

## Netherlands NGO Funding: Inconsistencies and Absence of Transparency

In 2020-2023, the Netherlands provided nearly €50 million to NGOs and civil society organizations involved in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

However, many of these groups have refused to condemn terrorist activities and actively advocate for the dissolution of Israel as a Jewish state, directly opposing the Dutch government's stance on a [negotiated two-state solution](#).

Since the October 7th atrocities, it has become increasingly evident that many NGOs and UN agencies operating in the West Bank and Gaza – and funded by the Netherlands – have failed to promote human rights and the democratic values championed by their international donors.

These organizations also engage in demonization and lawfare, including actions at the International Criminal Court (ICC), and have falsely accused Israel of genocide and “apartheid.”

**Transparency is essential for effective and targeted development cooperation.**

Rather than addressing growing concerns about the effectiveness and impact of Dutch aid programs, the Dutch government's Development Aid Portal ([www.nlontwikkelingshulp.nl](http://www.nlontwikkelingshulp.nl)) has reduced transparency. Since 2021, it has removed the names of implementing partners and other NGOs receiving Dutch funding for numerous projects in areas designated as “[Palestinian territories](#).”

- Multiple projects list implementing organization(s) under the label [No data available](#) or an ambiguous [Donor Country-Based NGO Group](#).
- Many Dutch funded projects have been outsourced to various United Nations agencies, which further erodes transparency.
- Documentation about projects is censored and listed as “**BEMO NIET BESCHIKBAAR VOOR PUBLICATIE.**”

### Examples of Dutch-funded Projects

- [Project in Palestinian administered areas](#) (2024)

Sectors: Material relief assistance and services

Budget: €2.44m

Implementing organisation(s): None specified

No public documents exist for this project

- [Project in Palestinian administered areas](#) (2024)

Sectors: Human Rights

Budget: €3 million

Implementing organisation(s): DONOR COUNTRY-BASED NGO

No public documents exist for this project

- [Project in PALESTINIAN ADMIN. AREAS](#) (2020-2025)

Sectors: Civilian peace-building, conflict prevention and resolution

Budget: €2.0m

Implementing organisation(s): Donor Country-Based Ngo Group

All documents for this project are “BEMO NIET BESCHIKBAAR VOOR PUBLICATIE”

- [Project in Ramallah](#) (2019-2022)

Sectors: Multisector aid

Budget: €5.95 m

Implementing organisation(s): UNITED NATIONS AGENCY, FUND OR COMMISSION (UN)

All documents for this project are “BEMO NIET BESCHIKBAAR VOOR PUBLICATIE”

- [Project in Ramallah](#) (2018-2023)

Sectors: Multisector aid

Budget: €17.70 m

Implementing organisation(s): UNDP

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## Conclusion

Particularly following the October 7th atrocities, the Netherlands' development policies and resulting financial and other support should consider two fundamental principles to advance a peaceful future in the region:

1. **Denial of Israel's right to exist should deem a project and/or partner/entity ineligible:**

Denying Israel's right to exist manifests in various ways, including the promotion of a so-called “one-state” formula, which, if implemented, would effectively mean the elimination of Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people. This also includes the “apartheid” libel, which is designed to delegitimize and undermine Israel's existence as a Jewish state, while promoting BDS and lawfare campaigns targeting Israelis and their supporters.

2. **The definition of “terror ties” must include all relevant examples of aid abuse by terrorist elements, with particular emphasis on affiliation with designated terrorist organizations:**

NGOs and their officials can be connected to terrorist groups in various forms, including convictions or jail time for terror-related offenses, public endorsement and glorification of terrorist entities, participation in events or delegations sponsored by designated foreign terrorist organizations, or simultaneously holding positions in both a terror group and an NGO.