

## **HIRNUK**

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

HIRN works with Palestinian communities by relieving the resultant deprivation and suffering caused by the Israeli occupation. Over the last 7 years HIRN projects have included the provision of entire schools, supplementing the equipment or facilities of schools (often in isolated rural locations), providing or upgrading several kindergartens, an agricultural project to bring cash earnings to a rural community, solar panels to bring electricity to off-grid communities.

This project will provide essential school transport for Palestinian children in Umm al Khair - a Bedouin community in Area C of the West Bank, under Israeli occupation. A girls' school has been built in the area and 22 girls from Umm al Khair attend - aged from kindergarten to 18. However, the children have a long, arduous walk to school over rough countryside, especially in winter and the risk of violence and harassment by Israeli military and settlers is a significant concern.

