



This family was one of 58 families across Gaza that Anera helped to prepare their homes for winter. The renovations included maintenance of kitchens and toilets, fixing dripping rooftops as well as connecting families to solar-powered hot water so families can access it during cold days for showering and other hygiene purposes.

Anera is a registered non-governmental, non-profit international organization established in 1968 to advance the well-being of Palestinian communities. **Today, Anera responds to economic, health and educational needs of the most marginalized people in Palestine, Lebanon and Jordan, and delivers humanitarian aid during emergencies.**

A regional staff of more than 100 employees includes specialists in health, education, agriculture, engineering, procurement and commodity management, and community development. While Anera's reach has grown, it remains steadfast in its dedication to creating long-lasting positive change in Palestinian communities. With your support, Anera gives Palestinian refugees the resources to build public infrastructure, improve access to education, support livelihoods, and enhance water and sanitation services.

## > Overview of Anera in Palestine

When Anera opened its doors in 1968, its mission was clear: to provide relief for Palestinians in the West Bank displaced by the 1967 War. Now, Anera is rising to meet the challenges of water scarcity, crumbling infrastructure, and an economy crippled by walls and checkpoints from our offices in Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Gaza. With more than 25 staff in Palestine – who all come from the communities they serve – Anera is restoring farmlands, building vital infrastructure, renovating preschools, equipping hospitals and clinics, constructing parks and playgrounds, and delivering life-saving relief and medicine during tumultuous times.

Since establishing its main office in Jerusalem in 1976, Anera has directly implemented a wide range of development assistance programs in the West Bank and Gaza. The organization has been awarded funding from a variety of U.S. government agencies, multilateral donors (UNICEF, OFID), bilateral donors (Canada, Kuwait and Qatar), and a growing range of foundations, corporations, and private contributors.

In the early 1980s, Anera opened an office in Gaza and began working to stimulate job creation and develop sustainable projects. Today, with a local staff of 10 – who all come from the communities they serve – Anera is training preschool teachers, building classrooms and water networks, and delivering relief and health care supplies in the wake of yet another war. With degraded infrastructure, overcrowding, sharply restricted movement, and a severely stifled economy, Palestinians in Gaza face enormous challenges, even during times of relative peace. Despite the obstacles, Anera has been helping families in Gaza for over three decades and is one of the few organizations with regular access to enter and leave the tightly restricted territory.



Anwar is one of the young people that Anera trained and hired to help install four solar-powered water pumping systems for agricultural water wells in northern Gaza.

## > Water and Infrastructure

Anera has decades of experience upgrading infrastructure across Palestine. In the 1980s, Anera helped complete the Halhul fruit and vegetable wholesale market, the largest cold storage facility in the West Bank. By the end of 1980s, Anera had also computerized the Gaza Chamber of Commerce. In the 1990s, Anera helped four Palestinian towns build light industrial complexes to remove polluting industries from town centers and create jobs. And in the 2000s, Anera constructed the Jericho Public Library, built in the shape of an open book and offering modern facilities, along with five IT Centers of Excellence in the West Bank and Gaza.

Since 2013, Anera's Palestinian Community Infrastructure and Development program has improved infrastructure needs in rural communities in Gaza and the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, that face serious shortages in basic services. Some 187,770 people now have improved access to water for household use and for drinking. And 37,700 people now have piped water in their homes for the first time.

Across the West Bank, Anera's recent wastewater reuse programs in Jenin and Ramallah have made thousands of cubic meters of additional water available for municipal use each day. These projects provide irrigation water for farmers and public greenspaces and water for fire trucks, while preserving scarce potable water for households.

To ensure environmental sustainability and resilience given an unreliable power grid, Anera installs solar panels on critical infrastructure like health centers and agricultural wells.

The pollution and over-extraction of Gaza's only aquifer poses a grave threat to the health of the people who live in this small strip of land. This makes capturing rainwater and minimizing water waste critical. Anera is replacing old infrastructure and installing sand filters to allow rainfall to enter the aquifer. And to help make potable water more accessible, Anera is installing reverse osmosis desalination units at healthcare facilities and other community meeting points across Gaza.

## > Agriculture

In Palestine, agriculture is a tradition vital to the economy and well-being of the region. In the 1980s, Anera pioneered agricultural development by spearheading land reclamation efforts, implementing drip irrigation, and setting up a small loan program — which still exists today — that has helped thousands of farmers.

From plots in family yards to larger fields in agricultural areas, Anera helps individual farmers and farming cooperatives make their lands more productive by using sustainable resources that are locally available. For decades, we've also worked with farmers and agricultural cooperatives to set up efficient and sustainable solutions for irrigating farms in Palestine, ranging from simple rainwater collection systems to sophisticated networks. In recent years, Anera has amassed extensive experience supporting small farmers by



Anera has installed motorized water wells and reverse osmosis desalination units at health clinics across Gaza to respond to the ongoing water crisis.



**“This project has become our livelihood!”**

– **Ousay** and his family (wife and daughter pictured) were provided an Anera-built greenhouse in Gaza to combat food insecurity and provide a source of income.

building family greenhouses and hydroponic rooftop gardens.

## > Economic Empowerment

From training to employment, improving family livelihoods has long been an integral part of Anera economic development in Palestine. Since 2019, Anera has been supporting women and their families to develop small self-sustaining businesses through its Women Can program. The initiative provides training, material support, and mentorship to women in the West Bank and Gaza to allow them to start income-generating projects suitable to their circumstances in areas where employment opportunities are scarce.

Anera also partners with local organizations and women's cooperatives to create synergies between programs, like paying women to prepare hot meals for delivery to preschools and families in home isolation due to COVID-19 or whose kitchens were destroyed during conflict.

## > Education

Due to the tense and often violent surroundings Palestinian children are forced into from birth, quality early childhood care is needed to give children a healthy start. Anera is one of the leading organizations on early childhood development in Palestine, having played an instrumental role in establishing the preschool teacher training curriculum and building dozens of preschools across Palestine.

Anera takes a holistic approach to early childhood development. A key to building a vibrant, generous society is providing children the tools for critical thinking, tolerance and understanding, as well as nurturing respect for our differences and the basic rights of others. Our program incorporates creative elements, such as art, drama and play to encourage children to release tensions and emotions provoked by the conflict surrounding them.

Anera has built or renovated more than 10% of the existing preschools in Palestine. In Gaza, the program has reached 60 preschools and 30 community-based organizations. In the West Bank, it focuses on establishing exemplary preschools that serve as models for a national network of modern, high quality centers of early childhood education.

Anera has decades of experience supporting childhood nutrition. The latest iteration is our Farms to Fosool program, which integrates support for small farmers, women's employment, and food security for preschoolers into one initiative. Fresh produce purchased from the farmers is prepared by women's cooperatives for nutritious school meals in the most vulnerable areas of Gaza.

## > Medical Donations

In Palestine, restrictions on movement and imports, imposed by years of occupation, challenge the medical system to provide up-to-date care in the face of conflict and the COVID-19 pandemic. Hospitals and clinics suffer chronic shortages of critical medicines to respond to their



“**There are always clothes that people no longer want. I can turn old outfits into new ones to match current fashions. It's tricky work, but we use our creativity.”**

– **Khayrazan**, a tailor in the village of Bita in the West Bank, got help from Anera in the form of three new sewing machines and training building her business.



“**We seek to make access to preschool education a reality for young children in some of Palestine's most remote and disadvantaged communities.”**

– **Sulieaman Mleahat**,

Anera's education program manager in Palestine  
Anera completed construction of a new public preschool in the village of Madama, in Nablus, Palestine. The school opened to children for the 2020-2021 school year after delays due to COVID-19. That's why this preschooler is smiling!

patients' needs. Anera has decades of experience delivering medical aid to Palestine, including medicines, hospital equipment, wheelchairs, and health care supplies that would not otherwise be available in the communities where they are needed most.

Anera's staff use their intimate knowledge of international shipping logistics to coordinate shipments through every step of the journey, so that no materials are wasted and partners receive what they really need – not what just a donor happens to have available.

Anera's medical donations team uses temperature-controlled cold chain shipping to ensure that temperature-sensitive medicines remain effective. With distribution centers in Beitin and Gaza City, last year we distributed over \$38 million worth of medicines and healthcare supplies to the West Bank and Gaza that cover everything from chemotherapy drugs to mental health medications. This aid allows hospitals and clinics to offer the medicines to patients at no charge.

## > Relief and Emergency Response

In the wake of conflict, Anera has the connections and people needed to deliver urgent relief, distributing bottles of water and hygiene kits to displaced families on a massive scale, and providing diesel fuel to power desalination facilities, pump stations and other vital infrastructure.

As it has done following previous wars, Anera responded after the 11-day conflict in May of 2021 with some of the very first medical aid shipments to reach Gaza, just days after the ceasefire, along with an emergency hot meals program organized with World Central Kitchen to ensure that families who saw their homes destroyed during the conflict had access to decent food until they could get back on their feet.

With one of the highest unemployment rates in the world, eight out of ten Gaza families depend on food aid. To help address food insecurity, Anera delivers Ramadan food parcels and, more recently, food vouchers, to help families in Gaza put food on the table and ensure that they can properly break their fasts during the holy month with hearty meals.

## > Management and Accountability

As a result of its substantial and continuous assistance in Palestine for more than 50 years, Anera has well-established working relationships with local authorities at all levels as well as non-profits and other private sector institutions. Anera has considerable experience operating in conflict zones, including during the past four wars in Gaza and two Palestinian intifadas.

Anera is audited annually 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. antiterrorism 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.



**“ Donated medicine is so appreciated because, without it, we would suffer twice. Once from the illness itself, and again from the lack of medicine.”**

– Haya, a young woman from Gaza City, is able to manage her pain thanks to medicine delivered by Anera.

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