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**A statement issued by Human Rights and Democracy Media Center "SHAMS"**

**On the occasion of International Day for Combating Poverty**

**Poverty is an Infringement of Fundamental Human Rights**

**SHAMS** center calls the Palestinian government for setting poor peoples, their families and their conditions in their priorities, taking poor marginalized areas into consideration, implementing developmental projects, creating job opportunities, cooperating with the private sector and civil society organization so as to limit this crisis, visiting these areas to identify their needs besides establishing a bank for development and a bank for food and acknowledgement for the social responsibility of partnerships as well as increasing the budget of service ministries.

**SHAMS** center reminds that even though United Nations have great role in eradicating poverty in the framework of its project called the Millennium, but the steps of its developmental programs is still falling in the countries of the third world due to many reasons firstly the corruption and the absence of political reforms. The third world suffers from the death, hunger and disease and these are the main aspects of daily life as thousands of people die on a daily basis because of hunger. These painful facts may increase the gloominess of the scene in the third world, but even they are not enough to describe poverty in this world. Poverty and inequality are exactly the same as slavery and discrimination are social diseases.

**SHAMS** center emphasizes that keeping the occupation in the Palestinian territories, staling its resources and the Palestinian economy's dependence to the Israeli one are the main causes behind poverty in Palestine. The abused Israeli measures against Palestinians which are represented in killing, detentions, exile, destruction, confiscating lands, building settlements, extraction and burning trees, cities' blockages and isolation, building the apartheid wall and devastating the Palestinian infrastructure are all reasons and difficulties stand against the process of development in the Palestinian territories.

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**SHAMS** center demands the significance for the appropriateness of labor's market, the availability of general strategies and Palestinian authority's commitment to handle this phenomenon and the significance for efficient coordination between the different ministries which handle dealing with poverty. And to supply with the social safety for citizens to reduce their suffering in addition to create job vacancies to support the poor families particularly families which are headed by women as a priority, to empower public institutions to perfume their roles in providing services and social care, to support the development for the private sector, to set policies which aim at restricting poverty and unemployment especially in the marginalized villages and to give citizens a chance to share in monitoring the development's policies and revising its budgets. All of these are policies lead at the end to protect the poor and promote the parts of good governance.