

A photograph of a woman in traditional Palestinian dress, including a brown vest over a patterned blouse and a dark headscarf, smiling while holding a long wooden staff. She is standing in a field of green grass and yellow flowers, with a stone wall and a man in a striped sweater in the background. To her right, several sheep are grazing. A red rectangular overlay at the bottom left contains the text "2015 Annual Report".

2015
Annual Report

In 2015, ANERA touched the lives of more than

a million people.

95¢ out of every \$1 went directly to education, health

and development programs

in Palestine and Lebanon.

ANERA raised **\$58 million**

in cash and goods that

**created new opportunities, developed
communities and provided relief**

where it was most needed.

LETTER

With each tragic headline from the Middle East, we wonder “what’s the point?” Why keep trying to make things better? Politics obscure the hope of improving communities and lives. Yet, despite the depressing news, our staff in Palestine and Lebanon are excited about the future because of our projects.

One of our engineers in Gaza wouldn’t accept that a preschool in Beit Hanoun had been flattened by bombing last year. So, he produced a new design and crafted a striking facility with clean orange and beige colors that attracted families from miles to see this little paradise for children.

Meanwhile, one of our educators in Lebanon beams with pride at having taught hundreds of Syrian teenagers how to read and write their own language, Arabic. Moreover, she convinced UNICEF to be our partner in over 65 locations.

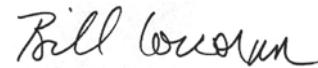
The well-known West Bank village of Bil'in had little water to sustain its 2,200 people. An ANERA engineer eased their struggle with the creation of a 132,086 gallon reservoir.

Yes, the daily news bulletins are bleak. But, thanks to a persistent staff and your generous support, ANERA creates hope and progress on a daily basis.

With gratitude and hope,



Joseph P. Saba, Chairman of the Board



Bill Corcoran, President & CEO

EDUCATION

In 2015, your donations helped ANERA to build or renovate **11 schools** in Lebanon and Palestine, train **84 preschool teachers** in interactive learning techniques, and provide books and educational materials for **2,530 preschoolers**. In Lebanon, your support meant that **4,652 teens**, displaced and denied schooling because of the Syrian war, were educated in Arabic, math and useful job skills. Donations also provided scholarships for **19 Palestinian nursing students** in Lebanon and **80 musicians** at the Gaza Music School.



“I am certain our new preschool is planting hope in these little hearts.”

Boshra Hamad, principal of the Amjad Preschool, was thrilled for her students that ANERA rebuilt the school after it was bombed during the 2014 Gaza war.



“When a fun game can teach kids letters, words and spelling, why would I need a blackboard?”

Wijdan Moqdi, a preschool teacher in Salfit, West Bank, changed her approach to teaching after participating in ANERA's early childhood development training and mentoring program.



“I want to become a surgeon, so I can treat people for free and not discriminate against anyone.”

When he is not working long hours to support his family, 16-year-old Sami, a Syrian refugee in Lebanon, attends ANERA-run classes that allow him to pursue his dreams for the future.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Thanks to ANERA's donor community, over **18,000 people** got access to better drinking water in their homes and **2,000 workers** were employed in good jobs. **120 farming families** in Gaza had their war-damaged agricultural fields restored and **240 West Bank farmers** watered their parched lands with recycled waste water. In Lebanon, your support reached **36,000 youths** through rehabilitation of **7 sports fields** and training of **100 coaches** on peace and team-building skills. Donors also funded **3 new West Bank playgrounds**.

"I was shocked by the magnitude of the destruction. Not a single plant was left."

During the Israeli incursion into Gaza, Sabra Abu Naseer's land in Deir Al Balah was bulldozed. After the war, ANERA graded her fields for planting and provided 65 olive tree saplings, along with an irrigation system.





“I have been working with the Qabatia Municipality for more than 30 years and this is definitely one of the best projects ever.”

Qabatia Municipality Director Walid Kmail describes an ANERA project that diverted rainwater from the West Bank town's streets through a system of channels. Now the 13,600 residents are protected from flooding.

“I believe that soccer is a great tool for development, especially for young girls in conservative communities.”

Zainab El Kheshen, a coach from Egypt, came to work with young women from Syria living in a refugee camp in the far north of Lebanon. ANERA rehabilitated a sports field there, provided equipment, and hosted Zainab's much-appreciated visit.



HEALTH & RELIEF

After an outpouring of donor support, ANERA delivered over **\$13 million in humanitarian relief** in the wake of the Gaza war. You also helped ANERA send **47 shipments** of donated health care supplies, valued at **\$30 million**, to clinics and hospitals in Lebanon and Palestine. During the winter, **5,800 Palestinian and Syrian refugee families** in

Lebanon received blankets, warm clothes and other support to help them cope with harsh weather. ANERA reached **1,206 refugee youths in Lebanon** with hygiene information sessions.



“We try to ease her pain and help her through the tasks of her daily life.”

Dr. Wael Al-Rajabi at the Hebron Charitable Clinic in the West Bank does what he can for 51-year-old rheumatoid arthritis patient Hana Abu-Mahdiyah. The compression bandages from ANERA help a lot.

"My husband doesn't even make enough in a day's work to cover the cost of a bottle of vitamins."

Haneen Zerbitli lives in the war-ravaged Gaza City neighborhood of Shujaeya. Her three-year-old son Kareem was suffering from malnourishment until he started taking ANERA-donated vitamins.



"I am very happy to have this kit and glad for the lighting as well as the winter clothes for my daughter."

Fidaa Al Arid brought her seven-year-old daughter Maria to pick up a winter kit in Lebanon's Beddawi refugee camp. Maria has Cerebral Palsy and her family was one of 300 with special needs who benefited from ANERA's winter kit distributions.



ANERA was one of the first organizations to deliver relief during the 51-day Gaza war in the summer of 2014. A quick donor response and our distribution networks in Gaza meant that we could act immediately. No other organization was able to respond as we did during the first weeks of the war. Even as the bombs fell, with your support, ANERA's **16 staff in Gaza** delivered:

3 million gallons of water

food parcels for **5,100 families**

43,900 hygiene kits

17 shipments of medicine worth over \$10 million

114,122 gallons of fuel for desalination and sewage treatment plants

When the assault ended, ANERA repaired water and sewage systems that serve **89,000 people**, restored **350 acres of war-damaged agricultural fields**, and renovated/rebuilt **6 preschools**. These projects not only repaired infrastructure, they restored hope for beleaguered residents.



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ANERA mourns the passing of these valued members of our community. Through their bequest gifts, they continue to demonstrate their generous spirit and 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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June 1, 2014-May 31, 2015

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Statement of Activities & Changes in Net Assets

	2015	2014
Support and revenue		
In-kind contributions	\$29,846,810	\$40,350,096
Governmental grant revenue	17,297,727	10,905,710
Non-governmental grant revenue	3,634,996	2,174,599
Contributions	7,353,718	4,828,859
Other income	14,142	7,900
Total support and revenue	58,147,393	58,267,164
Expenses		
Program services		
Medical in-kind & health services	29,399,722	44,635,178
Community & economic development	18,360,325	9,575,084
Education	2,967,401	2,891,426
Total program services	50,727,448	57,101,688
Supporting services		
Management & general	2,235,120	2,042,012
Fundraising	632,197	545,652
Total supporting services	2,867,317	2,587,664
Total expenses	53,594,765	59,689,352
Change in net assets	4,552,628	(1,422,188)
Net assets:		
Beginning	6,436,992	7,859,180
Ending	\$10,989,620	\$6,436,992

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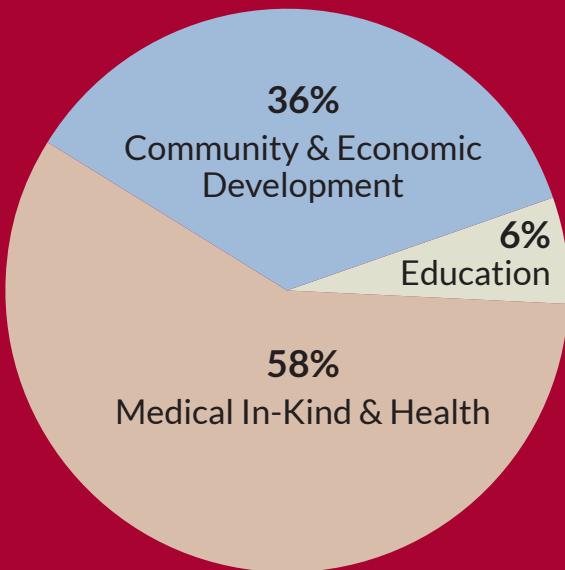
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Program Expenses in 2015

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COVER PHOTO: Sabha in the West Bank village of Khalet El Mai used to walk long distances in hot sun to get water for her family and animals. Now, thanks to a water network ANERA installed, she and 4,300 villagers have running water in their homes.



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