

# ANERA ANERA ANERA

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American Near East Refugee Aid

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and its  
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**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,

As we are all-too-well aware, these are exceedingly tumultuous times in the Middle East. Even though the American hostage crisis in Iran and the Iraqi-Iranian war may be the freshest in our minds, the Arab-Israeli conflict has been the greatest consistent source of instability in the Middle East, bar none. In the attempt to attain a durable, balanced, just and comprehensive peaceful settlement to this conflict, it is broadly recognized that Palestinian rights must be adequately addressed. 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.

Within this context, consequently, ANERA attempts to contribute to the betterment and welfare of the Palestinian refugees in the camps as well as the Palestinians in the villages of the West Bank and Gaza Strip. More specifically, ANERA's primary aim is to aid in the implementation of lasting projects in its programmatic areas: community and economic development, education and health. The underlying intent of the projects is to increase productivity and self-reliance, promote education for its own sake as well as the economic benefit derived therefrom, and assist in the improvement of health care and disease prevention. Encouragement and strengthening of institutions—co-operatives, municipalities, educational institutions, community groups—is equally a part of this development effort so that the projects may be sustained and the society may grow. It is our belief that this work serves not only a humanitarian need, but also will contribute to future peace in the region.

Suffering both internal and external violence, Lebanon also cries for attention. As in the past six years of the conflict, ANERA continues to aid with emergency relief in that unfortunate country.

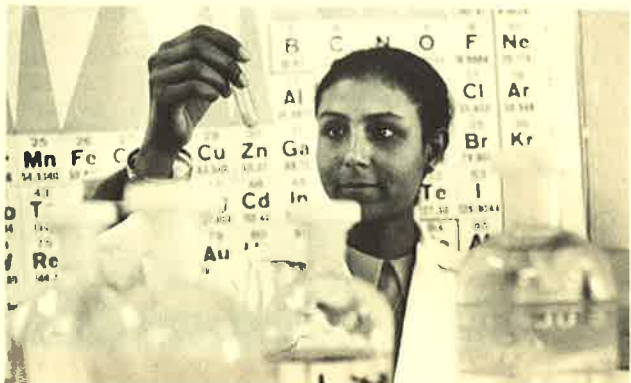
The following pages of the Annual Report describe ANERA's programmatic and financial activity for the past fiscal year.

Peter Gubser  
President

## PALESTINIANS AT WORK

In the decade of the Seventies, Palestinians did not find peace or justice, but they did step forward to begin rebuilding a viable life in the West Bank and Gaza. Whether in the refugee camps or the towns and villages of the Occupied Territories, Palestinians are creating, rejuvenating and developing institutions vital to the welfare of their communities.

Palestinians are not just refugees. They are.....



## FARMERS . . .



All over the Occupied Territories, Palestinian farmers are striving to overcome the difficulties of earning a living from cultivation of the hilly, dry land of the West Bank and the desert of Gaza. Working together through 32 co-operative organizations, they are able to pool resources to purchase equipment to improve land, provide loans, process their products and establish markets.

## EDUCATORS . . .



Palestinians established 3 universities in 10 years offering courses in the Humanities, Engineering, Business, Education and Library Science. About 8 high school-level vocational schools and one post-high school polytechnic train Palestinian youth in electrical, mechanical and other skills. Elementary schools and orphanages are steadily expanding to meet the increasing demand.



## DOCTORS AND NURSES



Working with such organizations as the Palestine Red Crescent Society and UNRWA, Palestinian doctors and nurses serve people in the Occupied Territories, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan. They staff and administer more than 35 hospitals and 200 clinics, and recently established an important new four-year B. Sc. nursing school which will help meet the critical shortage of nurses in the Occupied Territories.

## ANERA AT WORK



In the U.S., ANERA works to increase American support of Palestinian development efforts. Over 20,000 individual Americans, American corporations and the Agency for International Development of the U.S. Government contribute to ANERA. ANERA's quarterly newsletter reaches these and other Americans, broadening their understanding of the Middle East and keeping them up-to-date on ANERA's projects.

Today, ANERA and its AMER Medical Division represent the largest voice of concern and support from Americans to Palestinians as they work to rebuild their lives.

# PROJECT ACTIVITY

In FY80, ANERA grants in cash and kind increased by 13% over FY79. ANERA and its AMER Medical Division gave assistance totaling \$1,471,058 to organizations which assist economic and community development, educational training, and health services to Palestinian refugees, residents of the Occupied Territories and civilian victims of war in Lebanon. Of the total, \$1,282,895 was in cash grants and \$188,163 was in medical supplies, books and shipping costs.

In addition, during FY80, a number of planned and fully funded projects, totalling a little under \$1 million, were not executed because the Israeli Military Occupation Authority in the West Bank and Gaza has not yet approved their implementation. During FY81, we are hopeful that 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

<b>Institution</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
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
Association for the Development of Palestinian Camps Beirut, Lebanon	daycare and community center, & vocational training of refugee women	\$ 5,000

Deir Sharaf Olive Press Co-op Deir Sharaf, West Bank	quality control, bottling and canning of olive oil for more efficient marketing for the northern region of the West Bank	\$150,000
Ein Sinyeh Olive Press Co-op Ein Sinyeh, West Bank	quality control, bottling and canning of olive oil for more efficient marketing for the central region of the West Bank	\$150,000
Gaza Municipality Gaza, Gaza Strip	support for expansion of Gaza's sewer system to poor neighborhoods	\$100,000
Gaza Municipality Gaza, Gaza Strip	support of municipal project for retention of seasonal rain-water by reinjection into the ground for improved irrigation	\$250,000
Palestine Women's Union Gaza, Gaza Strip	libraries, daycare centers, literacy programs, training of refugee women, and other special projects	\$ 5,000
Red Crescent Society Gaza, Gaza Strip	library, training programs, health and dental care, community activities in refugee camps	\$ 5,000
Red Crescent Society Tulkarm, West Bank	library, vocational training of refugee women, mother/child care	\$ 4,000

Tarqumiya Olive Press Co-op Tarqumiya, West Bank	establishment of revolving loan fund to help farmers reclaim and provide short-term agricultural loans	\$100,000
Tarqumiya Olive Press Co-op Tarqumiya, West Bank	establishment of a seedling nursery for olive tree and other tree seedlings for farmers in the Southern half of the West Bank	\$150,000
Women's Charitable Society Hebron, West Bank	mother/child care, food for the needy, literacy courses, vocational training for Palestinian women	\$ 4,000
Y.M.C.A. Gaza, Gaza Strip	leadership, community and 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

**TOTAL, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

**\$948,000**

## EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

Institution	Purpose	Amount
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	\$ 4,000
Birzeit University Birzeit, West Bank	scholarships for needy Palestinian students and general support of the University	\$ 20,570
Dar El-Tiff Jerusalem, West Bank	elementary scholarships for orphans and destitute children	\$ 7,050
Gaza College Gaza, Gaza Strip	general support for secondary children	\$ 5,000
Hebron University Graduates Union Hebron, West Bank	establishment of a vocational training school for high school graduates	\$175,000
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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	\$ 4,000
Marjoyoun National College Marjoyoun, Lebanon	support for secondary education in South Lebanon	\$ 2,890
Rawdat El-Zuhur Jerusalem, West Bank	elementary scholarships for orphans and destitute children	\$ 6,225
Salesian Technical School Bethlehem, West Bank	general support for vocational training	\$ 3,000
Sun Daycare Center Gaza, Gaza Strip	educational assistance for retarded children in the Gaza Strip	\$ 5,000
United Nations Relief & Works Agency (UNRWA) Occupied Territories & Karameh, Jordan	scholarships for refugees in teaching, carpentry, mechanics, welding and business education	\$ 5,160
<b>TOTAL, EDUCATIONAL GRANTS</b>		<b>\$249,895</b>



## **HEALTH SERVICES GRANTS**

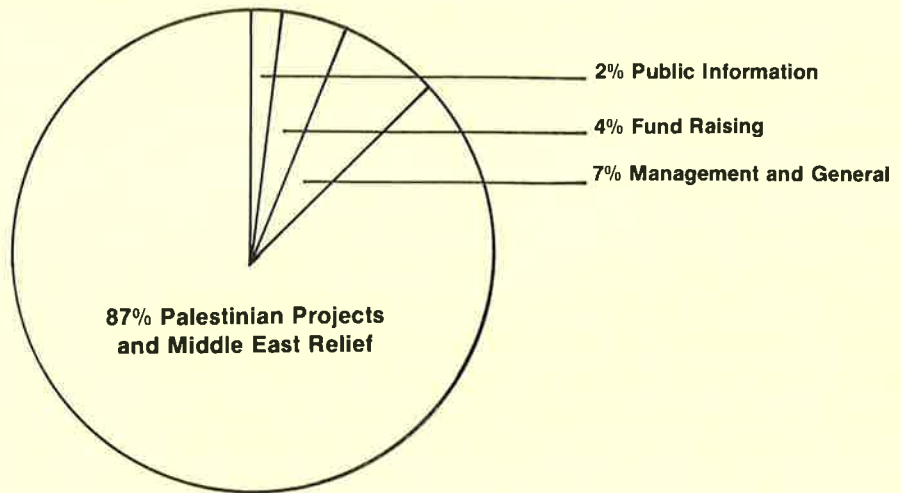
<b>Institution</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Arab Nursing College of the Red Crescent Societies West Bank & Gaza Strip	establishment of a Nurses' Training College which will graduate nurses at the B. Sc. level	\$ 71,000
Four Homes of Mercy Bethany, West Bank	medical care for the retarded, crippled, & orphaned; pre- & post-natal care for mothers & babies	\$ 4,000
Lebanese Red Cross Beirut, Lebanon	aid for victims of the Lebanese conflict	\$ 5,000
Palestine Red Crescent Beirut, Lebanon	aid for victims of the Lebanese conflict, and establishment of a rehabilitation center	\$ 5,000
<b>TOTAL, HEALTH SERVICES</b>		<b>\$ 85,000</b>
<b>IN-KIND GRANTS</b>		
United Nations Relief & Works Agency (UNRWA) Jordan, Lebanon, Syria & the Occupied Territories	pharmaceuticals and medical supplies for Palestinian refugees	\$186,517.71
Birzeit University, Books Birzeit, West Bank	books for the University	\$ 417.00
Shipping Costs for the In-Kind Grants		\$1,228.00

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Contributions to ANERA are tax deductible and ANERA is annually audited by the firm of Fedde-man, Lesche and Tilley. ANERA is registered with and adheres to the standards of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid of the U.S. Agency for International Development, the National Information Bureau in New York City, and the New York State Office of Charities Registration.

Donations to ANERA come from corporations, individuals, clubs, churches, and foundations; again in fiscal year 1980, ANERA received a grant from the Agency for International Development.

# ANERA Expenditures Fiscal Year 1980



## Audited Financial Statement

**FEDDEMAN, LESCHE & TILLEY**  
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Board of Directors  
American Near East Refugee Aid  
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We have examined the balance sheet of American Near East Refugee Aid as of May 31, 1980, and the related statements of support, revenue, and expenses and changes in fund balances and of functional expenses, and changes in financial position for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly the financial position of American Near East Refugee Aid at May 31, 1980, and the results of its operations and changes in fund balances and changes in financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

*Feddeman, Lesche & Tilley*

Washington, D.C.  
July 25, 1980

### BALANCE SHEET

#### AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID

May 31, 1980

#### ASSETS

Cash and short-term investments:	
Demand deposits	\$ (3,380)
Savings deposits	373
Short-term investments	55,957
Petty cash	165
	<u>53,115</u>
Receivable from Agency for International Development--Note A	344,237
Advances and prepaid items	3,550
Furniture, equipment and automobile, net of allowances for depreciation of \$17,441--Note A	<u>4,657</u>
	<u>\$405,559</u>

#### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

#### LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 6,033
Payroll taxes payable	4,216
Grant commitments--Note A	<u>300,000</u>
	310,249

#### FUND BALANCE--Unrestricted

95,310

#### COMMITMENTS--Note C

\$405,559

See notes to financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF SUPPORT, REVENUE AND EXPENSES

## AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID

Year ended May 31, 1980

	Unrestricted	Restricted --Note A	Total
<b>PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>			
Public support:			
Donor contributions	\$270,332	\$ 33,435	\$ 303,767
Contributions-in-kind	152,724	-0-	152,724
United States Government grants	-0-	1,303,237	1,303,237
Total Public Support	423,056	1,336,672	1,759,728
Revenue--interest and dividends	11,828	-0-	11,828
<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>	<b>434,884</b>	<b>1,336,672</b>	<b>1,771,556</b>

## EXPENSES

<b>Program Services:</b>			
Community and economic development	39,964	983,881	1,023,845
Education	45,036	220,248	265,284
Health services	209,824	74,725	284,549
Public information	26,197	-0-	26,197
Total Public Services	321,021	1,278,854	1,599,875
<b>Supporting Services:</b>			
Management and general	70,851	57,818	128,669
Fund raising	78,089	-0-	78,089
Total Supporting Services	148,940	57,818	206,758
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>469,961</b>	<b>1,336,672</b>	<b>1,806,633</b>

EXCESS OF (EXPENSES OVER PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE) (35,077) -0- (35,077)

Fund balance, June 1, 1979 130,387 -0- 130,387

FUND BALANCE, MAY 31, 1980 \$ 95,310 \$ -0- \$ 95,310

See notes to financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES

## AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID

Year ended May 31, 1980

	PROGRAM SERVICES				SUPPORT SERVICES			Total Expense	
	Community & Economic Development	Education	Health Services	Public Information	Total Program Services	Management & General	Fund Raising		Total Support Services
Salaries	\$ 44,661	\$ 8,849	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,687	\$ 67,997	\$ 77,724	\$ 7,654	\$ 85,178	\$ 152,575
Payroll taxes	2,917	584	370	418	4,289	4,574	438	5,012	9,301
Medical insurance and retirement plan	3,117	632	455	547	4,751	6,076	535	6,651	11,402
<b>Total salary and related expense</b>	<b>50,695</b>	<b>10,065</b>	<b>7,825</b>	<b>7,652</b>	<b>76,231</b>	<b>88,374</b>	<b>8,667</b>	<b>97,041</b>	<b>173,270</b>
<b>Professional and contract services</b>									
Occupancy	4,429	841	336	-0-	5,606	6,517	8,975	15,492	21,098
Office supplies & equipment	4,175	839	973	1,002	6,989	12,475	1,132	13,607	20,596
Telephone and telegraph	1,588	314	258	504	2,664	5,086	388	5,484	8,148
Postage, shipping and storage	1,674	327	292	118	2,411	1,478	117	1,595	4,006
Printing	169	42	1,228	1,644	3,083	5,684	19,352	25,036	28,119
Letterhead and computer services	-0-	-0-	-0-	9,384	9,384	1,385	23,722	27,107	36,653
Travel	-0-	-0-	-0-	4,383	4,383	311	15,105	15,416	19,801
Conferences and meetings	10,168	2,083	977	979	14,207	700	338	1,038	15,245
Depreciation	47	39	11	467	564	3,820	81	3,901	4,465
Miscellaneous	2,473	597	682	43	3,795	298	171	469	4,264
Grants-in-kind	427	80	32	21	560	539	31	570	1,130
<b>Total</b>	<b>948,000</b>	<b>249,895</b>	<b>85,000</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>1,282,895</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>1,282,895</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,023,845</b>	<b>\$265,284</b>	<b>\$284,549</b>	<b>\$ 26,197</b>	<b>\$ 1,599,875</b>	<b>\$128,669</b>	<b>\$ 78,089</b>	<b>\$206,758</b>	<b>\$ 1,806,633</b>

See notes to financial statements.

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

## AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID

Year ended May 31, 1980

<b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>	
From operations:	
Excess of (expenses over public support and revenue)	\$(35,077)
Add expenses (deduct revenue) not requiring funds in the current period:	
Depreciation expense	4,264
Contributions of drugs, medical supplies and services to ANERA	(152,724)
Donations of drugs, medical supplies and services to Middle East Projects	186,935
(Increase) in accounts receivable	(221,237)
(Decrease) in prepaid items	469
(Decrease) in accounts payable	(3,392)
(Decrease) in deferred income	(11,895)
Increase in payroll taxes payable	761
Increase in grant commitments	170,000
Total from Operations and Total Sources of Funds	(61,896)

<b>APPLICATIONS OF FUNDS</b>	
Payment of deferred compensation, net--Note B	5,993
Purchase of fixed assets	369
<b>TOTAL APPLICATIONS OF FUNDS</b>	<b>6,362</b>

(DECREASE) IN CASH (68,858)

Cash and short-term investments, June 1, 1979 121,973

CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS, MAY 31, 1980 \$ 53,115

See notes to financial statements.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID

## NOTE A--SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

**Organizational Data:** American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), is a nonprofit corporation organized for the purpose of extending direct financial assistance and/or gifts in kind to Palestinian Arab refugees and other needy individuals in the Arab world. Consistent with this purpose is the support of developmental, educational, and vocational training programs in that area.

**Method of Accounting:** ANERA maintains its records on an accrual basis. Accordingly, revenue is recorded as earned and expenses as incurred.

**Functional Allocations of Expenses:** ANERA allocates salaries to various program and supporting services based on time worked on those services. Other expenses are allocated to the services on the basis of salary allocations.

**Restricted Revenue and Expense:** ANERA receives restricted grant funding from the Agency for International Development (AID) and also receives contributions restricted for specific projects. Income is recognized only to the extent of allowable expenditures.

The receivable from AID represents unreimbursed grant commitments plus unreimbursed administrative expenses.

Grant commitments represent the liability for grant contracts open at May 31, 1980.

**Furniture, Equipment and Automobile:** Furniture, equipment and automobile are carried on the balance sheet at cost. Depreciated on furniture, equipment and automobile is computed on a straight-line basis over the useful lives of the assets (3-10 years).

**Drugs and Medical Supplies:** Drugs and medical supplies are received by the American Middle East Rehabilitation (AMER) division of ANERA as a result of appeals made to manufacturers and doctors. These items are in turn donated to hospitals and relief agencies in the Middle East. Receipts and contributions of drugs and medical supplies are recorded at the value as established by the donors.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED

## AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID

## NOTE B--DEFERRED COMPENSATION

ANERA established a deferred compensation plan for the then Chairman of the Board on July 1, 1973. The plan, which terminated on September 30, 1975, provided for the accumulation of per diem earnings for special consulting work of the Chairman. Distribution of the accumulated earnings and interest began on December 31, 1976 and was completed in 1980.

## NOTE C--COMMITMENTS

ANERA occupies office space in Washington, D.C., under a lease agreement effective September 1, 1979 through August 31, 1984 for a monthly rental of approximately \$1,698.

## NOTE D--PENSION PLAN

ANERA has a defined contribution pension plan that became effective July 1, 1974, and covers substantially all of its employees. The plan is fully funded through the purchase of annuity contracts. Contributions under the plan were approximately \$1,500 for the year ended May 31, 1980.

## NOTE E--AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (AID) GRANTS

At May 31, 1980, ANERA has awards from AID totalling \$3,483,550 to assist economic development, health and educational programs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. At May 31, 1980, \$1,309,000 of this total is not obligated and is not recorded in ANERA's financial statements.

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