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THE CHALLENGE GOES ON AND SO THE RESPONSE

For the third year, I am invited to introduce the annual report of the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees, DSPR, as Secretary General of the Middle East Council of Churches, the mother organization. Although I do not physically live among this department's family, or families, as they are five, but I follow-up with most of them, on a regular basis, their experience, their worries and their aspirations.

The department is the oldest among MECC's, as we always remind it, and it accumulated, throughout several decades of service, a substantial and commendable amount of know-how and networking power which is reflected in its reports. This was underlined in my report at the MECC 12th General Assembly, held from 16 to 20 May, 2022, at the Logos Center - Anba Bishoy Monastery at Wadi Al Natrun. This assembly was attended by the Executive Secretary of the department, Dr. Bernard Sabella and several church leadership from Palestine. I need to underline, at this level, the high-quality cooperation between MECC head office in Beirut and the DSPR central office in Jerusalem. The interaction is improving, first, due to the good will of the concerned persons, and second, due to the establishment of the online working facilities and culture. The being there feeling is so advanced between Beirut and different parts of the occupied land, namely Jerusalem.

After the assembly, and the election of a new Executive Committee and Presidium, the MECC Church Leaders were asked to appoint new members of the different committees which make the DSPR governance body. This was accomplished in an exemplary coordination between MECC General Secretariat team and the one of DSPR central office, which is now about to enter a period of renewal at all levels. Despite occupation and siege, we proved that we can work more closely together, disregarding the borderlines and the artificial manmade obstacles which aims are to divide and humiliate our people in the Antiochian Levant.

At this level, we need to congratulate the DSPR family, committees and teams, for their capacity to perform their duties and accomplish their tasks under very difficult conditions. Moreover, the report shows to what extent these units - and subunits of the MECC, were able to interact properly with their respective environments and provide the adequate responses to the continuously emerging needs. To conclude my word, I can only ask the "people" of DSPR to carry-on their service and witness on the land where the Savior was incarnated and accomplished His mission on earth by crucifixion, after which comes resurrection.

> **PROF. MICHEL ABS** Secretary General MECC

SERVICE TO PALESTINIANS

ABOUT US

The Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees "DSPR" of the Middle East Council of Churches "MECC" started with the spirited initiative of religious priests and deacons in 1949 who witnessed firsthand the tragedies that befell the Palestinian refugees following the 1948 War. Together with local public figures and dignitaries they started the Area Committees in the West Bank and East Bank of Jordan which spread to include the Gaza Strip, Lebanon, and Galilee. In 1974, the MECC was established since then, DSPR has been a department under the umbrella of MECC with autonomous financial and programmatic arrangements with adherence to the administration of MECC as the one comprehensive organization.

MISSION

DSPR MECC is an Ecumenical Church Related Organization in the Middle East Region. It reflects the Christian core values in its Witness and Diakonia in partnership with local and global actors, to foster and advance socio-economic conditions of Palestinians and the marginalized through active contribution to improve living conditions, though providing health, education, environmental, economic, social, and humanitarian programs with the realization of basic human right.

VISION

The Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees of the Middle East Council of Churches vision is of an empowered pluralist Palestinian society which guarantees equal opportunities for all its members and vulnerable communities based on the ideals of justice, equality of rights, opportunities, and freedom.





2022 was a year of continuing challenges facing Palestinian refugees and the marginalized across our region. The political impasse in Palestine saw at the end of the year the election of a far-right government in Israel dimming further the prospects of peace and stability with economic and social woes extending from besieged Gaza to settler violence in the West Bank. In Israel itself the continuing marginalization of the national Arab Palestinian community and attempts at further side-lining it had contributed to feelings of despondency, particularly among youth. In Jordan, the exacerbating costs of hosting of refugees from Syria and neighbouring countries has added to economic and social pressures on the host communities and taxed the costs for education, welfare, health and other vital services. In Lebanon, the collapse of the Lebanese pound and the havoc accompanying political indecision has affected all and in particular the already marginalized Palestinians in the refugee camps. The war in Ukraine, the spiraling costs of living across all countries of the region beside the inflation that had caused hardships practically everywhere highlighted the need for the work of our department, especially with the afflicted Palestinian refugees and communities.

Faced with these vicissitudes that had hit our region and world, DSPR MECC continued with its work, thanks to the partnerships that tie us to faith-based organizations worldwide and also to the unity of our department which saw continuing support across Area Committees and Central Office. We met via Zoom regularly and came out with decisions and recommendations to enable us to go on with our work. I have had opportunities to be at the Central Office and to carry out reviews on strategy, finances, internal regulations and program reporting and monitoring together with the team and onward to the review of our Central Committee. In December the new Central Committee came together and gave me the trust once again to go on with the tasks of Chairmanship of the Central Committee. I thank particularly those members who had served DSPR for so many years and ended their terms of voluntary service. There were new members across the different Area Committees and in the Central Committee, this is heartening as it highlights that our work will continue, irrespective of change of membership. The challenges are there and amidst them, the devastating earthquake that hit Turkey and Syria in February of this year reminds us that the calamities caused by environmental factors and the human-caused disasters throughout our region make it imperative that we go on with our work as an ecumenical faith-based organization intent to put our togetherness in faith to the service of the rights-holders, especially Palestinian refugees and communities in need, in the different areas where we serve.

I take this opportunity to thank our trusted partners for their continuing support and to thank the exiting and the new members of the Area Committees and Central Committee, the Executive Directors and the Staff and to assure all that the work of DSPR/MECC will continue despite the various hurdles and impediments. I look forward to work with all for the benefit of our rights holders and in identification with their needs and aspirations for dignity and a better and hopeful future.

DR. AUDEH QUAWAS

Chairperson Central Committee * Amman





WE BELIEVE IN OUR WORK, AND WE BELIEVE IN THE PARTNERSHIPS THAT HAVE BONDED US TO CHURCH **BASED ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE GLOBE FOR** DECADES.

2022 has been a year of ongoing DSPR MECC work and we are thankful for the blessings that allowed us in all Areas and Central Office to go on despite environmental challenges and impediments. As I write these words, our hearts go out to the victims of the devastating earthquake that had hit Syria and Turkey. The road and service infrastructures suffered greatly and this has hindered the efforts at helping both those under the rubbles and those surviving the earthquake. We pray that the world community would stand together during these difficult times for our Syrian and Turkish fellows and their families.

DSPR MECC has seen an action-packed year. At the beginning of the year our Gaza colleagues opted to have an interim Executive Director. Odeh Jildeh, to take over the responsibilities that were carried meticulously by Dr. Issa Tarazi. In all other Areas and Central Office perseveration was maintained as we worked together to finalize the Strategic Plan review for the years 2022 - 2026. We have had in house and partner consultations as we worked on this review. We are set to go on to the next phase of implementing the conclusions of our joint review. In May, I attended the 12th MECC General Assembly at the Papal Logos Center in Wadi El Natrun Egypt hosted by HH Pope Tawadros II of Alexandria, Pope of the Coptic Orthodox Church. This Assembly was also enabled with the support of the Evangelical Church in Egypt. During the Assembly I have had the pleasure to be in contact with Church leaders and with some of our trusted and long-time partners. As is the practice, following MECC General Assemblies, DSPR MECC communicates with the respective Heads of Churches for new nominations to the Area Committees and the Members-at-Large in the Central Committee. With close cooperation with Dr. Michel Abs, Secretary General of MECC, we were enabled to finish the tedious process within two months. Now DSP MECC has new Area Committees and a new Central Committee.

The question of the unity of DSPR MECC has once again been posed by some of our partners, as these opted to bilateral agreements with the Areas over the previously general contributions that went to the Central Office with decisions on how to use the funds remaining a prerogative of the Central Committee with implementation by Central Office. The Central Office team continued with its outreaching work to all Areas of DSPR MECC whether in Finance, Program Management, Communication and Administrative Assistance. The shift in our partner contributions together with other factors has caused financial constraints on Central Office running budget. Alerted to this, some partners and DSPR colleagues from all areas graciously offered support during the year for Central Office to overcome the constraint.

We look ahead to strengthening the partnership links during 2023 and beyond. The raison detre of DSPR MECC has gained added relevance as transformations and developments both in civil societies across the region and the political, social and economic impasse call on us for faith based accompaniment of our societies and in particular the Palestinian refugees and the marginalized. With our thanks and appreciation for your continued support.

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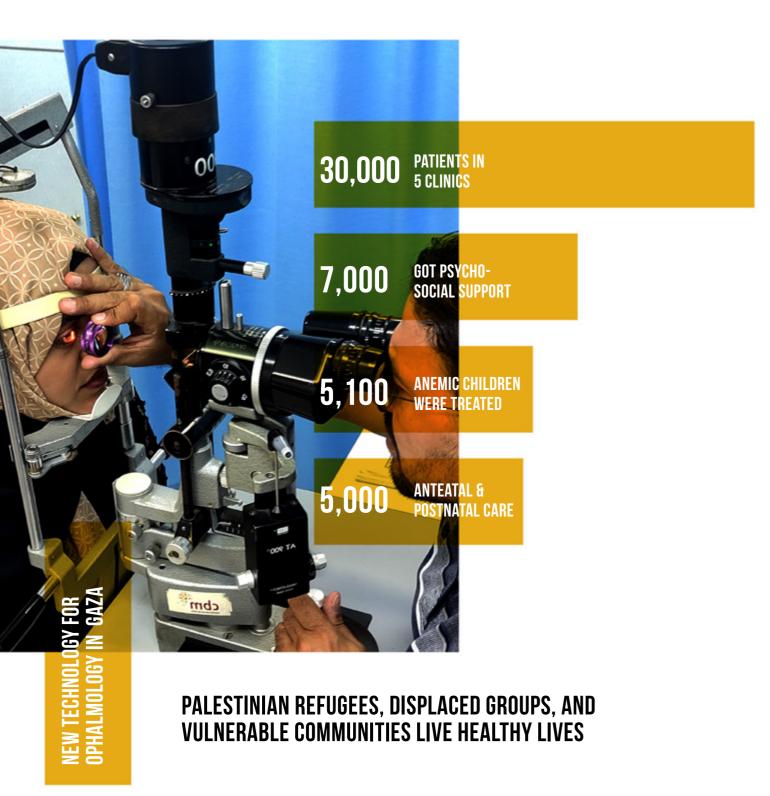
PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

We focus our health services in the refugee camps in Gaza and Jordan. In Gaza, the fragility of the health system due to the long-standing closure and blockade is a real obstacle, as clinical capacity is weak, especially for cases requiring intensive treatment. In Jordan, health care is especially a major problem in the refugee camps, which have been populated by Palestinians for decades, but are becoming problem areas also in coexistence due to the many new arrivals from Syria, and where drug use and crime are on the rise due to dwindling prospects for the future. In Gaza and Jordan, for example, psychological trauma, poverty and environmental degradation have a negative impact on the physical and mental health of the inhabitants; many, including children, suffer from anxiety, stress and depression.

The theme for October 2022 was "Breast Cancer Awareness". In Gaza, as DSPR NECC, we also themed this month on Breast Cancer Awareness and launched a campaign. Our aim is to give every woman access to screening and the support she needs at the DSPR NECC health clinics. Breast cancer awareness sessions are held at the clinics. Women are encouraged to examine themselves and pay attention to the signs in their bodies. Many avoid talking to anyone about it or seeking any treatment because it can affect their ma- rital status, or they fear being abandoned by their husbands or affecting their daughters' marriage prospects. We try to counteract this negative image through our awareness-rai- sing work in Gaza. And in Jordan specifically in the Ashrafia region we have opened a new Community Centre, called "Olive Tree House", with the presence of the association's management and representatives from the UK-partners Mosaic for the Middle East, priests and local community. It is the poorest in Eastern Amman, where Jordanians, Palestinians, Syrians, Iraqis, and others live in extremely poor conditions. Services include health, vocational training, non-formal education, trauma healing, psychosocial support, and direct assistance.

In our centers in Lebanon teachers participated in workshops to learn new techniques to better guide children's mental growth and provide psychosocial support where needed. This has proved very useful in their ability to identify children suffering from learning difficulties or psychological problems. In the Sabra Center we work with psychologists, health specialists and speech therapists who are regular visitors to our center to provide help to children in need. A special room in each center is reserved, which ensures confidentiality, privacy, emotional and physical safety of the child. Often the parents need guidance as well. Around 30 children received help this year with speech difficulties, communication abilities, behavioral problems, or slow learning abilities. Those who needed more care were referred for further care.





SAHAR IS NO LONGER Malnourished

Sahar is a 15-month-old girl who lives with her four siblings, her parents and her grandmother in a small house in the Turkoman neighborhood in Shajaia in Gaza. The house is humid, not well-ventilated, and the walls are unpainted and full of cracks where insects live, it is located in a crowded area full of rubbish and sewage, especially in winter. The community's water supply is not safe for human use. Sahar's parents are university graduates, but like other university graduates in Gaza, they have not found work since graduation. The psychological state of the family is not good. Unemployment, poverty and lack of resources have a negative impact on the family's mental health. As social contacts and exchange of visits cost money, the family prefers to spend the limited resources available on the essential needs of the family. Therefore, the family tends not to leave the house very often.

Sahar's mother visited the clinic at DSPR NECC during her first pregnancy a few years ago. The clinic was recommended to her by her parents and in-laws because it is a place used by the different generations of her extended family. When Sahar's mother was pregnant with her, she received antenatal care and prenatal care at the clinic. In September 2022, the mother attended Sahar's routine antenatal check-ups. The screening revealed that the child was malnourished and moderately anemic. Sahar was enrolled in the anemia and malnutrition treatment Programme and her diet was discussed with her mother. The team noticed that Sahar's mother was not sufficiently informed about which foods were rich in nutrients and affordable at the same time.

Three months later, the mother had a follow-up visit at the clinic with her child. Sahar is no longer underweight and her hemoglobin level has become normal. Further, the clinic team is giving her a prophylactic iron dose for three more months and regular follow-up visits are continuing. Sahar's family is happy that her health had improved and she expresses appreciation to the work done. Sahar is now more resistant to illness; her cognitive skills will improve and her mother feels more confident with her development onwards.



ECONOMIC **EMPOWERMENT**

The education of young people is particularly close to our hearts. They should have a hope for the future. That is why one of the pillars of our program is the vocational training centers in Gaza and Lebanon. Our focus at the centers is on providing youngsters with skills and trades that would come handy for their future. Besides our centers also offer cultural nourishment as music, art, drawing and painting classes are held in addition to sports and extracurricular activities such as football and basketball teams.

In Jordan, DSPR NECC launched "the Graduation out of Poverty project" in Gaza Refugee Camp, identifying 50 Palestinian and Syrian refugee households living in extreme poverty through a participatory approach based on a multidimensional poverty assessment and underlying vulnerabilities. This project which is of a pioneering nature is part of overall focus on women economic empowerment. Courses to start own business are offered and financial support for women who qualify is offered. These courses in the Madaba and Jerash refugee camps attract women intent to advance their own economic prospects.

Women cooperatives in the West Bank supported by DSPR-ICC, focuses on collective participation of women for their economic welfare and that of their families and community. The work with West Bank women cooperatives highlights new economic opportunities and initiatives aimed at financial resilience of women and their households.

DSPR JCC in Lebanon hold a variety of training courses and workshops for women and youngsters to enable them to feel confident about themselves in a challenging world. In particular, given the dire situation of Palestinian refugees, the courses offered by JCC become value-added as graduates venture into opening their own businesses or find employment opportunities in the difficult economic situation.

DSPR ICCI also focused on "My Business" for Nazareth and Galilee women between the ages of 18 to 50 years. For this purpose, the women receive training in the law for self-employment in Israel, on banking and insurance matters as well as on the tax system and its requirements. This process aims at building self-confidence of women and to start them on the road of developing their own businesses. Strengths and talents of participants are tapped as these help them assert their contributions to their families and communities.



PALESTINIAN REFUGEES AND VULNERABLE GROUPS SUSTAIN THEMSELVES ECONOMICALLY.

The environment and its effects on sustainable agriculture is also a concern of DSPR ICC West Bank. The Ras Attieh village, in the North West of the West Bank, was provided with an efficient supply of water for irrigating their crops. Installation of transmission pipes ensures sufficient and cost-effective supply of water that benefits 400 farmer families. Besides overall agricultural activity increases with extending crop rotations, enhancing agro-forestry and upgrading agricultural lands that had sat idle for long. A small but important contribution to decrease the GHG effect and global warming.



AHMAD LEARNED TO BELIEVE IN HIMSELF

Ahmad is an11-year-old Syrian boy who had never been to school. He enrolled in the Sabra Center's "Children on the Move" program in October 2022. This is a program for children who have dropped out of school or who have never been to school, His teachers say that he never showed any interest in learning and had great difficulty concentrating, especially if he is part of a group project. Ahmad, very often, got frustrated and behaved badly refusing to read or write what the teacher asked of him, especially if it were in front of the class. His behavior was the same whether it was in the Arabic or English class. He just refused to cooperate and took upon himself to become the class clown. This made him the center of attraction in the class and seemed to make him happy.

In 2022, Annika Bucksch, a young German university graduate who studied "Education for Children with Learning Problems" came to DSPR JCC as a volunteer. She joined the Sabra Center where she chose to work with the "Children on the Move" program. She immediately noticed Ahmad and decided to give him special attention. She asked to take him, when possible, out of his regular class and work with him on what the teacher wan- ted him to learn. Ahmad took a liking to Annika and although reluctant in the beginning, began to responding to her slowly. She helped him persevere in his efforts to learn the letters of both languages and work on reading them in sentences. He began to calm down in his class, respond to his teachers and become cooperative. Annika, who is studying Arabic, sits with Ahmad whenever they have some free time and practice together on Arabic words and short sentences.

By giving Ahmad time and a lot of patience, Annika has encouraged Ahmad not to give up but to believe in himself and his abilities. This has boosted his self-confidence, and he is now participating with his class. The teachers are very happy with the great improvement that he has achieved and he is now perceived as a motivated good student.



EMPOWERMENT TOWARDS CHANGE

In Galilee, we focus particularly on interfaith and intercultural dialogue, which is so important for a better future. Another no less important priority is the empowerment of students and teachers and marginalized groups, of which there are many in Galilee. One example is our program "The girls of our country" in Acre. Girls between the ages of 12 and 22 find a place of refuge in our center. They are empowered and monitored there. These girls have often dropped out of school, are socially excluded, and thus have no opportunity to complete an education or study and lead a life in dignity.

To promote and strengthen the youth in Galilee, young people in Arab Christian communities in Galilee are sensitized to the values of openness to others while cherishing one's faith. Through the "Community Participation of Youth" program, sixty young participants attended weekly meetings where topics such as peace, acceptance of the other, dialogue between religions, cultures and different nationalities were taught by clergy and professionals. The program was rounded off by visits to religious places and institutions working for social change and interreligious dialogue. We engaged in the past, and we hope to continue when circumstances allow, in exchanges between students of an Arab public school and a Jewish school on issues of learning about the other, peace and prospects for a future of openness and shared citizenship.

At the DSPR Jordan center in Talbieh Camp, Palestinian and Syrian women learn and work together. For many women, the center is a second home where they feel comfortable and safe. There are many problems with violence in the Talbieh camp. Hopelessness, coupled with heavy drug use, is an emerging problem in recent years that our many programs seek to address. Accepting the challenge of change necessitates providing skills and means to overcome the environmental and social impediments, including violence and aggressive behavior at the community and family levels.

MARIA AND HER FELLOW WOMEN CELEBRATE THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE ECONOMIC **BUSINESS COURSE IN WHICH THEY SET UP THEIR OWN BUSINESSES WITH THE HELP OF DSPR ICC.**







EMBRACING COMMUNITIES ARE EMPOWERED: TO CARE FOR THE NEEDS AND PROMOTE THE RIGHTS OF THEIR MEMBERS; TO BUILD CONSTRUCTIVE CHANGE OUT OF THE ENERGY CREATED BY UNCER-TAINTY AND CONFLICT.

> STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN INTER-Religious and interfaith dialog

GIRLS IN PART<mark>icipate in a center</mark> For Vulnera<mark>ble Girls</mark>

EDUCATORS TRAINED IN FACIL-Itating interfaith topics

WATER FOR ZAKI IN THE WESTBANK

Abu Yousef is a father of seven children in his 50s and lives with his family in the village of Al-Daba'a in the northern part of the West Bank just a few kilometers away from the 1949 armistice agreement line. Zaki is a farmer and works mainly in agriculture, sometimes helping out in construction to earn a little extra money to provide for the basic needs of his large family. He runs the family farm with 90 guava trees, 20 olive trees and some citrus trees. In the past, before the construction of the cooperative's water wxell, Zaki, like most farmers in the area, had to buy water for irrigation from private wells at a cost of NIS 2.5 per cubic meter. Two years ago, when the society dug the well, water for irrigation was made available at lower prices, but Zaki still had to buy additional quantities of water at a high cost because his farm is at the end of the pipeline. With the installation of water meters on the main pipeline, the pressure in the pipeline became low and prevented the farmers who own lands at the end of the pipeline in the villages of Al Daba'a, Ras Tireh and Jaloud, from regularly receiving adequate amounts of water.

"After the construction of the company's well, I was able to buy water at a lower price (NIS 1.6 per cubic meter), which saved me about 36% of the cost, but the water did not reach my farm in sufficient quantities, so I had to continue buying water from private wells at a high cost, storing it in my own collection well and then pumping it for irrigation. The additional cost of pumping is about NIS 0.4 per cubic meter per month."

DSPR Jerusalem and West Bank, ICC together with other partners, has had new water pipes laid. The water now flows continuously into the Wadi Alrasha reservoir, from which the water is pumped and distributed via the distribution pipeline to all agricultural land, including those at the end of the pipeline – the villages of Al Daba'a, Ras Tireh and Jaloud - in an appropriate, sufficient and cost-effective manner. Zaki said, "After this project, sufficient water is now available to me and all farmers at a good price, and I do not have to buy, collect and pump water from private wells, which saves me the cost of pumping. Finally, I would like to thank the International Christian Committee for this project and the Ras Atiya Cooperative Society for their efforts."



REFUGEES HAVE A SUSTAINED ACCESS TO HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE ACROSS MULTIPLE **RESPONSE SECTORS AND PROTECTION SERVICES**



DSPR in the different Areas offer small business and education loans. The targeted groups are university students, women intent on starting their own business, small businesses in need of developing their business as well as enterprising young people, some of whom have graduated from our own vocational training centers, who aspire to have their own business.

EMERGENCY AND PROTECTION

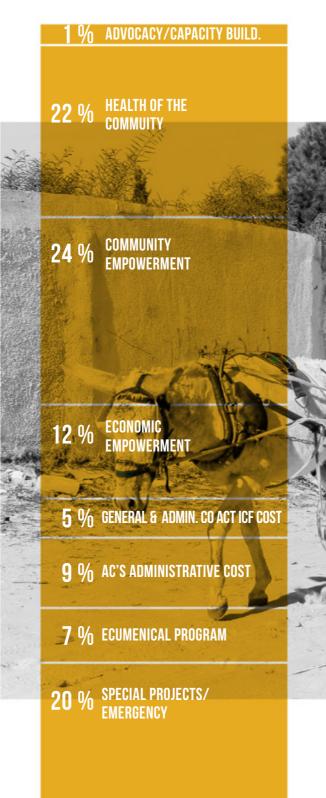
Direct humanitarian aid remains an important part of our work here as our region faces chronic crisis situation. The economic situation in Gaza sees most households living below the poverty line. Cash relief to some of the hard hit families is enabled through ACT Alliance Appeals. In Gaza, these are mainly families with children who are malnourished, suffering from anemia and children who are disabled. We have also continued the emergency Programme for children of school age in Gaza, for children who are particularly affected by the ongoing conflict situation in Gaza some of whom have lost schoolmates and question the purpose of life.

Lebanon has been hard hit by economic, political and social paralysis. The impact on most families has been dramatic as many of middle-class families ended up below the poverty line. The rapid devaluation of the Lebanese pound to the US Dollar and other currencies had put undue pressure on organizations, like JCC, as well as the many families and communities that look for ways to cope. ACT Alliance appeals which helped particularly after the Beirut Port huge explosion are still in need in the paralyzed country, once claimed as the Switzerland of the Middle East.





PROGRAM EXPENSES 2022



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2022

	USD
ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT	572.608
DSPR Gaza	346.015
DSPR Jordan	102.824
DSPR Lebanon	123.769
COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT	1.156.652
DSPR Gaza	19.872
DSPR West Bank	148.195
DSPR Jordan	390.403
DSPR Lebanon	391.481
DSPR Nazareth	206.701
HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY	1.089524
DSPR Gaza	976.017
DSPR Jordan	113.507
ADVOCACY / CAPACITY BUILDING	24.058
DSPR Nazareth	24.058
SPECIAL PROJECTS / EMERGENCY	985.133
DSPR Gaza	656.301
DSPR Jordan	161.315
DSPR Lebanon	145.417
DSPR West Bank	22.100
AC'S ADMINISTRATIVE COST	809,671
DSPR Gaza	166.663
DSPR West Bank	108.501
DSPR Jordan	27.806
DSPR Lebanon	71.522
DSPR Nazareth	88.042
DSPR West Bank Ecumenical Program Operational cost	347.137
GENERAL & ADMIN. CENTRAL OFFICE / ACT ICF	236.498

TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES 4.874.144



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