



For [50 years](#), [Anera](#) has helped refugees and others hurt by conflicts in the Middle East live with dignity and purpose. [Anera](#), a non-profit with no political or religious affiliation, works on the ground with partners in the [West Bank](#), [Gaza](#) and [Lebanon](#). We mobilize resources for immediate emergency relief and for sustainable, long-term health, education, and economic development. Our staff serve in their communities, navigating the politics that constrict progress to get help where it's needed most. That's how Anera delivered more than [\\$69.8 million in programs in 2018](#) alone, and it's how we will keep building better lives until hope finds its way in the Middle East.

Headquartered in Washington, DC, the organization has 12 offices in Palestine and Lebanon — giving Anera a significant presence in the Middle East. We partner with a wide range of local and international organizations and institutions to develop and implement projects. Anera pays particular attention to the growth of strong and sustainable grassroots organizations to ensure that development efforts will continue after a project is completed.

## Projects

Anera has an excellent reputation in the field of education and many years of experience implementing projects of varying size and budget. Throughout its history, the organization has been at the forefront of enhancing [education](#) from preschool to the university level. It is no exaggeration to say that Anera's projects have benefited tens of thousands of students in the [West Bank](#), [Gaza](#) and [Lebanon](#).

**Early Childhood Development** | Anera is leading the way for [early childhood development](#) in Palestine with the *Right Start!* program. We are developing a national early childhood development strategy by investing in improving preschools, training teachers, producing resources and working with the Ministry of Education and others to address larger issues.

*Right Start!* takes a holistic approach to early childhood development. Program activities are designed to improve the educational environment for children through upgrading school and playground infrastructure; building capacity of teachers, promoting active engagement and learning of children through arts, music, toys and books; and enhancing the parenting skills of caregivers.

Over the past seven years, Anera has upgraded and equipped 165 preschools; trained 600 teachers;



*A West Bank preschooler practices writing.*



*El Breij Preschool in Gaza has a new playground, toilets, water fountains and many more renovations.*



*The new lab at the Hatta Co-Ed School in the West Bank.*

enhanced the parenting skills of 13,000 caregivers on early child development, active learning, and health and nutrition; and delivered 20,000 literacy and reading packs to children that promote a culture of reading and storytelling.

**Building and Equipping Schools and Educational Centers** | Anera has been [improving Palestinian schools and educational facilities](#) throughout the Middle East for decades. In preschools and universities, community centers and vocational classrooms, Anera steps in where we're needed to ensure young people have safe spaces to learn and grow and the tools they need to succeed.

We build new structures and add classrooms onto existing ones. We install sanitation systems that make bathrooms clean and water safe to drink. Science labs are equipped with microscopes and beakers. Libraries are filled with books and computers. Our education experts take every detail into consideration, whether that means providing kid-friendly furniture or making sure facilities are welcoming and accessible for all.

In just the past few years, Anera has renovated or built 54 schools of different levels, preschool through secondary, across Palestine. In 2019 alone, six preschools are being built in Palestine. Our team in Lebanon also renovated four preschools in 12 of the Palestinian refugee camps. In Nahr El Bared camp in Lebanon, Anera rehabilitated damaged vocational schools and community centers, restoring refugee access to education programs in key skills like carpentry, aluminum work, nursing, automotive electronics, and computer training.

**Non-formal Education** | Schools in Lebanon cannot accommodate the surge of refugee youth from Syria. Even if a school schedule had an opening, many teens cannot afford the high tuition costs or feel obligated to work to help provide for their families.

[Anera's non-formal education program](#) focuses on bridging the gaps in education for Lebanon's most vulnerable population. The program targets out-of-school youth, aged 14-25. Flexible classes, located inside or adjacent to camps and tented settlements, provide youth with basic Arabic, English and math training at a variety of levels. Through the courses, some students are directed to an accelerated learning program or to formal education in Lebanese schools. Other students develop these competencies to keep up with their peers or to enter the job market. In 2018, Anera reached 8,121 youth with literacy and math classes.

Anera also offers life and health skills courses, ranging from embroidery and soap-making to conflict management and hygiene promotion. Similarly, academic classes are usually complemented with sports tournaments and athletic courses that incentivize kids to get involved. Through these opportunities, youths connect with their peers and engage in activities that will improve their confidence and sense of self-worth.



**Vocational Education** | In Lebanon, Anera provides opportunities for youth to learn and reinforce job skills. Gaining marketable skills is essential in a fragile economy where Palestinian and Syrian refugees face high rates of unemployment. In recent years the need for this kind training has greatly increased with the influx of refugees from Syria. For many, this is one of the only gateways to education or employment. Anera’s vocational training courses include accounting, tailoring, electronics, cosmetology, and much more. In 2018, 6,048 youth participated in the classes, which were offered at times that work with youths’ schedules. The UNICEF-funded program was notable for its high attendance rates.

In the West Bank and Gaza, [Anera’s vocational education programs](#) have included teacher training programs, teleconferencing with US universities so medical technicians could update their skills, and knowledge-sharing programs for farmers to exchange experiences and know-how. Anera has partnered with educational institutions to ensure people have access to quality vocational education in new and emerging skills. In the West Bank, we built four IT centers at universities and, in Gaza, we have long partnered with Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children, which provides excellent vocational training in crafts and carpentry.



*English class in northern Lebanon.*

**Sports for Development** | [Anera integrates sports for development](#) into its youth programs in Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon as a fun way to teach life skills while providing recreation for youth living under tense and challenging circumstances. The program targets Lebanese, Syrian, and Palestinian boys and girls, emphasizing social interaction and mentorship. In partnership with UNICEF, Anera has expanded its existing sports programming as part of a larger non-formal education program for refugee youth. Anera uses local football clubs and other sports activities to teach conflict-management and life skills as well as health and hygiene promotion to marginalized youth.

In partnership with Street Football World, Anera holds life skills and technical training sessions for football coaches across Lebanon who are then responsible for facilitating sports courses, community sports days and tournaments. The program offers 10 types of sports courses, including basketball, football, yoga, swimming and aerobics for both boys and girls.

We also build and renovate sports and playground facilities used by whole communities. In 2017, Anera renovated and equipped six large sports facilities in Lebanon and Palestine.



*Newly renovated sports field in Akkar, Lebanon.*

## Management & Accountability

As described above, Anera has significant expertise in planning, implementing, and evaluating projects to improve education in the [West Bank](#), [Gaza](#) and [Lebanon](#). It has clearly demonstrated the ability to meet any and all project requirements at the highest international standards.

Over the years, Anera has received funding for its various education program from Islamic Relief USA, Dubai Cares, USAID, UNICEF, Street Football World, McMillan Stewart Foundation, Ross

Foundation, Reach out to Asia, and thousands of individual donors.

Anera has successfully implemented dozens of projects for major donors, including the U.S. Government and the United Nations. It has financial, management and procurement systems in place to quickly and efficiently implement projects of any scale. Anera's approach emphasizes active community involvement and local participation at all levels to ensure sustainability and long-term impact.

Anera is audited annually by RSM US LLP and meets USAID A-133 audit requirements. It routinely screens funders, partners and program recipients, using continually-updated software to comply with the U.S. Office of Foreign Asset Controls (OFAC - U.S. Treasury Department). Anera is a signatory to U.S. anti-terrorism certification procedures and vets project partners regarding their ability to be nonpartisan and free of hidden political agendas. Field staff assesses all project partners to judge the quality of their professional skill sets.

Finally, it is important to highlight Anera's considerable experience operating in conflict zones, such as during Operation Cast Lead, two Palestinian Intifadas, and the 2006 Lebanon war. With an unrivaled depth of field experience, Anera's staff is able to safely and efficiently carry out projects while meeting donor and project requirements.

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