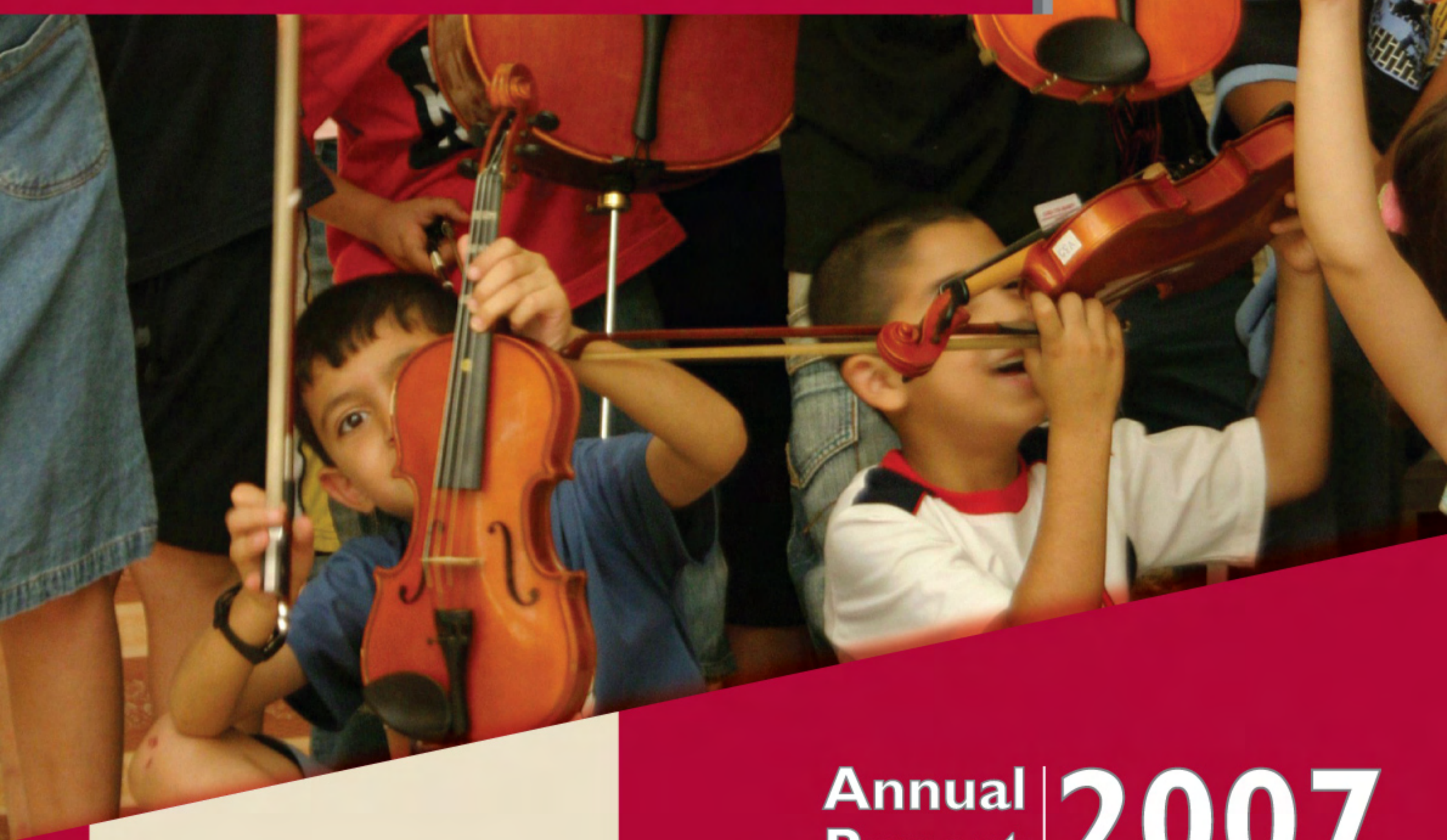




A Continued Commitment to Sustainable Development & Humanitarian Assistance in Palestine



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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.

"Let us not look at how much we have given to Palestine... What is really important is to maintain such giving."

Abdul Muhsen Al-Qattan

WA BOT Co-Chairman

"We should start by ourselves and should not rely too much on others if we wish the Palestinian development process to proceed... We hope to be a role model for others."

Said Khoury

WA BOT Co-Chairman

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Message from the Director General

The year 2007 witnessed increased challenges and difficulties for the Palestinian people in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, the 1948 areas and Lebanon. Within this context, Welfare Association intensified its efforts in effectively responding to humanitarian crises, most prominently, in relation to events in Nahr El-Bared Refugee Camp in north Lebanon, where the eruption of violence on 20 May 2007, led to the displacement of about 40,000 Palestinian refugees. WA's efforts to support the camp residents, who were forced to relocate to other refugee camps, were aimed at providing basic food and medical supplies.

In the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Israel escalated its settlement activities during the year and continued to apply other illegal policies against the Palestinian people, their lands and their properties, including repeatedly sealing international borders, installing hundreds of permanent and makeshift military checkpoints, continuing house demolitions, isolating Jerusalem, confiscating and leveling lands and continued construction of the Apartheid Wall, all in flagrant breach of international conventions, laws and resolutions. The Israeli occupying authorities confiscated about 3,143 dunums of land for construction of the Wall and illegal expansion of settlements, especially in the Jerusalem area. In addition, 2,480 productive trees were uprooted, causing severe damage to the Palestinian agricultural sector. Developments taking place in June 2007 in the Gaza Strip exacerbated the suffering of Gazans from the political and economic blockade imposed by Israel as a measure of collective punishment. As a result, the population of 1.5 million people have been forced to live with limited and sporadic access to food, fuel and medicine and face grave difficulties in earning an income to support their families.

Israel also continues to marginalize the Palestinian existence in the 1948 areas, claiming that Palestinians pose a threat to the Jewish character of the State of Israel, and ignoring their civil and political rights.

In spite of the challenges and crises which continue to characterize Palestinian reality, we maintain determined aspirations, increased commitment, great enthusiasm and an even stronger will. This was reflected in the work of our organization in 2007, an organization that devotes its full capacity to supporting the development of the Palestinian people in an era where there is no opportunity for those lacking sufficient capabilities. In one year, the Welfare Association was able to increase its endowment by 20% and to implement about 440 developmental and relief projects with a total value of \$37 million. WA's programmatic efforts in 2007 focused on eight sectors: education; infrastructure, housing and buildings; economic development; community and social services; health; Legislation, Policy and Advocacy; agriculture and environment; and emergency and humanitarian assistance.

Seeking to increase its effectiveness, WA has pursued a strategic planning approach since the early 1990s with a view to enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of its performance. This year, in keeping with this approach and with wide participation from WA staff, various departments and partners, the Research and Planning Department completed the participatory drafting of the new three-year strategic plan. The plan represents a continuation of the series of WA strategic plans and builds on lessons learned from our previous experiences. The 2008 - 2011 strategic plan responds to the Palestinian national targets and conforms to the Millennium Development Goals, thus acquiring a national, regional and international continuity. It represents a comprehensive document that evaluates the developmental and relief needs and priorities of Palestinian communities in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, the 1948 areas and Lebanon and provides a guide for systematic response. It embodies the elements of good practices in management, finance and programming to ensure that developmental changes are far-reaching, yield tangible results and are in line with WA capacity. To this end, we dedicate ourselves to maintain our efforts in upgrading our systems and human resources and recruiting, developing and maintaining additional competencies. Beginning in 2008, in line with the newly adopted strategic plan for 2008 - 2011 and in an effort to enhance programmatic effectiveness and impact, the WA will focus its efforts on three key sectors: education, culture and the arts, and economic and community development. Additionally, WA will continue its support in four other sectors: health; legislation, policy and advocacy; agriculture and environment and emergency and humanitarian assistance.

WA has a particular aim in preserving the cultural heritage of the Palestinian people, in general, and a particular commitment to the preservation of architectural heritage in the old cities of Palestine, most especially, in the Old

City of Jerusalem. On 30 August 2007, the Institute for Architectural Heritage Preservation was launched in Jerusalem with a three-year agreement between WA and UNESCO and with support from European Commission. The Institute is dedicated to ensure the long-term protection of the cultural heritage of the Old City of Jerusalem by building local capacity in restoration through specialized technical training.

Also in 2007, WA, in cooperation with Ford Foundation, created the Jerusalem Community Fund, aimed at encouraging the engagement of youth in sustainable, innovative and integrated development activities in East Jerusalem. This initiative builds on previous WA programs in the health, youth, education and culture sectors and is expected to mobilize additional support for East Jerusalem. In addition, WA continued its joint work with the Open Society Institute on enhancing educational teaching and learning approaches in the 1948 areas.

Another significant WA achievement in 2007 was an agreement to lease 40 dunums from Birzeit University for the establishment of the Palestine Remembrance Museum, a major pioneering project of WA that has been in development for the past 10 years. The agreement was signed by Mr. Abdul-Muhsen Al-Qattan, Co-chair of the WA Board of Trustees, and Dr. Hanna Naser, Chair of the Birziet University Board of Trustees.

Regarding WA efforts in the sector of public policy, advocacy and legal rights, two high level delegations from the British Parliament visited Palestine during September 2007. The visit was coordinated by our sister organization, WA-UK and delegation members toured a number of WA projects in Jerusalem and elsewhere in the West Bank to witness the realities of daily life for the Palestinian people. The British parliamentarians were briefed on the primary findings of WA-supported research on the impact of house demolitions by the Israeli authorities on West Bank and Gaza Strip children.

To strengthen WA's pioneering role in supporting philanthropic activism in Palestine and in the Arab region in general, WA took the initiative in 2007, in agreement with several other Arab foundations in the region, to establish a forum for organizations working in the field of social justice philanthropy. The Arab Foundations Forum (AFF) seeks to be a forum of dialogue, exchange of experience and networking and to increase awareness of social responsibility and the importance of mobilizing private funding for the benefit of the public. The forum will also work on enhancing social justice development by providing a climate suitable for healthy institutional work based on the principles of transparency and accountability. WA is hosting the AFF secretariat. WA is also represented on the administrative committee of the Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS), the largest international network in the field of grantmaking and social development.

To ensure WA sustainability and independence, we continue to work on building and growing our endowment. Established with the organization in 1983, WA's endowment campaign, launched in 2006, is seeking to secure \$100 million for the endowment by the end of 2008.

Finally, I would like to praise the exceptional efforts of WA staff who have worked with full dedication and responsibility and have been the main factor behind these various achievements, particularly the staff that have been working under difficult circumstances in Gaza Strip and in Nahr El-Bared Refugee Camp in Lebanon. I would also like to praise the spirit of leadership and dedication exhibited by members of the Board of Trustees and the General Assembly. We all hope that we have been able to contribute to supporting the capacity and assets of the Palestinian people and civil organizations in spite of the tensions, pains and tragedies characterizing their reality in 2007. Since we work with our people and share their issues, concerns, feelings, hopes and realities, we know firsthand the exceptional ability of Palestinians to make huge sacrifices and to demonstrate fortitude, creativity and self-reliance – an ability that we will always seek to strengthen and proudly celebrate.



Dr. Atallah Shafiq Kuttab
Director General

Introduction

Welfare Association is a private, non-profit foundation established in Geneva in 1983 to support Palestinian society in sustainable development. As a pioneering development Palestinian organization, WA dedicates its work to provide a unique contribution to support development efforts of Palestinians, help preserve their heritage and identity, support their living culture and develop their civil society.

WA contributes to the development of the Palestinian society in the different regions, mainly in the 1948 Palestinian areas, the West Bank, including Jerusalem, Gaza Strip and Palestinian communities in Lebanon, through the following tracks:

1. **Culture and identity:** To preserve the Palestinian culture and enrich the Palestinian heritage and identity.
2. **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.
3. **Institutional capacity building:** To build the capacity of Palestinian NGOs in order to ensure effective and efficient service provision based on their own capacity and potential.
4. **Emergency response:** 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 8 main sectors as follows:

Agricultural and environment: Aiming to contribute to the development of the agricultural sector and encourage and rationalize the utilization of natural resources to ensure food security and healthy and safe environment for the present and future generations.

Community development: Aiming to contribute to increased equal opportunities for effective participation of all Palestinians in the social life, building a socially just and dynamic society, and supporting an independent, lively and creative perspective of culture and arts in the Palestinian society.

Economic development: Aiming to contribute to increased equal opportunities for effective participation of all Palestinians in the economic life of the Palestinian society.

Education: Aiming to contribute to ensuring universal access to and equal and expanded utilization of quality education for all Palestinians, especially for vulnerable and marginalized groups.

Health: Aiming to contribute to improving the health status of all, especially marginalized groups, while ensuring rapid response to emergency needs.

Infrastructure, housing and reconstruction: Aiming to contribute to the development of infrastructure and preservation and revitalization of Palestinian heritage.

Legislation, policy and advocacy: Aiming to contribute to the development, implementation and enforcement of policies and legislations to ensure political, civil, social, economic and cultural rights of all Palestinians.

Emergency assistance: Aiming to ensure rapid and effective response and contribute to the relief and survival of Palestinians and ensure their decent living during emergencies.

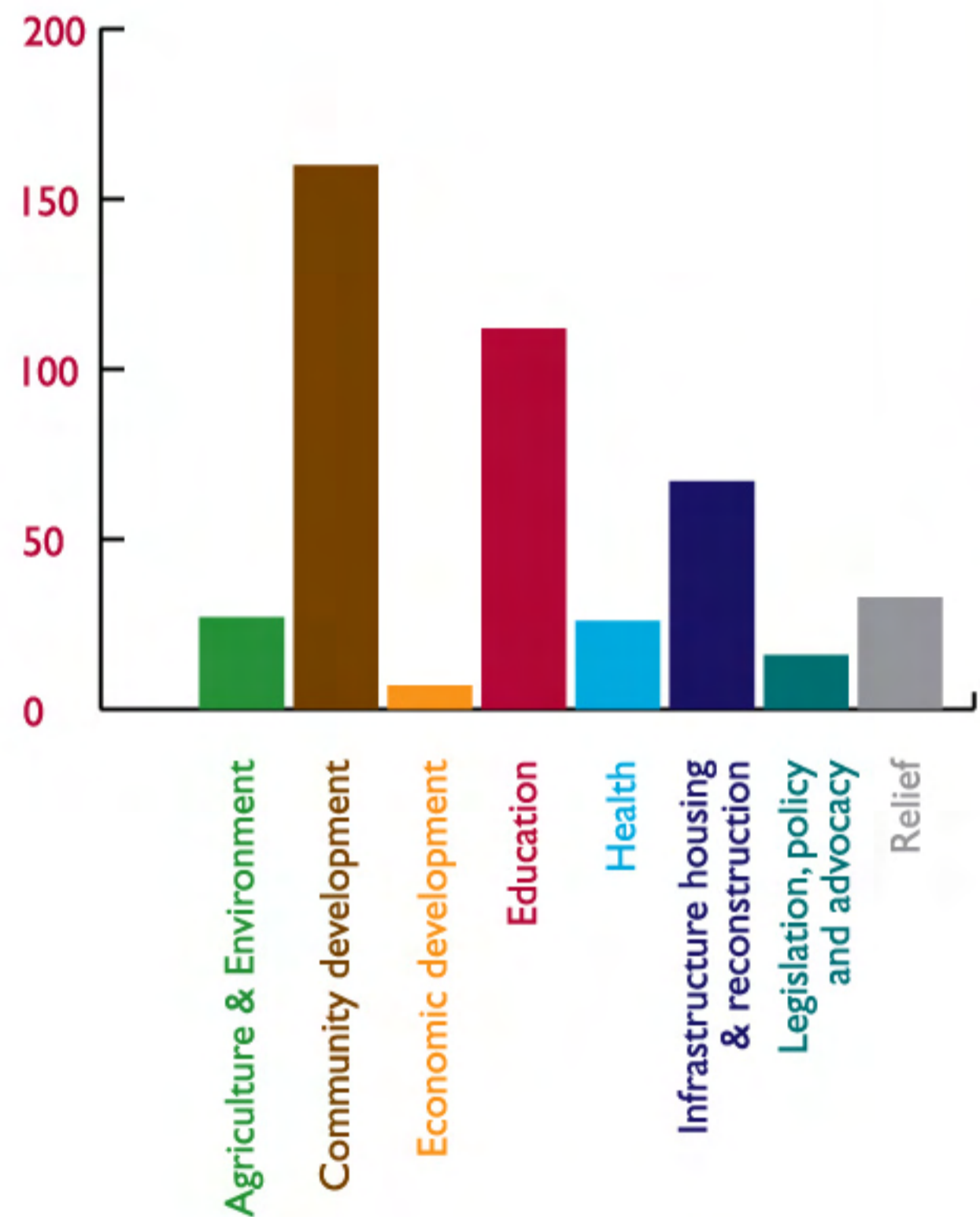
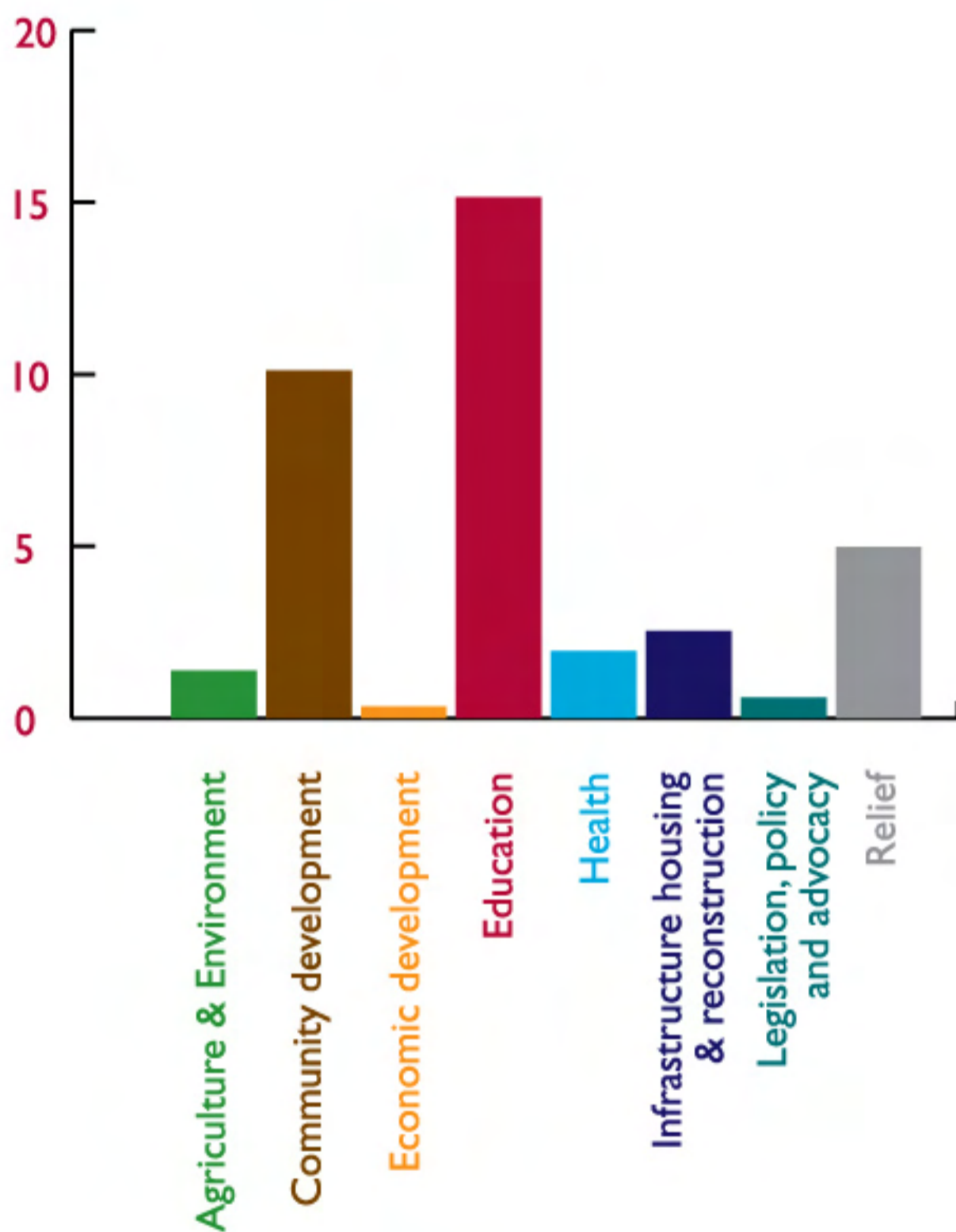
Every sector includes a wide array of programs and projects that feed into the tracks of WA work and serve all social groups in the Palestinian society, particularly children, youth, the poor, students and persons with special needs.

2007 at a Glance

In 2007, Welfare Association’s relief and development projects contributed to improving the lives of over one million Palestinians, particularly children and youth. More than \$37 million were spent for the implementation of over 440 projects in the various areas of operation. Total revenue mobilized in 2007 exceeded \$43 million.

Projects per Sector

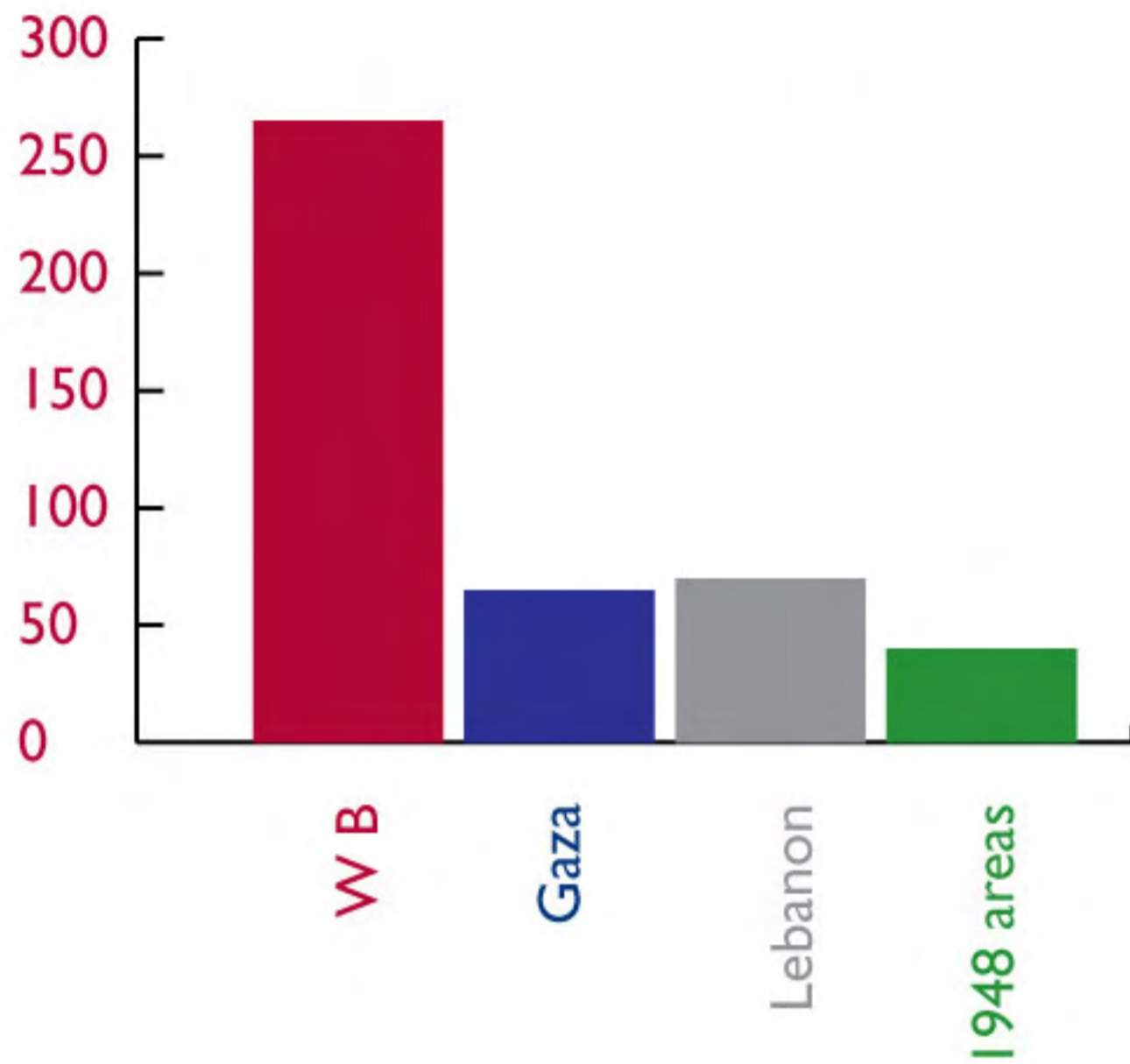
WA projects in 2007 were distributed to eight sectors, with three sectors consuming more than 80% from the total program expenses. The largest proportion was in Education (\$15.15 million) followed by Community Development (\$10.11 million), and Relief (\$4.99 million). The number of projects supported was more than 440, with over 75% of projects allocated to the Community Development, Education, and Infrastructure, Housing and Reconstruction sectors.



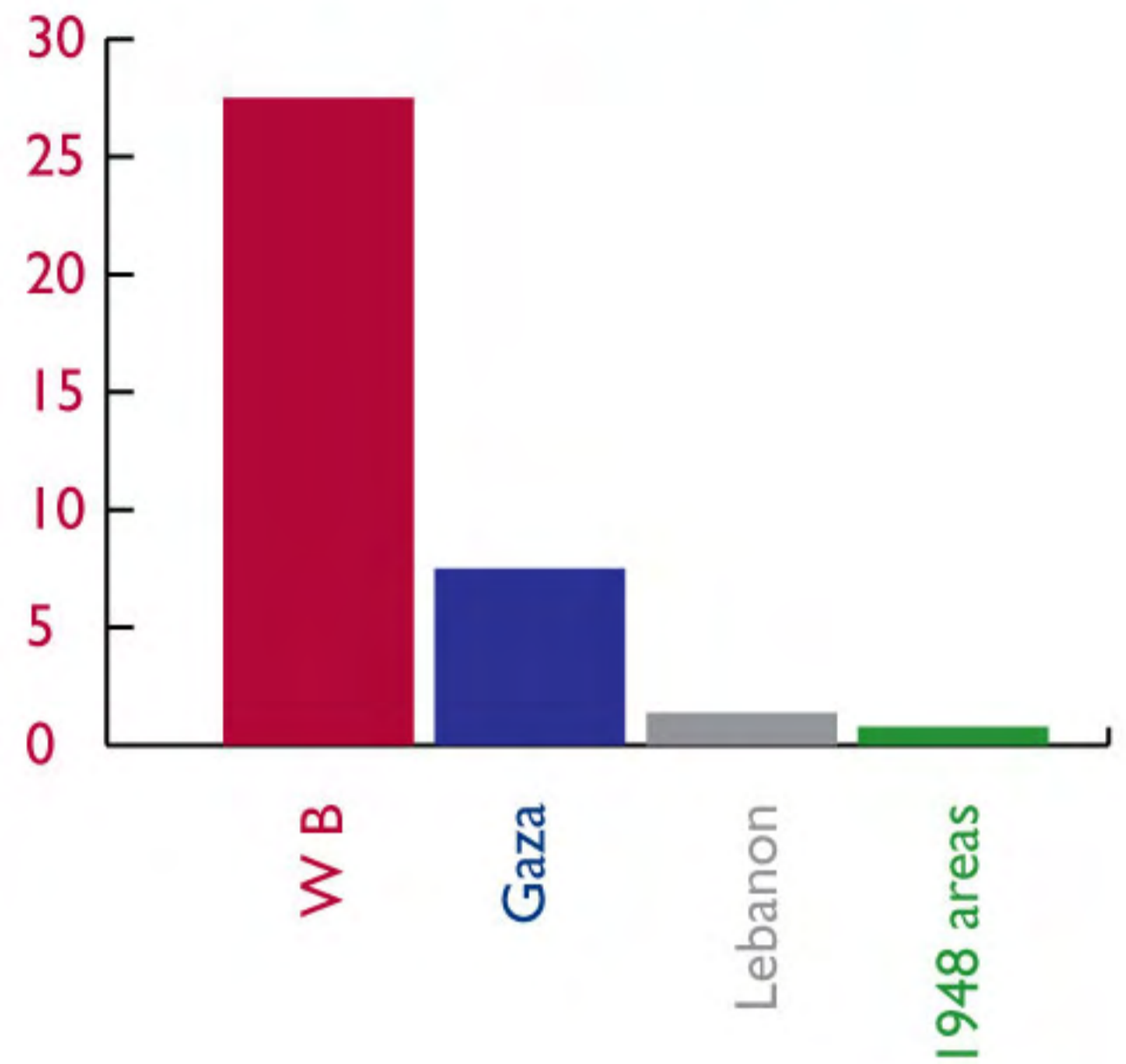
Projects According to Geographic Location

Of the 440 projects implemented by WA in 2007, 265 projects were implemented in the West Bank, 65 projects in Gaza, 70 in Lebanon and 40 implemented in the 1948 areas. More than \$26 million were spent in the West Bank including Jerusalem, while about \$6.6 million were disbursed in Gaza, more than \$1.3 million in Lebanon, and more than \$0.5 million was expended in the 1948 areas.

Number of implemented projects by geographic location



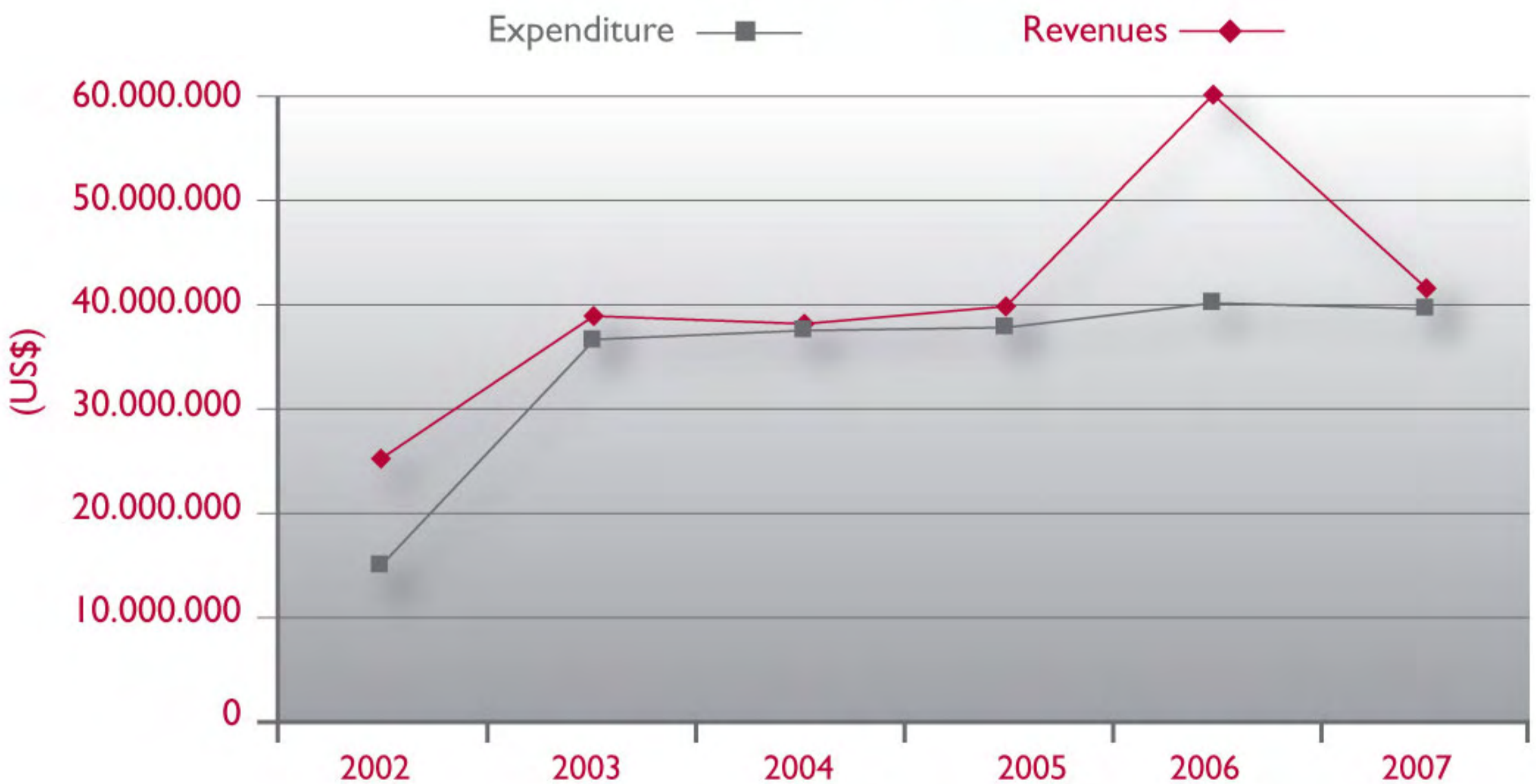
Expenditure by geographic location (US\$ million)



Revenues



Welfare Association’s revenues in the year 2007 exceeded \$34.5 million, which is within the average rate of previous years. Operational revenues (donations and grants) constituted about 75% of the total revenues, while 21% were allocated for increasing the endowment and the rest were interests and profits from investments.

Revenues & Expenditure Since 2002



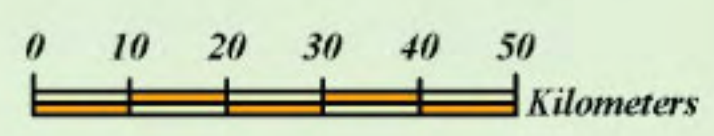
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Education

To secure expanded and equitable opportunities to quality education for all Palestinians.

Sheikh Saad School - Jerusalem

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Overview

Palestinians place great value on education and, despite decades of systematic attempts by the Israeli occupation to undermine Palestinian education, have achieved remarkably high attainment rates in literacy, basic and higher education. In recent years, however, the lack of adequate funds and the ongoing Israeli-imposed movement restrictions have threatened to reverse the successes of the entire Palestinian educational system.

The PA is responsible for delivering educational services for 1.1 million students in the WBGS, an increase of more than 60% in student enrolment since the PA assumed responsibility for educational services. Currently, it employs 54,000 teachers and administrators and operates 3,300 schools. While the Palestinian Ministry of Education was able to make significant gains in literacy levels, school enrolment and retention rates over the first decade of its operations, some of these gains, such as enrolment at basic level, have eroded in recent years. UNICEF reports indicate that over 23% of students have suffered since 2002 from difficulties in reaching their schools due to Israeli checkpoints. Continued movement restrictions, and particularly Israel's construction of the Apartheid Wall, make going to school difficult and irregular at best and often dangerous or impossible for many students and teachers, particularly in the northern West Bank and around East Jerusalem.

Quality education is a challenge across all geographic regions of WA's work and of concern at all educational levels. The inability to provide an adequate sense of security and continuity also damage efforts to provide quality school education. At the pre-school level, services have not been able to keep up with the growing population and observers are increasingly concerned about a decline in quality of Early Childhood Education & Development (ECED) services, not only in the WBGS but also within Palestinian communities in Lebanon and inside 1948 areas. Experts also cite a significant decline in the quality of Palestinian higher education over the past decade. The long-term economic crisis has threatened the ability of many Palestinian universities and colleges to maintain operations; continued provision of student financial support is likewise critical to ensuring that thousands of economically disadvantaged students in good academic standing are able to continue their higher education in WBGS and in Lebanon.

Education has been a principle area of intervention since the WA's establishment in 1983. The WA has administered over \$100 million in support of a wide range of projects and programs in ECED, basic and secondary education, Vocational Education & Training (VET), higher education and non-formal education. WA's work in the education sector aims to facilitate expanded and equitable access to quality education for all Palestinians, particularly the most vulnerable and marginalized. WA strategy in the education program is based on four guiding principles: a proactive emphasis on quality education; a focused and holistic approach; the expansion of educational access, opportunities and success amongst the most marginalized and structurally disadvantaged groups; and the fostering and supporting of linkages across geographic regions, actors and activities in the sector. Within this framework, WA seeks to support programs and projects which contribute to the following key results in the education sector:



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

Main achievements in 2007

Early child education and development (ECED): WA supported a series of workshops on active learning methodologies engaging 80 teachers, supervisors and trainers from a diverse array of ECED institutions in Lebanon, resulting in, the development of "A Manual for Active Learning," a guide distributed to kindergarten teachers and educators and the formation of 9 local committees to promote active learning methodologies in pre-school education. Also in Lebanon, WA supported quality pre-school education and development of intellectual, linguistic, physical and artistic abilities for 379 children (202 males and 177 females) attending 5 KGs in 5 refugee camps, and the renovation of 2 playgrounds in two KGs in Beirut and Ein Al-Hilwah, benefiting 266 children. In Shatila refugee camp one KG was renovated and outdoor play equipment and educational materials were provided to 11 KGs serving 4,886 children.

Formal education: In cooperation with Fortune International Trading Co. (LG company) in the UAE, Welfare Association launched a fund for the promotion of innovation in support of quality education and learning in Palestine. In its first year, the fund supported 8 projects in the West Bank and Gaza Strip with a total value of \$150,000, helping improve skills of over 380 teachers through WA-supported teacher training programs. WA also supported various teacher training programs in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Lebanon and the 1948 areas in using ICT for improved learning, teaching Arabic, and teaching the International Baccalaureate. Additionally, WA supported English, French and computer courses for over 250 school students in Lebanon; the construction and equipping of 3 schools in the Nablus Governorate, serving 1,700 students; the building of 257 classrooms, providing an additional 37,360 square meters of classroom space for West Bank and Gaza Strip students; and the purchase of equipment, furniture and/or internet connection to 8 schools in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, serving over 4,000 students.

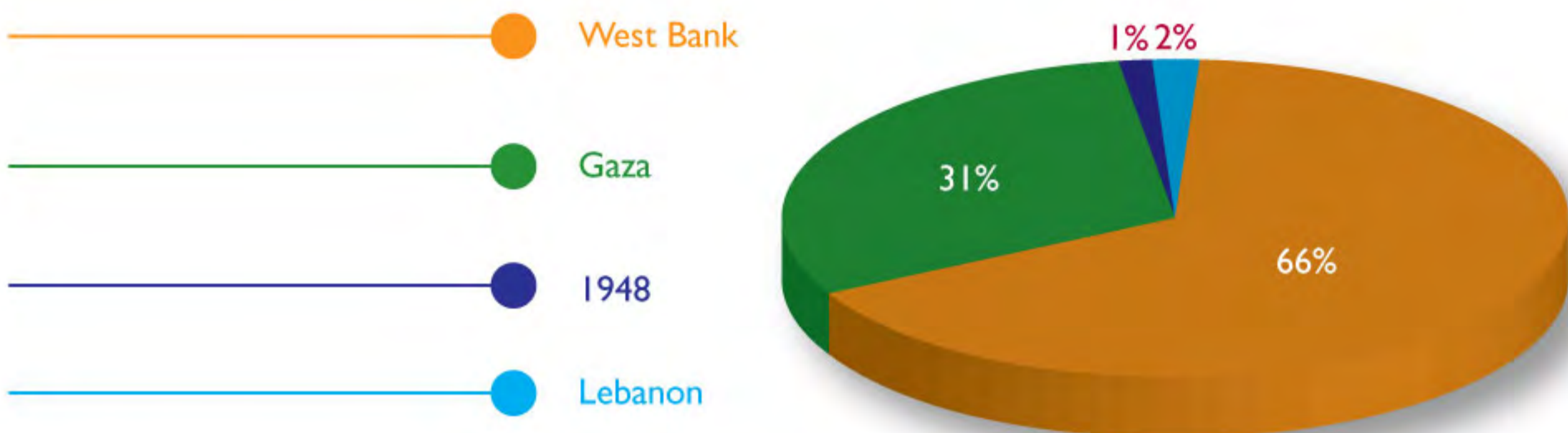
Vocational education and training (VET): WA supported vocational education for 169 refugee students in Lebanon and the provision of raw materials required for vocational training and 6 trainers at Al-Amal Charitable Association in Qalqilya, benefiting some 50 trainees.

Higher Education: WA contributed to the establishment of Ibn Rushd for Educational Development Unit at Birzeit University by allocating \$100,000 for the Unit's research and educational development program for improved quality of learning and education in Palestine. In addition, \$13.5 million were administered to defray the costs of tuition for over 60,000 students in 37 Palestinian higher education institutions, as part of ongoing emergency assistance for the Palestinian people.



Expenditure by region

Expenditure on projects within the education sector in 2007 was over \$15.15 million, with 66% spent on projects in the West Bank, 31% in Gaza Strip, 1% in the 1948 areas and 2% in Lebanon.



List of beneficiaries and program partners in 2007

West Bank:

A.M. Qattan Foundation/Qattan Centre for Educational Research & Development, Al-Amal Association for the Deaf - Qalqilia, Al-Ibrahimiyyeh Community College – Jerusalem, Al Quds University, Al-Najah Community College - Nablus, Al-Najah University – Nablus, Al-Quds Open University, Al-Rawdah Technical Community College - Nablus, Al-Tadamon Charitable Society, Al-Ummah College, 'Andalib Al-A'mad College for Midwifery & Nursing, Arab American University – Jenin, Bethlehem University, Birzeit University, College of Applied Professions, Committee for School Development/Kafr Neama Secondary Girls School, Coptic Orthodox College – Jerusalem, Dar Al-Kalmeh College, Early Childhood Resource Centre, English Language Conference, Friends' School - Ramallah, Future Builders Forum, Hebron Nursing College, Hebron Rehabilitation Committee, Hebron University, Hisham Hijjawi College of Technology, Ibn Sina Nursing College – Ramallah, Islamic Charitable National Society - Bethlehem, Makassed Nursing College – Jerusalem, Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Modern Community College, Mothers School Society – Nablus, Palestine Nursing College/Society of Inash El-Usra, Palestine Polytechnic University - Hebron, Palestine Technical College – Khadoury, Palestine Technical College - Ramallah, Palestine Technical Colleges - Al-Arroub, Palestinian Association for Cultural Exchange, Rawdat El-Zuhur, School of Community Health – Ramallah, Talitha Kumi College, Arab Evangelical Episcopal School, Creativity of Palestinian Youth Charities, Union of Arab Women Society – Nablus, Union of Parents Committees in East Jerusalem Schools/Al-Maqdsyon, Union of the Charitable Societies – Jerusalem, Unit for Learning Innovation/Birzeit University Continuing Education Centre, Universal Education Foundation, Wajdi Institute of Technology.

Gaza:

Al-Aqsa University, Al-Azhar University, Arab Community College - Rafah, College of Science and Technology - Khan Younis, Community College of Applied Science and Technology - Gaza, Faculty of Intermediate Studies, Gaza Community College for Tourist Studies, Islamic University, Palestine College of Nursing - Khan Younis, Palestine Technical Colleges - Deir Al-Balah, Palestinian Theatre Association, Palestinian Women Union - Khan Younis.

1948 areas:

Arab Cultural Society - Nazareth, Hewar/Arab Association for Alternative Education, Ibn Khaldun/Association for Research and Development, Masar/Institute for Education, The Factory/Arab Centre for Culture and Arts, The League for Arabs of Jaffa.

Lebanon:

Al-Najdeh Association, Al-Khalsah Social Association, Arab Centre for Popular Arts, Community Based Rehabilitation Association, General Union of Palestine Women, Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Foundation, Health Care Society - Beirut, Medical Aid for Palestine - Canada, Nabila Breir Educational Foundation, National Foundation for Health Social and Educational Services, National Institute for Social Care and Vocational Training, Palestinian Student Fund, Popular Aid for Relief and Development, The Association for the Revival of Palestinian Camps.



Community Development

To improve community services and social conditions of marginalized groups.

Overview

Across the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Palestinians have suffered increasing poverty for nearly a decade, with an acute deterioration in conditions since 2006. In Gaza Strip, over 1.5 Palestinians live in an unprecedented situation of falling living conditions due to the Israeli blockade of Gaza, preventing access to food, medicine and fuel supplies, including humanitarian aids. The Israeli collective punishment policy in Gaza has led to higher poverty and unemployment rates, reaching to 80%. Additionally, the proportion of the population dependent on humanitarian assistance has reached 85%. In the isolated and besieged city of Jerusalem, school dropout rates, violence, substance abuse and other social problems are increasing, especially among youth. In Lebanon, the already volatile socio-economic conditions of Palestinian refugee communities have been exacerbated by recent violence and the 2007 siege of Nahr El-Barad Refugee Camp, resulting in the displacement of some 32,000 Palestinians.

The ability of the PA to deliver basic social services in the WBGS has been seriously undermined by financial restrictions imposed by Israel and the international community as a result of the outcome of the national elections in 2006. The Ministry of Social Affairs has been able to make only marginal increases in the number of recipients of assistance since 2000 despite the significant rise in poverty. Civil society organizations continue to play a critical role in economic and community development in the WBGS as well as in Palestinian communities in Lebanon and in 1948 areas.

On the cultural level, Palestinian society's rich artistic and cultural heritage continues to flourish despite systematic efforts by the Israeli occupation to suppress it. Palestinian contemporary artistic production in the visual, plastic and expressive arts remains dynamic and diverse. Civil society institutions play the primary role in supporting individual and collective artistic production and overall development of the sector.

Recent years have witnessed a plethora of artistic and cultural activities developed for children and young people. However, these activities have in large part been designed as crisis interventions responding to the chronic emergency and supporting children who are facing experiences of violence and trauma at the hands of the Israeli occupation. Funding has necessarily favoured support for single or ad hoc recreational activities aimed primarily at providing essential psychological relief through entertainment and/or self-expression.

WA maintains a core commitment to fostering independent, dynamic and creative artistic and cultural expression in contemporary Palestinian society, rooted in Palestinian identity and heritage.

Focusing on the specific priorities and needs of women, youth and persons with disabilities, WA supports a wide range of projects and programs contributing to the strengthening of inclusive approaches to development. Embracing a participatory, rights-based approach to development, Welfare Association seeks to support projects and programs which empower individuals and communities to realize their needs and aspirations in general and contribute to the following key results in particular:

1. 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.
2. Palestinian women are empowered to take an active role in their communities.
3. Persons with disabilities actively participate in all aspects of community life.
4. Palestinians enjoy the provision of quality services by professional, transparent and accountable civil society organizations.



Sharek Youth Forum - Nablus

Main achievements in 2007

Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) projects: WA supported the adaptation of 20 schools and 75 homes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip for disability access, as well as the establishment of a resource center for special needs education in Ramallah district, expected to serve 130 students a month, and the equipping of a computer lab for the blind at Al-Najah University, serving 20 blind students and about 350 blind people in the district. Similarly, a center for technical aids for the blind is being established at the Islamic University in Gaza. WA also contributed to support over 3,000 physical therapy sessions for children with physical disabilities and the injured, either at their homes or in specialized centers. Hundreds of children benefited from WA-supported projects for the detection of disability and over 350 relevant technical aids were distributed. WA also supported sports programs and sports competitions for Palestinian athletes with disabilities in the West Bank. Additionally, over 150 associations and hundreds of teachers, parents and families in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Lebanon benefited from training workshops and educational activities designed to promote inclusion, disability rights and improved quality of social and education services for persons with disability. WA covered the operational costs of the elderly care program in Jenin district, serving 28 persons accommodated in the home for elderly and to 120 elderly persons living at home.

Training and awareness raising: Some 1,500 women in the West Bank and Gaza participated in training, awareness raising and counselling activities made possible by WA support. Additionally, WA supported specialized training for lawyers and social workers in legal awareness, mental health and counselling.

IT programs: Over 250 children are enjoying the services of newly established community computer centers in Tammoun and Deir Ibzi'a villages. WA also supported the establishment of 10 new computer centres as part of the Shababeek program operated by Sharak Youth Forum, a spin-off from WA's model programs Futurekids and Intel. Several other computer labs were upgraded and an estimated 3,000 students benefited from computer training as part of the Shababeek program.

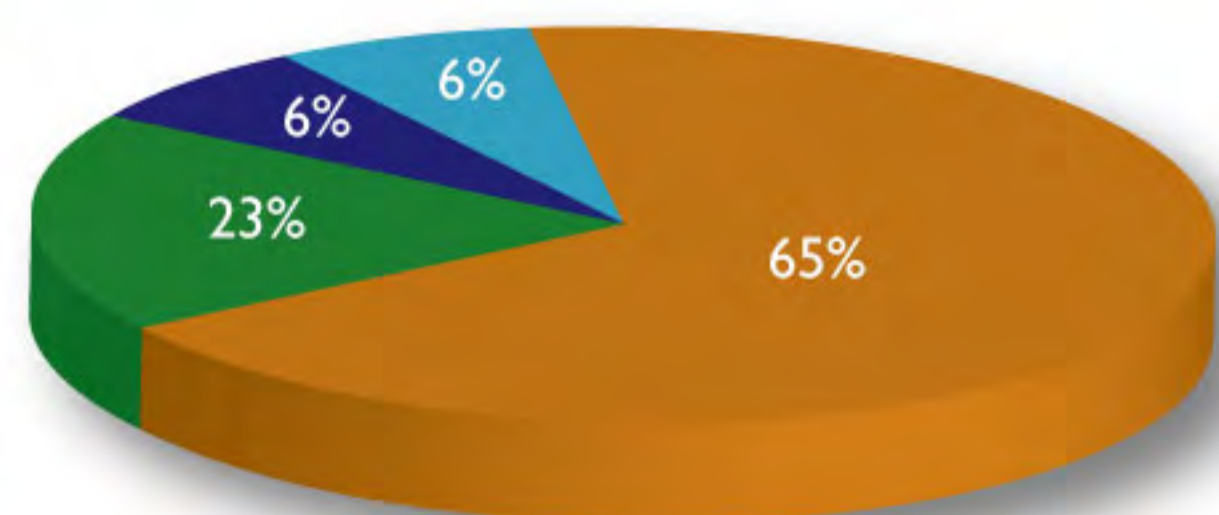
Educational and recreational programs: Thousands of children across the West Bank and Gaza participated in educational and recreation programs supported by WA, including reading promotion, community library activities, English language learning and a diversity of summer camps.

Cultural programs: Over US \$500,000 were allocated to Palestinian associations as part of WA's culture and identity program in the 1948 areas. Funds supported activities promoting cultural awareness, pride of Palestinian heritage and a strengthened sense of belonging amongst Palestinian youth. Funds were also directed at strengthening institutional capacities of Palestinian civil society organizations and the promotion of civil rights.

NGO development: WA continued to support the NGO Development Center, which is a pioneering nongovernmental, non-profit organization devoted to the strengthening of NGOs capacity to offer essential services to Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, especially NGOs offering services to the poor and marginalized social groups.

Expenditure by region

Expenditure within the community development sector in 2007 was over \$10.11 million with 65% spent on projects in the West Bank, 23% in Gaza Strip, 6% in 1948 Areas and 6% in Lebanon.



List of beneficiaries and program partners in 2007

West Bank:

Palestinian Vision - Jerusalem, Arab Society For Orphans - Tulkarem, Central National Committee for Rehabilitation- Jerusalem, Agricultural Engineering Home Society, Al-Amaan Center for Social Guide - Ramallah, Al-Amal Charitable Society - Bethlehem, Al-Dahreyeh Society for Rural Development, Al-Kamanjati Association, Al-Mirsat Association, Al-Najah University - Nablus, Al-Quds Club, Al-Nahdah Women's Society, Arab Palestinian Center - Tawasol, Arab Society for Disabled - Jerusalem, Arab Studies Society, Arab Thought Forum, Ashtar for Theatre Productions & Training, Beer El-Basha Village Council - Jenin, Beit Fajar Ladies Association, Beit Reema Cultural Center/Beit Reema Women Centre, Blind Rehabilitation Society - Jenin, Burj Al-Luqluq Social Center Society, Burqa Club Sports, Care for Children with Special Needs Society, Center for Jerusalem Studies\Al-Quds University, Charitable Association for Elderly and the Handicapped, Child Center for Development and Culture, Development of Palestinian child Society - Jenin, Deir Ibzi'a Cultural Association, East Jerusalem Young Men Christian Association, Ein Al-Beidah Society for Handicraft, El-Hakawati/Palestinian National Theatre - Jerusalem, Emlason Women Society, Family Defence Society, Future Youth Institute, Hawwa Society Center for Culture & Arts, Hebron Rehabilitation Committee, Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre for Disabled Children, Joint Community Services Council for Regional IT Center, Juzoor Foundation for Health & Social Development, Love & Peace Home for Childhood & Motherhood - Ramallah, Martyr Abu Jihad College for Vocational Training, Mothers' School Society \ Palestinian Federation Women's Action Committee, Mount of Olives Club, Nablus Worker Women Society, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS), Palestine Media, Research and Studies Center/Badeel, Palestine Polytechnic University - Hebron, Palestinian Academic Society for International Affairs, Palestinian Art Court /Al-Hoash, Palestinian Association for Cultural Exchange, Palestinian Child Care Society - Nablus, Palestinian Housing Council, Palestinian Medical Relief Society, Palestinian Sport Federation for the Disabled, Patients Friend Society - Ramallah, Patient's Friends Society - Jenin, Regional Committee for Community Based Rehabilitation - South West Bank, Riwaq Center for Architectural Conservation, Sawa/All the Women Together Today & Tomorrow, Sharek Youth Forum, Spafford Children's Center, Tammoun Sport Club, Arab Counselling Center for Education, National Conservatory of Music, Popular Community for Refugees Services - Qalqilia, Union Sports Club - Nablus, Women's Affairs Technical Committee, Women's Center of Shu'fat Camp, Women's Studies Center, Young Women's Christian Association - Ramallah.

Gaza:

Al-Bait Assamed Society, Al-Wafa Rehabilitation Society, Al-Wedad Society for Community Rehabilitation, Bunian Association for Training, Evaluation & Community Studies\Women Unit, Coordination Committee of the Community Rehabilitation Center - Gaza, Deir Al-Balah Rehabilitation Society, East Jerusalem Young Men Christian Association/YMCA, Gaza Immediate Voluntary Relief Effort, Gaza Mental Program, Islamic University, Khan Younis Zakat Committee, National Society for Rehabilitation-Gaza, Norwegian People's Aid, Palestinian Center for Human Rights, Palestinian Society for Handicapped Rehabilitation - Gaza, Palestinian Women Society for Family Care - Qaraara, Red Crescent Society - Gaza, Society for Social, Cultural & Health Development, Mercy Association for Children-Gaza, Youth Development Center – Jabalya.

1948 areas:

Adalah/The Legal Centre for Arab Minority Rights in Israel, Ahali Centre for Community Development, Altufula: Pedagogical Centre - Nazareth Nurseries Institute, Arab Cultural Society - Nazareth, District Council for Unrecognized Villages in the Naqab Area, Galilee Society, House of Fine Arts Cognition & Culture, Ittijah\ Union of Arab Community Based Associations, Sidra Association - Naqab, Arab Council For Education & Culture in the Naqab, Association for Educational & Social Initiatives in the Naqab, Nazareth Committee of Art\Mawwal Center for Arts.

Lebanon:

Al- Najdeh Association, Community Based Rehabilitation Association, Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Foundation, Health Care Society –Beirut, Nabeel Badran Handicapped Center, National Institute for Social Care and Vocational Training, Norwegian People's Aid, Palestine Disability Forum, Palestinian Arab Women League, Palestinian Student Fund (PSF), Popular Aid for Relief and Development, Social Association for Rehabilitation of the Handicapped, Association for the Revival of Palestinian Camps (INA'ACH), Handicapped Support Society, National Association of Social Medical Care Vocational Training.

NGO Development Center (NDC)

Overview

NGO Development Center (NDC) is a Palestinian non-governmental organization working to empower NGOs to better provide quality essential services to the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, particularly organizations working with poor and marginalized groups. The Center raises funds from local and international donors to provide direct grants and contribute to capacity building programs for NGOs to ensure higher effectiveness in the provision of NGO services, to reach larger numbers of beneficiaries and to increase NGO sustainability and self-reliance.

NDC was established in October 2006, ten years after the Palestinian NGO Project was established under the umbrella of the Welfare Consortium, principally funded by the World Bank. The Center builds on achievements accomplished during the first two phases of the Palestinian NGO Project, which played an important role in securing basic economic and social services for poor and marginalized groups in WBGS.

2007 achievements

First: Third phase of the Palestinian NGO Project

This program consists of two main components: the grant program and the sectoral development program. Accomplishments during the current reporting period include the following:

1) Grants program

- Approved 28 proposals for empowerment grants, at a value of \$2.625 million.
- Approved projects for eight NGOs in the West Bank and Gaza Strip through partnership grants, at a value of \$2.173 million.
- Approved seven projects under the health grants program, at a value of \$1.440 million.
- Signed a memorandum of understanding with the Municipal Development Fund to initiate the implementation of partnership grants between NGOs and municipalities aiming to improve service provision in four of the poorest districts in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Ten proposals at a value of \$286,000 were approved.



2) Sectoral development program

- Prepared for the launch of a resource package that will form the reference framework for the NGO code of conduct and undertook development of terms of reference for the design and implementation of an awareness raising campaign to explain the code of conduct to NGOs.
- Completed the development of an institutional assessment tool aimed at assessing the capacity of NGOs applying for technical assistance.
- Continued to develop and promote the unified health insurance scheme for Palestinian NGOs. The number of beneficiaries enrolled in the program reached 22,342 persons representing 85 NGOs.
- Continued to work on the electronic gateway "Massader," which now involves 297 NGOs from districts across the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Second: Other programs

- Implemented 20 out of 24 emergency projects funded by the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) at a total value of \$1,450,240.
- Approved funding for the rehabilitation of 31 NGO kindergartens in Gaza Strip through additional funds provided by SDC.
- Received and assessed 243 proposals for a French Development Agency grant aimed at creating job opportunities in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. From this pool, 50 projects have been selected and are pending final approval.
- Handed over the responsibility for the women's shelter in Beit Sahour to the Ministry of Social Affairs.

Third: Preparation for the third phase of the NGO support project

- Produced two promotional films to help raise funds for the NDC. The films were uploaded to the Center's website.
- Continued to develop the monitoring and information system for the NDC.
- Procured a financial and administrative system for the Center.
- Completed the revision and Arabic translation of the operations manual for the NDC management, in accordance with the third phase of the project.
- Completed the review of the Center's administrative and financial manual.
- Designed and developed a website for the Center.





Economic Development

To improve employment opportunities
for Palestinians, particularly for youth.

Bakery - Nablus

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Overview

Across the the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Palestinians have suffered increasing poverty for nearly a decade, with the fragmentation of the economy and an acute deterioration in conditions since 2006. Over 60% of the WBGS Palestinian population now live in poverty and unemployment rates hover at 30%; in the Gaza Strip, 80% of the population lives in poverty (less than \$2 per day) and severe restrictions on the movement of goods and people in and out has led to critical and chronic shortages of food and other basic supplies and services. In Lebanon, the already volatile socio-economic conditions of Palestinian refugee communities have been exacerbated by the recent war and then the siege of Nahr El-Bared Refugee Camp, resulting in the displacement of some 32,000 Palestinians.

Eight years of persistent economic crisis have severely undermined living standards and developmental prospects in WBGS. Israeli-imposed movement restrictions, sustained by over 500 military checkpoints and barriers and the continued construction of the 700-kilometre-long Wall inside the West Bank in contravention of international law, have seriously disrupted routine economic activities and community life. Transport and production costs continue to escalate. Vital social and economic links between the Gaza Strip, East Jerusalem and the rest of the West Bank, and between villages and urban areas within the West Bank, have been severed. In Gaza, residents live under siege with Israeli military strikes from land, air and sea an almost daily event.

According to a recently published World Bank report, the general public sector budget is expected to decline by 14% compared to 1999 figures, due to rapid population growth, closures and restricted mobility, resulting in a 40% reduction of the budget share per capita. To compensate for the shrinking in private sector activity and gross losses suffered by the closure of the Israeli labour market to Palestinian workers, the Palestinian Authority had sought to raise social allowances and increase employment levels within its departments. However, Israel's denial of tax payment transfers has severely reduced the public treasury and constrained public assistance.

WA seeks to contribute to the economic development in Palestine by supporting programs and projects that contribute to the following key results:

1. Improve young people's abilities to compete for job opportunities.
2. Develop small-scale income-generating projects.
3. Develop and support services for external agencies.



Main achievements in 2007

Education in economics and business administration: In Palestine, 3,900 school students directly benefited from a pioneering youth employment enhancement program, the Injaz project, engaging over 95 volunteers from the Palestinian private sector in a series of training workshops on business administration and economics in 29 different schools. Injaz, implemented in cooperation with Save the Children (USA), won two recognition awards from the regional competition "Company of the Year 2007," which included seven Arab countries.

Apprenticeship program: In partnership with Hebron Chamber of Commerce and Industry, VWA supported an apprenticeship program in automotive mechatronics, involving 46 unemployed persons, mostly school dropouts. This is a long term program that includes theoretical instruction in vocational schools and field practice in local industry and workshops. A number of apprentices have been able to obtain permanent job opportunities as a result of their participation in this program.

Small-scale income-generating projects: In Lebanon, the provision of training and small grants allowed over 270 individuals to set up their own small-scale income generation projects, providing essential income for families from 5 Palestinian refugee camps facing economic crisis as a result of the recent war.

Training for out-sourcing agencies: Fifty young persons benefited from the training offered by Birzeit University's Center for Continuing Education on simultaneous electronic translation and were linked with companies and organizations in the Gulf to offer electronic translation services to these companies. VWA also contributed to the project aimed at identifying competent human resources and providing employment to a group of young Palestinian researchers with good communication, linguistic and technical skills from Ramallah city. This activity was carried out within a partnership agreement between VWA and Dubai office of Korn/Ferry International.



Income-generating Projects - Hebron 10



Women Empowerment Project - Qalqilya 11



12 Safa Factory - Nablus

Expenditure by region

In 2007, WA implemented projects in the economic development sector worth over USD 335,000, with 65% spent on projects in the West Bank and the rest on projects in Lebanon. The majority of these projects were implemented within the project "Creation of Sustainable Employment Opportunities – Partnership on Education for Development", implemented in partnership with the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC).



List of beneficiaries and program partners in 2007

West Bank:

Birzeit University, Hebron Chamber of Commerce and Industry, National Council for Development – Hebron, Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS), Save the Children.

Lebanon:

Arab Women’s Union.



Infrastructure, Housing and Buildings:

To support the development, repair and rehabilitation of infrastructure, housing and historical sites and buildings.

Arab Houses - Akka

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Overview

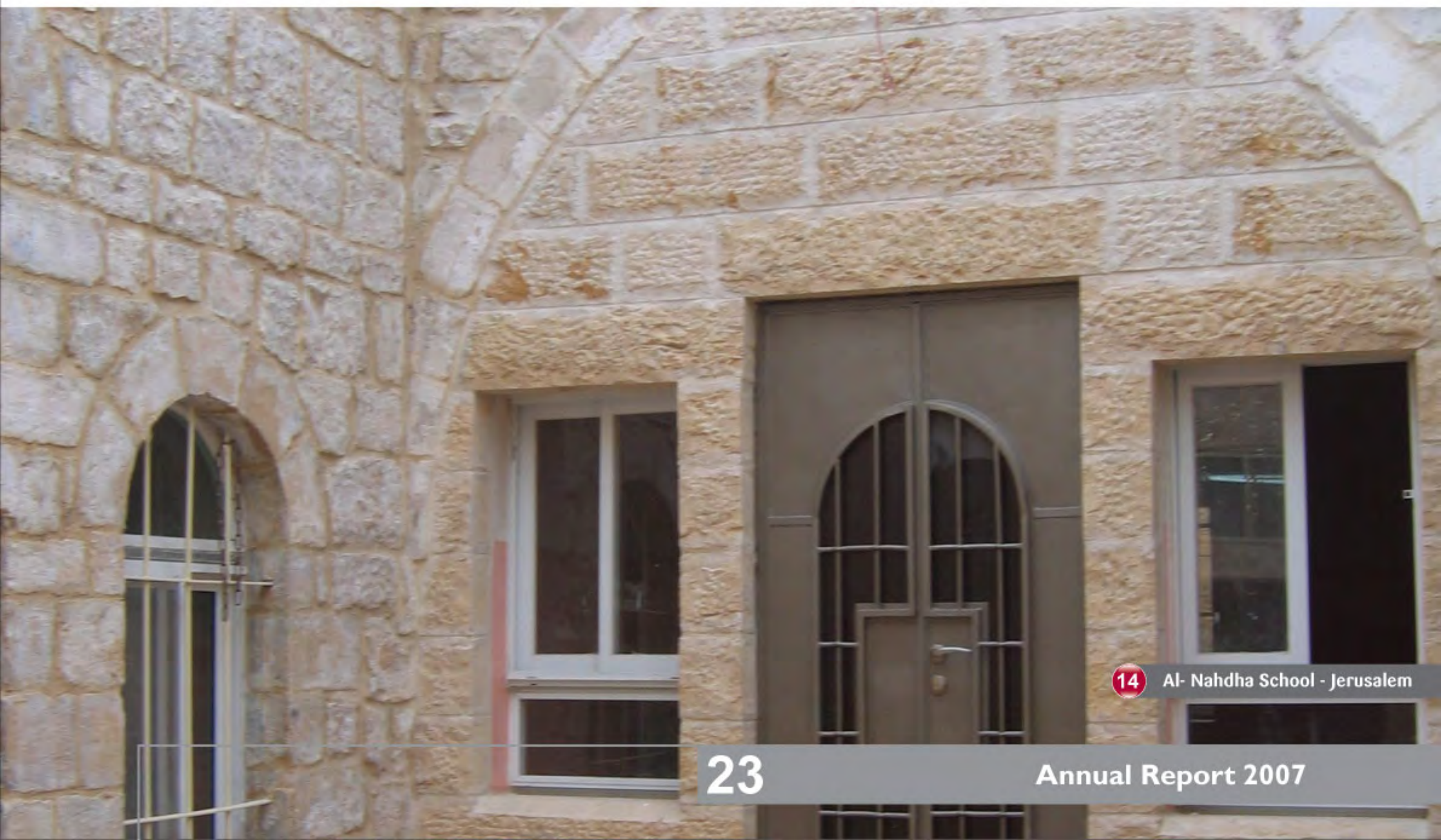
The infrastructure, housing and reconstruction sector has been suffering from neglect for decades in terms of investment and rehabilitation. In addition, this sector has been systematically targeted by the Israeli occupation forces, resulting in significant damage to water, electricity, road and communication networks, appropriation of wide areas of lands and restriction of natural growth of Palestinian communities within specific geographic areas. Over the past several years, the West Bank and Gaza Strip have been subjected to grave violations and aggression by Israeli occupation forces. Essential infrastructure has been destroyed negatively affecting all aspects of Palestinian life. A large number of economic establishments in Gaza have been targeted as well as other important establishments and facilities, such as electricity power plants, sanitation and water networks, roads and schools. In the West Bank, major damage has resulted from the construction of settler bypass roads and the Apartheid Wall as well as other forms of land confiscation and house demolitions. Jerusalem and the 1948 areas have suffered particularly from house demolitions and denial of building licenses for housing development.

In 2007, WA continued its efforts to promote infrastructure development in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, as well as in the Gaza Strip and the 1948 areas. WA implemented several important projects to alleviate the suffering of Palestinians and provide them with basic means for service provision and steadfastness. These efforts were especially relevant in Jerusalem in view of intensified Israeli efforts to distort the architectural fabric of the Old City and deprive Jerusalemites from services and force them out of their homes and city. WA implemented several emergency restoration projects for housing and historical buildings in Jerusalem through the Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program (see pages 26 - 27).

Main achievements in 2007

Restoration of buildings: WA supported the renovation and restoration of a number of houses and historical and public buildings in Jerusalem and Nablus and continued the renovation and maintenance efforts for historical Arab buildings in Haifa, Jaffa and Acre.

Construction of public facilities: The premises of Dar Al-Eman Society for Orphans in Qalqilia, with an area of 500m², benefiting 35 children, were completed with WA support. Also completed in 2007, were the skeletal construction and sanitary and electricity instalments for a health center for the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in Rafah and a land survey and architectural design for the renovation of Hashem Mosque in Gaza. Restoration of the latter has currently been suspended due to the siege. In addition, a project for installing a 2,600 meter-long sewage network was completed in Sawarhah area in Zawaydeh, Gaza, and two football fields in Kharas town and Salfeet city were constructed.





Spafford Center - Old City of Jerusalem **16**

Emergency Program to Support the Palestinian People funded by the Arab Fund:

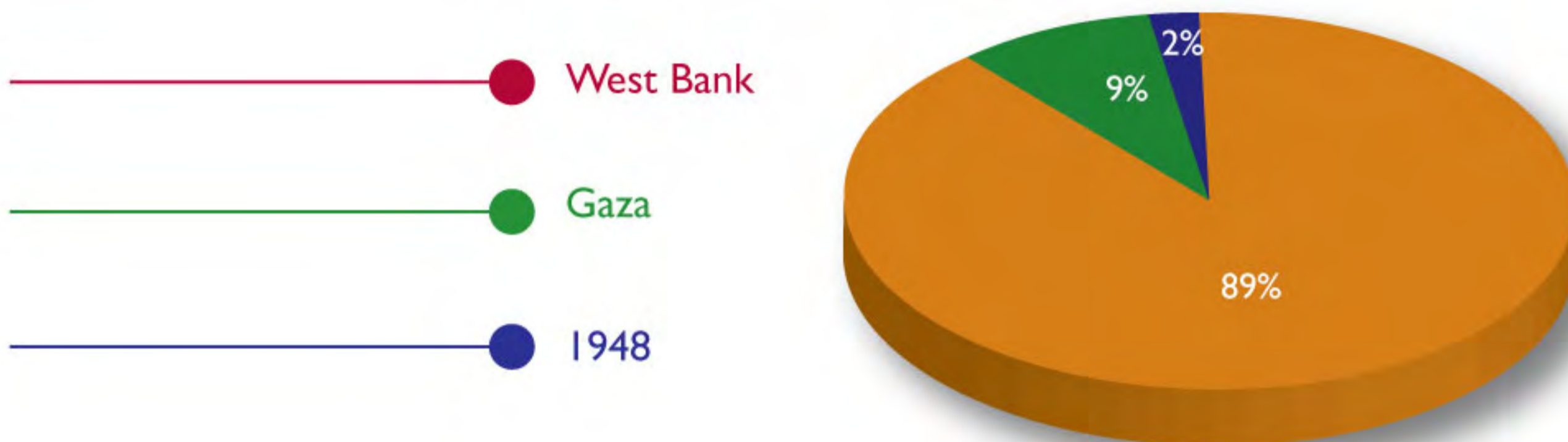
A number of projects were completed under this program including: installation of 1,440 light units on West Bank streets, building of 300 meters of retaining walls, construction of a water cistern of 20 meters elevation above the ground and 500 cubic meters capacity, and construction of a 2,000 cubic meter ground cistern for harvesting rain water. In addition, a project to rehabilitate the water network in Al-Samou' town reached 65% completion and eight kilometers of internal roads were rehabilitated in Arrabeh town. In Tulkarem city, 14 meters of retaining walls were built and 1,900 square meters were paved through a project for street rehabilitation. Other achievements in 2007 include pavement of 17.5 kilometers of road in Bala'a town, rehabilitation of the power network in Kharas town, maintenance of five houses in Nablus damaged by Israeli occupation forces, initiation of water wells projects in Hizma, Qabatia and Sabastia, and completion of infrastructure rehabilitation in the industrial zones of Salfet and Al-Bireh.



Old City of Nablus **15**

Expenditure by region

Expenditure on projects within this sector in 2007 was about \$2.35 million, with 89% spent on projects in the West Bank, 9% in Gaza Strip and 2% in 1948 areas.



List of beneficiaries and program partners in 2007

West Bank:

Palestine Red Crescent Society – Arabeh, Al Amal Association for the Deaf - Qalqilia, Al-Wath Wal-Irshad Center TelVillage Council, Blind Society, Child Care Charitable Society – Tulkarem, Cultural Center for Child Development – Tulkarem, Dumyana Coptic School, Halhoul Women Charitable Society, Hawwa Society Center for Culture and Arts, Ministry of National Economy, Palestine Polytechnic University – Hebron, Palestine Red Crescent Society - Ramallah, Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Construction (PECDAR), Qalandia Camp Women's Handicraft Cooperative, Sanable Charitable Society - Hebron, Social Works Committee Society - Tulkarem, Society of Dar Al-Eman For the Care of Orphans - Qalqilia.

Gaza:

Al-Amal Institute for Orphanage Society, Ministry of Waqf and Religious Affairs, Palestine Association for Development and Reconstruction (BADER), Union of Health Care Committees.

1948 areas:

Acre Reparation Association - Akka, Al-Aswar Association for Cultural and Social Development, District Council for Unrecognized Villages in the Naqab Area, Social Development Society – Haifa.

Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program

Overview

In 1994, WA established a comprehensive program for revitalization of the Old City of Jerusalem with the support of a founding grant from the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development. The OCJRP launched its Technical Office in 1995 and since then it has developed into the most comprehensive heritage restoration program in Palestine, encompassing restoration projects, GIS documentation and the development of relevant technical capacity. The OCJRP aims to preserve the religious and cultural heritage of the Old City and adapt the buildings and architectural monuments for use by community and cultural organizations while preserving their architectural and historical value. The Program also seeks to renovate houses and basic infrastructure to improve the living conditions of local residents. In addition, the OCJRP provides training to architects and contractors on restoration techniques, manages a documentation center and a program for public education and awareness, and publishes special documents and brochures on architectural heritage. Thanks to continued donor support as well as the OCJRP's expertise and professional work, the Program was awarded the prestigious Aga Khan Foundation's Architectural Award in 2004. Building on the previous successes of OCJRP, WA is seeking to develop it into an applied research institute for heritage preservation. To this end, WA launched in 2007 a 3-year project for establishing an institute for the preservation of architectural heritage in Jerusalem in partnership with UNESCO and with funding support from the European Union (EU).

Activities in 2007

Since the beginning of 2007, the OCJRP's Technical Office has implemented 71 projects with a total value of over \$3.5 million. 46 projects have been completed. The number of families benefiting from the housing projects this year was 97, including 77 families in the Old City of Jerusalem and 20 in the Old City of Nablus. The program also benefited 14 Palestinian schools and community organizations with 12 located in Jerusalem and 2 in Nablus. Work is currently underway to develop documents and plans for 21 projects, with 4 projects already announced.

Main achievements in 2007

I. Restoration and rehabilitation projects:

- **Arab Fund grant for emergency restoration of residential buildings and neighbourhoods in Jerusalem (second phase) at a value of \$1.5 million:** All projects carried over from the last quarter of 2006 and the first quarter of 2007 were completed. Thus, the grant was fully disbursed, benefiting a total of 18 families.
- **Arab Fund grant for infrastructure development in the Old City of Jerusalem (first phase) at a value of \$400,000:** The infrastructure project for the Arab Society for the Blind and Fikriyeh Dasouqi house was completed. Work is still underway on the infrastructure for Spafford Center for Children, supported by the Arab Fund and parallel funding from the Swedish Government (Sida) for various restoration works.
- **Arab Fund grant for emergency restoration of Arab neighbourhoods and renovation of historical buildings in the Old City of Nablus (second phase) at a value of \$500,000:** The rehabilitation of Abu Zanat building was completed. Additionally, the preliminary phase for the removal of debris from Sha'bi neighbourhood was finished and a tender was announced for the restoration of destroyed sections of the neighbourhood. These projects benefit a total of 20 families.
- **Project grant for the development and revitalization of the Old City of Nablus (first phase) at a value of \$400,000:** A project to renovate premises for a technical unit in the Old City of Nablus is ongoing at a value of about \$100,000. In parallel, work is underway to develop a comprehensive development plan for the revitalization of the Old City of Nablus and the development of a GIS database.
- **Arab Fund grant for emergency restoration of residential buildings and neighbourhoods in Jerusalem (third and fourth phases) at a value of \$2 million:** Restoration projects for 16 houses and 3 institutions were completed, while 14 other restoration projects are underway, including restoration of 4 institutions based in the Old City of Jerusalem. A total of 50 Jerusalem families are benefiting from these projects.

- **Swedish Government (Sida) grant of about \$1.25 million (10 million Swedish Kronas) for rehabilitation projects benefiting youth and children:**

The rehabilitation project for the playground of Martin Luther Community Center was completed, as well as the first phase of a project to renovate Spafford Center for Children and An-Nahda School. Work continues on the renovation of Dar Al-Aytam B School. In addition, restoration work commenced on Dumyana Coptic School and St. Anthony's Coptic Orthodox College and the rehabilitation of the roof of Riad Al-Aqsa School as well as the second phase for Spafford Center. The grant also supports ongoing community education and training.

- **Dubai grant of \$512,000 (funds raised during an event organized by WA in Dubai):** Restoration projects were completed on six houses, benefiting 9 Jerusalem families.

- 2- **Training program:** Four female engineers completed training in the OCJRP through an internship program supported by Ford Foundation in 2007. In addition, 3 engineers newly graduated joined a training program supported by Sida.

- 3- **Public awareness activities:** A series of brochures and booklets were developed and produced on historical buildings in the Old City. A workshop was organized on the rehabilitation of residential buildings in historical sites with the participation of several concerned institutions. The Technical Office also hosted a training course on restoration, attended by Office staff and staff members from local institutions working in this field.

- 4- **Database and documentation:** The fourth phase of ownership documentation project in the Old City of Jerusalem was completed, documenting 10 additional lots. This brings the number of lots documented so far to 20 out of the 59 lots in the Old City of Jerusalem.

- 5- **Old City of Nablus Development and Revitalization Project:**

Consultants were recruited and agreement was reached to deliver a draft version of field studies and surveys in early February 2008.

Project for the development of an Architectural Heritage Preservation Institute in Jerusalem:

In early March 2007, in partnership with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and with funds from the EU, the OCJRP launched a three-year project to develop an Architectural Heritage Preservation Institute based in Jerusalem with the aim of institutionalizing a formal technical training program in international standards and practices in conservation. The Institute will provide education and training for architects, engineers and other professionals in the preservation and restoration of historical buildings and sites in the Old City of Jerusalem. The Institute is envisaged as a training center for hundreds of technical people working in the field of restoration, as well as architecture graduates, contractors and artisans.

The Project's Steering Committee held its first meeting in UNESCO headquarters in Paris in late April 2007 and approved the plan of action and proposed budget. The launch of the Institute was officially announced during a reception held by WA in the Technical Office in the Old City in the presence of representatives from EU, UNESCO, a number of consulates and international missions, as well as local institutions.



Health

To contribute to the improvement of Palestinian health conditions across the geographic areas of WA operations, with a special emphasis on marginalized groups, particularly children.



Al- Makkased Hospital - Jerusalem 17

Overview

Under the continued Israeli occupation and the wide range of destructive, counter-development measures it imposes, the Palestinian health system is at serious risk of collapse. The Palestinian Ministry of Health (MOH) is the main provider of primary, secondary and tertiary health services for the WBGS. Starved of adequate resources, the quality of services is being seriously undermined; the MOH has been unable to maintain basic health monitoring tasks and sharp cutbacks have been reported in referrals for specialized treatment.

While conflict-related violence has led to increased demand for health care, Israeli-imposed movement restrictions and the high cost of medical care systematically prevent Palestinians from accessing basic health services across the WBGS. Immunization rates are on the decline and significant increases have been documented in the prevalence of diseases such as meningitis and hepatitis. Demands on primary health care services have increased significantly. The prolonged violence and instability have had predictable effects on mental health and well-being, particularly amongst children and youth. Food insecurity has escalated to some 50% in the WBGS and micronutrient insufficiency is likewise a concern for the displaced population of Nahr El-Bared Refugee Camp in Lebanon.

Within this context, Welfare Association strives to support health interventions designed to achieve the following key results:

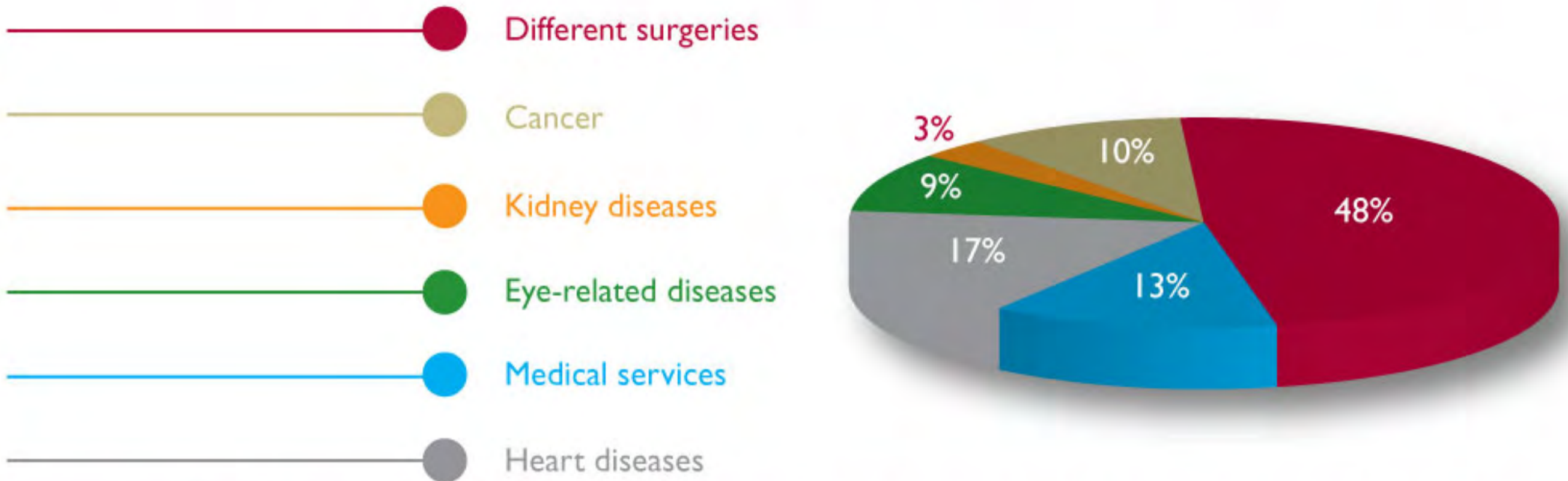
1. Improved primary health care services contribute to improved health conditions, particularly for Palestinian children.
2. Secondary health services effectively respond to specialized health needs of Palestinians.
3. Rapid and effective response to emergency health needs.
4. Identification of new areas for health interventions for Palestinians and enhancing the quality of interventions in existing areas.

Main achievements in 2007

Construction of health facilities: Construction and finishing works were completed on Bahrain Children's Hospital in Ramallah; most equipment and medical supplies were procured. A study was initiated to assess the best services that this hospital can provide as a center of excellence in Palestine. In addition, the construction, furnishing and equipping of the specialized rehabilitation centers at Abu Rayya Hospital in Ramallah and Al-Wafa Hospital in Gaza were also completed this year. Several newly equipped departments already started to provide their specialized services. Furthermore, an 850 m² outdoor courtyard was prepared and paved and 350 meter-long wall was constructed around Azzoun Emergency Hospital as part of the emergency program.



Medical services: Hundreds of Palestinian patients in the West Bank and Lebanon in need of surgery, dialysis, treatment for chronic diseases, and/or medications were assisted with the costs of their medical care. In addition, monthly cash assistance was distributed to 73 patients with chronic diseases among the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. The following figure demonstrates the distribution of beneficiaries by type of disease.

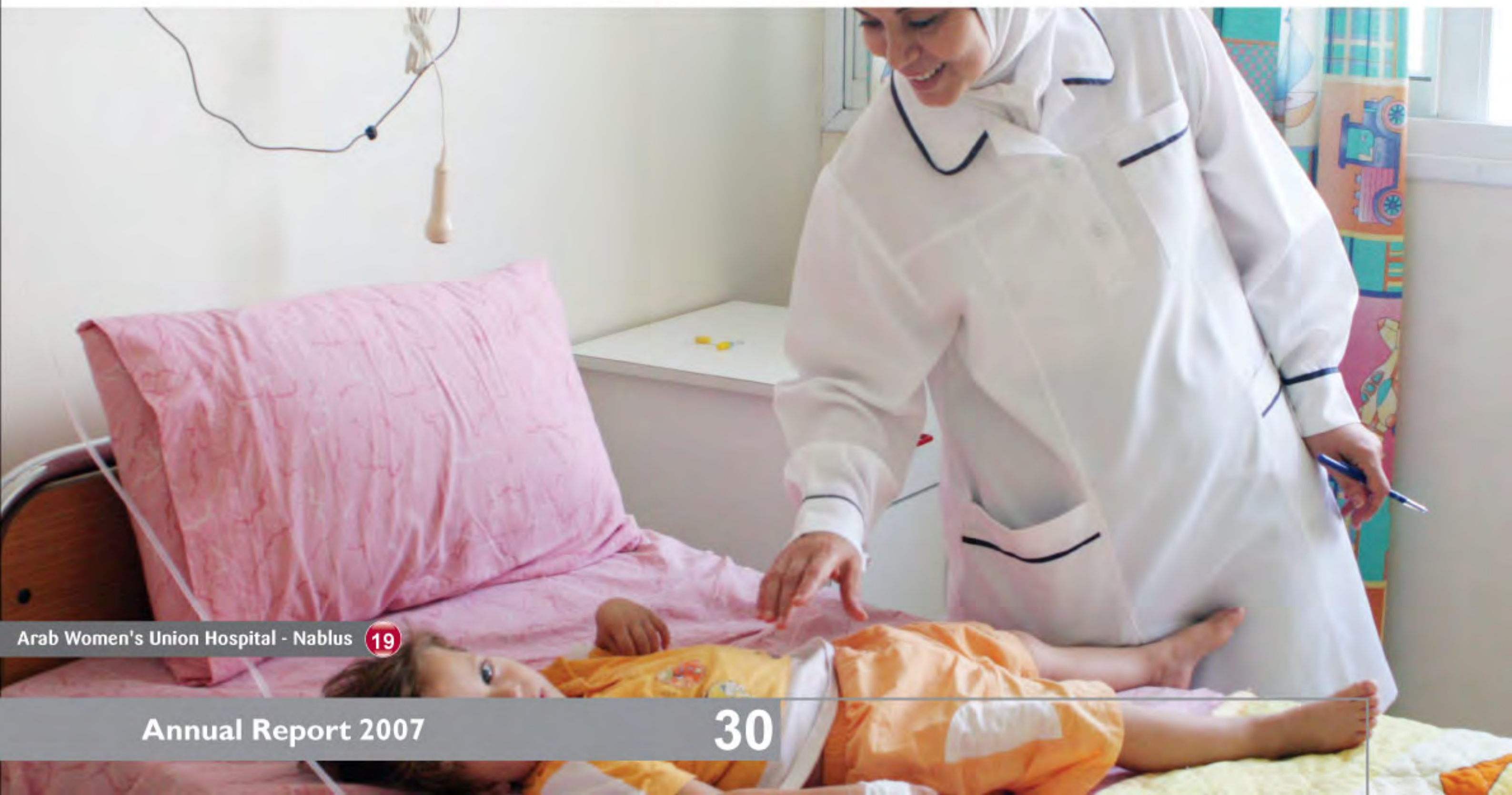


Emergency medicines: During July and August 2007, medicines were distributed to 40 patients with chronic diseases from the different Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon. In addition, emergency medications and medical supplies were also purchased for government health facilities to ensure health care provision for the poor across the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Awareness raising activities: In Palestinian communities in Lebanon, 12 health education sessions were conducted for 600 women to increase their awareness on risks of vectors and epidemics. In addition, 4 sessions were held with 43 young persons on risks of smoking and substance abuse, and 14 sessions were held for 153 children on topics like personal hygiene, adolescence, sun stroke, water pollution and others.

Specialized services: Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza purchased mammogram equipment and was supplied with some basic medicines. A project to establish a surgical department in Al-Audah Hospital was initiated. In addition, seven medical equipment were supplied to Azzoun Emergency and Obstetrics Hospital and Jenin Charitable Society for the Disabled and Handicapped. An advanced radiology machine was procured for St. Luke's Hospital in Nablus and eye surgery and laser treatment equipment was provided for Patient's Friends Society in Tulkarem.

Training activities: Five Palestinian doctors completed their second year of training at the Jordan University Hospital in Amman in a variety of important specializations. In addition, a school health program was launched with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, through which 40 West Bank schools were identified to improve their environmental health conditions, train joint student-teacher health committees and provide the required technical aids to students with visual and hearing impairments.



School Health Program:

The program generally aims at providing health services, such as screening tests, treatments and technical aids to students of 40 public schools in the West Bank, promoting health-related knowledge and behaviours, improving the school environment and sanitary facilities and enhancing students' nutritional behaviours through the following means:

1. Training courses for 30 health workers in education departments and the targeted schools.
2. Medical screening and provision of treatment for detected cases in the 40 schools.
3. Health education sessions with students and parents, in addition to activating the role of health committees and environmental clubs in the targeted schools.
4. Implementation of a number of projects to improve the school environment where needed

The estimated number of students benefiting from these activities is about 20,000, in addition to 200 teachers and administrators and hundreds of parents.

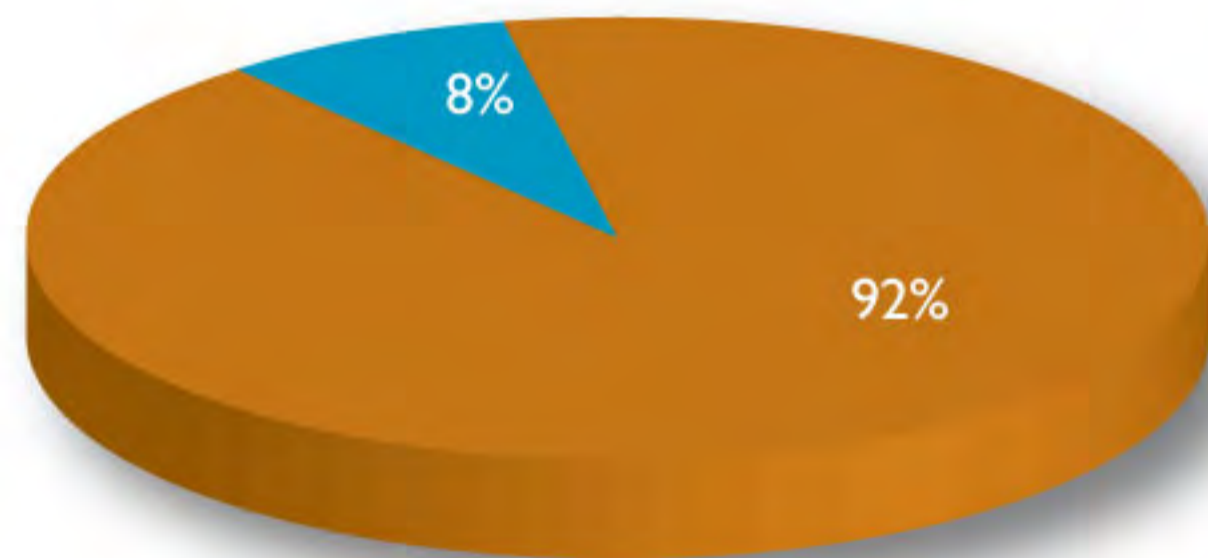
This \$200,000 program is funded by sister organization WA-UK and is being implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, Ministry of Health and several health NGOs.



Hearing Aids for School Children 20

Expenditure by region

Expenditure on projects within the health and nutrition sector in 2007 was about \$1.96 million, with 92% spent on projects in the West Bank and 8% in Lebanon.



List of beneficiaries and program partners in 2007

West Bank:

Al-Makassed Hospital – Jerusalem, Al-Makassed Islamic Charitable Society – Jerusalem, Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation, Culture Social Charitable Society – Nablus, Health, Development, Information and Policy Institute, Lutheran World Federation\Augusta Victoria Hospital – Jerusalem, M. Ali Muhtaseb & Sons Association/M. Ali Muhtaseb Hospital – Hebron, Ministry of Health, Palestine Red Crescent Society – Nablus, Patient's Friends Society/Al-Ahli Hospital – Hebron, Patient's Friends Society – Tulkarem, St. Lukas Hospital – Nablus, Palestine Children's Relief Fund – Ramallah, Union of Health Care Committees – Nablus, Zakat Committee – Nablus.

Lebanon:

Health Care Society – Beirut, Popular Aid for Relief and Development.



Legislation, Policy and Advocacy

To support the adoption and implementation of developmental policies and legislation, raise Palestinians' awareness of their rights and advocate for efforts to defend them.

Poster Produced by Baladna Society - Haifa

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Overview

The rule of law has been seriously undermined since 2000 within the general context of the inability of the PA to ensure personal security to residents of the West Bank and Gaza due to the constant military incursions of Israeli occupation forces, settlement expansion and other ongoing violations of international human rights and humanitarian law. In this context, advances that had been made in the initiation of national policies, legislation and regulations across sectors, the population's compliance with domestic laws and regulations, as well as human rights compliance in Palestinian society, have suffered.

Particularly, advances in women's rights, children's rights, rights of the disabled, cultural heritage protection and rights of the poor and marginalized face being overwhelmed by the struggle for national as well as individual survival, while donor interest is diverted to addressing the constant emergency humanitarian problems. However, as more and new international donors become ever more involved in humanitarian assistance and development aid and in political efforts to promote durable peace in the area, the international community has become keenly interested in addressing the core problems behind the situation of deteriorating human security. Advocacy for rights of Palestinians in the 1948 areas as well as in Palestinian camps in Lebanon are also included in this work.

Technical assistance and coordination and networking mechanisms are required to empower civil society organizations to advocate for social change within their sectors and across sectors with the local, national and international communities. Donors and international visitors on "fact-finding" missions are important channels for reaching governments to communicate the Palestinian situation. WA also has an important role -- and responsibility -- in translating and communicating its knowledge and experience for greater impact.

WA work within this sector is especially focused in East Jerusalem and the 1948 areas. Since the occupation of Jerusalem, Jerusalemites have been living under systematic policies and measures aimed at illegally annexing the city through land confiscation, settlement building, house demolition, mobility restrictions, residency rights restriction and ID withdrawal, collection of heavy taxes, construction of the Apartheid Wall and impairment of socio-economic and cultural development of Palestinians in the city. In the absence of any formal Palestinian reference body to address the issues of Palestinians in Jerusalem, there has been a pressing need to intervene through the available NGO resources in order to reinforce fortitude of Jerusalemites and preserve their rights and the Arab character of their city. However, this also requires strengthening and enhancing the performance of NGOs and assisting them in developing their financial and human resources, as well as in creating coordination and networking mechanisms to prevent duplication of services and conflict of information.

In the 1948 areas, surveys have shown large-scale violations of the rights of Palestinians, demonstrating systematic discrimination rooted in the official and legal institutions. The most serious impact of these policies is their effect on the legal framework that regulates relations of Palestinians to their lands and properties, as well as their basic human rights to quality health, education, employment and housing services without discrimination.



WA focuses its efforts in this sector on supporting interventions that contribute to the following key results:

1. Palestinians are more informed of their political, civil, social, economic and cultural rights and better equipped to advocate for their realization.
2. Palestinian human rights NGOs operate competently and effectively to defend the rights of Palestinians.

Main achievements in 2007

Awareness-raising: WA has supported the work of the Civic Coalition for Defending Palestinians' Rights in Jerusalem (CCDPRJ), which has established several legal aid clinics in the city, held conferences and produced a number of educational publications and other activities to raise awareness among Jerusalemites of their rights and how to secure and protect them.

Networking: Various meetings were held throughout the year with diplomats, visitors from international organizations and delegations to discuss the strategies of civil society organizations for protecting the rights of Palestinians in Jerusalem. Meetings were also held with the Union of Arab Community-Based Organizations, Ittijah, in the 1948 areas to coordinate efforts to defend human rights of Jerusalemites and a series of workshops were organized among civil society organizations to strengthen collaborative advocacy efforts.

Capacity building: Training workshops were held to strengthen documentation, monitoring and building of specialized capacity in advocacy to support the campaigns for defending the human rights of Palestinians. A consultancy group was contracted to develop financial and administrative systems and manuals for the 18 CCDPRJ member organizations. The WA also supported the upgrading of office equipment and website development for these organizations.

Lobbying and advocacy: Meetings were held with a number of donors to advocate and mobilize support for access to the city, housing, education, residency and other basic rights in Jerusalem. In cooperation with WA-UK, WA's sister organization, British Parliamentary and other delegations were hosted and introduced to the Palestinian situation and visited projects in the city implemented by WA partners.

Legal services: In addition to the establishment of the legal advisory clinics for legal services and promotion of field coordination among human rights organizations, WA supported a legal study of the impact of the Jerusalem Israeli municipality's 2020 plan for Jerusalem.



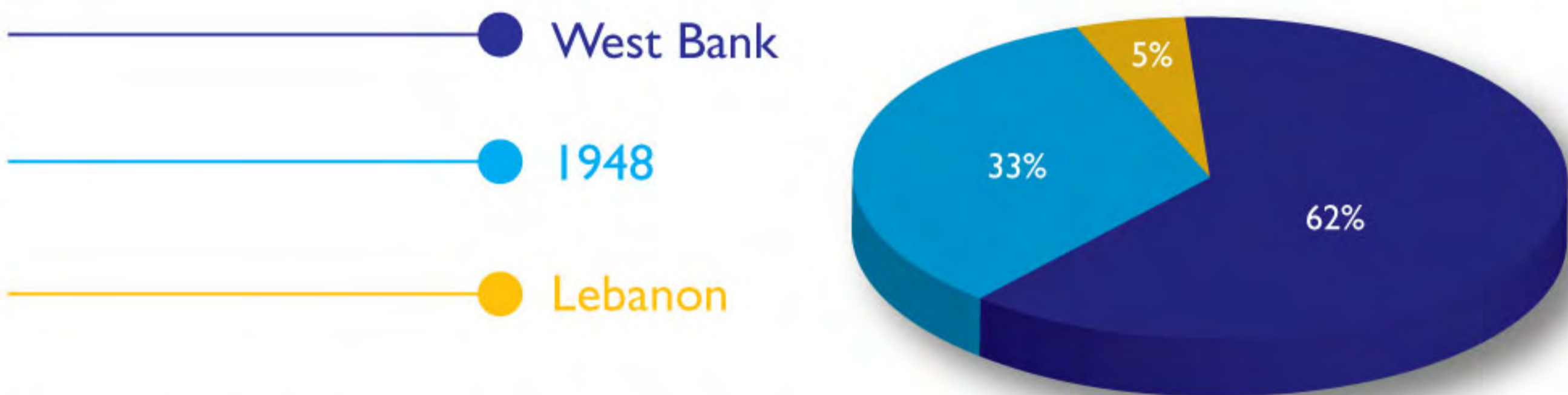
Even the Genie... Against Recruitment

The Youth Coalition against Civil Service and the Society of Arab Youth – Baladna, with support from WA, produced the first of three promotional films for a campaign aimed at educating youth about the risks of being recruited for the Israeli civil service scheme. Entitled "Even the Genie is Against Recruitment," the short educational film sheds light on various aspects of state discrimination against Arab Palestinian citizens in Israel. The campaign also produced a series of brochures and organized public and arts activities.



Expenditure by region

Expenditure on projects within this sector in 2007 was about \$605,000, with 62% spent on projects in the West Bank, 33% in the 1948 areas and 5% in Lebanon.



List of beneficiaries and program partners in 2007

West Bank:

Civic Coalition for Defending Palestinians' Rights in Jerusalem.

The 1948 areas:

Arab Society for Human Rights Nazareth, Association for the Defence of the Rights of the Internally Displaced Persons in Israel, Society of Arab Youth/Baladna – Haifa, Mada Al-Carmel/Arab Center for Applied Social Research, The Arab Council for Education and Culture – Naqab.

Lebanon:

Institute for Palestine Studies – Beirut.



Agriculture and Environment

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



Tomato Farms - Toulkarm

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Overview

Agriculture is vital to the lives of many of Palestine's population of 3.9 million. Latest national figures put the annual value added of agricultural production of the Palestinian Territory at around \$408 million, indicating the crucial role the agricultural sector plays in ensuring job opportunities and employment, and in achieving food security for Palestinian families who depend on agriculture for small family-supported domestic projects. In the last seven years, agricultural interventions have been instrumental in responding to the ongoing emergency situation, particularly in relation to high rates of unemployment, poverty and food insecurity.

The agricultural sector is the third largest sector in terms of labour force in Palestine, absorbing 15.2% of formal labour force (about 117,300 persons in 2005) and 39% of labour force not registered formally. In recent years and due to Israeli restrictions on Palestinians' access to areas inside the Green Line, most unskilled labourers who have lost their jobs in Israel have been re-absorbed by the agricultural sector. In addition, the prevailing political and economic situation has forced many households to return to subsistence agriculture.

At the same time, agricultural production and capacities have been severely compromised by Israeli occupation measures. Israeli settlements in the West Bank, combined with the extensive network of settler roads, closed military areas and restrictions on Palestinians accessing their own land, dominate more than 60% of the West Bank. Hundreds of thousands of dunums of high quality productive land now lie behind the Apartheid Wall, inaccessible to farmers. Since September 2000, Israeli military tanks and bulldozers have destroyed thousands of dunums of agricultural land and uprooted more than 2 million productive trees.

Palestinians in the WBGS also face deteriorating environmental conditions and loss of biodiversity. Recent reports note that 25% of Palestinians in the oPt do not have sufficient access to water. More than 70% of the population is not connected to a sewerage network. Access is denied to wastewater treatment plants or landfills in several municipalities; in other instances, the Israeli military has closed landfills. Across the West Bank, transportation distances have risen as a result of roadblocks, resulting in a proliferation of temporary, environmentally hazardous dump sites. Given the extent of the crisis in the agriculture and environment sector, the NGO sector plays a critical complementary role to the Ministry of Agriculture, Environment Quality Authority and related governmental agencies in this sector.

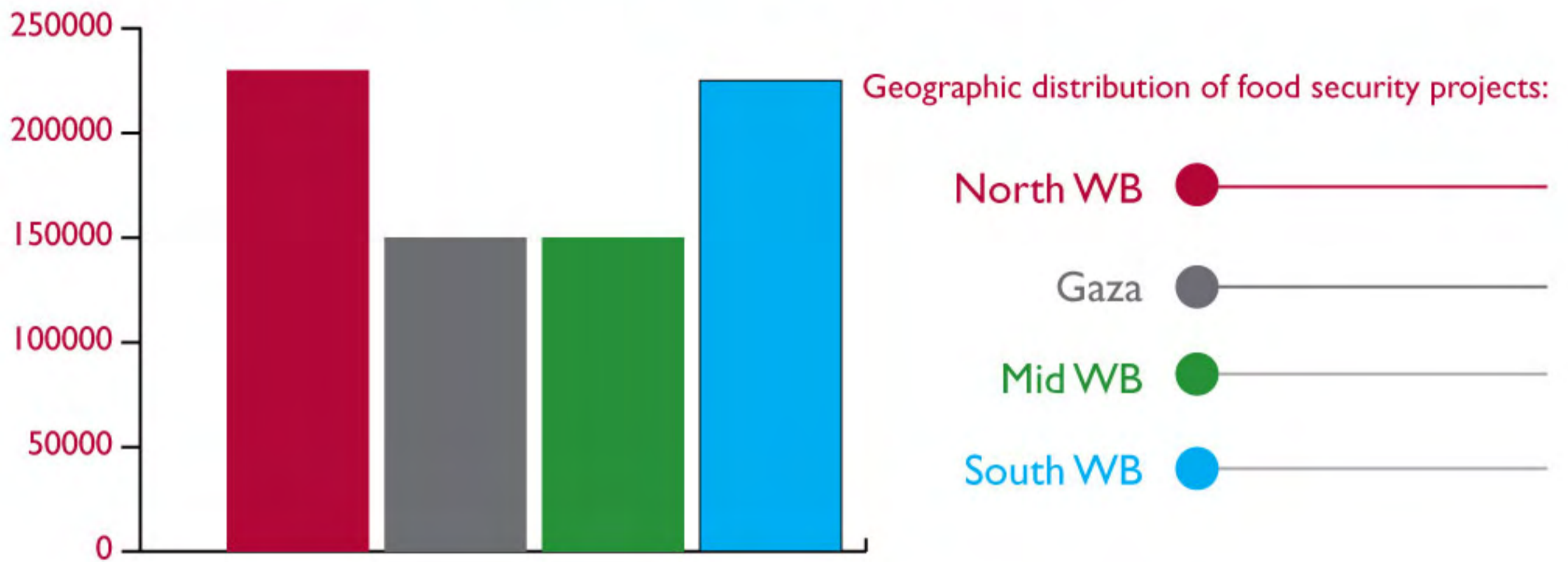
Welfare Association's efforts in this sector are directed in support of projects and programs which contribute to the following key results:

1. Families in need are better able to secure their daily needs through sustainable agriculture.
2. Green zones are expanded through reclamation and cultivation of affected and targeted areas for the benefit of farmers.
3. The number of farmers practicing sound and sustainable agriculture and protecting the environment are increased.



Main achievements in 2007

Food security: Over 570 families in the West Bank and Gaza Strip benefited from WA-supported projects and programs for food security; projects included the development of home gardens, construction of water collection wells and waste water treatment units and support for home-based food production projects for income generation. In addition, over 1,000 women benefited from training activities on a variety of subjects including sustainable agriculture practices, agricultural production, waste water treatment station operations and maintenance and small-scale income generation and marketing projects.



Land reclamation: WA supported the reclamation of over 620 dunums of agricultural land and the construction of 50 agricultural wells in the Jenin area. Land reclamation was also supported in Jalboun and Beilin villages that have been severely affected as a result of Israel's continued construction of the Apartheid Wall inside the West Bank. In the Naqab, WA supported the planting of olive trees on 10 dunums of land that is under threat of confiscation.

Training: Nearly 600 farmers across the West Bank and Gaza Strip participated in WA-supported training programs on sound and sustainable agriculture, marketing, goat farming and disease prevention.



Distributing Barbed Wires for Home Gardens - West Bank 26

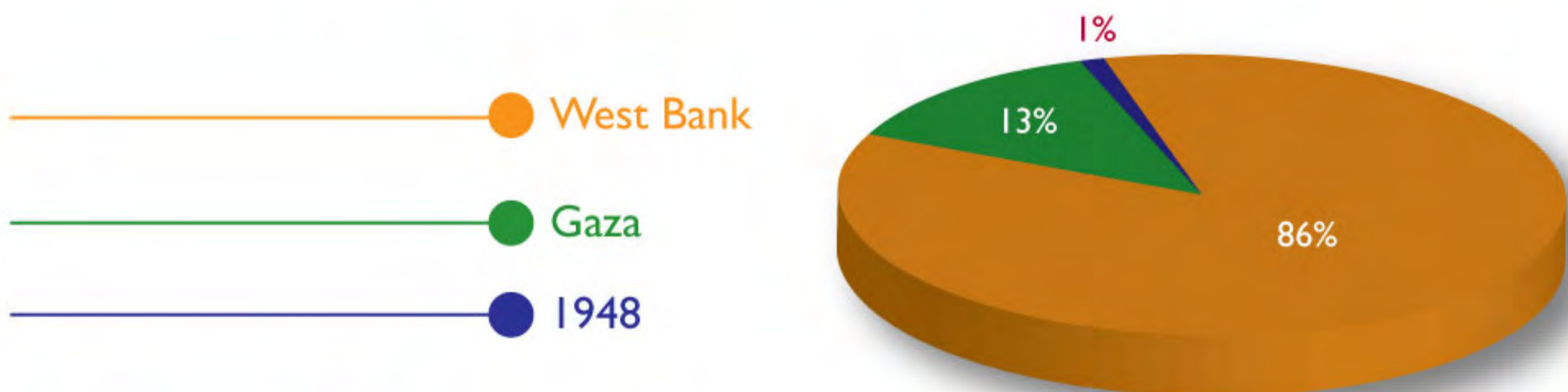


Land Reclamation Near the Separation Wall

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Expenditure by region:

Expenditure on projects within this sector in 2007 was over \$1.39 million, with 86% spent on projects in the West Bank, 13% in Gaza Strip and 1% in the 1948 areas.



List of beneficiaries and program partners in 2007

West Bank:

Agricultural Development Association, Arab Center for Agricultural Development – Ramallah, Cooperative Society for Development of Livestock, Fandaqumiya Village Council, Jenin Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Society, Land Research Center/Arab Studies Society, Maan Development Center – Ramallah, An-Naqoura Village Council – Nablus District, Palestine Wildlife Society, Palestinian Hydrology Group, Palestinian Wastewater Engineering Group, Palestinian Water Authority, Union of Agricultural Work Committees.

Gaza:

Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC) – Gaza, Alahleya Society for Development of Palm & Dates, Maan Development Center, Union of Agricultural Work Committees.

The 1948 areas:

Ahali Center for Community Development.



Emergency and Humanitarian Assistance

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



Distribution of School Bags - Qalqilya

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Overview

As a result of 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 is continuously at risk. Military incursions, sieges, demolition of houses and public properties, severe shortages in food and medications and other life essentials, loss of livelihoods, skyrocketing unemployment, and deep poverty are a daily reality for Palestinian communities across the WBGS.

In the past several years, access for international humanitarian organizations has also deteriorated significantly due to the proliferation of checkpoints, closures and increasingly restrictive procedures at border crossings and check points. In Lebanon, Palestinians also face crisis conditions, most recently due to the latest war with Israel and the siege and fighting in Nahr El-Bared Refugee Camp.

Ensuring the survival, protection and dignity of those living in emergency conditions through rapid and effective response remains an overall priority for the WA. The WA responds to ongoing and chronic emergency needs of the Palestinian people whether resulting from political, social or economic conditions, through support for various humanitarian assistance and relief programs.

WA efforts in this sector seek to contribute to the following key results:

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

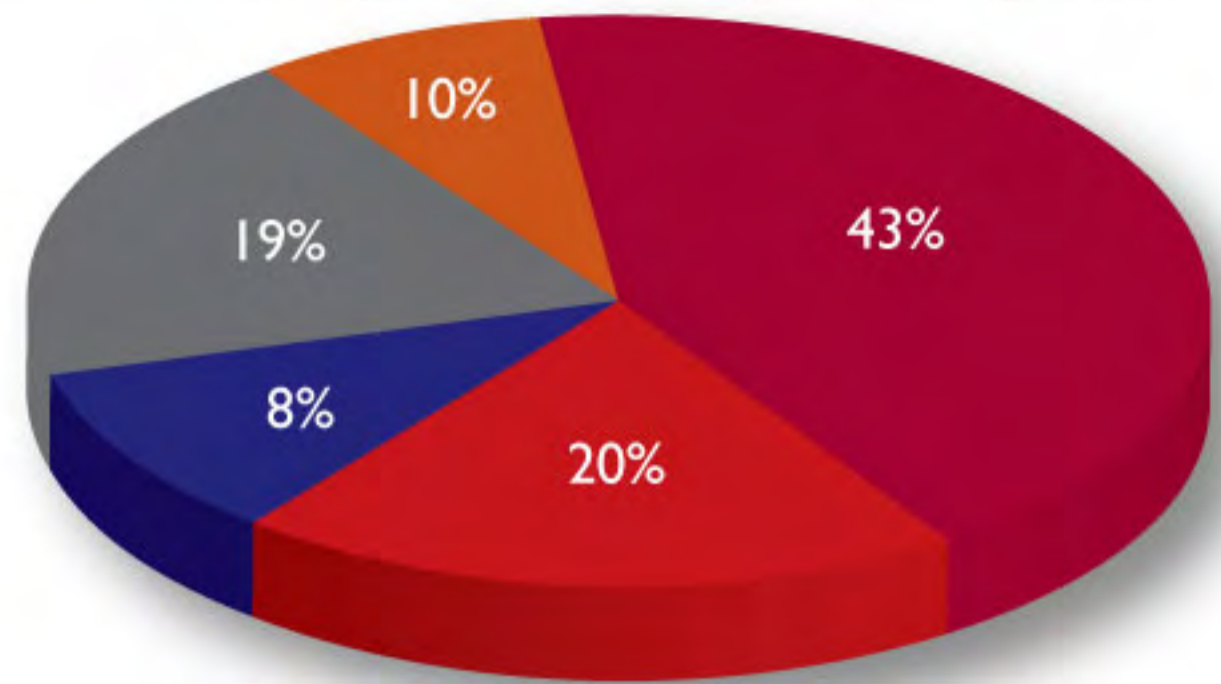
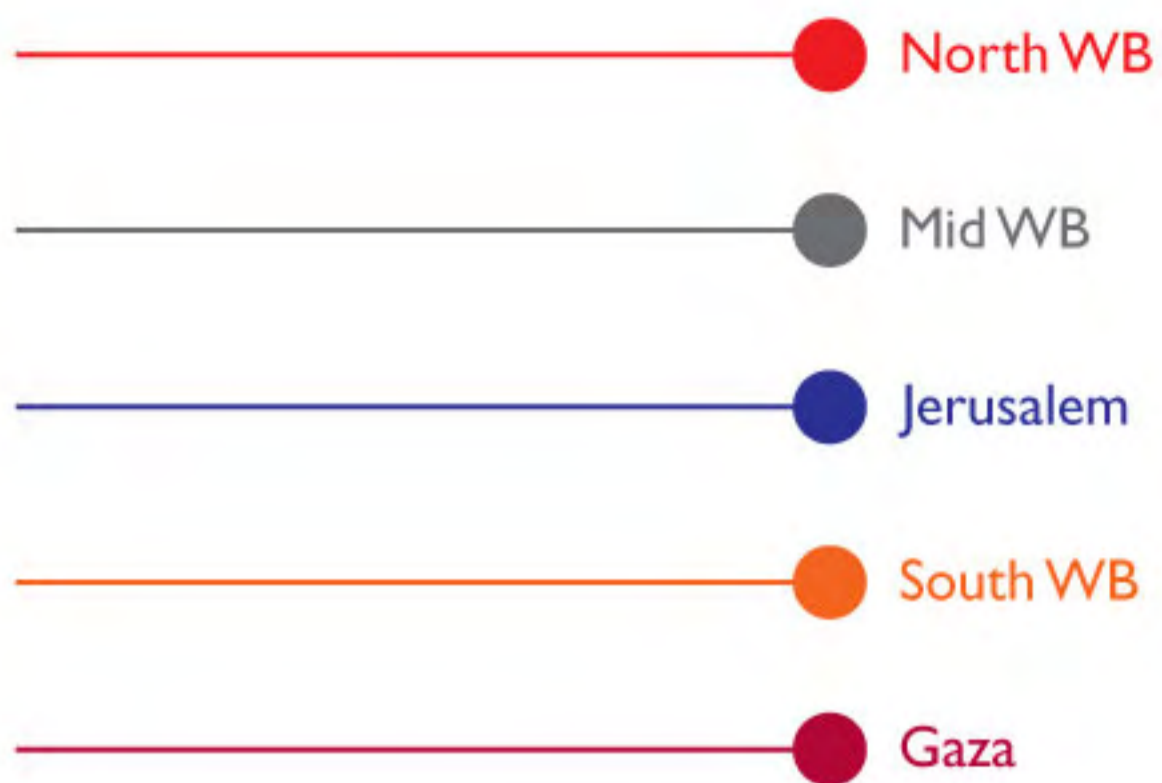
During the first half of 2007, WA responded quickly several times to crisis situations in Gaza Strip and the West Bank, as well as in Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon. Several relief campaigns have been launched, including the Nablus campaign, Nahr El-Bared Refugee Camp campaign, Gaza relief campaign, and the campaign in support of Al-Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza. Total funds raised through these campaigns exceeded \$700,000.

Main achievements in 2007

Support to needy families (Family-to-Family) project funded by WA Friends Committee – Dubai: Launched in mid-2005, this project provides direct cash assistance to needy families to help alleviate economic suffering, especially for households headed by widowed women or those where the main income earner was detained by the Israeli occupation. The project also assisted in providing assistance to orphans and poor children, especially in times of holidays. In 2007, the project distributed more than \$1.9 million in assistance to 16,000 families facing severe poverty in the different regions. (See figure below.) The project also distributed 20,000 school bags for the 2006/2007 school year to students in the West Bank and Gaza Strip as well as in the 1948 area at a cost of about \$200,000.



Geographic Distribution of Families benefited from “Family to Family” Project



Relief services to people displaced from Nahr El-Bared Refugee Camp – Lebanon: In response to the exceptionally harsh conditions suffered by the Palestinian refugees in Nahr El-Bared Refugee Camp, WA launched an urgent relief campaign to offer assistance to people displaced from the camp by providing them with food, clothing and basic medicines. Funds were also directed in support of the provision of safe drinking water and emergency sewerage, as well as psychosocial support to assist the displaced, especially children, in coping with the difficult conditions. Support aimed also at helping university students from the camp in completing their education.

In coordination with UNRWA, National Institute for Social Care and Vocational Training, Brotherhood Association for Cultural and Social Work, Norwegian People's Aid and Health Care Society, medicines were purchased and secured for about 350 patients with chronic physical and mental illnesses; medical and vital supplies and equipment and technical aids were provided to 165 persons with special needs; direct assistance was offered to 28 families for renewal of their income generation projects; university tuition fees were covered for 101 students; and 200 pairs of shoes were distributed to children from different age groups.

In addition, three workshops were organized in Beirut, Biddawi camp and Sidon to raise health awareness and promote the basics of emergency response and management for 90 participants, representing 30 NGOs. Recreational activities were organized for 320 children, including a summer camp for 42 young persons from the displaced families.

Gaza campaign: With the aim of alleviating the suffering of the Palestinians in Gaza Strip and marginalized areas, several activities were conducted in 2007 to secure meals and clothing for children. In collaboration with the United Palestinian Appeal (UPA), \$225,000 was raised as emergency humanitarian assistance for Gaza Strip. Funds ensured daily hot meals for 843 needy children in 12 kindergartens in Deir Al-Balah area, in addition 73767 hot meals were distributed in north Gaza benefiting 730 children, as well as the provision of food packages to over 2,580 families in need in Beit Hanoun and Beit Lahya in Gaza Strip.



Sewage Disaster, Um Nasr - Gaza

Nablus campaign: In February 2007, WA launched a campaign to support Nablus City in the aftermath of the Israeli incursion. The campaign sought to support the affected families through house repairs, distribution of basic food supplies during the curfews and after the incursion ended, provision of medicines, treatment of injured persons and covering the cost of alternative temporary housing for those displaced from their homes.

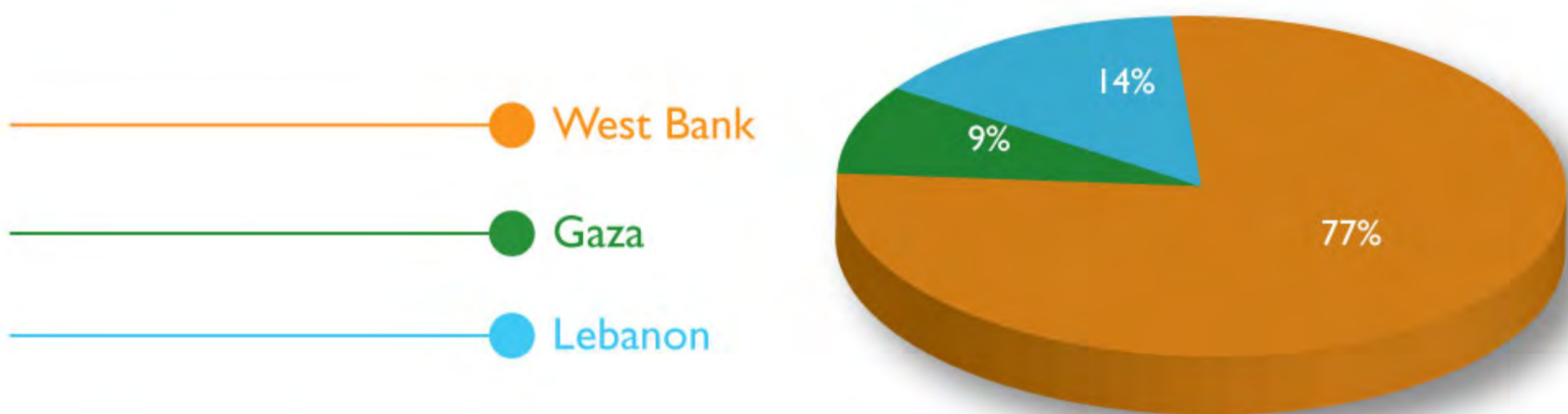
Palestinian refugees on the Iraqi-Syrian borders

In response to the emergency humanitarian situation suffered by Palestinian refugees who fled Iraq under death threats and found shelter on the Syrian-Iraqi borders, WA in cooperation with UNRWA offered \$100,000 in emergency assistance to implement a relief project to alleviate the suffering of 350 persons living in Tanaf camp and 304 persons living in Hoal camp.

Within this project, basic services were provided to the residents of Tanaf camp located in the 'no man's land' on the Iraqi-Syrian border, including health, education, social services and relief services and others. In Hoal camp, which has relatively better living conditions compared to Tanaf since it is located inside the Syrian territories, training in sewing is being offered to women in the camp and camp residents are receiving training in computer use.

Expenditure by region

Expenditure on projects within the emergency and humanitarian assistance sector in 2007 was about \$4.99 million, with 77% spent on projects in the West Bank, 9% in Gaza Strip and 14% in Lebanon.



List of beneficiaries and program partners in 2007

West Bank:

American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), Arab Orthodox Sports Club, Charitable Health Association for All, Civil Committee of Nablus Governorate, General Union of Palestinian Charitable Societies, Inash Al-Usra Society, Palestinian Medical Relief Society, Union of Charitable Societies – Jerusalem, Union of Palestinian Women's Committees.

Gaza:

Al-Ata Benevolent Association - Beit Hanoun, Al-Bait Assamed Society, Al-Quds Society for Social Services, American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), Deir Al-Balah Rehabilitation Society, Future Society for Deaf Adults, Gulf Educational Society, Jabalya Rehabilitation Society, Gaza Cultural and Development Group, Palestine Red Crescent Society.

Lebanon:

Association for the Development of Palestinian Camps, Community Based Rehabilitation Association, UNRWA, National Institute for Social Care and Vocational Training, Norwegian People's Aid, Health Care Society – Beirut, Palestinian Student Fund (PSF), Palestinian Arab Women League, Al-Najdeh Association, Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Foundation, Popular Aid for Relief and Development.

Media and Research

In 2007, WA activities were widely publicized in the media, attracting the attention of most major media outlets and public interest:

- 106 news articles on WA were published in local, regional and international media in 2007. These can be accessed from the website: http://www.welfareassociation.org/english/WA_in_News.htm
- 42,124 visitors browsed the WA website: www.welfareassociation.org
- 1,647 searches were conducted on WA's website.
- 77 updates were added to the WA website.

Research, Studies and Documentation

- Development of the three-year strategic plan 2008 - 2011.
- Production of 23 Years - A Legacy of Benevolence: Analytical Overview.
- A comparative summary of major evaluations assessing WA performance.
- Renewal and upgrading of the WA library and posting of its documents on a special website: <http://lib.jwelfare.org/webopac/arabic/main.aspx>, in addition to developing an effective lending system.
- Implementation of a number of evaluation studies, collection of success stories, mapping of WA interventions in the different sectors and publication of various training materials, brochures and reports for dissemination to concerned parties.



The 2007 Achievement Award (The Late Abdul Aziz Al Shakhashir Award)

Overview

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

Award categories

- The Welfare "Philanthropy" Award-- in recognition of distinctive contributions by institutions and personalities over the years thus enabling the Association, as a leading Palestinian non-governmental development and humanitarian organization, to achieve its aims and carry out its mission.
- The Welfare NGO "Achievement" Award-- presented to civil society institutions that have achieved distinguished accomplishments in various developmental fields in service delivery and capacity building.
- The Welfare "Excellence" Award-- presented to prominent individuals world-wide who have shown distinction in promoting the Palestinian development process in human, cultural, and science fields.

Award Committee for 2005 - 2008

Nabil Qaddumi – Chair
Riad Kamal, Said Khoury, Mamdouh Aker

2007 Jury Committee

Samia Al- Botmeh,
Walid Nammour, Samir Baidoon

Winner of the 2007 Achievement Award: The Palestinian Counselling Center

The Palestinian Counselling Center (PCC) was announced as the winner of WA's 2007 Achievement Award at a reception organized during the Board of Trustees meeting on 18 November 2007. The PCC was established in Jerusalem in 1983 and provides mental health services in Palestine through training and counselling services. The Award was received by the Center's director, Ms. Rana Nashashibi, in the presence of Dr. Tawfiq Shakhashir, representing Al-Shakhashir family, Mr. Riad Kamal representing the Award Committee and Ms. Samia Al-Botmeh, representing the jury committee. The cash prize of \$50,000 was donated by Mr. Akram Abdul Aziz Shakhashir.



Director of PCC Receiving The 2007 Achievement Award 31

Financial Report

Financial Report

WA continued to successfully mobilize and disburse financial resources despite the many changes taking place both nationally and regionally, particularly in Lebanon and the Gaza Strip. Program expenses remained the same despite the significant decrease in revenues (donations and grants) estimated at 44% compared with last year. This apparent deficit was covered by revenues from investments which contributed to a \$3.96 million increase in WA's overall financial assets.

Looking forward to the coming three-year period, WA has managed to tap on new funding sources in support of program expenses projected in the 2008 - 2011 strategic plan approved and endorsed by the Board of Trustees. Moreover, thanks to the efforts of its board members, WA's endowment continued to grow, up from \$59 million in 2006 to \$73.4 million by the end of this year. WA also continued to successfully minimize operational costs, allowing 94% of the total expenditures to be spent directly on program and project operations.

Revenues

Operational revenues (donations and grants) for this year reached \$43.86 million, including \$25.44 million in grants for restricted use; the rest were annual fees and bank interests. This significant decrease from revenues achieved in the previous year (\$60.27 million) is primarily due to the reduction in funding from Arab sources, which shifted towards working directly with the Palestinian Authority. Nevertheless, WA funding sources have become more diversified and it is expected that WA will be able to secure all funds required for implementation of the 2008 - 2011 strategic plan.

Revenue sources	2007 compared to 2006	% of total
Donations to the endowment	+ 22% or + \$1.3 million	%16
Donations and grants	- 44% or – \$20. million	%60
Earned interests	+ 11% or + \$0.08 million	%2
Other revenues	+1% or + 0.60 thousand	%0
Profits from investments	- 67% or – \$0.96 million	%1
Change in investments value	+51% or +3.2 million	%21

Expenses

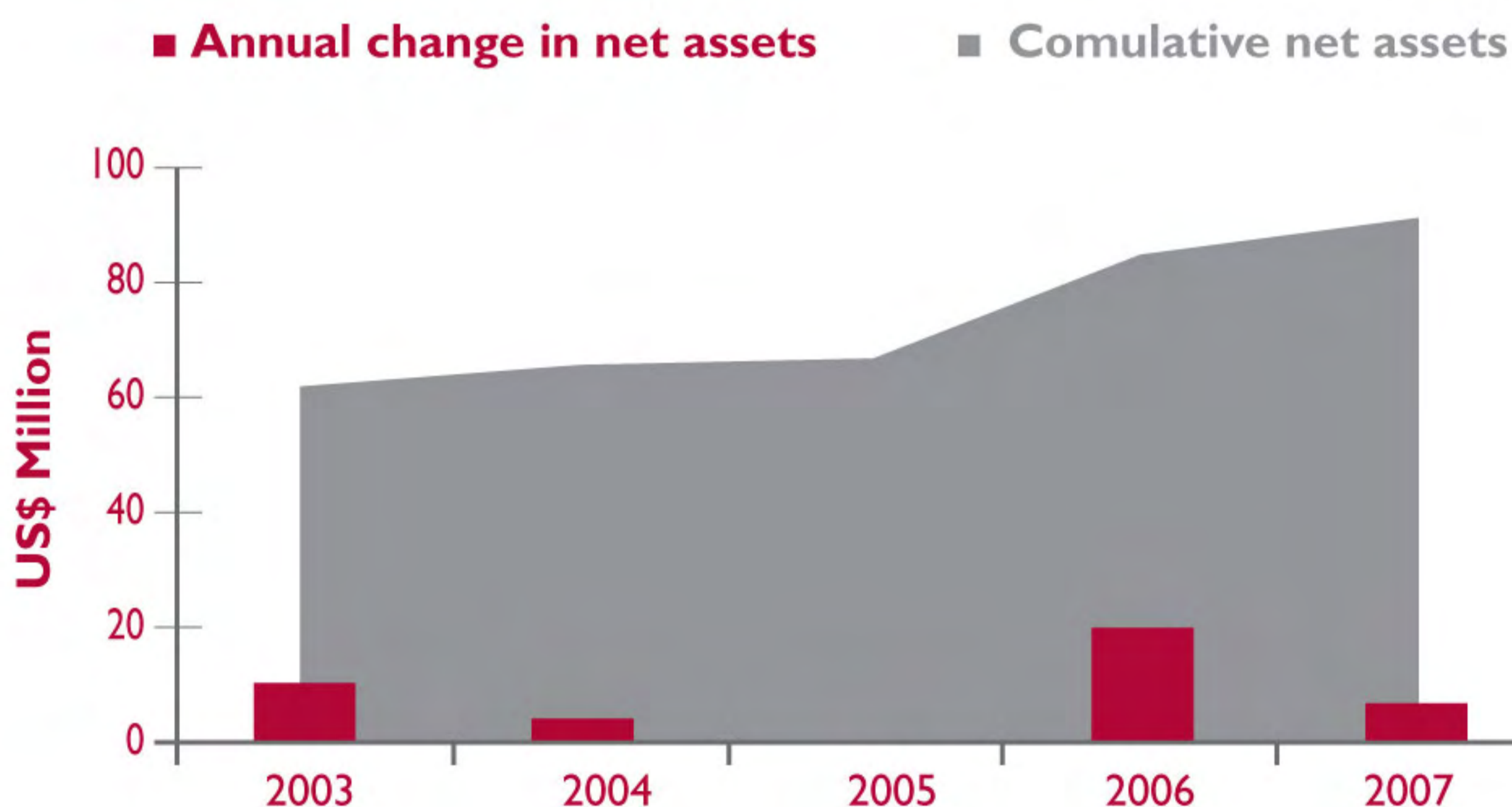
Program and project expenditures for 2007 exceeded \$37 million, with a \$1.6 million decline from the same amount for 2006. These expenses were distributed to eight sectors, with three sectors -- education, community development and emergency relief -- absorbing more than 80% from the total.

Fund disbursement	2007	2006
Program expenses (as % of total)	94%	%96
Agriculture and environment	\$ 1,393,172	695,550
Community development	10,112,444	5,728,021
Economic development	335,822	225,612
Education	15,151,261	3,475,063
Health and nutrition	1,955,777	5,754,336
Infrastructure, housing and reconstruction	2,537,415	3,475,063
Legislation, Policy and Advocacy	605,292	695,550
Emergency and humanitarian assistance	4,997,910	3,469,491
Other projects	-	1,052,171
Administrative costs (as % of total)	7%	%4

Amounts in the above table are in US\$.

Net assets

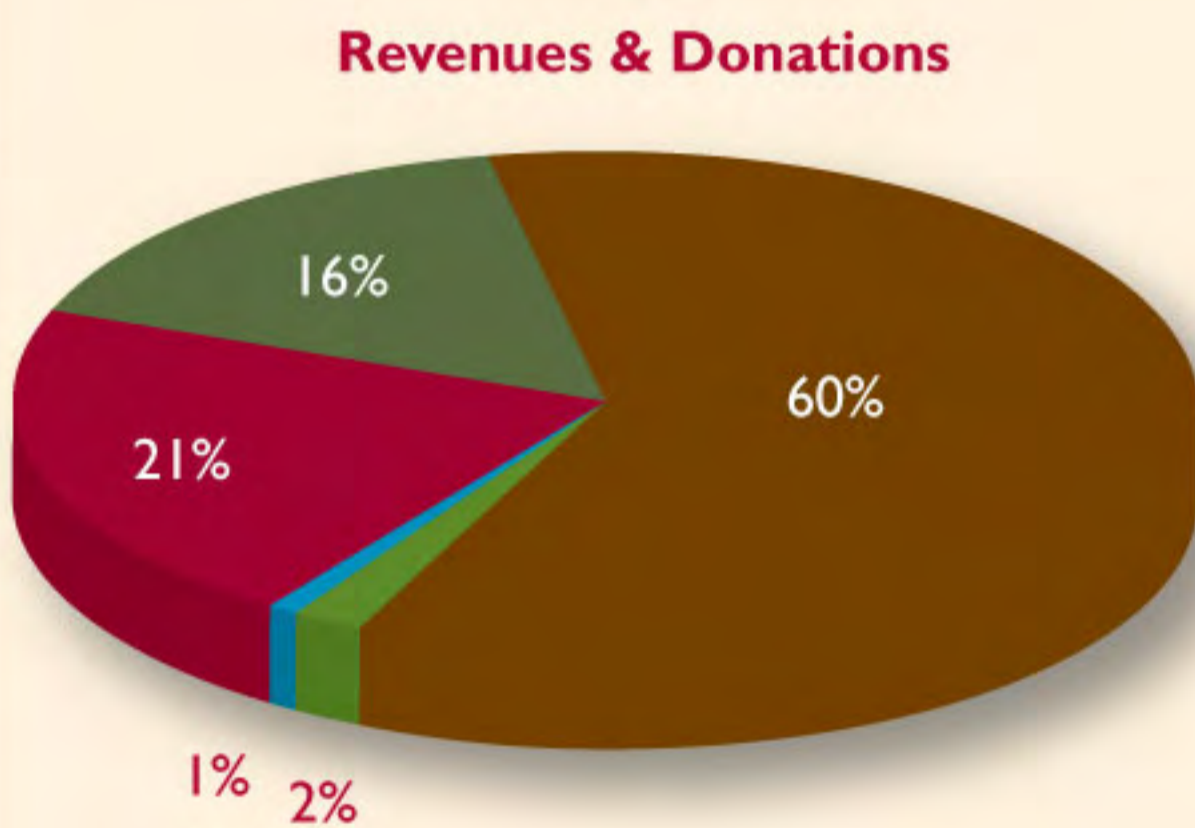
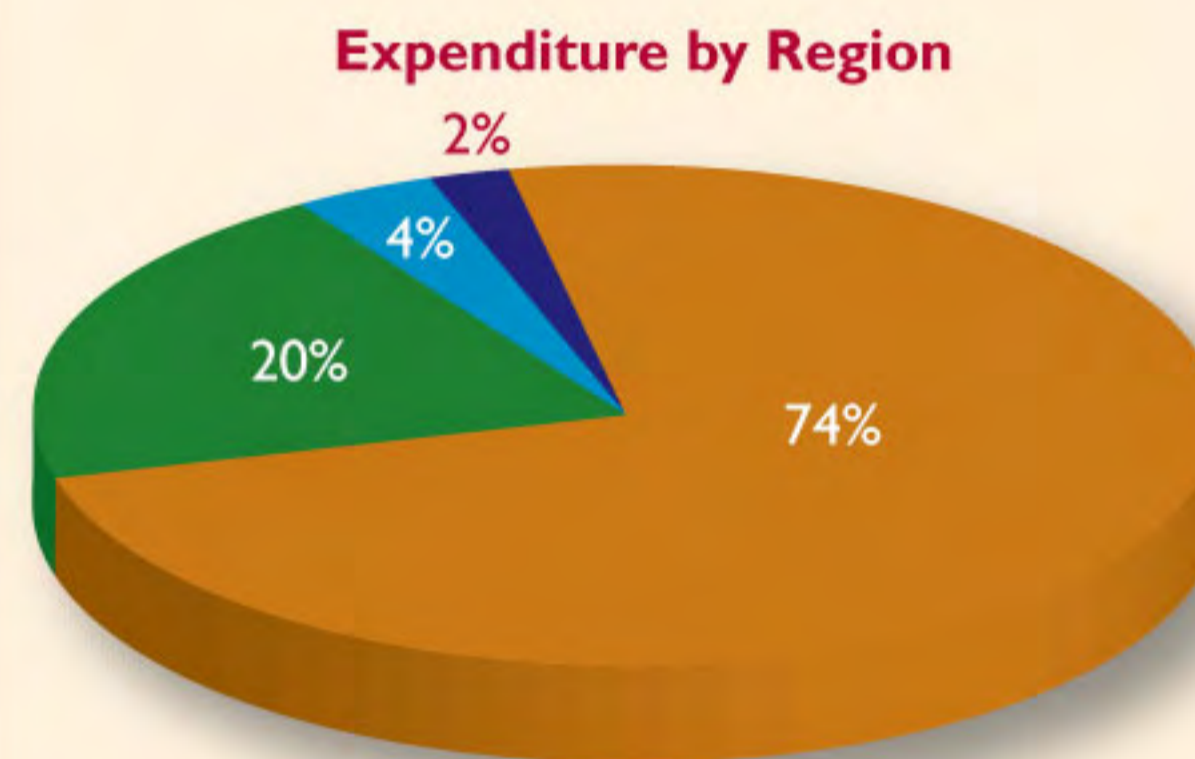
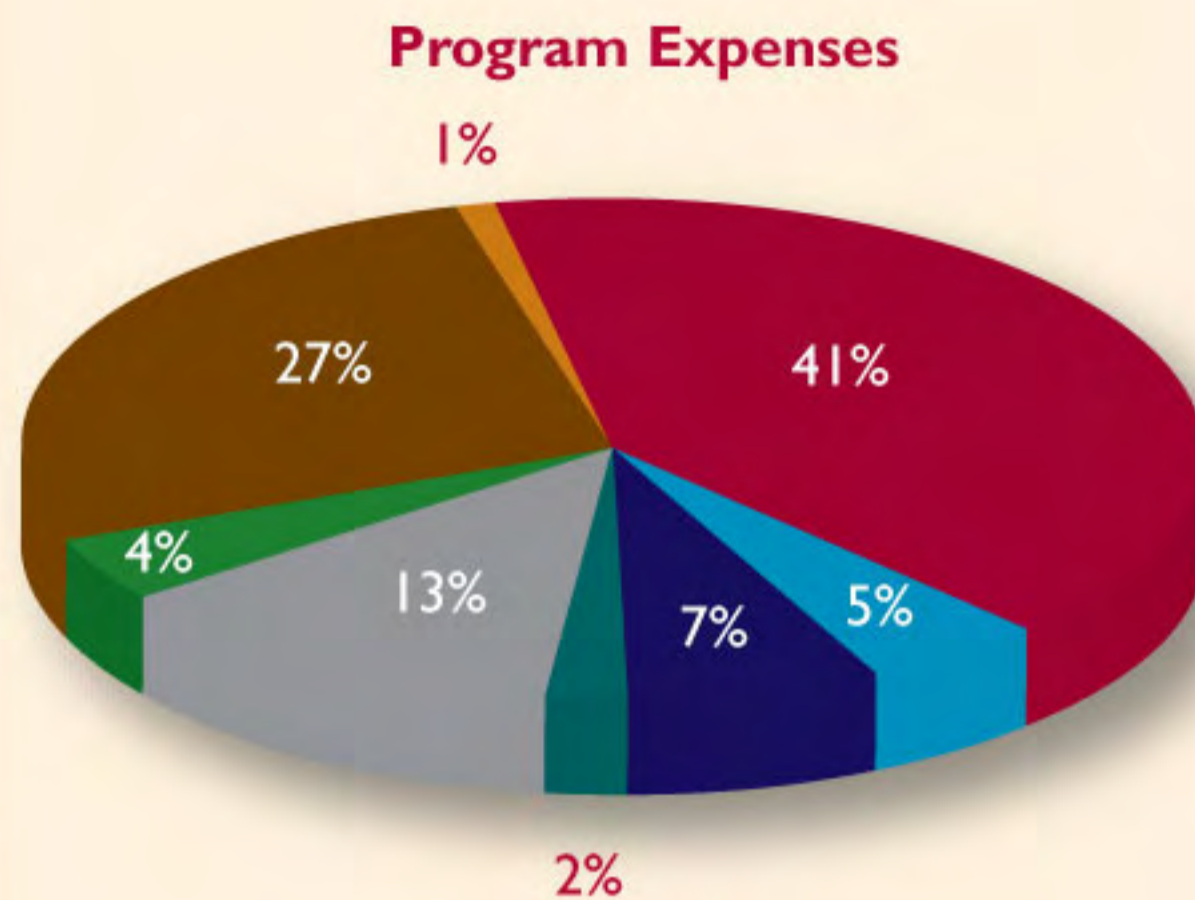
WA total net assets in 2007 increased by about \$3.96 million to reach \$91.34 million. WA's endowment increased to roughly \$73 million, representing 80% of its total net assets. The following figure demonstrates cumulative and annual changes in WA's net assets over the past five years.



Financial Report

Activities as of 31 / 12 / 2007

Item	2007 (\$1,000)	2006 (\$1,000)
Revenues and profits		
Donations to the endowment	7,191	5,880
Donations and grants	25,935	45,925
Earned interests	882	798
Other revenues	74	73
Profits from investments	462	1,426
Change in investment value	9,319	6,167
Total revenues and donations	43,863	60,269
Program and administrative expenses		
Program expenses		
Agriculture and environment	15,151	17,846
Community development	10,112	5,728
Economic development	336	226
Education	2,537	3,475
Health and nutrition	1,956	5,754
Infrastructure, housing and reconstruction	605	442
Legislation, Policy and Advocacy	1,393	696
Emergency and humanitarian assistance	4,998	3,469
Other projects	-	1,052
Total program expenses	37,088	38,688
Total administrative costs	2,478	1,763
Total program & administrative expenses	39,566	40,451
Devaluations	197	159
Foreign currency estimation	(235)	(46)
Interest	256	-
Investment fund management costs	115	67
Change in net assets	3,964	19,638



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The Welfare Association's work is made possible by those who generously share their resources and expertise. Listed here are a few of the many individuals, corporations, institutions, and government agencies that are partnering with us to support sustainable Palestinian development.

■ A.M. Qattan Foundation/Qattan Centre for Educational Research & Development ■ Acre Reparation Association - Akka ■ Adalah/The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel ■ Agricultural Development Association (PARC) ■ Agricultural Engineering Home Society ■ Agriculture Development Society ■ Ahali Center for Community Development ■ Al-Amal Association for the Deaf - Qalqalia ■ Al-Ibrahimiyyeh Community College – Jerusalem ■ Al-Najdeh Association ■ Al-Quds University ■ Al-Wath Wal Irshad Center ■ Al-Zakah Committee – Nablus ■ Alahleya Society for Development of Palm & Dates ■ Al-Amaan Center for Social Guide – Ramallah ■ Al-Amal Charitable Society – Bethlehem ■ Al-Amal Institute for Orphanage Society ■ Al-Aqsa University ■ Al-Aswar Association for Cultural & Social Development ■ Al-Ata Benevolent Association - Biet Hanon ■ Al-Azhar University ■ Al-Bait Assamed Society ■ Al-Dahreyeh Society for Rural Development ■ Al-Kamandjati Association ■ Al-Khalsah Social Association ■ Al-Makassed Islamic Charitable Society – Jerusalem ■ Al-Mirsat Association ■ Al-Nahdeh Womens Society ■ Al-Najah Community Colloge – Nablus ■ Al-Najah University – Nabuls ■ Al-Quds Club ■ Al-Quds Open University ■ Al-Quds Society for Social Services ■ Al-Rawdah Technical Community College – Nablus ■ Al-Tadamon Charitable Society ■ Altufula: Pedagogical Centre – Nazareth Nurseries Institute ■ Alummah College ■ Al-Wafa Rehabilitation Society ■ Al-Wedad Society for Community Rehabilitation ■ American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) ■ A'ndalib Al-A'mad Pilgrim College for Midwifery & Nursing ■ An-Na'sh Al-Usra Society ■ Arab Orthodox Sports Club ■ Arab American University – Jenin ■ Arab Association for Human Rights - Nazareth ■ Arab Center for Agricultural Development ■ Arab Center for Popular Arts ■ Arab Community College- Rafah ■ Arab Council For Education & Culture in the Naqab ■ Arab Counseling Center for Education ■ Arab Cultural Society – Nazareth ■ Arab Evangelical Episcopal School ■ Arab Palestinian Center – Twasol ■ Arab Society for Disabled – Jerusalem ■ Arab Society For Orphans – Tulkarem ■ Arab Studies Society ■ Arab Thought Forum ■ Ashtar for Theatre Productions & Training ■ Association for Arab Youth\Baladna – Hifa ■ Association for Educational & Social Initiatives in the Naqab ■ Association for the Defense of the Rights of the Internally Displaced in Israel ■ Association for the Development of Palestinian Camp ■ Association for the Revival of Palestinian Camps (INA'ACH) ■ Azzakat Committee – Nablus ■ Beer Al-Basha Village Council –Jenin ■ Beit Fajar Ladies Association ■ Beit Reema Cultural Center\Beit Reema Women Center ■ Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation ■ Bethlehem University ■ Bir-Zeit University ■ Blind Rehabilitation Society – Jenin ■ Blind Society ■ Bunian Association for Training ■ Burj AL-Luqluq Social Center Society ■ Burqa Club Sports ■ Care for Children with Special Needs Society ■ Central National Committee for Rehabilitation- Jerusalem ■ Centre for Jerusalem Studies\Al-Quds University ■ Charitable Association for Elderly and the Handicapped ■ Charitable Health Association for All. ■ Child Care Charitable Society – Tulkarem ■ Child Center for Development and Culture ■ Civic Coalition for Defending the Palestinians' Rights in Jerusalem ■ Civil Committee of Nablus Governorate ■ Civil Committee of Nablus Governorate ■ College of Applied Professions ■ College of Science & Technology - Khan Yunis ■ Committee for School Development\Kofer Neama Secondary Girls School ■ Community Based Rehabilitation Association ■ Community College of Applied Science & Technology – Gaza ■ Cooperative Society for Development of Livestock ■ Coordination Committee of the Community Rehabilitation Center- Gaza ■ Coptic Orthodox College – Jerusalem ■ Creativity of Palestinian Youth Charities ■ Cultural & Health Development ■ Cultural Center for Child Development – Tulkarem ■ Culture Social Charitable Society – Nablus ■ Dar Al-Kalmeh College ■ Deir Al-Balah Rehabilitation Society ■ Development of Palestinian child Society – Jenin ■ Dier Ibzai Cultural Association ■ District Council for Unrecognized Villages in the Naqab Area ■ Dumyana Quptic School ■ Early Childhood Resource Center ■ East Jerusalem Young Men Christian Association\YMCA ■ Ein Al-Beidah Society for Handicraft ■ El-Hakawati\Palestinian National Theatre –Jerusalem ■ Emleson Women Society ■ English Language Conference (IATEFL) ■ Evaluation & Community Studies\Women Unit ■ Faculty of Intermediate Studies ■ Family Defense Society ■ Friends School – Ramallah ■ Fundoqomeyeh Village Council ■ Future Builders Forum ■ Future Society for Deaf Adults ■ Future Youth Institute ■ Galile Society ■ Gaza Community College for Tourist Studies ■ Gaza Cultural and Development Group

■ Gaza Immediate Voluntary Relief Effort ■ Gaza Mental Program ■ General Union of Palestine Women
 ■ General Union of Palestinian Charitable Societies ■ Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Foundation ■ Gulf Educational
 Society ■ Halhoul Women Charitable Society ■ Handicapped Support Society ■ Hawwa Society Center for
 Culture& Arts ■ Health Care Society –Beirut ■ Hebron Chamber of Commerce and Industry ■ Hebron Nursing
 College ■ Hebron Rehabilitation Committee ■ Hebron University ■ Hewar\Arab Association for Alternative
 Education ■ Hisham Hihawi College of Technology ■ House of Fine Arts Cognition & Culture ■ Ibn
 Khaldun\Association for Research & Development ■ Ibn Sina Nursing College – Ramallah ■ Information and Policy
 Institute ■ Institute for Palestinian Studies – Beirut ■ Islamic Charitable National Society – Bethlehem ■ Islamic
 University ■ Ittijah\Union of Arab Community Based Associations ■ Jabalia Rehabilitation Society ■ Jenin
 Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Society ■ Jerusalem Princess Bassma Center for Disabled Children ■ Joint
 Community Services Council for Regional IT Center ■ Juzoor Foundation for Health & Social Development ■
 Land Research Center\Arab Studies Society ■ Love & Peace Home for Childhood & Motherhood- Ramallah ■
 Lutheran World Federation\Augusta Victoria Hospital – Jerusalem ■ M. Ali Muhtaseb & Sons Association\M. Ali
 Muhtaseb Hospital – Hebron ■ Ma'an Development Center- Ramallah ■ Mada Al-Carmel\The Arab Center for
 Applied Social Research ■ Makased Nursing College – Jerusalem ■ Martyr Abu Jihad College for Vocational
 Training ■ Masar\Institute for Education ■ Medical Aid for Palestine – Canada ■ Mercy Association for
 Children-Gaza ■ Ministry of Education and Higher Education ■ Ministry of Health ■ Ministry of National Economy
 ■ Ministry of Waqf & Religious Affairs ■ Modern Community College ■ Mothers' School Society/Palestinian
 Federation Women's Action Committee ■ Mothers School Society – Nablus ■ Mount of Olives Club ■ Nabeel
 Badran Handicapped Center ■ Nabila Breir Educational Foundation ■ Nablus Worker Women Society ■ Naqoura
 Village Council – Nablus ■ National Association of Social Medical Care Vocational Training ■ National
 Conservatory of Music ■ National Council for Development – Hebron ■ National Foundation for Health Social
 and Educational Services ■ National Institute for Social Care and Vocational Training ■ National Society for
 Rehabilitation-Gaza ■ Nazareth Committee of Art\Mawwal Center for Arts ■ Norwegian People's Aid
 ■ Palestine Association for Development Reconstruction (BADER) ■ Palestine Children's Relief Fund – Ramallah
 ■ Palestine College of Nursing - Khan Younis ■ Palestine Disability Forum ■ Palestine Economic Policy Research
 Institute (MAS) ■ Palestine Media ■ Palestine Nursing College/Society of Inash Al-Usra ■ Palestine Polytechnic
 University – Hebron ■ Palestine Red Crescent Society – Arabeh ■ Palestine Red Crescent Society – Nablus
 ■ Palestine Red Crescent Society – Ramallah ■ Palestine Technical College – Khadoury ■ Palestine Technical
 College – Ramallah ■ Palestine Technical Colleges - Al-Arroub ■ Palestine Technical Colleges- Deir El-Balah
 ■ Palestine Wildlife Society ■ Palestinian Arab Women League ■ Palestinian Academic Society for International
 Affairs ■ Palestinian Arab Women League ■ Palestinian Art Court\Al-Hoash ■ Palestinian Association for Cultural
 Exchange ■ Palestinian Center for Human Rights/ PCHR ■ Palestinian Child Care Society – Nablus ■ Palestinian
 Economic Council for Development and Construction (PECDAR) ■ Palestinian Housing Council ■ Palestinian
 Hydrology Group ■ Palestinian Medical Relief Society ■ Palestinian Society for Handicapped Rehabilitation – Gaza
 ■ Palestinian Sport Federation for the Disabled ■ Palestinian Student Fund (PSF) ■ Palestinian Theater Association
 ■ Palestinian Vision – Jerusalem ■ Palestinian Wastewater Engineering Group ■ Palestinian Water Authority
 ■ Palestinian Women Society for Family Care – Qaraara ■ Palestinian Women Union- Khan Younis ■ Patients
 Friend Society-Ramallah ■ Patient's Friends Society – Tulkarem ■ Patient's Friends Society\Al-Ahli Hospital –
 Hebron ■ Patient's Friends Society-Jenin ■ Popular Aid for Relief and Development ■ Popular Community for
 Refugees Services – Qalqilia ■ Qalandia Camp Women's Handicraft Cooperative ■ Rawdat El-Zuhur ■ Red
 Crescent Society – Gaza ■ Regional Committee for Community Based Rehabilitation- South West Bank
 ■ Research and Studies Centre\Badael ■ Riwaq Center for Architectural Conservation ■ Sanable Charitable
 Society – Hebron ■ Sant Lukas Hospital – Nabuls ■ Save The Children ■ Sawa\All the Women Together Today &
 Tomorrow ■ School of Community Health –Ramallah ■ Sharek Youth Forum ■ Sidra Association- Naqab ■ Social
 Association for Rehabilitation of the Handicapped ■ Social Development Society – Haifa ■ Social Works
 Committee Society –Tulkarm ■ Society of Dar Al Eman For the Care of Orphans – Qalqilia ■ Spafford Children's
 Center ■ Talitha Kumi College ■ Tammon Sport Club

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