

## About Anera

### History

The Arab-Israeli War of 1967 left hundreds of thousands of Palestinians homeless and impoverished. As various international entities struggled to respond, a small group of concerned Americans began working to provide immediate assistance to the victims of the conflict.

The result was the creation of American Near East Refugee Aid (Anera) in 1968. From these beginnings, Anera began decades of steadfast work **responding to the critical needs of Palestinians and other vulnerable populations in and from Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Syria.**

**Mission Statement:** Anera provides humanitarian assistance and sustainable development to advance the well-being of refugees and other vulnerable communities in Palestine, Lebanon and Jordan.

Today, our **Middle East staff of 112 professionals**, who all come from the communities they serve, have installed water and sanitation systems that have reached over one million Gazans; delivered \$80+ million of high-demand medications annually; constructed 19 preschools in Palestine; trained 16,000+ youth and young adults in Arabic, English, math and valuable job skills across Lebanon, and so much more.

### What We Do

**Agriculture.** We work with local farmers and farming families to develop and make accessible sustainable agricultural practices in places where work and resources are scarce. This translates into food on the table and more income.

**Community development.** We invest in communities in Palestine, Lebanon and Jordan to strengthen the ties that connect people, from improving family livelihoods and delivering sports programs to inspiring families to recycle and building playgrounds.

**Education.** We organize learning opportunities that give refugees and other vulnerable people of all ages the academic, vocational, and daily living skills they need to build more hopeful futures and discover their potential.

**Emergency relief.** We rebuild infrastructure, provide families with relief supplies like food and water, ship vital medicines to healthcare facilities, and deliver psychosocial support during and in the wake of crises.

**Health.** We make healthcare accessible by providing supplies, infrastructure and medicine to clinics and hospitals. We also educate refugees and other vulnerable communities about how to stay healthy in poor living conditions.

**Water.** We install water and sanitation networks in areas that have no coverage or have outdated systems. We also erect desalination units on health and education facilities to deliver drinkable water at the tap.

### Who We Help

Anera aids those directly affected by conflict, violence, and social and economic vulnerability in the Jordan Lebanon, and Palestine including Palestinian, Syrian, and Iraqi refugees; young people in need of basic education or job skills, people with disabilities, women-headed households and seniors.

### Our Donors

Anera has donors from all 50 US states and 77 countries, as well as 30 institutions.

