

Al Marsad – Arab Human Rights Centre in the Golan Heights is an independent non-profit legal human rights organisation, located in Majdal Shams, in the Occupied Syrian Golan. The centre was founded in October 2003 by a group of lawyers and other professionals with backgrounds in health, education, journalism, engineering and town-planners – as well as human rights defenders and other interested community members.

We commenced our work on a voluntary basis but as time has passed we have been able to successfully attract funding from local and international resources, which has been used to support many of our projects. We are currently engaged in establishing close ties with a number of local human rights organisations in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and with international human rights organisations. We believe these relationships are indispensable to our work, especially given the rich experience these organisations have, as well as their international connections.

Al-Marsad's main goals:

- Monitor and document violations of both international human rights law and international humanitarian law committed in the Occupied Golan.
- Educate the local indigenous community regarding their rights under international law through workshops and forums.
- Increase awareness amongst the international community regarding Israel's illegal occupation of the Syrian Golan.
- Provide free pro bono legal services to the local indigenous population who have had their rights violated by the occupation

GfD background

Golan for Development of the Arab Villages (GfD) is a non-profit organisation founded in 1991 in the occupied Golan Heights. GfD works on health, agriculture, education and environment. Its activity targets the Arab population that remained in the Golan after its occupation by the Israeli forces in the 1967 Arab-Isaeli War.

The Vision of GfD can be summarised as the following

- To built self-reliant and democratic modern society in the Golan as
- Promote integrated and sustainable developmental institutions.
- Encouraging young leadership with improved management capabilities, enthusiasm and experience to take an active role in steering these institutions.

Ownership to Occupation: The Forced Evictions and Internal Displacement of the People of the Syrian Golan

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