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Kherieh Rassas is the Former Personal Advisor to Palestinian Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah with whom has been working closely since 2005, and is also Vice President for International Development and External Affairs at An-Najah National University, Palestine. Due to the diversity of her academic background (Optometry and Law) Kherieh also serves as a member of several committees within the University and other local, regional and international organizations. Kherieh attended a private school in Jerusalem and due to her excellence, she was granted a full French Government scholarship to complete her first degree of Optometry in France. She later on pursued her postgraduate studies in Optometry and visual science in South Africa and the UK. In addition to that, Kherieh completed a Law Degree in Israel. Kherieh practiced Optometry as a Practitioner as well as a University Professor in various locations, also worked as an External Relations Officer for a USAID Project. Kherieh contributed to founding the Faculty of Optometry at An-Najah National University where she became the Dean and also had established the international office and eventually became a Vice President in 2007. In 2012, Kherieh established the Public Health and Human Rights Centre at An-Najah University. Within the role in the Prime Minister office, Kherieh introduced new legislations and managed to get cabinet endorsement and a Presidential Decree for the new laws: Public Health Law, Bioequivalence Law, Organ Transplant law, Medical Malpractice and Safety Law, Autism and Special needs law, Women's civil rights law amendments Kherieh is fluent in Arabic, Hebrew, English and French. Very proactive and dynamic in the work place and a strong passion to socialize with people Kherieh is a mother for three daughters and a son.