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**Cover photo:** Children playing during a psychosocial activity, organized by the psychosocial support program of NECCCRW Gaza. Gaza beach, Gaza.

## Foreword

I am pleased as the chairperson of DSPR Central Committee to share with you our Annual Report for 2013. DSPR/MECC continued throughout the year to undertake projects and activities with Palestinian refugees, in keeping with its original mandate. Given, however, the worsening situations in the region and overall, DSPR has given special attention to the plight of Syrian refugees and the most needy, irrespective of their backgrounds. At this time of great tribulation, we affirm our belonging to our societies through continued witness as citizens sharing responsibilities and accepting challenges. Our partners with whom we share the same vision and values are essential to our witness and sharing with our compatriots during these difficult times. I also acknowledge the commitment and dedication of all in DSPR from my colleagues in the Central Committee to the local Area Committees, their Executive Directors and all of their hard working staff members. To each and every one of our partners and DSPR/MECC I offer my sincere thanks and appreciation.

**Dr. Audeh Quawas, Chairperson DSPR.**

The year 2013 was another year in an era of difficult transition throughout the region. Transitions call on us, and our partners, to firmly link up with each other in order to face the challenges. The good we are seeking from our work and partnerships is for the benefit of Palestinian refugees and needy others as our societies find the way hopefully towards a future of peace and reconciliation, stability, equality, justice and respect for the basic human rights of individuals and groups. DSPR/MECC remains committed to service and to reach out in the five different geographic areas in which we work. We see our work as identification with the challenges facing our societies and as important with empowering Palestinian and Syrian refugees and the neediest among us to overcome the difficulties of life with dignity and hope. It is the support and solidarity of our partners as well as the commitment of all in DSPR that make our work possible. Thank you each and every one.

**Dr. Bernard Sabella, Executive Secretary, DSPR Central Office.**

'DSPR' emerged as an ad-hoc group from 1948 as locally formed groups and Area Committees responded to the first wave of Palestinian refugees. In 1951, the creation of NECCRW (Near East Council of Churches for Refugee Works) provided a formal regional organizational 'umbrella' with central office to which six Area Committees affiliated (Egypt left in 1980). DSPR was registered in Cyprus in 1970 and became part of MECC (Middle East Council of Churches) when it was established in 1974.

DSPR's raison d'être persists. Continuing conflict, recurring emergencies and repeated displacement together with natural population growth of Palestinians has meant the refugee issue and related concerns has not only been unresolved but continued to grow over this period.

The vision of DSPR is based on diakonia applied to sustain the efforts of Palestinians to lead dignified lives and to strengthen their communities. Services are rendered on the basis of need; refugee youth, women and children have been the priority focus groups throughout, but other marginalized categories have also been assisted. The DSPR program has evolved from earlier relief distribution (still required for new emergencies) to service delivery and development. The special identity and traditions of DSPR set it apart from most voluntary agencies working with the Palestinians. It remains a distinctive ecumenical joint endeavor of international and local churches. (DSPR Evaluation: Executive Summary).

DSPR has evolved differently in each of the five geographic areas throughout its lifetime. Each Area has its own Committee (Area Committee) whose members are nominated by the respective Heads of Churches that constitute the Four Families of Churches joined together in the Middle East Council of Churches.

These Area Committees are:

- The International Christian Committee (ICC – West Bank).
- International Christian Committee in Israel (ICCI – Galilee).
- The Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Lebanon (JCC - Lebanon).
- The Near East Council of Churches Committee for Refugee Work (NECCRW - Gaza).
- The Near East Council of Churches Committee for Refugee Work (NECCRW - Jordan).

DSPR believes that the right of return is a basic human right of for all Palestinian refugees and that they should be part of the decision-making process to resolve their refugee status, in line with United Nations resolutions. DSPR's vision is of a pluralist Palestinian society, and similarly of the Middle East, which guarantees equal opportunities for all citizens, based on the ideals of justice, equality of rights, opportunities and freedoms. DSPR's mission is to promote the socio-economic development and just rights of Palestinian refugees and needy communities in the Middle East.

## Enhancing the wellbeing of Palestinian mothers and children: Gaza

*Children and their families living in the West Bank and Gaza are among the Middle East's most vulnerable populations. The health of children is particularly at risk and the World Health Organization has expressed concern over the state of public health care in the West Bank and Gaza. Food insecurity is also on the rise; girls and boys under the age of five are particularly vulnerable with one in 10 suffering from stunting. Unemployment among Palestinians is also steadily increasing and currently stands at around 23 percent. (1. [http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGlp14E/b.6153151/k.5AE1/West\\_Bank\\_and\\_Gaza\\_Strip.htm?msource=weolpgaz1112](http://www.savethechildren.org/site/c.8rKLIXMGlp14E/b.6153151/k.5AE1/West_Bank_and_Gaza_Strip.htm?msource=weolpgaz1112) (Last Updated October 2013).*

Established in 1952, the main objective of NECCCRW Gaza's health program is to provide high quality primary health care services in poor.

### Highlights of Gaza's Ongoing Crisis:

- Gaza is affected by one the most serious energy crises in recent years, with potentially serious humanitarian ramifications (1.7 million people (entire population) affected by fuel shortages).
- Since 1 November 2013, following the shutdown of the Gaza Power Plant as a result of a lack of fuel, households are experiencing power outages of up to 16 hours per day.
- The operation of all 291 water and wastewater facilities has been affected, leading to sewage spills of tens of thousands of cubic meters in various locations, including in a residential area of Gaza City. (40% receive water once every three days for six to eight hours. At least 3,000 people affected as a result of one sewage spill in Gaza city.)
- Shortages of affordable fuel used to operate backup generators have severely disrupted the normal functioning of critical hospital functions, such as emergency rooms, operating theatres, and neo-natal care. (1.7 million people (entire population) affected by disruptions to health facilities.)
- While immediate mitigating measures are being sought to support the most critical functions, medium and longer-term solutions are urgently needed to avoid even greater humanitarian risks and improve the living conditions of average households. (1.1 million people receive food aid). [http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha\\_opt\\_gaza\\_crisis\\_sitrep\\_24\\_nov\\_2013\\_english.pdf](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ocha_opt_gaza_crisis_sitrep_24_nov_2013_english.pdf)

NECCCRW Gaza Committee was established in 1952 launching a humanitarian program to assist Palestinians who took refuge in the Gaza Strip following Israel's establishment in 1948. NECCCRW provides quality primary health care services in poor, overpopulated, and remote areas that have little or no available health services. NECCCRW Gaza offers preventive and curative free of charge services, with a focus on mother and child health care and education towards health and environmental awareness (hygiene, vaccination, etc.) Antenatal and postnatal care and a Well-Baby clinic to follow up children's development until the age of



six years are also provided. Dental services for mothers and children, nutrition education, home visits after delivery, a psychosocial support program, malnutrition and anemia program, and family planning services are also included.

Two family health care centers in the areas of Shija'ia and Darraj serve each a poor community of approximately 80,000 people, where existing provision of medical services is inadequate. In the rural area of Rafah, in Kherbet El Adas, where provision of medical services is non-existent by other providers. NECCCRW Gaza serves a population of approximately 12,000 people at its third center. The centers have medical stocks and a laboratory, thus operating in a medically linked manner.

In 2013, NECCCRW Gaza had 27,693 families registered at its three clinics. 10,121 children attended Well-Baby clinic services and 20,155 patients in total were examined by a doctor as cases, and the total number of patient visits was 40,357: the same patient may attend the clinic more than one-time per/year. The number of newly registered families in 2013 stood at 1,509 with a total of 9,074 families benefitting from the Primary Health Care Centers. NECCCRW Gaza is the only provider in Gaza who systematically follows-up all its patients with post natal care visits at home or in the clinics. A total of 2,054 post natal visits were provided in 2013. All clinics are equipped with fixed dental units such as check-up, X-ray (no x-ray), filling, extraction, scaling and treatment and minor surgery (no minor surgery) for four days per week. During 2013, 6,260 patients received dental care. 1,243 were children under 6 years of age and 1,477 expecting mothers were screened during well-baby days and antenatal care days respectively.

## Enhancing the wellbeing of Palestinian mothers and children: Gaza

Within the framework of the malnutrition and anemia project, between 35% and 20% (depending on the area) of the children visiting the family centers were found to be anemic. Adequate treatment and follow up were undertaken with quite positive results overall. The children suffering from malnutrition averaged between 17% and 12% of those visiting the clinics. Treatment and follow up for these children were put in place, again with overall positive results. A total of 1,287 children received treatment (including iron, milk, and vitamins) and follow-up while mothers were informed about nutrition.

### Medical services for mothers and children at Shija'ia Family Center in Gaza

NECCCRW Gaza is very active in running educational sessions in order to increase the awareness of the served population on topics related to hygiene, environment, breast feeding, etc. Indeed, in 2013, a total of 2,114 educational sessions were held in NECCCRW clinics, community based organizations, or kindergartens which reached 32,789 participants, a sample of whom were asked to answer pre-test and post-test questions in order to assess the impact of the educational sessions.

Etaf is 60 years elder female living in Darraj area-Gaza city. She is a widow living in a small house, under very bad, non-healthy conditions where ventilation is lacking. She suffered from a very hard economic situation as she is a chronic patient with hypertension and diabetes mellitus. She used to attend Darraj clinic to receive the health services either measuring blood pressure, FBS, medication. She received home visits when she couldn't come to the clinic, our staff visited her in her house to measure the blood pressure and gave her counseling and advice for her nutrition and personal hygiene to prevent any ulcers on her body and to support her. Etaf thanked a lot NECC and the staff for all the services provided through the Family care center.

Etaf in a pleasant exchange with the pharmacist on her prescription.

### Highlights of NECCCRW Gaza's Health Program 2013

- Patients Received Medical Treatment 20,155/40,357 visits
- Children Attended Well-Baby Clinics 10,121
- Patients Examined by a Dentist 6,260
- Pregnant Women Screened 2,262
- Children Treated for Anemia and Malnutrition 1,287
- Beneficiaries Psychosocial Support 11,067



### Psychosocial support

World Health Organization -- Mental health is defined as a state of well-being in which every individual realizes his or her own potential, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to her or his community.

3. [http://www.who.int/features/factfiles/mental\\_health/en/](http://www.who.int/features/factfiles/mental_health/en/)  
 In 2013, humanitarian needs in the occupied Palestinian territory (oPt) continued to be driven by the chronic, intermittent, low-grade conflict and debilitating restrictions on access and movement. In the context of the protracted emergency and a climate of declining international funding, Palestine refugees are heavily affected and rely on humanitarian assistance to meet their most basic needs. Rising food insecurity, the lack of employment opportunities, and the imposed trade restrictions that have forced up the prices of basic commodities have resulted in an alarming increase in the vulnerability of men, women, youth, and children.(4. [http://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/2013\\_ea\\_6-month\\_progress\\_report\\_for\\_opt.pdf](http://www.unrwa.org/sites/default/files/2013_ea_6-month_progress_report_for_opt.pdf) UNRWA Emergency Appeal Report, oPt, January-June 2013)



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The Psychosocial Support program is intended to deal with the effects of the continued blockade, the worsening living conditions and the on and off military activities that affect the welfare of the Gaza population, especially women and children, and its infrastructure. 11,076 mostly women and children, were reached in 2013 through this program and its main interventions:

- Community Based Intervention (CBI) interventions for children of age (6-12 years):drawing, puppets, psychodrama, de-briefing, recreational activities as playing, dancing, singing + Mind and body medicine (10 sessions) for children of age 10-14 years old... (beneficiaries 749 children).
- CBI for kindergartens children but that suit the age of those children: expression through drawing, storytelling, coloring, playing (beneficiaries 1,420 children).
- Individual counseling and/or consultations provided to the affected women/mothers (beneficiaries 178 mothers and children).
- Group counseling provided to the women (beneficiaries 72 women).
- Mothers attending psychosocial sessions (beneficiaries 6,664 mothers).
- Individual Counseling sessions (beneficiaries 373 women and children).
- Consultations (beneficiaries 518 women and children).
- Home visits for specific cases(138).
- •Recreational trips and summer camps.(beneficiaries of summer camps: 535 children and beneficiaries of recreational trips : 1210 children, mothers, students and staff).
- CBI and psychosocial sessions for VTC's students for both gender. (beneficiaries 428 female and male students).
- Referral system for more complicated and severe cases to the specialized institutions as Gaza Community Mental Health Program (GCMHP).

Most Area Committees provide interest-free loans to students to pay university or college fees that can be renewed every academic year. As university fees were raised in Jordan, NECCCRW Jordan offered an average loan of \$850 per university student benefitting a total of 77 new students and 44 veteran students. DSPR Jordan also offered 5 Business or Commercial loans with an average of \$1700 per business. The Jordan DSPR, upon the approval of the Central Committee decided to relinquish the retrieval of very old loans, whose recipients have either passed on or have left the country altogether. Close to \$75,000 in old outdated loans are to be relinquished on three installments each of \$25,000 per year for the next three years. NECCCRW Jordan, ICC West Bank and ICCI Nazareth also offer business loans to people who have lost all or a part of their income due to unemployment, disability, etc. The loans allow them to establish their own small business or to renovate an existing one. Additionally, ICC West Bank offers loans for housing.

Type of loan	Area Committee	No. of loans in 2013	Amount per loan (\$)	Total (\$)	Period of loan (years)	Recovery previous loans
University/College	ICCI Nazareth	119	1000	119,000	1	95-98%
	NECCCRW Gaza	119	750 – 1,000		1	100%
	NECCCRW Jordan	126	297 – 635	76,780	1	90-95%
	ICC West Bank	5	1,300 – 1,500	10,000+		100%
Business & Housing	ICCI Nazareth	2	1,000 – 3,000????	8,500????		95-98%
	NECCCRW Jordan	5	Max. 1,700	14,860	1	90-95%
	ICC West Bank	23	Max. 7,000	100,000+		100%



## Enhance the wellbeing of Palestinian mothers and children: JORDAN

*In addition to the more than 2 million Palestinian refugees who are registered in Jordan, there is an influx of thousands of Syrian refugees and 11,000 Palestinian Syrian refugees. Jordan's economy and service sectors have been strained by the continuous streams of refugees coming from Syria and previously from Iraq. DSPR Jordan is sensitive to these developments and it offers its services to all needy, without consideration of background. In fact since many of the newcomer refugees end up in Palestinian refugee camps, the services provided by DSPR Jordan reach out to them individually and families.*

NECCCRW Jordan provides primary health care services to enhance the well-being of mothers and children. The Madaba camp Health Clinic catered to more than 4,121 visitors who sought maternal and child health care. Major upgrading of the clinic infrastructure took place in addition to the computerization of patients' data. Health brochures were printed (5000) on six different topics particularly significant to women. As is the yearly practice, 4 free medical days in gynecology, pediatrics and general medicine were conducted for the benefit of 1,950 Jordanian, Palestinian and Syrian women and children of whom 85 were referred to specialists. Free medication, in the amount of US\$5,000, was distributed



during the free medical days but of note is that the clinic achieved a good cost recovery through the participation of visiting beneficiaries with some of the costs. In 2013, the beneficiaries contributed US\$6,692 towards medical attention they received. This is remarkable given the overall socio-economic conditions of the women who frequent our clinics but it points to the importance these women give to their own health and that of their children. DSPR Jordan participated in three refugee camps in the national campaign to vaccinate children and adults against German measles, Rubella and Polio. The campaign reached out to Syrian refugees as well as the local Jordanian and Palestinian population. NECCCRW Jordan also supervises the Jerash clinic which continued to operate and offered medical care to 3,050 patients in 2013. Twenty four health awareness workshops were conducted for the benefit of camp residents, primarily for women and expecting mothers.

## Empower marginalized Palestinian youth to improve their own economic conditions: Lebanon

*The exclusion of the refugees from the Lebanese labour market through a number of mechanisms puts households in general, but young refugee men in particular, in a unique position compared to refugees elsewhere. Those that can leave the country. Those that cannot are forming a large group of young men who are leaving school or performing poorly there, and have little hope or ambition for the future. Thus, both processes contribute to seriously undermine the stock of human capital in these communities, not only for today, but perhaps more importantly, for the future. (5. <http://fafo.no/pub/rapp/464/index.htm> (Age A. Tiltnes, *Falling Behind: A Brief on the Living Conditions of Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon*, Fafo 2005 Printed in Norway by Allkopi AS.)*

JCC Lebanon continues its work in the refugee camps of Sidon, Sabra, and Dbayeh, focusing on supporting Palestinian young people in the areas of primary/secondary education and vocational training – both tailored to meet the demands of the (restricted) job market. Besides, 2013 was a challenging year because of the influx of Syrian refugees, among whom the most affected were women and children of school age.

### Vocational Training

Hair dressing Barbering and Beauty programs are offered for both women and men in the Sabra and Sidon Centers of JCC. The rationale for offering these programs is the expanding market need and demand for these skills. When the training is of high quality, the likelihood of employment post training becomes high. In the Sabra Center, 26 young women toiled for 6 months in order to perfect skills of haircutting, coloring, curling and the other demanding requirements of becoming an acknowledged coiffeuse. 22 additional young women benefitted from a Beauty and Cosmetology course that saw them introduced to the essentials of body and skin care, facial treatment and the latest makeup features and advances in “henna” applications in addition to manicure and pedicure with its own innovative colorful design fashions.

**Success Story:** Sabine earned her hair dressing diploma this spring and was very happy to get a job in a nearby salon owned and run by one of our graduates. She is finally working and helping her father support the family. Sabine is 19 years old, the eldest of 6 girls and 2 boys. The father runs a small shop in the camp but his income is not sufficient for the family. Sabine’s additional income has brought great relief for the family.

In the Sidon Center 11 young women benefitted from a 9-month course of hairdressing and beauty skills which was offered in combination with an apprenticeship in nearby beauty salons. The apprenticeship helped determine the focus of the trainee competence which was followed by the instructors in further training. In the Sidon Center as well as in the Sabra Center, 8 boys aged 14 years and above pursued a 4-month

course in barber skills. In order to advance their employment prospects, an arrangement with a boys’ orphanage offers them the opportunity to practice their learned skills, under supervision of their teachers.

**Success Story:** Muhammad Shamieh was born deaf and dumb. His parents were unable to send him to a special school. By coincidence, our barbering teacher met him and convinced him to join his class. Muhammad caught on very quickly gaining the love and respect of his fellow students and all those whom he practiced on. With his new found self-confidence, his amiable character and his new skill, he was able to start a small barber shop of his own which is doing very well. (Is it possible to have a Photo of his barber shop?)



## Empower marginalized Palestinian youth to improve their own economic conditions: Lebanon

### Secretarial Studies

Good secretaries are hard to find. JCC continues to offer the secretarial course for the 21st consecutive year at its Sidon Center where in 2013, 12 young women afforded themselves of the opportunity to participate. Beside going over computer basics, typing skills, database and spread sheets and various internet applications, they are also introduced to the skills needed for running an efficient office including exchange with office visitors and colleagues. (Are there any Figures on Employment from previous years?)

JCC offers a well-integrated course in Electronics and Computers<sup>16</sup> youngsters have benefitted from this course in 2013 and the enthusiasm they show as they learn attest to what the course signifies to them in terms of personal accomplishment. As they go through the intricate details of electronics they also learn the assembling and maintenance of computers. The skills earned enable them to find jobs in a highly competitive market.

### Educational Programs

#### Educating Young Refugees from Syria

The plight of Syrian refugees fleeing to Lebanon was exacerbated by the loss of schooling for the children and young members of the refugee families. Many were anxious that a prolonged time of refuge would mean loss of school years and the negative consequences for life chances of the youngsters.



JCC Electronics and Computers Course



The JCC took up the challenge in Sidon where a big number of Syrian refugees had taken up residence in its camps and suburbs. Most of the refugees were of Palestinian origin and were once more experiencing the loss of home and country. Having no proper schooling premise but only a flat in an apartment building did not deter our JCC Sidon Center Director from starting classes for a selected group of students. He started classes for the higher grades of the 9th and 12th grades. Fifty two students immediately joined with 24 in the 12th grade and 25 in the 9th grade. Six specialized and experienced teachers from the Syrian refugee community were recruited, books used in the Syrian curriculum were secured and instruction began. Applications to take the exams were sent to Damascus and acceptance was secured. But when the time came to go, some were scared, others had nowhere to stay and still others were afraid to be recruited into the army. The Palestinian Embassy in Beirut was approached and they helped find safe places to stay for the students who were willing to go. Eighteen of the 9th grade and 20 of the 12th grade went to Damascus and passed the exams. As a result of this success, other youngsters were encouraged to join and 240 students began their 9th and 12th grade classes in October for the scholastic year of 2013.

JCC Lebanon prides itself that it has been one of the first civil society organizations to start a nursery and a kindergarten in Sabra and Shatilla



refugee camp back in 1952 thus offering three generations within the same family the experience of its nursery – kindergarten with its changing environments. The brightly painted rooms with the colorful furniture suitable for toddlers and children aged 2 to 6 years make the place ideal for fun and learning for the 125 children attending with 45 of them from the Syrian refugee community. An achievement of the nursery and kindergarten program of JCC in 2013 was the acquisition of an adjacent piece of land that was transformed into a safe haven playground. It is a luxury in the refugee camps to see a playground and our children benefit from it for a variety of activities and leisurely fun pursuits. Our children appear happy and so the impression we get from their parents. This warms our hearts and those of our supporters and back donors.

JCC Lebanon, with its insistence that education offers a ray of hope for the future, perseveres at running after-school tutoring services in Sabra and Dbayeh refugee camps. In Sabra 33 students aged 12 to 16 years gather every afternoon to do their homework with the assistance of a qualified teacher and three helpers. In Dbayeh the “study station”, as popularly referred to, welcomes 31 youngsters aged 6 to 16 every afternoon. With the support from a team of five teachers, a speech therapist and a psychologist, a variety of educational issues and concerns are dealt with and resolved, both short, medium and long term. The library in the Dbayeh Center is a gem that is regularly used not only by students but by parents as well. The accessibility to computers opens up possibilities for both participating students and grown-ups. Our pride is that the Library has become a community address in Dbayeh Refugee Camp.

## Empower marginalized Palestinian youth to improve their own economic conditions: Lebanon

### Success Story on Library:

Anthony Al- Alam had no friends his age and mostly stayed home watching television. At school he was unmotivated and his grades were low. He had heard about the library and its activities from a neighbor but was too shy to join. Finally he went but at first he shied away from participating in any activities. Slowly he started to warm up and was soon interacting with the rest of the group. His library teachers saw a positive change in his attitude as he became friendly with his peers. His participation in library activities increased and he is now one of the most enthusiastic of children. Interestingly his school performance has consistently improved and he is now maintaining steady good grades. He is now happy sociable and outgoing.

### English program:

English is a universal language needed in the many activities of work and life, including leisure time. JCC offers it as part of the tutorial courses of Sabra and Dbayeh to improve students' academic performance. But at the Sidon Center, it is offered as a separate course and is open to all youngsters, including from the Syrian refugee community. Twenty young people benefitted from this course.

At it again: The Program to Fight Illiteracy: JCC was at it again in 2013 helping wipe out illiteracy in the Sabra refugee camp. 15 women benefitted who were eager to learn how to read and write and, most important, to understand better the world around them. Our literacy teachers are adopting new methods of teaching and they are updating themselves with ongoing training and learning.

JCC Lebanon also offers recreational and psychosocial activities. In 2012, a piece of land outside Dbayeh camp was developed into a soccer field, giving space for training to three newly formed soccer teams, one of them for girls. The community centers in Dbayeh and Sabra offer a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, music, and holiday programs, like the mid-summer carnival and a one-month summer camp.

### Lebanon

#### Psychosocial and Recreational Activities

JCC identifies strongly with the work done on the Tyre farm in the South. Accessible to 3 camps in the area, it has become a learning center where a course for teaching the basics of agriculture is given twice a year. The JCC farm offers motivation to both youngsters and adults; 2 of the students were motivated to start their own farms, following attendance at the course. The farming course was also offered to some Syrian refugees as a therapeutic activity. Those who participate in the course have their



Dbayeh in Church Activity

other jobs and preoccupations but 48 people, both female and male, took part in the learning course at the Tyre Farm in 2013.

JCC continued its outreach to the communities in Sabra and Dbayeh refugee camps and undertook, together with other NGOs, workshops and lectures on psychosocial topics such as behavioral problems of children, children's rights and their protection from exploitation, developmental stages and understanding adolescents.

The soccer field in the vicinity of Dbayeh camp that started functioning in 2012 continued to offer the space for three soccer teams, one of which is an all-girls team, to practice and play. Every Saturday and on Feast Days, 45 youngsters avail themselves of the opportunity offered by the soccer field. In conjunction with this sport activity, the community centers of Dbayeh and Sabra camps undertake a host of communal activities such as Arts and Crafts, Music, Mid-Summer carnival and a summer camp, activities that have become part of the character of these communities, thanks to JCC role of support.



Fahimeh is a participant of the Sabra literacy course. She is 80 years old and describes her motivation, saying "It has always been my dream to be able to read and write. My five children are university graduates, now it is my turn to learn!"

## Empower marginalized Palestinian youth to improve their own economic conditions: West Bank and Jordan

### West Bank

*For more than a million school children and youth in oPt, accessing quality, protective education remains one of the highest priorities that is continually compromised by the humanitarian effects of conflict and occupation. Children face violation of their rights, including the right to education, arrest and detention, disruption of schooling; restrictions on movement affecting access to education, displacement and psycho-social effects including excessive stress, trauma and fear. Schools and property also face damage and destruction and impediments and restrictions from the Israeli Civil Administration (ICA) on developing educational infrastructure according to minimum humanitarian standards. (UNICEF and SAVE THE CHILDREN on Education in Occupied Palestinian Territory Consolidated Appeal 2013 [http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ochaopt\\_cap\\_2013\\_full\\_document\\_english.pdf](http://www.ochaopt.org/documents/ochaopt_cap_2013_full_document_english.pdf))*

One of the most important issues for education is the creation of an effective learning environment which is essential for enhancing the achievement of students and their positive attitudes toward education. Within this year's initiatives, and with full cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MoEHE), we focused on enhancing the learning environment for Akraba primary boys' school in Nablus district and Nazlet Issa primary boys' school in Tulkarem district, where every child should have a right to an environmentally safe and healthy school that is clean and in good repair. To ensure the provision of environmentally safe and healthy schools, two schools were selected with priorities placed on improving facility and environmental conditions; Akraba and Nazlet Issa primary boys' school.

Akraba Primary Boys' school: Is the oldest school in the Governorate of Nablus where 10 classrooms were constructed in 1924 and the remaining 11 were constructed in 1995. Today there are 21 rooms comprising of 15 classrooms with 3 specialized and 3 administrative rooms with limited space area of 30 m<sup>2</sup> each, serving 459 students and 27 teachers.

Nazlet Issa primary boys' school established in 1970 for children from grade 1 to 6 accommodates 173 children in 6 classrooms with 12 teachers. Children share same school facilities with students from the adjacent secondary school, encompassing many hazardous incidents. 565 girls from 1st to 8th grade attend the Basic Girls school of Baita. The school's sanitary units were in very bad conditions. Six toilets and four basins served all pupils, there were no lightings or ventilation, most doors did not lock and drains did not work well.



Maintenance works performed this year targeting 16 classrooms, provided 632 school children a healthy learning environment. By its intervention ICC West Bank made the difference for the pupils in both schools, helping where municipal councils did not have the means and this kind of essential work was not budgeted for by the Ministry, because of lack of funds. In the process of the maintenance work undertaken, temporary jobs were created for skilled and unskilled workers of both communities. The communities themselves had contributed their own share financially which ensures follow up and sustainability for the work done in the schools.

### Education and Vocational Training in Jordan

*Palestine refugees are defined as "persons whose normal place of residence was Palestine during the period 1 June 1946 to 15 May 1948, and who lost both home and means of livelihood as a result of the 1948 conflict."*

*UNRWA services are available to all those living in its area of operations who meet this definition, who are registered with the Agency and who need assistance. The descendants of Palestine refugee males, including adopted children, are also eligible for registration. When the Agency began operations in 1950, it was responding to the needs of about 750,000 Palestine refugees. Today, some 5 million Palestine refugees are eligible for UNRWA services.*

*<http://www.unrwa.org/palestine-refugees>*

*In Jordan 2,034,641 Palestinians are Registered Refugees. Basic Education for children in the 10 official camps and the three unofficial camps reaches 115,803 children in 172 schools. ([www.unrwa.org](http://www.unrwa.org)).*

NECCCRW Jordan continued to run centers for vocational training for women in three camps Talbieh, Husn and Souf camps after deciding to merge the Irbid center with the Husn Center for efficiency purposes in launching a folkloric products unit. A complete renovation of the Girls Vocational Training Centers in the three camps was successfully undertaken. Because of its locality in the northern part of the country, the Husn camp because the hub of a variety of activities, mostly frequented by women and young girls, in the

## Empower marginalized Palestinian youth to improve their own economic conditions: Jordan

Northern Governorate of Jordan. Believing that the involvement of beneficiaries, particularly women, is of utmost importance for the success of any activity, voluntary women's committees of 10-15 women were formed in each of the three camps in order to plan, suggest and recommend action and follow up. The centers pride themselves that the women participating produce high quality folkloric and embroidery pieces that are not only sold in bazaars and showrooms but were also exported to Edinburgh for a special Christmas auction sale by HADEEL, a specialized shop for Palestinian Folkloric and Embroidered items located in the Church of Scotland building in Edinburgh . In 2013, 36 women benefitted from the folkloric production unit as they learned the skills. In addition 90 women from the joint Syrian-Jordanian women group who were actively engaged in the different activities of support to the Syrian refugees also participated. In the spirit of inclusivity, all activities in 2013 reached out and involved Syrian women refugees, under the Syrian Relief Program, ACT SYR121, and plans are to extend the participation of Syrian women refugees in the other two centers for ACT SYR 131. NECCCRW Jordan is hoping that a joint proposal to the New Zealand government with our partners CWS-NZ for the years 2014-2016 would further propel and consolidate our Women Development Program.

The computer development centers in three refugee camps continued to operate and the beneficiaries were mostly women who participated in the ICDL courses, up to 10 woman participant per month. Up to 50% of the ICDL trained women found employment after graduation.

In 2013 DSPR Jordan embarked on a Youth Program for training in Leadership skills for both young men and women. It was started with



the Youth of different churches with the hope that it will eventually be open to all Youngsters from in an out of churches. The Program also included seminars on Drugs which linked up with the refugee youth in camps. Among the other activities of the Youth Program there was training on capacity building including proposal writing for the church youth groups.

### Loans give opportunities

*Most Area Committees provide interest-free loans to students to pay university or college fees that can be renewed every academic year. As university fees were raised in Jordan, NECCCRW Jordan offered an average loan of \$850 per university student benefitting a total of 77 new students and 44 veteran students. DSPR Jordan also offered 5 Business or Commercial loans with an average of \$1700 per business. The Jordan DSPR, upon the approval of the Central Committee decided to relinquish the retrieval of very old loans, whose recipients have either passed on or have left the country altogether. Close to \$75,000 in old outdated loans are to be relinquished on three installments each of \$25,000 per year for the next three years. NECCCRW Jordan, ICC West Bank and ICCI Nazareth also offer business loans to people who have lost all or a part of their income due to unemployment, disability, etc. The loans allow them to establish their own small business or to renovate an existing one. Additionally, ICC West Bank offers loans for housing.*

Type of loan	Area Committee	No. of loans in 2012	Amount per loan (\$)	Total (\$)	Period of loan (years)	Recovery previous loans
University/College	ICCI Nazareth	119	1000	119,000	1	95-98%
	NECCCRW Gaza	106	750 – 1,000		1	100%
	NECCCRW Jordan	126	297 – 635	76,780	1	90-95%
	ICC West Bank	5	1,300 – 1,500	10,000+		100%
Business & Housing	ICCI Nazareth	2	1,000 – 3,000??	8,500?		95-98%
	NECCCRW Jordan	5	Max. 1,700	14,860	1	90-95%
	ICC West Bank	23	Max. 7,000	100,000+		100%

Success story on Loans: Could we get one from West Bank with photos or Galilee??

## Empower marginalized Palestinian youth to improve their own economic conditions: Gaza

*UN officials have expressed concern about the worsening humanitarian crisis in the Gaza Strip, especially after Egypt has closed most of the tunnels of trade that were "illegally" dug due to the Israeli blockade of the Gaza Strip. More of humanitarian supplies are allowed through the commercial outposts with Israel but these are not compensating enough the underground trade that was lost with Egypt. 15 months ago Israel was on the verge of invading Gaza, as it is wont to do from time to time, and after a ceasefire was reached there was hope that Gaza would see significant new contact with the outside world. Today, it seems that the situation is worse than it was then, with little reason to hope for near-term improvements.*  
<http://news.antiwar.com/2013/11/21/humanitarian-crisis-worsening-amid-gaza-blockade/>

### **NECCRW continues to operate four vocational training centers:**

The Gaza City Vocational Training Center (Gaza City VTC) offers two three-year courses that target disadvantaged boys aged 14-16 who have dropped out of school. They can choose to train in carpentry and furniture making or metal/aluminum works and welding. In 2013, 112 trainees were enrolled with 23 graduated in carpentry and furniture making and 14 in metal/aluminum works.

The Vocational Training Center in Qarah conducts two-year courses in general electrician skills and motor and transformer rewinding that is offered to young men aged 16-23 who finished grade ten. In 2013, 50 young men were enrolled with 26 graduated.

The Secretarial studies and English Center offers a one year intensive course to young women who have finished their secondary studies (Tawjihi) to prepare them for secretarial positions. In 2013, 25 female students were new enrolled and 24 female have been graduated.

The Advanced Dress Making Center offers a one year course to young women, promoting their participation in the Palestinian community, helping them to support their families and to become financially independent. In 2013, 19 female were new enrolled and 19 female have been successfully finished the course.

All student trainees also attend workshops and lectures on first aid, gender equality, labor law, and safety issues. Besides, they benefit from multiple psychosocial support sessions, sports, and recreational activities. A trainee's journey with the NECC Vocational Training Program does not end when they graduate from the program. The VTP continues to cultivate relationships with its graduates to link with the labor market. The VTP provides support to graduates through market connections, upgrade courses, and occasionally job creation initiatives and small grants by other organizations to start or improve their own businesses. In 2013 all graduates were placed in workshops for period of six-eight weeks to practice their skills and build social and professional relations with the labor market. 29 unemployed former VTP graduates were nominated to benefit from the Islamic Relief project "Economic Empowerment and small micro-generating projects." 21 of them



were selected to finish their own micro-projects feasibility studies. Additionally, NECC nominated 23 of its advanced dress making graduates to be supported by Ma'an Development Center project "livelihood support" funded by DCA. This project aims to reinforce the dress-making graduate's technical capabilities for enhancing their employment in the labor market. Whenever the fund and support is available, NECC creates temporary job opportunities for our graduates to help them even for short time. In 2013 such job opportunities were created for our former unemployed VTC's Diploma graduates funded by the Pontifical Mission and Embrace the Middle East within our emergency program.



Students of the Advanced Dress Making Center, Gaza.

*My name is Sahar, 2013 graduate from the vocational training course of Secretary Studies and English Language. I'm 28 year old, lives in Tal al-Hawa area. I'm married with one baby. Before getting married I studied at university "medical science" and I've finished 3 years but I didn't continue my academic education because of getting married and being pregnant with a baby. So I stayed at home. But unfortunately, my husband also stayed at home with me with no job. Hard situation, a new baby is in the way. No source of income to cover our basic needs. After having the baby I decided to continue my education in Near East Council of Churches –NECC – secretarial center, to raise myself, and my son up. I enrolled in NECC Secretary Studies VTC and it was a year full of challenges, ups and downs trying to balance all the needs of being a good student and a mother at the same time. Now, after I've finished my studies from NECC secretarial center with high grades, I was looking forward to enlighten my future with a respected job. After graduation from the secretarial center, I volunteered in a civil institution proving myself as a creative and reliable secretary. Then I was promoted from an executive secretary to a volunteer executive manager. From these positions, I'm learning so much about institutions work applying what I've studied into reality work. Then I worked with unemployment contract with the ministry of national economy for two months. After the year of studying at NECC secretarial center I advise all women to study in it, I got much benefit whether socially and mentally. I gained new friends, and have a broad knowledge in different subjects.*

All five vocational trainings end with a final exam leading to a diploma certified by the Ministry of Labor. 65% of NECCCRW vocational training graduates of 2012 were successfully employed or self-employed in 2013. This is a great success considering the overall labor market situation in the Gaza Strip.

### **Employment of 2012 graduates from NECCCRW's vocational training centers VTC 2012 Graduates Employment Data**

As the graph above indicates, Electricity, Metalwork and Carpentry continued to be the highest employment fields for male graduates in the VTC. These fields are in demand and the quality education and training received by our graduates make them highly competitive. The women who finish the Advanced Dressmaking almost all own their sewing machines and work from home earning a secure income. Graduates of the Secretarial Course often chose to go on with their university education or they go the family way or quite choosy in accepting employment which explains the relatively high unemployment rate.

### **Success Story of Mohammad**

I'm Mohammed, 2013 graduate student from the vocational training course of Welding and Metal Works at Gaza Center. I'm 19 years old and I'm living with my family that consists of 6 members in Gaza City / El Sheikh Radwan area. My father has been working on a horse cart to transport materials supply. Unfortunately he is now patient on a wheelchair and is not able to work as he has clot on his shoulders. I left school 5 years ago due to my family difficult financial situation. I studied welding craft for a year at El Imam El Shafii, governmental VTC, but I found myself not enough skilled and not competent to work at the craft. Then my father encouraged me to join NECC VTC to increase my experience at the profession. So I joined NECC welding VTC for two years. It enhances my experience and ability in practicing the craft. During my study at the VTC, NECC offered me on-the-job training opportunity and I chose to train on a welding workshop near to my house. This workshop place is for my dad and he hired it with small fees to someone who brought some materials on it. Once I came back to home, I worked temporarily at this workshop gaining nominal paid fare. I established good relation with the workshop owner named Ala' Radwan and now I am a partner with him as he owns the welding equipment's and I manage the workshop. The work is not stable as our general situation is difficult. Generally I feel relaxed to some extent as I start working in a workshop that is near to my home and I secure at least my expenses. I hope in the future to own this workshop and widen my work and to get a high secondary school certificate to secure myself.



## Supporting vulnerable Palestinian communities to better manage and preserve available natural resources: West Bank

ICC West Bank's service provision focuses upon community development in the sectors of food security, access to water, and education (see p. 7). Objectives are realized with full support and cooperation of local communities that are chosen every year as project locations.

### Water

*West Bank and Gaza Strip residents continuously suffer severe water shortages. In the West Bank, not enough water is provided to meet the population's needs, whereas the main concern in Gaza is the poor quality of available water. Access to water and proper sanitation is a basic right enshrined in international covenants to which Israel is a signatory. On 28 July 2010, the UN General Assembly explicitly recognized the right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation as a human right essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human rights. Shortly after, in September 2010, the UN Human Rights Council affirmed that the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation is derived from the right to an adequate standard of living. (Background Water Crisis Updated 25 February 2014 <http://www.btselem.org/water>)*

### The situation

Burkin is located in the northern part of the West Bank and has a population of 6,500 people. Traditional sources of water supply have dried out and the village is mainly served by two productive wells,



one agricultural well owned by a farmer and one well owned by the municipality. Two additional agricultural wells supply the town with limited amounts of water during the winter season. All water is transmitted to a reservoir of 1000 m<sup>3</sup> capacity and then distributed to the community through a water network. The network serves 80% of the community, whereas 20% of the Burkin's households are not connected. Parts of the network are more than 30 years old therefore pipes are leaky, leading to the loss of approximately 50% of its water. 2,7 km of pipes were in urgent need for renovation.

### Renovating and Extending the water pipe network

The municipality of Burkin played a fundamental role in implementing the project and a mutual work plan was drawn up. The role of ICC West Bank was to supply the 6 km, 2 inch wide pipes while the municipality undertook and supervised the installation. The municipality ensured that all the machinery and workforce would be made available thus enhancing the local labor market. The partnership was very fruitful and productive. ICC's contribution was 42% and the local municipality share reached 58 %.

The old network of pipes (2,8 km) was replaced and extended by 3.1 km to reach 59 households not previously connected with the network. Water loss through leakage was dramatically reduced. Average daily consumption was boosted from 55 to at least 112 liters per capita per day for all purposes. Sustainability is ensured since the new network life span is at least 10 years with proper maintenance which is guaranteed by the efficient team at the municipality.





## **Food Security**

*In its fourth year, the Socio Economic and Food Security survey which is a joint venture of the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, FAO, UNRWA and WFP has proven itself to be a durable tool for assessing trends in the food security situation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, including providing valuable data on the situation of vulnerable areas and groups. The 2012 results are disturbing 34 percent (1.57 million people) are food insecure, compared to 27 percent food insecurity in 2011. This increase can be attributed to a number of factors. The ongoing occupation of Palestine continues to restrict the free movement of people and goods, inhibiting trade and, therefore, the potential for sustainable economic growth. These macroeconomic issues translate into high unemployment rates and low wages, which, coupled with the increasing cost of living and unstable wages, directly impact households' access to food.*

*(Socio- Economic and Food Security Survey 2012 West Bank and Gaza Strip*

*<http://documents.wfp.org/stellent/groups/public/documents/ena/wfp259657.pdf>*

*ICC's food security work in the West Bank engages households in domestic farming in a sustainable manner by building their capacities and agricultural knowledge for increased production. This year, the village of Far'on in the northern district of Tulkarem was chosen.*

## **The situation**

Far'on is a small border village with 5,400 inhabitants and a total land area of 8000 dunums. In the last ten years it was not targeted by development intervention from national or international NGOs. For the construction of the separation wall, 1000 dunums of land were confiscated and 340 dunums leveled and another 3,000 dunums are isolated behind the wall. Thus 35% of the village's land used for the cultivation of olives, lemons, and thyme was destroyed, as well as green houses and pastures for livestock. A total of 400 farmers were deprived from their source of income and have to ask Israelis for a permit to access their land, which impedes cultivation. 300 workers lost their jobs in villages on the Green Line, increasing the rate of people living below poverty line to 37%. Far'on is surrounded by military obstacles: one military checkpoint, the separation wall with two gates for farmers, one of them permanently closed, and one commercial gate with a military post. Twelve houses in Far'on received demolition orders, 8 of which have already been destroyed.

## **Creating home gardens**

In 2012, ICC West Bank aimed at encouraging the food production through home gardens. They offer safe and easy access to land and water and can be developed into sources for providing the daily food

requirement of the household and serve as a source of income on the long run.

Beneficiaries were chosen according to household income (either little or none), with each house having at least 4 family members and adequate space for the home gardens. Sixty seven percent of targeted families were suffering from land confiscation and 50% depending on humanitarian aid.

33 home gardens were created: Each garden received five productive trees of nutritionally rich fruits (avocado, lemon, orange, guava, and nectarine), 12 laying hens and two healthy, pregnant sheep. The beneficiaries participated in preparing the land for planting and preparing adequate stables for the livestock. Theoretical and practical training on farming and species-appropriate husbandry was provided during 3 days. Additionally, the beneficiaries received a series of home visits to offer technical support and guidance, ensuring continued sustainability.

## **Expected results per garden are:**

- total egg production during one year: 3600 eggs (\$480)
- number of sheep born within one year: 3 (\$2,280)
- milk production during one year: 210 l (\$420)
- fruit production during one year: 15 kg (\$12)

*The first year's estimated revenue is \$3,192 with expenses for one garden at \$1,300. The net return is at least \$1,892 per year, i.e. \$160 per household a month.*

ICC believes that within the home gardening project, the raising of livestock, in particular, is not sustainable without building the capacities of those in charge. Trainings on raising and caring for livestock covered both theory (Two days for 4 hours each) and practice (One day for 4 hours) and benefitted over 40 beneficiaries. Training covered specifications of livestock, keeping and using records; vaccinations and diseases; newborns and lighting for egg laying-hens, among other topics.

## **Success story:**

*Abla Kamal Atieh Sa'ed lives together with her five sons, all under the age of twenty. Her husband, Kamal is 74 years old and cannot work due to health problems. Ten dunums of family land cultivated with olive trees were confiscated during construction of the separation wall. Abla contributes to the family income through selling homemade pastries and her eldest son works in the village as laborer from time to time. The family is dependent on social welfare, \$180 every three months. The new home garden covers daily nutritional needs of the family, provides a small income and Abla can use home-made eggs, milk, margarine and cheese for her production of pastries.*

## Seek just and equal social and economic rights for Palestinians: Nazareth

*Arab citizens of Israel face entrenched discrimination in all fields of life. In recent years, the prevalent attitude of hostility and mistrust towards Arab citizens has become more pronounced, with large sections of the Israeli public viewing the Arab minority as both a fifth column and a demographic threat. There are glaring socioeconomic differences between Jewish and Arab population groups, particularly with regard to land, urban planning, housing, infrastructure, economic development, and education. Over half of the poor families in Israel are Arab families, and Arab municipalities constitute the poorest municipalities within Israel. (The Association for Civil Rights in Israel – Arab Minority Rights (<http://www.acri.org.il/en/category/arab-citizens-of-israel/arab-minority-rights/>)).*

### Interfaith in Galilee

*As Arab citizens of Israel cope with the entrenched discrimination, there is clearly a need for them to understand their different religious and cultural backgrounds. This is important in the process of empowerment and of feeling as an integral part of the society and its challenges. Arabs in Israel with Muslims making up 84%; Christians 8% and Druze 8% need to set their own vision for the future of their national community. This cannot be accomplished without exchange and dialogue among the various groups, including those in the Jewish communities willing to listen, understand and work for more egalitarian system of citizenry to all.*

In 2013, ICCI Nazareth undertook to conduct a workshop on Interfaith in Galilee that targeted 42 teachers and 3 principals from the 3 high schools in Kofr Yasif and Abu-Snab; Jdayeh-Maker and Sheikh Dannun villages. The participants followed an intensive course of 60 hours which included 4 sessions of 4 hours each and guided tours of 6 full day visits to the Christian, Muslim and Druze holy sites. With the cooperation of the Heads of Education Departments at the local authorities, the Ministry of Education and the school principals and supervisors, it was agreed to allow the participants 2 hours per month to share their impressions and learned lessons with the students in their schools and to encourage learned discussion on understanding and appreciating the other and the differences in the various communities.

### Jewish-Arab Dialogue: Religion and Peace in the Media

150 Arabs and Jews from a variety of media, academic, civil society and religious communities came together in a 2-day conference in Nazareth in November 2013 to discuss how peace and religious issues are covered by the media. The panels and lectures were devoted to the issue of how media covers such important and sensitive topics as peace and religion. The speakers, from different religious and national backgrounds, invited participants to exchange and offer their own views. The conference was an additional step forward towards creating "a shared system of norms and values in support of peace and equality." As important, the event aimed at fostering a sense of responsibility towards developments in



our cultural and political environments, particularly to those who are indifferent or are not familiar with these environments. ICCI Nazareth also hoped that this yearly conference, the sixth of its kind so far, can help in exploring new models of coexistence.

### Supporting drop-out girls

The year 2013 marked the ninth year of ICCI's successful "Dropout girls" project. What was particular about this year was the fact that the generous support of Embrace the Middle East enabled us to rent a wider space with better facilities. The project aims at enhancing education and employment opportunities for girls aged 13 to 18 that have dropped out of school encouraging them to continue their education, empowering them to take academic courses or vocational training, and to be less financially dependent on their families and husbands in the future. This helps to reduce the likelihood of early marriage and allows the girls to develop their personal identity at their own pace.

In 2013, 106 girls and young women in Acre participated in four psychosocial support groups. While the group for the 18 to 21 year old girls, with 18 participants, focused on counseling and group therapy; the group of 35 10th to 12th graders focused on interpersonal and family relations as well as on personal decision making; the 18 girls in the 8th and 9th grades dealt in their group with issues of adolescence and relations with parents while the fourth group of 35 girls from the

## Seek just and equal social and economic rights for Palestinians: Nazareth

7th grade dwelt on acquisition of values and social skills. (Can we have a photo of the new place? Any Success Stories on this and other aspects of the ICCI program?)

### Youth Leadership Program in Mee'lya Village

This program is a partnership with the local Notre Dame School and is targeting up to 30 students from grades 9th and 10th in the school. The goals are to help these youngsters acquire the needed leadership skills that would allow them to develop a vision within a social agenda that is open to others and to the challenges facing their communities and the society at large. The program would provide these youngsters with the incentive to match their own potential with the communal needs in an atmosphere of respect for pluralism and democratic values. The students, selected by their school, meet regularly once a week for sessions and workshops and undertake six extracurricular activities mostly enrichment seminars and visits to the various communities.

### Advocacy: Support from friends

The United Church of Canada (UCC) has been a strategic partner for many years. Our partnership has given hope and spread a feeling of belonging



to a bigger Christian brotherhood sensitive to the needs and sufferings of its members.

In August 2012, the 41st General Council of UCC adopted a new policy towards the Israeli-Palestine conflict, identifying the end of the illegal occupation of the Palestinian territories as a necessary step for peace in the region. It demands an end to all settlement construction, to dismantle existing settlements and the separation barrier, to guarantee equal access to water, to acknowledge non-violent resistance as justified and to urge the Canadian government to provide leadership among nations advocating for the end of the occupation. A church-wide campaign directed against settlement products was established.

The preparation of the strategic papers, the discussions during the council and the published material led to wide resonance, getting involved the media, parliamentarians, Zionist lobbies, Jewish voices for Peace, Canadian Arabs, Palestinian CROs, and many more.



## Alleviating the impact of emergency situations: GAZA and Jordan

*Gaza now faces a fresh crisis as people struggle to cope with worsening power shortages, with only about 40 percent of needed fuel currently entering Gaza daily, at double previous prices. Power blackouts of 12-16 hours a day are restricting the provision of basic services such as healthcare and water, and affecting an already vulnerable economy. This week one of Gaza's main pumping stations ran out of fuel and several thousand liters of sewage poured into the streets. The Israeli blockade left Gaza's impoverished population with little choice but to use tunnels from Egypt to bring in affordable food, fuel and construction materials. The Egyptian government's closure of most of the tunnels since July 2013 has exacerbated an already precarious situation. "Ordinary people in Gaza are struggling to find work and feed their families while the blockade remains in place. The optimism of a year ago has faded, and long-term security for civilians in Gaza and Israel alike will only come if it goes hand in hand with development and economic opportunity," said Nishant Pandey, head of Oxfam in the Occupied Palestinian Territory (and Israel). (Published: 21 November 2013 New crisis looming as power shortages worsen <http://www.oxfam.org/en/pressroom/pressrelease/2013-11-21/one-year-gaza-ceasefire-economic-benefits-palestinians-not-materialized>).*

### Financial Aid and Job creation initiative

In Gaza, the cash relief assistance offers one-time payments of \$70 to desperate families. During the 2013, 635 families targeted and benefitted 4,155 individuals from this assistance funded by Embrace the Middle East. The families came from all over the Gaza Strip from the most Northern part to the most Southern part. Given the abject conditions of Gaza, the one-time payment helps the family decide on the priority of spending.

The initiative for creating temporary jobs addresses unemployed graduates of NECCCRW vocational trainings, universities, and external institutes. NECCCRW Gaza cooperates with other NGOs and private companies in order to open temporary posts for participants with NECCCRW Gaza providing the salary for the duration of 3 months. This enables participants to gain work experience while showcasing their qualifications to employers, leading to potential employment. In 2013, donations by Embrace the Middle East and the Pontifical Mission of Palestine enabled NECCCRW Gaza to create 92 breadwinners through this program, which included 44 females or 48% of the total number of beneficiaries.

### Success story: A new breadwinner:

Aya, 18 years old: My name is Aya. I live in Jabalia area in one home with 10 members. My father is unemployed and patient. There is no bread winner for my family. I tried my best to find a way for helping my family. I joined NECC Advanced Dressmaking VTC's course. I was encouraged by my parents to accomplish this course. I have graduated in 2011 and got Advanced Dressmaking diploma from NECC but I have been jobless as the opportunity to get a job is very limited in our community because there is high unemployment. It was so frustrating. I got a call from NECC telling me that I had been nominated in job creation initiative, funded by Pontifical Mission. You can't imagine how excited I was to get this opportunity, meet others, communicate and learn. This initiative enabled me to work in the "Cooperative Society for dressmaking" as a



tailor for 3 months. I was so active and enthusiastic in work and I did my job to the fullest so this opportunity gave me rich experience in the field of tailoring. This experience enabled me to link with the labor market; it opens new horizon for my future life. I'm the sole provider for my family and was lucky to work in this society through the job creation project of the Pontifical Mission for 3 months as I was able to improve the economic status of my family by saving the essential and basic needs of living. This opportunity enabled me to join the labor market and to acquire the good experience that qualified me to find a work till now in the "White- Dream Center" for wedding dresses. So this means that my family is able to have a monthly and can provide their needs to live with dignity.



# Alleviating the impact of emergency situations: GAZA and Jordan

## Syrian refugees

*Northern Jordan has been dramatically altered by the Syrian civil war. Since the uprising began in March 2011 right across the border in the city of Deraa, Jordanians have experienced the conflict via the thousands that have crossed into their country through the towns of Jabir and Ramtha. As of February 2014, the United Nations has registered almost 600,000 refugees in Jordan, with over 80,000 registered in the refugee camp Za'atari, now the fourth largest city in Jordan and the second biggest refugee camp in the world. (Migration Policy Center Syrian Refugees A Snapshot of the Crisis in the Middle East and Europe.*

*([http://syrianrefugees.eu/?page\\_id=87](http://syrianrefugees.eu/?page_id=87)).*

Since November 2012 DSPR Jordan is a member of the JSL (JordanSyriaLebanon) ACT Forum. The relief activity in 2013 which would eventually reach out to more than 4176 families was initiated by HB Patriarch Theophilos of the Greek Orthodox Church of Jerusalem in February of 2013. NECCCRW Jordan undertook to distribute food and non-food items to these families. 350 school and stationary kits were also given to children and youngsters. Attention was given to how to support the refugees and their families through maintaining physical and mental health and engaging these families and their members in 4 free medical days, 13 health awareness sessions, 5 leadership training courses and 20 psychosocial sessions. Besides 2 recreational and educational fun days were conducted that benefited hundreds of children. NGO's volunteers working in the project had 12 training sessions and workshops in order to cope with the challenges constantly facing the refugees in their new environment.



Children of Syrian refugees



## DSPR Organizational Development: Progress in 2012

DSPR greatly appreciates the support, partnership, and friendship of our partners. Our joint vision for a future of justice and peace is reflected in their various commitments to our work and that of ACT Palestine Forum. We appreciate that you have stood by our people in times of emergency.

### **Funding**

Due to a decline in funding in 2012, not all projects could be implemented to the extent possible according to the knowledge and abilities of DSPR and the Area Committees. We have an in-depth knowledge of the actual needs in the area, a good overview of the activities of other organizations and bring in best practices and lessons learned during 63 years of service to the needy and Palestinian Refugees. Longstanding cooperation and excellent contacts with non-profit and governmental institutions enable us to plan and implement projects that fit exactly with the needs on the ground and local structures, avoiding duplication and creating synergetic effects.

In 2012 DSPR has contemplated on ways to raise funds from new donors. These efforts remained limited in their impact as the global financial situation continues to be bleak. We are aware that some of our partners face exceptional constraining conditions but we are confident that our partnership would survive and would continue to bear witness to our fellow Palestinian refugees and to the peoples of the Middle East region as they undergo difficult transitions.

In 2013 NECCCRW Gaza aims to start a new service in breast cancer prevention (Incidence of breast cancer is rising in Gaza, about 4% every year, with most cases being diagnosed in the later stages of the disease.<sup>17</sup>). NECCCRW also plans to extend the span of temporary jobs in the job-creation-initiative, and to create more places for vocational training. JCC Lebanon plans to extend its literacy-program to other centers, and NECCCRW Jordan will implement additional programs to work with Syrian refugees. ICCI Nazareth is searching for funding to extend its interfaith program to Jewish schools and communities and ICC West Bank is eager to restart its advocacy program which was stopped in 2012 due to limited funding.

### **Capacity building**

In 2012 DSPR focused on capacity building measures in order to continuously improve the quality of services that we deliver to our clients and patients.

### **Strategic planning and policy development**

For the Area committees this year's highlight was the setting of the future new directions that will guide our performance throughout the strategic cycle of 2013-2015. DSPR Central Office and the Area Committees are also cooperating in the development of new organizational policies such as Gender, Child Protection, Loans and Reserves Policies that will be discussed in the Central Committee in 2013 for approval.

### **Training of staff**

The Area Committees supported training for their staff to meet the organization's and client's needs as best possible. Staff of JCC Lebanon's community centers participated in workshops dealing with topics of education, children's development, and psychosocial techniques to support their clients. The Center's directors received training in project management, monitoring and evaluation. VTC instructors in Gaza participated in occupational trainings (new methods in painting, aluminum works, and electronics) and trainings in teaching methods and classroom management, and finally training on reporting skills. In order to improve PSP services and to deal with the increasing prevalence of severe psychological diseases among Gaza citizens, the PSP team received two trainings this year, one in mind-body medicine and one in community based psychosocial support held in Härnösand, Sweden.

All Area Committees constantly monitor and evaluate their programs in order to maintain quality services and to improve them if necessary. NECCCRW Gaza for example has put in place a unified and effective M&E system, including a clear action plan, performance management plans, effective reporting system, a computerized data base, supervisory visits, and staff meetings on a regular basis. Staff performance and project success are measured through check-lists and pre/post intervention measurement via questionnaires, semi-structured interviews or focus group discussions. Client's satisfaction is assessed via questionnaires as well, and was more than 90% in 2012.

NECCCRW health centers also use a participatory approach, involving the communities which they serve in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the projects.

The Psychosocial support program in Gaza benefitted this year from an external evaluation that recommended integrating the program in the structures and services of the family centers and to install a follow-up system for clients as well as regular supervision for staff.

# Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR)

	Gaza	Jordan	Lebanon	Nazareth	West Bank	Total
Children registered at Primary Health Clinics	58,640	3,000				61,640
Patients who received medical services	24,486	6,581				31,067
Children treated for anemia and malnutrition	3,980					3,980
Women who received family planning services	854					854
Patients who received dental treatment	6,168					6,168
Cash equivalent of medicine distributed free of charge (\$)	228,267	7,000				235,267
Education for Health and Environment Awareness (workshops, sessions and field campaigns)	2,493	92				2,585
Participants Health and Environment Awareness	44,687	1,806				46,493
Sessions on Gender and Human Rights		62				62
Participants Gender & Human Rights		1,550				1,550
Participants legal aid consulting and referral		72				72
Women who attended courses in entrepreneurship		250				250
Women who attended vocational training courses	44	224	56			324
Men who attended vocational training courses	164	116	42			322
Participants in Educational Programs			262			262
Beneficiaries of psychosocial support activities	13,697			92		13,789
Children and mothers participating in recreational activities	697		161			858
Families receiving emergency cash support	154					154
Beneficiaries of the Job Creation Initiative	1,115					1,115
Teachers/Educators/Principals who attended interfaith training				33		33
Participants at the conference "Media & Social change"				150-170		150-170
Households provided with good water network access					59	59
Numbers of beneficiaries from home gardens					198	198
Pupils enjoying appropriate learning environment in school					859	859

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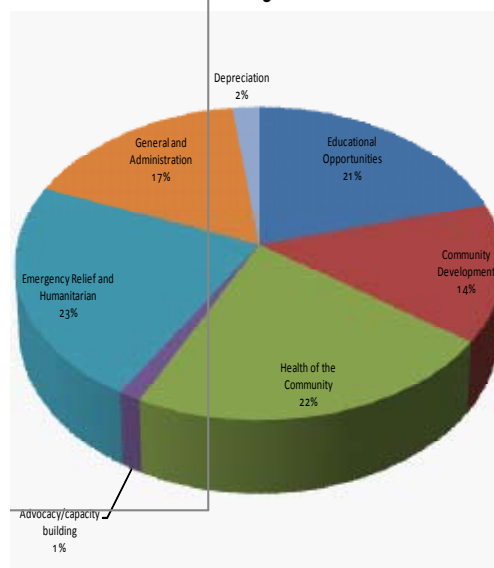
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## MECC/DSPR Program Expenses By Sector Year Ended December 31, 2013

				Total
				2013
				USD
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Educational Opportuni- ties	DSPR-Gaza	441,086	755,922	
	DSPR-West Bank	116,403		
	DSPR-Jordan	67,337		
	DSPR-Lebanon	131,096		
Community Develop- ment	DSPR-Gaza	33,011	519,288	
	DSPR-West Bank	235,939		
	DSPR-Jordan	22,659		
	DSPR-Lebanon	167,178		
	DSPR-Nazareth	60,501		
Health of the Com- munity	DSPR-Gaza	781,643	813,480	
	DSPR-Jordan	31,837		
Advocacy/capacity building	DSPR-Nazareth	48,812	48,815	
Emergency Relief and Humanitarian	DSPR-Gaza	504,691	825,709	
	DSPR-Jordan	321,018		
General and Administra- tion	DSPR-Gaza	149,027	612,818	
	DSPR-West Bank	93,304		
	DSPR-Jordan	30,901		
	DSPR-Lebanon	32,112		
	DSPR-Nazareth	45,608		
	DSPR-Central Office	261,866		
Depreciation	DSPR-Gaza	53,423	72,547	
	DSPR-Jordan	8,912		
	DSPR-Lebanon	482		
	DSPR-Central Office	9,730		
Total Program Expenses			3,648,579	

## Middle East Council of Churches Department of Service for Palestine Refugees Program Expenses By Sector 2013



## Middle East Council of Churches Department of Service for Palestine Refugees Employees Statistics 2013

	Total # of Employees			Gender		Education			LOWER
	Full Time	Part Time	Total	Females	Males	High	Medium	Tawjithi	
DSPR AC's						B.A & Above	Diploma		
GAZA	86	14	100	46	54	61	22	10	7
WEST BANK	5	3	8	3	5	7	1	0	0
JORDAN	12	2	14	9	5	5	2	6	1
LEBANON	23	28	51	31	20	27	17	4	3
NAZARETH	2	2	4	2	2	2	1	1	0
Central Office	4	0	4	2	2	2	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>									
	132	49	181	93	88	104	45	21	11
<b>Percentages</b>									
	73%	27%		51%	49%	57%	25%	12%	6%



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## Financial Annual Overview and Employees Statistics

Area Earmarked										
Donor	Activity	General Budget	Area Earmarked			West Bank		Central	2013	2012
		USD	Gaza	Nazareth	Bank	Jordan	Lebanon	Office	Total	Total
Contributions Received at Central Office:										
Church of Sweden	G/CD/EP	155,633	133,352	-	78,600	-	-	10,177	377,762	336,026
Church of Scotland	HP/GG	7,559	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,559	17,456
Finn Church Aid	EP	-	-	-	25,830	-	-	-	25,830	51,969
Bread for the World	GG	-	-	15,009	34,188	-	34,188	-	83,385	83,288
Christian World Service New Zealand	GG	-	-	-	8,500	10,000	7,740	4,990	31,230	31,563
Church World Service - USA	CD	-	-	-	79,985	-	-	19,985	99,970	79,971
ICCO	GG	65,030	-	-	-	-	-	-	65,030	92,353
Embrace the Middle East	C/E&H	-	206,502	30,821	-	-	-	8,005	245,328	24,812
Common Global Ministries Board of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	GG/E&H	41,970	-	-	-	-	7,985	-	49,955	52,556
United Churches of the Netherlands - Kerkinactie	GG	72,915	-	-	-	-	24,305	-	97,220	93,765
NCCA/Act for Peace	HP/AD	-	271,665	-	-	-	-	-	271,665	434,687
United Church of Canada KAIROS	CD	-	-	-	13,255	-	-	-	13,255	38,754
United Church of Canada	GG	29,703	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,703	68,072
Presbyterian Church in Canada	GG	4,812	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,812	8,759
Presbyterian Church in Canada/Women Division	HP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,640
Norwegian Church Aid	HP/EP	-	332,566	-	-	-	-	30,002	362,568	416,384
General Board of Global Ministries	GG/CD	19,982	-	-	-	14,970	4,982	-	39,934	21,080
The CCFD - Terre Solidaire	GG	33,900	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,900	38,550
Others		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,655
Subtotal		431,505	944,085	45,830	240,358	24,970	79,200	73,159	1,839,107	1,933,340
3. Grants and revenues (continued)										
Contributions Received Directly at Areas:										
Pontifical Mission	GG/EA		45,372					-	45,372	45,000
Pontifical Mission/ex university and VTC graduates	GG/E&H		119,601					-	119,601	150,239
EED	HP/CD/EO		378,010					-	378,010	496,115
Church of Wales	GG							-	-	38,054
Finchurch Aid	ED					1,523			1,523	69,119
Mennonite			24,920					-	24,920	24,920
Presbyterian Church - USA	CD						4,965	-	4,965	7,974
Church of Scotland	CD						6,590	-	6,590	3,189
World Vision International	CD						44,473	-	44,473	6,282
German Speaking Evangelical Church - Beirut	CD						2,977	-	2,977	-
British Embassy Lebanon	CD							-	-	18,580
Embrace the Middle East	CD		18,974		102,947		37,903	-	159,824	34,233
The Amos Trust	HP							-	-	15,849
DCA / Humanitarian 2011 - 2012	E&H								-	120,560
Donations in kind	E&H								-	420
ANERA	E&H		179,716						179,716	56,745
Others			7,094				1,000	-	8,094	9,747
The Arab Company	CD				30,000				30,000	-
Total contributions received directly by areas			773,687	-	132,947	1,523	97,908	-	1,006,065	1,097,026

# Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR)

Actions by Churches Together (PSE111)	E&H	-								
Actions by Churches Together (PSE121)		-	-		-	-	-	-	-	99,357
Actions by Churches Together (PSE131)		-	100,000	-	20,000	-	-	30,522	150,522	-
Actions by Churches Together (SYR121)		-	-	-	-	185,622	-	18,994	204,616	-
Actions by Churches Together (SYR131)		-	-	-	-	200,000	25,000	18,354	243,354	-
Actions by Churches Together (SYR131) - unspent (schedule of details below)						-		368,455	368,455	
<b>Total of Actions by Churches Together</b>		-	100,000	-	20,000	385,622	25,000	436,325	966,947	99,357
<b>Total Grants</b>										
		431,505	1,817,772	45,830	393,305	412,115	202,108	509,484	3,812,119	3,129,723
									Statement B	
<b>Program and other revenues (including difference of currency)</b>		-	87,102	(10,020)	(1,240)	19,002	55,862	62	150,768	195,193
<b>Total Contributions and Revenues</b>		431,505	1,904,874	35,810	392,065	431,117	257,970	509,546	3,962,887	3,324,916
									Statement B	
<b>Activity Legend:</b> GG - General Grant    E&H - Emergency Appeal, Humanitarian & and food security    CD - Community Development    HP - Health Program EP - Educational opportunities/Program    AD- Advocacy/capacity										
<b>Support for Gaza and the West Bank (PSE131) and (PSE111)</b>					<b>Actions by Churches Together - Act Alliance (SYR121)</b>					
Lutheran World Relief, USA		40,153	-							3,800
United Methodist Committee on Relief		28,173	-							1,882
United Church of Canada		2,237	20,000							30,516
Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe		114,960	-							98,716
Presbyterian World Service and Development Canada		-	24,945							10,000
Christian Aid		-	54,411							51,500
Sub total		185,522	99,356							5,171
										3,032
										204,616
<b>Actions by Churches Together - Act Alliance (SYR131)</b>										
Act for Peace, Australia			35,000	-						
Wider Church Ministries, USA			10,000	-						
Church World Service, New Zealand			77,462	-						
Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe			197,731	-						
United Church of Canada			76,576	-						
Church of Brethren, USA			16,000	-						
Norwegian Church Aid			90,956	-						
Anglican Board Mission, Australia			6,690	-						
ICCO / kerk in Actie, Netherlands			101,395	-						
Sub total			611,809	-						
Grand total			1,001,948	-						

<b>Middle East Council of Churches /Department of Service to Palestine Refugees</b>											
<b>Analysed Income By Partners and Activity 2013-2012</b>											
			Area Earmarked								
		General			West			Central	2013	2012	
<b>Donor</b>	Activity	Budget	Gaza	Nazareth	Bank	Jordan	Lebanon	Office	Total	Total	
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Common Global Ministries Board of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	GG/E&H	41,970	-	-	-	-	7,985	-	49,955	52,556	
United Churches of the Netherlands - Kerkinactie	GG	72,915	-	-	-	-	24,305	-	97,220	93,765	
NCCA/Act for Peace	HP/AD	-	271,665	-	-	-	-	-	271,665	434,687	
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- 12 جلسة تدريب للمطوعين والمتطوعات
- خدمات الاغاثة الطارئة للاجئين السوريين: 20 جلسة لبرنامج الدعم النفسي والاجتماعي
- 13 دورة توعية صحية وتغذية وتعليم
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- 5 دورات لتدريب القدرات القيادية للاجئين
- يومان ترفيهيان للاطفال
- توزيع 350 شنطة مدرسية
- تشجيع الفتيات على مواصلة التعليم
- التدريب المهني ودورات اكااديمية
- مجموعات دعم للكفاءات والمهارات الاجتماعية
- الارشاد الفردي والجماعي ( العدد الكلي للمستفيدات 106 فتيات
- التثقيف على التسامح:-دورات في وسائل تعلم الحوار بين الاديان للمعلمين والمدراء في كل من كفر ياسيف وابو سنان والجديدة- مكر ( عدد المشاركين 42)
- تخصيص حصص حوار للاديان المختلفة في مدارس الجليل .
- دورة كفاءات للشباب او النشاطات في معليا جلسات تثقيف حول قيم التعددية والديمقراطية
- زيارات لمتخلف الجماعات الدينية وغيرها
- القيام بنشاطات لا منهجية للانفتاح على الاخر

### القدس والضفة الغربية

#### الجمعية المسيحية الدولية

- البنية التحتية للمدارس:اعمال صيانة او ترميم وتحديث ل 16 غرفة صف في كل مدرستي عقربة في منطقة نابلس ونزلة عيسى استفاد منها اكثر من 600 طالب ومدرس .
- ترميم وتوسيع شبكة المياه في برقين شمال الضفة الغربية للعامين 2012-2013 بمساهمة فعالة من المجلس البلدي واهل برقين.(اكثر من 6500 شخص)
- توفير المياه بشكل مستقر لكل من قريتي مزارع النوباني وعارورة في منطقة رام الله ( اكثر من 6000 شخص)
- المرافعة الدولية لحق الفلسطينيين في المياه مع الشبكات الكنسية العالمية وفي المؤتمرات والجمعيات العامة لمجلس الكنائس العالمي في شتى انحاء العالم .
- عضوية الجمعية في مؤسسات المرافعة الدولية مثل EWASH و WASH وكذلك في ATF- ADVOCACY TASK FORCE
- الامن الغذائي تم انشاء 38 حديقة منزلية في كل من قرية عزون 17 حديقة وقرية سينريا 21 حديقة في العام 2013 وتوفر كل حديقة دخلا للأسرة بما يعادل 143 دولار شهرياً

### الجليل

#### الجمعية المسيحية العالمية في اسرائيل

- الحوار للدفاع عن الحقوق تقيم الجمعية مؤتمراً سنوياً يتناول المواضيع ذات الصلة بالعدالة الاجتماعية والصحية والتعليم وفي العام 2013 كان الموضوع الدين والسلام في وسائل الاعلام وقد حضره من المهتمين 150-170 من جميع الاطراف.
- مساندة الفتيات المتسربات في المدارس:

### لبنان

#### مجمع الكنائس للخدمة الاجتماعية

- دورات تصفيف الشعر والتجميل والحلاقة: استفادت 59 شابة في كل من مراكز مخيمي صبرا وصيدا من دورات التصفيف والتجميل استفاد 8 شباب في كل من الخيميين من دورات الحلاقة
- دورة السكرتارية والتي استفاد منها 12 امرأة وشابة بمهارات مكتبية وعلاقات عامة
- دورة الالكترونيات والحاسوب ل 16 شاباً تؤهلهم للمنافسة في سوق العمل
- متابعة التعليم الاعدادى والثانوي للاجئين السوريين ل 52 طالباً تمكن منهم 15 طالباً في الصف التاسع وعشرين طالباً في الصف 12 من تقديم الامتحانات في دمشق رغم الصعوبات
- حضانه وروضة في مخيم صبرا وشاتيلا ل 125 طفلة وطفلاً منهم 45 طفلاً سورياً
- دروس اضافية مجانية في مجيمي صبرا او ضبية ل 64 طالب وطالبة
- المكتبة في مخيم ضبية وتصل للمجتمع ككل
- دورات لغة الجليزية ل 20 طالباً وطالبة في كل من مجيمي صبرا وضبية بالاضافة لدورة الكل شبان وشابات مركز صيدا بمن فيهم اللاجئين السوريين .
- ملعب كرة قدم - مخيم ضبية حيث تتدرب فيه 3 فرق ب 45 لاعب ولاعبة منهم فريق من اللاعبات.
- محاربة الامية : في مخيم صبرا وشاتيلا 15 امرأة .
- اساسيات الزراعة للنساء والرجال في مزرعة صور 48 شخص

## دائرة الخدمة للاجئين الفلسطينيين «DSPR»

### غزة

#### مجلس كنائس الشرق الأدنى لخدمة اللاجئين

- الخدمات الصحية - مركز رعاية صحة العائلة في كل من الشجاعة والدرج ( المستفيدين أكثر من 150 ألف شخصاً
- المركز الطبي في خربة العدس منطقة رفح ( المستفيدين أكثر 12 ألف شخص)
- المنتفعون من البرنامج الصحي 20.155 مريضاً تم استقبالهم للعلاج
- 10.121 طفلاً استفاد من خدمات مركز صحة الطفل
- 6.260 مريضاً فحصهم طبيب الاسنان
- 2.262 امرأة حامل تم فحصها
- 1.287 طفلاً تمت معالجته من فقر الدم وسوء التغذية
- 11.067 منتفعاً من برامج الصحة النفسية
- التدريب المهني يدير المجلس 4 مراكز للتدريب المهني :-
- مركز مدينة غزة:لفنون التجارة وتصنيع الاثاث او الحديد والالمنيوم واللحام ( المستفيدين أكثر من 114 شاب من عمر 14-16 عاماً)
- مركز القرارة: لبرامج الكهرباء العامة والمولدات ولف المحركات ( لأكثر من 50 شاباً من عمر 19-23 عاماً)
- دورات السكرتاريا ومركز اللغة الانكليزية : لأكثر من 20فتاة لمدة عام
- مركز تصميم الأزياء : ( لأكثر من 20شابة وامرأة لمدة عام)
- خدمات الاغاثة الطارئة : يقدم البرنامج مساعدات مالية للعائلات المحتاجة (635 عائلة )
- مبادرة خلق فرص عمل مؤقتة بمساعدة آكت ACT)) والبعثة البابوية لفلسطين Embrace the Middle East
- استفا 92 شخص من هذه المبادرة بمن فيهم 44 امرأة
- القروض ( انظر جدول القروض) ص.....

### الأردن :

#### مجلس كنائس الشرق الأدنى لخدمة اللاجئين

- الخدمات الصحية عيادة صحية في مخيم مادبا تخصص صحة الام والطفل ( عدد المراجعين 4.121)
- عيادة مخيم جرش (عدد المراجعين 3.050)
- اربعة ايام طبية مجانية في الخيمات ( عدد المستفيدين 1950 امرأة وطفلاً بمن فيهم اللاجئين السوريين)
- التوعية الصحية والبيئية
- تطعيم آلاف الاطفال في ثلاث مخيمات للاجئين في مادبا والحصن والطالبية ضد الحصبة وشلل الاطفال .
- التدريب المهني والتعليم :صنع النتسوجات التقليدية والفولكرية (عدد 45 فتاة)

هي مؤسسة مسكونية وذات علاقة بالكنيسة وهي جزء لا يتجزأ من مجلس كنائس الشرق الأوسط «MECC». وقد تم تأسيسها بعد الحرب العربية-الإسرائيلية عام 1948 وخلق مشكلة اللاجئين الفلسطينيين. وقد قام المسيحيين الذين يسكنون في الشرق الأوسط بإطلاق نشاطات وبرامج لدعم اللاجئين الفلسطينيين في المنطقة. وتطورت هذه الإستجابات المسكونية إلى خمس مؤسسات أو لجان مستقلة مرتبطة مع بعضها البعض ضمن دائرة الخدمة للاجئين الفلسطينيين والمجتمعات في الضفة الغربية. غزة. الأردن. لبنان والجليل.

### وهذه اللجان هي:

- اللجنة المسيحية الدولية في الضفة الغربية «ICC».
- اللجنة المسيحية الدولية في إسرائيل - الجليل «ICCI».
- اللجنة المسيحية المشتركة للخدمة الإجتماعية في لبنان «JCC».
- لجنة مجلس كنائس الشرق الأدنى لعمل اللاجئين في غزة «NECCCRW».
- لجنة مجلس كنائس الشرق الأدنى لعمل اللاجئين في الأردن «NECCCRW».

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