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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: \$8,356,800

FOOD AID: \$1 million; 333,356 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: 559,007

YOUR IRUSA DONATIONS DELIVERED TO PALESTINIANS TO DATE IN 2016

NEW COMMITMENTS DURING 2016: \$4,337,910.70

PAST PROJECTS CONTINUED: \$1,833,908

FOOD AID: \$2 million; 46,417 people helped to date

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/FOOD SECURITY: \$505,538; 38,423 people expected to be helped

RAMADAN: \$276,020.70; 59,041 people helped

EID AL-ADHA: \$250,000; estimated 8,064 people helped

ORPHAN SUPPORT: \$1,537,007; 4,077 people helped

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN: \$525,000; 2,202 people helped

EDUCATION: \$388,375; 3,366 people helped

WATER/SANITATION: \$689,878; 27,215 people helped

TOTAL BENEFICIARIES TO DATE IN 2016: 188,805

ACTIVE IRUSA PROJECTS IN GAZA: FUNDING IN PROGRESS.

GAZA RURAL RECOVERY PROGRAM

Location: Gaza

Began October 2016

This project aims to aid in the economic recovery of rural areas in Gaza by restoring agricultural productivity of 100 farms destroyed during the 2014 war in Gaza; work conducted in partnership with American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA).

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Distribute 160 locally made solar ovens, which can cook a meal for a family of 7-8 in less than 3 hours on a sunny day, saving money that would have been spent on cooking fuel
- Rehabilitate 430 dunams of agricultural land by clearing, leveling and preparing soil, and installing/repairing irrigation systems
- Provide farming supplies needed to replant fruit trees and vegetables
- Hire local workers to repair 10 km of agricultural roads in hard-hit areas of rural Gaza

THIS PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO HELP ABOUT 38,000 PEOPLE.

EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE GAZA STRIP 2016-2017

Location: Gaza

Began March 2016

This project aims to provide impoverished Palestinians with their basic food requirements through our implementing partner UNRWA.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Distribute the following to impoverished families (amounts vary based on income level): flour, rice, oil, sugar, dried milk, lentils, chickpeas and sardines

THIS PROJECT HAS HELPED 46,417 PEOPLE TO DATE.

HELPING FAMILIES IN GAZA PREPARE FOR WINTER

Location: Gaza

Began December 2015

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

Location: Gaza

Began September 2015

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
- 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)

INTERIM ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 3 job-training programs completed in sales, project management and virtual jobs; 75 students graduated and 39 were placed in paid internships.
- Work readiness training provided to 398 students at 5 universities in Gaza.

THIS PROJECT HAS HELPED 473 PEOPLE TO DATE.

GAZA URGENT WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Location: Gaza

Began September 2015

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
- Conduct hygiene supply kit distribution and education campaign

INTERIM ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Water network installed in Al Zarqa and Al Mashahra areas of Gaza City, providing new water supply lines to 1,200 homes. Work included:
 - Installation of 10,543 linear meter of water pipes and 420 household connections
 - Installation of 27 manholes, and maintenance/replacement of water gate valves
 - 25 water/sanitation/hygiene awareness sessions were conducted and brochures distributed to 1,200 families
 - Distribution of hygiene kits to 1,200 families
- Installed water and wastewater networks in Beit Hanoun, Gaza City, Al-Mughraga, Nuseirat, Buriej and Al-Shouka. Work included:
 - Comprehensive renovation of a water well in Beit Lahia
 - Maintenance works of Al Attatra water well which entailed replacement of manifold fittings, chlorine unit, vertical pump 100 m³/hr and building renovation
 - Restoration of 1,900 linear meters of water pipes, 164 water connections, 4 manholes and gate valves
 - Installation of 3,976 linear meters of wastewater pipes and 132 wastewater connections
 - 17 water/sanitation/hygiene awareness sessions were conducted and brochures distributed to 650 families
 - Distribution of hygiene kits to 650 families in the targeted areas

THIS PROJECT HAS HELPED MORE THAN 27,000 PEOPLE TO DATE.

UNRWA: INTERVENTION TO SUPPORT ORPHANED CHILDREN

Location: Gaza

Began June 2015

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

Location: Khan Younis, Deir El Balah, Jabalia Refugee Camp, Rafah, Beit Lahia, Shuja'iah and poor areas in Gaza City
Began April 2015

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

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Equip and renovate 10 preschools in Gaza
- 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:

- 11 preschools renovated and equipped with furniture, playground equipment, toys and learning materials, benefiting 1,812 children
- 1,812 children received "Hayya Naqra" ("Let's Read") packs
- 1,812 children received opportunity to participate in spring camps and extracurricular activities
- 63 teachers were trained and mentored, and 6 more received resources
- 1,008 parents attended 3 positive parenting training workshops; resulting skills will indirectly benefit more than 3,000 children
- 10 summer camps held, benefiting 103 volunteers and teachers
- 30 animators trained

THIS PROJECT HAS HELPED 2,883 PEOPLE TO DATE.

STRENGTHENING CHILDREN'S PSYCHOSOCIAL RESILIENCE

Location: Gaza
Began January 2015

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.

ANNUAL PROJECTS

FEED THE FASTING DURING RAMADAN

RAMADAN

Location: Gaza

This project aims to support refugee families with Ramadan food packages.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Distributed food packages to impoverished families; packages included canned fava beans, cheese, halawa, jam, tea and dates.

IN 2016, THIS PROJECT HELPED MORE THAN 30,000 PEOPLE.

SUPPORTING GAZA FAMILIES DURING EID AL ADHA 2016

EID AL-ADHA

Location: Gaza

This project aims to work in partnership with UNRWA to aid in mitigating food insecurity as well as enabling families to celebrate Eid at a time of increasing difficulty in Gaza by providing meat.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Distributed meat for Eid to impoverished families.

IN 2016, THIS PROJECT HELPED ABOUT 8,000 PEOPLE.

ONE-TO-ONE ORPHAN SPONSORSHIP

YEAR-ROUND

Location: Various

This project helps guardians pay for orphans' necessities such as food, clothing and education costs.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Provides support on a regular basis to orphans' guardians.

IN 2016, THIS PROJECT HELPED 2,427 CHILDREN.



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