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Help people in need:

• Have access to education, employment and health care.
• Avoid child marriages.
• Avoid child labor.
• Avoid child soldiers.

Help ANERA:

• Make an in-kind gift.
• Make a plan for your future.

Help yourself:

• By making a plan.
• By making a plan for your future.
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Yes, I want to help ANERA’S Peace Plan

How much can you give?

$0 | $10 | $25 | $50 | $100 | $250 | $500

My gift will help

• In Syria, Ethiopia, Somalia, and Chad.
• In South Sudan.
• In Syria.

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Help people in need:
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- Secure sustainable livelihoods-

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Scholarship Program

Since last being traveled in 1998, ANERA has been providing scholarships to UNRWA (the United Nations Relief and Works Agency) to help thousands of students to get through high school and gain vocational training. Today ANERA’s Scholarship Program continues its work to help hundreds of children at schools in the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon, and Jordan. Approximately 10,000 children have benefited. A new addition to the Scholarship Program will offer a high school scholarship to students who earn a 70% average in school. By purchasing these local crafts, we are supporting education and community development projects, and small businesses. By purchasing these local crafts, we are supporting education and community development projects, as well as local businesses, their workers and their families.

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ANERA’s mission is to provide educational, training, and

and recent projects.

Number of schools renovated: 29

Value of renovations: $2,985,740 ($87,010/program) Number of beneficiaries: 13,541

Social Services

Number of interventions: 52

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