

## HIRNUK

The project is based in Palestine and is supported by West Wiltshire & East Somerset Area Meeting and Gloucestershire Area Meeting.

HIRN works with Palestinian communities by relieving the resultant deprivation and suffering caused by the Israeli occupation. The project provides essential school transport for Palestinian children in Umm al Khair - a Bedouin community in Area C of the West Bank, under Israeli occupation.

The school bus meant that three children have attended kindergarten this year, and 22 girls could attend secondary school regularly, arriving on time and able to participate in the daily morning activities. The driver had a steady source of income throughout the pandemic during school closures, which has allowed him to stay in the village rather than need to migrate to a city. It also ensured that the children could resume schooling promptly each time the schools reopened. The bus service will be funded from the grant for a further year.

