Twenty-two people with visual impairment from different parts of the west bank participated in the third workshop aiming at building participants’ capacities to assume a leading role in society and advocate their rights.

The workshop, organized by BASR and supported by the Finnish Federation of the visually impaired, covered the following topics:

- The Palestinian Law No. 4/99 on the rights of persons with disabilities and the need to “link” them with the reality experienced by persons with disabilities.

- Introduction to the UNCRPD in terms of concept and principles

After long discussions the participants suggested the establishment of a General Federation of
Persons with Disabilities. The Federation, set to be run by people with disabilities, would address the disability issue from the human rights perspective.