

# Anera in Lebanon | Capacity Statement

Anera, originally established to support Palestinians, has expanded its mandate in Lebanon to **extend assistance to all individuals in need, irrespective of their nationality**. This commitment to inclusivity reflects our deep understanding of the diverse challenges faced by communities in Lebanon. The cornerstone of our work is delivering programs that help build a brighter future for those who feel marginalized and isolated.

**Seventy-three staff work out of our Beirut, Akkar, Bekaa, South and North offices**, delivering impactful programs in the areas of education, agriculture, livelihood development, medical aid and health, solid waste management, humanitarian relief and more. Anera's staff are professionals in agriculture, education, engineering, public health, pharmaceuticals, and project and financial management. They all come from the communities they serve. **Our country director and 70% of the Lebanon staff are women.**

**Anera has extensive networks with local authorities, nonprofits and private sector organizations.** Our programs come out of communities, where decision-making is in the hands of the people directly impacted by the work to be done. This translates into sustainable change, because programs meet real needs and community members invest themselves in helping them to succeed beyond Anera's involvement.

Anera opened its Beirut office in 2005 and was quick to respond to the 2006 Lebanon war, which displaced nearly 1 million civilians. Since then, the organization has directly implemented a wide range of development assistance programs throughout Lebanon with funding from a variety of U.S. government agencies, multilateral donors (UNICEF, UNHCR, OCHA, UNDP), bilateral donors (EU and Qatar), and a growing range of foundations, corporations, and private contributors.

In the past five years, Anera has delivered **USD 141 million in assistance across Lebanon**, touching the lives of millions of Lebanese, Palestinians and Syrians.

## About Anera

US-based 501(c)3 nonprofit

Founded in 1968

120 staff in Palestine, Lebanon & Jordan

In 2023, delivered nearly \$150 M in sustainable development and relief programs, \$50 M in Lebanon

Board of Directors made up of business executives, scholars, diplomats, and program specialists

Policies that prevent corruption and all types of abuse.

Audited by an outside, private accounting firm and USAID

Funders, partners and program recipients vetted through 160 databases using US Government software

Consistent top ratings on Charity Navigator, Guidestar, BBB and Charity Watch

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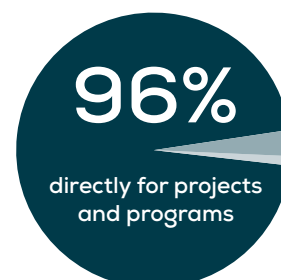
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## Our Approach

### **Partnering for sustainable impact.**

Anera has built strong partnerships with nearly 500 local community-based organizations and companies, government agencies, and other stakeholders. In alignment with our commitment to a localization agenda, we seek to contribute in ways that reinforce the role of local actors in crisis response and sustainable development. With our partners, we work to strengthen the humanitarian system, promote local ownership, and deliver effective, long-term solutions.

### **Integrating initiatives into holistic programs.**

Anera's humanitarian and development initiatives in Lebanon intertwine to build sustainable livelihoods, foster active civic engagement, and drive enduring and transformative change. Education projects train young people in skills they can put to work right away to help their communities. They earn money, help their neighbors, and gain professional experience at once. Our medical aid program delivers vital medicines, while community workers run health awareness sessions. Our food security projects deliver food parcels and also build greenhouses for families.

### **Working in the nexus of water, energy and food.**

Anera's programs in Lebanon make environmentally friendly use of natural resources to help families put food on the table and to help whole communities and organizations better serve their constituents over the long term. By harvesting the sun's energy for solar power, employing water-smart crop-growing systems, and wisely channeling scarce supplies of water, Anera works to mitigate the effects of climate change.

### **Empowering youth.**

Anera is committed to transforming the lives of youth in Lebanon by providing them with comprehensive support and opportunities that lead to employment. Our program encompasses literacy development, upskilling, competency-based job training, internships, and pathways to job placements. By emphasizing needs in the local market, Anera places at least 40% of our program graduates into good jobs. Our graduates thrive in their positions because they gain a strong foundation of knowledge, skills, and confidence, which also contributes to personal growth and the overall development of their communities.

### **Mainstreaming gender equality and women's empowerment.**

Gender equality is central to our theory of change. Anera challenges social norms and empowers women to become agents of change within their communities. By providing opportunities for skill development, leadership training, and economic empowerment, we contribute to creating an inclusive society where women and girls can fully participate and achieve their potential.

## Anera's Four Thematic Program Area in Lebanon

**Youth employability:** equipping young people with skills and opportunities for long-term employment and careers

**Healthcare:** improving overall health outcomes through material support, infrastructure upgrades and health education activities

**Nexus of food, water, and energy:** delivering integrated solutions that build on each other for sustained change

**Bridging humanitarian and development assistance:** ensuring a continuum of support and building resilience in crisis-affected communities.

## Past Performance (Some Highlights from 2019-23)

**Provided 12,000 youth in Lebanon with competency-based training** in employable skills like IT, construction, healthcare, sewing, and agriculture. These hands-on, practical courses are short and flexible.

**Placed 1,007 graduates of our People Leveling Up Skills career acceleration program into jobs over the past year.** They now earn ~\$400/month, which equals \$4.8 million USD – more than the cost of funding the program.

**Placed 5,544 graduates** of our job skills training courses into cash-for-work opportunities, with 2,976 young people going on to long-term employment.

**Taught 6,156 youth in Lebanon Arabic, math, English, and life skills.** Overlapping crises in Lebanon, from the influx of Syrian refugees fleeing war to the collapse of the country's economy, have made it difficult for young people to stay in school. These classes teach the basics, so they can return to school or simply function in society.

**Protected 878 girls from early marriage** in northern Lebanon. Anera pays the girls' families a stipend that allows them to keep their girls in school.

**Erected greenhouses on 55 family rooftops** using water-smart growing systems, **built 23 new greenhouses** on family plots and **renovated 27 greenhouses** on small farms. Anera also enrolled 1,292 youths in agriculture courses.

**Installed solar panel systems on 56 healthcare facilities.** Fuel shortages and price surges mean that electricity is not dependable in Lebanon. At health centers, inconsistent power can interrupt patient care. Anera's solar panels ensure that electricity is reliable – and affordable!

**Delivered 217 shipments of donated medicines and healthcare supplies** worth \$160 million USD. We are also providing deliveries of **chronic medicines to 70,581 patients** across the country.