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Successful ANERA partnerships, clockwise: Dr. Peter Gubser, ANERA President, opens the new Red Crescent Maternity Wing in Jerusalem; ANERA Middle East Deputy Representative Ibrahim Matar talks with a farmer from the Wadi Fukin Agricultural Cooperative outside Bethlehem; Dr. Gubser greets doctors from the Arab Health Center in Jerusalem.

## NEW PARTNERSHIPS ANERA Projects 1995-1996

After more than a quarter century of violence and distrust among the peoples and leaders of the Middle East, a hopeful spirit of partnership has emerged over the past year. During this time, ANERA also began several exciting and innovative partnerships, involving both funders and beneficiaries of our projects. These partnerships have allowed us to broaden the scope of our economic and social development projects, while retaining a steadfast commitment to the fundamental health and prosperity of the people we serve.

On the funding side, ANERA's valued partners remain the individual, corporate and foundation contributors from across the United States and

around the world. In addition, we proudly work with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), International Service Agencies, AMERICARES, the Pearl Buck Foundation, American Jewish World Service, the Japanese Volunteer Committee, the Society for Austro-Arab Relations, the Foundation for Middle East Peace, the Ryan Family Foundation, Philanthropic Ventures, and others.

ANERA's other important partners are the Palestinian and Lebanese organizations from all over the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Lebanon with whom we

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## Middle East Tours

In the past year, many of our supporters have visited ANERA's Middle East offices in Jerusalem and Gaza, both individually or as part of tours. With advance notice, our staff has gladly provided opportunities for field visits to ANERA projects in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and has talked to groups about current issues. If you are planning to travel to the region, and would like to visit ANERA and our projects, please call us. If you would like to participate in an educational tour to the region, but do not know how, here are several other ways of doing so.

- Long-time ANERA Board Member, Don Kruse, a retired foreign service officer who served as Consul at the American Consulate in Jerusalem, is leading a 2-week pilgrimage to Palestine and Israel this summer for the National Presbyterian Church, in partnership with Pax World Friendship Tour Program. This tour, open to all, is a spiritual pilgrimage which also incorporates contemporary political issues. Most days are spent visiting holy sites and meeting members of Palestinian Christian communities. In the evening,

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work. This list is extensive and includes joint projects in community and economic development, agriculture, education, health services and in-kind pharmaceutical donations.

In fiscal year 1995, (extending from June 1, 1994 through May 31, 1995), ANERA and its AMER Medical Division gave development assistance and relief aid totaling \$2,230,242 to the following:

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**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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**• Grassroots Service Projects and Agricultural Projects: Irrigation, Mechanization, Credit, and Produce Processing and Marketing**

Partial funding to establish mechanized units and irrigation systems, revolving loan funds to assist Palestinian farmers to generate employment and improve their farms, facilities to process and market produce, mother/child health care, food for the needy, literacy programs, vocational training for women, and job creation. These projects are with Al-Azhar University (Gaza), the Agricultural Department of the Palestine National Authority (Gaza), the Association for the Development of Palestinian Camps (Beirut, Lebanon), Beekeepers' Association (Gaza), Beit-Lahia Agricultural Cooperative (West Bank), Hebron Agricultural Cooperative (WB), Jericho Agricultural Cooperative (WB), Jericho Livestock Cooperative (WB), Khan Younis Agricultural Cooperative (Gaza), Tulkarem Agricultural Cooperative (WB), Women's Revolving Loan Fund (Gaza), and the Workshops for the Blind (WB). **\$410,500**

**• Urban Economic Projects**

Construction of wholesale and retail fruit and vegetable markets, light industrial complexes and slaughterhouses as well as creating the management capabilities for the facilities. The projects are with the municipalities of Anabta (West Bank), Gaza City (Gaza), Jericho (WB) and Ramallah

(WB), as well as the Gaza Chamber of Commerce (Gaza). **\$552,440**

**TOTAL COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT \$962,938**

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**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

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Provision of training and consultants in agriculture, job creation, credit, health and education. **\$326,676**

**TOTAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE \$326,676**

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**EDUCATION**

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**• Child Scholarships**

Scholarships for orphaned, destitute and handicapped children. Atfaluna Center for Deaf Children (Gaza), Dar El-Tifl (Jerusalem), Al-Kafa'at Rehabilitation Institute (Beirut, Lebanon), Rawdat El-Zuhur (Jerusalem), Society for the Care of the Handicapped, (Gaza). **\$122,090**

**• Youth Programs, Schools and Universities**

Sports and educational equipment, expertise, and books for educational institutions. BirZeit University (West Bank), seventy-two Gaza schools, (Gaza), Hebron University (WB), Israel Palestine Center for Research and Information (Jerusalem), Mercy Association for Children (Gaza), and the Palestinian Youth Union (WB). **\$142,390**

**TOTAL EDUCATION \$264,480**

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**HEALTH SERVICES**

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**• Clinics and Health Training**

Partial assistance for upgrading clinics' ability to deliver health services. Jerusalem Princess Basma Center for Disabled Children (Jerusalem, West Bank), Department of Health of the Palestine National Authority (Gaza),

Society of Physically Handicapped People (Gaza), Spafford Children's Center (Jerusalem, WB), and Tulkarem Red Crescent Society (WB). **\$32,500**

**TOTAL HEALTH SERVICES \$32,500**

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**IN-KIND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS**

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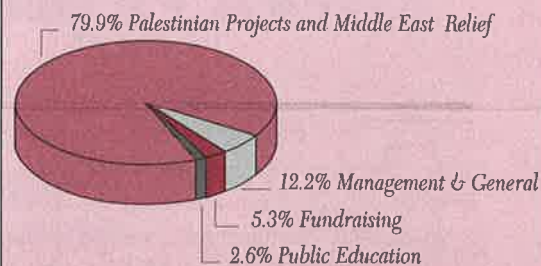
Medicines and supplies for hospitals and clinics. American University Hospital (Beirut, Lebanon), Anglican Hospitals (St. Johns in Jerusalem, Ahli Arabi in Gaza, St. Luke's in Nablus), and Hebron Patient's Friends Hospital (WB). **\$643,648**

**TOTAL IN-KIND \$643,648**

**TOTAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF AID \$2,230,242**

*ANERA's most recent annual report and audited financial statement is available upon request*

**Total Expenditures For FY95: \$3,590,224**



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Members of the 1995 Pax World Service tour group in front of the walls of Jerusalem's old city.

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meetings are set up with Palestinian and Israeli leaders. It will include opportunities to visit ANERA programs.

✈ *This Holy Land Pilgrimage runs from June 23 to July 6, 1996. The cost is approximately \$2,700 (2 meals, all hotels and travel). If you are interested, please contact Don Kruse directly at (703) 242-0854.*

• Given sufficient interest, Mr. Kruse is also available to lead a regional tour with a more secular focus. Such a tour, managed by Pax World, would include opportunities to visit area leaders, ANERA projects, as well as other countries in the region. If you, your church or civic association are interested in organizing a tour to the Middle East with a focus on current issues, Pax

World specializes in facilitating such educational travel opportunities.

✈ *Please contact: Pax World Friendship Tour Program, Laura Upham, Tour Director, (202) 293-7290.*

• If you or your group have already made plans to be in the area, the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC) office in Jerusalem can arrange meetings or visits for small or large groups, either church-connected or secular.

✈ *For further information, contact John Worrell, U.S. liaison of the MECC in the Brimfield, MA office at (413) 245-7412, or contact the Jerusalem office directly at 011-972-2-284-493.*

We hope you can take advantage of these trips, which will illustrate the depth of ANERA's work and the challenges we face together in the region. ■



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...to our donors who have recently made gifts of appreciated stock to ANERA. These gifts are invaluable to our work and have major tax advantages. Such gifts can be arranged by check or direct transfer. Please contact Nina Dodge, Director, Major Gifts, for further details.

**David Payne**, ANERA's Assistant Accountant from February 1994 to April 1995, passed away at the age of 30 on September 29, 1995 after a lengthy battle against cancer. Dave's perseverance, kindness, strength of character, and unwavering spirit was an inspiration to us all. He is survived by his family and friends in the United States and Panama.



### YES, I want to help ANERA's projects in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Lebanon

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  - Gaza/West Bank Fund
  - Lebanon Relief
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      - Palestinian child
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      - School where need is greatest
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## Henry O. Selz, 1923-1995

**Henry O. Selz**, ANERA's Middle East Representative from 1976 through 1985, passed away on October 10, 1995. Based in our Jerusalem office, he directed ANERA's development and relief programs in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria. He was 72 and lived in Fairhaven, Massachusetts.

"For those who knew him, Mr. Selz will be remembered for his strong principles, deep knowledge of development, dry wit, and his devotion to empowering people around the world so that they may acquire greater self-determination and improve the conditions in which they live," said Dr. Peter Gubser, ANERA's President.

A Quaker, Mr. Selz's international career began when he left college during World War II to volunteer as an ambulance driver with the American Field Service in North Africa. Since that time, Mr. Selz served with various organizations working to improve the lives of people throughout the world. During his nine years in Jerusalem, he helped create ANERA's assistance program, and made a lasting difference in the lives of those he served. He is missed.

### **HENRY O. SELZ MEMORIAL FUND**

ANERA has received a generous grant from Mr. Paul Thomas to be used to begin a memorial fund in honor of Henry Selz's life and work. ANERA will administer the funds in the West Bank to continue to create, as Henry often stated, "peace as practicable." We invite friends of Henry Selz to join in his legacy.

### **ANERA has recently received gifts in honor of :**

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