



FISCAL YEAR 1976

A GOOD YEAR FOR ANERA BUT AN ANXIOUS YEAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST

With the conclusion of fiscal year 1976 (July 1, 1975—June 30, 1976), ANERA witnessed another successful year of program activity in the Middle East. But the past year also witnessed a significant increase in tension and open hostility in the region.

Both emotionally and economically, fiscal year 1976 has been an anxious year especially for the people in the Occupied Territories and in Lebanon. ANERA-assisted programs experienced stinging blows due to the violence in Lebanon and the ever-increasing inflation and hostility in the Occupied Territories.

During the past year, ANERA gave a total of \$547,543 in cash and \$69,443 in medical supplies. ANERA's grants in cash and in kind focused on emergency relief efforts in Lebanon and on vocational training programs for Palestinians in the Occupied Territories.

Attention was given to the war in Lebanon in ANERA's Newsletter No. 37, January-March, 1976. At the present time, Lebanon is still far from peace and reliable information about the situation is difficult to gather. Until a meaningful ceasefire is declared and reliable information can be obtained, it is difficult to assess the damage and begin reconstruction of ANERA-assisted programs in Lebanon. ANERA is still accepting donations for relief efforts and will keep Newsletter readers informed as further information becomes available.

During fiscal year 1976, a special grant from the Agency for International Development made it possible for ANERA to give particular attention to strengthening vocational training programs serving the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Vocational training is especially important to the Palestinians to qualify for employment and earn the income necessary for them to support themselves and their families.

ANERA emphasized 10 institutions, training over 800 Palestinians in the Occupied Territories. ANERA grants enabled these institutions to purchase equipment (which will also benefit future generations of trainees), pay the salaries and wages of employees (who are largely Palestinians themselves), and to purchase food, clothing, medical care, and materials for the trainees.

***ANERA is a non-profit, charitable organization which seeks to increase total assistance in cash and kind from American sources to Palestinian refugees and other needy individuals in the Arab World; to be responsive in crises affecting civilian populations in the area, particularly displacement and casualties caused by war; and to increase American understanding of the Palestinian refugee problem.**



A young refugee learns to work with leather on a sewing machine provided by a donation from ANERA to the East Jerusalem YMCA. The YMCA runs a vocational training center adjacent to Aqabet Jabr Refugee Camp near Jericho on the West Bank. At the center 100 young men are taught carpentry, blacksmithery, upholstery, painting, whitewashing and varnishing, leather work, commercial laundry and ironing, and building maintenance (the principles of electrical installation, central heating, plumbing, and sanitation).



The Al Bir Society was founded in 1952 and provides food, clothing, lodging, medical care, and education and vocational training. The students of the Al Bir Society are orphaned, destitute, and physically handicapped Palestinian young people. As part of their training in carpentry, these boys are learning to use a band saw machine purchased with funds donated by ANERA.

ANERA GRANTS, FISCAL YEAR 1976

1. EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Elementary & Secondary Schools/Orphanages:		
Dar Al-Awlad Jerusalem, West Bank	education, food, clothing, & shelter for orphaned & destitute Palestinian children	\$ 2,000
Gaza College Gaza Strip	scholarships to needy Palestinian refugees for secondary education	\$ 3,000
Jeel Al-Amal Bethany, West Bank	education, food, clothing, & shelter for orphaned & destitute Palestinian children	\$ 2,000
Rawdat El-Zuhur Jerusalem, West Bank	elementary education & health care for destitute Palestinian children	\$ 2,500
United Nations Relief and Works Agency Karameh, Jordan	scholarship to Palestinian refugee children for elementary education	\$10,820
Vocational Training Programs:		
Al-Bir Society Jericho, West Bank	equipment & training for Palestinian refugees in carpentry, blacksmithery, upholstery, painting, leather work, sewing, commercial laundering, & literacy program	\$39,760
Arab Women's Union Bethlehem, West Bank	equipment & training for Palestinian refugees in traditional arts such as painting & sculpting in olive wood, stone, marble, mother-of-pearl	\$15,920
Arab Women's Union Jerusalem, West Bank	equipment & training for Palestinian women in sewing & embroidery	\$50,030
East Jerusalem YMCA Vocational Training Center Jericho, West Bank	equipment & training for Palestinian refugees in carpentry, blacksmithery, upholstery, painting, leather work, commercial laundering, & building maintenance	\$95,678
Four Homes of Mercy Bethany, West Bank	equipment & training for Palestinian women & men in practical nursing	\$75,890
Industrial Islamic Orphanage Jerusalem, West Bank	food, clothing, shelter, medical care, general academic education & vocational training in carpentry, painting, printing, book binding, rattan furniture construction, upholstery, tailoring, & shoemaking for Palestinian orphans	\$57,300
Near East Council of Churches Vocational Training Center Gaza, Gaza Strip	equipment & training for Palestinian refugees in carpentry, furniture construction, metal-work, welding, upholstery, sewing, knitting, & secretarial skills	\$23,400
St. Luke's Evangelical Hospital Nablus, West Bank	equipment & training for Palestinian men & women in practical nursing	\$39,720
Salesian Technical School Bethlehem, West Bank	equipment & training for Palestinian refugees as mechanics, electricians, tailors, carpenters, & technical artists	\$91,000
United Nations Relief and Works Agency Occupied Territories, Jordan, and Syria	scholarships to Palestinian men & women for vocational training in teaching, general & auto mechanics, construction, & business administration	\$ 7,600
Women's Charitable Society Hebron, West Bank	equipment & training for Palestinian women in sewing, knitting, & traditional Palestinian embroidery	\$11,190
University Education:		
Birzeit University Birzeit, West Bank	scholarships for needy Palestinian students & general support	\$ 3,725
TOTAL, EDUCATIONAL GRANTS.		\$531,533

2. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

In'ash El-Ustra Bireh, West Bank	daycare center, kindergarten, literacy programs, vocational training & employment of refugee women	\$ 1,000
Palestine Women's Union Gaza, Gaza Strip	libraries, daycare centers, literacy programs, training of refugee women, & other special programs	\$ 2,000
World Alliance of YMCA's Amman, Jordan	leadership & sports programs for refugee youth	\$ 2,500
United Nations Relief and Works Agency Lebanon & Jordan	books for school children & emergency donation of kitchen equipment for refugee victims of Israeli bombing raids in Lebanon	\$ 1,510

TOTAL, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS. \$ 7,010

3. MEDICAL AID GRANTS

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lebanese Ministry of Public Health Beirut, Lebanon	drugs & medical supplies for civilian victims of the Lebanese War	\$20,229*
Lebanese Red Cross Beirut, Lebanon	emergency relief efforts among civilians in Karantina and Damour, Lebanon	\$ 5,000
Maqassed Hospital Jerusalem, West Bank	health care for Palestinians in the Gaza Strip & West Bank	\$ 2,000
Palestine Red Crescent Society Beirut, Lebanon	emergency medical relief for victims of the war in Lebanon	\$ 2,000
United Nations Relief and Works Agency Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, & the Occupied Territories	drugs and medical supplies for Palestinian refugees	\$49,214*

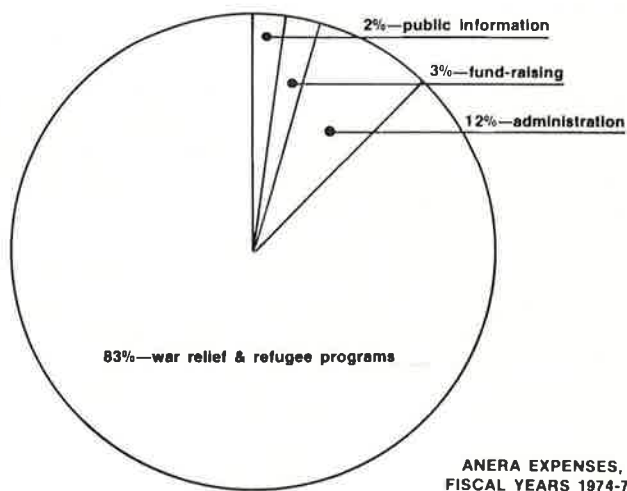
*These figures are the value of gifts given in kind.

TOTAL MEDICAL AID. \$78,443

ANERA'S FINANCES

In fiscal year 1976, organizations, corporations, and individuals throughout the United States contributed generously to the work of ANERA. These contributions from Americans represent more than just dollars — they demonstrate a concern for humanity which transcends political and cultural barriers. This demonstration of American concern is especially important during these critical times in the Middle East.

ANERA is especially proud to note that over the past three fiscal years, **only 15% of ANERA's income has been needed for administrative and fund-raising expenses.** This is an excellent record among charitable organizations and is made possible by the generosity of ANERA donors and the efficiency of the ANERA staff.



THANK YOU

To the 20,000 organizations, corporations, clubs, churches, and individuals who have given to ANERA, here are a few words from some of those people you have helped:

“On behalf of UNRWA, I would like to convey warmest thanks and deep appreciation for these valuable contributions. With all good wishes ... to you ... from all of us ...” (UNRWA Liaison Office, United Nations)

“I take this opportunity to extend my warmest regards, shared by the students of the orphanage, faculty, ... to all who contributed to the help for the Industrial Islamic Orphanage ...” (Industrial Islamic Orphanage, Jerusalem, West Bank)

“I thank you ... for your donation. Thank you (also) for your good feelings towards my countrymen ... My best regards ... to all those who work and think of my nation, hoping that soon we'll meet when better conditions prevail in our country.” (Palestine Women's Union, Gaza Strip)

“...we wish to express both our appreciation and thanks ... During the events we opened new hospitals and first aid centers in Beirut and in the mountains to reduce the pressure on our hospitals. Our doctors are under great pressure, working day and night to help the injured. Some of them work 24 hours and others even 36 hours at one go. I would like to tell you that morale is high ... Thank you once again and we wish you all success...” (Palestine Red Crescent Society, Beirut, Lebanon)

“From the deepest of my heart, I thank you ... for all you did to help and assist our school ... I can tell you that without your precious help we could not go on keeping our school active ... I renew my sentiments of profound gratitude, wishing you all the best...” (Salesian Technical School, Bethlehem, West Bank)

“This time, I really cannot find enough words to thank you for your great and generous help ... Awhile ago, I was so depressed from the financial and surrounding situation. I am happy that one is solved by you. The surrounding strife seems never going to end but we are up to it and you will be proud of what is happening and with what we are doing ... Jeel Al Amal is going on well. With your help we hope to do better.” (Jeel Al Amal, Jerusalem, West Bank)

DONATIONS FROM GROUPS, FISCAL YEAR 1976

The following are some of the groups donating to ANERA during the past fiscal year:

- Arab American Association**
Cincinnati, Ohio
- Arab American Association**
Louisville, Kentucky
- Arab Students Organization**
Jacksonville, Florida
- Association of Arab American University Graduates**
New York Chapter

- Cambridge Committee of AMER/ANERA**
Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Dominican Sisters**
Congregation of the Holy Cross
Edmonds, Washington
- First United Methodist Church**
Boulder, Colorado
- St. Louis Priory and School**
St. Louis, Missouri
- Seattle Chapter of ANERA**
Seattle, Washington
- West Coast Subcommittee of AMER/ANERA**
Los Angeles, California

IN MEMORIAM

During the past fiscal year, donations were received in memory of the following:

- Ameen and Sophia Antoun**
- Dr. Blake Cochran**
- J. Wilson Gaddis**
- Hughes O. Gibbons**
- Dr. A. Willard Jones**
- Paul W. Lapp**
- Lewis W. Machir**
- Walter Migotti**
- Robert Najemy** (former Dean of Students, American University of Beirut, who was tragically killed by a former student)
- Anna P. Oleinikoff**
- Eugene Pella**
- Dennis M. Quintal**
- Hammedy Shaheen**

IN HONOR

In fiscal year 1976, ANERA received donations in honor of the following people:

- Mr. and Mrs. George Barakat**
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ferris**
Oak Brook, Illinois
- Mrs. Helen Haje**
Washington, D.C.
- Mr. and Mrs. D.L. Hendry**
Jerome, Idaho
- Mrs. Joseph Hourl**
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- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sawabini**
South Easton, Massachusetts

ANERA IN SEATTLE

Adding to ANERA's impact in local communities, ANERA chapters and affiliates function in five areas of the United States: Cambridge, Massachusetts (AMER Committee); Los Angeles, California (West Coast Subcommittee of AMER); Seattle, Washington; Wausau, Wisconsin; and in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. The groups are largely autonomous and engage in fund-raising and informational activities. Their presence is crucial to ANERA's efforts on behalf of the Palestinian refugees.

The Seattle Chapter of ANERA elected new officers in January, 1976: Adelle Zawaideh, President; Bergith Kayyali, Vice President; Marcel Wahba, Secretary; Martha DuHamel, Treasurer. Those serving on the Executive Committee of the Chapter are Suad Ziadeh, Irene Matar, and Evelyn Zakhary.

Chapter activities over the past few months have included bake sales, potluck dinners, and the sale of Arabic cookbooks. Those Newsletter readers in the Seattle area, who wish to learn more about the Chapter, may write to: ANERA/Seattle Chapter, P.O. Box 15422, Wedgewood Station, Seattle, Washington 98115; or telephone Adelle Zawaideh at: 206-365-1670.

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