



## Human Rights Centre Clinic

### **Reporting to UN Special Procedures on Health and Water Issues in Occupied Palestine**

Project Partner: Al Haq

#### **Project Overview:**

[Al-Haq](#) is an independent Palestinian non-governmental human rights organisation established in 1979 to protect and promote human rights and the rule of law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (OPT). Al-Haq documents violations of the individual and collective rights of Palestinians in the OPT, irrespective of the identity of the perpetrator, and seeks to end such breaches by way of advocacy before national and international mechanisms and by holding the violators accountable.

Al-Haq's vision is to see the rule of law and standards of international human rights and humanitarian law implemented and adhered to, so that Palestinians can enjoy equal treatment with respect to their human dignity, free from occupation and with the full realisation of their right to self-determination.

To this end, Al-Haq regularly carries out advocacy before the United Nations (UN). As a component of this advocacy, we make submissions to relevant special procedures of the UN Human Rights Council regarding human rights violations taking place in the OPT. Throughout the academic year 2014-2015, it would be beneficial to Al-Haq to have a team at the University of Essex Human Rights Clinic make two submissions to the special procedures regarding violations of human rights in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip.

#### **Proposed Special Procedures:**

- Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health (focusing specifically on access to health in East Jerusalem)
- Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance (focusing on differential access to water resources vis-à-vis Israeli settlers and Palestinian residents in the West Bank)

## Project Outline:

Phase One: (November – December):

- Read a selection of Al-Haq’s publications and become familiar with organisational language and messaging;
- Study the general criteria for a submission to the special procedures and identify the specific requirements of a submission to the above-mentioned special procedures (i.e. do they have a template questionnaire or another format requirement);
- Read previous submissions made to the above-mentioned special procedures by other credible human rights organisations;
- Identify steps that may need to be taken e.g. the gathering of field information additional to that already available on Al-Haq’s website;
- Develop an outline for each submission.

Phase Two: (January-June)

- Draft the submissions to the Special Procedures with input from both Al-Haq and the Clinic supervisor;
- Undertake a review process between students, Al-Haq and Clinic supervisors;
- Finalise and submitted the submission.

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