# **Achieving Freedom from Want**

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Relief and development are the beginning and end points in the continuum of human need.

#### **OUR MISSION**

ANERA creates opportunity and hope for people in the Middle East by improving health care and education and stimulating job creation.

#### **OUR VISION**

A Middle East where people can live in peace with secure livelihoods.

### **OUR CORE VALUES**

ANERA views relief—*alleviating suffering*—and development—*reducing poverty*—as beginning and end points on a continuum of human need. In helping people meet these fundamental necessities, ANERA contributes to achieving their freedom from want, which ANERA deems an essential component to peace in the Middle East.

#### WHO WE HELP

We help Fadwa learn to read again after a devastating car accident left her blind. We help brother and sister, Tamer and Lana, get a life-saving medicine, Cerezyme, which treats their rare metabolic disease. We help villages like Al-Nasariyah, Beit Hassan and Aqrabaniyah, which all sit in a beautiful valley near Nablus, build a bridge so villagers can cross safely during the winter when rainfall collects in the valley. We help 15,000 preschoolers in Gaza combat malnutrition by giving them fortified milk and fortified biscuits every day at school. We help rural communities in Lebanon increase their economic opportunities by helping them improve the quality of their cottage inns and teaching them how better to attract tourists to their businesses. We help Elizabeth in Dearborn, Samer in New York and the Taylor family in L.A., who all want to help make a difference in the lives of Fadwa, Tamer, Lana, the villagers, the preschoolers and the rural communities.

In other words, we help individuals, families and communities. We help them improve and expand their opportunities so they can have a better life.

#### WHAT WE DO

ANERA provides opportunities for social and economic development. Our program areas are:

- Economic Development
- Education
- Health & Relief
- Public Education

### **REPORT FROM THE CHAIR AND PRESIDENT**

#### Dear Friends of ANERA,

During the summer of 2006, two wars were raging in our area of operations, one in Lebanon and another in Gaza. ANERA responded to both humanitarian crises.

In Lebanon during the height of the war, we delivered \$5 million of medicines and medical supplies to about 500 charity and government clinics and hospitals. In addition we provided infant hygiene kits to thousands of displaced families living temporarily in schools, churches and mosques. We also completed a major program of providing thousands of displaced people with one hot meal per day. Together, they were valued at \$800,000.

In Gaza, again we were able to provide medicines and medical supplies, valued at more than \$10 million, to clinics and hospitals. We also provided food packets to hundreds of families who have fallen into extreme poverty. As noted below, we are expanding the Milk for Preschoolers program in Gaza.

In this overall crisis context, despite the difficult conditions and restrictions on movement in Lebanon and Gaza, ANERA's experienced staff continues to work, and with dedication and creativity, they have even expanded our relief program. ANERA's projects in the health, education and community development sectors also are being sustained.

In the West Bank and Gaza, there are new U.S. Government restrictions on assistance to the Palestinian Authority. ANERA is very aware of the details of the law and policy, and has, does and will conform to those requirements. Let us make it very clear, however, that it is still permitted—and we are officially encouraged—to provide assistance to the Palestinian people. Working with Palestinian charities, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), ANERA maintains a vibrant program in Palestine with an emphasis on the poorest areas such as Gaza, and the most vulnerable population groups.

Specifically, we are focused on two very effective humanitarian projects. Our Milk for Preschoolers program in Gaza, in cooperation with partners, delivered fortified milk and fortified biscuits to 15,000 preschoolers at 150 preschools every school day during the 2005-2006 academic year. In the 2006-2007 academic year, we will sustain and expand this program.

Second, our medical in-kind program has grown in quality, quantity and impact. Of the \$20 million in medicines and supplies delivered to clinics and hospitals during ANERA's Fiscal Year 2006

(June 1, 2005-May 31, 2006), about three quarters were distributed to the West Bank and Gaza. The balance was donated to medical institutions that serve vulnerable populations in Lebanon and Jordan. During ANERA's Fiscal Year 2007 we will continue this very important program. Just in June and July 2006, during a major health crisis in the West Bank and Gaza, we were able to distribute \$13 million in medicines and supplies to NGO health facilities.

Despite the acute crises, ANERA has been able to deliver major development projects. Our Information Technology Initiative realized two more successes. We completed the construction of the Hasib Sabbagh Information Technology Center of Excellence at the Arab-American University of Jenin and the Friends of Fawzi Kawash Information Technology Center of Excellence at the Palestine Polytechnic University in Hebron. Opened in fall 2005, they have already trained hundreds of young men and women to write software, create web pages, network computers together and master multimedia technologies. Currently, we are completing plans for the Intel IT Center of Excellence at the Islamic University of Gaza and the Najjad Zeenni IT Center of Excellence at Birzeit University.

In a series of projects designed to serve communities and create jobs in the Palestinian territories, we built complete schools and added classrooms to others, and finished the construction of a municipal library in Jericho. After three years of work, we are very close to completing a major refurbishment and reconstruction of a large and important Lebanese Hospital, Dar al-Ajaza. In addition, we continued our strong support for schools and orphanages through the ANERA Scholarship Program in Palestine, Lebanon and Jordan. And we were able to provide core support to Palestinian NGOs that serve the disabled, blind, deaf and orphans.

ANERA serves as a bridge between Middle Eastern people who seek opportunity and hope and concerned people in the U.S. and around the world. Together we design and implement projects in health, education and job creation in the West Bank and Gaza, Lebanon and Jordan. We also support projects and programs that bring together Arab and Israeli NGOs–especially in the area of environmental concerns. We thank all of our partners in this shared effort during this tumultuous and uncertain era in the region.

**Les Janka** Chair

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**Peter Gubser** President

## **YEAR IN REVIEW**



Afaf Idressi, PWU—Khan Younis Kindergarten

# HUMANITARIAN FOCUS DRIVES ANERA'S DEVELOPMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST

GAZA, MAY 2006 — "Reflecting on the last letter I sent to you, I remember describing the withdrawal of settlers from Gaza Strip. We were hopeful at that time, as the presence of settlements in the area had been a source of fear, especially for the children of our kindergartens in Khan Younis. Unfortunately, however, this situation has worsened, and Gaza is still under attack.

"The circumstances are horrible. People are unable to find work. Checkpoints are always closed. People are unable to pay for basic groceries. The children are very perceptive to what is going on. This is obvious when we see them acting like soldiers, carrying around toy guns and pretending to shoot like them. It seems as if our children's childhood has been killed.

"Despite all this, we thank God and a very special thank you to ANERA who takes care of our children. Our children's favorite time of day is when they are enjoying the morning meal of milk and biscuits. Their health has improved considerably, as their faces clearly demonstrate. The mothers are also very thankful for the meal. On March 21 when we celebrated Mother's Day, the mothers came especially to thank us and ANERA."

> -AFAF IDREESI, -KHAN YOUNIS KINDERGARTEN PALESTINE WOMEN'S UNION (PWU)



Afaf Idressi's words are graphic—they clearly tell the story of what life is like for the people living in Gaza and the West Bank. In her end-of-year wrap up, this school director at one of ANERA's Scholarship Program schools, shares her experience living in the humanitarian crisis the Palestinians face daily. As much as her reflections give us a glimpse of life on the Gaza Strip, they greatly illustrate the importance of ANERA's work in the region.

Throughout the years—and without exception during the 2006 fiscal year— ANERA has created opportunities to keep hope alive through its work. By maintaining a humanitarian focus, ANERA improves health services for the poorest and most isolated communities; ANERA brings access to education and jobs for those who face very difficult economic circumstances; ANERA prepares people for the future by training them to become self-sufficient. But most importantly, with no political agenda, ANERA acknowledges the very human face and the suffering of innocent people caught in the conflict.

He who has health has hope; and he who has hope has everything.

-ARABIC PROVERB



## ANERA'S IN-KIND PROGRAM EXPANDS IN FY2006

During ANERA's Fiscal Year 2006, the in-kind program grew in size and impact. Throughout the year, ANERA delivered more than \$20 million in pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to hospitals and clinics in Gaza and the West Bank as well as in Lebanon and Jordan. The most significant single shipment was a \$10 million delivery at the end of the fiscal year. The gathering of supplies was coordinated through ANERA's long-time partner AmeriCares, and included antibiotics, vitamins, antidiarrheal medicine, pain relievers and ophthalmic preparations as well as sutures and iodine solution.

Throughout the year, ANERA's in-kind program has delivered baby milk powder, cholesterol medicine, bandages, audiology devices, wheelchairs—even wigs for cancer patients—to clinics and hospitals throughout the Palestinian territories. This assistance, made possible through generous donations from ANERA's corporate partners, foundations, other humanitarian organizations and individual donors, keeps clinics and hospitals operational—and relieves a huge financial burden on many poor families.

# *"lf you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."*

- Mother Teresa

#### PARENTS AND TEACHERS WANT MILK FOR PRESCHOOLERS

**GAZA, ACADEMIC YEAR 2005-06**—During the 2005-06 school year, thanks to ANERA's donors, more than 15,000 children at 150 preschools in Gaza enjoyed a morning snack of fortified milk and a fortified biscuit—for many, it was their only source of balanced nutrition for the day.

In Gaza where the rate of acute and chronic malnutrition among children is rampant, ANERA is combating the epidemic. Children under the age of five are the most likely to go without food when poverty levels are high because their survival skills are not yet as developed as they are in most older children and adults. As a result, an alarming number of children ages six months to five years are suffering from malnutrition, anemia and micro-nutrient and vitamin A deficiencies. These deprivations put these children at risk of irreversible physical and neurological damage.

The Milk for Preschoolers program, managed by ANERA, costs \$100 per child per academic year (9 months)—that's only \$11 each month. The money covers the cost of the milk and biscuits, the distribution, training programs on good nutrition for the teachers and mothers, as well as monitoring the health impact on the children.

Demand is increasing as more preschools hear about the program. During 2005-2006, ANERA increased its Milk for Preschoolers program 25 percent.





#### ANERA MODERNIZES AND RENOVATES BEIRUT HOSPITAL

**LEBANON, OCTOBER 2005**—"To mark its 50-year Golden jubilee, Dar al-Ajaza al-Islamiyya Hospital (DAIH) has spent more than \$2 million on an extensive renovation and modernization process to improve its services and furnish the compound with more sophisticated medical equipment and facilities," according to a report in Beirut's *Daily Star*.

DAIH is a highly specialized charity hospital that provides health care and psychiatric treatment for the elderly; it is the first of its kind in Lebanon. The hospital also serves severely handicapped youth and about 150 outpatients each day. In 2004, ANERA initiated a project to upgrade the hospital's mechanical and electrical infrastructure. Renovations were completed in 2006. "We felt the DAIH deserves to treat itself after spending 50 years serving the community, so we decided to introduce up-to-date modernization," Azzam Houri, the hospital's director told an interviewer.

For the first time, the hospital has sufficient hot water for bathing, laundry and heating around the clock; special industrial-type filters provide drinking water at all times, and a new reserve power generator with a capacity to provide electricity to the whole compound in times of power outage.

"The DAIH could not have accomplished this big undertaking without the additional funds provided by charitable donors who sought to help us realize the project," Houri told the *Daily Star.* "Every donor [including ANERA and other individual donors] should be proud and happy to have contributed to renovating the compound," said Houri.



What is obtained through cooperation of a group of human beings satisfies the needs of a number many times greater than themselves.

- Ibn Khaldun

# ANERA'S IT CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE EXPAND EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN PALESTINE

#### GAZA STRIP, FEBRUARY 2006-

ANERA and Intel Corporation initiated the design stage of the Intel Information Technology Center of Excellence at the Islamic University of Gaza in the Gaza Strip. Once the IT Center opens, it will expand educational and employment opportunities, provide critical IT support for local businesses and organizations, and help stimulate the IT market in Gaza.

In addition, ANERA has just embarked on the first step to establish the Najjad Zeenni IT Center of Excellence at Birzeit University. It will open its doors in late 2007.

"The best way to sustain peace in the region is to give people a sense of hope in the future, which means offering dignity, freedom and an opportunity to improve one's life. This Center is fulfilling those needs with professional IT jobs in the difficult Gaza environment. It signals progress and fosters hope," said ANERA's President, Peter Gubser, of the new Intel IT Center.

And while the Intel and Najjad Zeenni IT Centers offered great promise to the region, they were not the only shining stars in ANERA's IT initiative. On November 16, 2005, ANERA celebrated the opening of the Friends of Fawzi Kawash IT Center of Excellence at the Palestine Polytechnic University in Hebron.

Just two days before, on November 14, 2005, ANERA officially opened doors to the Hasib Sabbagh IT Center of Excellence at the Arab-American University in Jenin.

These Centers follow two successful years of training for nearly 1,000 men and women at the Said Khoury IT Center of Excellence at Al Quds University in Jerusalem. These students are learning how to write software, network, create web designs and other relevant IT skills. These IT Centers of Excellence bring many benefits to the region.

- Broader training in software programming such as Java, Oracle, Cisco and MCSD, as well as web development and networking solutions.
- Support for local businesses with IT services and continuing education classes.
- New local and regional business opportunities for students finishing their degrees or certificates.
- Structured professional training necessary to develop and expand the capabilities and talents needed to become highly-trained IT professionals.
- Bridging the gender gap in the IT sector by providing training and skills for women.



#### SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE ANERA IT INITIATIVE WITH FIVE UNIVERSITIES...

- 2500 men and women have graduated or been certified in the program
- ✤ 200 students completed international exams
- 500 students are in their senior year of the BSc Studies in Computer Science and/or Information Technology.
- Of those graduating and/or certified, 80 percent are employed.

#### TRAINING ALLIANCES ESTABLISHED

- CISCO Networking Academy
- Sun Microsystems Java Training Center
- ◆ Intel "Teach to the Future" Training Program
- Oracle University in partnership with Ramallah-based IT company, ATS
- Prometric Testing Center
- Microsoft IT Academy
- ✤ HP Training

"Sometimes the lack of substantive freedom relates directly to economic poverty, which robs people of the freedom to satisfy hunger, or to achieve sufficient nutrition, or to obtain remedies for treatable illnesses, or the opportunity to be adequately clothed or sheltered, or to enjoy clean water or sanitary facilities."

-AMARTYA SEN, DEVELOPMENT AS FREEDOM



# NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR JERICHO OPENS

#### JERICHO, WEST BANK, NOVEMBER

2005—The Jericho Public Library opened its doors to the public for the first time in November 2005, and is proving to be an important and vibrant center of learning for the 18,000 people who live in the city and surrounding villages. At the new modern facility, residents can enjoy literature, find information and take advantage of opportunities for continued education.

"I like to read Palestinian stories when I'm at the library," said Noor, an aspiring writer who is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade. "This library helps me with my school work because the one we have at school is really small," she said.

In addition to housing 12,000 books, the library has become a center for many activities geared for the spectrum of library patrons.

"We are always trying to expand our activities," said Miss May, the library's director. "We have both cultural and educational programs. We carry out contests for kids to encourage them to read." What's more, the library has held workshops for first-aid training in cooperation with the Red Cross/Red Crescent, and road safety workshops in cooperation with the police. Coming soon, they plan to offer an English training program with the assistance of AMIDEAST.

With a grant from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and in coordination with the Municipality of Jericho, ANERA began construction of the library in 2003 creating more than 5,000 work days for local residents.

The state-of-the-art library is equipped with the most up-to-date computers and a digital scanner. Lighting and air conditioning were specially designed to enhance reading conditions. The building was designed by a young Ramallahbased firm to resemble features of a book, with a spine and open pages.

#### JORDANIAN WOMEN EDUCATE WOMEN ON WOMEN'S RIGHTS

JORDAN, 2005-06 – Discrimination against women. Violence and sexual abuse against women. Women's empowerment. Human rights for women. These workshop titles indicate a change for Jordanian women, thanks to the BALKIS program and its focus on finding ways to reduce the barriers – cultural, legal, regulatory, economic and political – to women's full participation in a male-dominated society.

ANERA initiated the program, funded by the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI), in cooperation with the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS), the Jordanian umbrella organization responsible for many communitybased organizations in the Kingdom.



BALKIS, named in memory of the ancient Queen of Sheba who is a champion of women in all three monotheistic faiths, empowers women in civil society through local grassroots organizations. Its goal is to invigorate and transform the role of women's community based organizations (CBO), enabling them to participate effectively in the process of women's empowerment, political dialogue and democratic reform in Jordan. BALKIS worked with 50 small to medium-sized CBOs.

In 2005-06 ANERA supported The Working Women Society's implementation of a series of workshops for 14 to 16 year olds in 15 schools that included trainings and discussions on issues relating to women's rights. More than 100 young men and women participated in the trainings.

#### DHIAFEE BRINGS HOSPITALITY TO RURAL LEBANON

RURAL LEBANON, DECEMBER 2005—In Arabic, Dhiafee means "hospitality." In the world of economic development, it stands for Developing the Hospitality Industry's Abilities—Fostering Economic Expansion. And it's a new USAID-funded program for ANERA's Lebanon efforts.

ANERA and its Lebanese partner, Al-Kafa'at Foundation, have initiated the two-year DHIAFEE program to increase economic opportunities in rural communities through an innovative set of activities in the tourism sector. Among those activities, ANERA and Al-Kafa'at will increase and improve the quality of cottage inns and guest houses in the areas outside Beirut. The people running these establishments will receive training in hotel management and will learn how to better market and promote their cottage inns so they can attract more tourists. It is believed that strengthening knowledge of these business owners will help them generate additional income not only for themselves, but other local businesses.

At press time, the cease fire between Lebanon and Israel was a week old, and the DHIAFEE program remained in place. Events permitting, ANERA will continue to implement the project.



*"People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."* 

— Bonnie Jean Wasmund

# **EDUCATION**

# ORIENTAL MUSIC ENSEMBLE FROM JERUSALEM WOWS AMERICAN AUDIENCES

#### WASHINGTON, PHILADELPHIA, NEW YORK, FEBRUARY

**2006**—American audiences in Washington, Philadelphia and New York enjoyed a rare musical treat during February when musicians from Palestine played on their premiere U.S. tour, sponsored by ANERA and its donors. The four virtuoso musicians came from the Edward Said National Conservatory of Music in Jerusalem, an ANERA education partner.

For many Americans, it's hard to imagine a group of Palestinian virtuoso musicians—much less that there might be a Palestinian conservatory providing professional training in Arab and Western music to hundreds of Palestinian children annually.

The ANERA benefit concert tour helped expand awareness to a broad American public. With help from ANERA's donors and in partnership with American cultural and educational institutions, this musical encounter with Palestine was possible. Through the generosity of these supporters and audiences on the tour, funds were raised to support the formation of the Palestine Youth Orchestra, a new initiative of the Conservatory.

The orchestra will bring together young Palestinian musicians, ages 14-24, from all over the world. Membership in the orchestra is currently around 60. It is expected to increase to 100 by recruiting students through audition from within the Palestinian territories and worldwide, about half of whom will be Conservatory students.

As evidenced by the support of this concert tour, ANERA sees development aid as sustenance for the whole human being—food for the body as well as the soul—for the life of individuals and for the life of the community.

# ANERA DEVELOPS CHILD-CENTERED PRESCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING

### **GAZA STRIP, AUGUST 2005**—ANERA began a program to improve the quality of preschool education in the Gaza Strip, with

preschool education in the Gaza Strip, with a focus on introducing and encouraging the implementation of the child-centered philosophy of education.

Through its Milk for Preschoolers Program, ANERA staff established working relationships with more than 150 preschools in Gaza. Multiple problems were identified including a shortage of supplies and materials for the children, inadequate training for the teachers and a standard of education especially with regard to interactive learning that was inadequate.

The first step of the Preschool Education Initiative was to commission a study carried out by a team of university professionals and local educators in Gaza. The study documented inadequate educational materials, limited parent participation, behavioral problems with the children and low teacher salaries for educators who were insufficiently experienced in the field of early childhood education.

In spring 2006, ANERA launched a pilot training program that consists of 150 training and on-the-job working hours for 24 preschool teachers from the central region of the Gaza Strip. The Professional Kindergarten Teachers Preparation Program is organized into eight different training sessions during a five month period. Collectively the training is designed by the Canaan Institute of New Pedagogy, which respects the child as a human being and considers him/her as one individual at the center of the learning process, responding positively on his/her needs and respecting his/her rights. The principles of this curriculum include non-violence, responsible freedom, the right of choice, participation and active learning.

With transportation for trainees arranged by ANERA, attendance at the training was high, according to reports. "Trainees were all anxious to attend the training workshops as they felt they were getting the support they needed," reported Dr. Sanaa Abou-Dagga, an ANERA consultant for project evaluation.

In the coming year, this program will be extended to teachers and administrators in preschools throughout the Gaza Strip.

You cannot teach a man anything; you can only help him find it within himself.

-GALILEO

# ANERA SUPPORTS THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM'S PEI

The World Economic Forum extended its Education Initiative to the Palestinians in spring 2005 to establish the Palestinian Education Initiative (PEI)—and ANERA became one of its earliest supporters.

Dr. Badie Sartawi, PEI's Director, called the initiative "the golden opportunity for Palestine to revive its education system and drive the society into the information knowledge era." Sartawi was the director of ANERA's IT Initiative.

The PEI will focus on the deployment of curricula and infrastructure in the school districts, developing lifelong learning in the context of community development, the local ICT industry and effective monitoring and evaluation systems to ensure that changes made are sustainable. PEI draws upon community resources at all levels and creates long-term relationships with the business and industry sector at both the local and international level.

ANERA was the first NGO in Jerusalem to pledge financial support for the PEI initiative.

# **SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

#### RETURN ON INVESTMENT: HUDA GIVES WHAT SHE GOT

GAZA, MAY 2006—Huda came to Atfaluna with her younger brother when she was six years old. Together they struggled to make sense of why they were both born deaf in a hearing world. When she graduated in 2003 from Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children, a school that participates in ANERA's Scholarship Program, she was at the top of her class. Today, Huda is still at Atfaluna. But now she's working as a teaching assistant for kids just like her and her brother.

Through the recently established Deaf Teaching Assistants Training program (DTAT), Huda is learning to prepare interesting lesson plans, set individual goals for the children, manage classrooms, make teaching aids, learn the importance of positive reinforcement and keep classroom records.

The five-year program enables the school's deaf graduates to become qualified teaching assistants while working on academic and communications skills so they can pass the official government high school matriculation exam. The DTAT Program includes practical and theoretical



teacher training, communications skills building and academic skills development that includes 16 hours of weekly advanced Arabic, English, Science and Math.

"The DTAT Program has been enormously successful for both trainees and the Atfaluna School," said Geraldine Shawa, Executive Director at the school.

"Outstanding role models for the younger deaf children, the trainees are energetic and creative classroom assistants whose inborn sensitivity of the needs and problems of deaf children makes for a calmer and more positive learning environment. And being native Palestinian Sign Language users, the trainees can effectively explain lessons in a way that sometimes leaves the hearing teachers in awe," Shawa said.

Huda is grateful to ANERA and those who supported her through the Scholarship Program. According to Shawa, "Your help throughout the years has allowed young deaf women like Huda see a brighter future through employment, and to be able to give back to her school and community while helping other deaf children have a chance in life through education."

Since 1979 ANERA has provided scholarships to students in the Middle East, thanks to generous gifts from our donors. Every child in the Scholarship Program needs special assistance. Almost all come from very poor homes. Some are orphans. Many live in refugee camps. A substantial number of them have severe physical impairments requiring special educational and rehabilitative services.

ANERA's Scholarship Program provides donors with an opportunity to help these kids.

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

#### Dear ANERA Supporters,

I am very pleased to once again report that your generous contributions allow us to conduct very important work benefiting millions of people. Thank you for your involvement and trust in ANERA.

This fiscal year, our program budget totaled \$29,695,352. This excellent financial performance is due to the generosity of our donors, the work of our outstanding staff, and the quality of our projects and programs serving people in the Middle East.

In the past year, ANERA received support from thousands of Americans and other individuals from around the world, as well as small businesses, nongovernmental organizations, civic and religious groups and more than twenty private foundations and corporations. We also received grants from multilateral and bilateral government institutions. Our membership in Global Impact brought ANERA contributions from the Combined Federal Campaign and many state and local workplace giving campaigns. For a comprehensive list of our organizational support, see page 22.

ANERA ensures that donations serve intended beneficiaries and reputable organizations. We are registered with and adhere to the standards of the Advisory Committee on Foreign Aid of the U.S. Agency for International Development, and the New York State Office of Charities Registration. ANERA also is a member of the American Council for Voluntary International Action (InterAction).

To ensure accountability and transparency to our supporters and beneficiaries, highlights of our audited financial statements are included in this report. A full copy of Lane & Company's independent auditor's report is available at www.anera.org, as is IRS Form 990. As a registered 501(c)3 organization, contributions to ANERA are tax deductible.

Sincerely,

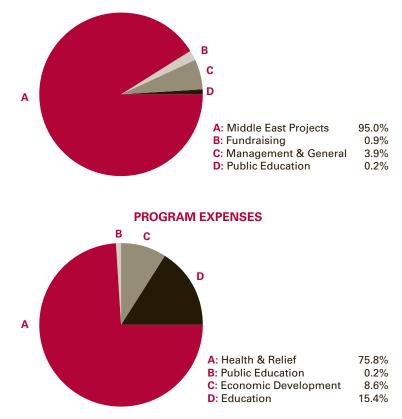
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Treasurer

### **IN FISCAL YEAR 2006**

(June 1, 2005-May 31, 2006)

## ANERA'S TOTAL EXPENSES OF \$31,191,565 WERE DISTRIBUTED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:



#### COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Direct Project Expenses	\$1,309,256
Technical Assistance & Oversight	\$1,246,941
Total Economic Development	\$2,556,197

#### **HEALTH & RELIEF PROGRAMS**

\$1,320,683
\$20,073,015
\$1,110,868
\$22,504,566

#### **EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Direct Project Expenses	\$3,981,004
Technical Assistance & Oversight	\$583,736
Total Education	\$4,564,740

#### **PUBLIC EDUCATION**

To inform the American public about the conditions of the Palestinians, Lebanese and Jordanians, and the value of economic and social development in the Middle East, ANERA publishes a quarterly newsletter, a monthly eNewsletter, speaks at civic and educational events, maintains a web site at www.anera.org, places public education notices, promotes articles in print media and comments on radio and television.

#### **Public Education Total**

\$69,849

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Directors of American Near East Refugee Aid

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) as of May 31, 2006 and 2005 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of ANERA's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We did not audit the financial statements of ANERA's Jerusalem, Beirut and Amman offices, which reflect total assets of \$1,330,792 and \$1,341,147 as of May 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively, and total expenses of \$6,794,080 and \$8,320,099 for the years then ended. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for ANERA's Jerusalem office, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits and the reports of the other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, based on our audits and the reports of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Near East Refugee Aid as of May 31, 2006 and 2005, and the changes in its net assets and it cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Jam + Company

Washington, D.C., USA July 26, 2006

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

May 31, 2006 and 2005

ASSETS		
	2006	2005
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$4,838,487	\$5,435,226
Grants receivable	1,609,823	1,244,535
Accounts receivable	20,956	3,945
Prepaid expenses and other assets	148,118	87,180
Total Current Assets	6,617,384	6,770,886
Furniture and equipment, net	15,479	18,106
Total Assets	\$6,632,863	\$6,788,992

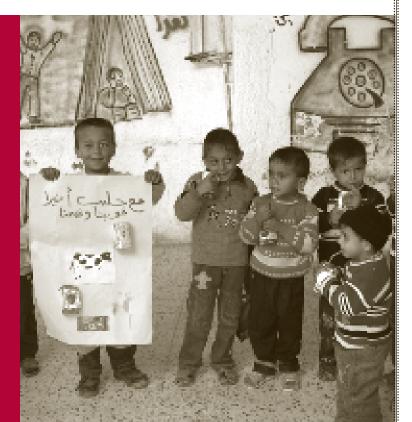
#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$422,964	\$375,470
Accrued benefits	609,862	546,936
Deferred revenue	\$27,272	\$27,272
Grant commitments	334,700	90,125
Total Current Liabilities	1,394,798	1,039,803
Net Assets		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	1,311,194	1,206,921
Board Designated Endowment	485,917	422,181
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	\$1,797,111	\$1,629,102
Temporarily Restricted	3,440,954	4,120,087
Total Net Assets	5,238,065	5,749,189
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$6,632,863	6,788,992

# **STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

For the Years Ended May 31, 2006 and 2005

	2006	2005
Change in unrestricted net assets		
Revenue Donor contributions and		
other grants	\$2,138,168	\$1,547,715
In-kind contributions	20,073,015	13,075,282
Interest	41,456	19,685
Total	22,252,639	14,642,682
Net assets released from restric	tions	
Satisfaction of program		
restrictions	9,106,935	9,904,596
Total unrestricted revenue	31,359,574	24,547,278
Expenses		
Program Services		
Community and Economic		
Development	2,556,197	2,917,437
Education Health Services	4,564,740 22,504,566	2,149,605 17,746,807
Public Education	22,504,566 69,849	67,696
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Total Program Services	29,695,352	22,881,545
Supporting Services		
Fund-raising	283,513	242,410
Management and General	1,212,700	1,075,934
Total Supporting Services	1,496,213	1,318,344
Total Expenses	31,191,565	24,199,889
Change in unrestriced		
net assets	168,009	347,389
Change in temporarily restricted ne	t assets	
United States Government gran		5,624,071
United Nations grants	570,405	1,014,972
Private sector grants and		
contributions	3,175,299	4,367,969
Net assets released from		
restrictions	(9,106,935)	(9,904,596)
Change in temporarily		
restricted net assets	(679,133)	1,102,416
Change in net assets	(511,124)	1,449,805
Net assets, beginning of year	5,749,189	4,299,384
Net assets, end of year	\$5,238,065	\$5,749,189



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