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PALESTINE PROJECTS: SUMMARY

Violence throughout Palestine has severely affected the most vulnerable section of the population, the children. Many Palestinian children suffer from psychological trauma. Islamic Relief Worldwide has been providing humanitarian relief in Palestine since 1994, and Islamic Relief Palestine opened an office there in 1998. Long-term development projects in the region have included food distribution, medical relief and orphan sponsorship. Islamic Relief has also established educational enhancement centers, care programs for traumatized children and a school for the deaf.

After recent violence in Gaza, more than half a million Palestinians were displaced, and more than 2,000 people—many of them children—were killed. Tens of thousands of homes were destroyed or damaged. The Gaza Strip is still in ruins. Homes don't have roofs and buildings have gaping holes in them with little to no heat or electricity.

Currently, Islamic Relief USA is working with local partners to deliver aid to Palestinians.

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS (PAST AND PRESENT) INCLUDE:

UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY (UNRWA): Ramadan food distribution, Eid al-Adha meat distribution, emergency food distribution, household items distribution, sanitation, health care, psychosocial resilience

AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID (ANERA): Water system repairs, early childhood development

EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT: Improving the livelihood of youth in Gaza

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF JERUSALEM: Improving Al Ahli Hospital

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: Gaza transitional shelter

YOUR IRUSA DONATIONS DELIVERED TO PALESTINIANS IN 2014

TOTAL AID: \$7,880,071

FOOD AID: \$3 million

HEALTH: \$795,000

NON-FOOD ITEMS: \$3 million

EDUCATION: \$250,000

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE: \$485,071

EID AL-ADHA DISTRIBUTIONS: \$600,000

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES IN 2014: MORE THAN 190,500

YOUR IRUSA DONATIONS DELIVERED TO PALESTINIANS IN 2015

TOTAL AID: \$6,850,000

FOOD AID: \$1 million; 61,499 people helped

EDUCATION: \$800,000; 3,800 people helped

HEALTH: \$500,000; 16,839 people helped

NON-FOOD ITEMS: \$750,000; 74,700 people helped

WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE: \$2 million; 68,039 people helped

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT: \$1 million; 568 people helped

EID AL-ADHA: \$600,000; 49,923 people helped

RAMADAN: \$200,000; 11,782 people helped

SHELTER: \$506,800; 334 people helped

ORPHAN SUPPORT: \$1 million; 3,800 people helped

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES IN 2015: 287,150

ACTIVE IRUSA PROJECTS IN GAZA

FUNDING IN PROGRESS.

HELPING FAMILIES IN GAZA PREPARE FOR WINTER

BEGAN DECEMBER 2015

Location: Gaza

This project aims to help families prepare for cold, rainy weather well in advance for the 2016-2017 winter.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Distribute tarpaulin sheets
- Distribute nylon sheeting
- Distribute gas hot plates

INTERIM ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Refugee families in need of materials for emergency repair of their shelters have received nylon rolls and tarpaulin sheets

THIS PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO HELP 56,000 PEOPLE.

IMPROVING THE LIVELIHOODS OF YOUTH IN GAZA, PHASE II

BEGAN SEPTEMBER 2015

Location: Gaza

In partnership with Education for Employment, this project aims to facilitate livelihood opportunities and access to virtual jobs for youth in Gaza.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- 150 youth will be recruited and complete job training and placement program, with a goal of at least 60% placement in jobs or internships within the first six months after graduation.
- 600 university students will receive soft skills that will help them enter the job market (for example, writing a resume, interview skills, career counseling and personalized coaching)

GAZA URGENT WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

BEGAN SEPTEMBER 2015

Location: Gaza

In partnership with American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA), this project aims to improve access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene for Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Replace old and deteriorated water and waste water networks by installing urgently needed new networks in 5-7 areas
- Conduct hygiene supply kit distribution and education campaign

INTERIM ACHIEVEMENTS:

18 projects (9 water networks and 9 wastewater networks) in Beit Hanoun, Shajaia, Middle Area, Bani Suhiela, Khanyounis and Rafa al Shoka repaired old water or wastewater networks and added new extensions to connect unserved, poor neighborhoods to the main network:

- Approximately 16,000 linear meters of water pipes installed.
- 450 linear meters of waste water pipes installed.
- 160 manholes installed for waste water networks.
- 600 household water connections installed.
- 220 household waste water connections installed.
- 1,600 short-term labor jobs created through this work.

ABOUT 12,000 PEOPLE HAVE BENEFITED FROM THIS PROJECT.

UNRWA: INTERVENTION TO SUPPORT ORPHANED CHILDREN

BEGAN JUNE 2015

Location: Gaza

This project aims to help improve the quality of life for children orphaned by 2014 hostilities.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Provide a monthly allowance
- Distribute clothing
- Establish recreational activities for orphans
- Improve awareness with sessions across 5 governorates in Gaza
- Provide vocational training and support

INTERIM ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 1,000 orphaned children were provided with financial allowances of \$300 each for six months.
- 41 awareness sessions were held to provide support to 1,235 orphaned children's mothers and relatives.
- 1,000 orphans were provided with a package of winter clothes.
- 19 young women started attending vocational training courses in February 2016

THIS PROJECT IS HELPING 1,000 ORPHANS.

RIGHT START EARLY CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

BEGAN APRIL 2015

Location: Gaza

This project in partnership with American Near East Refugee Aid aims to improve the quality of early childhood care, education and development for preschool children.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Equip and renovate 10 preschools in Gaza (9 schools will be renovated and 1 destroyed school will be completely rebuilt)
- Train 50 teachers in early childhood development, active learning, positive discipline, child health, protection and nutrition
- Provide summer camps for 1,500 children that will incorporate sports, play, reading and health

INTERIM ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Full development of 5 preschools with renovation, provision of equipment, materials and toys
- Training and mentorship of 34 teachers and head teachers
- Provided more than 500 caregivers with 3 positive parenting sessions
- Developed and started the distribution of 1,500 "Hayya Naqra" ("Let's Read") packs for children to take home and enjoy

THIS PROJECT WILL HELP AN ESTIMATED 3,050 PEOPLE.

STRENGTHENING CHILDREN'S PSYCHOSOCIAL RESILIENCE

BEGAN JANUARY 2015

Location: Gaza

This project aims to provide mental health care to children and families affected by trauma during the summer 2014 hostilities in Gaza.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Provide 504 children ages 6-15 attending UNRWA schools with mental health care
- Provide 42 UNRWA school counselors and four supervisors with training to improve their capacity to work with children who have acquired disabilities and who have experienced trauma

INTERIM ACHIEVEMENTS:

- In northern Gaza, 357 children (214 boys and 143 girls, including 47 disabled children) received psychosocial support. The majority are showing signs of recovery, but still would need additional psychological rehabilitation.
- In the Gaza area, 101 students, including 95 injured (68 boys and 27 girls) and 6 disabled (3 boys and 3 girls), received counseling through 275 individual counselling sessions and 63 home visits.
- In the southern Gaza Strip, 72 children (49 boys and 23 girls, including 64 injured children and 8 disabled children) received psychosocial support to develop psychosocial resilience.
- 38 injured school children (13 girls and 25 boys) in the middle area received psychosocial support through 383 individual sessions and 35 home visits. 3 out of 38 children had become physically disabled as a result of the 2014 hostilities.
- 850 meetings with parents and 811 meetings with teachers were held by the 42 counselors to assist them in addressing the psychosocial needs of their children/students.

TO DATE, THIS PROJECT HAS HELPED 568 CHILDREN.





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