Completing the Renovation & Expansion of Al-Jaba’a School

NAME OF PROJECT
Completing a School Renovation & Expansion

LOCATION
Al-Jaba’a, West Bank

NUMBER OF PEOPLE REACHED
250 children annually

COST
$1,220,000

STATUS
30% Complete

Anera hires local laborers when we build new infrastructure. In this image, workers are building the foundation of the new Jaba’a school wing. Left picture is a rendering of the finished building.
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The Need | Al-Jaba’a is a small Palestinian village located southwest of Bethlehem. The local boys’ school currently offers education from 5th to 10th grade, and has around 80 students enrolled. The building is in very poor condition, with small, crowded classrooms and no proper playground area.

After the 10th grade, the boys and girls (who attend a different school) of Jaba’a have to transfer to a secondary school in the neighboring town of Surif – a two-mile walk up the road – if they want to complete their education. As a result, some students, especially girls, often drop out.

Anera’s Response | Anera’s intervention aims to increase the enrollment capacity at the boy’s school to 250 students, offering the chance to provide an 11th and 12th grade education for both boys and girls. Anera received a permit to construct a separate, three-story building (plan pictured on opposite page) on a plot of land located in Area C. We began work, with USAID funds, and completed renovation of the existing school. We also built the structure of the first floor of the new building, which will include four additional classrooms, a multi-purpose hall, a science lab, a library, a social worker’s room, a canteen, and handicap-accessible toilets. Sadly, our work halted with the abrupt cessation of USAID funding at the end of January 2019. The school is unfinished and the girls of Jaba’a still can’t easily pursue higher education.

Anera built the Qaffin, West Bank, girls’ school with $1,654,326 in USAID funding. Pictured is the school’s opening festivities.