

ANERA in Lebanon (July 2010)

IN BRIEF

Since the 1980s, ANERA has been helping Lebanese and Palestinian refugee communities address urgent relief needs and achieve long-term development priorities. In 2006, we opened a representative office in Beirut to expand our programs.

ANERA partners with local organizations to better address the health and welfare of vulnerable communities and support community services. ANERA also supports job creation, vocational training, and lifelong learning.



“ My late husband, Mazen, had a strong desire to improve the lives of the children in the refugee camps in some way. My son and I felt a playground in his honor was the perfect tribute to him — and thanks to ANERA’s support and hard work, we were able to make it happen.”

– Mary Lou Afifi , an ANERA donor

PHOTO: In Nahr El Bared Refugee Camp in northern Lebanon, a youngster enjoys a new swing set in a park established by ANERA with funds from the Afifi family.

PROGRAMS

The Creative Health Campaign encourages positive health practices through interactive educational materials, fun events and capacity building of activists working with 80 grassroots organizations. The campaign reaches more than 100,000 people living in poor Lebanese communities and Palestinian camps and gatherings (unofficial Palestinian camps).

The In-Kind Medical Program delivers millions of dollars of donated health care supplies and medicine to Lebanese and Palestinian health care providers. The program also raises awareness about the rational use of medicine and trains health and social workers involved in dispensation of medicine.

At Nahr El Bared Refugee Camp, the Vocational Training for Youth project is improving vocational educational opportunities by rehabilitating, equipping and providing technical support to vocational training schools in the camp, which was destroyed by fighting in 2007.

The DHIAFEE Program (www.dhiafeeprogram.org) helps increase economic opportunities through the hospitality business.

The DHIAFEE Program promotes responsible tourism and creates sustainable income-generating opportunities for families and owners of small lodging facilities and B&Bs in rural areas.

The Children’s Parks and Playgrounds Initiative creates safe and happy places for children to play in camps and poor and disadvantaged areas. ANERA also supports non-formal education activities to promote life-long learning, Palestinian culture, and children’s well-being.

WITH INCREASED DONOR SUPPORT

ANERA PLANS TO

- Expand mother-child health education
- Expand the vocational training program in marginalized Lebanese communities and Palestinian camps
- Expand basic infrastructure and community spaces in Palestinian/ Lebanese gatherings in southern Lebanon

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