



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](#), [Lebanon](#) and Jordan. 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 \\$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 10 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.

**Anera uses locally-sourced materials in construction wherever possible, ensures special needs accessibility, and incorporates solar panels and other modern, innovative features into all of our infrastructure designs and builds.**

## Water & Sanitation

**Safe Water Access** | For four decades, [water access](#) and sewage management have been at the heart of Anera's work. Our engineers know the range and scope of the problems their communities face and have the expertise to fix them. We erect reservoirs, repair and expand water networks, renovate sewage systems, connect hospitals and clinics to water, invest in innovative irrigation systems and install children's toilets in preschools. Since 2008 Anera has expanded services to more than 800,000 people in the West Bank and Gaza, including giving 500,770 people with improved access to potable water.



*Rasmiya is one of 500,700 Palestinians who Anera has connected to potable water since 2008.*

In the West Bank, we build water collection ponds and cisterns to maximize available fresh water. We identify the most isolated communities and repair and extend water pipelines to cut losses that occur due to old, corroded pipes. In Gaza, we focus on repairing small desalination stations, building reservoirs and pumping stations and replacing leaking pipes. Networks blocked with asbestos or rust are replaced with new materials. Following the 2014 conflict, Anera launched an emergency water initiative using materials available within Gaza to rapidly restore local water connections in war-damaged homes and neighborhoods, restoring services to 8,000 people. Anera has constructed seven water reservoirs in Gaza and West Bank communities since 2013.

**Sanitation** | Since 2008, [Anera has provided improved sanitation systems](#) to dozens of Palestinian communities, reaching more than 300,000 people. We install sewage pipelines and link homes to these networks, freeing families from having to rely on unsafe and unhealthy cesspits or septic tanks. Our interventions also help stem some of the sewage flow from Gaza into the Mediterranean Sea.

**Wastewater Reuse** | In 2018 [Anera launched a wastewater reuse project](#) to conserve scarce drinking water in the city of Ramallah. When completed in May 2020, it will protect the water supply by facilitating the reuse of 63.4 million gallons of wastewater annually. The new infrastructure will conserve fresh water and make the best use of treated wastewater for construction, firefighting, and irrigating fruit trees, gardens and parks.

## Health Infrastructure

**Hospitals & Clinics** | Anera [builds, renovates, and expands hospitals and other health facilities](#) across Palestine. In just the past decade, we have built or upgraded 29 hospitals and clinics in the West Bank and Gaza. In Rafidia Hospital in Nablus, Anera added two surgery rooms and upgraded four existing surgery rooms, increasing the number of surgeries by 50 percent. Anera also renovated central laboratories in Beit Jala Hospital, allowing hospital workers to complete 25,000 medical tests per month, which is 66 percent higher than before renovation.

In the past couple years, Anera built two new clinics in Beit Lahia, Gaza and Walaja in Area C of the West Bank. Both are located in underserved areas and reach tens of thousands of people who otherwise would have to travel long distances for any kind of health care. We have [installed solar panels](#) on two clinics in Gaza and plan to expand this program to reach all Gaza medical facilities participating in our in-kind program. Anera is also leading the way in the construction of centers for people with special needs such as the [Right to Live Society for Autistic Persons](#) and the PRCS Center for developmental disabilities in Gaza.

## Educational Infrastructure

**Building Schools** | Anera has been [improving schools and educational facilities](#) in Palestine and beyond for decades. From preschools to universities, Anera steps in where we're needed to ensure young people have safe spaces to learn and grow, with the tools they need to succeed. We build new schools and add classrooms onto existing ones. We install sanitation systems that make bathrooms clean and water safe to drink. Our science labs come equipped with microscopes and beakers and our libraries are filled with books and computers. **In just the past few years, Anera has renovated or built 54 schools of different levels, preschool through secondary, across Palestine.**



*Anera constructed this health clinic in the village of Al-Walajah, which lies within Area C of the West Bank. It provides health services to 2,500 people.*



*Anera built the Faysal Khaled Health Clinic in Beit Lahia, Gaza in 2018.*



*Anera built the three-story Qaffin girls' school in 2016, featuring 14 classrooms, a computer lab, and more.*

**Preschools** | Since 2010, Anera has upgraded and equipped 165 Palestinian preschools, as part of our early childhood development program. Our work is based on a long-term, holistic, and sustainable model that combines physical infrastructure improvements in schools with comprehensive professional development trainings for teachers. [Anera is currently building seven new preschools in the West Bank.](#) Our education experts take every detail into consideration, from providing kid-friendly furniture to making sure facilities are welcoming and accessible for all.



*Al-Majd Preschool includes colorful classrooms, safe play areas, and modern amenities.*

## Community Infrastructure

**Community Centers** | Anera builds public spaces and buildings throughout Palestine to promote individual development while strengthening community bonds. In the West Bank, we built a community center for a women’s association in the village of Dar Salah, where women can gather, collaborate and ultimately generate income by using the center’s resources. In Jericho, we built a [two-story youth center](#) that offers specialized training and skill development to combat unemployment. And in Bethlehem, Anera renovated the [St. Nicholas Home for the Elderly](#), improving the outdated facilities and making it accessible for seniors. Our work in Gaza includes a community center in Khan Younis that was completed in 2018, as well as the [Al-Mosaddar Sports Club](#) and field, that provides a place for 1,500 local youth to have fun.



*Above: Community Center in Khan Younis, Gaza.*

**Parks** | We turn vacant, rubble-filled lots into [vibrant, landscaped parks](#) where children can safely explore. And, in just the past seven years, Anera has built 12 parks in Gaza and the West Bank, helping to foster community bonding, emotional well-being, and to provide needed outdoor spaces for children to play and families to gather.



*Left: Um Salamuna Park in the West Bank.*

## Agricultural Infrastructure

**Greenhouses & Land Restoration** | In addition to being a cornerstone of Palestine’s economy, agriculture is a source of pride and self-reliance for farmers. [Anera works with families to build greenhouse gardens](#), use limited land and water resources more efficiently and to lengthen the growing season. Since its start, our greenhouse program in Gaza has impacted 187 families, most of whom continue to reap the harvest of their greenhouses. Post-war assessments report that the 2014 war destroyed 51% of Gaza’s farmland, greenhouses and irrigation systems. Anera leveled and plowed damaged fields, installed irrigation pipes and provided olive trees and vegetable seeds to 28 families whose lands were affected by the war.

**Irrigation** | In 2016, in the Jenin area of the West Bank, Anera completed [renovations on a wastewater treatment plant](#), which produces 1.8 gallons per day of high quality reusable water, suitable for irrigating animal fodder and trees. The community as whole — roughly 12,000 villagers — benefit from increased access of locally grown products at affordable costs. In 2005, [Anera completed one of the largest irrigation projects in Palestine.](#) Anera converted an open-channel irrigation network, coming from the Ein Al Sultan spring, into a pressurized pipe system, thereby dramatically

increasing the efficiency of [irrigation](#) water access for 950 farmers in Jericho. More recently, Anera also renovated two kilometers of the Ein Dyouk irrigation canal that distributes water to 3,900 farmers and residents of two adjacent villages, Nua'meh and Dyouk.

**Access for Farmers** | We renovate roadways in communities across Gaza [enabling farmers to access their produce](#) and export it to markets. In Beit Lahia, Anera engineers recently rehabilitated a road by adding thicker layers of soil and mixing crushed stones with base aggregates. Anera has also constructed many wholesale markets across Palestine – from Halhoul in the southern West Bank to Tulkarem in the north. Most recently, Anera built a wholesale market in the Abasan Al-Kabira area of Khan Younis, Gaza.



*The El Samouni family enjoys picking fresh produce in their Anera-built greenhouse.*

## Management & Accountability

As described above, Anera has significant expertise in planning, implementing, and evaluating projects to improve infrastructure in the West Bank and Gaza. 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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*Workers building a reservoir in Al-Fukhari, Gaza which will be completed in 2019.*



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