YOUNG Mediterranean Water Heroes
Nature-based Solutions For a Water Secure Mediterranean

#WaterHeroes
Water as a Human Right

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INTRODUCTION: WATER CONDITIONS IN PALESTINE

In 1967, Israel occupied the West Bank and laid hands on Palestinian water resources. Thousands of Palestinians became water-dependent on Israel and have been prevented from developing their water infrastructures.

Sources: EWASH/ United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
Every year the water supply to Palestinian towns and villages in the West Bank is cut off for days – if not weeks.

Here is how much water each person in the West Bank has access to per day:

- **Israelis**: 240-300 litres
- **WHO Minimum Standard**: 100 litres
- **Palestinians in the West Bank**: 73 litres

*In Area C, under Israeli administrative and military control, 180 Palestinian communities are not connected to the water network.*

*Vulnerable Palestinian households spend up to one fifth of their salary on water.*

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AIDA REFUGEE CAMP AS AN EXAMPLE

• Established in 1950 near Bethlehem
• 6,000+ residents in a 0.66km^2 area
• ~50% under 18 years old

• Hosts refugees from 27 demolished villages in historic Palestine
AIDA REFUGEE CAMP

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THE AIDA WATER GARDEN

• Established in 2000 by a group of committed volunteers, the Lajee Cultural Center focuses on:
• Media education
• Environmental education & projects
• Musical education & traditional dancing
• Local & international summer camps
Water Testing program
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Distributing Water Tanks to Families in Aida Refugee Camp
New Team of Young Environmentalist
Develop Recreational Facilities
Rooftop Gardens
Water Cisterns for Storage and Usage
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Rain water cistern

Flood water cistern (for water purification)
‘Bidna mayyah’

‘We want water’