

ANERA in the West Bank (August 2009)

IN BRIEF

ANERA launched its humanitarian aid work in early 1968, soon after the West Bank was occupied by Israel and detached from Jordan. In the 1970s ANERA shifted from crisis relief needs for Palestinian refugees to job creation and sustainable development projects for all needy West Bank communities affected by the crisis.

ANERA works on agriculture and rural development, water and sanitation, job creation, health, and education. Thirty-four staff design and implement projects from the Jerusalem headquarters and branch offices in Hebron, Jenin, Nablus and Ramallah.



“The construction of this kindergarten has helped these young children immensely, since traveling to another village is costly and difficult.”

– Jamalata, Principal of new school



“We can now offer higher-quality medical treatment to a greater number of patients, thanks to the new health care training and the medical clinic equipment.”

– Dr Hisham, runs renovated clinic in Beit Awwa

PROGRAMS

Agriculture Development

Constructed 42 new greenhouses and rehabilitated older greenhouses for 58 farmers, in partnership with West Bank cooperatives. The project has produced new crops of cherry tomatoes, cucumbers and snow peas.

Water Management

Provided more than 700,000 people access to improved drinking water. ANERA will spend the next five years building increased access to drinkable water, sanitation systems and educational facilities, through a \$50 million USAID Grant awarded in 2008. The network will service more than 70 Palestinian communities.

Public Health

Ensured the quality of fortified Palestinian wheat flour through Micronutrient programs, which also promote the importance of nutrients and persuade other food industries to introduce fortified products. Improved water systems and sanitation conditions at 13 hospitals and clinics.

I.T. Training

Sponsored the creation of four IT Center of Excellence in the West Bank to offer world-class facilities and professional training programs for Palestinian youth. More than 4,000 students have benefited since 2002. The centers have fostered more than 150 IT projects and 200 IT specialty workshops.

WITH INCREASED DONOR SUPPORT

ANERA PLANS TO

- expand water, sewage and irrigation systems
- expand I.T. center capabilities to train more computer technicians and build digital education services
- repair preschools and medical clinics
- build more hospitals, clinics, schools and libraries