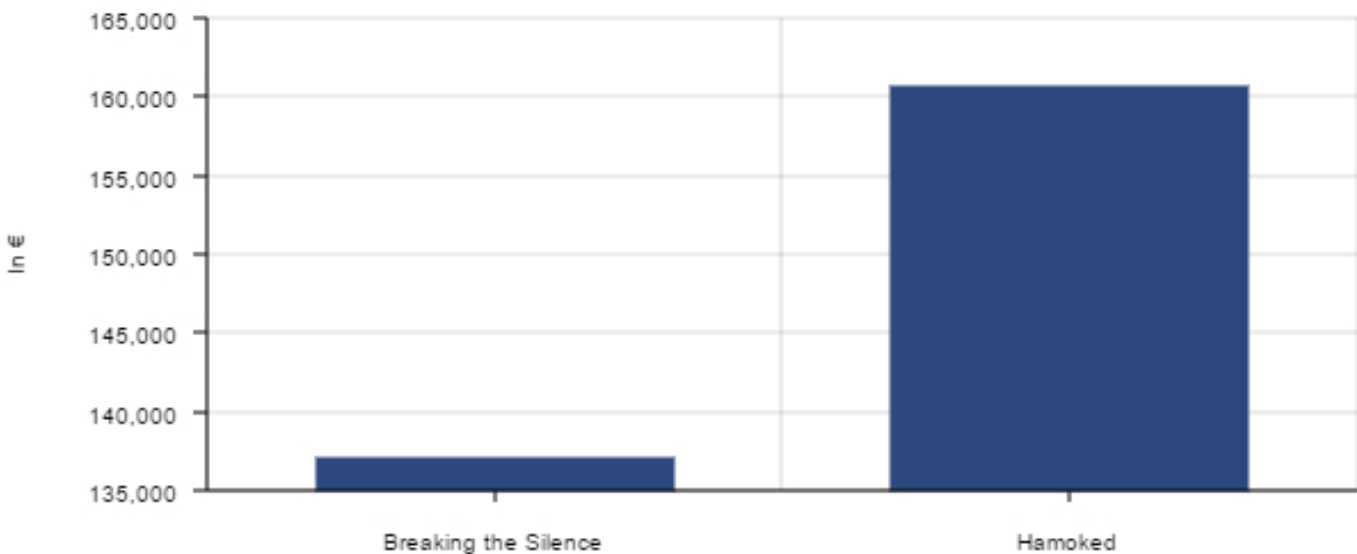
- In an article in [Haaretz](#) about the African Migrant refugees in the South of Israel (June 19, 2012), Bimkom was quoted as comparing the refugee camps to “a huge concentration camp with harsh conditions.”
- In May 2013, UNRWA and Bimkom co-authored a [report](#) on the “plight” of Bedouin communities in Area C of the West Bank, including a quote comparing the moving of Bedouin communities to “[Our own mini Nakba.](#)”

### 3.2 MISEREOR

- MISEREOR is the aid framework of the Catholic Church in Germany, and a member of CIDSE, a network of Catholic aid organizations. The organization claims to “work with a host of domestic partners to provide assistance against poverty and political suppression.”

More than 60% of MISEREOR’s 2014 annual budget came from the German government’s BMZ. In 2013, MISEREOR spent €1,398,000 on NGO projects in Israel, while 2014 saw a decrease in support to €326,000 for NGO related projects. In the Palestinian Territories, MISEREOR funded nine projects at €1,357,000 in 2013 and €1,280,000 in 2014.

MISEREOR Funding for NGOs in Israel 2014



According to its [website](#), “MISEREOR works with a host of domestic partners to provide assistance against poverty and political suppression.” [Advocacy](#) is a central goal of MISEREOR . The organization “aims to influence public opinion and policymaking. Political education, the exchange of experiences and networking are key elements of this work. This is how MISEREOR helps enable its partners and the beneficiaries to overcome structural injustices ... appeal[ing] to the consciences of the powerful in Europe.”

In contrast to these stated worthy objectives, MISEREOR provides funding to highly politicized NGOs including [Zochrot](#), [Sadaka Reut](#), [HaMoked](#), and the [Society of St. Yves](#). Many of MISEREOR's grantees play central roles in the demonization and BDS campaigns against Israel.

MISEREOR claims that it "stands for transparency," but does not provide details on amounts it grants to NGOs. Available funding information is based on NGO Monitor research and details provided by the NGOs under the Israeli NGO [transparency law \(2011\)](#).

MISEREOR also sponsors events about the Arab-Israeli conflict that are highly politicized or are organized in connection with biased partners:

- MISEREOR co-sponsored a [September 2013 conference](#) on "Realizing the return of Palestinian refugees." Organized by Zochrot, the conference advocated for a one-state framework to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Lecture topics included a discussion on the specifics and logistics of a "return" of refugees and a talk on how "to end the colonial nature of Israel." The logistical and demographic reality of a complete return of all Palestinian refugees from the 1948 Arab-Israel war and their descendants to modern Israel, leading to a single bi-national state, would necessarily mean that Israel, as the national homeland of the Jewish people, would [cease to exist](#).
- MISEREOR helped prepare a CIDSE booklet, "[Gaza Dignity under Siege: Voices from Behind the Blockade](#)," featuring testimonies of pro-Palestinian activists, accusing Israel of disproportionate force and abuse of power, and omitting Israeli perspectives and security concerns.
- MISEREOR [sponsored](#) a 2013 [UN event](#) with a panel on "Depleting Palestine: Unlawful Extraction of Natural Resources in Occupied Territory" presented by an official from Al Haq, a leader in the anti-Israel [lawfare](#) and [BDS](#) campaigns (see above). This panel was an attempt to further the BDS agenda at the UN.

## Political NGOs Funded By MISEREOR

### [Zochrot](#)

- An Israeli NGO [established](#) with the aim of "rais[ing] public awareness of the Palestinian Nakba" and "recognizing and materializing the right of return," [stressing](#) that "the rights of the refugees to return must be accepted." This agenda is equivalent to calling for the elimination of Israel as the nation state of the Jewish people. [Zochrot supports](#) a "one-State solution" or a "de-Zionized Palestine," and refers to Israel as having an "ethnicized and racialized Zionist" system. (See NGO Monitor's factsheet on [Zochrot's Support for "One State,"](#) May 1, 2014).

Examples of other activities:

- In March 2015, Zochrot, together with Palestinian NGO [BADIL](#) went on a [speaking tour](#) across the United States to discuss “the ongoing Nakba affecting Palestinians both in Palestine and in the diaspora.” [According to the event flyer](#), “Presentations will aim to provide a historical overview of the Nakba (“Catastrophe” in Arabic) and the Right of Return, the forcible displacement of Palestinians since before 1948 and continuing today, and the practicalities of return for refugees. In turn, American audiences will have focused time to consider their role in supporting the call for the Right of Return and how to integrate the Nakba into U.S.-based activism.”
- Zochrot publishes a [database of information](#) about “the destroyed Palestinian villages,” “[testimonies](#)” from “Palestinian refugees who witnessed and survived the Nakba of 1948” and runs a “[project](#) of thinking and planning Palestinian practices of return.”
- In May 2014, Zochrot launched a smartphone app, [iNakba](#), timed to coincide with Israel’s 66th Independence Day. The app features an interactive map and photos of Palestinian villages from 1948, thus delegitimizing Israel and promoting the Palestinian “right of return.”
- On April 23, 2014, a highly disturbing video was posted on YouTube, “[The Holocaust’s Visit to Yad Vashem](#),” featuring radical activist Natali Cohen Vaxberg. In it, she visits the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial and adopts the persona of the “Holocaust,” claiming that it was “the best thing that ever happened” to the Jewish people. Several Zochrot officials were involved in the production of the video, including founder Eitan Bronstein, who acted as the “Holocaust Bodyguard” and Moran Barir, a member of Zochrot, who filmed and edited the movie. ([See here for more on this highly offensive video](#)).
- In a December 2008 [joint submission](#) to the UN Human Rights Council for Israel’s [Universal Periodical Review](#), Zochrot falsely accused Israel of “ethnic cleansing” and “forcible displacement and dispossession of the Palestinian people.”
- Zochrot hosted a September 29–30, 2013 conference at the Eretz Israel Museum in Tel Aviv, titled “[From Truth to Redress: Realizing the Return of Palestinian Refugees](#).” Funding for the event was provided by a number of European government frameworks. However, in response to NGO Monitor inquiries, the funders referred to issues of “privacy” as the excuse for avoiding to expose the sums and other details to the public.

### [HaMoked: Center for the Defense of the Individual](#)

- An Israeli organization whose main [objective is](#) “to assist Palestinians of the Occupied Territories whose rights are violated due to Israel’s policies.”

HaMoked regularly [petitions the High Court of Justice](#) and makes inaccurate and inflammatory allegations of Israeli “[apartheid](#),” “[deportations](#),” “[torture](#),” and “[forcible transfers](#).” The NGO accuses Israel of “[collective punishment](#)” and the “[ghettoization of the West Bank](#)” (translated from the original Hebrew).

Examples of other activities:

- HaMoked publishes “[Case Summaries](#)” that aim to “illustrate the mechanisms of the occupation” by “provid[ing] administrative and legal assistance to Palestinian individuals, who have been directly harmed by the injustices of the Israeli occupation.”
- HaMoked in “[co-operation](#) with [Diakonia](#),” published an [Online Legal Library](#) (which included documents providing a distorted view or incorrect analysis of international law in order to criminalize Israeli actions, such as the [false claim](#) that “phosphorous and cluster bombs” are “illegal weapons prohibited by International Humanitarian Law.”

## GERMAN FUNDING TO ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS VIA GERMAN CHURCH-BASED NGOS (2013-2015)

Funding information is provided primarily by recipients in their reports to the Israeli Registrar of Non-Profits and may be incomplete. “Unknown” refers to funding data that was not listed in annual reports and not provided through correspondence with the respective funding frameworks.

NGO	Year	Donor	Amount €	Activity
<a href="#">Who Profits</a>	2015	Bread for the world/EED	6,613	BDS
<a href="#">Adalah</a>	2015	Bread for the world/EED	30,782	"replace the Jewish foundation Israel"

	2014	Bread for the world/EED	72,478	"replace the Jewish foundation Israel"
	2013	Bread for the world/EED	92,330	"replace the Jewish foundation Israel"
<u>Association for Civil Rights in Israel (ACRI)</u>	2014	Bread for the world/EED	105,727	
<u>Physicians for Human Rights-Israel (PHR-I)</u>	2014	Bread for the World/EED	126,782	Demonization "War crimes" allegations
	2013	Bread for the world/EED	175,274	Demonization; "War crimes" allegations
<u>HaMoked</u>	2014	MISEREOR	161,115	Demonization; "apartheid," "deportations," "torture," "forcible transfers"
<u>Mossawa</u>	2014	Bread for the World/EED	40,947	Demonization
	2013	Bread for the world/EED	82,323	Demonization
<u>Bimkom</u>	2014	Bread for the World/EED	21,702	Demonization; "apartheid" "forcible transfers"
<u>Zochrot</u>	2015	MISEREOR	26,334	"De-Zionized 1 State"
<u>Coalition of Women</u>	2015	Bread For The	19,447	BDS

<u>for Peace (CWP)</u>		World/EED		
	2014	Bread For The World/EED	15,955	BDS
	2013	Bread for the World/EED	27,572	BDS
<u>New Profile</u>	2014	Bread for the World/EED	41,400	Military refusal
<u>Al Haq</u>	2014	Bread for the World/EED	Unknown	Lawfare, BDS
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