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AND RELIEF PROGRAM

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✿ ANERA seeks to improve the lives of people in rural and urban communities in the Middle East by improving primary health care services and providing medical equipment and supplies to clinics and hospitals that serve disadvantaged families. ANERA supports projects that strengthen the financial base and service capabilities of key institutions, including a wide range of public and private sector institutions that operate health care facilities. Through a combination of medical in-kind donations, financial support, technical assistance and capacity building, ANERA has made these valued partners more self-sustaining and created a lasting positive impact on public health in the West Bank, Gaza, Jordan and Lebanon.



Philip Davies

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

ANERA helps upgrade and refurbish clinics and hospitals and improve health care services to the poorest, most disadvantaged communities. It strengthens public health programs and institutions serving the handicapped and disabled. ANERA provides technical guidance, cash grants, as well as medical supplies that support their operations and offset financial burdens.

Dar al-Ajaza Hospital is an 800-bed specialty hospital in Beirut serving thousands of geriatric patients and persons with severe mental and physical disabilities. The hospital is a training facility in psychiatry for medical students. ANERA helped the hospital modernize and upgrade the laundry, central kitchen, electrical systems, elevators, and water supply.



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MOTHER-CHILD HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROJECT

ANERA promotes positive household and community health and nutrition practices.

ANERA is a partner in the Hanan Project, a three year USAID-funded project in the West Bank and Gaza, to improve access of women of reproductive age and children under five to quality maternal and child health and nutrition services. The project now includes an emergency

response component for medical equipment and supplies, as well as advanced life support training in obstetrics and neo-natal resuscitation.



CREATIVE HEALTH CAMPAIGN

ANERA promotes best practices and behaviors that protect the health of mothers and children, including selecting food that is both healthy and affordable.

In Lebanon, the Creative Health Campaign is designed to be fun and educational. Activities include parades of children dressed as healthy foods (strawberries, bananas, grapes). Displays and samples of healthy

foods are exhibited at outdoor markets. Educational cards are distributed to encourage breastfeeding. Booklets describe home-based rehydration therapy. Older women share traditional recipes in cooking classes. Theater performances, art displays, and music are all part of the campaign.



MILK FOR PRESCHOOLERS

ANERA helps preschoolers in Gaza develop healthy minds and bodies.

ANERA initiated the Milk for Preschoolers Program in 2003 when it discovered children were suffering from anemia, vitamin A deficiency, and acute and chronic malnutrition. Many were at risk of irreversible physical and neurological damage. With a grant from the State of Qatar, the program now provides 20,000

children in 150 preschools with a box of milk and a packet of fortified wafers. Teachers in the program use puppet theaters and storytelling to create lessons emphasizing good health habits. They also educate mothers about how to provide nutritious meals on a low budget.



Meredith Wimmer

PHARMACEUTICAL AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES

ANERA helps health care systems in the Palestinian territories, Lebanon, and Jordan that face critical shortages of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies.

ANERA's Medical In-Kind and Relief Program delivers medical supplies, pharmaceuticals, and nutritional supplements to hospitals and clinics. In emergencies, ANERA sends hygiene kits and special

shipments of medicines. Donations include antibiotics, medications to treat chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and high cholesterol, and nutritional supplements. Medical supplies include IV sets, syringes, bandages, gloves, and baby care and hygiene products. The medicines and supplies benefit ever-growing numbers of disadvantaged women and children and low-income families in need of health care.



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EMERGENCY RELIEF

ANERA responds quickly to humanitarian crises in the region. It provides emergency relief in the form of cash grants and donations of food, pharmaceuticals, and medical supplies.

ANERA served hot meals and delivered hygiene kits and urgently needed medical supplies to displaced Lebanese during last summer's war and again during the recent fighting in

North Lebanon. Air and sea shipments valued at millions of dollars were organized in cooperation with US donors, notably AmeriCares. In coordination with our Lebanese NGO partners and Mercy Corps, ANERA delivered supplies and life saving medicine to needy families.



PSYCHO-SOCIAL PROJECT

ANERA aims to reduce the impact of conflict on children in the West Bank and Gaza through the provision of psycho-social programs and services.

ANERA helps children deal with conflict in a non-violent manner through an innovative and unique project funded by the Canadian government. The project initiates a community-based counseling program for children and their families, and

works to reduce the stigma associated with mental disorders. Local non-governmental organizations provide programs that engage children in drama and art. This is one small way ANERA is helping improve the prospects for peace.



PRIVATE CONTRIBUTORS

Private contributions support ANERA's growing medical and relief in-kind program. Contributors range from individuals to faith-based groups and foundations. The Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) in Dearborn, Michigan has organized successful fundraising events for both Lebanon and Gaza. On numerous occasions, the National Arab-American Medical Association

(NAAMA) has done so for the West Bank and Gaza. The Welfare Association has been a faithful supporter. Private contributors cover port and customs charges for shipments, which is vital to the continuation of the program. They also help defray the cost of monitoring, evaluation and warehouses necessary to operate the program successfully.



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GIFT IN-KIND DONORS

ANERA's medical and relief program is made possible by many generous donors of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies.

In recent years, ANERA's Medical In-Kind Program has grown dramatically. Whether measured in terms of the number of shipments or value, the program has reached new heights. In fiscal year 2007, ANERA handled 48 air and sea shipments

valued at \$43 million. AmeriCares is the major donor. Catholic Medical Mission Board and LDS Charities are also major donors. This program would not be possible without the support of these generous donors. Product donations benefited thousands of disadvantaged patients in hundreds of clinics and hospitals in the West Bank, Gaza, Jordan, and Lebanon.



Albino Wright

ANERA CAPABILITIES

ANERA has unique capabilities and an excellent track record of accomplishment.

ANERA receives medical in-kind donations duty free and tax free. With years of experience, it has the capability and infrastructure to carry out a wide range of health and relief activities. In the West Bank and Gaza, ANERA has experienced staff including pharmacists, field offices in key locations, and warehouses

ready to inventory and distribute donations. Clinics and hospitals receive medical supplies and pharmaceuticals quickly and efficiently. ANERA screens recipient institutions and tracks shipments, providing status reports to donors and partners. In Lebanon ANERA works with the YMCA-Lebanon and the Health Care Society, while in Jordan ANERA works with the Ministry of Health to process shipments.



DONATED SUPPLIES LIFE CYCLE

- 1 CIRCULATE NEEDS LISTS TO MEDICAL SUPPLY DONORS.
- 2 REVIEW LIST OF PROPOSED DONATIONS.
- 3 SECURE MINISTRY OF HEALTH APPROVAL.
- 4 SEND DONATIONS BY AIR OR SEA.
- 5 EXPEDITE PORT AND CUSTOMS CLEARANCE.
- 6 INVENTORY SHIPMENT AT WAREHOUSE.
- 7 DISTRIBUTE PRODUCTS TO BENEFICIARIES.
- 8 CONDUCT FOLLOW-UP VISITS WITH RECIPIENTS.
- 9 PREPARE FINAL REPORT TO DONORS.

