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**COVER IMAGE:**

A young girl enjoys one of the 11,580 "virtually indestructible" soccer balls ANERA distributed among Palestinian refugee and Lebanese youth sports clubs in Lebanon.

*Charlotte Bruneau, photographer*



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ANERA distributed 8,000 pairs of donated Crocs shoes in Gaza, reaching both adults and children. This whole family got new pairs of shoes. Before, the children had to share shoes or go barefoot.

## REPORT FROM *the* PRESIDENT *and* CHAIR

The mood has been grim this year. Some weary observers question the whole paradigm of aid in the Middle East. We share the frustration over witnessing yet more setbacks and destruction. But, we do not succumb to it.

When we ship medical supplies and link up clean water to families in the West Bank and Gaza, we know we can save lives. When shipments of Crocs shoes arrive for children wearing their one pair of broken sandals and we see the love and pride on their parents' faces, we are motivated to do more.

When we see the excited faces of children at the dedication of a new preschool, we cannot stop our work. When a refugee nursing student in Lebanon is awarded a degree and finds a job, we know we must press on.

Our staff on the ground is long accustomed to working in conflict, hardship and adversity, but this year they found themselves stretched to limits they had not known before. Fortunately they persevered and achieved remarkable results, energized by the knowledge they could make a difference.

Our in-kind team safely delivered over \$41 million of medicine, wheelchairs and clothes to hospitals and schools, even during the most recent bombings in Gaza. And, when other humanitarian organizations were still organizing their response to the humanitarian catastrophe, we could immediately deliver what was needed, thanks to the generosity of our private donors.

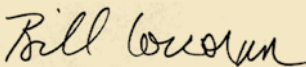
In Lebanon, our staff addressed the immediate priorities of the refugees, like medicine, food and clothing. But they also worked to address the root causes of conflict by using sports to promote peace and tolerance among youth from communities experiencing sectarian strife in northern Lebanon.

We respond quickly in emergencies but we do not lose sight of our long-term development goals. In the West Bank we broke ground for the first comprehensive use of treated waste water in agricultural fields. We are pioneering a new trend for water conservation in Palestine. Building on the confidence of USAID, we also began construction of classroom additions in six West Bank communities.

For many in the Middle East and for our family of supporters around the globe, ANERA is one of the few hopeful signs in the region. We act quickly, efficiently and fairly to solve problems. We prove every day that ANERA can make a difference.

And, it is with your trust and your support that ANERA can succeed.

Joseph Saba  
Chairman of the Board

  
Bill Corcoran  
President & CEO



# Economic Development

- Responded rapidly to urgent water and sanitation needs and addressing public health, education, and other infrastructure needs through the Palestinian Community Infrastructure Development Program in the West Bank and Gaza.
- Began implementing the Jenin Water Reuse and Food Security Project to build reservoirs and irrigation systems that will use wastewater from the Jenin treatment plant for watering parched crops in the northern West Bank.
- Started “Sports for Peace” in Lebanon, a project that promotes social integration, dialogue and conflict mitigation in the Tripoli area through youth sport activities. It began with the construction of soccer and sports club facilities.
- Opened three new parks in the West Bank. Known as Al Bayyara, or citrus grove in Arabic, these are landscaped safe havens for families to gather. They also provide much-needed construction and maintenance jobs in a fragile economy.
- Reactivated our rural tourism program (DHIAFEE), supporting small lodging facilities and B&Bs in rural areas across Lebanon to develop their businesses and improve their marketing.

*The newly renovated soccer field in Beddawi refugee camp in Lebanon brings together young people from different, often conflicting communities.*



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Reem Shraydeh, photographer

*With USAID funds, ANERA employed dozens of laborers, replacing old water pipes and extending the water network in the northern West Bank town of Qabatia.*



# Health and Relief

- Delivered 42 shipments of donated medicines and other supplies, valued at \$41.7 million to the West Bank, Gaza and Lebanon.
- Responded to the Syrian refugee crisis in Lebanon with relief distributions of hygiene kits, baby kits, quilts, heaters, blankets, clothing, rechargeable lamps, and school kits to tens of thousands of families.
- Implemented a unique approach to tackling the problem of steroid abuse in Lebanon's camps: health champions, a group of men aged 17-26, trained in communicating about the dangers of steroids and the benefits of good nutrition, set an example of healthy exercise and positive body image among their peers.
- Treated 4,833 preschoolers in Gaza for intestinal parasites and distributed hygiene kits to their families.
- Established protocols on screening for lice and scabies at 57 schools in Lebanon's refugee camps. Screened over 18,000 children and distributed 10,100 combs and lice shampoo.
- Distributed Ramadan parcels with enough food for two weeks to 200 needy families in Gaza who could not afford *Iftar* meals.
- Provided 500 Gaza families whose houses were flooded in December 2013 with home cleaning and personal care kits. Distributed warm clothes to 1,400 children, aged 5 to 12, who lost everything when they evacuated their homes.



Rania Elhilou, photographer





*ANERA distributed 137 wheelchairs and organized training for health care workers on their use in Palestinian camps in Lebanon.*

Rania Elhilou, photographer



*Future doctor in training, in a Gaza preschool.*



Louise Le Marie, photographer

*Doing lab work to check for intestinal parasites among preschoolers in Gaza.*

*One of the thousands of relief kits ANERA provided to Palestinian families from Syria in Lebanon.*



# Education

- Continued improving the quality of early childhood care, education and development for Palestinian children in the West Bank and Gaza:
  - Completely renovated and equipped four preschools in Jerusalem, five in southern Hebron and four in Gaza,
  - Trained and mentored 77 teachers and head teachers in Jerusalem, Hebron and Gaza,
  - Trained eight teachers and two Ministry of Education preschool supervisors to be trainers,
  - Developed and distributed reading packs to 1,652 preschoolers,
  - Provided specialist sessions on positive-parenting techniques to 590 parents, and
  - Hosted five summer camps in Gaza for 720 children.
- Through the Enhancing Non-Formal Education program in northern Lebanon, 246 youths completed their training in 12 different professions needed in the local market, such as plumbing and accounting. ANERA also trained 46 vocational instructors in teaching methodologies, encouraging active learning techniques.
- ANERA supported 15 Palestinian students to gain the credentials they need to work in the nursing profession, a field newly opened to them in Lebanon.

*ANERA completed the USAID-funded, two-year Palestinian Community Assistance Program in Gaza, improving the teaching and the learning environment at dozens of preschools (like the pictured Karamesh Preschool).*





Louise Le Marie, photographer

*Ahmad is a young Palestinian in northern Lebanon who is studying plumbing, thanks to ANERA support.*



**BEFORE**



Rania Elhilou, photographer

**AFTER**

# Financial Statement

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the fiscal years ending May 31, 2014 and 2013

	2014	2013
<b>Support and revenue</b>		
In-kind contributions	\$40,350,096	\$44,853,545
Governmental/grant revenue	10,905,710	15,307,069
Non-governmental grant revenue	2,174,599	922,881
Contributions	4,828,859	6,737,082
Other income	7,900	12,720
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>58,267,164</b>	<b>67,067,335</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Program services		
Medical in-kind & health services	44,635,178	44,971,367
Community & economic development	9,575,084	15,177,654
Education	2,891,426	3,175,693
Public education	-	-
<b>Total program services</b>	<b>57,101,688</b>	<b>63,324,714</b>
<b>Supporting services</b>		
Management & general	2,042,012	1,886,034
Fundraising	545,652	408,900
<b>Total supporting services</b>	<b>2,587,664</b>	<b>2,294,934</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>59,689,352</b>	<b>65,619,648</b>
Change in net assets	(1,422,188)	2,213,649
Net assets:		
Beginning	7,859,180	5,645,531
Ending	\$6,436,992	\$7,859,180

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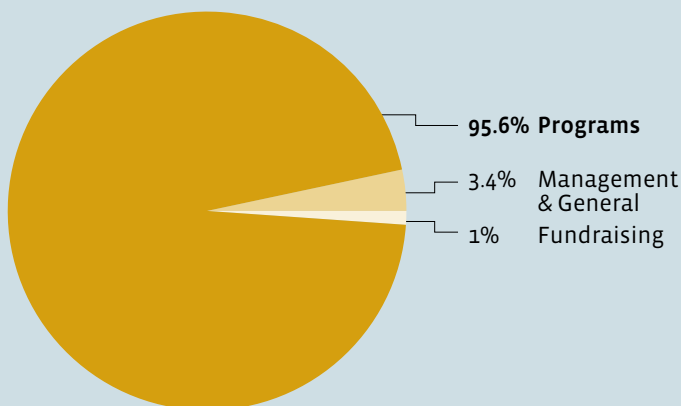


# Fiscal Year 2014

(June 1, 2013–May 31, 2014)

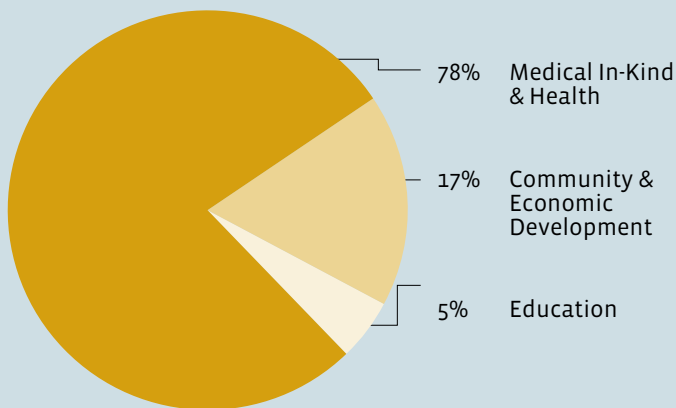
## TOTAL EXPENSES

ANERA's \$59,689,352 in expenses in 2014 were distributed in these ways:



## PROGRAM EXPENSES

ANERA implemented programs worth \$57,101,688 in the following sectors:



*ANERA is committed to spending funds in an efficient and accountable manner. We consider every dollar crucial to the delivery of our projects throughout the Middle East.*

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*Sulaima Abu El Haj, ANERA's early childhood education coordinator, works with children in the Beit Awwa Preschool, one of several preschools ANERA renovated in the West Bank with Dubai Cares funding.*

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AFTER

*Dedicated in honor of three young boys who died playing in a refrigerator, this park was built to give children a safe place to play in the West Bank town of Ras Karkar.*



BEFORE

Nada Dajani, photographer

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*ANERA mourns the passing of these valued members of our community, but we still benefit from their generous spirit. Through their bequest gifts, they continue to demonstrate their commitment to ANERA's work and set an example for others. These gifts mean ANERA will be here tomorrow, so people throughout the Middle East may live with the dignity we all deserve.*

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*ANERA and the YMCA hosted summer camps in Gaza for 450 children. Rami's favorite spot was the library, where he could sit and read quietly.*

Rania Elhilou, photographer



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*Maliha gets used to her new walking aid from ANERA.*



Nada Dajani, photographer

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*ANERA built 15 new and renovated 18 existing classrooms at the Tuqu' Secondary School for Boys in Bethlehem. The 600 students were thrilled with the result. This work was part of ANERA's USAID-funded Emergency Water and Sanitation program (2008-2013).*

**AFTER**



Nadia Awad, photographer



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