

ANERA in the West Bank (January 2012)

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. A staff of 40 design and implement projects from the Jerusalem headquarters and branch offices in Hebron, Jenin, Nablus and Ramallah. We also maintain a warehouse in Beitin.

PROGRAMS

Water and Sanitation

Through a multi-year, \$60+ million USAID grant, ANERA has increased access to potable water supplies in more than 70 Palestinian communities; improved sanitation systems in more than 30 communities; constructed or rehabilitated 270 classrooms; health and public-access facilities; and connected more than one million people to clean and regular public water sources.

Early Childhood Development

In coordination with the Ministry of Education, ANERA is developing a national Early Childhood Development initiative that stresses child-focused learning and developmental play and preschool teacher training to upgrade the quality of child development.

Agriculture Development

For decades, ANERA has worked to advance the health of family farms with services that range from assisting in the provision of machinery, such as tractors and olive presses, to the construction of market access roads as well as irrigation and rainwater harvesting systems.

Delivering Medicines and Health Care Supplies

ANERA delivers millions of dollars of donated health care supplies and medicine to health care providers every year. In 2011 alone, through more than 100 partners in the West Bank and Gaza, ANERA was able to make vital supplies available to more than 250,000 patients.

Health Education

ANERA partnered with Al Quds and Johns Hopkins universities in 2011 to conduct bi-weekly videoconference sessions so Palestinian doctors and medical experts could have access to the most recent medical developments. Themes ranged from advances in diagnoses of common conditions to medical and surgical treatments for advanced illnesses.

I.T. Training

ANERA has overseen 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 benefitted since 2002. Thanks to another generous donation 2011, ANERA is building an engineering school at Al Quds University.



“Medicine requires sacrifice, dedication and hard work. One must never stop learning. I leave my clinic and my responsibilities just to attend the telemedicine classes, because they are very beneficial and offer up-to-date information.”

– Dr. Burhan Sammar, who travels from his practice in Jenin twice a month to attend ANERA’s telemedicine class in Ramallah

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

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