

GAZA

PICKING UP THE PIECES

One year ago, Gaza suffered 22 days of bombing. Many families lost their homes, schools, shops, farmland, and access to food and medicine. Some lost their loved ones. Since the bombing stopped in January 2009, people have literally been picking up the pieces. And ANERA has been there with them.



GAZA, ONE YEAR LATER...

Access is still denied for reconstruction materials, including cement, irrigation pipes and glass for windows. Gaza residents can't rebuild.

33% of farmland remains damaged and destroyed (*Agricultural Development Association*).

About 10% of children under five suffer from malnutrition (*World Food Program*).

Over 80% of Gaza residents depend on humanitarian food aid to survive (*United Nations [UN]*).

More than 120,000 jobs have been lost in the private sector (*UN*), Gaza's entire industrial zone has been either demolished or crippled.

At least 10,000 Gaza residents remain without access to the water network (*UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs*).

Many families who were living in tents have been moved to temporary indoor shelters for the winter. Thousands remain in tents.

Where the bombs missed, poverty, malnutrition, loss of family members and depression remain.

ANERA'S WORK IN GAZA, SINCE JANUARY 2009...

Rehabilitated 12 preschools using materials (doors, toilets, sinks etc) recycled from the war destruction.

Cleared plastic waste from hundreds of acres of farmland, readying it for cultivation and employing 30 workers.

Provided vitamin-fortified milk and biscuits through our Milk for Preschoolers program to approximately 20,000 children in over 150 schools.

Distributed

- \$9 million in medicines, health care supplies, blankets, school kits, kitchen sets, hearing aids and equipment
- \$1.62 million in food packets to Gaza families
- 11,000 personal hygiene kits (worth \$600,000)

Provided 450 families each with 10 hens and a rooster for egg-harvesting and income-generation.

Connected more than 400 families in Jabalia, Khan Younis and Deir-El Balah to water networks.

Delivered 900 pairs of shoes and 600 backpacks to children who lost their homes and belongings during the bombings.

Provided professional psychosocial assistance, aimed at reducing the effects of war, for 6,500 children and 1,500 parents.

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