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Palestine's strategies and various plans emphasize the necessity of localizing governance philosophies. However, the Fragile States Index report 2022's assessment does not reflect a remarkable progress for Palestine in this regard. The most likely alternatives to bring about a real result are:

First: An unexpected change in the highly complex environment of division. This could happen after efforts aiming at achieving a real breakthrough in reconciliation through an agreement that incorporates transitional justice mechanisms, taking into account the philosophy of governance (which goes beyond political, security, and economic sharing). Such change also needs economic reforms, as recommended by World Bank reports, and rehabilitating and activating national institutions based on democratic grounds by designing them in a way that prevents interest groups from controlling them.

Second: A real dissipation of Palestinian's political fears. This could happen with a real empowerment of the Palestinians so that they can control the main reform criteria, most prominently providing a supportive environment for reform and providing reliable political capital, especially considering the Israeli threats and practices that hinder any reform process.

Third: Improving the flow of information. There are still great challenges at the level of access to information. Not publishing data periodically stands in the way of interested persons and researchers' providing analysis and policy recommendations that would restore the governance system in a timely manner.

Working to solve any problem by developing appropriate plans requires sufficient information about the size of the problem and its causes. Lack of information about the problem makes its solution impossible, not mentioning when its existence itself becomes a matter of controversy, as the official authorities usually claim that it does not exist or hide it.