



Concluding Statement for our Call for Donations: Rani Burnat needs a "new" electric Wheelchair

During the two-week campaign in Germany, it was possible for us to collect donations totalling € 7.500, for Rani Burnat! In addition to the € 1.500 which were previously collected in Israel, we have been able to raise a total sum of € 9.000. Thus we have far exceeded the originally targeted amount of € 3.500 for the purchase of a "new" used electric wheelchair, which Rani Burnat estimated would be the cost. We are overwhelmed and overjoyed for Rani Burnat!

Many thanks to all Comrades-In-Arms, Supporters And Friends!

It is true, the considerable amount achieved is still not enough to purchase a brand new electric wheelchair, which would, whether in this country or Palestine, cost € 11.500, and according to the estimate of insurance companies in this country would last for ten to fifteen years. Nonetheless we have every reason to be happy! The collected donations will enable Rani Burnat to acquire a wheelchair which will function much better, be more comfortable and above all will be much more robust than the previous ones, which constantly were in need of repair, spare parts and which after three years were completely worn out and in need of replacement.

With your donation, a major step has been taken toward the realization of human rights in a precedent case. The Disability Rights Convention (2008) is anchored in international law. It was fought for by the League and its umbrella organization FIDH. As a core element, it secures for people with disabilities full and equal participation in all facets of political, social, economic and cultural life as a basic and fundamental human right! Because rights of the disabled are human rights!

The access to necessary equipment as well as to any resources required in order to exercise these fundamental human rights must be guaranteed by the state to each and every person with a disability - this is the political demand of all human rights organizations worldwide.

Rani Burnat's case sets a precedent for all people with disabilities in the Israeli-occupied territories of Palestine who have to fend for themselves.