

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 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 – 70% women – all come from the communities they serve. **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. Since then, the organization has directly implemented development assistance programs throughout Lebanon with funding from U.S. government agencies, multilateral donors, bilateral donors, foundations, corporations, and private contributors.

Now, in 2024, Lebanon is again at war with Israel, with nearly a quarter of the population displaced. Anera's team is distributing meals, bedding, hygiene kits, medical aid and more. Integral to our work are newly trained graduates of our vocational education programs, who we put to work using their skills to help their neighbors as they struggle with homelessness.

About Anera

US-based 501(c)3 nonprofit

Founded in 1968

110 staff in Palestine, Lebanon & Jordan

In 2024, delivered \$202.1 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

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

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

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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 Areas 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.

Program Highlights Some statistics from the last year of work.

Economic and Community Development

Anera supported 98,683 individuals, focusing on sustainable community health through water, sanitation and hygiene initiatives and solar projects in health centers, schools, and municipalities. The agriculture team built or rehabilitated 75 greenhouses, boosting food security and economic stability.

Education

Educational programs served 9,059 youth, emphasizing advanced training and business start-up skills. Vocational training reached 1,511 youths, with 860 paid internships and 512 graduates securing jobs.

Protection

Anera is committed to protecting vulnerable populations from critical social risks. Our protection programs supported 770 people, with continued dedication to combating early marriage among girls.

Health

Health services reached 180,475 individuals, with an increase in overall service interactions, reflecting Anera's dedication to accessible, continuous medical support.

Emergency Response

In the past year, since war with Israel has ramped up and displaced more than a million people, Anera's multisectoral emergency response addressed immediate needs while enhancing community resilience and preparedness.

Since September 18, Anera has helped 316,802 people in Lebanon with

20,500
bedding items



36,400
meals



75,300
gallons of water



30,600
hygiene kits



116,000
medical treatments

