

# ANERA

# NEWS LETTER

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AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID

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**Dear ANERA Supporter:**

In this issue of our Newsletter, we are presenting to you a picture of ANERA activities during the past fiscal year. As the following pages demonstrate, we have had a relatively successful year. However, I feel obliged to report that we have experienced considerable problems with the Israeli Military Occupation Authority in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. For the past couple of years in the fiscal year end Newsletter, we have noted that ". . . a number of planned and fully funded projects . . . were not executed because the Israeli Military Occupation Authority . . . has not yet approved their implementation." This year the problems have worsened to a considerable degree. In order to explain their scope, let me divide them into two categories.

First, as of this writing, none of the West Bank and Gaza Strip projects/grants funded by our individual and corporate donors have yet been implemented because the Israeli Military Occupation Authority has not given its permission. Here we are speaking of about \$150,000 for humanitarian actions, for example, scholarships for young orphans in primary schools, support for community-run mother/child health clinics, funds to complete a center for a women's benevolent society, and teachers' salaries at a school for retarded children. (For a complete list, see the ANERA grants list on the following pages. Those marked with an asterisk are being held up. Also, please note that all our donor funded projects in Lebanon have been implemented.) Second, with respect to our U.S. Agency for International Development (A.I.D.) related project funds, ANERA presently has a little under two million dollars available to it, which are earmarked for West Bank and Gaza Strip projects not yet approved by the Israeli Military Occupation Authority. These projects are largely focused on agricultural development; a couple are in the education and health sectors. Because these (U.S.) A.I.D. funds are specifically voted by the U.S. Congress for Palestinian development in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, an added aspect to this problem is that by this inordinate delay, the Israeli Military Occupation Authority is thwarting the will of the U.S. Congress. Permission to implement both categories of grants/projects has been pending with the Authority for periods varying from two years to eight months — and long delays can frustrate project participants, cause costs to rise, and even prevent the development and implementation of a project.

To give you a tangible example of a long-delayed project, let me describe one which is representative of numerous other projects which are planned and fully funded, but held up by the Israeli Military Occupation Authority. (The specific name and location of the project is not given in hopes that it will eventually be realized.)

The Marketing Facilities Project of the Regional Agricultural Cooperative is designed to help furnish agricultural produce marketing services where none now exists for 25,000 farm families (or 150,000 people) in one part of the West Bank. When in operation, the project would provide the farmers with a cooling unit so that they may store and sell their produce at the appropriate times, a sorting shed so that the farmers may market properly graded fruit and vegetables, a weigh station for trucks and trailers which will save transportation costs, and a facility for making produce-packing boxes at a substantial savings. Through the use of this equipment and the organized marketing system of the cooperative, these predominately small farmers would be able to increase their income from agriculture, which is now only \$250 per capita (or \$1250 per family.) The total project would cost \$500,000, of which the Cooperative would finance 70 percent and ANERA 30 percent.

This project was originally submitted along with a number of other projects to the Israeli Military Occupation Authority for review and approval in the Spring of 1979. During the subsequent months and years, ANERA officials have frequently met with or written to the Occupation Authority about this long-delayed project in conjunction with numerous others (about 20 (U.S.) A.I.D. related projects and 19 ANERA donor financed projects as of this writing). Specifically, in 1979, nine meetings were held and four letters written; in 1980, twenty-one meetings were held and five letters written; and to date in 1981, seventeen meetings have been held and three letters written. Despite these efforts, the Occupation Authority continues to hold up this and the other similarly beneficial projects and for the most part gives no reasons for doing so. The true difficulties caused by this problem do not fall on ANERA, but rather on the Cooperative and its members and patrons who are not benefiting from the project.

ANERA is a non-political charitable organization operating in a highly charged political atmosphere. In this context, we stand by our belief that ANERA projects — from children's scholarships to rural electrification to agricultural development — are positive steps toward the development of a peaceful and productive Palestinian society; and that the development of such a society is in the best interests of Palestinians and Israelis alike. Accordingly, we hope that in the coming months the Israeli Military Occupation Authority will approve the implementation of the now stalled, but beneficial projects.

Thanking you for your support of ANERA, I remain,

Respectfully,

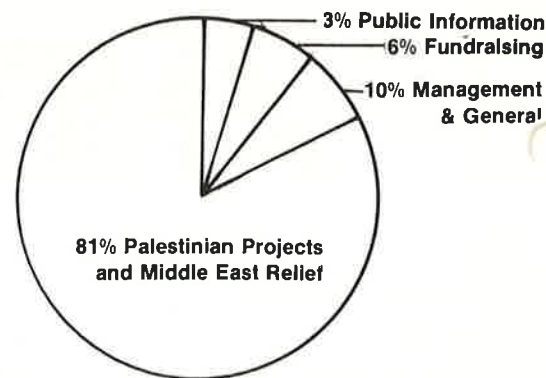
Peter Gubser  
President

## ANERA'S FINANCES

ANERA has received contributions from many generous individuals, organizations, foundations and corporations in the past year. This support demonstrates an increasing level of goodwill and concern for the Palestinian people and their efforts to develop a productive society.

The circle at right represents ANERA's expenditures in fiscal year 1981, which total \$1,408,709. ANERA's FY 81 Annual Audit can be obtained by contacting the ANERA office.

ANERA is proud to note that only 16% of ANERA's income was needed for fundraising and management costs. 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.



## ANERA GRANTS, FISCAL YEAR 1981

In fiscal year 1981 ANERA gave a total of \$1,023,168 to projects assisting Palestinians and civilian victims of conflict in Lebanon. Of this amount, \$953,809 was in cash grants and services, and \$74,692 was in gifts-in-kind and shipping.

### 1. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

\*indicates project is awaiting approval.

Institution	Purpose	Amount
* Arab Women's Society Jerusalem, West Bank	mother/child care, food for the needy, vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 3,000
* Arab Women's Union Bethlehem, West Bank	mother/child care, food for the needy, vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 4,000
* Arab Women's Union Jerusalem, West Bank	mother/child care, home for the elderly, food for the needy, vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 3,000
* Arab Women's Union Nablus, West Bank	mother/child care, food for the needy, vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 4,000
Agricultural Co-operatives Hebron & Bethlehem, West Bank: Sicca; Beit Erosh; Al Majd; Wadi Fokin; Raboud	assistance to five small co-operatives in their efforts to improve or replace agricultural machinery	\$126,000
Association for the Development of Palestinian Camps Beirut, Lebanon	daycare and community center, vocational training of refugee women	\$ 5,000
Electrification Co-operatives Hebron & Nablus, West Bank: Beit Awa; Al Shioukh; Si'ier; Deir Samit; Al Majd/Sicca; Al Fawar; Bourqin; Assira Al Shamaliya	partial support for eight individual co-operatives enabling them to extend night-time electricity through day-light hours by purchasing generators and extending electrical grids	\$385,000
Nablus Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Nablus, West Bank	partial support for the purchase of bulldozers & tractors to help reclaim unproductive land	\$250,000
* Palestine Women's Union Gaza, Gaza Strip	libraries, daycare centers, literacy programs, training of refugee women, & other special projects	\$ 6,000
* Red Crescent Society Gaza, Gaza Strip	library, training programs, health & dental care, community activities in refugee camps	\$ 6,000
* Red Crescent Society Tulkarm, West Bank	library, vocational training of refugee women, mother/child care	\$ 4,000

Services to West Bank Cooperatives	provision of a consultant to provide organizational & training services to cooperatives	\$ 5,333
* Women's Charitable Society Hebron, West Bank	mother/child care, food for the needy, literacy courses, vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 60,000
* Y.M.C.A. Gaza, Gaza Strip	leadership, community & sports program for Palestinian youths in refugee camps in the Gaza Strip	\$ 5,000
* Y.M.C.A. Jerusalem, West Bank	diversified programs for Palestinians in community activities, leadership & sports programs, and vocational training	\$ 3,000
* Y.W.C.A. Jerusalem, West Bank	diversified programs including cultural activities, sports programs & vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 3,000
<b>TOTAL, COMMUNITY &amp; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS</b>		<b>\$872,333</b>

## 2. EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

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<b>Institution</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
American University of Beirut Beirut, Lebanon	scholarships for needy students	\$ 4,000
Beirut University College Beirut, Lebanon	scholarships for needy Palestinians from South Lebanon	\$ 4,000
* Bethlehem University Bethlehem, West Bank	scholarships for needy Palestinian students	\$ 5,000
* Birzeit University Birzeit, West Bank	scholarships for needy Palestinian students and general support of the University	\$ 5,575
* Dar El-Tifl Jerusalem, West Bank	elementary scholarships for orphans and destitute children	\$ 7,425
* Industrial Islamic Orphanage Jerusalem, West Bank	food, clothing, shelter, general education and vocational training in carpentry, painting, furniture-making, tailoring, and shoe making for Palestinian orphans	\$ 4,000
* Jeel al-Amal Bethany, West Bank	education, food, clothing and shelter for orphaned and destitute Palestinian children	\$ 5,000
* Rawdat El-Zuhur Jerusalem, West Bank	elementary scholarships for orphans and destitute children	\$ 8,250
* Salesian Technical School Bethlehem, West Bank	general support for vocational training	\$ 4,000
* Sun Daycare Center Gaza, Gaza Strip	educational assistance for retarded children in Gaza Strip	\$ 10,000
United Nations Relief & Works Agency (UNRWA) Occupied Territories & Karameh, Jordan	scholarships for refugees in teaching, carpentry, mechanics, welding and business education	\$ 4,226
<b>TOTAL, EDUCATIONAL GRANTS</b>		<b>\$ 61,476</b>

## 3. HEALTH SERVICES GRANTS

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Lebanese Red Cross Beirut, Lebanon	aid for victims of the Lebanese conflict	\$ 10,000

Palestine Red Crescent Beirut, Lebanon	aid for victims of the Lebanese conflict, and partial funding for construction of a hospital	\$ 10,000
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	<b>TOTAL, HEALTH SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 20,000</b>
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#### 4. IN-KIND GRANTS

Institution	Purpose	Amount
Palestine Red Crescent Society Beirut, Lebanon	pharmaceuticals and medical supplies for Palestinian refugees	\$ 70,979
West Bank Universities	book donations	\$ 1,860
Shipping Costs for In-Kind Grants		\$ 1,853
	<b>TOTAL, IN-KIND GRANTS</b>	<b>\$ 74,692</b>

**A special note to our contributors:** ANERA now has its own computer for maintaining our donor records and printing mailing labels. When you wish to make a donation to ANERA, we kindly request that you enclose the mailing label with your check. This helps us to keep accurate records and correct addresses. Thank you for your continued support.

Enclosed is a special gift for ANERA's projects for the coming year.

\_\_\_\_\_ \$15      \_\_\_\_\_ \$25      \_\_\_\_\_ \$50      \_\_\_\_\_ \$75      \_\_\_\_\_ \$100      \_\_\_\_\_ \$500      \_\_\_\_\_ \$1000

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