

Anera in Palestine | Capacity Statement

Anera opened its doors in 1968 with a mission to provide relief in the form of food and medical aid for Palestinians displaced by the 1967 war. In the 56 years since, the organization has grown to be a leading, trusted partner to meet the challenges of water scarcity, inadequate infrastructure, and an economy hindered by barriers to movements of people and goods.

Thirty-one staff work out of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Gaza offices, delivering impactful programs in the areas of water and sanitation, livelihoods, health, early childhood development, career acceleration, agriculture and community development infrastructure. Anera's staff are professionals in **agriculture, education, engineering, public health, pharmaceuticals, project and financial management. They all come from the communities they serve.** Anera's country director and nearly half of the Palestine staff are women.

As a result of its continuous presence in Palestine for 56 years, **Anera has established working relationships with local authorities at all levels as well as non-profits and private sector organizations.** Anera's Palestine team designs and implements programs in close collaboration with local communities. They regularly participate in UN cluster meetings and the Association of International Development Agencies meetings.

The US government and several UN agencies have put their trust in Anera, awarding the organization multiple – often multi-year and renewed – grants and cooperative agreements. For more than four decades, USAID has funded Anera's work in Palestine. Multilateral donors (UNICEF, OFID), bilateral donors (Canada, Kuwait and Qatar), and a range of foundations and corporations support Anera, as do thousands of individual donors from 141 countries and all 50 US states.

In fiscal year 2024 alone, Anera implemented **\$31 million in emergency relief work in Gaza.**

About Anera

US-based 501(c)3 nonprofit

Founded in 1968

120 staff in Palestine,
Lebanon & Jordan

In 2024, delivered more than
\$202 M in sustainable
development and relief
programs.

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

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
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Core Competencies

Remaining local always.

All of Anera's staff in Palestine come from the communities they serve. And because they're local, they're experts, not only in the narrow definition of their professional roles, but in the local conditions, customs and challenges. They have built deep relationships with area authorities and partners, and know how to navigate difficult political circumstances to get things done.

Integrating programs.

Anera projects and programs are meticulously crafted with components designed to seamlessly integrate with other Anera initiatives, ensuring long-term sustainability. Drawing from extensive experience, Anera collaborates with farmers, women's cooperatives, and local community organizations throughout Palestine, and particularly in Gaza, to implement holistic, community-based programs. This human infrastructure has been instrumental in Anera's ongoing response to the war in Gaza.

Working in the nexus of water, energy and food.

Anera's programs in Palestine prioritize the sustainable utilization of natural resources, aiming to support families in securing food and empower entire communities and organizations to effectively serve their constituents in the long run. By harnessing the sun's energy for solar power, implementing water-smart crop- growing systems, and strategically managing limited water resources, Anera strives to mitigate the impacts of climate change and optimize the use of scarce resources.

Empowering women.

In a country where there are notoriously high unemployment rates among women, Anera places special emphasis on improving education and business-building opportunities for women — providing capacity building and equipment to entrepreneurs, training preschool teachers in new skills, supporting women's cooperatives, and employing women in programs. Anera places special emphasis on supporting women-headed households in our relief efforts, especially in Gaza at this critical time.

Three of Anera's Key Differentiators

- Focuses program delivery in only 3 countries: Palestine, Lebanon and Jordan.
- Is able to deliver humanitarian aid to Gaza.
- Keeps administrative expenses very low, with more than 90% of funds going to programs.



Past Performance (Some Highlights from 2023, before the Gaza war)

Delivered 65 shipments of medical aid worth over \$81.2 million to the West Bank and Gaza in 2023 alone.

Anera implemented innovative hydroponic rooftop gardens on 17 homes in the West Bank and 29 in Gaza. For each installation, Anera offered comprehensive training and mentoring to families, equipping them with seedlings and necessary equipment to ensure success during their initial cultivation season.

Inaugurated 3 new kindergartens in the West Bank in As Sammu, Deir Qaddis and Nabi Saleh, educating 400+ children each year.

Renovated 11 kindergartens in Gaza, fitting them with solar panels and reverse osmosis systems to provide free electricity and drinking water.

Served nutritious daily meals to 1,100+ Gaza children in 11 kindergartens through the Farms to Fosool program.

Installed a solar-powered reverse osmosis system for irrigating 10 farmers' fields in Rafah, Gaza.

Installed three new water networks serving 214,350 people in vulnerable neighborhoods in Rafah, Beit Hanoun, and Deir El Balah, Gaza.

Reduced the risks of flooding and pollution for 32,880 people by rehabilitating sewage networks in Jabalia, Gaza.

Rehabilitated the dwellings of 170 vulnerable families in Gaza to ensure they met basic livability standards and were protected from flooding.

Anera's Gaza Emergency Response

Anera's 12-person Gaza staff, along with a team of some 450 humanitarian responders on the ground, have been working diligently at procuring and distributing essential relief supplies and services within Gaza to displaced families. As a result of our continuous presence in Palestine for 56 years, and with an office in Gaza since 1984, Anera has built deep connections in local communities and established effective systems for delivering urgent humanitarian relief as well as development programs. In response to the current situation in Gaza, Anera is thus far focusing efforts on delivering:



46,000,000+ meals

Food parcels, vegetable baskets, hot meals and flatbreads



1,615,966 gallons of water

Distributed to displaced families



6,974,806 treatments

Medicines and healthcare supplies distributed



474 psychosocial sessions

Guided self-expression activities and play for children



1,064 trucks

Shipments of food, water, cooking equipment, medicines



12,885 packs of diapers

Distributed to parents for their babies



719 health clinic days

Free healthcare and treatments near shelters



3,058 tents & 10,204 tarps

Distributed for protection against sun and rain



44,741 hygiene kits

Items for maintaining personal hygiene in shelters.



8,404 mattresses

For families forced to live in tents



44,090 blankets

For families forced to live in tents



58,264 menstrual packs

distributed to women and girls

