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Mission Statement

As the leading Palestinian non-governmental development organization, the Welfare Association is dedicated to making a distinguished contribution toward furthering the progress of the Palestinians, preserving their heritage and identity, supporting their living culture and building civil society. It aims to achieve these goals by methodically identifying Palestinian needs and priorities and establishing sound mechanisms in order to maximize benefits from the available funding resources.



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Message from the Director-General

The year 2002 was an especially challenging one for Palestine.

The Israeli military campaign which began against the second intifada in late 2000 and escalated in 2002, caused unprecedented destruction of infrastructure, public buildings and private property, as well as lives and livelihoods. Hundreds of homes were systematically demolished in historic cores and in refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza, especially during the military reinvasion of Palestinian cities in spring 2002. Almost one in four casualties were among Palestinian children. At the same time, the protracted curfews, the tight grid of movement restrictions and consequent disabling of civil society institutions, made delivery of assistance more difficult.

In 2002, as in the previous year, the Welfare Association intensified its activities and redirected much of its work toward developing programs and raising funds to meet the emergency needs of individuals for food, shelter, medical assistance, education and jobs, while continuing with its ongoing development programs and projects for civil society institutions. Consequently, the Association achieved in 2002 a greater level of implementation than at any other time in its 20-year history, a higher amount of committed funds from WA and external donors, better streamlining and efficiency in management and supervision of funds, and a wider range of programs and projects to meet the needs of Palestinians.

WA's Programs and Projects Committee and the Emergency Committee supervised and facilitated the Association's work on emergency needs assessments, prioritization of development and relief projects, and coordination of emergency proposals for donor assistance. About 40% of project disbursements handled by the Programs and Projects Department in 2002 was directed toward meeting emergency special needs. New staff were hired to work with existing core staff in a decentralized organizational framework to handle the expanding work load and specialized tasks, such as grants disbursements, project management information systems, and regional field work.

Assistance for Palestinians in refugee camps in Lebanon, and projects concerning the preservation of Palestinian culture and identity, for which the Welfare Association is one of the few committed donor agencies, remained important items on WA's development and humanitarian agenda in 2002.

New donors were also added to the list of contributors for Welfare Association projects, including Arab financial institutions such as the Arab Monetary Fund, and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA), the Islamic Development Bank (IDB), and Western institutions such as the British Development Assistance—Department for International Development (DFID) and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Also USAID made a new grant through the United Palestinian Appeal (Washington, DC) for emergency employment generation projects in high unemployment areas.

From its long experience in Palestinian development, the Welfare Association has been able to use its reputation for credibility, efficiency and responsibility to the community, to provide well-targeted quality humanitarian assistance for Palestinians during this ongoing emergency. It has been Welfare Association's privilege, as well as its duty, to be able to contribute to sustain the life and livelihood of the Palestinian people in this way, and to support their steadfastness under the worst of conditions.

At the same time, WA continues to support civil society's contributions to the state-building process and to strengthen Palestinian efforts toward achieving self-reliance and self-determination for the Palestinian people.

Dr. Ismail El-Zabri
Director-General



Welfare Association Program Disbursements in 2002

	Programs	Emergency	Subtotal	TOTAL \$
Welfare Association Programs/Projects				
Core Programs				2,599,149
■ Human Resource Development	548,414		1,357,522	
<i>IT Provision and Training</i>	<i>131,062</i>			
<i>IT4Youth Project</i>	<i>660,484</i>			
■ Culture and Identity	238,422		403,572	
<i>Palestinians within Israel</i>	<i>165,150</i>			
■ Assistance for the Palestinian Community in Lebanon	738,055		738,055	
■ Other	100,000		100,000	
Emergency Programs				7,623,786
<i>Rehabilitation Services</i>		<i>508,027</i>		
<i>Medical Supplies</i>		<i>719,814</i>		
<i>Relief to Needy Families</i>		<i>1,844,800</i>		
<i>Support to Higher Education</i>		<i>3,618,025</i>		
<i>Emergency Employment Generation</i>		<i>902,800</i>		
<i>Agricultural Relief</i>		<i>30,320</i>		
Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program				1,698,573
Palestinian NGO Project				2,969,228
<i>Grants, Capacity-Building and Administration</i>	<i>855,804</i>			
<i>Emergency Employment Programs</i>		<i>2,113,474</i>		
TOTAL				\$14,890,736

Project Beneficiaries



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Half of the Palestinian population is aged below 15 years. Welfare Association supports community organizations that offer a range of important health, educational and recreational services for children and youth.



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WA supports rehabilitation services that provide treatment, therapy, mobility aids and vocational training for the injured and handicapped, who comprise more than 3% of the population.



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WA assists community organizations in building, equipping, modernizing and improving preschools, clinics, community centers, training centers, parks, housing and services.

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Moving ahead with technology in all fields, learning new skills to improve incomes and promote self-reliance.

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WA supports organizations that bring new ideas, find creative solutions and mobilize community support.

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Programs and Projects 2002

Working under the direction of the Board-level committee, the Programs and Projects department supervises Welfare Association's development assistance within the main program tracks of Human Resource Development (including Information Technology), Culture and Identity, and Assistance for Palestinians in Lebanon. The staff work closely with NGOs and other organizations to monitor and supervise implementation, help solve problems and assist organizations in making quality improvements in their activities. Notably, since 2000, the department also handles Emergency Assistance programs, helping to establish criteria to ensure that assistance reaches the neediest, monitoring procurement procedures for supplies, and guaranteeing efficient and rapid disbursement.

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Core Programs

Human Resource Development

Welfare Association has long supported non-governmental organizations' efforts to improve and modernize vocational education and training, non-formal education in community centers, and in-service training that upgrades skills of teachers, technicians and professionals. WA has also been one of the earliest and largest supporters of quality expansion of the early childhood development sector, by constructing kindergartens, training teachers and upgrading materials and equipment for children.

In 2002, WA made an additional contribution to the finishing of the Hijjawi College of Technology in Nablus, a state-of-the-art complex for the training of youths in computerized industrial skills. Support also continued for Dar al-Yatim Vocational School in Jerusalem-Ramallah to support teachers and trainers of teenaged boys in hotel servicing, auto mechanics and other trades.





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Schools in Nablus

A special school construction program in Nablus is being funded by the city's diaspora community to help alleviate the shortage of classrooms and overcrowding in the city. Two of the four new schools are completed and ready for the 2003 school year. The Salahiya secondary school and the Abdul Rahim Jardaneh primary school, both located in the center of Nablus, will open in September 2003. The Burhan Kamal secondary school and the Naim Abdul Hadi school are still under construction; cost of the 4-school program is \$2,150,000. In 2003, Welfare Association will make an additional contribution to provide computer labs and teacher training for each school.

Skill-Building

Supporting the employment of marginalized segments of Palestinians, such as women and the disabled, is an important program activity of local NGOs. Welfare Association continued its support for Asala, a Palestinian Businesswomen's Association, that provides micro credit loans at favorable conditions, and training to new women entrepreneurs. The women are widows or their husbands are disabled or in prison and they are often the only income-earners in their households.

Information Technology Provision and Training

In the last five years, WA has significantly expanded its work in developing information technology in Palestine. It has supported provision of materials, curriculum development, education, and vocational training in school settings, community centers and training centers, as well as introduced IT utilization from preschool to university libraries. Most of the support has been complemented by grants and contracts for equipment and training assistance from the private sector and international IT development companies, and in partnership with the International Youth Foundation. Highlights of projects are:

- Welfare Association also cooperated with Birzeit University to place disabled Palestinians in computer and IT training courses, where they have the opportunity to learn an employable skill and become economically self-reliant. The program has been very successful and was recently expanded to provide training for family members of those killed or disabled.
- Welfare Association contributed to the construction of a regional IT center for the IT4Youth project, funded by the International Youth Foundation through a grant from USAID. The center is located in Silet al-Dhaher, near the cluster of Nablus and Jenin villages participating in the project. (See IT4Youth section, below.)
- A regional academy for Cisco Systems computer networking qualification training was established at Birzeit University and five local academies were set up, two in Gaza and three in the West Bank.
- Discussions proceeded with Microsoft Corporation to establish accredited training academies at 7 universities by mid-2003.
- Initiated at the end of 2002, an Intel Clubhouse will open in 2003 in Ramallah to develop computer-based design skills of youth from poor and underserved areas.
- Computer-based technology was used to upgrade al-Azhar University library in Gaza, a project that was concluded in 2002.



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IT for Education, Work & Recreation in Rural Areas

International Youth Foundation (IYF) / Welfare Association

IT4Youth Project

Start: March 2001

Project End: July 2004

The IT4Youth Project works with local partners to assist rural schools and community organizations to provide youth with access to and training in computer-based IT and to promote IT use in the community for education, work, and recreation. The program is intended to enhance the learning skills and employability of its participants, eventually leading to a better quality of life. Through joint development and cooperation with the International Youth Foundation, this program represents the first for the Welfare Association directly implemented in partnership with an international development organization and with USAID funding. The \$3 million project began in 2000 and will be completed in mid-2004.

The program targets an estimated 7,000 rural students and youth — aged 10-24, 50 teachers, and several hundred parents and adult community members in a cluster of 11 villages and hamlets (population 30,000) in



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adjoining areas of Nablus and Jenin districts. All are agricultural communities with few services and high unemployment: in Jenin, the villages of Silet ad-Daher, Jaba, Fundaquimiya and Attara and the hamlet of Asa'sa, and in Nablus, the villages of Burqa, Bizariya, Beit Imrin, Sebastiya and the hamlets of Nisf Jbeil and Ijnesinia.

In 2002, the second year of the project, computer labs were fully operational in 14 girls' and boys' schools — provided with computer hardware (21 computers, scanner and internet installations) and software, lab furnishings, maintenance servicing and supplies. The administration in each school also received a computer. The project also supported the development of IT curricula using a specially adapted Futurekids program, and the training of IT teachers and 200 non-IT teachers in implementing an improved IT program for students in the schools. The IT4Youth program has already built positive attitudes towards technology among students.

The community program involved the establishment of a Regional IT Center in Silet ad-Daher as the venue for an out-of-school IT program, IT vocational training programs, and training of the Joint Community Services Committee from the participating villages. The RITC will be operated by a youth management committee, also trained at the center. Several staff of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education have also received training, to support their monitoring role and capacity for extension of the project to other regions in the future. Despite sometimes overwhelming logistical problems in accessing the villages and working during constant movement restrictions, the program made good progress and has been cited by the MEHE as a model pilot project, elements of which will be adapted in other MEHE programs to promote IT education and the use of computers to improve learning outcomes. In 2002, \$660,000 were spent on this program, bringing total expenditure to over \$1 million since 2001.

Culture and Identity

One of the unique features of Welfare Association's support to NGOs is its encouragement of Palestinian efforts to strengthen ties between past and present, through cultural revitalization and promotion of literary, architectural and cultural heritage and Arabic language. Support for educational and cultural activities are especially important in areas where Palestinians find their culture and existence under threat.

Growing Up with Palestinian Culture and Identity

There are a very limited number of educational and social centers that are specific to the needs of the 1.1 million Palestinians living in the towns and villages within 1948 Israeli borders. There are few centers or materials for educational enrichment, early childhood education, Arabic language and culture, and modern teaching methods using multi-media. Non-governmental organizations have limited capacity in terms of programs and financial support.

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In 2002, Welfare Association assisted the League of Jaffa Arabs in purchasing a building for use by the Beit al-'Usra wa Tifl (Home of Family and Child), an NGO that operates a nursery and kindergarten, summer camps for children and community programs.

WA also awarded a grant to the Arab Cultural Society in Nazareth to support its cultural awareness activities. WA supported the establishment of children's libraries and computer centers in Acca, Jaffa, Jdaideh/Macr, and Kufr Kanna, in the coastal, Galilee and Triangle areas.

In Gaza and the West Bank, Welfare Association established a Children's club in Deir al-Balah, at the Society for Culture and Development, and library/computer centers in Gaza city, Nablus, Dura in the Hebron area and at the Fataa Laji'a (Refugee Girls') school in Jerusalem. The libraries and computer labs are provided with hardware, scientific reference material on CDs and 30 software and educational programs for training of trainers for children in Grades 1 through 12.

The \$1 million Hebron Cultural Center received finishing details in 2002 and will open in 2003.



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House Rehabilitation

The old cities of Jaffa and Acca and other towns are still inhabited by Palestinian families but the conditions of the buildings often force migration out of the area. In 2002, the partial rehabilitation of 23 houses in Acca and 9 in Jaffa were assisted through the house repair program, for about \$75,000 in total. A small grant also helped Jaffa residents restore a mosque and cemetery.

Program of Assistance for Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon

The 380,000 registered Palestinian refugees in Lebanon constitute a marginalized refugee community that are excluded from the benefits of citizenry, and receive only the barest assistance from international bodies and organizations.

UNRWA is the sole provider of basic education. There is low school enrollment and a high drop-out rate as a result of over-crowded classrooms and poor



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motivation of students due to high unemployment and limited opportunities.

Welfare Association works with camp-based Palestinian NGOs to support quality services in the fields of pre-school and non-formal education, vocational training, health and disability. In 2002, it disbursed \$738,055 for 37 projects supporting KGs, cultural centers, disability services, vocational training and tutoring programs. More than half of the assistance was provided for specialized health care for the needy, loans to university students, and children's libraries in the refugee camps.

Children's Libraries in Refugee Camps

Welfare Association members have contributed \$30,000 each to establish children's libraries in five refugee camps. In 2002, three of the libraries were officially opened, and two will open in 2003.

Dialysis Treatments for Chronically Ill

Special donations made through WA help to defray the cost of regular dialysis treatments for chronically ill kidney patients at the Palestine Red Crescent Society al-Hamshari Hospital in Sidon. Although considered routine care, such specialized treatments are unaffordable to refugees and cannot be covered by existing NGO health services. \$85,000 was disbursed in 2002 to provide life-saving dialysis treatments for more than 45 needy patients, including three children.



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Health Care for Needy Patients

UNRWA also provides basic health care but can only contribute part of the hospitalization, surgery and special treatments for registered refugees; patients must find their own means to cover the rest. Through the Health Care Society, WA supports a special fund that helps poor patients afford proper medical care and oversees its disbursement. The fund provides for needed care to 600 patients annually, including cancer patients and the chronically ill, providing for medicines, treatments, surgery and counseling services.

Vocational Training

With the high rate of school drop-outs and few students able to pursue higher education, Palestinian refugee youth are destined for the lowest skilled and lowest paying jobs, unless they obtain technical training. WA supports a number of specialized Palestinian NGOs that operate vocational training centers for refugee youths. The courses are very popular with young Palestinians who are interested in improving their skills and income, and in aiding their communities. WA has assisted the NGOs to upgrade the curriculum, modernize training equipment and offer scholarships to students from families with more difficult social circumstances. Nursing, business informatics, computer design, mechanics, preschool teacher training, auto mechanics and accounting are some of the long-term courses offered to more than 1,000 trainees a year.

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Early Childhood Education

Only 40% of young Palestinian children attend preschools, operated solely by Palestinian NGOs. WA supports an active learning curriculum in many KGs by assisting in teacher training courses, providing equipment and materials, rehabilitating kindergarten facilities and grounds, and supporting female teachers' salaries in all 12 camps and non-camp population areas, from Nahr al-Bared camp in Tripoli in the north of Lebanon, to al-Bus camp in Tyre in the south. During 2002, \$47,500 was disbursed in support of kindergartens and teacher training. In addition, WA supports special KGs for disabled children and will begin a program to promote the inclusion of disabled children into mainstream schools in 2003.

Support for Higher Education for Refugees

Welfare Association also supports a revolving fund to assist Palestinian students in meeting the costs of higher education. University graduates are expected to repay the fund after they obtain employment. In 2002, WA disbursed \$65,000 to the Palestinian Student Fund.



Emergency Programs

During 2002, most of the population of the West Bank and Gaza were restricted from traveling beyond their villages or towns and lost access to jobs and necessary social services. This collective punishment is in addition to the unprecedented level of military attacks and destruction caused by Israeli occupation forces throughout the year.



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To respond to the urgent needs of the population, Welfare Association developed and supported a number of programs to make health care, food, relief and jobs available for the population in crisis, especially in high-risk localities. The programs were implemented by local non-governmental organizations and community charitable committees and benefited individuals as well as institutions.

Direct relief and humanitarian aid efforts have included emergency employment to raise household income, food assistance, tuition credits for university students, relief for families experiencing social hardship, rehabilitation services for the disabled and housing assistance for families whose homes were damaged or destroyed. The beneficiaries were some of the poorest, most marginalized and

needy families in the West Bank and Gaza, who had suffered injury or loss of livelihood or shelter due to military occupation policies and practices. Welfare Association also provided urban and rural medical and rehabilitation centers with medical supplies, equipment and service support.

Emphasis was on rapid identification of beneficiaries and rapid disbursement. Funds were raised to assist the various projects through special appeals for individual contributions and through emergency programs sponsored by international donors.

Emergency Rehabilitation Services

Of the 20,000 Palestinians who were identified as injured in the Intifada, approximately 3,300 individuals were found to have suffered a permanent disability, loss or severe impairment in the function of a limb or organ, sight or hearing, according to an UNRWA survey conducted in the West Bank in mid-2002. Most will require considerable physical and occupational rehabilitation and counseling in order to regain mobility, function and independence.

Welfare Association disbursed more than \$400,000 for emergency services and support for the health and rehabilitation of disabilities sectors in 2002. The beneficiary organizations are those institutions that are working most closely with injured and disabled Palestinians, many of whom are children. The assistance supports community-based rehabilitation services (physiotherapy, occupational therapy and counseling), supply of aids and equipment loan programs, hospital and outreach services, adaptation of houses for accessibility for disabled persons, and primary and emergency health care services in areas of high need.

WA assisted the disabled by supporting five major interventions implemented through the main 21 non-governmental organizations working in the disability field in the West Bank (14) and Gaza (7). The total amount of funding from the al-Aqsa Humanitarian Fund and from the AGFUND was \$1,120,000.

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Rehabilitation Services and Project Support-\$1,120,000

	% of Total	% disbursed in West Bank	% disbursed in Gaza
Urgent support for institutions/ operating costs, supplies	30%	73	27
Adapt houses of disabled	22%	38	62
Training of disabled	21%	31	69
Provision of disability aids	19%	77	23
Support employment of disabled	8%	100	0

Private sector job support for disabled persons was a project component begun on a pilot basis only in the West Bank, through a matching contribution from the Palestinian Businessmen’s Association. A total of 28,000 workdays were created for disabled persons, paid wages averaging \$16 per day.

Diana Fund: In addition, the Diana Memorial Fund, through the WA-UK office, financed \$81,000 in community-based rehabilitation services for the disabled involving three centers in Gaza; 2002 was the middle year for the 3-year program support to Wafa Hospital, the National Society for Community-based Rehabilitation, and the Local Coordination Committee for Refugee Camps in Gaza.

The services supported monthly home visits to 1,360 disabled persons for physical and occupational therapy and social counseling. Over 400 aids were supplied to assist the mobility of children and adults, including crutches, walkers, canes and wheelchairs. Most clients also received medicines and supplies free of charge. Seventy homes were adapted to ease mobility of disabled members. In a survey of beneficiary satisfaction, 84% reported satisfaction with the program’s ability to respond to their needs.



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Emergency Provision of Medical Supplies

The increase in violence in April during the reoccupation of major West Bank towns and severe movement restrictions combined to cause shortages in medical supplies in urban hospitals and rural medical centers. A number of

donors joined forces to contribute to the purchase and distribution of 100 tons of medicines and medical supplies, coordinated by Welfare Association, during the sieges (April, May and June). The total value was \$1.5 million, about half of which was disbursed in 2002.

The Augusta Victoria hospital in Jerusalem was the distribution center and 100 volunteers assisted in the labeling, packing and delivering of the packages. Medicines, sutures, antibiotics, analgesics, IV solutions, oxygen masks and tanks, and insulin sufficient for several weeks supply were dispatched with assistance from UNRWA and the ICRC. The materials were received by 10 government hospitals, 17 non-government and private hospitals, and 33 medical centers, emergency centers and first-aid stations (Jenin, Qalqilya, Tulkarem, Nablus, Ramallah, Jerusalem, Jericho, Bethlehem, Hebron districts).

There was direct input from the Ministry of Health, Palestine Red Crescent Society and Union of Medical Relief Committees in selecting beneficiary institutions and kinds of supplies. Donors included Welfare Association (\$324,000), Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)-Jordan (\$325,000), Friends of East Jerusalem Hospitals (\$330,000), Bahrain Support Committee/Chamber of Commerce (\$150,000) and AGFUND (\$100,000).

Bahrain made a special donation of \$300,000 to four hospitals for the purchase of vital, specialized equipment and salary support: four dialysis machines for Ramallah government hospital, an oxygen concentrator for Jericho hospital, radiology and ultrasound unit for al-Awda hospital in Gaza, and support to Ittihad hospital in Nablus.



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Relief to Needy Families

Welfare Association created special individual relief programs to assist needy families to cope with the loss of income, breadwinners and housing. It continued to raise funds and channel donations in 2002, disbursing a total of \$1,844,800 to families in financial support, food supplies and in-kind contributions during the year.



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Family-to-Family Program: Another assistance program for poor families is the Family-to-Family Program that provides aid through sponsorships of families providing a basic subsistence income

on a monthly basis of \$100 for periods of six months to one year. A total of 1,268 poor families (an average of 6 members each or 7,608 individuals), who were referred for assistance by local charitable committees, benefited in 2002 from the direct relief program which is managed and monitored by Welfare Association. The families are considered ultra-poor, totally without means of formal or informal support, and suffering from social hardship. 28% are female-headed families. 47 societies submitted names and case descriptions for families and WA selected and verified the lists of beneficiaries. The United Arab Emirates Support Committee coordinated with WA by covering other geographical areas not included by the WA program.

Criteria for Family Selection

- Number of family members
- Low income (less than \$220/month)
- Breadwinner deceased or incapacitated
- Female-headed household
- House damaged or family displaced
- Loss or injury of a family member
- Not receiving support from other agencies

Geographical Distribution of Beneficiary Families, 2002 (%)

West Bank		Gaza	
Jenin	9.8	Beit Hanoun	7.0
Tulkarem	8.1	Gaza City	1.3
Nablus	13.1	Breij RC	9.5
Ramallah	7.8	Deir al-Balah	14.7
Jericho	2.3	Gaza City	1.3
Bethlehem	0.7	Abassan	1.5
Hebron	8.2	Bani Suheila	4.7
		Kaza'a	2.0
Total	50%	Total	50%

Relief for Families in Nablus and Jenin: Support was provided by the Bahrain Support Committee/Chamber of Commerce and other donors to cover the emergency needs of 180 families whose houses were destroyed during Israeli military incursions in Jenin and Nablus. Relief was provided for alternative housing and for replacing house utensils, such as stoves, so that families could become self-reliant. About \$250,000 was disbursed in relief and in-kind assistance for needy families in these two cities. Aid provided for rent for six months, repair of houses or basic furnishings and supported utility reconnections.

Food Aid: Poor households who lost their breadwinner, or who were left without any income for long periods, coped by cutting back on already minimum expenditures for basic food, and the nutritional status of poor families has consequently suffered. The siege of cities in spring 2002 worsened conditions considerably, by disrupting local food distribution and enforcing curfews and closures. During May, July and September, about 12,000 food packages were distributed to especially poor households in the West Bank and Gaza Strip through local charitable committees and the Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC). The packages of basic commodities of rice, sugar, lentils, and cooking oil totaled \$350,000.

Support for Higher Education

University Student Credit Program: In view of the collapse of the local economy, the poor employment prospects encouraged more youths to seek higher education, but the decrease in household incomes meant that fewer students could afford higher education costs; students became hard-pressed to pay tuition fees that universities depend on for 58% of university budgets. Arab Funding Institutions and OPEC established a \$20-million program for student loans and direct assistance in support of a revolving credit fund for student educational loans, benefiting both students and the universities, and requested

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Welfare Association to monitor and supervise the loan program. The program represents about 8% of the operating budget of the universities.

During the 2002-2003 academic year, a total of \$9.98 million was disbursed for loans, benefiting approximately 18,600 students in the first semester and 24,000 students in the second semester. By the end of 2002, \$3.61 million had been disbursed in the form of student loans and stipends to 11 non-governmental universities and 17 community colleges. Welfare Association's role was to monitor and supervise the implementation of the program in coordination with the Ministry of Higher Education and ensure that proper criteria was used to select needy students for loan guarantees. An impact survey sample conducted by WA indicated that student beneficiaries were living on less than \$1.25 per day. 11% of the students who had actually abandoned their studies, returned to university and 47% who had faced dropping out, reported they were able to continue after the loans were made available.

Support for Students and Teachers: Welfare Association supervised a Bahrain donation of \$150,000 to two universities, the Arab American University in Jenin and al-Quds University, to help support employees' salaries and a second donation of \$100,000 to assist 290 needy students in nine universities who were left stranded during the siege of Palestinian cities and could not return home. An additional grant from the Bahrain Support Committee of \$50,000 supported teachers' salaries at a boys' vocational training school in Ramallah. Welfare Association also supervised another donation of \$70,000 from Kuwait in support of stranded students from Birzeit University and from universities in Jordan, who were in desperate need of assistance.

Emergency Employment Generation

Emergency Employment: The Arab Fund and Welfare Association's own al-Aqsa Humanitarian Fund supported emergency employment generation programs in which small-scale construction projects implemented by NGOs employed out-of-work laborers while building community assets. The Arab Fund supported 49 community projects at a value of \$1.6 million and the al-Aqsa Fund supported 14 projects, at a value of \$590,000. With an average of 50% of project costs for direct labor

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United Palestinian Appeal (UPA) and Welfare Association Emergency Employment Generation Program

Project Start: September 2002 **Project End:** February 2004



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The USA-based United Palestinian Appeal (UPA), with Welfare Association as the implementing agency, was awarded a USAID grant of \$2,726,779 to implement an 18-month program for Emergency Employment Generation in the West Bank and Gaza. The program was developed jointly by the UPA and WA as an income

assistance measure for needy families whose head of household has been jobless due to the prevailing travel restrictions, and the resulting economic crisis in the occupied territories.

The program supports 44 small-scale construction and finishing projects that will be carried out by Palestinian community organizations in areas of high unemployment and need. About 60 percent of project costs will be disbursed for short-term hired labor and 40 percent for materials that will be procured locally, giving an added boost to local economies. Projects were selected for their contribution toward building community assets such as health clinics, kindergartens, public spaces, and community activities centers. Subgrant agreements are to be signed with local organizations in early 2003.

The program is the second undertaken by Welfare Association in recent years with funding from USAID and includes features such as an environmental assessment, monitoring and mitigation, both internal and external monitoring and evaluation, and management, finance and procurement procedures according to USAID specifications. Five staff and a consulting engineer have been hired to ensure quality implementation, with Welfare Association staff providing indirect support to the program. Total disbursed in 2002: \$42,500.



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hire, the two programs generated over 100,000 work days for unemployed workers in areas of high unemployment in the West Bank and Gaza. Welfare Association supervised the implementation of the projects, which are expected to have an impact on their communities by expanding NGO services. In 2002, \$902,800 was disbursed to NGOs for the two employment programs.

In addition to health centers, playgrounds and women's embroidery and school sweater knitting projects, almost 100 homes of disabled persons were rehabilitated, community centers were constructed in Beit Ummar in Hebron and Deir Ammar in Nablus, two kindergartens were built in Khan Younis in Gaza, a home for the elderly was completed and community rehabilitation centers were established in Gaza and in Nablus.

Agricultural Relief

Replanting Trees: On a daily basis, mature, productive trees are uprooted or burned and land flattened by Israeli military tanks and bulldozers in operations that can destroy the present and future prospects for poor farmers. Frequently the land is confiscated for Israeli security purposes, by military orders or as collective punishment. The most high-risk areas are next to settlements and along border areas, which are constantly being "thickened" by dispossessing Palestinian farmers. Welfare Association cooperates with agricultural societies working in rural areas to help poor farmers replant their land with fruit trees and repair destroyed irrigation systems. In 2002, more than 630 farming families (4,400 individuals) in 19 villages in Gaza and the West Bank benefited by the replanting of their land with olive and almond trees, and repair of their farms. Almost 42,000 trees were planted over 1,600 dunums for which \$30,320 was disbursed in 2002.



The Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program

The Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program (OCJRP) was established by the Welfare Association in 1994 with primary funding from the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development in order to achieve sustainable development and renewal of Jerusalem's much neglected Old City.

The OCJRP is implemented through a technical office which carries out and supervises restoration and rehabilitation projects, including housing renewal and adaptive reuse of historical buildings and monuments, emphasizing their social and economic viability, and cultural significance.

The Program also trains architects and contractors in restoration techniques, maintains a documentation center, carries out a community awareness program, and publishes a technical newsletter on architectural heritage preservation.

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The materials and technique of laying a ratio of hydraulic and slick lime mortar, mixed without the use of cement and with natural additives to give strength and flexibility, was developed by the OCJRP team through research and trial and error. It has been used exclusively in OCJRP projects since 2002, reestablishing connections with traditional techniques from the past.

Rehabilitation and Restoration

The Technical Office of the Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program is a team of architects, engineers and urban planners who are engaged in identification, research, design, contracting and supervision of implementation of each restoration or rehabilitation project. The Office works with property owners and managers, residents and the community at large to meet the needs of all — whether adapting historic buildings for community use, renewing housing or restoring structures. It ensures that international standards and conventions are applied in all stages of restoration work it supervises.

Comprehensive Restoration and Rehabilitation of Dar al-Aytam al-Islamiyya Complex

Project Total Budget: \$3 million

Disbursed in 2002: \$959,680

The monumental 8,000-square-meter complex is one of the largest in the Old City and shows the architectural transition from the Mamluk era to the Ottoman, with construction dating from the 14th century and extending over a 150-year period. Today it houses an academic school for 650 boys, an industrial training school with print shop, bookbinding and carpentry workshops, a boarding dormitory, an Islamic traditional soup kitchen and a small mosque. The five-phased

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comprehensive restoration is a \$3 million 3-year project, scheduled to be completed in 2003.

a) Upgrading of Infrastructure— Total Budget: \$700,000; Disbursed in 2002: \$58,241

b) Restoration of Industrial School, Phase 1, A and B— Total Budget: \$397,275; Disbursed in 2002: \$233,699

The Phase 1 upgrading of infrastructure of the 600-year-old building now used as an Industrial School was almost totally completed in 2002. This included renewing the sewage networks, water lines, electricity and communications network and rain drainage systems, and involved some large-scale underground work.

c) Restoration of Academic School, Phases 2 and 3— Total Budget: \$625,000; Disbursed in 2002: \$457,093

Restoration of the Academic School was a complete rehabilitation of the condition of the classrooms, courtyards, roofs and passageways. Stairs, walls and niches were cleaned, repointed and plastered. Roofs were treated and domes were retiled and students' water fountains were remolded and repaired. Wood doors and windows were installed and the courtyard areas and stairs were landscaped and finished, with some iron and stone detailing added. The takiyyeh, a traditional Islamic soup kitchen, located in the Academic School, was also rehabilitated.

d) Restoration of Mamluk Stone Facades and Training in Stone Restoration— Total Budget: \$132,000; Disbursed in 2002: \$84,978, including \$11,500 for scaffolding

Scaffolding was erected and work began on the restoration of the striped stone facades of the complex's three Mamluk portals, with the technical assistance of a team of stone restoration specialists from the Institute of Venice.

e) Restoration of Dormitory of the Industrial School— Total Budget: \$350,000; Disbursed in 2002: \$125,670

Preparations were made for restoration work on the vaulted dormitory to be carried out in 2003.



Adaptive Reuse

Restoration of al-Hawwash House (WA Office, Old City)

Total Budget: \$150,000;
Disbursed in 2002: \$74,498

A neglected house, badly in need of repair, was purchased by the Welfare Association for reuse as project offices in the Old City. The 180-square-meter two-level building was cleaned and the old slab and plaster removed.



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Where clean and dressed

stone was found, the stone was repointed and kept exposed, but otherwise walls were replastered. The original flooring was restored on the first level as were the geometric design floor tiles and “carpet” stone tiles on the second level; in other areas, new tiles were laid. The roof was treated, wood doors and windows installed, the two bathrooms renovated and new fixtures installed. Air conditioning and lighting systems, and safety alarms are scheduled for installation in 2003, when the building will be completed and ready for use.

Emergency Housing Renewals

Water damage, decay and neglect combine to deteriorate housing stock in the Old City. Emergency restorations are carried out to ensure that historic buildings remain used by the community, and that they provide healthy and safe shelter. Recommended by Jerusalem NGOs for repair, the following two houses required emergency structural consolidation 2002 in order to provide a safe and healthy environment for the residents. Through redesign, repointing and plastering, better utilization could be made of limited space, keeping intact the historic structure.

Emergency Restoration of Hudeib House

\$42,872

Emergency Restoration of Zurba House

\$55,279

Restoration of Monuments

Restoration of Suq al-Qattanin Roof

Total Budget: \$95,000; Disbursed in 2002: \$65,119

Once one of the most beautiful of oriental bazaars, the Suq al-Qattanin has been badly neglected in the last century. Welfare Association is raising funds for its complete restoration, but began in 2002 by restoring the vaulted roof. The old roofing tiles were dismantled and a “new” traditional layer of permeable lime mortar was laid mixed with natural additives to give strength and flexibility. The materials and technique of laying cement-free mortar, used without steel reinforcements, was developed by the OCJRP team through research and trial and error and marks its first use in the program, reestablishing connections with traditional techniques from the past.



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Restoration of al-Madrassa al-Manjikiyya

Total Budget: \$300,000;
Disbursed in 2002: \$70,202

Preparations began for restoration of the beautiful Mamluk madrassa, now the offices of the Jerusalem Awqaf, located at Bab al-Majlis. Insulation and tiling of the roof, maintenance and repair of the department and installation of wood windows will be carried out in 2003, along with introduction of a heating and cooling system.

Upgrading and Interior Design of al-Aqsa Library

Disbursed in 2002: \$115,171

Computers and new shelving equipment were purchased in 2002 for the new location of the al-Aqsa library, previously a



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women's mosque. However, Israeli authorities prevented the equipment from being brought into the building, which is located in al-Haram al-Sharif. The building was restored in 1999 (halls and roof) by OCJRP with a grant from the Arab Fund.

Restoration of al-Madrassa al-Ashrafiyya

Restoration and Adaptive Reuse as Al-Aqsa Center for Restoration of Manuscripts

Total Budget: \$750,000; Disbursed in 2002: \$59,800

The “third jewel” in al-Haram al-Sharif, this Mamluk structure underwent a first phase of restoration in 2001, and was to be equipped for environmental control to house the rare manuscript library of al-Aqsa. A “fund in trust” agreement was signed with UNESCO for the training of staff and purchase of the specialized equipment needed for the establishment of the manuscript restoration laboratory, to be arranged by UNESCO. The final stage of restoration and equipment installation cannot be completed due to restrictions by Israeli occupation authorities preventing the necessary equipment from being brought into the building; the project has been postponed indefinitely.

Restoration of Madrassa al-Jawhariyya

Total Budget: \$300,000; Disbursed in 2002: \$120,487

Now housing the Awqaf Department of Archeology, the 600-year-old madrassa and ribat first required structural consolidation and repointing. The foundations were found to be disturbed due to recent digging of the “wall tunnel” by Israeli excavators. The Mamluk-era first level of the building, which had been used for storage, was cleaned and the outer shells of services was renewed. The floors of the Ottoman-built second storey that were in bad condition were retiled, but the old decorated “carpet” tiles were retained and restored to their former beauty.

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Restoration of Community Work Center, al-Quds University

Total Budget: \$115,000; Disbursed in 2002: \$21,993

This historic structure, which may have Byzantine origins, and was probably used as a Crusader church, tannery and carpentry at one time, is being cleaned and undergoing heavy structural consolidation. Located near the entrance to Suq al-Qattanin, the building will be used as a center for social work counseling when it is completed in late 2003.

Scholarships/Training

As part of OCJRP's commitment to the continuing education of its staff, a grant from Ford Foundation partially supported three OCJRP staff during 2002 in obtaining their Masters degrees at various universities in Archeology and Islamic Architecture, Architectural Conservation, and Human Development and Anthropology.

Documentation and Information

GIS Documentation

Throughout the year, the OCJRP continually updated its GIS for the Old City, which combines many levels of information about sites as well as various topographical maps. The GIS is a useful tool for urban planning by permitting a more comprehensive understanding of the history, current status and future plans of networks and buildings.

An updated English version of the Arabic large-format publication of text and photos concerning the master plan for the revitalization of the Old City of Jerusalem, *Jerusalem: Heritage and Life*, is being prepared by OCJRP and

published by Welfare Association in Palestine. The 179-page Arabic language plan was published in Beirut in 2002. The plan is based on historical, physical, social and economic surveys of the Old City that were carried out by a multi-sector team of Palestinian experts, taking into consideration current political, legal and administrative constraints.

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TURATH

Two issues of **TURATH**, the technical newsletter devoted to architectural preservation and produced by OCJRP, were published in 2002, with Ford Foundation funding. The last issue was a special issue on the destruction caused to the historic urban cores in Nablus and Bethlehem by the Israeli invasion of Palestinian cities in spring 2002.

Community Awareness for Preservation of Historic Sites

Disbursed in 2002: \$49,599

Two coordinators are implementing a community outreach program for the comprehensive rehabilitation project planned for the Ribat Ala' al-Din al-Baseer, one of the oldest pilgrims' hostels in Jerusalem that has been home to the Palestinian African community since the late Ottoman period. The community relations aspect of the project is considered crucial to the success of restoration of the complex. The OCJRP will be working with the community to rehabilitate the structures, and to upgrade and maintain facilities, including its front façade, retreats and courtyards, and to provide healthy community space.

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Three monographs concerning the cultural relevance of specific historical sites were prepared during 2002 for distribution to schools and community organizations to promote architectural heritage preservation and cultural identity of the community.



The Palestinian NGO Project

The Palestinian NGO Project was established as an initiative of the World Bank and approved by the Palestinian National Authority to build the capacity of Palestinian NGOs to provide services for the poor and marginalised in Palestinian society. The Welfare Association Consortium, a formal partnership of Welfare Association, the British Council and the Charities Aid Foundation, was selected through a competitive bidding process to manage the Project for an initial three years, 1997 to 2000. At its inception, the Project was supported primarily by the World Bank, with contributions from Italy, Saudi Arabia, and the Welfare Association.

Following the success of Phase I, the World Bank approved a three-year extension of the Project to 2004, with a budget of \$21 million. The Project Management Organization (PMO) is responsible for daily management, with oversight by the Steering Committee and the Supervisory Board. The World Bank is charged with ensuring that the Project operates as designed.

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In 2002

The Welfare Association Consortium, through the Project Management Organization (PMO), continued its finalization of Phase I of the PNGO Project, and began the implementation phase of Phase II (2001-2004). In Phase II, the Palestinian NGO Project will extend \$21 million in assistance to community organizations and for specific projects through the Development Grants Program, the Partnership Grants Program, the Sector Support Program and the Emergency Program.

Phase I

Development Grants

Of a total of 109 Development Grant projects supported under Phase I, 23 were completed in 2002; the final 6 will be completed in early 2003. The total amount disbursed under Phase I was \$7,624,684.

Block Grants

The program disbursed \$3.4 million in support for poverty alleviation projects implemented by 7 leading NGOs for on-granting to smaller NGOs situated in all areas

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of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The files of the final three Block Grant managers were closed in 2002, after the completion of all 196 projects.

Phase II

Partnership Grants Program

Seven NGOs were awarded partnership grants, on the basis of their expected economic and social impact on the poor, quality of the work plan and the ability of the lead partner NGO to implement the program.



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PHASE II, APPROVED PARTNERSHIP GRANTS, 2002

Lead Partner/Partner NGOs	Associate Partner	Locations	Amount US \$
Youth			
Ma'an Center/15	BISAN Center	Gaza and Jerusalem	1,039,975
Agriculture			
Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC)/16		Jenin, Nablus, Qalqilia, Hebron, Ramallah & Gaza	1,054,448
Primary Medical Care			
Palestinian Medical Relief Committees (PMRC)/15		Salfit, Ramallah, Hebron and Gaza	1,040,000
Formal and Non-Formal Education			
Palestinian Center for Micro Projects Development (PCMD)/23		Jerusalem and Gaza	1,040,000
Early Childhood			
Union of Charitable Societies/8	Center of Initiative for Europe (CIE)	Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Ramallah	711,960
Rural Development and Social			
Palestinian Hydrology Group (PHG)/14	Women's Affairs Technical Committee	Hebron, Ramallah and Gaza	1,040,000
Youth			
Youth Development Department/6	American Near East Refugee Aid	Jerusalem	409,250
Total			6,335,633



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Development Grants Program

In Phase 2, of the 36 NGOs that were initially prequalified for Development Grants, based on the impact evaluation of Phase I projects and new selection criteria, 19 submitted proposals were approved by the Supervisory Board for a total of \$3,159,891 in funding, distributed as follows: (3) projects in Jerusalem, (6) projects in Gaza and (10) projects in the West Bank. The “no objection” from the Commission of NGO Affairs and from the World Bank were received in early 2003 and the PMO proceeded with preparations for the grant implementation agreements.

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Counselling Center for Women in Difficult Circumstances

The Italian Agency for Development has contributed \$2.5 million to establish a center in Bethlehem for sheltering women. The World Bank will manage the grant and the PMO will supervise the implementation of the project, according to an agreement signed in October 2002. Palestinian and Italian NGOs will submit project proposals in early 2003.

The center will promote an enhanced role and status for women in society, raise awareness concerning gender discrimination and advocate for women's empowerment. The program will also provide loans, counseling services for abused women and support, therapy and vocational training for this marginalized group of the society. It will be established in cooperation with the Palestinian Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation and the Palestinian Ministry of Social Affairs. A specialized team of staff and consultants is responsible for follow up and monitoring the work progress.

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Emergency Grants

Employment Generation Program

British Department for International Development (DFID): \$2.3 million

The British Government through DFID granted the PMO \$1.8 million for implementation of NGO Emergency Employment Generation projects. Field officers reviewed almost 400 proposals, of which 118 were recommended to the Technical Assessment Committee (TAC); 32 projects were short-listed for total funding of \$1,817,998. After Supervisory Committee and World Bank approvals, the PMO began signing subgrant agreements in August 2002, and disbursed \$688,055 in first-stage funds.

Repairing Damage to NGOs Caused by the Israeli Incursions: \$0.5 million

A. Damage Assessment: In cooperation with the World Bank, the Palestinian NGO Networks and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the PMO conducted a survey of damages that affected NGOs during the March and April 2002 Israeli military incursions. The technical team at the PMO and local consultants conducted field visits to verify data. The survey findings as

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implemented by the PMO, following procedures set by the TAC for selecting the most needy and additional criteria set by the Emergency Committee of the Supervisory Board. The grant covered repairs and replacement of furniture and medical equipment for 69 NGOs.

Islamic Development Bank's (IDB): \$1.1 million

In late August 2002, the PMO signed a grant agreement for \$1.1 million from the Islamic Development Bank with the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR) for management of 21 emergency employment projects. The projects will be supervised by the PMO and implemented by NGOs in Gaza (9) and in the West Bank (10) and (2) in Jerusalem. The total amount disbursed by end of last year was \$315,650.

CIDA: \$620,000

The World Bank awarded the PNGO Project another emergency grant funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) totaling \$620,000 for five NGO emergency employment projects: four projects in Gaza for \$370,000 and a project in the West Bank for \$250,000. The projects provided short-term jobs to heads of households left unemployed due to movement restrictions and the attendant economic crisis. By the end of 2002, \$406,900 had been disbursed.

Sector Support Program

The Sector Support Program promotes strategic planning and operations in the NGO sector to better meet the basic needs of the poor and marginalized. A special 5-member committee was established that includes representatives of the NGO sector, civil society organizations, the Commission of NGO Affairs and the PMO. Five studies were prepared that deal with defining needs and

reported to the World Bank indicated that damage to NGOs including buildings, furniture and the cost of resuming operations totaled \$6,816,529.

B. Damage Repair: DFID contributed \$0.5 million toward the repair of NGOs that suffered damage during the Israeli incursions into towns in spring 2002. This grant was

priorities of the organizations, unions, networks and the Commission for the coming years. The Committee approved the plan of the Sector Support Program and proposed budget and decided on holding a Second International Conference for NGOs in September/October 2003, under its supervision.

Phase 2 Funding

In addition to the \$8 million allocated by the World Bank for Phase II implementation, the PMO worked very closely with the World Bank in the effort to secure needed funds for the various PNGO programs as well as for the Emergency Program through other sources. In total the World Bank and the PMO successfully raised an additional \$13.5 million.

Donor	Pledged Amount	Earmarked	Agreement Date
Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)	\$0.62 million	Emergency Projects	February 2002
UK-DFID	\$ 7.7 million	Emergency Projects	April 2002
Government of Italy	\$5 million (\$2.5 million for Women's Center)	Emergency Projects Women's Center	2002
Islamic Development Bank	\$1.1 million	Emergency projects	July 2002
Government of France	5 million Euros	Emergency projects	Anticipated in early 2003
Government of Italy	\$1.5 million		Anticipated in early 2003

Capacity-building for PMO Staff

Two workshops were conducted during the year for PMO staff, in log frame analysis and in strategic planning and team building. The PMO also organized two workshops for 32 participants in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, on the management of the Project and the log frame for the benefit of the NGOs that were qualified to submit their proposals within the Development Grants' Program.

Media Activities

In late September 2002, the PMO published the Arabic proceedings of the 2000 conference about the relationship between the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) and the non-governmental organizations, and a research study, entitled: "Role of NGOs in Building Civil Society." The PMO also published three issues of its annual **PNGO Newsletter** (Issues 9, 10 and 11) and an informational brochure about Phase II of the Palestinian NGO Project.



Resource Development and Information Activities

During 2002, the Welfare Association received a total of \$23.17 million for its development and emergency projects, exceeding by 35% the year's fundraising goal of \$17.13 million set by the General Assembly at its May 2002 meeting. Grant agreements signed in 2002, representing future projects, totaled almost \$45 million for regular and emergency programs over the next several years.

External agency donations of \$14.84 million constituted 64% of total income. Major external donations included \$8 million from the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development for the WA Emergency Program to support educational institutions. Other major external donations were a \$3.44 million grant from the World Bank to support Phase II of the Palestinian NGO Project, and a first payment of \$1 million from the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development to support three rehabilitation centers for disabled in the West Bank and Gaza.

WA received \$1.03 million in unrestricted donations, including \$873,000 from annual membership fees. In addition to the \$1.5 million in a fiduciary fund pledged by the Arab Fund in 2001 and recorded to the Endowment in 2002, WA raised \$530,000 from members and others for its Endowment Fund.

WA also received \$6.76 million as earmarked donations of which \$3.57 million (or 53%) was designated for Al-Aqsa Humanitarian Fund. This Fund was launched in October 2000 to support relief projects in the fields of health, rehabilitation of the injured, provision of food and medications as well as relief for needy persons and families. Total support for this Fund since its inception exceeds \$6 million. WA continued to support the Family-to-Family solidarity project for which it received \$1.3 million from campaigns in various Arab countries. The Emergency Employment Generation Programs received a total amount of \$730,000 as partial payments from various funding agencies.

WA raised \$1.26 million for the rehabilitation of schools in Nablus from WA members, for the Palestinian Remembrance Museum, for support for the annual calendar and agenda from private companies, and donations to the Tabari Endowment for health care of refugees in Lebanon. A total of \$369,000 was raised from the "Jerusalem Week" held in Kuwait in support of development projects in Jerusalem.

International Support

A growing number of major Arab and other international funders selected the Welfare Association for its reliability and expertise in operational management and financial administration to supervise large grants to civil society organizations. A total of \$45 million was pledged in 2002 (Table 1) to be disbursed over the next few years for the development of sectors in which the Welfare Association has been closely involved: education, health and disability, the Old City of Jerusalem rehabilitation, emergency employment and information technology. About two-thirds of these funds were pledged by Arab development institutions, one-third by European and North American governmental or intergovernmental development agencies, and 1% by private foundations.

These pledges included a \$20 million program, supported by the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the Arab Monetary Fund and OPEC Fund, to relieve the crisis in higher education by establishing a revolving fund which offers tuition loans for university students. Another major grant of \$5 million was pledged by the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development for financing three comprehensive rehabilitation centers for the disabled in the West Bank and Gaza.

In addition the governmental development agencies of the US, Canada, Britain and Italy pledged to contribute more than \$15 million for NGO support grants to the Welfare Association and to the WA Consortium for the PNGO Project, primarily for emergency support to Palestinians. The Islamic Development Bank donated a total of \$4.1 million: \$3 million to the WA for restoration projects implemented by the Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program, and \$1.1 million through the World Bank for emergency employment projects implemented by NGOs through the Welfare Association Consortium's PNGO Project.

Highest-ever Total Contributions

The amount of donations actually received in 2002 was in excess of \$23 million, the Welfare Association's highest-ever total income. The Welfare Association continues to have strong backing from its members, as represented by their contributions to the endowment and annual dues payments, which keeps the Association sustainable. More than \$2 million was contributed to Welfare Association specifically for the Endowment, raising its total value at the end of 2002 to \$37.5 million, and guaranteeing the health of Welfare Association well into the future.

In a continuing trend, the Welfare Association is raising a greater proportion of funds for project implementation from external donors, both institutional and individual, representing 88% of its income in 2002. Two major public appeal campaigns, for al-Aqsa Humanitarian Fund and the Family-to-Family Program, succeeded in raising \$4.87 million from individuals and groups during the year. Public fundraising for other projects raised \$1.26 million in other earmarked donations.

Arab Funding Institutions and OPEC Fund: \$44.6 million for Palestine Through WA

During its May meeting, the Arab Funding Institutions and OPEC Fund earmarked over \$44 million for the “*Emergency Program in Support of the Palestinian People*” and entrusted the Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development to administer the fund. As the leading Palestinian development agency, the Welfare Association was designated by the Arab Fund on behalf of these Institutions to supervise the disbursement of \$42.5 million of this emergency program fund in the West Bank and Gaza, in the

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following sectors: education (\$20 million), health (\$8.4 million), infrastructure (\$10.1 million), repair of damaged houses (\$4 million) and support of needy families (\$1.01 million). The remaining amount of \$2.1 million is to be disbursed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development.

Donor Funds Coordination Committee

The Coordination Committee of Arab Donor Funds for Palestine was held in May 2002 in Abu Dhabi, and was attended by the WA Head of the Management Committees, the Director General and the Director of Resource Development. The Committee members communicated the decision of the Arab Funding Institutions to donate 10% of their 2001 net income to finance the “Emergency Program in Support of the Palestinian People” to be executed by the WA and administered by the Arab Fund.

Sister Organization and Local Committees

The WA(UK) sister organization in London raised public and private funds for WA development and emergency projects during the year and, together with WA, developed a major proposal to the UK Community Fund for “Improved Access to Education for Disabled Palestinian Refugees Children in Lebanon” for a grant of \$500,000 over three years. The program will benefit special

NGOs servicing disabled children to prepare children, train rehabilitation workers and facilitate the integration of disabled children into primary schools in 12 refugee camps in Lebanon.

The WA local committee in Kuwait organized a “Jerusalem Week” activity held in Kuwait City, April-May 2002. Activities included screening a series of Palestinian films, TV interviews with several prominent members of the executive staff on Kuwait’s satellite channel, and meetings with Kuwait’s leading political and development figures. The highlight of the week was a fundraising dinner organized under the patronage of the Deputy Prime Minister/ Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad; Palestinian Legislative Member Dr. Hanan Ashrawi was the keynote speaker. The proceeds of the week were earmarked for development projects in Jerusalem.

Table (1)
Committed Funds from Regional and International Donors
to Welfare Association, 2002

Funding Agency	Project	USD (thousands)
Arab Fund, Arab Monetary Fund and OPEC Fund	University Students Credit Loan Project	20,000
Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development	Funding three rehabilitation centers in Gaza	5,000
AGFUND	Emergency medical support, services to Intifada handicapped and injured and development of medical centers	350
International Youth Foundation/ Intel	Intel Club House	180
Islamic Development Bank	Emergency Rehabilitation of houses, Old City of Jerusalem	3,000
Ford Foundation	Public Awareness, Old City of Jerusalem	180
United Palestine Appeal/ USAID	Emergency Employment Generation Project (EEGP)	2,727
Islamic Development Bank	Emergency Employment Generation Project (EEGP)	1,100
CIDA/ Canada	Emergency Employment Generation Project (EEGP)	620
DFID/ UK	Emergency Employment Generation Project (EEGP)	2,300
Italian Government	Second Phase of PNGO Project	5,000
DFID/ UK	Second Phase of PNGO Project	4,500
Grand Total		44,957

Table (2)
Contributions Received, 2002 (USD)

No.	Kind of donation	USD (thousands)	USD (thousands)	Source of Funding
1.	Earmarked Donations		6,761	
	• Al Aqsa Humanitarian Fund	3,569		Public campaign
	• Family to Family Project	1,308		Public campaign, Qatar event, Lebanon Committee
	• Nablus Schools	450		WA Members
	• WA(UK)	174		WA Supporters
	• Other donations from WA's FR activities	1,260		Fundraising activities
2.	External Donations		14,843	
	• PNGO project	3,981		World Bank, DFID, CIDA
	• OCJRP	481		Arab Fund, Islamic Dev. Bank, Ford Foundation
	• IT4Youth	831		IYF/USAID
	• EEGP	59		UPA/USAID
	• WA projects	9,491		Kuwait Fund, Arab Fund, AGFUND, IYF/CISCO & INTEL
3.	Unrestricted donations		1,034	WA Members fees, Supporters and Private Institutions
4.	Endowment donations		530	WA Board Members
	Grand Total		23,168	

Table (3)
Donations from External Funding Institutions/Agencies, 2002 (USD)

Funding Agency	Actual (USD thousands)
World Bank (IDA, DFID)	3,435
CIDA (EEGP)	546
Arab Fund (OCJRP)	51
Arab Fund (EEGP)	125
Islamic Development Bank (OCJRP)	250
Ford Foundation (OCJRP)	180
Arab Fund (Student Credit Loan Fund)	8,026
IYF/ IT4YOUTH	831
IYF/ CISCO	21
IYF/ INTEL	92
AGFUND	227
Kuwait Fund (rehabilitation centers)	1,000
UPA-USAID EEGP	59
Total	14,843

Welfare Association-UK Support, 2002

Gaza Children's Club in Deir al-Balah/Gaza operated by the Society for Culture and Development in the middle areas/drama, art, recreation and social skills, remedial education for children	£17,019
Diana Fund/ Community-based Rehabilitation Program for Wafa Hospital, National Society for Community-based Rehabilitation, and Local Coordination Committee for Refugee Camps in Gaza (monthly home visits to 1.360 patients; provision of 400 mobility aids; adaptation of 70 homes for accessibility) 84% satisfaction rate from beneficiaries	£75,000
Tree Planting	£3,500
Kindergartens in Shatila and Bourj al-Barajneh/Lebanon	£10,000
Emergency Projects for Children	
A) finishing electrical and mechanical work in al-Razi hospital in Nusserat camp/Gaza (WA funded construction for \$50,000)	£3,510
b) repairing a partly destroyed kindergarten in Aroura, West Bank, operated by the local charitable society	£3,190
	£112,219

Information Activities

Special Campaigns

The Welfare Association launched a media campaign in the press in Egypt, Lebanon, the UAE and Jordan, and reached a wide audience in the Arab world through appeals on Orbit satellite's "On the Air" show, internet and email for support for Al-Aqsa Humanitarian Fund and the Family-to-Family Program. Brochures describing the emergency programs were distributed in Jordan, Kuwait, Egypt and Bahrain. Development and relief projects in Jerusalem were featured in a special booklet produced by Welfare Association for "Jerusalem Week" in Kuwait.

www.welfareassociation.org

The Welfare Association's website was updated to include the campaigns and progress reports of: the Emergency Medical Support Program, the Family-to-Family Program, Tree Replanting and al-Aqsa Humanitarian Fund, and plans were finalized for creating an Arabic mirror site.

WA Newsletters

Three issues (numbers 65, 66 and 67) of **Tanmiya** (English quarterly newsletter) were produced in Palestine during the year, including a special 16-page issue in May on the impact of the military incursions into Palestinian cities on civil society. Four issues (numbers 28, 29, 30 and 31) of **Taawoun** (Arabic quarterly newsletter) were published in Amman on WA activities for distribution in the Arab world.

Issue numbers 5 and 6 of **TURATH** (English/Arabic newsletter), the publication of the Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program on architectural heritage, were produced in May and September in 2002. The Welfare Association issued an English-language *Capability Statement* in October 2002 as a technical document and overview of WA's background, organization, capabilities, programs and projects. The document, which includes a listing of the Board of Trustees and biographical data on staff members, will be used for information and fundraising purposes. The *Annual Report for 2001*, summarizing the Welfare Association's activities in the year, was published both in English and in Arabic in mid-2002.

The “Palestine: History and Struggle” Exhibition

The first initiative of the Welfare Association's Palestinian Remembrance Museum was the “Palestine: History and Struggle” exhibition of murals by Palestinian artists Ismail Shamout and Tamam al-Akhal that began in 2001 and continued to tour in the



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Arab world in 2002. The murals were exhibited in Abu Dhabi, Sharja, Egypt, and Syria, through sponsorship primarily from the ministries of culture in the respective countries.

20th Anniversary Preparation

In the second half of 2002, preparations began for events and special publications in 2003 to commemorate Welfare Association's 20th anniversary. A 20th anniversary desk book-diary, standing calendar and a pocket calendar were produced especially for the occasion.



Independent Auditor's Report

Welfare Association , Geneva Financial Statements for the Year Ended December 31, 2002 and Independent Auditor's Report

To the General Assembly of Welfare Association, Geneva

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Welfare Association Not-for-Profit Organization as of December 31, 2002, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended . These financial statements are the responsibility of the Welfare Association Not-for-Profit Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Welfare Association Not-for-Profit Organization as of December 31, 2002, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Accounting Standards.

Ramallah:
March 21, 2003

Deloitte Touche-ME

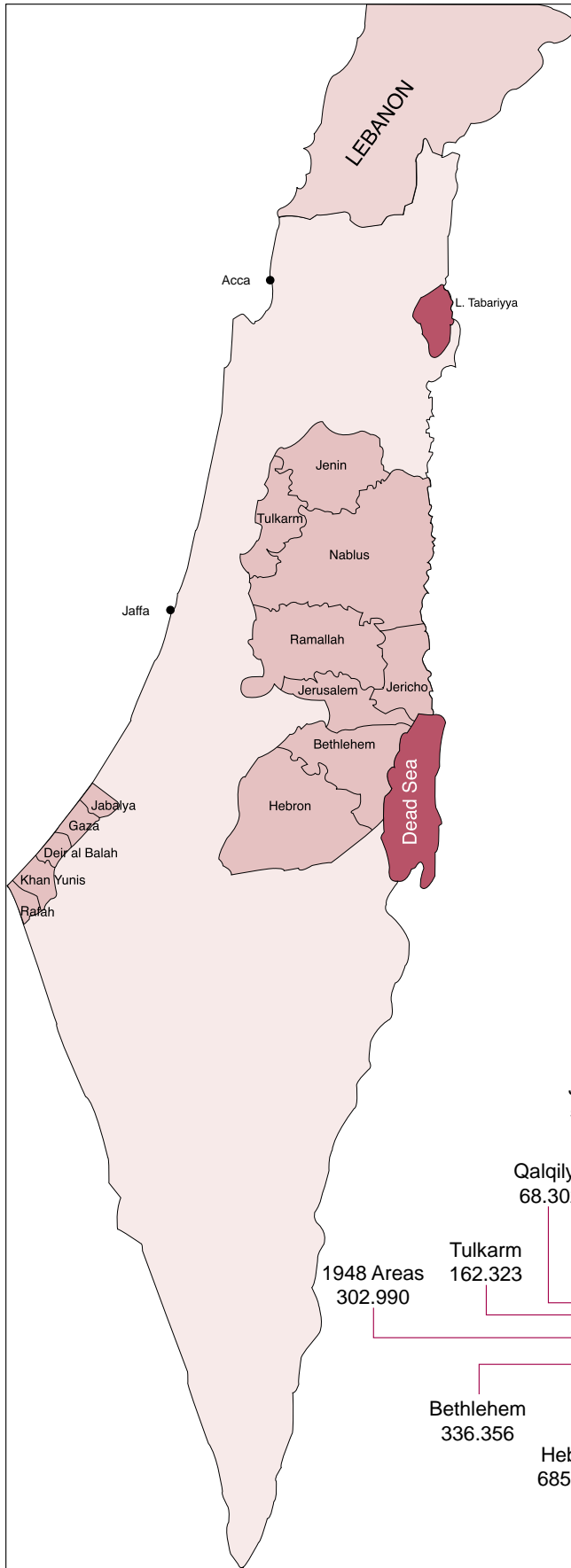
Welfare Association, Geneva
Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2002

	December 31,	
	2002 U.S.Dollar	2001 U.S.Dollar
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash in hand and at banks	2,282,404	3,887,475
Time deposits	33,048,378	23,349,625
Accounts receivable	1,593,673	256,708
Accrued interest and dividends receivable	603,493	567,625
Prepaid expenses and other receivables	65,703	132,281
Total Current Assets	37,593,651	28,193,714
Revolving Loans Receivable	962,000	676,000
Financial assets available for sale	21,276,417	22,435,134
Investments, net	0	1,570
Total Investments	21,276,417	22,436,704
Fixed Assets, net	2,003,535	2,065,942
TOTAL ASSETS	61,835,603	53,372,360
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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:		
Current Liabilities:		
Arab Fund Micro Credit Loans	1,893,368	1,633,368
Accounts payable	129,082	567,457
Accrued liabilities and other credit balances	210,810	321,329
Total Current Liabilities	2,233,260	2,522,154
Reserve for severance pay and provident fund	866,485	536,660
Net Assets:		
Endowment	38,271,136	36,241,136
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:		
Committed and approved projects	15,108,154	7,967,999
Waiting for approval	6,104,084	5,661,873
	21,212,238	13,629,872
Unrestricted Net Assets:		
Committed and approved projects	1,398,161	1,419,252
(Deficit)/Surplus	(1,434,960)	(431,765)
	(36,799)	987,487
Cumulative Change in Fair Value	(710,717)	(544,949)
Total Net Assets	58,735,814	50,313,546
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	61,835,603	53,372,360

Welfare Association, Geneva
Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2002

	Year Ended December 31, 2002				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	2002	2001
Revenues, Gains and	U.S. Dollars	U.S. Dollars	U.S. Dollars	U.S. Dollars	U.S. Dollars
Other Support:					
Donations for Endowment	—	—	2,030,000	2,030,000	1,781,459
Annual Dues from Members	872,906	—	—	872,906	711,519
Donations from Individuals	161,689	—	—	161,689	171,843
Temporarily Restricted Donations	—	6,762,008	—	6,762,008	3,589,334
External Donations	—	14,842,958	—	14,842,958	7,233,626
Interest Earned	131,077	96,240	700,543	927,860	1,169,016
Project Cancellation	43,055	256,676	—	299,731	121,549
Other Income (Projects)	10,856	—	—	10,856	34,385
Prior Year Adjustment	19,503	(36,653)	—	(17,150)	(5,439)
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	14,782,730	(14,082,187)	(700,543)	—	—
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support	16,021,816	7,839,042	2,030,000	25,890,858	14,807,292
Expenditures:					
Programs Disbursements	14,890,737	—	—	14,890,737	12,421,473
General and Administrative Expenses	1,062,636	—	—	1,062,636	1,022,792
Unallocated OCJRP Implementation Costs	167,589	—	—	167,589	—
Fund Raising and Media	219,953	—	—	219,953	253,755
Institutional Affairs	70,358	—	—	70,358	73,352
Depreciation and Amortization	195,495	—	—	195,495	167,268
Portfolio Management and Financial Charges	44,216	—	—	44,216	55,108
Realized Loss from Investments	500,201	—	—	500,201	390,544
Exchange (Gain)/Loss	(148,138)	—	—	(148,138)	28,259
Total Expenditures	17,003,047	—	—	17,003,047	14,412,551
Changes in Net Assets	(981,231)	7,839,042	2,030,000	8,887,811	394,741
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	987,487	13,629,872	36,241,136	50,858,495	50,585,303
Project Cancellation	(43,055)	(256,676)	—	(299,731)	(121,549)
Net Assets at End of Year	(36,799)	21,212,238	38,271,136	59,446,575	50,858,495
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(Note: Full Financial Statement can be obtained from Welfare Association upon request.)

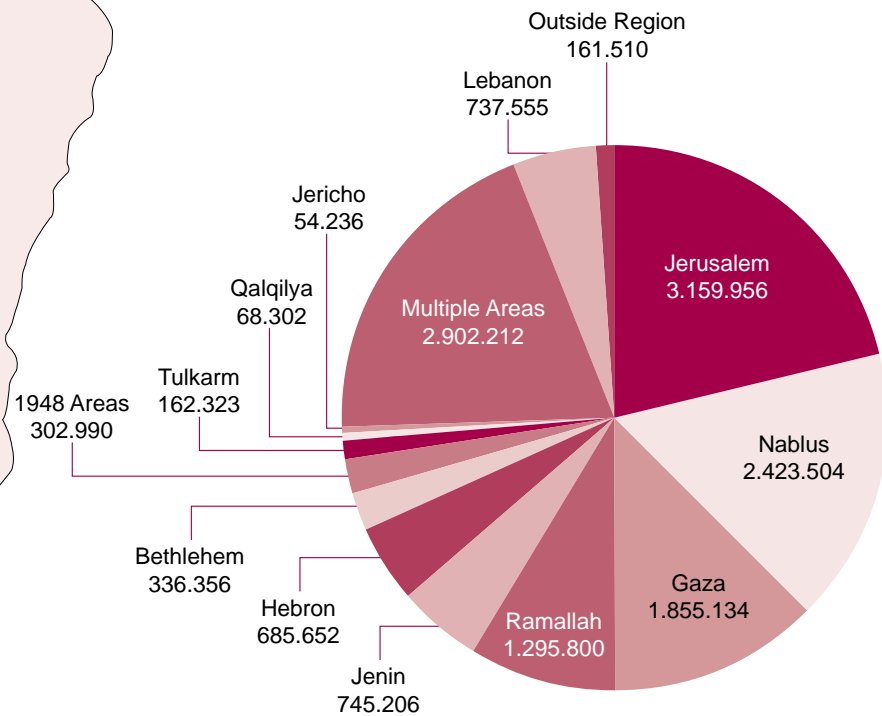


Welfare Association
Geographical Distribution of Project Disbursements, 2002(USD)

Jerusalem	3,159,956
Nablus	2,423,504
Gaza	1,855,134
Ramallah	1,295,800
Jenin	745,206
Hebron	685,652
Bethlehem	336,356
1948 Areas	302,990
Tulkarm	162,323
Qalqilya	68,302
Jericho	54,236
Multiple Areas	2,902,212
Lebanon Camps	737,555
Outside Region	161,510
Total	14,890,736

Distribution by Program, 2002

Core Program	2,599,149
Emergency Program	7,623,786
OCJRP	1,698,573
PNGO Project	2,969,228
Total	14,890,736





Project Disbursements in 2002

A. Core Programs and Projects

Human Resource Development

Development of Makassed Employees' Nursery

Al-Maqassed Charitable Society, Jerusalem
\$20,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$4,000

Purchase of Building for Dar al-Tifl

League of Jaffa Arabs
\$60,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$57,400

Purchase of Building for Dar al-Tifl

League of Jaffa Arabs
\$39,757
Disbursed in 2002: \$44,520

Support for Phase II Construction

College of Technology Founding Committee at
al-Najah University, Nablus
\$200,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$50,000

Establishment of Jerusalem Statistical Database

Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics
\$100,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$40,000

Equipping an Arabic Printshop

League of Jaffa Arabs
\$105,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$18,000

Establishment of Al- Samua' Center for Disabled

Aqsa Society for Disabled, Samua', Hebron
\$15,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$1,000

Support for the Society

Inash al-'Usra Society, al-Bireh
\$11,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$11,000

Support for Vocational School

Arab Orphan's Committee, Jerusalem
\$100,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$19,900

Abdul Raheem Jardaneh School

Nablus Municipality, Nablus
\$500,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$321,556

Development of Maps and Surveying Department

Arab Studies Society
\$191,600
Disbursed in 2002: \$10,000

Renovation and Development of Society

Al-Aqsa Islamic Educational Society
\$90,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$11,000

Development of Old City Health Clinic

Hamilat al-Tib Society, Jerusalem
\$100,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$11,000

WA Research and Studies

Welfare Association
\$10,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$4,000

Information Technology and Computer Training

Computer Network Training, CISCO Systems

Five Palestinian Universities
\$48,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$35,500

Establishment of Computer Center

Acre Arab Women Association, Acre, Galilee
\$50,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$10,000

Providing Computer Training for Intifada Disabled

Center for Continuing Education, Birzeit University
\$25,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$2,250

Support for Futurekids Computer Training

Futurekids Center, Ramallah
\$20,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$17,562

Provision of Computers for the University Library

Al-Azhar University, Gaza
\$40,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$24,000

Establishment of a Computer Center

Fataa Lajia School for Girls, Jerusalem
\$30,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$20,000

IT for Youth

Welfare Association
\$40,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$24,000

Culture and Identity**Development of Khalil Sakakini Library**

Kanan Institute for Culture and Science, Acca
\$25,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$2,000

Repair of Old City Houses

League Arabs of Jaffa
\$60,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$57,400

Emergency Support for Cultural Activities

Arab Cultural Society, Nazareth
\$35,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$30,000

Publication of Weekly Newsletter

Arab Cultural Society, Nazareth
\$23,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$5,000

Preparation of Cultural Center Project Document

Welfare Association
\$27,000
Disbursed in 2002: 3,000

Production of Video on Destroyed Villages

National Committee for Defence of Rights of Uprooted, Galilee
\$25,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$4,500

Reparation and Development of Museum of Culture

Kanan Institute for Culture and Science, Sakhnin
\$32,500
Disbursed in 2002: \$3,500

Renovation of Cultural Center

Dura Municipality, West Bank
\$40,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$4,000

Establishment of Annex to Ramallah Center

National Conservatory of Music, Ramallah
\$25,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$15,000

Renovation of the League's Offices and Computer Center

League of Jaffa Arabs, Jaffa
\$20,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$19,000

Renovation of Jabalia Cemetery and Mosque

League of Jaffa Arabs, Jaffa
\$5,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$5,000

Renovation of Jabalia Cemetery and Mosque

League of Jaffa Arabs, Jaffa
\$5,750
Disbursed in 2002: \$5,750

Establishment of Library

Kufr Kana Municipal Library, Galilee
\$35,460
Disbursed in 2002: \$15,000

Establishment of Library

Judeida-Makr Municipal Council, Galilee
\$35,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$15,000

Support for Social Center

Burj al-Luqluq Society, Jerusalem
\$10,168
Disbursed in 2002: \$10,168

Support for Theatre Activities

Palestinian National Theatre, Jerusalem
\$20,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$20,000

Development of Two Children's Centers

Social and Cultural Development Society, Deir al-Balah, Gaza
\$60,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$30,000

Development of Children's Playground

Nablus Municipality
\$50,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$50,000

Legal Defense of Residents

Welfare Association
\$380,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$30,010

Development of Handicraft Centers

Palestinian Rural Heritage Society, Abasan, Gaza/
Sidra Society, Naqab/ Samu'a Charitable Society,
Samu'a, Hebron

\$60,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$26,000

European Tour for Mural Exhibition

Ismail Shamout

\$100,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$61,510

Assistance for Palestinians in Lebanon**Establishment of a Palestinian Film Library**

Arab Resource Center for Popular Art, Beirut

\$15,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$2,000

Support for Zahrat Al-Mada'in Kindergarten

Al-Khalsa Social Society, Bourj al-Barajneh RC/
Beirut

\$5,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$2,500

Support for Community Activities

Palestinian Cultural and Social Society, Bourj al-
Barajneh RC/Beirut

\$5,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$2,500

Support for a Tutoring Program

Brotherhood Institution for Educational and Social
Care, Bourj al-Barajneh RC/Beirut

\$5,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$2,500

Support for a Tutoring Program

Nabila Breir Social Foundation, Ain al-Hilweh RC/
Sidon

\$8,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$4,000

**Support for Workshop for Maintaining
Rehabilitation Equipment**

Khalil al-Wazir Institution for Rehabilitation,
Rashadiyeh RC/Tyre

\$5,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$2,500

Support for Capacity-building Training

Inash al-Mukhayem/Association for the
Development of Palestinian Camps, Beirut

\$6,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$3,000

Development and Support for Activities

Nabil Badran Center For Disabled, al-Bus RC/Tyre

\$38,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$5,000

**Support for Intensive Training for Kindergarten
Teachers**

Kindergarten Resources and Training Center, Mar
Elias RC/Beirut

\$8,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$5,000

Support for the Center's Program and Activities

Children and Youth Center, Shatila/Beirut

\$8,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$5,000

Support for KG for Disabled Children

Social Handicapped Association, Beddawi RC/Tripoli

\$10,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$7,000

Support for Society's Activities

Social Handicapped Association, Beirut

\$15,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$7,000

Support for Two Rehabilitation Centers

Social Association for Rehabilitation of
Handicapped, Nahr al-Bared RC/Tripoli

\$15,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$10,000

Support for Two Rehabilitation Centers

Social Association for Rehabilitation of
Handicapped, Nahr al-Bared RC/Tripoli

\$15,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$7,500

Supporting KGs in Shatila and Burj al-Barajneh RC

National Foundation for Health, Social and
Educational Services, Beirut

\$15,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$7,500

**Establishing Computer Training Center for
Youth**

The Social Communication Center/ Ajyal, Beirut

\$5,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$2,500

**Developing and Equipping the Agricultural
Training Center**

Joint Christian Committee for Social Services,
Beirut

\$15,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$12,150

Support for Center

Nabil Badran Center for Disabled Children, al-Bus
RC/Tyre

\$15,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$7,500

Support for Activities

Arab Resource Center for Popular Arts, Beirut

\$13,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$11,700

Support for Cultural Projects

Arab Resource Center for Popular Arts, Beirut
\$15,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$12,000

Support for Mother and Child Center in Sabra and Shatila

Popular Aid for Relief and Development, Beirut
\$25,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$12,500

Support for Kindergarten

Najdeh Association, Ain al-Hilweh RC/Sidon
\$25,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$12,500

Support for Nursing and Computer Vocational Training

National Association of Medical Social Care and Vocational Training, Lebanon
\$27,920
Disbursed in 2002: \$2,280

Support for Two Centers for Handicapped Children

Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Foundation, Ain al-Hilweh RC and Mar Elias RC
\$30,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$15,000

Supporting Three Kindergartens

Inash al-Mukhayem/Association for the Development of Palestinian Camps, Lebanon
\$20,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$15,000

Support for Student Transport

Popular Association for Relief and Development, Lebanon
\$19,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$17,000

Supporting Vocational Training in Nursing and Business Informatics

National Association for Social, Medical Care and Vocational Training, Jalala/Beka'a
\$25,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$22,500

Support for Vocational Training

National Association for Social, Medical Care and Vocational Training, Beirut
\$20,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$17,000

Support for Community Center

National Institute for Social Care and Vocational Training, Bourj al-Shemali RC/Tyre
\$30,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$20,000

Support for Community Center

National Institute for Social Care and Vocational Training, Bourj al-Shemali RC/Tyre
\$30,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$15,000

Support for Vocational Training

National Institute for Vocational and Social Services, Beirut
\$30,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$25,000

Provision of Dialysis Treatment for Needy Patients

Health Care Association, Lebanon
\$90,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$85,000

Support for Vocational Training

National Association for Vocational Training Services, Beirut
\$30,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$27,000

Development of Children's Libraries in Five Camps

Supervisory Committee for Libraries Project, Lebanon
\$111,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$63,625

Support for Revolving Fund for Educational Loans

Palestinian Student Fund (PSF), Beirut
\$35,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$30,000

Support for Revolving Fund for Educational Loans

Palestinian Student Fund (PSF), Beirut
\$70,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$35,000

Support for Health Care for Needy Palestinians

Health Care Society, Lebanon
\$270,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$204,300



B. Emergency Programs

Agriculture

Planting Fruit Trees in Abboud

Agriculture Development Society, West Bank
\$10,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$900

Planting Fruit Trees in Wadi Rahel

Agriculture Development Society, West Bank
\$10,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$700

Planting Wild Almond Tree Seeds

Agriculture Development Society
\$9,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$910

Planting Fruit Trees in Beit Hanoun

Palestinian Agriculture Relief Committees-Agriculture
Development Society, Gaza
\$9,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$1,000

Planting Olive Trees

Ahali Center for Community Development, Naqab
\$8,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$7,920

Planting Fruit Trees in Hawara, West Bank

Agriculture Development Society
\$32,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$9,180

Planting Trees in Yabad, West Bank

Union of Agricultural Work Committees
\$29,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$9,710

Humanitarian Relief for Needy Families

Emergency Support for Displaced Families

Nablus Civil Committee, Nablus
\$150,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$150,000

Support to Nablus Families

National Committee for Support
\$255,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$255,000

Support to Jenin Families

Emergency Relief Committee
\$100,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$100,000

Food Relief for Needy Families in West Bank

Agricultural Development Society/Palestinian
Agricultural Relief Committee (PARC)
Welfare Association/al-Aqsa Humanitarian Fund
\$100,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$95,000

Support for Especially Needy Families

Family-to-Family Program, Welfare Association
\$1,200,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$1,000,000

Support for Especially Needy Families

Welfare Association
\$174,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$2,000

Support for Especially Needy Families, West Bank

Family-to-Family Program, Welfare Association
\$200,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$168,000

Emergency Support for Rehabilitation of Disabled

Development of Rehabilitation Unit and Provision of Services

Patients Friends Society/Al Ahli Hospital Hebron
\$10,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$7,000

Development of Rehabilitation Center

Al-Razi Hospital, Jenin
\$5,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$4,950

Database on Disabilities and Rehabilitation Services

Businessmen's Association, Jerusalem
\$10,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$2,500

Development of al-Amal Center

Al-Amal Center for the Rehabilitation of the
Handicapped, Nablus
\$50,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$4,500

Training Community Rehabilitation Workers

National Central Committee for Rehabilitation,
Jerusalem
\$15,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$6,000

Development of Rehabilitation Center and Support for Services for Injured

Patients Friends Society, Jenin
\$45,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$4,050

Artificial Eyes and Medical Equipment

St. John Ophthalmic Hospital, Jerusalem
\$20,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$9,800

Services for Disabled Children

Patients' Friend Society, Ramallah
\$50,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$20,000

Development of Rehabilitation Center

Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation of the Handicapped
\$40,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$3,600

Development the Rehabilitation Center

Young Men Christian Association, Beit Sahour
\$40,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$16,000

Support to 11 Institutions for Medical and Rehabilitation Services

\$236,000
Disbursed: \$45,467

Development of Rehabilitation Unit

Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation, Beit Jala
\$50,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$25,000

Development of al-Amal Center for Handicapped

Union of Health Care Committees, Nablus
\$20,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$10,000

Development of Rehabilitation Services

Jerusalem Princess Basma Center for Disabled Children
\$30,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$15,000

Training Disabled in Computer Use

Birzeit University
\$75,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$27,250

Development of Rehabilitation Center, Jenin Camp

Local Committee for Rehabilitation, Jenin Camp
\$15,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$6,000

Development of Rehabilitation Center, Jenin Camp

Patient Friends Society, Jenin
\$5,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$4,950

Support for Disabled

Palestinian Red Crescent Society, Khan Younis
\$47,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$23,030

Development of Rehabilitation Center

National Society for Rehabilitation, Rafah
\$63,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$25,200

Support for Rehabilitation Center

Coordination Committee of the Community Rehabilitation Center
\$110,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$44,000

Provision of Outreach Rehabilitation Services

Al-Wafa Medical Rehabilitation Hospital, Gaza
\$50,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$24,500

Development of Rehabilitaiton Center

National Center for Community Rehabilitation, Gaza
\$27,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$2,430

Development of Disability Rehabilitation Center

Al-Mustaqbal for Care and Rehabilitation of the Blind, Gaza
\$40,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$16,000

Development of the Rehabilitation Center for Intifada Victims

Mercy Association for Children, Gaza
\$40,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$3,600

Creating Jobs for Disabled in Private Sector

Palestinian Businessmen's Association, Ramallah
\$88,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$35,200

Establishment of the Hebron Loan Center for Medical Equipment

Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees, Jerusalem
\$55,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$22,000

Development of the Emergency Department in al-Awda Hospital

Union of Health Work Committees, Gaza
\$30,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$15,000

Development of Hospital Emergency Room

Patient's Friends Society, Gaza
\$30,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$15,000

Development of the Emergency Department in Ahli Hospital

Ahli Arab Hospital-Gaza

\$30,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$15,000

Support for Medical Rehabilitation and Outreach Program

Al-Wafa Rehabilitation Hospital, Gaza

\$50,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$25,000

Support for Sweater-Knitting Project

Women College Graduates Society in the Gaza Strip

\$60,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$30,000

Emergency Employment Generation Program/ al-Aqsa Humanitarian Fund

Renovation and Equipping of Club Headquarters

Jerusalem Clubs Association, Jerusalem

\$30,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$27,000

Completion of Youth Center Building

Tourism Promotion Society, Jericho

\$40,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$39,600

Establishment of a Public Park

Salfit Municipality

\$30,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$27,000

Renovation of Home for the Elderly

Beit Jala Senior Citizens Society

\$30,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$27,000

Completion of Multi-activity Hall

Kalandia camp Women's Handicraft Cooperative,

Kalandia Camp

\$40,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$36,000

Construction of a Multi-activity Center

Deir Ibze' Village Council, Ramallah

\$40,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$39,600

Development of School and Center for the Deaf

Al-Murabitat Charitable Society, Qalqilya

\$40,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$36,000

Development of a Model Kindergarten

Halhoul Women Charitable Society

\$40,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$36,000

Establishment of Rainwater Wells for Domestic Use

Jenin Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Society

\$40,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$39,600

Construction of a Cultural Center

Peace Center for Community Training and

Research, Khan Younis

\$50,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$45,000

Establishment of al-Razi Health Center

Islamic Society, Nusseirat RC, Gaza

\$50,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$45,000

Emergency Employment Generation/Arab Fund

Construction of Sewing and Computer Center

Islamic Society, Rafah, Gaza

\$25,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$6,250

Completion of Community Center

Beit Ummar Charitable Society

\$30,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$7,500

Completion of School Building

Islamic Charitable Society, Yatta, Hebron

\$30,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$7,500

Development of Kindergarten

Association of Women Committees for Social Work, Beit Surik, West Bank

\$16,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$8,000

Development of Kindergarten

Association of Women Committees for Social Work, Hizma, West Bank

\$18,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$9,000

Development of Kindergarten

Association of Women Committees for Social Work, Qattaneh, West Bank

\$20,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$10,000

Renovation of the Society's Home for Children

Palestine Red Crescent Society, Tulkarem

\$20,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$10,000

Completion of Construction of Community Shops

Nusseirat Services Center, Gaza

\$15,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$7,500

Development of a Model Kindergarten

Halhoul Women Charitable Society

\$40,000

Disbursed in 2002: \$10,000

Establishment of Women and Child Center

Dahriyah Municipality
\$35,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$17,500

Establishment of Multi-purpose Activity Hall

Qabatya Municipality
\$25,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$12,500

Construction of Cultural Center

Student Affairs Care Association, Tulkarm
\$35,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$17,500

Renovation and Equipping Five Centers of Union

General Union of Palestinian Women, West Bank
\$35,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$17,500

Developing Maps and Surveys Department

Arab Studies Society, Jerusalem
\$50,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$25,000

Establishment of 3 Playgrounds

Hai al-Shuja'ia Development Committee, Gaza
\$25,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$6,250

Services for Disabled Children

Patient's Friends Society-Ramallah
\$50,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$12,500

Establishment of Medical Laboratory

Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation
\$50,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$12,500

Support for Services to Disabled

Physically Handicapped Association, Rafah, Gaza
\$40,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$10,000

Completion of Model KG

Al-Salah Islamic Association
\$25,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$6,250

Support for Women's Income Generation

Beit al-Samed Society Gaza
\$25,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$6,250

Completion of Children's Playpark

Gaza Municipality
\$30,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$15,000

Expansion of Society's Building

Mughazi Community Rehabilitation Society
\$36,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$9,000

Production of Traditional Rugs

Palestinian Rural Heritage Society, Abasan, Gaza
\$20,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$10,000

Women's Embroidery Project

Hebron Women's Society
\$30,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$7,500

Finishing of Cultural Center

Dura Municipality
\$30,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$7,500

Development of Society's Center

Alar Charitable Society
\$30,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$15,000

Completion and Construction of the Union's Building

Palestinian Women Union, Khan Younis
\$50,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$25,000

Renovation of Community Center

Palestinian Youth Union, Deir Istia, West Bank
\$35,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$8,750

Completion of the Health Center

Arabeh Red Crescent, West Bank
\$50,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$12,500

Development of Kindergarten

Tubas Charitable Society
\$20,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$10,000

Rehabilitation and Development of Youth Center

Deir Ammar Youth Social Center
\$17,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$4,250

Renovation of Youth Center

Palestinian Youth Union, Abboud, West Bank
\$40,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$10,000

Support for Research on Palestinian Trade Services

Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS), Ramallah
\$50,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$12,500

Renovation of Boarding Section

Inash al-'Usra Society, al-Bireh, West Bank
\$50,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$12,500

Women's Embroidery Project

Kalandia Camp Women's Handicraft Cooperative,
Ramallah
\$25,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$6,250

Renovation of Multi-activity Center

Beita Charitable Society
\$32,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$16,000

Establishment of Kan'an Cultural Center

Qalqilya Municipality
\$25,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$6,250

Development of Children's Center in al-Fara'a

Secretariat of National Plan of Action for
Palestinian Children
\$15,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$7,500

Finishing of Hamdi Mango Children's Cultural Center

Nablus Municipality
\$75,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$37,500

Completion of the Society's Home for Elderly

Charitable Society for Culture and Social, Nablus
\$40,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$10,000

UPA-EEGP

\$42,500

Emergency Support to Hospitals

Medical Aid

MAP-Jordan /various hospitals and medical centers
\$324,942

Medical Aid

Welfare Association/ various hospitals and medical
centers
\$323,372

Support for Medical Services

Women's Union Hospital, Nablus
\$50,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$49,500

Provision of Medicines and Medical Supplies

Red Crescent Society, Hebron
\$10,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$7,000

Emergency Support

Al-Shifa Hospital, Jenin
\$15,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$15,000

Emergency Support for Higher Education

Emergency Support for Needy Students

Hebron University, Hebron
\$665,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$332,500

Emergency Support for Needy Students

Islamic University, Gaza
\$1,154,250
Disbursed in 2002: \$577,125

Emergency Support for Needy Students

Al-Quds University, Jerusalem
\$1,330,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$665,000

Emergency Support for Needy Students

Birzeit University
\$1,505,750
Disbursed in 2002: \$752,875

Emergency Support for Needy Students

Al-Najah University, Nablus
\$1,781,250
Disbursed in 2002: \$890,625

Support for Needy Students

Al Quds Open University
\$285,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$142,500

Emergency Support to University

Al-Quds University, Jerusalem
\$100,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$75,000

Emergency Support to University

American Arab University, Jenin
\$50,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$49,500

Emergency Support for Palestinian Needy Students

Palestinian University Students (al-Aqsa
Humanitarian Fund)
\$100,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$83,400

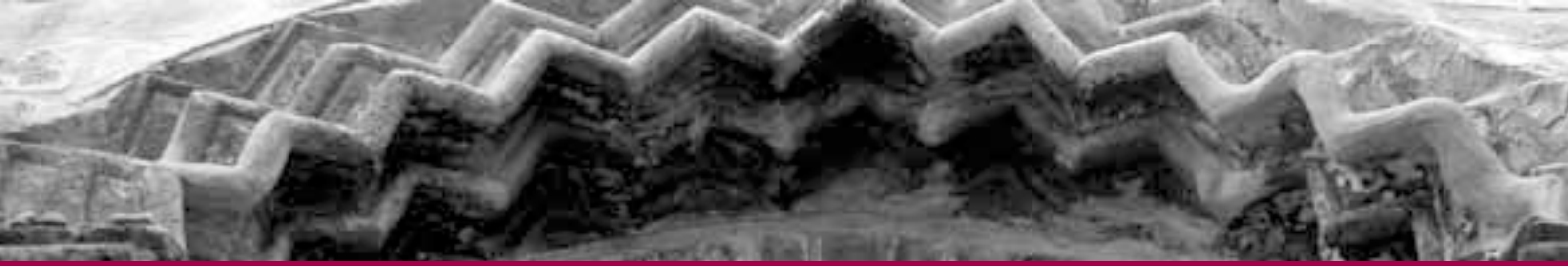
Support for Vocational School

Arab Orphan's Committee, Jerusalem
\$50,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$49,500

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WA-UK Start-up Grant

\$300,000
Disbursed in 2002: \$100,000



C. Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program (OCJRP)

Comprehensive Restoration and Rehabilitation of Dar al-Aytam al-Islamiyya

\$3 million

Disbursed in 2002: \$959,680

- a) Upgrading of Infrastructure and Restoration of Industrial School
\$216,839
- b) Restoration of Academic School Phase 2
\$457,093
- c) Restoration of Industrial School
\$75,100
- d) Restoration of Mamluk Stone Facades and Training in Stone Restoration
\$84,978
- e) Restoration of School Dormitory
\$125,670

Restoration of al-Hawwash House (WA Office, Old City)
\$74,498

Restoration of Hudeib House
\$42,872

Restoration of Zurba House
\$55,279

Restoration of Suq al-Qattanin Roof
\$65,119

Restoration of al-Madrassa al-Manjikiyya
\$70,202

Restoration of al-Aqsa Library
\$115,171

Restoration of al-Madrassa al-Ashrafiyya
\$59,800

Restoration of Community Work Center OCJRP
\$21,993

Restoration of al-Madrassa al-Jawhariyya
\$120,487

Publication of Master Plan for Jerusalem
\$20,123

Community Awareness for Architectural Heritage
\$49,599

Training Scholarships for Architects
\$15,617

Budairiyya Library
\$545

Mawlawiyya Finishing
\$4,000

Ghadiyya House Restoration
\$9,000

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