American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) is a non-profit, charitable organization working to increase total assistance in cash and kind from Americans to Palestinian refugees and other needy individuals in the Arab World. ANERA also responds to civilian emergencies, usually the result of conflict in the area, and seeks to increase American understanding of the plight of the Palestinians. Most of ANERA's efforts are currently directed toward social and economic development in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

American Middle East Rehabilitation (AMER) is the medical division of ANERA. Before becoming part of ANERA in 1971, AMER was the oldest, non-sectarian American voluntary agency providing assistance to Palestinian refugees and other needy individuals in the Arab World. AMER assists medical programs in meeting their annual requirements of drugs and medical supplies.

Dear Friends of ANERA:

The Middle East continues to be the scene of world-shaking turmoil and occasional efforts to arrive at peaceful solutions to the overriding conflict. In this context, it is broadly recognized that Palestinian rights must be adequately addressed in order to attain a lasting, just and comprehensive peace. ANERA, accordingly, remains convinced that only a stable and strong West Bank and Gaza Strip, the home of 1.3 million Palestinians, can make a significant contribution to the future and peace of the region.

As in recent years, consequently, ANERA will retain its strong emphasis on community and economic development projects, education, and health programs in direct cooperation with competent, indigenous Palestinian institutions in the militarily occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. It is our belief that these efforts serve not only a humanitarian need, but also will contribute to future peace in the region. Anticipating that military occupation will persist for the coming year, ANERA plans to operate as in the past and maintain an essentially correct relationship with the occupation authorities.

The tragedy of Lebanon also cries for attention. Following our pattern during the five long years of this conflict, ANERA will continue to provide emergency relief as well as support for educational and welfare institutions in Lebanon.

The following pages of the Annual Report describe ANERA's programmatic and financial activity for the past fiscal year.

Peter Gubser
President
The child is someone special in the Middle East, particularly among the Palestinians. He or she is loved and seen as the light for the future, for a future hopefully of peace which the parents have not enjoyed.

In this International Year of the Child, all are encouraged to review their programs for the promotion of the well-being of young people and to think about children in both a global and personal setting. In this general context, ANERA has long been concerned about Middle Eastern, especially Palestinian, children and their future, and has dedicated much of its program efforts to this end.

*Education* is primary to the future of a child. If a child misses a year or a cycle, usually this cannot be made up; the child loses forever. Education also requires funds and facilities. In the West Bank, Gaza, and Lebanon, ANERA has provided scholarship aid, funds for special projects such as library construction, and general support to primary and secondary schools, vocational and polytechnic institutes, and universities.

*Health* is another area of vital importance for children. Early childhood diseases and diseases particularly endemic to the Middle East such as gastroenteritis and eye ailments are of particular concern. To address these needs, ANERA has worked on basic health infrastructure, e.g. nurses' training, hospital construction and equipment. But also, ANERA supports a series of grass-roots organizations, mostly run by women, which provide basic health care for young people through their mother/child health clinics.

*War relief* too often must be directed at the suffering of children. Housing is destroyed. Clothes are needed. Health is jeopardized. And the food supply is disrupted. Throughout the unfortunate and destructive Lebanese civil war, ANERA has responded to the plight of all the people, especially of children, through the provision of milk and food supplements.
Some of the young people assisted by ANERA at Jeel Al Amal.

PROJECT ACTIVITY

In comparison to ANERA's previous fiscal year, grants in cash and kind increased by 22% in FY 79. ANERA and its AMER Medical Division gave assistance totaling $1,306,342 to organizations and institutions providing Palestinians primarily in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and civilian victims of war in Lebanon, with a broad range of economic and community development, educational training, and health services projects. Of the total, $1,116,926 was in cash grants and $189,416 was in medical supplies, food supplements and shipping costs.

In addition, during fiscal year 1979, three planned and fully funded projects, totaling around $300,000, were not executed because the Israeli Military Occupation Authority in the West Bank and Gaza has not yet approved their implementation. During fiscal year 1980, we are hopeful the Authority will approve their realization as well as new projects in this year's cycle.

The following organizations received ANERA assistance during the past fiscal year:
# COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

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| 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 | $3,000 |
| 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 | $3,000 |
| Beit Jala Olive Cooperative  
Beit Jala, West Bank | establishment of a modern soap factory using a by-product of the olive oil pressing process | $120,000 |
| Gaza Municipality  
Gaza, Gaza Strip | support for expansion of Gaza’s sewer system to poor neighborhoods | $90,000 |
| Nazla Sharqiya Co-operative  
Nazla Sharqiya, West Bank | placing a submersible pump in a crooked well making the well usable for irrigation | $30,000 |

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| Palestine Women’s Union  
Gaza, Gaza Strip | libraries, daycare centers, literacy programs, training of refugee women, and other special projects | $4,000 |
| Red Crescent Society  
Gaza, Gaza Strip | library, training programs, health and dental care, community activities in refugee camps | $4,000 |
| Red Crescent Society  
Tulkarm, West Bank | library, vocational training of refugee women, mother/child care | $3,000 |
| Tarqumiya Olive Co-operative  
Tarqumiya, West Bank | purchase of tractors & bulldozers to help reclaim unproductive land | $120,000 |
| Women’s Charitable Society  
Hebron, West Bank | mother/child care, food for the needy, literacy courses, vocational training for Palestinian women | $3,000 |
| Y.M.C.A.  
Gaza, Gaza Strip | leadership, community and sports programs for Palestinian youths in refugee camps in the Gaza Strip | $4,000 |
| 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 |

**TOTAL, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**  
$396,000
# Educational Grants

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<tr>
<td>American University of Beirut</td>
<td>scholarships for needy students</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
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<td>Beirut, Lebanon</td>
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<td>Beirut University College</td>
<td>scholarships for needy Palestinians and students from South Lebanon</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
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<td>Beirut, Lebanon</td>
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<td>Bethlehem Societies' Committee for Rehabilitation &amp; Development</td>
<td>establishment of a factory-workshop to train young men and women in the design and metal production of religious articles and contemporary jewelry</td>
<td>$28,000</td>
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<td>Bethlehem, West Bank</td>
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<td>Bethlehem University</td>
<td>scholarships for needy Palestinian students</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
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<td>Bethlehem, West Bank</td>
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<td>Birzeit University</td>
<td>scholarships for needy Palestinian students, general support of the University and construction of a new library</td>
<td>$240,446</td>
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<td>Birzeit, West Bank</td>
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<td>Dar El-Tifl</td>
<td>elementary scholarships for orphans and destitute children</td>
<td>$4,275</td>
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<td>Gaza College</td>
<td>general support for secondary children</td>
<td>$4,000</td>
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<td>Hebron University Graduates Union</td>
<td>establishment of a vocational training school for high school graduates</td>
<td>$150,000</td>
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<td>Industrial Islamic Orphanage</td>
<td>food, clothing, shelter, general education and vocational training in carpentry, painting, furniture-making, tailoring and shoe making for Palestinian orphans</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
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<td>Jerusalem, West Bank</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jeel al-Amal</td>
<td>education, food, clothing and shelter for orphaned and destitute Palestinian children</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
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<td>Marjoouyn National College</td>
<td>general support for secondary education in South Lebanon</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
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<td>Al-Najah University</td>
<td>equipment for the University's science laboratories</td>
<td>$95,000</td>
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<td>Rawdat El-Zuhur</td>
<td>elementary scholarships for orphans and destitute children</td>
<td>$4,375</td>
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<td>Salesian Technical School</td>
<td>general support for vocational training</td>
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<td>Bethlehem, West Bank</td>
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<td>Sun Daycare Center</td>
<td>educational assistance for retarded children in the Gaza Strip</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
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<td>Gaza, Gaza Strip</td>
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</table>
United Nations Relief & Works Agency
Occupied Territories & Karameh, Jordan

support for Palestinian refugee children in elementary schools; scholarships for refugees in teaching, carpentry, mechanics, welding and business education

$13,330

**TOTAL, EDUCATIONAL GRANTS**

$563,926

**HEALTH SERVICES GRANTS**

**A. Cash Grants**

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<td>Arab Nursing College of the Red Crescent Societies West Bank &amp; Gaza Strip</td>
<td>establishment of a Nurses' Training College at the B.Sc. level</td>
<td>$150,000</td>
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<td>Four Homes of Mercy Bethany, West Bank</td>
<td>medical care for the retarded, crippled, &amp; orphaned; pre- &amp; post-natal care for mothers &amp; babies</td>
<td>$3,000</td>
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<td>Lebanese Red Cross Beirut, Lebanon</td>
<td>aid for victims of the Lebanese conflict</td>
<td>$2,000</td>
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Palestine Red Crescent Society Beirut, Lebanon

aid for victims of the Lebanese conflict

$2,000

**B. In-Kind Grants**

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<td>Lebanese High Committee for Relief Lebanon</td>
<td>food supplement for victims of the Lebanese conflict</td>
<td>$14,523</td>
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<td>United Nations Relief &amp; Works Agency Jordan, Lebanon, Syria &amp; the Occupied Territories</td>
<td>pharmaceuticals and medical supplies for Palestinian refugees</td>
<td>$150,679</td>
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<td>West Bank Charitable Societies West Bank</td>
<td>pharmaceutical supplies</td>
<td>$62</td>
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Shipping Costs for the In-Kind Grants

$24,152

**TOTAL, HEALTH SERVICES GRANTS**

$346,416
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Donations to ANERA come from corporations, individuals, clubs, churches, and foundations; again in fiscal year 1979, ANERA received a grant from the Agency for International Development.

ANERA Expenditures
Fiscal Year 1979

90% War Relief and Palestinian Projects

- 1% Public Information
- 4% Fund Raising
- 5% Management and General
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BALANCE SHEET

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

May 31, 1979

ASSETS

Cash, including U.S. securities for deferred compensation—Note B
$10,848

Demand deposits
7,841

Other deposits
12,947

Net amount
25,636

Investment, at cost which approximates market value
47,497

Reserve fund for agency for international development—Note B
112,130

Advances and repayable loans
6,515

Loans and discounts on bank notes—Note C
34,011

Premises and equipment, net of allowance for depreciation of $15,177—Note A
7,835

295,255

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

LIABILITIES

Reserve fund for agency for international development—Note B
112,130

Current liabilities—Note A
230,000

Payroll taxes payable
7,435

295,255

EQUITY

Total liabilities and equity
295,255

NOTE C

See notes to financial statements

Ernst & Whitney
August 1, 1979

STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSE, AND EXPENDITURES

AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

Period of eleven months ended May 31, 1979

INCOME STATEMENT

REVENUE

Interest and dividends
8,796

Other
985

Total revenue
9,781

EXPENSES

Program services:
Community and economic development
14,126

Education
209

Health services
158,436

Public information
2,735

Supporting services:
Administration and general
20,318

Fund raising
3,178

Total supporting services
23,496

Total expenses
216,715

TOTAL EXPENSES
216,715

TAXES OF EXEMPTIONS OVER PUBLIC SUPPORT AND EXPENSES

$22,366

Fund balance, July 1, 1979
125,158

FUND BALANCE, MAY 31, 1979
112,792

NOTE A

See notes to financial statements
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