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Our Vision

The Welfare Association envisions an Arab Palestinian State which is Independent, free and democratic, and in which its citizens live in prosperity, advancement, and self-fulfillment.

Our Mission

As a leading non-governmental Palestinian 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 their needs and priorities and establishing the soundest mechanism to maximize the benefits from the available funding resources.



Message from the Chairman

"Think of Others" a phrase of the late great poet, Mahmoud Darwish, persistently crossed my mind when I commenced writing these lines. I genuinely feel it represents a broad caption of the mission of the Welfare Association which dedicates enormous efforts to support and enhance the well-being of others.

In spite of tremendous challenges, the work of the Welfare Association advanced in many aspects in 2009, in line with previous records of achievement. The major area of activity was resource development and operational programs - explored further in this report - as well as achievements in management, policymaking, membership and aspirations, which I identified in 10 deliverables upon my appointment as Chairman of the Board, in May 2008.

In 2009, eleven new and distinguished members joined the Welfare Association in an expression of genuine interest and willingness to offer support, both financially and intellectually. Their contribution endorses the efforts of the Welfare Association in offering effective and dynamic support to sustainable development in Palestine, while also introducing change to advance the Welfare Association as an organization.

The Welfare Association intervened to ease the tragic ramifications of the Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip in late 2008 and early 2009. A long-term agreement was signed with Abraaj Capital, a Dubai-based investment group, to support the education of orphans who either lost their parents or the primary income earner in the family during the 22-day Israeli onslaught.

The global financial crisis reverberated on a vital branch of the Welfare Association, namely its endowment, which we support and develop on an ongoing basis. This year, the endowment received around one million US dollars in support from honorable members, aiding a quick financial recovery thanks to the assiduousness and immediate intervention of the Board of Trustees, in addition to a minor improvement in global markets.

Upon taking over the responsibility of chairing the Welfare Association, I proposed 10 deliverables related to Governance, Institutional Performance, Corporate Identity and Youth Engagement. Task Forces were formulated to translate these deliverables into action. One year later, I am delighted that the efforts exerted by my colleagues, members of the Association, are turning our aspirations in these deliverables into reality.

In late 2009, I was happy to participate, along with some WA colleagues, in the debut activity of the Welfare Association for Youth (WAY) Program- Seeds of Giving, held in Beirut, to mark organized networking between young people in Palestine and the Diaspora. The interaction that took place between our young people and their keen interest to participate gave us enormous pleasure. I believe that in coming years this will generate new, dedicated members capable of shouldering responsibilities and following in the footsteps of their parents as they carry the WA torch forward.

Jerusalem, as our ongoing core interest, was the subject of a study in 2009 to highlight its economic, social and architectural needs. In 2010, the Welfare Association will launch a program based on this study, with the support of members and other donors.

We also gave careful consideration to the Palestinian Museum, a project conceived from a remarkable idea that touched our minds and senses. Various members of the Welfare Association translated the vision into reality in 1998 and then the concept was developed further. At the end of 2009, we appointed a Task Force to transform this concept into a deliverable project.

We continue in our work despite various obstacles because we believe that action on the ground has a lasting effect and is what immortalizes human beings. During the preparation of this report in early 2010, we were deeply saddened by the death of Mr. Hasib Sabbagh, a pioneer in the field of philanthropy, not only in Palestine but in the entire Arab world, and a co-founder of the Welfare Association. Mr. Sabbagh worked ceaselessly to lay the foundations of the Association and to support and disseminate its message over the years.

The Welfare Association also lost two of its founding members in 2009: Mr. Nizar Jardaneh and Dr. Mohammad Nijm. They both contributed to the establishment of the Welfare Association on solid foundations and their efforts led to the success of this development experiment in the Arab world. Their contributions and commitment will be remembered and cherished for years to come.

"As you think of distant others, think of yourself and say:
I Wish I were a candle in the darkness."

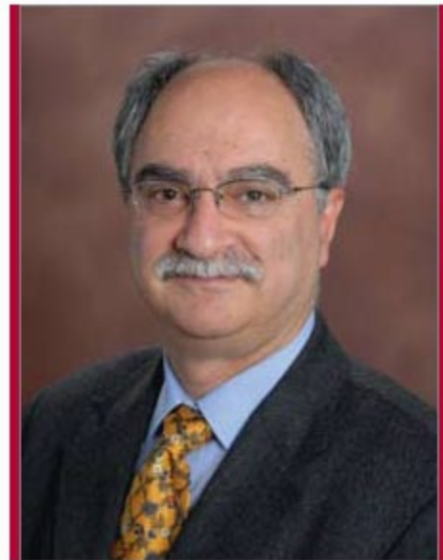
So, let us continue this work because Palestine deserves this and a lot more!



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "N. Haril Qaddumi". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Dr. Nabil Haril Qaddumi

Message from the Director General



At the beginning of 2009, the work of the Welfare Association was blighted by the ongoing Israeli aggression in the Gaza Strip. The Welfare Association devoted itself to dealing with the unfortunate situation by rapidly and comprehensively pursuing its strategic activities and developmental projects in an efficient and professional manner despite additional challenges, mainly the global economic crisis.

A prominent achievement for the Welfare Association in assisting the Gaza Strip was the signing of a memorandum of understanding for US\$10 million with Abraaj Capital, under the auspices of His Majesty King Abdullah the Second, King of Jordan, during the World Economic Forum held in May 2009 at the Dead Sea, Jordan. The memorandum establishes a trust fund to be administered by the Welfare Association over a period of 22 years to provide education for 1257 Palestinians who lost both parents or the family breadwinner during the Israeli aggression.

The detrimental effects of the global economic crisis should not be underestimated. However, contributions by the Welfare Association members succeeded in generating revenue of US\$28.1 million in 2009. Members support to the endowment fund was around one million US dollars which raised the total support for the endowment to around US\$ 23 million. This covers 57% of the total US\$ 40.3 million that members have pledged to generate.

Within the framework of mobilizing resources to serve Welfare Association projects and programs, we succeeded in recruiting funds for major pioneering projects associated with children's health and education, reaping the success of our networking with Sister Organization in Britain (WA-UK) and local supporting committees in Kuwait and Jordan. In June 2009, we launched a Children Sponsorship Program to support the needs of Kindergarten kids and raised a fund of US\$525 thousand.

These combined efforts enabled the Welfare Association to maintain its programs and projects. Total expenditure in 2009 was US\$ 24.6, 57 % were spent on projects in the West Bank, 36 % on projects in Gaza Strip, 4% on projects in Lebanon, and 3% on projects in 1948 Areas.

In terms of disbursement per sector, the Economic and Community Development received the most funds with 44% of total disbursement, followed by the Emergency and Humanitarian Assistance 23%, Culture and the Arts 17%, subsequently Education, Health and Agriculture & Environment with 7%, 4%, 3%, respectively and finally, Legislation, Policy and Advocacy with 2%.

In 2009, we contributed some efforts in the celebration of Jerusalem as Capital of Arab Culture. The Welfare Association allocated a portion of its funding to support fundamental projects in Jerusalem that embraced cultural and artistic characteristics. Additionally, the Welfare Association continued to fund key projects in Jerusalem and disbursed US\$ 2.6 on the Revitalization of the Old City of Jerusalem, to help implement a total of 62 projects. Further support was provided to projects focusing on education, health, social development and advocacy for the people of Jerusalem and their institutions.



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We were gratified by the Palestinian presence in the domain of international art and culture at the 53rd International Art Exhibition, held in June 2009 in Venice - the first Palestinian participation in an exhibition of this kind. The Palestinian exhibition, entitled Palestine c/o Venice, was substantially funded by the Welfare Association, several Palestinian organizations and members of the Palestinian Diaspora. We were particularly happy with the reception - witnessed personally - while strolling in the corridors of the gallery and among visitors and participants. We, at the Welfare Association, strive to support creativity that goes beyond geographical borders and the restrictions imposed by the Israeli occupation and believe that this constitutes an integral part of our mission. We wish to continue such activities since art is an international and sublime form of expression that unites people in a common language that knows no restrictions.

The same year marked the advancement of the Arab Foundations Forum (AFF), hosted by the Welfare Association. In 2009, a director and board members were appointed, who later agreed on the Forum by-laws. The Forum established distinguished partnerships and attracted new members, raising the total number of member institutions to 25 from six Arab countries.

Within the framework of its strategy (2008 - 2011), WA is heavily committed to youth empowerment to actively participate in supporting its humanitarian and developmental objectives. The Association launched the Welfare Association for Youth Program (WAY), and December 2009 marked the launch of its first activity in Beirut with the participation of 16 young men and women from several countries. The Welfare Association briefed participants on the living conditions of Palestinian refugees and presented various projects and programs in order to engage young people as active volunteers providing services and benevolent work to refugees. The results were successful and encouraged us to expand our support and channels of communication to mobilize larger numbers of young people in active participation in such programs.

In its efforts to enhance connections with homeland, the Welfare Association organized a tour in Palestine for a group of its members who visited various Palestinian cities and sites, with the exception of the Gaza Strip where access was denied due to lack of the necessary security permits. The tour included a visit to Jerusalem and participants experienced the systematic humiliation of crossing the Qalandia checkpoint on their way from Ramallah to Jerusalem. I am confident that the tour enriched the knowledge of the participants, mainly those visiting Palestine for the first time. The tour will remain engraved on our memories as a source of inspiration to our activities in the coming years.

Finally, I extend my gratitude to all Welfare Association members, staff and volunteers who have exerted tireless and creative efforts to achieve these admirable accomplishments despite the challenges that exist.

We are honored to work for a proud mission that serves Palestinian society.

Dr. Atallah Shafiq Kurtab



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Introduction

The Welfare Association is a private, non-profit foundation established in 1983 in Geneva, Switzerland, by a group of prominent Palestinian and Arab business and intellectual figures, with a sublime mission driven by the urge to provide humanitarian assistance and development work for Palestinians.

The Welfare Association has supported thousands of projects and programs in various development and relief fields in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, 1948 Areas and Palestinian camps in Lebanon. WA provides assistance through the following four major cross-cutting and overlapping program tracks:

Track	Goal
Culture and Identity	To preserve the Palestinian culture and enrich the Palestinian heritage and identity.
Human Resource Development	To build the capacity of Palestinians in order to become empowered, productive, professional and capable of realizing their targets and aspirations and leading a process of productive social and economic change.
Institution Capacity Building	To build capacity of Palestinian NGOs in order to ensure effective and efficient service provision based on their own capacity and potential.
Emergency Assistance	To respond to emergencies affecting the Palestinian people and posing serious threats to their lives and wellbeing.

To enhance WA operations and upgrade its contribution to the Palestinian development process within the aforementioned tracks, WA activities are categorized according to 7 main sectors as follows:

Sector	Overall Aim
Education	To secure expanded and equitable opportunities to quality education for all Palestinians, particularly the most vulnerable.
Culture and the Arts	To foster independent, dynamic and creative artistic and cultural expression in contemporary Palestinian society, rooted in Palestinian identity and heritage.
Economic and Community Development	To improve economic opportunities and social conditions of marginalized groups.
Health	To contribute to the improvement of Palestinian health conditions across the geographic areas of Welfare Association operation, with a special emphasis on marginalized groups, particularly children.
Legislation, Policy and Advocacy	To support the adoption of effective policies, legislation, and advocacy strategies for the protection of Palestinian rights.
Agriculture and Environment	To support the steadfastness of farmers, especially in areas severely affected by Israeli occupation measures and to ensure food security and sustainable environment for all.
Emergency Assistance	To respond rapidly and effectively for the relief of Palestinians facing life-threatening emergency conditions.

Every sector includes a wide array of programs and projects that feed into the tracks of WA work and serve all social groups in the Palestinian society, particularly children, youth, the poor, students and persons with special needs.

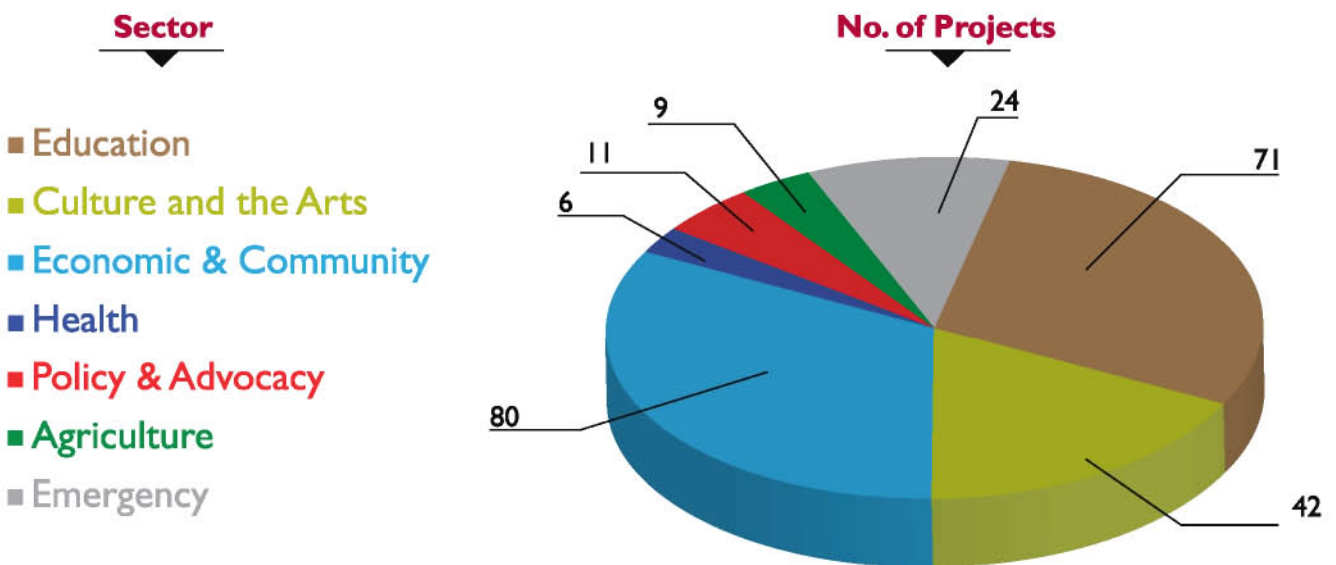
2009 at a Glance

In 2009, the Welfare Association supported the implementation of various developmental and emergency projects and programs that contributed to improving and developing the lives of more than one million Palestinian from all age groups, with special focus on children and young people. More than US \$24.6 million was spent on 243 projects in various locations. The total revenue generated by WA in 2009 was US\$28.1 million.

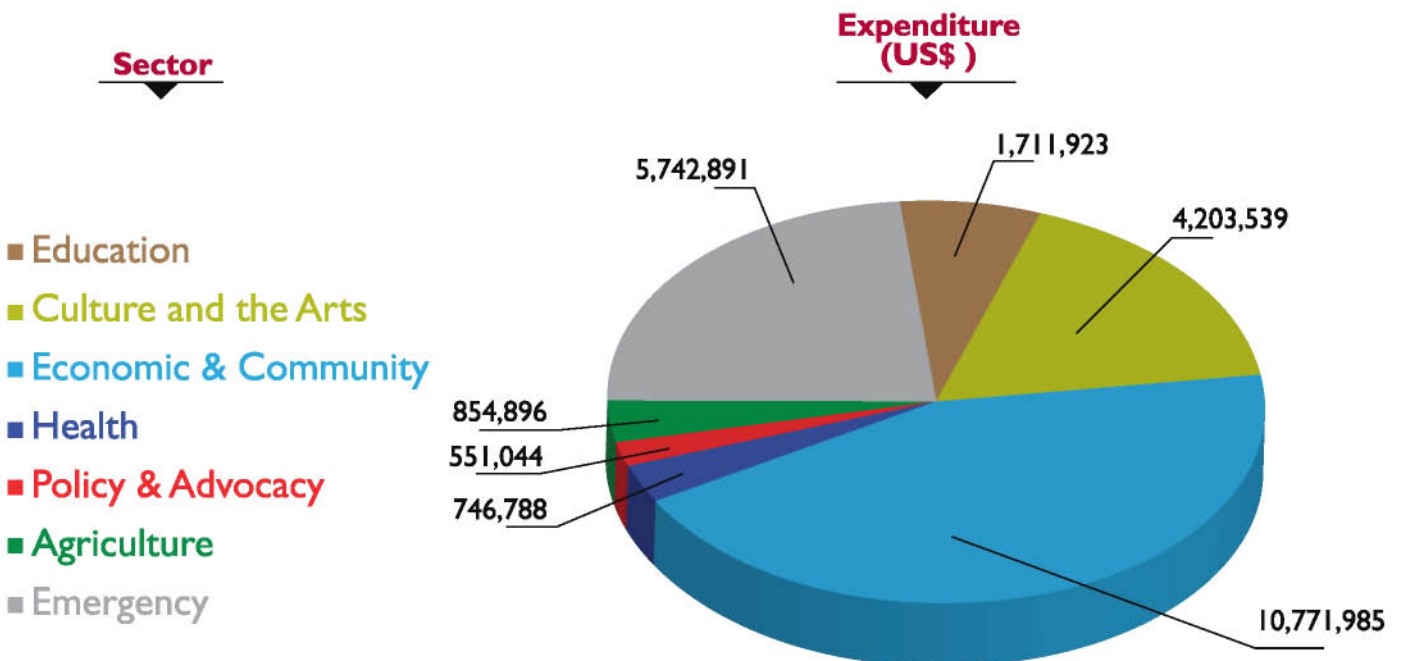
Projects Per Sector

WA projects were distributed over seven sectors: three sectors consumed more than 84% of the total program expenses. The largest proportion of expenditure was on Economic and Community Development (US \$10.7 million), followed by Emergency and Humanitarian Assistance (US\$5.7 million), Culture and the Arts (US\$4.2 million) The remaining 16% (equal to US\$4 million) was spent on the other sectors.

Number of Projects by Sector



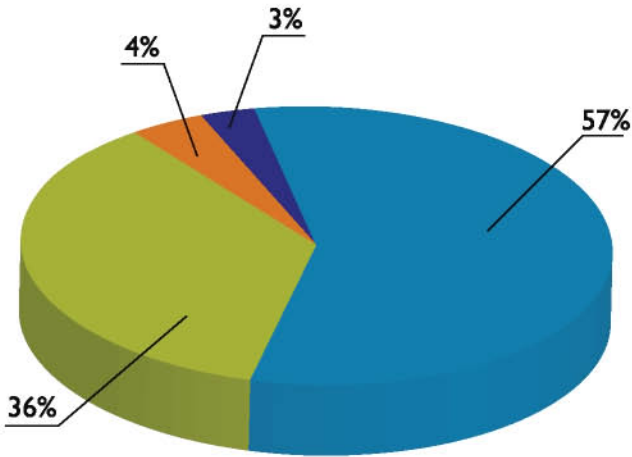
Expenditure by Sector (US\$)



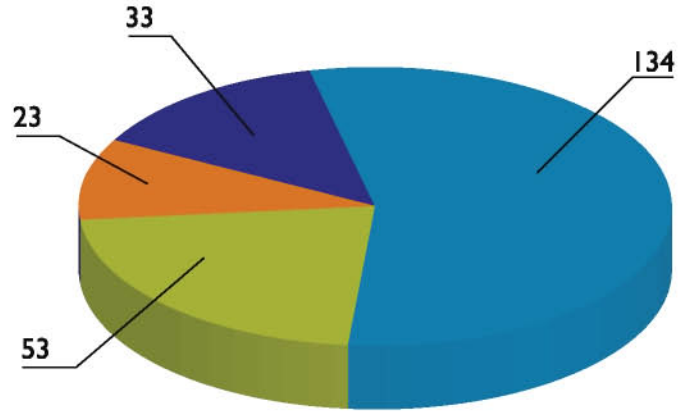
Projects According to Regions

Expenditure on projects funded by WA in 2009 varied according to region. The West Bank received the largest share at 57% (equal to US \$14 million), followed by the Gaza Strip at 36% (equal to US\$8.9 million). Expenditure in Lebanon and the 1948 Areas was 7% (equal to US\$1.6 million).

Expenditure by Geographic Location



No. of Projects by Geographic Location



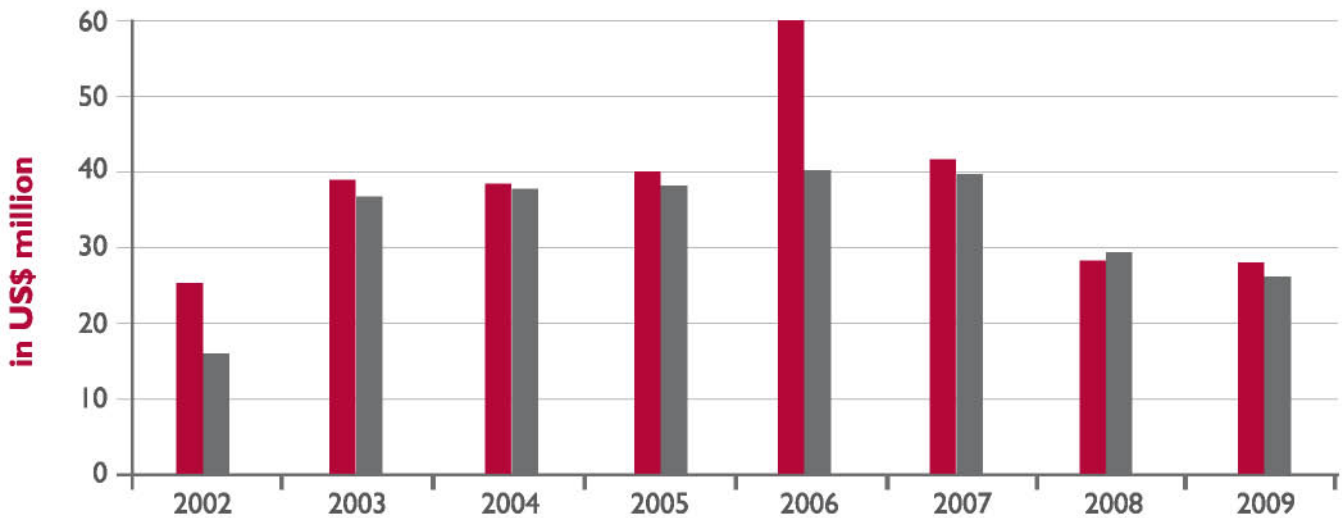
■ West Bank ■ 1948 ■ Gaza ■ Lebanon

Revenues

In 2009, revenues exceeded US\$28.1 million, US\$28 million of which are donations and grants, and US\$884 thousand for the endowment.

Revenues and Expenditures since 2002 (in US\$ million)

- Revenues
- Expenditures



WELFARE ASSOCIATION AREAS OF OPERATION

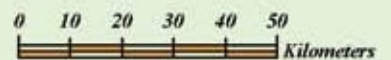


Legend

- Areas Of Operation
- Areas Of Operation WBG



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Education Sector

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Overall Aim: To secure expanded and equitable opportunities to quality education for all Palestinians, particularly the most vulnerable.



Overview

8- Kids enjoy outdoor story time at the Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Foundation's KG, Nahr Al Bared Camp

Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip view education as a long term weapon to defend their existence, steadfastness and freedom. Palestinians have ranked number one in the Arab world in the promotion of education over the last 60 years.

The endeavors of the Palestinian Ministry of Education in dealing with various educational problems have had only partial success since a substantial number of schools remain neglected, have limited access to financial resources and classrooms are overcrowded. Half of the student population attend government schools, 40% attend private schools and 10% lack any kind of education. In addition, teachers and students travelling to schools have to traverse 600 Israeli military checkpoints and barricades on West Bank roads. In the Gaza Strip, teachers and students face difficulties in reaching their destination due to fuel shortages, deficits in school budgets, the crippling siege and the destruction of schools and educational institutions during the most recent Israeli bombardment.

During past years, 580 schools were closed. Some 31,700 out of a total of 1.2 million students and their respective families suffered from financial crises. Tuition fees for higher education represent a persistent dilemma for Palestinians already faced with deteriorating economic conditions and a relentless increase in poverty rates. (Source: AD-Dustur Jordanian Newspaper, 6 March 2009.)

The UNRWA is responsible for the education of Palestinians in refugee camps in Lebanon. According to 2004 statistics, the UNRWA supervised a total of 86 schools, serving 40,459 students. However, due to deficits in the UNRWA budget, these schools reported a lack of appropriate educational equipment.

A survey conducted by the Palestinian Statistics and Natural Resources Office, in cooperation with UNICEF, indicated that the drop-out ratio in elementary schools is 19%, increasing to 30% at secondary level, which explains the lower ratio of 4.2% among university graduates. (Source: The Palestinian Organization for the Right of Return THABET report, Educational Status Quo of Palestinians in Lebanon, 2008.)

Education has constituted one of the principal areas of intervention for WA since its establishment in 1983. Over US \$100 million have been disbursed on support for projects and activities in the early childhood sector, basic and secondary education, vocational training, higher education and non-formal education. .

The WA seeks to support projects and programs which contribute to the following key results in the Education Sector:

- Trained and qualified educators contribute to improvements in the quality of education from a perspective of comprehensive development.
- Exchange of experiences, dialogue and creativity amongst those active in the Palestinian education sector lead to improved quality of school education.
- A quality education environment in Jerusalem.
- Palestinian children between the ages of 4-6 years enjoy quality early childhood programs.

Main Achievements

I- Human Resource Development

West Bank:

- In the field of using technology in education, drama, visual and creative art, self-development and expansion of knowledge, WA held 19 training courses and sessions, five lectures and 20 workshops. Hundreds of teachers and art supervisors attended the various training courses from different locations in the West Bank.
- Organized a summer drama school in Jerash (Jordan) in which a total of 80 teachers from Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and Morocco participated. In addition, WA concluded the Summer Forum for Women and Children in the Qalqilya region with the participation of 130 mothers and children. The aim of the Forum was to strengthen and reinforce relationships between parents, children and schools through art, creative educational activities and collective and individual counseling.
- Held 10 summer camps in different locations with the participation of 530 children and teachers.

Gaza Strip:

- Organized seven training courses in various fields: techniques of teaching, skills of modern education, support for people with special needs, educational games and teaching methods related to the environment. There were a total of 117 participants.
- Distributed 700 copies of the Interactive Education Guide to elementary schools in Khan Yunis and Rafah. The guide seeks to develop the quality of education in elementary schools in the field of Arabic language and mathematics. In addition, established a language laboratory for people with auditory disabilities. Over the year, 140 participants benefited from these programs.

Lebanon:

- Organized 18 training workshops for UNRWA school principals and teachers on Communication Skills and IT Techniques and how to integrate these techniques in their schools. A total of 461 participants attended from five areas: Beirut, Sidon, Tyr, Tripoli and Bekda'. In addition, a total of 27 UNRWA schools were connected with the Internet.
- Provided a total of 103 loans and grants to Palestinian university students to study at the Arab University of Beirut, majoring in Business Administration (47), Science (34), Engineering (19) and Pharmacy (three), through the Palestinian Students Fund.



9- Hiba (L), Sarah (C) and Alaa' (R) study in the Beirut Arab University library. The three Business Administration students have interest-free educational loans made available to Palestinian University students

Education Sector

2- Dialogue & Exchange of Experiences among Educational Institutions

West Bank

- Organized two workshops on human rights and skills in indicator research with the active participation of 60 people. In addition, organized 20 workshops for parents, with 600 people participating, to examine efficient means of providing a safe and democratic educational environment.
- Organized a number of educational activities at Bir Zeit University: workshops, debates, training courses, conferences and meetings. Hundreds of teachers, specialists and students from various regions of the West Bank attended these activities.

1948 Areas:

- Organized training courses for 100 participants on techniques of effective communication and dialogue, including communication through music and drama. In addition, 18 young people with special needs from the village of Tamrah received training in the 'Storyteller'.
- Funded the performance of 'Dialogue Monologue' and 'The Little Bourgeois Wedding', performed by students from Acre and attended by 300 people.



10-Alternative Education Project, Hewar School- Heifa

3- Improved Quality Education and Environments In East Jerusalem Schools

- Organized 12 training courses and one workshop for mothers from East Jerusalem and the suburbs on child development, learning difficulties and the role of play in improving children's educational performance. In addition, organized 14 meetings in Shufat refugee camp for mothers, children and teachers to improve educational methods and strengthen relationships between mothers, children and teachers.
- Provided 40 diagnosis and therapy sessions in Jerusalem for 210 children with learning difficulties and 500 speech therapy sessions for 69 children. Held psychological and educational diagnosis and evaluation sessions for 32 children from Jerusalem.

4- Improved Quality of Early Childhood Education and Development Programs

West Bank

- Organized a training course to develop psychological support skills for 22 pre-school teachers of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society.
- Provided computers, LCD, educational materials, and furniture to 10 pre-schools serving 1000 children in Hebron, Yatta, Beni Naim and Arraba.
- Provided the Azzhar Ein El Baydda pre-school in the Jordan Valley with educational toys and paid tuition fees for 35 children, distributed school uniforms, bags, stationery and daily nutritional meals.

Gaza Strip:

- Organized training courses for 235 pre-school principals and teachers to develop psychological support skills, early intervention and interactive educational techniques. In addition, organized eight workshops for parents whose children suffer from auditory problems, as well as those interested in this field. The workshop covered sign language, the Palestinian Dictionary for the Deaf in Gaza and the finalization of the Palestinian Sign Language Dictionary. Mothers participated in a significant way in 100 training sessions.
- Provided educational materials to 15 pre-schools and produced 80 wooden toys for language training and mathematics skills.

1948 Areas:

- Organized two educational conferences with the participation of 300 educators and teachers. WA conducted research and field surveys pertaining to the application of Arabic language and difficulties in teaching the language. WA also conducted research on 19 books used to teach Arabic language in first and second preparatory grades and identified and amended common linguistic mistakes.
- Trained and qualified 10 teachers (110 training hours) in the following fields: active learning, puppet making, story-telling, sensory communication and documentation.

Lebanon:

- Provided 70 sessions of physical health diagnosis, 1000 sessions of physiotherapy, speech therapy and psychological counseling for 85 children with special needs, as well as specialized treatment sessions for 55 children. In addition, WA provided 140 machines to assist disabled children in their daily lives. Organized 916 workshops for 20 teachers on painting, art, measuring autism, physiotherapy, community integration and methods of sound communication.
- Provided pre-school education for 750 children and financial support for 40 teachers in the following camps: Ein el-Hilweh, Mar Elias, Burj Al Barajneh, Burj Al Shmaly, Al Buss, Al RashidyeH and Byblos.
- Organized 84 meetings and 1050 home visits to 750 families and organized 250 workshops for mothers on child behavior and development and improving communication between parents, children and teachers. There were also discussions on the concepts of community integration, health awareness and domestic violence.
- Organized three summer camps, in cooperation with three NGOs, for 238 children consisting of a variety of activities: culture, education, health and social issues. In addition, promoted health awareness to 510 children.
- Provided 42 school bags, school uniforms, stationery and clothing for 42 children at the Brothers Pre-school in Burj Al Barajneh.



11-(13) year-old Israa uses a Braille machine to keep up with her 8th grade classmates. Blind since birth, Israa is one of 4 children who access the UNRWA inclusion program for visually impaired children in Ein El Helweh Camp.

Education Sector

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5- Other Projects

Gaza Strip:

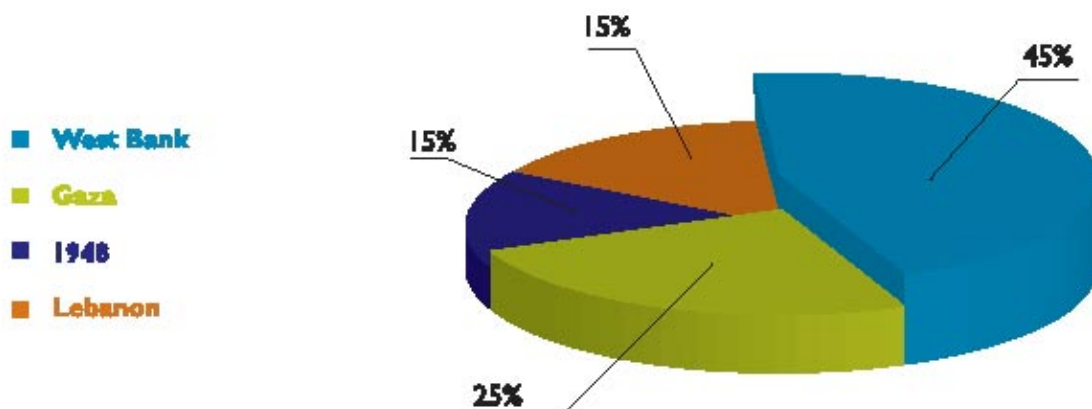
- Developed, furnished and equipped the facilities of the Atta' Society Childhood Center in Beit Hanoun, north of the Gaza Strip. Provided funds for the hearing-impaired school, part of the Deir el Balah Society for the Rehabilitation of Special Needs, to develop the computer laboratory, playground, puppet hall, the music and creative art hall, and provided books and stationery for the library.



12- Children of the Deaf and Dumb School in Deir Al Balah Rehabilitation Society - Gaza

Expenditure by Region:

Expenditure on Educational Programs in 2009 was around US \$1.71 million: 45% spent on projects in the West Bank; 25% on projects in the Gaza Strip; 15% on projects in 1948 areas; and 15% in Lebanon.



Highlight

The Children Sponsorship Program

The Children Sponsorship Program (CSP) was instigated as a direct response to the political developments and changes impinging Palestinian society in the Gaza Strip in the aftermath of the Israeli aggression of late 2008. The program was launched, - based on WA experience in this field - in the genuine belief that early childhood exerts a significant and crucial impact on all aspects of human development.

WA widened this concept to incorporate all pre-school programs, mainly impoverished pre-schools in the geographic areas of WA operation, comprising Palestinian communities in the West Bank, Lebanon and 1948 areas, while taking into consideration the unique needs and requirements of each region.

The major goal of the program is to provide a safe environment for Palestinian children and implement projects in various geographical regions to guarantee a healthy, appropriate, educational environment, enable the development of physical and mental health, enhance academic and educational attainment and improve social, psychological and health conditions.

WA launched a fund raising campaign which, by the end of 2009, with the generous support of various individuals and institutions, had built a fund of US \$525 thousand. Different fundraising techniques were undertaken, mainly the employment of direct communications, activities and e-communication tools. The WA organized a Gala Dinner in Amman, Jordan, in cooperation with the Jerusalem Forum, that raised US \$200,000. A delegation from the Young Presidents' Organization (YPO) visited Palestine in October 2009 and contributed to the campaign. Currently, final plans are in place to hold the Palestine Cup, a charitable polo game to be held in Dubai in early 2010.

The program was initiated in May 2009 and provided support to six out of 17 listed pre-schools, benefiting 1913 children. A total of US \$275,400 was spent on 459 children. Funds were disbursed on renovation, modernization, maintenance, school uniforms, winter clothing, school bags and stationery to children as detailed in the following table:



13- Awaiting a warm Winter, Al-Qarara KG - Gaza

Name of KG	Region	Number of Children	Value of Project (\$)	Amount of Expenditure (\$)	Balance
Juher elDeek	Gaza	80	48,000	21,525	26,475
Al-Qarara for Social Development	Gaza	177	106,200	47,838	58,362
Beit Hanoun	Gaza	110	66,000	29,730	36,270
Azzhar Ein elBayda	West Bank	35	21,000	9,459	11,541
Brothers	Lebanon	42	25,200	0	25,200
Salam	1948 Areas	15	9,000	6,408	2,592
Total		459	275,400	114,960	160,440

Culture & the Arts Sector

A Continued Commitment to Sustainable Development & Humanitarian Assistance in Palestine

Overall Aim: To foster independent, dynamic and creative artistic and cultural expression in contemporary Palestinian society, rooted in Palestinian identity and heritage.



Overview

14- Outstanding performance of Al Akkawi Group and Laz Theater – Dar El Founoun – Aida

Despite the past 60 years of Nakba and huge challenges, the Palestinian cultural and artistic arena nevertheless represents a proud image of steadfastness and encourages talent to express itself and flourish.

In 2009, the celebration of Jerusalem as Capital of Arab Culture demonstrated the determination to ensure that this event took place despite various obstacles. Israeli aggression against the Gaza Strip and the Apartheid Wall that isolates Jerusalem from the West Bank. Arab capitals joined the efforts of Palestinian cities to overcome the cultural siege and organized numerous activities.

Palestinian NGOs play a vital role in supporting various cultural and artistic heritage activities. Since 2000, artistic and cultural activities aimed at children and young people have flourished. Most of these activities were a natural response to the emergency conditions prevailing in Palestinian areas and gave priority to recreational activities that promoted basic psychological well-being through entertainment and/or self-expression.

A recent survey by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS) revealed that there are 300 cultural institutions operating in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with the core of their activities in Palestinian cities. The survey indicated that 127 institutions are closed or not operating temporarily. The survey also stated that there are 213 cultural centers operating in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including 39 centers reported closed or temporarily not operating. A total of 40% of cultural institutions operating in Palestine suffer from a financial crisis or funding shortage and 21% lack sufficient equipment or buildings. There are only 40 public libraries operating in Palestine, in addition to 15 theaters and 13 museums, of which eight are closed or temporarily closed.

In the 1948 Areas, Arab culture and identity are under threat from serious attempts to obliterate and expunge Arab heritage. The Nakba led to the loss of important cultural centers of Arab art in Haifa and Jaffa, such as printing presses, newspapers, magazines and theaters. Palestinians from 1948 Areas are treated as a minority and deprived of cultural independence. Simultaneously, Israel has escalated its policy of systematically destroying the identity of Arab buildings and Arab homeowners are prevented from renovating or extending their own properties.

Since its inception, the Welfare Association has been active in this area and dedicated a special project to restoring the architectural heritage in the Old City of Jerusalem. Additionally, WA has supported numerous projects to foster and sponsor cultural and liberal creative art perspectives, particularly to maintain and feature Palestinian identity and heritage. Projects and programs were developed to achieve these key results:

- Historic sites, residences and buildings are restored, revitalized and adapted to protect the characteristics of the architectural heritage of the region.
- Young generations of Palestinians (children and youth) are aware of their roots in Palestinian history, traditions, identity, culture and civilization and protect and take pride in their Palestinian heritage.

Main Achievements

1- The Revitalization of the Old City of Jerusalem & Historic Cities

West Bank:

- In 2009, the amount disbursed on various programs was US \$2.65 million, serving a total of 62 projects managed by the Program's Technical Office. (See pages 20-23)

Gaza Strip:

- The renovation of Al- Sayyed Hashim Mosque in Gaza was completed and officially inaugurated on 30 December 2009. The Mosque is considered to be one of the oldest and most beautiful historic buildings in the Gaza Strip. It is located in the El-Darjefy neighborhood, north of the old city of Gaza. The Palestinian encyclopedia refers to the Mosque as being initially constructed by the Mamluks and later renovated by Othman Sultan Abed elMajeed in 1266 Hijri, 1830AD. The complete renovation of the Mosque was funded by the generous contribution of the sons of the late Yousef el Alami and work included:
 - Complete renovation of the Mosque, corridors, the internal nave, yards and minaret.
 - Renovation of the sewage system and electricity network.
 - Installation of security and fire alarm units.
 - Treatment of damp and repair of original construction faults.
 - Reconstructing toilets, ablution sites, walls and gates.
 - Landscaping of the external yards.
 - Installing a removable cover to the main yard of the Mosque.
 - Replacing carpets and lighting.
- Further improvements were made to meet international standards for the renovation of historic buildings.



15- General view of Al-Sayyed Hashim Mosque - Gaza

2- The Preservation of Culture and Identity

West Bank:

- Organized training courses for 62 elementary teachers specializing in art, music, painting, drama and theater. Additionally, 20 copper art tools and 20 musical instruments were distributed to 20 schools in the Qalqilya district.
- Trained 42 students from the Tulkarem district on the use of tools and techniques to research, collect data and document popular stories. A total of 30 students collected 200 stories from elderly people. Work is currently in progress to publish 10 of these stories in a special book.
- Trained 17 university students in leadership techniques and they subsequently ran two summer camps for 253 children. Additionally, a summer camp was held in Beit Jammal village, in the Bethlehem area, in which 42 children from Dheisheh refugee camp participated in various cultural and creative activities.
- Organized and ran two exhibitions by the Ethnographic and Art Museum at Bir Zeit University. The first exhibition, entitled Passport, was held to commemorate the poet Mahmoud Darwish. Artists from the West Bank and Gaza Strip and Palestinians from the 1948 areas and the Diaspora participated in the exhibition. The second exhibition, entitled Youth Artist 2008, hosted the work of artists who had exhibited in the Youth Artist of 2008 contest organized by the Qattan Foundation.
- Organized a seminar at the Ethnographic and Art Museum at Bir Zeit University to develop an academic program on cultural and visual studies. A subsidiary exhibition was held entitled Story of Love and Revolution in memory of the late Syrian artist Burhan Karkoutli.

Culture and the Arts Sector

A Continued Commitment to Sustainable

Gaza Strip:

- Organized two art workshops, including sewing, embroidery and engraving on pottery, for 40 women in the Gaza Strip.
- Organized five workshops for 320 children to write and produce cartoons or short films. Within this framework of improving the cultural environment through art, WA organized training for 210 children to recycle, create artistic objects and write plays and songs about the environment.

1948 Areas:

- Provided training for students to play musical instruments and practice singing. Three workshops were organized in elementary schools in Lod and Ramla to raise awareness among students about music. Five music teachers received training on how to deal with students from different social and economic backgrounds from the Galilee and 55 students were selected to receive further musical training.

Lebanon:

- Organized the Jnana Spring Festival, which conducted 66 activities over an eight-day period and targeted 500 children and young people. The WA gave financial support to two activities in Burj Al Barajneh and Beddawi refugee camps focusing on Jerusalem as Capital of Arab Culture, presented a film about Jerusalem and held cultural competitions. A total of 100 children participated and built a replica of the city.
- Organized a summer training camp with 14 training workshops and seven dialogue sessions where participants shared their experiences and exchanged views. Additionally, organized 15 artistic activities for 140 young people from 60 different organizations, cultural centers and libraries to enhance their communication skills and creative capabilities. There was also training for young people working in youth cultural organizations and centers to develop their skills in dealing with children.

Joint Areas:

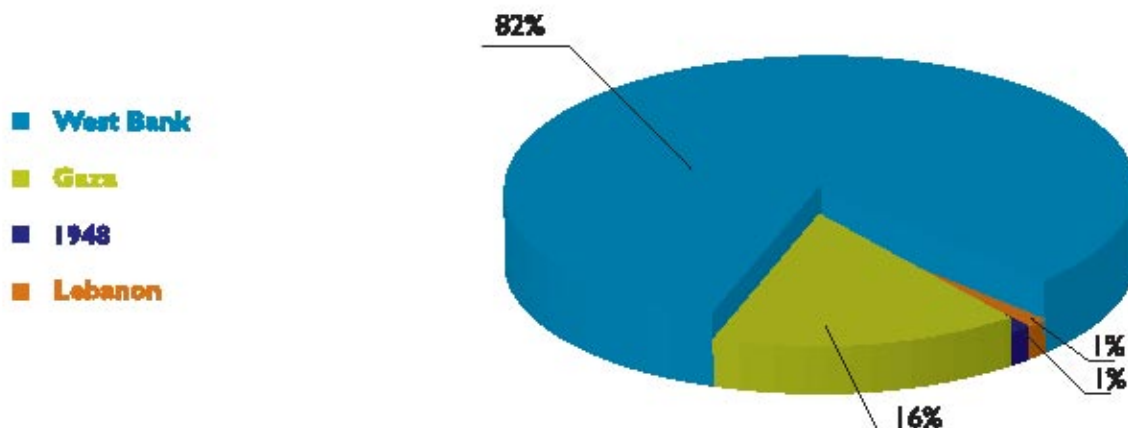
- Selected two Palestinian artists, one from the West Bank and one from the Gaza Strip to participate and experience living in an art studio in Paris.
- In cooperation with the ART SAWA organization, announced the launch of the Creative Palestinian Art competition, to be held in Abu Dhabi under the patronage of the Minister of Education and Scientific Research of the United Arab Emirates, between 15 March and 16 April 2010.



16- Jnana mobile festival - Sidon

Expenditure by Region:

Expenditure on Culture and the Arts in 2009 was around US \$4.20 million; 82% was spent on projects in the West Bank; 16% on projects in the Gaza Strip; 1% in 1948 areas; 1% on projects in Lebanon.



Highlight

Palestine's First Participation at the 53rd Venice Biennale

The 53rd International Art Exhibition held in Venice in June 2009 witnessed the first Palestinian participation in such an event, with a display entitled 'Palestine c/o Venice'.

Seven participating artists, commissioned to create new works, were chosen for their outstanding commitment to their art and their ability to bridge local and global themes. Among them are emerging and established artists who employ diverse techniques including sound installation, multimedia performance installation, site specific work, animation, photography, and video. Their art references Palestinian issues within an international artistic discourse.

The Palestinian participants made a remarkable contribution at an artistic level, primarily artist Khalil Rabbah who based his concept on the revival of 50 Palestinian villages. Taysir Batniji, from the Gaza Strip, used multi-media installation to evoke notions of memory, erasure, non-being, and destruction/construction. The work of Emily Jacir explored the history of Venice as a meeting point between Europe and the Arab world. Sandi Hilal from Bethlehem and Alessandro Pettù from Italy presented a painting entitled Ramallah Syndroms that probed the concept of freedom in the city of Ramallah. The work of Jawad Al Malhi used photography and video to explore marginality via the structural geography of the Shufat refugee camp.

Simultaneously, six art centers in Jerusalem and the West Bank exhibited duplicates of the work of these Palestinian artists to celebrate Palestinian participation in Venice, which lasted until 30 September 2009. Palestinian participation at the Venice Exhibition was made possible by the kind assistance of Salwa Makdadi, Vittoria Orbanì and Rana Sadik, with support from the Welfare Association, several Palestinian institutions and a number of Palestinian expatriates.



17- Rana Sadik and Atallah Kuttab in front of the exhibition banner

To view the Palestinian contribution to the exhibition, please visit the following link
www.palestinecovanice09.org/press_access_images.html

Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program (OCJRP)

Old City of Jerusalem



Overview

18- General view of Damascus Gate – Old City of Jerusalem

In 1994, the Welfare Association established a comprehensive program to revitalize the Old City of Jerusalem with core funding from the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development. A Technical Office was established in 1995 and developed the program further to become one of the most comprehensive heritage restoration programs in Palestine, covering various domains: restoration projects, geographic information system (GIS) documentation, community outreach and development of relevant technical capacity.

The program aims to preserve the religious and cultural heritage of the Old City by preserving buildings and monuments of architectural and historical value. The project seeks to renovate houses and service networks to improve the living conditions of residents. It also provides training to architects and contractors on restoration techniques, manages a documentation center, runs a public awareness program and publishes documents and brochures related to architectural heritage. Thanks to the tireless efforts of donors in financial support and professional in-house experience, the program was awarded the prestigious Agha Khan Architectural Award in 2004.

The OCJRP expenditure in 2009 was US \$2.65 million, disbursed on 62 projects. A total of 29 projects were completed, as follows:

- A total of 26 restoration projects were completed: 18 residential projects serving 34 families and eight projects serving Jerusalem institutions. Restoration work on two projects (US \$400,000) was suspended due to the intervention of the Israeli Municipality of Jerusalem and the Antiquities Authorities.
- A total of three projects were implemented in Nablus: completion of the second and third phase of the reconstruction of AL-Shobl Residential Complex, benefiting 18 families and the completion of the rehabilitation of Habalah Square.



Main Achievements of the Program

I- Restoration and Renovation Projects

West Bank

Jerusalem

Through an Arab Fund grant, OCJRP concluded the renovation of the area adjacent to Al Aqsa Mosque. A fund of US \$58,000 was granted to restore a housing unit for Al Dweik family. Also, the Program concluded the third and fourth phases of the Social Development Programs, investing a total of US \$2 million, and the first phase of the renovation of the Armenian Museum, the last listed project to receive funding from the Arab Fund grant.

A total of US \$1.5 million granted by the Arab Monetary Fund and administered by the Islamic Development Bank, enabled the Program to complete the restoration of the Abd Rabbo family house, three housing projects, Al Zaweyyeh Al Asardiyyeh (Rabaah Alaadaweyyeh Shrine), and the Islamic Girls School. Renovation is still in progress to complete the Health Care Society project with a total budget of US \$124,000. The Project is expected to be completed in 2010.

The Arab Fund for Social and Economic Development also provided a grant of US \$4 million to be administered by the Islamic Development Bank. Allocation for Jerusalem is US \$2.5 million, which enabled the Program to conclude 13 housing projects serving 22 families, restore the Al-Ansari Library, conclude the fourth phase of the Spafford project, and restore the Burj ElLaqlaq playground.

The Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) granted a fund of US \$1.5 million for projects serving children and young people. The funds were used to complete the restoration of the College Des Freres and Al Huda schools, while projects for civil awareness and advocacy are still in progress.

A Palestinian family from the Diaspora donated a fund of US\$197,000 to renovate the Hilal Al Quds Club that serves many young people in Jerusalem. Renovation work commenced at the end of 2009.



19- Al Ansari library after restoration



20- Burj Al Laqlaq playgrounds after rehabilitation

Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program (OCJRP)

Old City of Jerusalem

Nablus:

The Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development granted a fund of US \$1.5 (administered by the Islamic Development Bank). OCJRP managed to conclude the third phase of the reconstruction of AL-Shobi Residential Complex, benefiting 18 families for US \$270,000. The rehabilitation of Habaleh Square for US \$120,000 was also concluded, serving the residents and children of the Old City of Nablus.

Restoration work is still in process in Darwazh complex for US \$176,000 benefiting five families. OCJRP also commenced the renovation of Al Sharaf family house for US \$146,000, to serve as a Cultural Center for the Nablus Municipality.



21- Habaleh Square after rehabilitation



21- Hesh Al Shobi complex after restoration

2- Training Program

- Through an internship program funded by SIDA, OCJRP concluded an internship for a graduate in civil engineering and started an internship for a new graduate.
- Completed a training program in renovation for 25 young people from Jerusalem and Nablus, currently working with contractors implementing renovation projects in both cities.

3- Public Awareness Activities

- Organized awareness activities targeting children and young people to encourage residents to participate and protect the heritage of Jerusalem.
- Organized a workshop on renovation targeting the four institutions operating in this field in Palestine. SIDA provided funding for the activities as well as publishing and circulating advertisements in the local press.

Old City of Jerusalem

Economic & Community Development Sector

A Continued Commitment

Overall Aim: To improve economic opportunities and social conditions of marginalized groups.



Overview

24- Early parenthood at Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children - Gaza

Palestinians are striving to alleviate the effects of the political situation on their social and economic living conditions: 1.5 million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip are witnessing the ramifications of the Israeli aggression of late 2008 and early 2009 and suffer from extremely difficult living conditions. The continuous Israeli siege on the Gaza Strip and the ban on the import of essential, basic goods has contributed to a further decline in the living conditions of residents and increased the burden on non-governmental organizations operating in the Strip.

The West Bank is faced with Israeli restrictions on free movement, the existence of 500 military checkpoints and the building of the Apartheid Wall. This Wall effectively suffocates all forms of economic activity and social life in West Bank villages and cities.

In 2008, the UNRWA published a report stating that, since the beginning of the Intifada in September 2000, the number of Palestinians living below the poverty line has more than tripled. Unemployment rates have also increased to the same degree and are currently among the highest worldwide. Severe restrictions on the movement of people and goods have led to critical shortages in food and other basic supplies and services.

In Lebanon, Palestinians suffer due to the volatile socio-economic conditions in Palestinian refugee communities. Conditions there were exacerbated by the Israeli war on Southern Lebanon in the summer of 2006 and the siege of Naher El Bared refugee camp in 2007, resulting in the displacement of 32,000 Palestinian refugees.

Aspiring to achieve social justice, the Welfare Association strives to improve the lives and well-being of Palestinians. To this end, the WA has concentrated its efforts on economic and community development, promoting income generation, protection of disadvantaged social groups from poverty and support for small-scale income generation projects. WA supports projects that ensure social development, increase non-governmental participation in local development, support training in social work, and the empowerment and participation of women in social development.

WA support for Economic and Community Development is to achieve the following key results:

- Young people are enabled to compete for work opportunities locally and globally.
- Palestinian women are empowered to take an active role in their communities.
- Persons with disabilities actively participate in all aspects of community life.
- Palestinians enjoy the provision of quality services by modern, professional and transparent civil society organizations.

Main Achievements

1- Expanding Sustainable Employment Opportunities for Youth

Gaza Strip:

- Paid the wages of (20 female) new university graduates for a period of four months to enable them to implement skills acquired from NGOs in the Gaza Strip.

Lebanon:

- Covered the expenses of the technical unit supervising the grant program of the Palestinian Arab Women's League (PAWL). The PAWL provided 176 loans and 26 grants to entrepreneurs operating productive projects. Some 15 entrepreneurs from Nahar El Barad refugee camp received a loan of US \$2435 each.

Joint Areas:

- Launched the Youth Employment Project (YES). Hired administrative teams in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, formed a consultative committee of partners and experts, prepared terms of reference for studies to determine the needs of people with disabilities and the scope of intervention of WA. To date, a total of five studies have been conducted.

2- Providing Social Services for Women and Children

West Bank:

- Organized training for 90 lawyers and social workers (55 hours).
- Organized three health education workshops for 45 women.
- Organized study sessions for a total of 755 hours.
- Organized 98 student counseling sessions and 42 guidance sessions for parents.
- Provided stationery and summer clothing for 1000 children from schools in Hebron.
- Provided 16 physiotherapy machines for the elderly, installed at the al-Aman Society for Social and Psychological Counseling in Ramallah. Provided various machines serving 45 women and financed by the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.
- Furnished the Women's Labor Organization in Nablus and equipped the Children's Center of the organization, which serves 30 children. Completed the building of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) in Ramallah serving 300 women.
- Funded prolapsed disc operations for 20 children and provided all necessary supplies to Palestine Children's Relief Fund, located in Ramallah.

Gaza Strip:

- Organized various activities: counseling sessions, sporting events and recreational trips to assist children to overcome post-war trauma. Organized seven summer camps serving 525 children from various regions of the Gaza Strip, particularly children from regions directly affected by the war waged by Israel.

Lebanon:

- Distributed 224 packages for pregnant women displaced from Nahar Al-Bared refugee camp and 200 packages for newborn babies in the camp. Conducted a study to define the physical and psychological health needs of women displaced then returned to the camp in order to recommend and provide basic needs. Provided specialized training for 18 social workers from three institutions in the camp. Based on the training, participants classified 251 cases as traumatic; 142 cases were transferred to specialists.



25- Rehabilitation of Children in Al Mabarna Society - Gaza

3- Community-based Rehabilitation

West Bank:

- Concluded the construction of the Prince Jaber Center for the Disabled, west of Jenin, serving 40,000 Palestinians. Additionally, furnished the center, purchased office equipment and an ultrasound machine. The project was funded by the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development.
- Renovated and re-furnished the student dormitories of the Rehabilitation Society for the Blind in Jenin.

Gaza Strip:

- Organized 56 weekly sessions for children suffering from autism.
- Performed 39,000 sessions of psychological support, physiotherapy, speech therapy, performance improvement, nursery sessions and group counseling for 3600 children suffering from different disabilities.
- Organized 640 sessions and social group counseling for children with disabilities and their parents. Provided psychological support and house visits to 2600 children with disabilities. Published and distributed 7000 guidance pamphlets. More than 500 children with disabilities received medical and health care materials, as well as equipment to assist in movement. Organized 220 sports sessions in judo and strength exercises for the blind. Trained 203 children with disabilities in swimming, football and volleyball.

Lebanon:

- Provided basic education to 40 children from Al Buss refugee camp, near Tyr.
- Provided free auditory screening for 175 children and 18 elderly people.
- Organized weekly speech therapy sessions for 41 children.
- Examined, evaluated and conducted auditory screening on 52 cases of people with hearing problems for early intervention and treated 20 cases.



26- Hearing test session for a refugee camp child – Lebanon

4- Building Capacities of Civil Society Institutions

West Bank:

- Provided training for 681 young people from Jerusalem in theatrical skills, self-expression, use of digital equipment, skills to deal with children, traditional art crafts, playing traditional musical instruments, mosaics and painting to raise awareness about theater and heritage art. The project was funded by the Jerusalem Community Fund.
- Provided training for 500 children in scout skills, dabka, painting and theater.
- Formed the first children's popular dance group (for ages seven to ten years) from Jerusalem and a choir for Palestinian folk songs and Andalusian stanzas.
- Provided training for 80 girls to play football, 61 girls to play basketball and ping-pong and formed a team of 11 girls from Jerusalem to play basketball.
- In the field of educational support, provided 70 students with intensive lessons in mathematics and Arabic language. Provided training for 268 young people in youth leadership to offer creative services for children.
- Provided support to the project Jerusalem Fashion through the Centuries in which local fashion designers, in cooperation with 22 local models, modeled 60 costumes inspired by the history of Jerusalem.

Development & Humanitarian Assistance in Palestine

Economic and Community Development Sector

- Laid the foundations for a high school in the Abu Njeim area of Bethlehem to serve 600 students and funded by the Arab Fund.
- Completed the infrastructure of industrial zones in Al Bireh, Nablus and Jenin.
- Provided an ultrasound machine and part of the furniture and office equipment to the Village Development Society for the Jenin area. Completed a two-storey building for the Child Development Society in Jenin (270 sq m). Conducted maintenance to the Girass Cultural Center and provided furniture, electrical equipment, books and toys. Built the first storey of the St. Nicholas Charitable Society in Bethlehem (285 sq m) and built the second storey of the Jaffa Cultural Center in Hiwara (285 sq m).



27- Training of girls soccer team – Jerusalem

Gaza Strip:

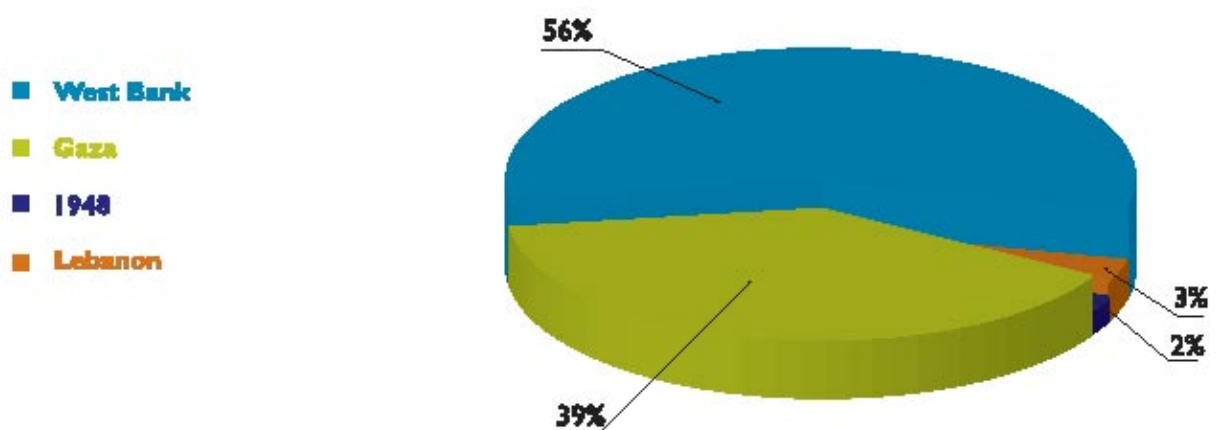
- Built the first storey and arranged electrical installations to the main building of the Mabrat El Rahmah Society. The project was funded by the Arab Fund.

1948 Areas:

- Organized training workshops on debating techniques, group steering and management, in addition to the development of community projects.

Expenditure by Region:

Expenditure on Economic and Community Development Sector in 2009 was around US \$ 10.77; with 56% spent on projects in the West Bank; 39% in Gaza Strip; 2% in 1948 Areas; and 3% in Lebanon.



NGO Development Center (NDC)



Overview

28- Rehabilitation of water wells – West Bank

The NGO Development Center (NDC) is a Palestinian non-governmental organization operating to empower NGOs to provide professional essential services to Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, particularly the poor and disadvantaged. The Center raises funds from local and international donors to provide direct grants and contribute to capacity building programs for NGOs. The aim is to ensure effective provision of NGO services, extend the number of beneficiaries and increase the sustainability and self-reliance of NGOs.

Established in October 2006, the Center builds on the achievements accomplished by the WA Palestinian NGO Project funded primarily by the World Bank since 1997. The project played an important role in securing economic and social services for poor and disadvantaged groups in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Since its establishment up until the end of 2009, NDC cumulative expenditure totaled US \$21,714,123 out of a total budget US \$30,362,539. Total expenditure on projects for 2009 was US \$14 million.

ment Center (NDC)

Main Achievements

1- The Palestinian NGOs Code of Conduct

Funder: World Bank and the European Union

Total Amount: US\$890,530

Aim: Establish a code of conduct and work ethics for organizations, defining the scope of conduct and principles to be observed by Board members and employees in the performance of their duties.

A total of 520 NGOs signed the Code and training and guidance was provided to 100 NGOs. Additionally, 65 NGOs benefited from the technical assistance program of the Code. Printed and distributed 1000 Code bags, each containing six booklets and 12 guidelines.

2- Policy and Research

Funder: The World Bank

Total Amount: US\$140,000

Aim: to promote Cooperation between NGOs and the Private Sector through policy research, and to track donor funds to Palestinian NGOs.

A study was developed to trace the funding pattern of Palestinian NGOs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip during 1999-2008. The study was printed in both Arabic and English and will be made available during a press conference in February 2010.

3- Sector Coordination and Information Exchange

Funder: The World Bank

Total Amount: US\$288,650

Aim: To improve the services provided by NGOs under the umbrella of four consortium, each encompassing more than 1000 member organizations: the General Union of Palestinian NGOs, Palestinian NGOs, the National Body of Palestinian NGOs, and the General Palestinian Union for NGOs in the Gaza Strip.

Three of the four NGO consortium organized training for their members to improve skills and held consultative meetings with member organizations and updated their websites.



29- A group of beneficiaries

NGO Development Center (NDC)



4- The Palestinian NGO Project III

Funder: The World Bank

Total amount: US\$4,623,000

Aim: To improve and develop the social services provided to all spectrums of Palestinian society, develop projects, evaluate technical and logistical assistance and guide NGOs.

- Empowerment grants: to support experienced NGOs in providing innovative social services to poor and marginalized communities in dire need. Ten out of 28 NGOs implemented their projects. It should be noted that 64% of the beneficiaries are those severely affected by the Apartheid Wall.
- Partnership grants: to create partnerships between community-based NGOs of limited experience with leading experienced NGOs operating on a national scale. Eight major NGOs (six from the West Bank and two from the Gaza Strip) signed agreements to implement joint projects with experienced NGOs, which in turn signed agreements with 45 NGOs with modest experience (34 in the West Bank and 11 in Gaza Strip). The technical aspect of projects was completed in four of the six projects in the West Bank, while one project was completed in the Gaza Strip and the second is under implementation. Some 75% of the beneficiaries are disadvantaged children, women, the elderly and those with special needs.
- Specialized health service grants: to support Palestinian NGO hospitals in the West Bank and Gaza providing specialized health care services that are unavailable in the current public health system two projects were implemented in the West Bank - the development of the X-ray unit in Al-Amal hospital in Jenin and a project to improve surgeries performed on prolapsed discs and the brain in the Angelic Hospital, Nablus. All 100% of beneficiaries are the poor and disadvantaged.
- NGO-Local Government Partnership Grants: to encourage partnerships between municipalities and locally-based NGOs to improve services to the four poorest governorates. A joint project named Protecting the Environment was implemented by Beit Sahour Municipality with the Palestine Wildlife Society. A total of 10 projects are listed under this category: six in the West Bank and four in the Gaza Strip.
- Additional grants to revitalize the Gaza Strip: seven projects were funded: one within the framework of the empowerment grants, one related to the health grants, two connected to the partnership grants and two related to the rehabilitation and health grants.

5- Job Creation Project

Funder: The French Development Agency

Total Amount: US\$7,551,04

Aim: to alleviate the financial burdens of the most poor and marginalized Palestinian families by financing temporary employment opportunities through the execution of infrastructure micro-projects and improving public assets operated by NGOs.

A total of 22 of the 28 projects were implemented in the West Bank, three of five projects in the Old City of Jerusalem and 16 of 17 projects in the Gaza Strip. The projects created 157,000 working days.

Development Center (NDC)

6- Human Rights and Good Governance Program

Funder: Swiss Development Agency (on behalf of Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden and the Netherlands)

Total amount: US\$5,843,966

Aim: to improve Human Rights and Good Governance in the WA and Gaza..

- A total of 40 organizations operating in the field of human rights and good governance benefited from the fund and 24 organizations received a core fund to implement strategic plans and annual activities.
- Some 16 organizations benefited from the Small Grant Fund; organizations received up to US \$5000 to implement specified projects with clear objectives to protect and develop human rights and methods of good governance.
- Developed a database and website for the Program.

7- Program to Renovate Irrigation Wells for Agriculture

Funder: Swiss Development and Cooperation Agency

Total Amount: US\$790,000

Aim: to revitalize the agricultural sector in the Gaza Strip and renovate irrigation wells.

Renovated 41 irrigation wells to revitalize 100s of dunums of agricultural land and increase production.

8- Palestinian NGO Portal (MASADER)

Funder: Tatweer Center (self-funding)

Total Amount: US\$50,000

Aim: to coordinate, exchange information and develop joint partnerships between NGOs and other sectors.

Established a comprehensive database on the NGO sector, reinforced and implemented positive values and promoted best practices for NGOs, introduced technology in a simplified manner to maximize profits in advocacy for charitable work.

In 2009, there were 639 registered NGO members in the Palestinian Gate, the total number of users was 2200 and total number of visits to the website was 22,000.



Health Sector

A Continued Commitment to Sustainable Development

Overall Aim: To contribute to the improvement of Palestinian health conditions across the geographic areas of Welfare Association operation, with a special emphasis on marginalized groups, particularly children.



30- Al-Awda Hospital – Gaza

Overview

According to the Palestinian Ministry of Health Information Center, the health sector in Palestine lacks accurate and documented information on various aspects: chronic diseases, vital statistics about dysfunctional behavior, nutritional conditions, human resources and health expenditure.

It is crucial to define basic health indicators, develop a database capable of storing and analyzing these indicators and to prepare articulate periodic reports. Although the Palestinian Ministry of Health and numerous partners have attempted to develop the health database, substantial work is still required, mainly techniques of collecting and analyzing data on central and sectoral levels. Basic data to develop the health system is non-existent and the health sector suffers from scattered and, in some cases, contradictory flows of information.

In 2009, the Information Center at the Palestinian Ministry of Health planned to upgrade the data collection system at primary health care level and create a total computerized system. The project envisaged two stages: devise internal networks for health directorates in the West Bank and provide the network with servers. The second stage is to build the structure of the database and computerize all primary health care files.

(Source: Palestinian Information and News Agency- Wafa, 27 February 2009.)

The WA has allocated US \$3 million annually to support required improvements in order to achieve the following key results:

- Improved primary health care services contribute to improved health conditions, particularly for Palestinian children. (Program of Primary Health Care).
- Secondary health services effectively respond to specialized health needs of Palestinians.(Program of Secondary Health Care).
- The rapid and effective response to emergency health needs.
- The identification of new areas for health interventions for Palestinians and enhancing the quality of interventions in existing areas.

Main Achievements

1- Primary Health Care Program

West Bank:

- Specialization for doctors: Four of five doctors from Makassed Charitable Hospital have successfully completed four years of study at the Jordanian University, specializing in pediatrics, pathology, ophthalmology, and diagnostic X-Ray. The fifth doctor needs one more year to finish his major in neurology.

Gaza Strip:

- Built a health clinic for the Red Crescent in Khirbet El Adas in the Rafah area. The clinic serves 10,000 residents with a budget of US \$130,000.
- Distributed 43 hearing aids and 199 eyeglasses for students in the northern district.

2- Secondary Health Care Program

Gaza Strip:

- Provided medical equipment worth US \$6600 to the pediatric ward of Al Awda Hospital, serving 5000 children.

Lebanon:

- Assisted with psychological help for 38 traumatized children from Naher Al Bared and Al Beddawi refugee camps and provided 304 counseling sessions for groups and individuals. Developed the skills and capabilities of parents and teachers of traumatized children and organized 15 workshops and meetings to build mutual trust and improve psychological health in these camps.
- Provided financial assistance to cover the treatment and surgery of 188 patients from various Palestinian refugee camps and communities in Lebanon.



31- Gynecologist performs an ultrasound on patient, who is 8 months pregnant, with her second child

Health Sector

A Continued Commitment to Sustainable Development

3- Response to Health Emergencies

Joint Areas:

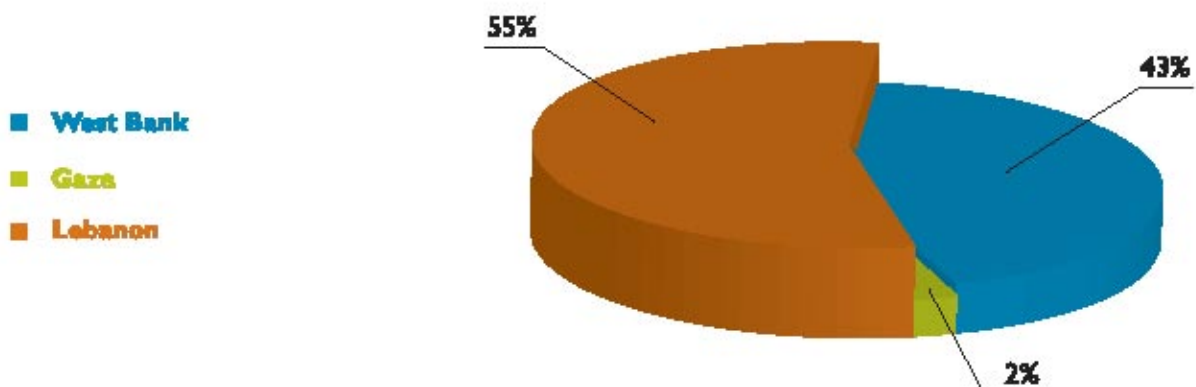
- Provided financial assistance to perform surgery and provide medical treatment for more than 100 children from poor backgrounds, from various locations in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, in cooperation with Al-Makassed Charitable Hospital in Jerusalem.



32- Child receiving medical treatment in Al Makassed Charitable Hospital – Jerusalem

Expenditure by Region:

Expenditure on Health Sector in 2009 was US\$0.75 million; 43% spent on projects in the West Bank; 2% on projects in the Gaza Strip; 55% on projects in Lebanon.



Highlight

Al-Hamshary Hospital

The Only Dialysis Center for Palestinians in Lebanon

"I just feel great, optimistic and satisfied", said Bilal, 19 years old, while he was undergoing a kidney dialysis session".

Bilal visits the Kidney Dialysis Unit at Al Hamshary Hospital three times per week. He recently graduated from high school - admitting that he did most of his study during his dialysis sessions. Bilal has recently embarked upon a business studies course with the Norwegian People's Aid.

Al-Hamshary is the only hospital that offers a dialysis center for Palestinians in Lebanon. Total support for the dialysis center between 1996 and 2009 was put at US\$2,000,589. In 1996, support was US \$90,000 annually and increased to US\$200,000 a year in 2005, which is considered as covering 100% of costs for the center.

To date, 770 have patients benefited from dialysis services. The center purchased nine machines in 1996 and an additional seven new machines were purchased in 2000. In 2009, three new machines were purchased and the three old machines underwent maintenance and are currently used for emergency situations, bringing the total number of machines operating in the center to 19. The support provided to the center includes a budget allocation to pay the salaries of nine employees (four doctors and five nurses).

The center came into being when the late Hussein Al-Tabari donated a number of machines via the Welfare Association. Some years later, the WA launched a campaign to support the dialysis center and this was well received by WA members and friends.

Al-Hamshary Hospital, part of the Palestinian Red Crescent in Lebanon, is located in Tyr, adjacent to Miyeh Miyeh and Ein El Hilweh Palestinian refugee camps. Al-Hamshary receives patients transferred from UNRWA clinics as well as from Palestinian Red Crescent clinics. The hospital has various departments, including the dialysis center serving 60 patients a month.



33- Bilal, 19 years old, undergoes kidney dialysis three times per week at Al-Hamshary Hospital.

Legislation, Policy and Advocacy Sector

Overall Aim: To support the adoption of effective policies, legislation, and advocacy strategies for the protection of Palestinian rights.



Overview

34- Group of students from American University in Jenin during music rehearsals for human rights

The sovereignty of the law has been seriously undermined since 2000 due to the inability of the Palestinian Authority to ensure personal security for residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the face of endless Israeli military incursions, settlement expansion and violations of international human rights and humanitarian law. Advances were observed in the initiation of national policies, legislation and regulations across various sectors; compliance with domestic laws and regulations, women's rights, children's rights, disabled rights, protection of cultural heritage and the rights of the poor and disadvantaged. Yet overall, human rights in Palestinian society are still compromised and continuously overridden by the struggle for national sovereignty and individual survival. The interests of donors are diverted towards the constant emergency humanitarian problems, although new international donors are increasingly involved in humanitarian assistance, development aid and in political efforts to promote durable peace in the area. The international community has become keenly interested in addressing core problems – the *raison d'être* behind the deteriorating human security situation. Advocacy for the rights of Palestinians in the 1948 areas, as well as in Palestinian camps in Lebanon, is included in this work.

Technical assistance, coordination and networking mechanisms are required to empower civil society organizations to advocate for social change within and across sectors with local, national and international communities. Donors and international visitors on fact-finding missions are important channels to reach governments and disseminate information about the Palestinian situation. The WA has an important role and responsibility in translating and disseminating its knowledge and experience for maximum impact.

WA focuses its efforts in this sector on support intervention that contributes to the following key results:

- Palestinians are more informed of their political, civil, social, economic and cultural rights and better equipped to advocate for their realization.
- Palestinian human rights NGOs operate competently and effectively to defend the rights of Palestinians.
- External societies, organizations and governments are supportive of Palestinian rights.

Main Achievements

I- Program to Support the Rights of Palestinians and Promote Legislation

West Bank:

Legal Empowerment:

- Specialization for doctors: Four of five doctors from Makassed Charitable Hospital have successfully completed four years of study at the Jordanian University, specializing in pediatrics, pathology, ophthalmology, and diagnostic X-Ray. The fifth doctor needs one more year to finish his major in neurology.

Public Awareness of Human Rights:

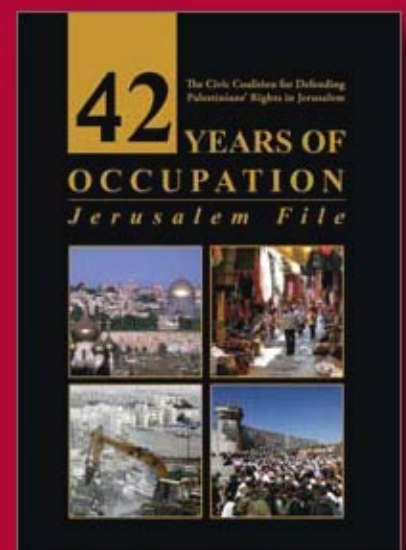
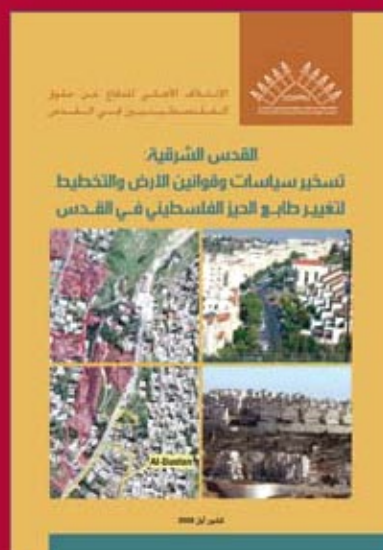
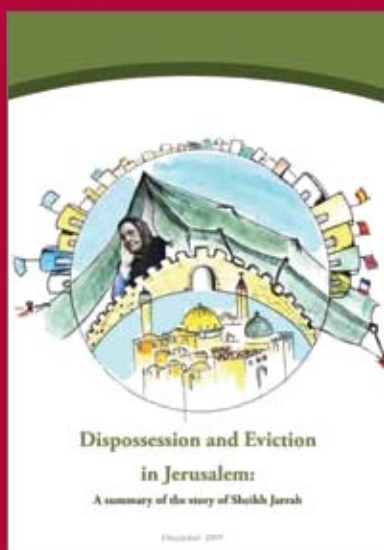
- Supported the publication of 12 reports in both Arabic and English documenting Israeli human rights violations against Palestinians in Jerusalem.
- Organized 60 meetings for women's groups from various parts of Jerusalem to inform them about their social, economic and civil rights, as well as family law issues. Organized 17 meetings for young people in Jerusalem and 11 meetings in the West Bank to discuss challenges facing Jerusalem. Organized 16 awareness tours of destroyed villages of Jerusalem and a conference about the policy of house demolitions. Funded the production of three TV episodes documenting Israeli occupation policies and violations in cooperation with Ma'an news network.

Building Advocacy Coalitions:

- Received international delegations, organized tours and lectured about Israeli violations in Jerusalem. Supported and reinforced networking with the International Institutes Network (AIDA), lobbying and advocacy groups and the Enforced Displacement Committee. Supported letters to diplomatic missions and institutions explaining the policy of home evictions in Sheikh Jarrah, Jerusalem, the escalation of house demolitions and other related issues.

Strengthening National Identity:

- Issued and distributed a booklet about historical and religious sites in Jerusalem, organized tours for university and school students to destroyed and evicted villages in Jerusalem. Organized workshops about the realities and challenges facing the Palestinian national identity and education in Jerusalem.



Supporting Gaza Strip:

- In the aftermath of the recent Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip, organizations and networks formed an emergency committee. The committee issued statements of condemnation and organized protest activities in Jerusalem and Ramallah.

Building Capacities

- Organized a conference entitled "Jerusalem, History of Future" at Bir Zeit University, and in Jerusalem and Nazareth. The Institute for Palestine Studies organized the conference jointly with the Civic Coalition for the Defense of Palestinian Rights in Jerusalem, the Union of Arab Community Based Associations (Itjah) and the American Palestinian Research Center. Palestinian and international experts participated in the conference to examine policies related to Jerusalem; international and Arab policies towards the City, the role and cultural identity of institutions operating in Jerusalem, the legal and demographic status, the reality of occupation, the cultural identity of the Holy City and the role of institutions. Participants discussed the future of Jerusalem and Israeli policies of Judaization.
- Participated in an international workshop organized in Turkey and discussed means to confront Israeli policies targeting Jerusalem. Participated in various local and regional conferences dealing with the situation in Jerusalem.
- Made possible a strategic screening to three member organizations of the Coalition to Defend the Rights of Palestinians in Jerusalem, and provided training to lawyers working in member organizations.

Publications and Press Statements:

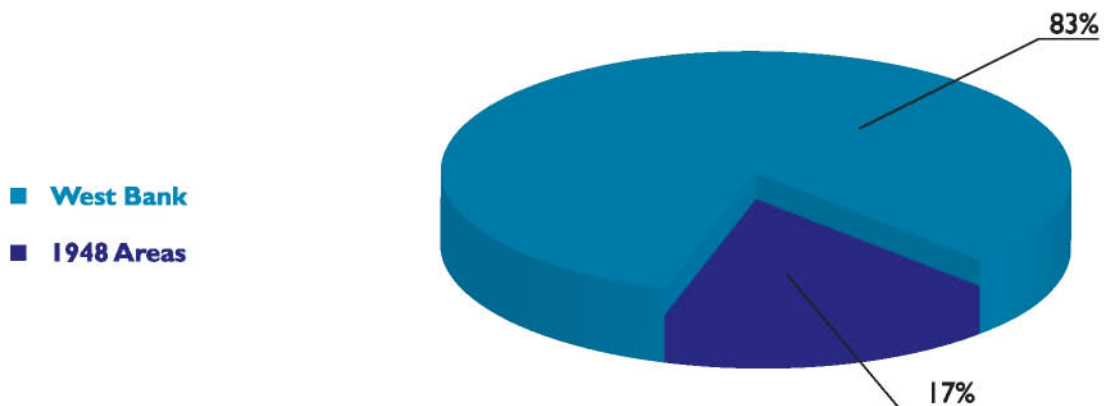
- Issued and published statements regarding aggression against Gaza, political prisoners from Jerusalem, the banning of cultural activities relating to Jerusalem as Capital of Arab Culture and Israeli violations in Jerusalem. Distributed 11 leaflets in Arabic and eight leaflets in English concerning the rights of Jerusalemites and other related issues.

1948 Areas:

- Organized a workshop and conducted a survey about community work among Palestinians living in 1948 areas. Conducted an opinion poll with the participation of 512 young people, the results of which were posted in news outlets.
- Four groups of youth (ages 14-20) were trained; in different artistic areas including music, theater, photography, and production; to use arts as a tool to defend human rights.

Expenditure by Region:

Expenditure on the Legislation, Policy and Advocacy Sector in 2009 was US\$0.55 million; 83% on projects in the West Bank and Jerusalem; 17% on projects in the 1948 Areas.



Highlight

Engraved in the Memory: A Journey to the Heart of Palestine

"It was an unforgettable journey that captured our feelings and emotions. It was an important journey for us at the Welfare Association and definitely of great importance to our partners." This was the verdict of Othman Nashashibi, Board of Trustees Member, on the conclusion of a six-day journey organized by the Welfare Association in late April 2009. The delegation comprised members of the Welfare Association, the executive committee and friends. The journey included field visits to various Palestinian cities, with the exception of the Gaza Strip where entry was impossible due to the lack of necessary security permits.



36- WA delegation visiting ruins of Hisham Palace in Jericho

Most members of the group reported feeling emotion and longing, mainly those visiting Palestine for the first time. The first stop in the journey was Jericho, where members visited the city and some of its historical monuments. Later, the delegation visited Jerusalem; the special significance of this city was reflected on the faces of those visiting when they stepped into the Old City en route to the Haram al-Sharif. The delegation met with officials and heard about the difficulties faced by the Islamic Trust (Awqaf) when it needs to execute projects inside the mosque area. The delegation toured a number of projects supported by the WA: the Spaford Children's Center, the Library of the Al Aqsa Mosque, the Islamic Museum, the Center to restore old Islamic manuscripts, the Jerusalem Study Center of Al Quds University, which is established in one of the historic Mamluk buildings, and the Al-Baraq restaurant, a historical monument renovated in 2000. The delegation ended the tour in Jerusalem with a visit to the Holy Sepulcher Church.

The delegation visited parts of the 1948 areas and received insightful information about the challenges facing charitable work in the region. Meetings were held with various non-governmental partner organizations from Jaffa, Acre and Haifa. The delegation met with members of Arab Yaffa Organization and heard about challenges facing the city due to the policies of Judaization implemented by Israel. The delegation toured Haifa, then Acre, where they were welcomed at the Al Laz Theatre and met with charity workers and partner NGOs operating in the 1948 areas.

In Nablus, the delegation toured the Center for Happy Childhood (co-founded by the WA and the Municipality of Nablus) and visited the Arab Anglican hospital and the Al Mustaqbel Palestinian Society, which runs a project to train educational staff and improve teaching methods. The delegation also visited Hisham Hijawi College, part of Al Najah University, plus renovation sites in the Old City of Nablus and houses that were attacked by the Israeli army.

In Ramallah, the delegation visited the Abu Raya Rehabilitation Center and the In'ash Al Usra Society. The journey ended in Bethlehem with a visit to the Nativity Church as well as adjacent neighborhoods.

Those who participated in the trip expressed great happiness with this journey that presented the realities, challenges and daily life of those living in Palestine. The delegation expressed pride in their Palestinian identity, having witnessed the realities on the ground, and expressed their commitment to support and continue on the path to further achievements despite the obstacles placed along the way.

Agriculture and Environment

A Continued Commitment to Sustainable

Overall Aim: To support the steadfastness of farmers, especially in areas severely affected by Israeli occupation measures and to ensure food security and sustainable environment for all.



Overview

37- A group of school students from Shufat Refugee Camp performing extra curricula activity

Agriculture is a vital sector of the Palestinian economy and contributes one-third of the national GDP. According to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, the annual added value of agricultural production in the West Bank and Gaza Strip is US \$558 million. The sector plays a crucial role in providing jobs, taking into consideration that 20% of employment is in agriculture, and in achieving food security for Palestinian families who depend on small family-supported domestic projects.

However, production and capacity in this sector have been severely compromised by the actions of the Israeli occupation authorities, the proliferation of Israeli settlements in the West Bank, the complex road networks designated to settlers and restrictions imposed on the mobility of Palestinians reaching their homes. Since September 2000, Israeli military bulldozers and tanks have destroyed large areas of agricultural land, uprooted more than one million productive trees and control more than 40% of West Bank land. Hundreds of thousands of productive dunums are now isolated and lie behind the Apartheid Wall. In the Gaza Strip, agriculture employs more than 15% of the workforce but border closures and Israeli-incurred damage have resulted in losses of more than US \$400 million since 2001, according to PCBS estimates.

Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip suffer from deteriorating environmental conditions and loss of natural biodiversity. The last Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip destroyed large areas of irrigation networks, greenhouses and water supply systems. All water reservoirs have been contaminated due to the uncontrolled disposal of toxic materials and amassed refuse resulting from the bombardment.

The WA strives to support farmers on their land, primarily in the severely affected areas, improve food security and provide a safe and healthy environment to ensure the basic requirements for needy families by encouraging pilot agricultural projects. WA seeks to expand green zones, reclaim threatened and damaged landscapes and assist to achieve optimum results through safe and modern techniques in the field of agriculture and animal husbandry.

WA focuses its efforts in this sector on support intervention that contributes to the following key results:

- Families in need are better able to secure their daily needs through sustainable agriculture.
- The expansion of green zones through reclamation and cultivation of affected and targeted areas for the benefit of farmers.
- An increase in the number of farmers practicing sound and sustainable agriculture and protecting the environment.

Main Achievements

1- Food Security

West Bank:

- Established and expanded 28 greenhouses, built 16 wells to collect rain water with a capacity of 50 sq m in the north of the West Bank.
- Distributed 500 seedlings in the northern regions of the West Bank.
- Organized a training workshop for 30 farmers (male/female) and disseminated the proper techniques for collecting olives.
- Supported the production of three and a half tons of olive oil and stored it for export to Belgium and Switzerland.



38- A home garden in Deir Gazala – Jenin

2- Greening of Palestine

West Bank:

- Constructed six wells to collect rain water and reclaimed four dunums of land to sustain 22 families from the Bethlehem region.

3- Capacity Building and Protecting the Environment

West Bank:

- Trained 80 supervisors from the north of the West Bank
- Organized a workshop and adopted recommendations to improve environmental education in Palestine.
- Supported the founding of 30 environmental clubs in 30 schools in the north of the West Bank, serving 360 students.
- Environmental clubs organized six field trips with the participation of 300 students.
- Prepared and printed a book entitled *An Introduction to Biodiversity in Palestine*. The book was distributed to areas in the north of the West Bank.
- Supported the production and print of the first environmental guide in Palestine and launched the website for school environmental clubs, a first in Palestine and the Arab world. For more information please visit: www.psec.ps



39- Al Mughraqa sewage pumping station- Gaza

Gaza Strip:

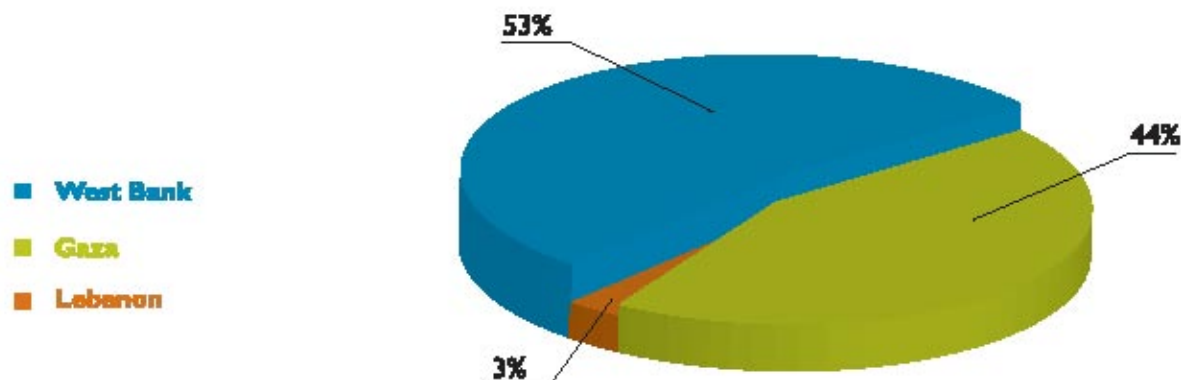
- Built a water treatment plant and sewage network in Al-Mugraqa area in the center of the Gaza Strip, serving 100,000 residents.
- Organized awareness campaigns on social health, staged house-to-house visits for 1000 families and held several meetings promoting social awareness.

Lebanon:

- Organized 160 meetings and lectures, trained 24 women from nine Palestinian communities in the south to promote health awareness.

Expenditure by Region:

Expenditure on the Agriculture and Environment Sector in 2009 was US\$0.85 million; 53% on projects in the West Bank; 44% on projects in the Gaza Strip; 3% on projects in Lebanon.



Highlight

100% Palestinian Olive Oil on Store Shelves in Europe

Land...Olive Trees...Palestine...these simple words express the feelings of Nidal Salameh (Abu Assem) from Bidya, Salfest and one of the farmers to profit from the Promotion of Small Farmers Project. These four simple words convey a wealth of meaning about the importance of farming, primarily olive trees, considered as the oil and petrol of this country and a source of income for many farmers, in particular those who used to work within the Green Line before the second Intifada erupted in 2000.

A great deal of effort was invested in this project by the various parties responsible for its implementation and achieving its objectives; a- funding bodies represented by the Welfare Association and the Smiling Children Foundation; b- implementing bodies represented by the Ma'an Development Center; and c- partners represented by young farmers who strive to implement the project and achieve tangible results.

The total funding invested in the project was US\$62,000, comprising US\$52,000 from the Smiling Children Foundation and US\$10,000 from the WA. The main aim of the project is to improve the quality of olive oil by offering training to small farmers on the best methods of olive oil production. Farmers attended workshops and received practical training to increase awareness of production techniques and marketing tools and produce quality olive oil with an acidity level of 0.3%.

Wahbeh Assfour, project manager at the Ma'an Development Center, a non-profit non-governmental organization, stated that "this project empowered farmers and provided them with a safe network, encouraging them to farm and market olive oil." Assfour considers his team to be experienced in land reclamation and basic gardening and reported: "Our emphasis was on increasing farmers' knowledge to improve production techniques and produce superior quality olive oil rather than larger quantities."

"The lifespan of a fig tree is 15 years, whereas olive tree production increases as the tree ages," remarked Abu Assem on the importance of olive trees to the agricultural sector in Palestine. Around 83% of land in the West Bank is planted with olive trees but Israeli obstacles, plus man-made and natural causes, have hindered Palestinian attempts to improve the agricultural sector. For example, it is estimated that 47,900 dunums of land have been confiscated so far to construct the Israeli Apartheid Wall, in addition to the building of settlements, bulldozing of land and measures preventing farmers from reaching their land. Man-made causes are manifested in the neglect of agricultural infrastructure: roads, irrigation systems, marketing, research and lack of financial support. Mr. Assfour elaborated on the fact that the olive oil sector in Palestine is neglected compared to other countries and needs solid support and funding, as well as a boost to export opportunities.



100% - 100% Palestinian product

The outcome of the project was the production of 8000 liters of olive oil exported to European countries, benefiting 24 Palestinian farmers.

Emergency and Humanitarian Assistance Sector

A Continued Commitment

Overall Aim: To respond rapidly and effectively for the relief of Palestinians facing life-threatening emergency conditions.



41- Al Ahli Arab Hospital ambulances - Gaza

Overview

As a result of the continued Israeli military occupation, Palestinian society lives in a state of chronic emergency where the protection, well-being and survival of individuals, families and communities are continuously at risk. Military incursions, sieges, demolition of houses and public properties, severe shortages in food and medication and other basic essentials, loss of livelihoods, skyrocketing unemployment and deep poverty are a daily reality for Palestinian communities across the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In recent years, access for international humanitarian organizations has also deteriorated significantly due to the proliferation of checkpoints, closures and increasingly restrictive measures at border crossings and checkpoints.

Ensuring the survival, protection and dignity of those living in emergency conditions through a rapid and effective response remains an overall priority for the Welfare Association.

The WA seeks to achieve the following key results:

- Those affected have access to basic requirements including food, water and shelter.
- Those affected by emergency conditions, particularly children, enjoy psychological support in responding to trauma and protection from exploitation and violence.

Main Achievements

I- Support to Needy Families

Gaza Strip:

- Throughout the Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip in 2008/2009, WA distributed 13,100 food packages to families in need. During the month of Ramadan, WA distributed 2867 food packages to poor and disadvantaged families in the north of the Gaza Strip. In addition, WA distributed 10,000 cans of milk and provided school uniforms and winter clothing to more than 5400 students. More than 3890 primary education students received school bags and stationery, in addition to 100 packages of clothing for needy families.
- Provided 100 gas stoves, 78 water tanks (capacity of 1000 liters) for drinking purposes, and distributed cleaning and hygiene materials to more than 4700 families.
- Provided medical and surgical equipment to the orthopedic ward of Al Awada Hospital in Gaza. During the Israeli aggression, WA provided 63,966 liters of diesel (total amount of US \$66,525) for 16 hospitals, health centers and ambulances. Provided 20 hospitals and health care centers with medical equipment for emergency departments (total amount of US \$224,192), medical supplies (total of US \$148,114) and provided 116,800 liters of diesel (total amount of US \$120,888).
- Provided rehabilitation based on integrated community services, serving 1000 injured, including medical rehabilitation, physiotherapy, social and psychological support and food packages.
- Equipped and furnished the new building of Al Fadeelah Orphanage in Rafah. The old building, which used to serve 300 students, was destroyed during the recent war on Gaza.
- Arranged a program to restore Humanity to the everyday lives of orphans and organized 16 open days for orphans and their families in all districts of the Gaza Strip, benefiting 1220 orphans and 329 mothers. Activities included the distribution of gifts to participants.
- Organized three summer camps for 180 children to alleviate the psychological impact of trauma, in cooperation with the psychological health program for Gaza.



42- Medical equipment funded by WA, Public Service Hospital, Gaza



43- Bringing smile on the faces of Gazan children

Emergency and Humanitarian Assistance Sector

West Bank:

- Equipped and operated the children's cancer ward at Augusta Victoria hospital and hospitalized children from the Gaza Strip suffering from cancer.



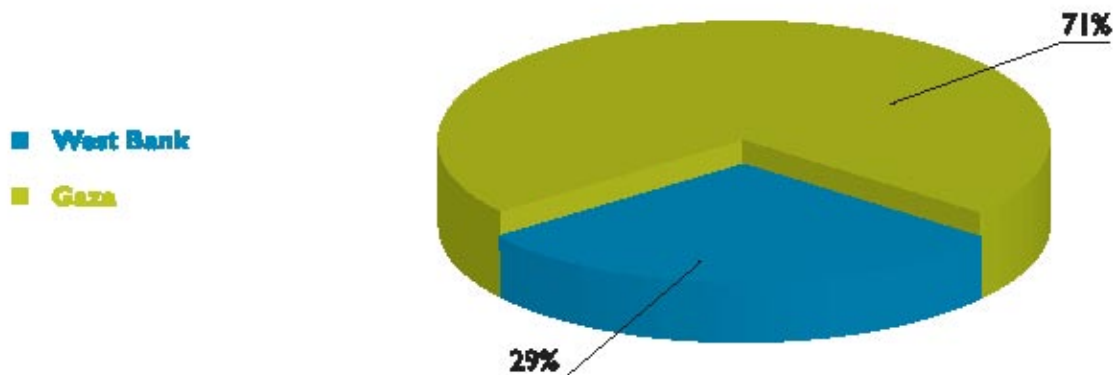
44- Child receiving medical treatment at Augusta Victoria Hospital – Jerusalem

Joint Areas:

- Provided monthly financial assistance to 2700 families in the West Bank and Gaza Strip for a total of US \$2 million.

Expenditure by Region:

Expenditure in the Humanitarian and Emergency Sector in 2009 was US\$5.74 million; 29% spent on projects in the West Bank 71% on projects in the Gaza Strip.



Highlight Back to School in Palestine

Happiness spread over the faces of first grade pupils when a delegation from the Welfare Association visited a school in Bardala village, in the north of the Jordan Valley. The children were smiling all the time after they received their school bags and were anxious to see what was inside.

On 2 September 2009, the Welfare Association distributed a total of 865 bags to students from the Bardala and Ein Al Baida areas. The school bags contained all the necessary stationery for the scholastic year. WA provided 550 school bags and the Society to Develop Rural Areas provided 315 school bags.

The project constitutes part of a program to support families in need (From Family to Family), launched in 2002 to bring happiness to thousands of disadvantaged children. The program achieved astounding results in various locations of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and assisted many Palestinian families who were incapable of providing the basic needs for their families (food, water, education and medical care), in addition to financial support for families in severe difficulties.

Since the program was launched, the WA has provided 33,000 families with more than US \$8 million. The bulk of the assistance was donated during emergency times, religious holidays and the beginning of the scholastic year, thus easing the burden on needy families.

In this current phase, WA seeks to provide assistance to needy families in the north of the Jordan Valley, who suffer as a result of Israeli repressive military measures that increase levels of poverty. Families prevented from meeting basic needs are forced to leave their villages and look for sources of livelihood in other regions of the West Bank. This allows agricultural land to be confiscated by the Israeli occupation authorities for settlements under the pretext that it is absentee property.

Palestinians in communities in the north of the Jordan Valley live under constant siege and restrictions on movement. Workers are unable to reach their place of work on a daily basis, increasing unemployment rates and also preventing an adequate supply of basic services to these communities, such as education, medical care and infrastructure for electricity, water, telecommunications, sewage systems and transportation. Livestock are severely affected as a result of the demolition of barns and the imposition of exorbitant fines on cattle owners for grazing in 'restricted areas'. Finally, the closure of Palestinian markets and lack of access to these markets due to closures imposed on major Palestinian cities by Israel contributes to the decline in the economic situation of these families.



45- Salute from Ein El Baida school girls - Northern Jordan Valley



Media and Research

Corporate Identity

In 2009, WA sought to improve the perception of its image and enhance brand visibility as well as its internal and external communication channels and messages. To achieve this, a Corporate Identity Task Force, comprising several WA members, was formed and mandated to recommend a strategy and action plan.

WA conducted a survey, administered by an independent organization, on perceptions of its work and image. The survey analysis and results were published in a report with recommendations that will assist in the development of communication strategy and public relations policies.

Website

WA website disseminated 19 news items in 2009, including the following:

- An agreement with Abraaj Capital Group for US \$10 million.
- Hosting of a dinner party in Jordan for a group of Chilean businessmen to introduce the WA and examine potential cooperation.
- Promoting the first Palestinian participation in the 2009 Venice Biennale.

The website also published 28 stories highlighting a number of major projects in the various areas of operation of the WA.

The number of e-subscriptions during 2009 was 141, making a total of 551 subscribers since the launch of the service. The number of visitors browsing the website during 2009 was 61,015.

Press

A total of 158 articles were monitored in the local, regional and international media during 2009. Major news coverage focused on the Gaza appeal launched during the Israeli aggression and the signing of an agreement with the Abraaj Capital to establish a fund for Gazan orphans.

Publications

WA published four issues of its Arabic Bulletin and the Annual Report for 2008. WA also produced a calendar for 2010 and allocated the proceeds to the Children Sponsorship Program.

Other Activities

Through several communication tools, WA managed to promote various activities, primarily the Seeds of Giving- Beirut 2009, which is considered the core of the Welfare Association for Youth (WAY) Program, as well as support for the Children Sponsorship Program and several fundraising activities in London and Amman.

Research, Studies and Documentation

- Evaluation of the implementation of strategic planning for 2008.
- Annual plan for 2009 and indicators of employees' performance.
- Strategic Plan for Early Childhood and the executive plan.
- A document to support selected schools by providing free education to a number of needy students and develop the professional skills of teachers and administrative staff.
- Final report and executive summary of a study to evaluate the strategic plan of 2008.
- Suggested action plan for 2009.
- Outline of proposed strategic plan for 2010.
- Baseline document of the strategic plan for 2008-2010.
- Technical evaluation of the Ibn Rushed Project.
- Baseline document of the proposed executive plan for 2010.

THE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD 2009

The Achievement Award - 2009

(The Late Abdul Aziz Shakhashir Award)

Overview:

In 2003, thanks to an initiative by a group of Board of Trustee members, WA developed an annual award system to recognize major donor agencies, Palestinian NGOs and individuals who have made outstanding achievements in their fields while serving the welfare of Palestinian society.

Award Categories:

WA Award for Philanthropy

in recognition of distinctive contributions by institutions and personalities over the years, enabling the WA to achieve its aims and fulfill its mission as a leading Palestinian non-governmental development and humanitarian organization.

WA Award for Achievement

presented to civil society institutions that have achieved distinguished accomplishments in various developmental fields in service delivery and capacity building.

WA Award for Excellence

presented to prominent individuals worldwide who have demonstrated distinction in promoting the Palestinian developmental process in the fields of humanity, culture and science.

Award Committee for 2008-2010

Mrs. Rana Sadik, Chair

Dr. Marndouh Akar, Mrs. Sawsan Alfahoun Jafar

2009 Jury Committee

Dr. Abdul Karim Barghouti, Dr. Lily Feldy, Ms. Manal Shyam, Ms. Randa Siniora, Dr. Samia Abu Dagga

The Palestinian Arab Women League Winner of the Achievement Award-2009

The Palestinian Arab Women League received the award for 2009. The League is a non-governmental organization established in 1956 in Lebanon to serve both Lebanese and Palestinian communities. The League is committed to defined strategies and work plans and over recent years has implemented projects to support education, create job opportunities and establish small income-generating projects among poor communities to improve family income and the social, psychological and family status of these communities. For more information about the League, please visit the following website: www.pawl-lb.org

Rana sadik, Chairperson of the Award Committee, announced the winner during a WA-UK gala dinner held in London in November 2009. The Award will be officially presented in a ceremony to be held in May 2010 in Beirut during the WA annual dinner.

The cash prize of US\$50,000 was donated by Mr. Akram Abdul Aziz Shakhashir.



46- Rana Sadik announces the winner of the 2009 Achievement Award

Financial Report*

A Continued Commitment to Sustainable

Introduction:

Despite the ramifications of the global financial crisis, the Welfare Association met the targets of its strategic expenditure plan. The total expenditure on programs and projects for 2009 was US \$24.6 million. The WA succeeded in mobilizing new resources in order to diversify sources of funding. Direct and indirect administrative costs totaled 14.50%, which is within the targeted range for 2009, estimated at 15%.

During 2009, the investments of the WA endowment fund increased by US\$2.42 million (from US\$48.78 million to US\$51.19 million). This is equivalent to 5% of the endowment portfolio at the beginning of 2009.

Revenues:

Total revenues for this fiscal year was US\$28.1 million (compared to US\$28.2 million in 2008) and categorized as follows: US\$28.1 in donations, US \$0.884 million to the endowment. The net loss for this fiscal year is US\$0.884 million from investments and other sources.

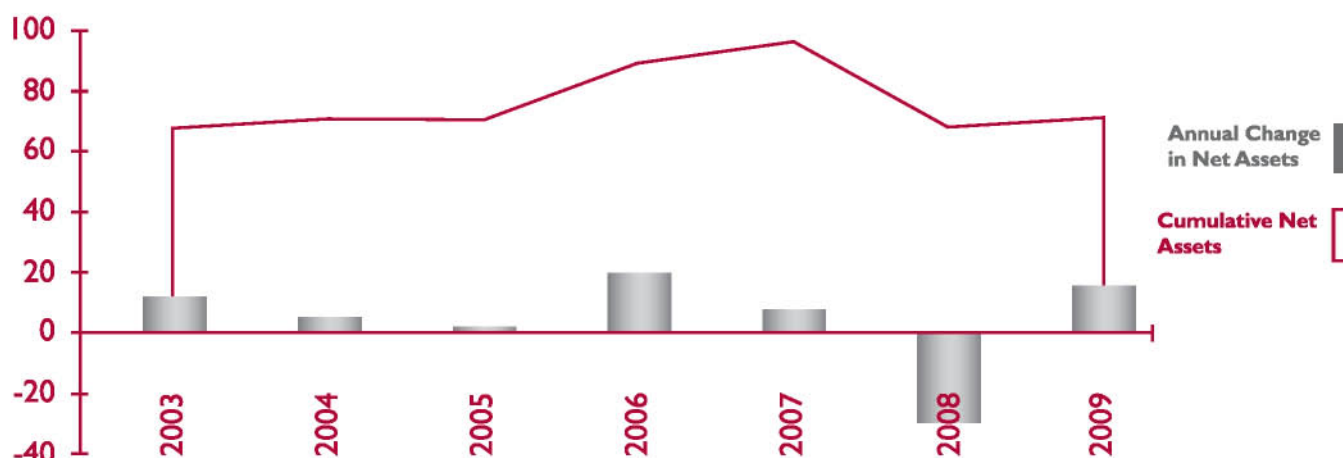
Expenses:

Program and project expenditure for 2009 totaled US\$24.60 million, \$2 million less than in 2008. Programs and projects were distributed over seven sectors:

Sector	2008 Expenses (\$)	2009 Expenses (\$)
Education	2,301,916	1,711,923
Culture and the Arts	4,292,210	4,203,539
Economic and Community Development	12,796,391	10,771,985
Health	1,499,420	746,788
Legislation, Policy and Advocacy	597,831	551,044
Agriculture and Environment	1,183,236	854,896
Emergency and Humanitarian Assistance	3,869,596	5,742,891
Total	26,540,600	24,583,066

Net Assets:

Welfare Association net assets increased in 2009 by US\$8.9 million to US\$70.45 million. The WA endowment made up 73% of the total net assets. The following figure demonstrates cumulative and annual changes in WA net assets over the past seven years.

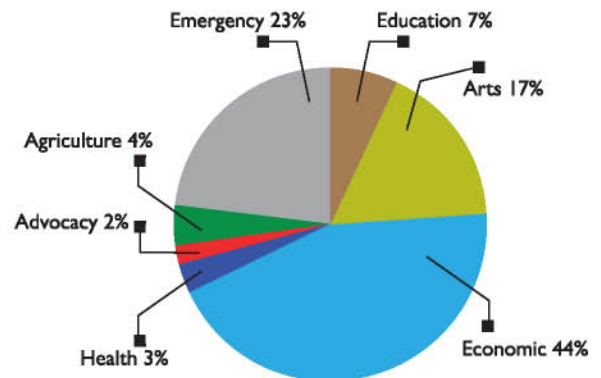


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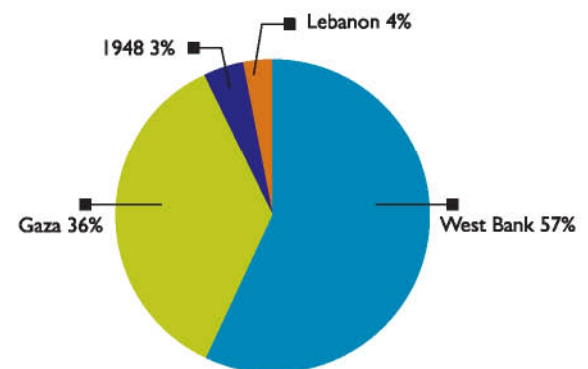
Activities as of 31/12/2009

Items	2008 (Thousands \$)	2009 (Thousands \$)
Revenues and Profits		
Donations to the Endowment	7,106	844
Donations and Grants	18,987	28,105
Earned Interest	356	783
Other Revenues	64	92
Profit from Investments	1,684	(1,758)
Total Revenues and Donations	28,197	28,065
Profits (Losses) Endowment	(28,266)	7,794
Program and Administrative Expenses		
Program Expenses		
Education	2,302	1,712
Culture and the Arts	4,292	4,203
Economic	12,796	10,772
Health	1,500	747
Legislation, Policy and Advocacy	598	551
Agriculture and Environment	1,183	855
Emergency	3,870	5,743
Total Program Expenses	26,541	24,583
Total Administrative Costs	2,832	2,237
Total Program & Administrative Expenses	29,373	26,821
Devaluation	88	93
Foreign Currency Estimation	(54)	20
Interest	0	0
Investment Fund Management Costs	135	206
Change in Net Assets	(29,611)	8,915

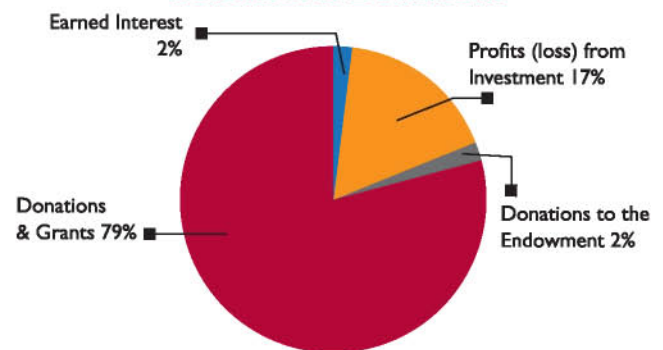
Program Expenses



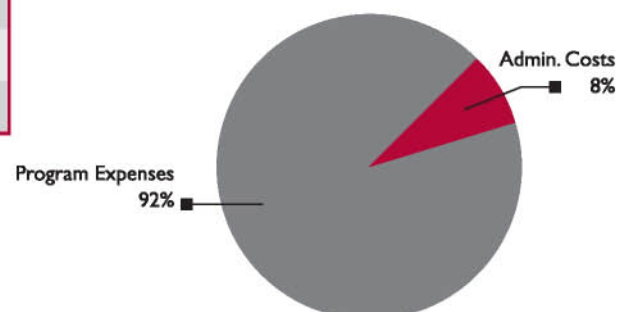
Expenditure by Region



Revenues & Donations



Resource Uses



Grateful for your Partnership

A Continued Commitment to Sustainable



47- "We love you" in sign language being sent by two girls during the celebration of International Day for the Disabled - Gaza

The Welfare Association's work is made possible by those who generously share their resources and expertise. Heartfelt thanks to our 2009 partners listed here.

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Arab Association for Human Rights - Nazareth - 1948, Arab Foundation Forum - Common areas, Association for Arab Youth - Baladna- Hifa - 1948, BADIL- Resource Center for Palestinian Residency & Refugee Rights - WB, Ensan Center for Democracy & Human Rights- Bethlehem - WB, International Center for Culture and Public Relations - WB, Ittijah- Union of Arab Community Based Associations - 1948, Jerusalem Community - WB, Mada Al-Carmel -The Arab Center for Applied Social Research - 1948, The Arab Council For Education & Culture in the Nagev - 1948.

NGO's | Agriculture & Environment

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NGO's | Emergency & Humanitarian Assistance

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