



2016 Annual Report

ANERA
Improving Lives in the Middle East
Since 1968

In 2016, ANERA spent

94% of its revenues on

education, health and economic development programs

in Palestine and Lebanon. Our projects **employed**

thousands and improved people's lives in **refugee camps,**

farms and small villages. Communities in need

received **\$52.5 million** in aid to ensure

the kind of **sustainable development** that will affect

generations to come.

ANERA's focus is always on people, not politics. It's a good formula, especially given the charged region where we work. From farms to schools, people in Lebanon and Palestine were touched by ANERA projects in 2016.

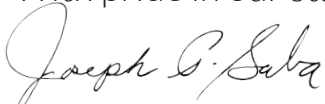
We felt great pride when our innovative reuse of treated wastewater in the West Bank successfully irrigated more than 200 family farms, each yielding six harvests of alfalfa fodder per year.

In Gaza, our engineers cheered when the first valves connected thousands of families to daily water in their kitchens and bathrooms. They did this at a time when even pipes were tough to purchase.

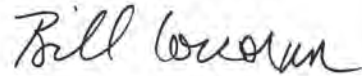
In the refugee camps of Lebanon, tensions run high among teenagers who are struggling to work or stay in school. Our non-formal education programs make learning accessible and the sports facilities we construct bridge gaps between communities and give young people an outlet to blow off steam.

In violent and unstable times, ANERA is there, delivering the projects you make possible. No matter what.

With pride in our staff,



Joseph P. Saba, Chairman of the Board



Bill Corcoran, President & CEO

Thanks to your help
in 2016...

133,870 Palestinians

can now access
reliable water.

17 communities

in Gaza and the West Bank have
new reservoirs and water networks.

399 Gaza farmers

can feed their families and sell
fresh produce from their fields.

740 acres

of parched fields in the West Bank are
nourished with treated wastewater.

6,740 workers

were employed on construction sites
throughout Palestine.

**“We want to say thank you
for what we have and share
it with families whose
homes were destroyed
during the [2014] war.”**

Ahmed Zoerob, a Gaza farmer, carries a box that says
“From Poor Farmer to Poor Family” filled with fresh
produce from his farm. ANERA worked with him and
hundreds of other families to bring their fields back to
productivity in the wake of the 2014 war.





“You should have seen me when the rain made sewage overflow into the house. I was frantically cleaning.”

Halime Qatanani is a 57-year-old grandmother living in the village of Habla, West Bank. ANERA connected her home and 449 others to a sewage system that discharges waste safely to a treatment plant.



“Women and girls are happy to be part of something that has an impact on their community.”

Sumaya Al Khaled coordinates volunteers to spread the word about ANERA's waste collection program in Lebanon's Nahr El Bared camp. In a place where garbage disposal is a major problem, 350 families now sort their trash for recycling.

Work your support
made possible in 2016...

50 shipments

of medicines/supplies delivered
to Palestine and Lebanon.

750 Syrian children

and their families received free dental
care in northern Lebanon.

8,700 blood bags

and vital equipment provided
to the Gaza blood bank.

6,262 refugee families

received lice prevention training
and treatment kits in Lebanon.

1,700 food parcels

distributed to impoverished families
in Gaza and Lebanon.



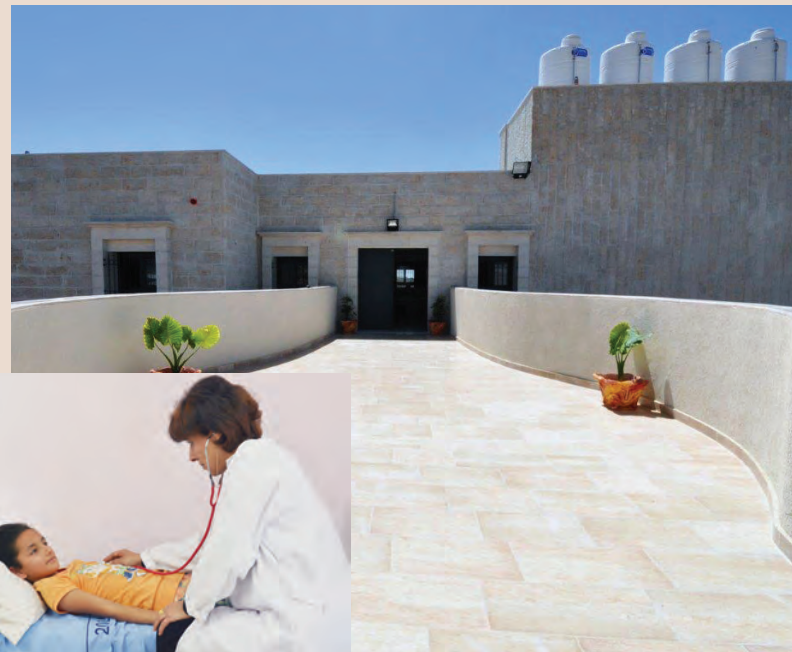
**“Extreme poverty and
lack of access to dental
services multiply the
risks of serious oral
health issues.”**

Dima Zayat, an ANERA staffer in Beirut, explains the underlying reasons for a new dental program that teaches good practices and provides treatment for impoverished Syrian, Palestinian and Lebanese communities in northern Lebanon.



“No words can describe that moment when we can say ‘yes, the blood you need is on the way.’”

Sahar Abu Sido, a nurse at the Gaza Central Blood Bank, is thrilled with the shipment of blood bags ANERA delivered. The 10-year blockade and a chronic lack of funds make it difficult for her to keep them in stock.



“This clinic is designed to respect the privacy of the patients.”

Dr. Fatheya Mesyef describes the new clinic ANERA built in the Israeli-controlled Palestinian town of Walajeh in the West Bank. Her patients used to receive care in a tiny mobile clinic.



Your donations in 2016 helped...

12,167 refugee teens

learn Arabic, English, math
and job skills across Lebanon.

780 students

enjoy a better learning environment
in two new West Bank schools.

26 preschools

be upgraded with new windows, safe play
areas, bathrooms and furniture.

121 preschool teachers

enroll in training classes that promote
child-centered learning.

48,000 youth

access renovated and well-equipped sports
facilities in Palestine and Lebanon.

**“This building embodies
our hopes for our children
to learn in a peaceful
environment surrounded
by the love and care they
deserve.”**

Charles Tarazi and his family, adding to a bequest left by his brother Bahjat, funded construction of a new preschool in the West Bank village of Al Majd. It is a model ANERA preschool with large classrooms, child-friendly toilets and furniture, and a spacious playground.





“The workshops appeal to girls who are trying to learn skills to create items they can use at home and eventually generate income.”

Hafiza Houwaly is a sewing teacher in ANERA's job skills training program, part of an extensive non-formal education program in Lebanon that helps Syrian refugees and other youth regain hope for their futures.



“Soccer helps us let go of our stress and anger. For a short time, we are able to play together, learn from each other and just have fun.”

Ahmed El-Badeni, 18, is one of 1,500 young people in Al Mosadar, Gaza who regularly comes to the ANERA-renovated sports club. Boys and girls come after school and on weekends to play soccer, table tennis and pool. Coaches also use sports to teach life skills, punctuality and sportsmanship.



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A young Syrian refugee in northern Lebanon picks up his family's Ramadan food package.

Students celebrate the opening of their new girls' school in the Tulkarem area of the West Bank.



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June 1, 2015-May 31, 2016

2016 FINANCES

Statement of Activities & Changes in Net Assets

	2016	2015
Support and revenue		
In-kind contributions	\$34,048,155	\$29,846,810
Governmental grant revenue	15,646,997	17,297,727
Non-governmental grant revenue	3,988,608	3,634,996
Contributions	4,117,195	7,353,718
Other income	103,698	14,142
Total support and revenue	57,904,653	58,147,393
Expenses		
Program services		
Medical in-kind & health services	32,921,878	29,399,722
Community & economic development	16,267,932	18,360,325
Education	3,296,990	2,967,401
Total program services	52,486,800	50,727,448
Supporting services		
Management & general	2,511,278	2,235,120
Fundraising	810,440	632,197
Total supporting services	3,321,718	2,867,317
Total expenses	55,808,518	53,594,765
Change in net assets	2,096,135	4,552,628
Net assets:		
Beginning	10,989,620	6,436,992
Ending	\$13,085,755	\$10,989,620



Program Expenses in 2016

ANERA's **\$55,808,518** in expenses in 2016 were spent in the following way:



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Beitin
Gaza City
Hebron
Jerusalem
Nablus
Ramallah



ANERA
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Since 1968

ANERA addresses the development and humanitarian needs of Palestinians and other communities in the Middle East. Through partnerships and close consultation with local groups and communities, ANERA responds to needs with sustainable solutions and also delivers aid during emergencies.

COVER PHOTO: Young Syrian refugees in a math class in Bekaa, Lebanon. ANERA's non-formal education program in Lebanon brings together more than 12,000 youth from all backgrounds for courses that build community and help young people gain the skills they need to take control of their futures. Ron Coello, photographer

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