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## Foreword

It gives me pleasure as chairperson of DSPR Central Committee to share with you our Annual Report for 2015. Our region remains in the grip of ongoing conflict and the Palestinian problem has not been resolved to the satisfaction and aspirations of our people. We remain steadfast as an ecumenical church-related organization to carry out DSPR-MECC original mandate of serving the Palestinian refugees. The flow of Syrian refugees, in Lebanon and Jordan, continues to challenge us as it is impossible not to extend a helping hand when these refugees are living side by side with the old Palestinian refugees. Another consideration was that DSPR was one of the few working organizations in the field and we felt that with our experience and organizational infrastructure we should be part of the ACT Forum in Jordan Syria and Lebanon that focuses on emergency and development work for Syrian refugees. We insist in all of our Areas that we are an integral part of our societies and that we want to contribute to a model of society and state where all are equal citizens. DSPR Round Table is reflective of the values of witness and involvement that we share with our partners. Continuous consultation and working together go on with the aim of optimizing the impact of our partnerships and of our work on the ground. I wish to thank my Colleagues in the Central Committee and all Chairpersons and Members of local Area Committees and the Executive Directors of the five geographic areas in which DSPR operates for their diligent responsible and responsive work. My thanks also go out to our partners and supporters who are generous with time and commitment to enable us to make a difference in the present and future of our troubled region. Last but not least thanks go to the Central Office and its team for their work and follow up to ensure the Oneness of DSPR.

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

It seems that as years follow each other in our region nothing changes. Crisis laden situations proliferate, exasperation of people add up to the difficulties and precariousness of new refugees who together with veteran refugees need a supportive hand. Throughout our work we seek to maintain the dignity of the individual person, especially women and youth. Our partners inspire us, or let me say the mutual inspiration of our partnerships, make us steadfast in going on with our work not and our determination to empower people with whom we work and to get them eventually to stand on their own two feet and to become self-dependent.. Our work is not possible without the commitment of all those who work tirelessly in the five different Areas of DSPR/MECC. It is also not possible without the continued partnership and sharing with our international and local partners. Thank you each and every one.

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

### **DSPR Beginnings, Raison d’être and Vision**

‘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 were 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. As the Middle East region is embroiled in chronic crises and as the Palestinian – Israeli conflict remains unresolved, the problem of the Palestinian refugees and their basic rights to essential services remains a key problem to which DSPR responds. At times of great regional upheavals and as hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees and other needy flock into the refugee camps and the localities where DSPR serves, it is natural that the services we offer touch the lives of these needy and refugees.

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 and its Five Area Committees**

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).

### **Right of Return Basic Human Right**

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.

## Enhance the wellbeing of Palestinian mothers and children – Primary Health Clinics and Health Education in Jordan and the Gaza Strip

### Health Program

*DSPR Jordan and Gaza are engaged in providing health services to a target population of over 100,000 primarily serving the refugees living in the Gaza refugee camps and in addition to the 2000+ newly arrived Syrian refugees in the Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan.*



**MEDICAL DAY JORDAN**

In Jordan, DSPR two Primary Health Care Clinics in Madaba and Jerash Refugee Camps continued receiving hundreds of patients, including Syrian refugee families. The goal is to enhance the wellbeing of mothers and children. The two clinics were able to generate over 74% of their budgets through the participation of local patients who covered their medical fees.

The health services offered include monthly health awareness sessions on a variety of medical, hygienic and nutritional topics with each of the sessions attended by at least 30 women. The holding of free medical days took place in cooperation with Jordan University Hospital at the DSPR Vocational Training Centers in Husn and Madaba refugee camps. These days covered gynecology, ophthalmology, pediatrics and general medicine. The reach out covered 865 patients in the various fields. In addition the medical outreach of DSPR enabled 1031 Syrian refugees to

be referred for further medical examination and follow up. Iraqi refugees in Jordan also benefitted from the free medical days as many of them suffered from hypertension and diabetes and sought advice and in cases referrals for their conditions. A needs assessment survey was undertaken for 150 Iraqi families in order to determine what medical specialties are most sought by them for planning purposes for future free medical days targeting them.

Besides, DSPR Jordan organized one free medical day each in the Madaba and Ashrafiyah camps where over 853 patients benefitted, including scores of Syrian refugees.



**Dr. Saba Ghawi, a pediatrician, examines a young patient in a clinic in Madaba, a sprawling Palestinian refugee camp in Jordan**

Fifty Syrian refugee families benefitted from injections of vitamin B12 as determined needed by the medical staff at the Madaba refugee camp.

Beside the immediate medical services and referrals, DSPR Jordan had held workshops on Health and Nutrition to over 930 housewives on H1N1, food alternates and personal hygiene.

### **Enhance the wellbeing of Palestinian mothers and children – Primary Health Clinics and Health Education in Jordan and the Gaza Strip**

#### **Shija'ia, Darraj and Rafah Primary Health Clinics Run by DSPR Gaza**

DSPR Gaza health program offers high quality primary health care services in poor, overpopulated, and remote areas that have inadequate or no health services. Preventive and curative free of charge services are also provided, with a focus on mother and child health care and education towards health and environmental promotion. Antenatal and postnatal care and a Well Baby clinic to follow up children's development until the age of six years add to the quality of health care services 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 Shijaia and Daraj 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 nonexistent by other providers, DSPR Gaza serves a population of approximately 12,000. The three MCH centers have medical stocks and a laboratory, thus operating independently. However, high- risk patients and patients with special needs are referred to specialized clinics.

Newly registered families in the three MCH clinics were 2851 families while the total number of those families that benefitted from the various medical services reached 11,035 families. Total number of families registered in the clinics between 2009 and 2015 topped 33,700 families.

On the mothers' side, 1,850 expecting mothers registered for the first time with 2434 already registered. Of the total 1380 deliveries in the geographic areas of the clinics 73% had postnatal care visits on an average of three times after delivery. Family Planning Services offered by a female gynecologist and staff nurse reached out to close to 1200 women with over 4,000 visits to the clinics; Well Baby Program (WB) offered for children from birth to 6 years to have routine consultations with physicians, measuring weight, length, head circumference and hemoglobin; Nutrition screening activities in order to discover anemic and/or malnourished children and refer them to NECC clinic for follow up and treatment through providing supplements including iron, multivitamins and treating underlying causes of anemia, particularly infections. The number of the newly registered children for the well-baby clinics reached 5183 with an overall register of children that stood at 12,235.



#### **Well baby clinic**

The laboratories attached to the clinics performed over 26,574 tests the results of which were transmitted electronically to the prescribing physician immediately after the results showed up.

Due to the poverty and the unemployment rates that are induced by the political situation, DSPR Gaza subsidizes the visits to the clinics so as not to put any hindrance to seeking primary health care when it is needed.

#### **Health Education in Gaza**

In 2015 DSPR Gaza Staff conducted 1607 health education sessions for over 31709 women attending family health care centers. To promote healthy practices, health education was provided to families in need particularly to caregivers. The primary objective is to increase awareness of the concerned population in topics related to hygiene, breast feeding, environment, etc... Sessions were provided at the health centers and occasionally in local community based organizations e.g. kindergartens. Participants included expecting mothers, women, new pregnant mothers, grandmothers and significant family members. Also health education materials were distributed either inside the centers or at home visits.



**Amani El Assar, a nurse and patient educator, talks with a group of women waiting to be seen in the prenatal section of a clinic in Shejaiya**

## **Enhance the wellbeing of Palestinian mothers and children – Primary Health Clinics and Health Education in Jordan and the Gaza Strip**

The **Dental Clinics** attached to the Primary Health Centers saw a total of 7227 beneficiaries in 2015. Among these were children and expecting mothers continued to be primary beneficiaries. Besides, the mobile dental clinic continues to offer its services to communities in need.



### **Visit to the friendly dentist**

The health services provided by DSPR Gaza remain crucial to the population of Gaza. They contribute amidst a most difficult man created situation to maintaining quality of life and supporting families that are at the greatest need for health care. The medical system created over the years offers a holistic and integrated approach thus gaining the confidence not only of the patients and their families but also public recognition and that of other organizations working in the field.



**A gynecologist is examining a pregnant woman using well advanced machine**



**A midwife is measuring a pregnant woman weight during ANC visits/ A child looks around while his mother talks with Sr. Ahmad Mathoj in a clinic in Darraj**



## Empower marginalized Palestinian youth and women to improve their own economic conditions in Lebanon, Gaza and Jordan

### Economic Empowerment Program

Three of DSPR Area Committees, **Lebanon, Gaza and Jordan** are engaged in Vocational Training programs that aim to enhance the prospects of trainees in securing employment or starting own small business.

**In Lebanon**, DSPR continues with its Vocational Training programs in Hairdressing and Beauty Skills in Sabra refugee camp where 44 women benefited from these programs in 2015. Besides 17 young men enrolled in a 4-month course in Barber Skills; they were taught the newest hairstyles and techniques of haircutting. A 4-week course in tying of Women Scarves was offered three times during the year and benefitted 16 young women. 57 young men enrolled in the Electronics and Computer Center and with the help of volunteers had additional courses in English and got engaged in sportive activities. In Sidon refugee camp Center activities geared to receive hundreds of Syrian refugee children, some of them from the Palestinian camp of Yarmouk in Damascus, to follow up on their secondary school studies. (See the section on Emergency work of DSPR) The JCC Farm in Tyre saw intensive education in agriculture as a 4-month course was offered twice to the benefit of 37 women and men, young and old. The course was made popular by the fact that working in agriculture is not prohibited and accordingly those with skills can find employment or rent their own plots of land and work them for income. Besides an intensive beekeeping course was offered to 24 individuals who used it to produce honey for marketing. 35 women, both from the community and from the Syrian refugee families, benefited from courses offered by “Action Against Hunger” where cooking course beside those of sewing and hairdressing were offered. The Tyre Farm premises were used to offer classes for Syrian students as well. One of the activities associated with farming was the small market in a German Church premises in Beirut where organic fruits, vegetables and plants were on sale once a week. Of note is that the Tyre Farm was open to all visitors including families from the nearby refugee camps who sought some relaxation close to nature.

The Dbayeh Refugee Camp saw the consolidation of the Library and Community Center during 2015. The camp population comprised of 500 families with 120 newly-arrived Syrian refugee families. Story reading was held 4 times per week and 45 youngsters aged 5 to 15 years benefited. A tutoring program “Study Station” which started back in 2007 continued offering its services to 40 students in need with the help of 5 tutors, speech therapist, psychologist and social worker. A volunteer offered English language for the participants. 18 of our young volunteers participated in a 2-week retreat for a group with mental

problems where they used the opportunity to help others and to give them a sense of self-worth together with enjoying the relaxed environment away from the camps. The Dbayeh community continued with its fund that was started to assist bereaved families and the Thrift Shop continued functioning with the proceeds going to cover some of the medical expenses needed by the camp residents. 35 youngsters enjoyed art, music and dancing classes with the objective to form a choir. The boys in Dbayeh formed their football team while the girls and boys had the basketball teams which trained regularly twice a week. Dbayeh also had started its own gymnasium in a couple of rooms in an old abandoned school building. 110 youngsters participated in the Summer Program which focused on “Civilizations of the Arab World” Besides a variety of lectures, workshops and training seminars took place with the participation of 145 men, women and youngsters on topics touching on the family, self-development, refugee rights and responsibilities among other topics.

Vocational Training	Centers	Beneficiaries	Duration
Hairdressing	Sabra	24	6 months
Beauty Skills	Sabra	20	4 months
Barber	Sabra	17	4 months
Electronics & Computers	Sabra	36	9 months
Agriculture	Tyre	37	4 months
Beekeeping	Tyre	24	Intensive



**Farm Class in Tyre -Lebanon**





**Dbayeh**



**Graduates of Agriculture**



**Handicrafts in Summer**



**Hair dressing -Sabra**

In Gaza DSPR offers quality three-year courses in the Gaza City Vocational Training Center 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 and are provided with theoretical skills topics including Math, Arabic, industrial studies, Engineering Drawing, in addition to sport and library classes. The Vocational Training Center at El Qararah 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.

**Distribution of the students of VTC Gaza and El-Qarara VTC**

#	Program	Duration year	Graduates 2015	Dropout	Current Enrolment First /Second/ Third Years	Total
1	Carpentry and Furniture Making	3	23		23 /20/ 22	65
2	Welding		14		16/ 15/ 13	44
3	General Electricity and Motor Rewinding	2	26		26 /22	48
4	Secretarial Studies and English Language	1	20		22	22
5	Advanced Dressmaking	1	18		22	22
	<b>Total</b>		<b>102</b>		<b>109 /57 /35</b>	<b>201</b>



**A student in an electronics class in the Vocational Training Center in Khan Yunis, Gaza**



**VTC Al-Qararah Electrician Courses**



**Student Emad Abu Holli climbs a utility pole during a class on electrical wiring at the Vocational Training Center in Khan Yunis, Gaza**



**A Student sands a wood joint in a woodworking class in the Vocational Training Center in Gaza City, Gaza**

### **Empower marginalized Palestinian youth and women to improve their own economic conditions in Lebanon, Gaza and Jordan**

#### **Secretarial Studies**

In 2015 22 young Gaza women enrolled in the Secretarial studies and English Language course at the Secretarial Studies Center in the premises of DSPR Gaza. These were all high school graduates and started off with an intensive English Language course running for 3 months. High quality secretarial skills empower these young women to secure jobs in both the public and private offices in the Gaza Strip. Having these young women join these offices give added value to the role and leadership of young women. In 2015 18 women graduated from the Secretarial Course and most found appropriate employment whether in the private or public sectors.



**Teacher Ayda el-Habbash (center) teaches an advanced dressmaking class in the Vocational Training Center in Gaza City, Gaza.**

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. The students are provided with comprehensive Course covers theoretical and practical subjects including Measurement, preparing patterns and sewing of all kinds of dresses for children and adults mainly

for women and produce well-prepared pieces. Twenty two women were enrolled in the course in 2015 and 18 graduated in 2015 and were subsequently employed either with commercial dressmaking enterprises or started their own small businesses at home.



#### **Secretarial Center**

The vocational training programs offered by DSPR Gaza are praised by the community for their high training quality and excellence. This explains why in a labor market that sees a high rate of unemployment hitting young Gazans due to man-made measures and blockade, almost two thirds of our graduates are employed or self-employed within one-year of graduation, increasing their ability to be self-reliant and effectively contributing to the livelihoods of their families.



**Women in a computer and secretarial skills class in the Vocational Training Center in Gaza City, Gaza.**

## **Empower marginalized Palestinian youth and women to improve their own economic conditions in Lebanon, Gaza and Jordan**

**In Jordan**, DSPR undertakes vocational training for women in the traditional folkloric textiles. These textiles have evolved historically in both Jordan and Palestine and in the region in general sustained by the older generation of grandmothers who kept faithful to the tradition. With the changes taking place all around and in all fields, there is fear that this tradition would be lost. Our program teaches women trainees the skills of producing traditional and folkloric pieces of textile that have potential of being functional in today's market, whether they are marketed collectively or at the individual woman's preference.

Women in the Refugee Camps, in addition to the Syrian women newcomers, are seeking ways of generating their own income through excelling in skills of producing high quality pieces of Arab folkloric designs as well as traditional designs. The purpose of such a project is to enable women to have an independent means of income through regenerating the much valued traditional folkloric textile pieces. In 2015 over 35 women benefitted from the course and some started with their own businesses and marketed their products in localities especially in historic Jerash and in the capital Amman.

**DSPR Jordan** also undertakes to enable women in three computer centers in the Irbid, Hittin and Madaba Refugee Camps to gain computer skills and/or improving the skills they already have. Some 260 women have benefitted from the computer courses in 2015. Computer courses and skills can be empowerment factors especially to women with limited movability. Mastering ICDL and other computer skills contribute to increasing the

possibility of employment and self-reliance.

The ICDL Course itself is taught throughout week days and lasts for a couple of months each.

On average some twenty women participated each month in the computer and ICDL course. Over half of the women graduates of the course end up finding employment, which given the overall bleak employment situation in the country is something which is a source of pride to all involved.



**Cheese processing with Palestinian women empowerment program at Talbiah Camp**



**Women Group at Talbiah Camp**

## Loans give Opportunities

As is the practice for many years, Four of the Five Area Committees provide interest-free loans. University students are the primary beneficiaries as these loans see them through their university or college years. The Area Committees are aware of the higher costs of university education across the region and accordingly adjust the sum of the granted loan to compensate in some measure to the increasing costs of a university education. DSPR Jordan, West Bank and Nazareth offer also some business loans particularly to those who seek either to improve their own business prospects or have been suffering from unemployment and or some form of disability. DSPR West Bank offers housing loans as well. The loans give students, small businessmen and families a push to realize their hopes and improve their economic, educational and living prospects. Hundreds of university students and their families have benefited from this project. Some could not have made it at all without the financial support that the loan for three academic years provides. Many of the recipients have become active professionals, teachers, public servants and in private enterprises.

### Loans Issued by Various DSPR Areas By Type of Loan

Type of loan	Area Committees	No. of loans in 2015	Amount per loan (\$)	Total (US\$)	Recovery previous loans
University/College	76 Nazareth	76	1000	\$76,000	95-98%
	DSPR NECCRW Gaza	108	750 – 1,000	\$88,250	90-95%
	DSPR NECCRW Jordan	52	900-1400	\$66,528	90-95%
	DSPR ICC West Bank and Jerusalem	2	2,500 – 3,000	\$5,500	100%
Business & Housing	DSPR ICCI Nazareth	1		2,500	95-98%
	DSPR ICC West Bank and Jerusalem	18	Max 7,000	\$90,000	100%

## **Environment Resource Management**

### **Food Security Program of DSPR West Bank**

### **Supporting Vulnerable Palestinian Communities to**

### **Better Manage and Preserve Available Natural**

### **Resources**

**In its Service provision, DSPR Jerusalem –West Bank aims to enabling Palestinian communities, better manage and preserve available natural resources and protect the environment through the water and agriculture sectors. The Capacity building direction is integrated within the agriculture/food security program and Advocacy that focuses upon the right to water and illegal settlements in the oPt.**

At present DSPR Jerusalem –West Bank focuses on the agriculture sector; domestic farming remains to be crucial for rural communities that suffer from land grab and endure severe hardships from illegal settlements and the separation barrier. We were able to provide 29 domestic farms as planned in the cluster of Qalqilya district with focus upon, Jinsafoot village. The project targeted most vulnerable group, with farming skills and whose sole source of income is welfare support from UNRWA, WFP and Government Social support, thus living in extreme poverty. The target group became self-sufficient and productive with a monthly yield of at least USD 145 per household per month.

Of the 32 worst affected communities within the district of Qalqilya, which is north-west from Jerusalem and surrounded on three areas by the separation barrier with a checkpoint that is closed at will thus incarcerating over 25,000 inhabitants of the town, DSPR Jerusalem-West Bank made the decision in concert with the local population to prioritize in 2015 the village of Jinasfout in the Qalqilya district. The project comprises of two components; Plant production and livestock. The plant production element consists of planting of 5 productive trees; walnut, guava, nectarine, orange and lemon trees of 4-5 years of age for each home garden with adequate space area. All trees were carefully selected to enhance household's food security situation with significant focus on expensive nutritionally rich types that poor households can't purchase. Furthermore, the climate in the area in terms of temperature and rainfall, availability of water in addition to the planting season were considered when the plants were selected.

The second component of the home garden, livestock and poultry which consists of 2 pregnant sheep, 12 laying hens with their cages in addition to fodder for both hens and sheep sufficient for a period of 100 days; 300 kg of feed per home garden for sheep, in a total of 8.7 tons, in addition to 100 kg of

feed per home garden for hens, in a total of 2.9 tons. The total amount of fodder supplied to the beneficiaries of the project is 232 bags weighing 11.6 tons in total.

Each of the cages supplied to the home gardens consisted of 4 slots, with each slot accommodating up to 3 hens, in addition to troughs for feed and water. According to specifications each hen was around 100 days old upon delivery with required identification papers and records from the hatchery with an average weight of 1.15 kg. A total of 348 laying hens were delivered with a daily average productivity of 10-11 eggs per home garden.

For the sheep, 2 heads of pregnant sheep were delivered for each home garden to enhance food security in addition to the economic situation of households; a total of 58 heads of pregnant sheep were selected by the veterinarian on the basis of quality from a known source of supply, the age of the sheep varied between 15-30 months with an average pregnancy of 3 months and tagged with special ear tags of unified color and serial numbers.

The local contribution took the form of preparing the land for planting the trees in addition to preparation of animal sheds for the second component of the home garden that is sheep, fodder and laying hens with their cages in accordance to specifications.

In line with the plan of action the technical team conducted the socio-economic survey by visiting each household and filling a questionnaire with all information regarding the social and economic situation of the household. The technical team initially filtered questionnaires according to an updated grading matrix on the baseline of the set criterion for eligibility and selected 29 households for this year's intervention.

The selected names were invited to a collective meeting with our technical team for orientation about the project as well as fulfillment of all legal prerequisite documentation. Therefore, 29 beneficiaries signed contractual agreements and started preparing the designated space area for the receipt of inputs.

## Success Story

Ibtissam, 53 years of age, is a hard working woman farmer and mother to a son Mohammad who is 19 years of age (unemployed mechanic by profession) and a daughter Hadeel 17 years of age at the 11th grade at school. They live in a small house of 90 m<sup>2</sup> space area consisting of 2 bedrooms, living room, kitchenette and bathroom, surrounded by a home garden of 50 m<sup>2</sup>. Her experience with the project started when there was an announcement at the village council where she applied, and became engaged with the project from the announcement day, since May 2015 onwards and is still on going in 2016. She always dreamt of a start-up project but had no means for it. As she read about the project she was hopeful that she would have this opportunity and start this project which with the rented Dunum that she has, would make a big difference in their lives.

“ The project helped me a lot whereby each of the two heads of sheep delivered twins, I no more buy any dairy products as I am collecting eggs from hens and milk from sheep which I process part into cheese and labneh. Accordingly the start-up project started with 2 sheep and today they are 6. It has contributed positively to my life where I used to have free time in the afternoon after I come back home from the farm, sitting at home and doing nothing. Today I have full time, in the afternoon I am very busy taking care of my home garden. Additionally, my kids are sharing this responsibility with me. I have learnt that there is still good in life as witnessed from people in my village and the support received from the organization and its people. I never had or experienced dealing with livestock, today I have learned how to deal and benefit from them.”

“ My husband, may his soul rest in peace, was a farmer. He used to grow thyme and sell it in the market. As we are close to Nablus area, in 2002 as he was on his way back after selling that day's produce, he was shot dead by Israeli soldiers. Yet I was determined to overcome, and with the help of people in my village, I was able to find a job as a farmer working and earning my daily bread for me and for my kids through the hard labour work as hired help. My husband's family owned a 10 dunum land planted with olive trees which has been isolated by the fence surrounding Jinsafout”.

Today I rented a one dunum space area which I am farming myself with the help of my son and earn a decent living from it. I would like to thank the kind people in my village who provided the material and labour to construct the shed so as to accommodate the livestock within.



## Water Program

DSPR Jerusalem-West Bank is keen to reflect Christian Witness and Diakonia through active contribution to improve living conditions of Palestinians in addition to fostering their basic human rights. Throughout our water program, we thrive to protect, respect and achieve one of the most important human rights, the right to water through supporting Palestinian communities to better manage and preserve natural resources by enhancing ownership and access to water resources.

Within our strategic plan, this year we focused on the middle regions for the water project. As most of this area lies within the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem Water Undertaking, they provided us with six priorities for urgent needs in the water sector which were filtered and out of which two locations were selected; that are Abu Falah and Yabroud villages in Ramallah district. The two villages are supplied with water by Jerusalem Water Undertaking (JWU) and need to have a reliable, suitable and dependable source of water for the high areas through securing additional quantities of water for the targeted areas and increasing their water consumption to reach 80 l/c.d. The source of water is Ein Samya production wells. The high areas of Abu Falah village and Yabroud village are suffering from severe water shortage;

The project comprises of the construction of a total of 1,450 m main water pipelines of 4” diameter, 1,920 m main water pipelines of 3” diameter and 200 m house connections of 2” diameter. In Yabroud, 1,140m of the 4” diameter pipes will be installed and the remaining 310m will be installed in Abu Falah village in addition to all the quantity of the 3” diameter pipes and the house connections.



As DSPR Jerusalem –West Bank approached the project for this year in partnership with the Jerusalem Water Undertaking; a memorandum of understanding had been signed with clear description of shares, roles and responsibilities in addition to a detailed plan of action.

The direct beneficiaries from the project are the people of the two villages who reside in the high areas. In Abu Falah, the direct beneficiaries are about 825 capita representing 140 households and 126 houses. In Yabrud, the direct beneficiaries are the total town population of about 850 capita representing 160 households and 144 houses.



### Water Advocacy

During 2015 DSPR Jerusalem –West Bank remained limited in engagement in Advocacy due to the scarce resources available. However we maintained engagement in National networks and fora's. This was the only platform through which we were keen to act and interact with. We contributed to the launch of the WCC international water day and appreciate the WCC General Secretary's presence in Jerusalem for the successful launch and inauguration of new premises of EAPPI.

The human rights-based approach remains for DSPR Jerusalem –West Bank a strategic direction through advocacy emanating from our community development program with focus upon the issue of "Water and illegal Settlements". The program became actively engaged in a highly complex issue but managed to emerge solid and steadfast amongst the challenges ahead. DSPR Jerusalem – West Bank was privileged in hosting the annual meeting of the World Council of Churches- Ecumenical Water Network in 2014 in Jerusalem. This has paved the way for a focused campaign on water injustices culminated by adoption of a position paper and statement released by WCC.



### **Social and Economic Justice** **Empowerment Programs Youth, Children and Mothers in Jordan, Galilee and Lebanon**

**DSPR Jordan** conducts programs for the social and economic empowerment of young children and housewives. In 2015 over 600 boys and girls participated in life skills workshops while over 1260 children participated in workshops that aimed to promote self-presentation and hygienic care with workshops on civic education. Psychosocial support workshops reached to over 560 mothers who needed the support in order to cope with a variety of social, economic and family requirements. As part of the partnership with CWS New Zealand that is specifically focused on women empowerment through vocational training and health education, DSPR Jordan reached out to 739 women from the Husn, Souf , Talbieh and Madaba refugee camps in various activities. A need assessment was undertaken with 200 housewives while 286 participated in the health education program that dealt with issues of First Aid, Hair Dyes, Osteoporosis, Oral Care, and H1N1. On the vocational training part of the partnership 253 housewives in the four camps participated in workshops and activities geared to Clothes Recycling, Toys Manufacturing, Yogurt Production and Cheese Processing. These activities were coupled with workshops for evaluation and feedback from the participants in which over 160 women participated. As all of these activities were conducted by voluntary women committees set up in the four refugee camps, training sessions for the members of the women committees were also undertaken.

DSPR Jordan remains committed to the idea of empowering young people and women in refugee camps. The fact that there are hundreds of youth and mothers and other women participating in the workshops, training sessions and other activities undertaken in our centers testify to the need that exists but also to the impact that these activities have on the participants in a variety of social, economic, medical and personal care and presentation. In October 2015 DSPR Jordan started the second year of the partnership project with CWS New Zealand in new four refugee camps: Baqa', Gaza, Hittin and Zarqa in addition to the camps already benefiting. The project in these new camps started with the deliberations over forming two women committees to actively plan and oversees the activities. Besides a needs assessment exercise will target the women from these four camps in order to assess their priorities.



**Palestinian Women graduation ceremony within women empowerment program of computer literacy at Hitteen Camp**

### Programs for Dropout Girls, Interfaith and Arab and Jewish Professionals in Galilee

DSPR Nazareth of the Galilee has a unique contribution to the needs of girls in crisis and dropout young girls in Acre; a mixed Jewish Arab city in the north of the country. The Arab minority 20% of the population is systematically marginalized. The education system suffers from a lack of supervision, lack of subsidies, and lack of professional guidance. A high proportion of students (boys and girls) drop out from schools.

DSPR Nazareth work with the ACRE dropout girls, 112 of them in 2015, is in its 11<sup>th</sup> year. The activities undertaken are geared to enable girls to go back to school and if this is not possible to provide them in parallel with skills that can help them find appropriate working opportunities. The girls are divided into groups depending on age and grade in school. A variety of activities is offered to each group depending on the needs of girls and their educational and future directions.



**Acre drop out program**

The DSPR Nazareth program initially targeted 90 to 100 girls to participate in the program but there were 112 girls who enrolled. This is due to the excellent reputation of the center. Psycho-social as well as educational and other opportunities to the young women are offered. The results of the program are very encouraging as many of the girls end up going back to school while others opt to develop their own entrepreneurial skills, learned at the center, in order to become self-dependent.



### Youth Leadership Program in Cooperation with Notre-Dame School in Mee'lya village – DSPR Nazareth

Another program that DSPR Nazareth undertakes is the Youth Leadership Program in Cooperation with Notre-Dame School in Mee'lya village in Galilee. The idea behind the program is to enable

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youngsters to obtain a variety of social skills and to promote values of public good through professional training.

30 students altogether participated and each group of 15 underwent training in out-door activities highlighting the values of cooperation and planning strategy. Included in the 2015 program was a “business initiative” that focused on creative thinking, team work, shared responsibility and interpersonal communication. The business initiative resulted in the students coming up with the idea of marketing cleaning and washing gloves of their own production. They were able to sell the product and the money earned was donated to needy fellow students. In addition the program introduced a new model for creative thinking through arts. The idea was to develop the sense of creativity among the students and to help them produce pieces of art. The leadership skills learned were put to good use at the end of the program as the students volunteered to help with the elderly and with the boy scouts in their respective communities.



**Interfaith in Galilee: An Intervention Program in Schools Mghar Village Galilee: "Knowing the Other by Knowing his Holy Sites"**

30 teachers representing schools from mixed Arab villages in Galilee: Majd al-kroum, Bee'neh, Der-alsad, Nahaf, Sajour and Rama were the target group for this program in 2015. An intensive course was attended by all the teachers which included 3 full day visits to the various holy sites of Christianity, Islam, Druze and Judaism. The reach out in this program included an educational tour for heads of teachers' training centers in Galilee as well as the involvement of heads of departments of education, supervisors and principals of schools. This program got the approval of the Ministry of Education which encourages teachers and school principals to take part. The plans are for the teachers and principals who participated in the activity to devote 2 hours monthly in their schools and classrooms sharing their experiences and knowledge with their students.

In an environment where religious and national tensions are often mistaken for religious reasons, the course is an important activity to reach out and become open to others via their religious holy places and symbols. Often simple understanding of the symbols of others would demystify misperceptions and stereotypical projections.

**"Communication for the Promotion of Understanding across National Groups"**

DSPR Nazareth continued in 2015 with its efforts at promoting a culture of tolerance across national groups in Israel. This was done with the goal of achieving equal rights for the Arab Palestinian

minority. Between 70 university students, religious leaders, lecturers and media specialists took part. The conference was held at the University of Haifa in cooperation with the communication department in early December under the theme: "Communication for the Promotion of Understanding between Arabs and Jews in Israel" Three panels discussed the Role of Media, Discourse and Arts on promoting understanding, dialogue, equal rights and peaceful environment.

**DSPR Lebanon of Social Empowerment**

The goals of the DSPR Lebanon program are to enhance the overall well-being of the Palestinian refugees and their community. For this purpose a variety of activities are undertaken that include a literacy program and a program for the elderly beside lectures, workshops, sports and summer programs. Following is a list of some of these activities with the numbers of beneficiaries.

<b>General Programs</b>	<b>Centers</b>	<b>No. of beneficiaries</b>	<b>Duration</b>
<b>Workshops and Lectures</b>	Dbayeh, Sabra	Communities of two camps	Ongoing
<b>Literacy Program</b>	Sabra	19	9 months
<b>Summer Camps</b>	Dbayeh, Sabra	110	2 months
<b>Moral education</b>	Dbayeh	45	Ongoing
<b>Art and music</b>	Dbayeh	35	Ongoing
<b>Sports</b>	Dbayeh	75	Ongoing
<b>Program for seniors</b>	Sabra	60	9 months



**kindergarten Sabra**



**Story Telling –Dbayeh Camp Lebanon**



**Dbayeh Camp Lebanon**

One significant activity of social empowerment by DSPR Lebanon is its Nursery and Kindergarten in the Sabra-Shatilla camp community and its surroundings. It has served the refugee community for more than sixty years. Nearly every family in that area has had one or more of their children pass through this kindergarten. Our current preschoolers are the children and grandchildren of those who were once preschoolers themselves in this kindergarten.

One third of the children for the last four years are Syrian refugees who had sought safety from the fighting in Syria. Brightly painted walls decorated with pictures, posters and instructional materials provide 140 children with the first three levels of the educational ladder. The children receive instruction in both English and Arabic. They learn in a creative environment through educational games, sports activities and songs. A highlight of each year is the graduation ceremony, where all the classes have the chance to perform in front of their parents and friends, the songs and dances they have worked on throughout the year. A variety of activities including music, art and story reading expand their knowledge and increases their vocabulary. Parents are involved and have opportunities to watch and take part in classroom activities. A playground - a great luxury in this congested area- is used for play and for all kinds of occasions.



**Sabra center**

### **Emergency Humanitarian Assistance**

#### **ACT Fora JSL (Jordan, Syria and Lebanon) and Palestine**

The man-made chronic situation in Palestine in both Jerusalem West Bank and the Gaza Strip has turned a majority of the Palestinian population into poverty and chronic unemployment, particularly to youth and women. DSPR intervention on Emergency Relief and Services aim to reduce the negative impact of the chronic situation of lack of development and the continuity of the conflict. In Syria, the ongoing civil war, in spite of the fact that there are talks among the warring factions, mean that hundreds of thousands of Syrians have sought refuge in Lebanon and Jordan with hundreds of thousands others displaced in their own country. DSPR extends with its limited means all the help that it can offer. DSPR is an active member of ACT Alliance and is a member of both Palestine ACT Forum and the JordanSyriaLebanon ACT Forum. Both of these Forums have annual appeals that focus on the high priority needs of the refugees in both Palestine and those from troubled Syria.

**DSPR Gaza** operates its emergency relief through Cash for Work program, medications and educational services. In 2015 Cash for Work program placed 175 persons in jobs in DSPR Gaza itself and in different public and private institutions throughout the Gaza Strip. The idea is simply to enable qualified unemployed individuals both female 87 and male 88 to work for a three month period in an institution to gain experience and cash and hopefully to entice the host institution to consider employing the placed person on a permanent basis. ACT Alliance covered the costs for placing 100 persons in this program and Pontifical Mission for Palestine covered an additional 75 persons in the last quarter of the year.

ACT Alliance also provided Cash Assistance to 626 families with a total membership of 3,951 individuals. The cash assistance went to families in need of medications, food and non food items as well as support to cover the educational fees of our students in the Vocational Training Centers. Besides, 85 pullovers were provided for children in the Rafah and Middle Governorate of Gaza due to a severe winter storm that hit the area.

#### **Psychosocial Support Program DSPR Gaza**

extended its psychosocial support mainly to children and mothers throughout 2015. Over 2,151 children were in group sessions, counseling and recreational activities to promote their overall wellbeing and psychological health.

Gaza's prolonged unresolved conflict and political situation continue to have a negative impact on the social, cultural, and mental makeup of the Palestinian community. The conflict is creating a unique case of complex and chronic challenges that have caused beside economic disadvantages, personal stress, trauma and socio-cultural pressures in the war-impacted communities. Over 6503 mothers and women received attention through the Psychosocial Program in group sessions, individual counseling and group counseling and consultations.



#### **Children in Rafah, in the south of Gaza, participate in a psychosocial program**

The majority of women attending afternoon psychosocial support activities indicated that participation gave them an opportunity to vent, shake off stress and anxiety, emotionally expressing their problems, and socially connect with other women. For kids, the activities allowed “Kids to be kids”, offering them a vital retreat from the stress of daily life, thereby developing important social skills. Thanks to ACT Alliance and our other partners the psychosocial program continues and offers an important respite to the stressed population.

## **Emergency Relief Jordan** **DSPR Jordan Essential Food and** **Non Food Items to Syrian** **Refugees**

DSPR Jordan outreach to Syrian refugee families continued unabated in 2015. Through the voluntary work teams with a membership of over 125 in various refugee camps in the country, needed interviews were conducted with 7380 families in order to determine their priorities for emergency aid and other forms of intervention.

Over 4280 Food Parcels were distributed together with 1625 Non-Food Items Parcels were distributed. Infants received 875 kits appropriate to their age group and 600 blankets were given to needy families. Altogether the relief activities reached out to 51,660 individuals with the voluntary teams interviewing 7,380 families to determine their need priorities. Both churches and civic society organizations as well as public organizations cooperated in the relief efforts. These efforts are cooperative and aim also to empower the local host communities to actively participate and develop their own potential not only to help the refugees from Syria but also to develop their own infrastructure and overall environmental integration.

DSPR Jordan together with Jordan University Hospital organized medical days which benefitted over 1031 Syrians who were referred for further medical follow up. Beside in other free medical days, Iraqi refugees were also examined for high blood pressure and diabetes which appear to be major medical problems for many of them. 150 Iraqi families were interviewed to determine further their medical needs and to plan for days of medical consultation accordingly.



**Syrian Refugees – Food and Non-Food Items**

DSPR Jordan together with 15 other civil society NGOs participated in a national campaign of mercy and reach out during Ramadan which fell in July 2015. DSPR part constituted in delivering 2,340 food parcels and 100 nonfood parcels which benefited over 14040 individuals. The distribution of parcels took place in 7 different governorates of the country in 11 centers of church and civic society organizations. As a result of the Ramadan Campaign over 10,000 Syrian refugees expressed interest in receiving help and training from DSPR and its programs. In line with the relief and health activities related to the Emergency program to Syrian refugees, DSPR Jordan also continued with its psychosocial intervention program.



**Women refugees from Syria graduating from a Start Your Business course display their diplomas in Zarqa, Jordan.**

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This program remains relevant to Syrian Refugee Families and their members who live in trauma and in transitional circumstances that impact them and their psychosocial well-being negatively. Provision of psychosocial awareness and training sessions will help alleviate some of the stress related to their refugee status and the trauma of being in a transitional status.

In particular mothers, children and youth benefit from the psychosocial intervention program as they are the most vulnerable groups. One of the objectives of this program is to increase coping and life skills as they dealt with issues of refugee status. Psychosocial support in all its aspects and dimensions enabled the refugee community deal in a more effective manner with the problems and obstacles faced on a daily basis.

**DSPR Lebanon** extended a caring hand to Syrian Refugees in particular to students who needed to go on with their studies according to the Syrian system of high school. Since 2011, over 1.2 million Syrian refugees found their way to Lebanon. A good number of these refugees found their new homes in the Palestinian refugee camps as Lebanon refuses to build new structures to house the Syrian refugees. These refugees have next to nothing but keep up their hope. DSPR Lebanon offered mattresses, blankets, clothing, food and milk for children and a variety of hygiene and sanitary items. To the extent possible, within the limited budget, some Syrian refugee families received also rent subsidies. All of JCC Lebanon events and programs were opened to Syrian refugees. Syrian students, who were not absorbed into the public system in Lebanon, were helped to

continue their schooling with the Syrian curriculum and Syrian teachers, in order to prepare for the 9th and 12th grade exams in Damascus, Syria. The Sidon Center was turned into a virtual schooling institution as hundreds of students, over 430 of them enrolled to receive education according to the Syrian system. 211 of these students ended up going to Damascus in order to sit for the appropriate exams, something that was not possible in Beirut. 80 Students benefitted from tutoring in French while 32 students attended English classes that would enable them to sit for university entrance exams. In addition remedial classes were offered to 45 students and 70 students benefitted from psycho-social intervention programs.

Through the insistence of DSPR Lebanon, Syrian refugees are able to maintain some sense of normalcy in the midst of incredible turmoil. The little help and support that is given them help maintain their dignity and their hope alive that someday, hopefully soon, their trauma and the strife in their country will be over. Students who completed their studies were feeling more self-assured in the midst of a transitional and traumatic situation. Altogether, Syrian refugees felt that there were those who cared for them and encouraged them to remain steadfast and to hope, in spite of all the difficulties and challenges.



### To Syria to sit for exams



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Analysed Income by Partners and Activity 2015-2014

Donor	Activity	Earmarked							Total Areas	Central Office	Total 2015	Total 2014
		General Budget	Gaza	Nazareth	West Bank	Jordan	Lebanon					
Contributions Received at Central Office:		USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	
Church of Sweden	GG	131,394	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	131,394	184,341	
Church of Scotland	GG/CD	7,480	-	-	7,714	-	-	7,714	-	15,194	20,297	
The Finish Evangelical Lutheran Mission (FELM)	GG	-	-	22,230	-	-	-	22,230	-	22,230	-	
Bread for the World	AD/CD/EP	-	-	10,170	27,120	-	27,120	64,410	3,390	67,800	83,238	
Christian World Service - New Zealand	CD/HP/EP	-	-	-	13,805	31,400	25,513	70,718	7,704	78,422	117,681	
Church of World Service - USA	GG/CD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,963	
Global Ministries - United church of Christ and	GG/CD/EP	38,934	-	-	20,720	-	21,290	42,010	-	80,944	41,440	
Embrace the Middle East	GG/HP/CD	-	75,270	26,563	-	-	-	101,833	37,684	139,517	141,200	
ICCO / Kerk in Actie	GG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73,909	
NCCA / Act for Peace Australia	HP/EP	-	248,771	-	-	-	-	248,771	-	248,771	360,881	
United Church of Canada / Kairos	CD/GG	23,491	-	2,026	-	-	6,837	8,863	4,809	37,163	54,811	
Kairos	CD	-	-	-	7,401	-	-	7,401	-	7,401	6,182	
Presbyterian Church in Canada	GG	7,934	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,934	-	
Presbyterian Church in USA	GG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,990	
Norwegian Church Aid	HP/VTC	-	224,487	-	-	-	-	224,487	-	224,487	301,151	
General Board of Global Ministries	GG	29,885	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29,885	6,515	
The CCFD - Terre Solidaire	GG	30,375	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,375	46,170	
Pontifical Mission	EP	-	-	12,250	-	-	-	12,250	-	12,250	7,000	
<b>Total</b>		<b>269,493</b>	<b>548,528</b>	<b>73,239</b>	<b>76,760</b>	<b>31,400</b>	<b>80,760</b>	<b>810,687</b>	<b>53,587</b>	<b>1,133,767</b>	<b>1,494,769</b>	

		Earmarked									
Donor	Activity	General	West					Total	Central	Total	Total
		Budget	Gaza	Nazareth	Bank	Jordan	Lebanon	Areas	Office	2015	2014
Contributions Received Directly at Areas:		USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
Pontifical Mission	EP	-	45,000	-	-	-	-	45,000	-	45,000	72,539
Pontifical Mission/Humanitarian	E&H	-	335,770	-	-	-	-	335,770	-	335,770	147,979
Pontifical Mission - Lebanon Office	EP	-	-	-	-	-	112,477	112,477	-	112,477	-
Welfare Association	HP/CD/EO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,760
Bread for the World	HP/EP/CD	-	100,830	-	-	-	-	100,830	-	100,830	289,115
Church of Scotland	CD	-	-	-	-	-	12,117	12,117	-	12,117	-
Catholic Relief Services	E&H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,776
Mennonite	E&H	-	25,000	-	-	-	-	25,000	-	25,000	25,000
Presbyterian Church - USA	CD	-	-	-	-	-	4,712	4,712	-	4,712	4,988
World Vision International	CD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,078
Federal Republic of Germany	E&H	-	21,443	-	-	-	-	21,443	-	21,443	-
German Speaking Evangelical Church - Beirut	CD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,574
Save the Children International	E&H	-	108,953	-	-	-	-	108,953	-	108,953	165,089
Embrace the Middle East	HP	-	-	-	75,550	-	52,051	127,601	-	127,601	149,999
German Speaking Evangelical Church in Beirut	GG	-	-	-	-	-	34,958	34,958	-	34,958	-
Evangelisches Verwaltungsmat des Collection	GG	-	-	-	-	-	1,186	1,186	-	1,186	-
Individual donors	GG	-	-	-	-	-	749	749	-	749	-
Presbyterian Church in Canada	CD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,934	7,934	-
Anera - donations in kind	E&H	-	106,128	-	-	-	-	106,128	-	106,128	136,924
Church of Wales	GG	-	17,880	-	-	-	-	17,880	-	17,880	18,164
United Palestinian Appeal \ UPA	CD	-	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
UNICEF	E&H	-	52,097	-	-	-	-	52,097	-	52,097	26,293
UNICEF - donations in kind	E&H	-	17,460	-	-	-	-	17,460	-	17,460	-
War Emergency Assistance - donations in kind	E&H	-	9,281	-	-	-	-	9,281	-	9,281	64,637
Ministry of Health - donations in kind	E&H	-	11,112	-	-	-	-	11,112	-	11,112	39,144
GIZ - donations in kind	E&H	-	15,712	-	-	-	-	15,712	-	15,712	29,573
PORTICUS	E&H	-	153,020	-	-	-	-	153,020	-	153,020	-
Amos Trust	E&H	-	15,063	-	-	-	-	15,063	-	15,063	-
Islamic Relief	CD	-	-	-	-	-	7,015	7,015	-	7,015	-
Orthodox Society	CD	-	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	-
AVSI Foundation	CD	-	-	-	15,253	-	-	15,253	-	15,253	16,777
Others	GG	-	3,546	-	-	-	7,014	10,560	-	10,560	4,500
<b>Total contributions received directly by areas</b>		-	<b>1,048,295</b>	-	<b>90,803</b>	-	<b>237,279</b>	<b>1,376,377</b>	<b>7,934</b>	<b>1,384,311</b>	<b>1,304,909</b>

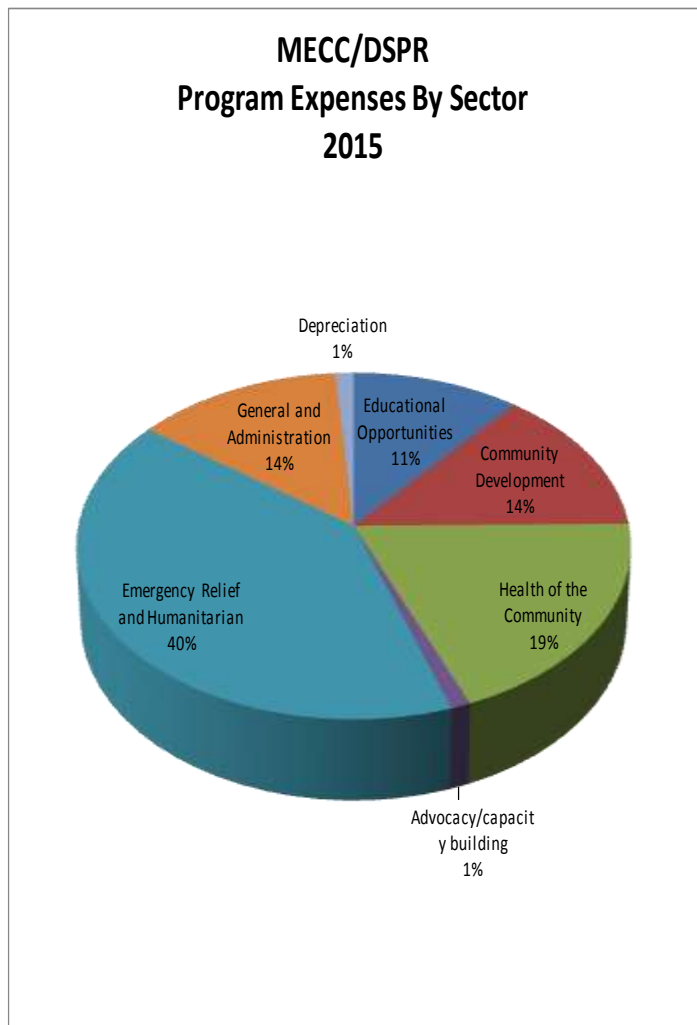
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Donor	Activity	General	West					Total	Central	Total	Total
		Budget	Gaza	Nazareth	Bank	Jordan	Lebanon	Areas	Office	2015	2014
Emergency Appeal Contributions (E&H):		USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
Actions by Churches Together - Act Alliance (PSE131)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,548
Actions by Churches Together - Act Alliance (PSE141)		-	95,422	-	30,914	-	-	126,336	18,474	144,810	647,580
Actions by Churches Together - Act Alliance (PSE151)		-	136,000	-	60,419	-	-	196,419	33,369	229,788	-
Actions by Churches Together - Act Alliance (SYR131)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	485,137
Actions by Churches Together - Act Alliance (SYR151)		-	-	-	-	598,220	204,900	803,120	75,383	878,503	-
IRAQI REF- RAPID RESPONSE 2015 (summary of grants below)		-	-	-	-	59,916	-	59,916	-	59,916	-
<b>Total of Actions by Churches Together</b>		-	231,422	-	91,333	658,136	204,900	1,185,791	127,226	1,313,017	1,174,265
<b>Total Contributions</b>		<b>269,493</b>	779,950	73,239	168,093	689,536	285,660	1,996,478	180,813	3,831,095	3,973,943
Program and other revenues (including difference of currency)		-	289,613	(1,378)	2,330	36,233	62,522	389,320	34,558	423,878	375,110
<b>Total by area</b>		<b>269,493</b>	<b>1,069,563</b>	<b>71,861</b>	<b>170,423</b>	<b>725,769</b>	<b>348,182</b>	<b>2,385,798</b>	<b>215,371</b>	<b>4,254,973</b>	<b>4,349,053</b>

**Activity Legend:**

- GG: General Grant
- CD: Community Development
- HP: Health Program
- EP: Education Program
- AD: Advocacy and Capacity Building
- E&H: Emergency and Humanitarian
- VTC: Vocational Training Centers

**MECC/DSPR**  
**Program Expenses By Sector**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2015**

			<b>Total 2015 USD</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>			
Educational Opportunities	DSPR-Gaza	351,574	496,229
	DSPR-Jordan	27,558	
	DSPR-Lebanon	117,097	
Community Development	DSPR-Gaza	33,548	627,786
	DSPR-West Bank	275,570	
	DSPR-Jordan	16,566	
	DSPR-Lebanon	231,689	
	DSPR-Nazareth	70,413	
Health of the Community	DSPR-Gaza	835,648	861,987
	DSPR-Jordan	26,339	
Advocacy/capacity building	DSPR-West Bank	18,650	46,692
	DSPR-Nazareth	28,042	
Emergency Relief and Humanitarian	DSPR-Gaza	902,626	1,830,822
	DSPR-Jordan	724,566	
	DSPR-Lebanon	203,630	
General and Administration	DSPR-Gaza	178,819	612,775
	DSPR-West Bank	92,946	
	DSPR-Jordan	28,489	
	DSPR-Lebanon	30,329	
	DSPR-Nazareth	39,443	
Depreciation	DSPR-Gaza	44,810	53,075
	DSPR-Lebanon	1,270	
	DSPR-Central Offi	6,995	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>			<b>4,529,366</b>



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