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to sustainable development
and humanitarian assistance
in Palestine

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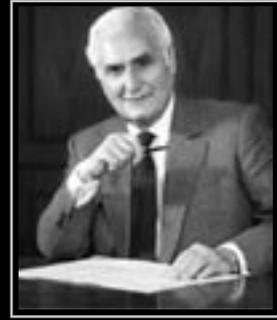
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I n M e m o r i a m

With the passing away of Mr. Abdul Majeed Shoman on Tuesday July the 5th, 2005, the Arab world lost an outstanding nationalist, philanthropist and banker who was the doyen of Arab bankers in his own right. Upon directives of His Majesty King Abdullah, Mr. Shoman was laid to rest at the Royal Cemetery in Amman.



Mr. Abdul Majeed Shoman

(1912-2005)

Mr. Shoman was the eldest son of the late Abdul Hameed Shoman, the founder of the Arab Bank, the largest banking institution in the Arab world.

Born in Beit Hanina, near Jerusalem, Mr. Shoman joined his father in the US, where he was educated, completing his BA and MA degrees at New York University.

He returned to Palestine in 1936 to help his father run the newly established Arab Bank amid political turmoil in the country, which was then under the British mandate.

After the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, the bank discontinued its operations in Palestine and moved its headquarters to Amman.

In 1974, Mr. Shoman succeeded his father as chairman of the bank. He was also director of the board of the Arab Bank and chairman of several of its branches, including one in Switzerland, as well as chairman of other financial institutions.

In addition to being the Chairman of the Amman-based Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation, which promotes culture and education, providing needy students with scholarships, he chaired various development and humanitarian organisations that aim to extend assistance to Palestinians and build their capacity. Among such institutions are: the Welfare Association, the Medical Aid to Palestinians in Jordan (MAP), Medical Care Society in Ramallah and others.

Until 2004 he was the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the WELFARE ASSOCIATION (WA), which he founded in 1983 together with a group of leading Palestinian and Arab business and intellectual figures. At the time he said of how the idea of WA came:

“On a return trip from the United States in 1983, a group of us began to discuss how we could support our people in the Occupied Territories. The concept began at that point. We began to contact our fellow Palestinians and they welcomed the idea. We also approached the Arab heads of state and relayed our intentions to establish a foundation to serve our people in the Occupied Territories. The idea for Welfare Association developed from that point on.”

Mr. Shoman, who was appointed senator (member of the House of Notables) twice in 1987 and 1997, was elected several times “Banker of the Year” in the Arab world.

N.B. While this report was being finalized for printing, the sad news of the passing away of Mr. Abdul Majeed Shoman was received.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL

2004 marked a number of important achievements for Welfare Association. The quality of its development work was further recognized through two significant awards: The Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program (OCJRP) was selected by the Aga Khan Foundation as a recipient of its Award for Architecture, and the IT4Youth project won the Dubai Municipality-UN Habitat prize for Best Practices. In addition, the efforts and hard work of the WA's Finance and Administration Department earned it the rigorous ISO Certification. And the well-loved Syrian comedian Duraid Lahham accepted to act as WA Goodwill Ambassador. Another milestone achieved was Welfare's sister organization, WA-UK, being accepted in the Framework Partnership Agreement for fund applications through the European Community Humanitarian Office (ECHO).

Amidst this series of successes, the Welfare Association continued to respond to the extremely difficult circumstances prevailing in Palestine by intensifying its efforts in fundraising and program implementation to help meet the developmental and emergency needs of Palestinians for access to basic goods and services, humanitarian relief, education and jobs. During 2004, WA sought to broaden its institutional donor base, which it managed to keep at more than 22 Arab and international donors. This has been crucial for maintaining service delivery to the Palestinians who continue to suffer from the serious and protracted problems of occupation, namely obstacles and restrictions on movement, the growing encroachment by Israeli settlements, devastation of Palestine's infrastructure including demolition of homes and water wells, the Separation Wall and collapsing economic indicators. The unemployment rate soared to 63% while some 2.2 million Palestinians (approximately 1.27 million in the West Bank and 945,000 in the Gaza Strip) are living on less than \$2 a day. During the past three years, Palestinian universities have lost millions of dollars worth of infrastructure, teaching and learning facilities, laboratory equipment, library books and other assets. WA's emergency and employment generation programs have provided some relief and the student credit project, financed by Arab Funds and which constitutes almost half the emergency budget within Welfare's Programs and Projects Department, has contributed significantly to bailing out Palestinian universities.

Apart from seeking to meet short-term emergency needs, the Welfare Association has continued to support well-targeted quality Palestinian development projects and has been very successful in incubating ground-breaking innovative projects such as the OCJRP, which after 10 successful years, will evolve into an independent "Heritage Institute," the PNGO World Bank project, which will be turned into a Non-Governmental Organization Resource Centre, and a number of youth-oriented IT projects with corporate and private donations. Moreover, while managing, monitoring and supervising hundreds of large and small projects, WA injects capacity building activities as an essential project component with the aim of creating an

efficient, effective and sustainable NGO community. In fact, WA's most successful projects have been those it has supported through the capacity building initiatives of its own staff. This has been clearly observed in the integrated programs of the OCJRP, IT4Youth, Emergency Employment Generation Program, and the Inclusion Program for Disabled Children in Schools in Lebanon. Other value-added major projects include the University Students Revolving Fund, the Provision of Medical Equipment for Hospitals and the rehabilitation of infrastructure and housing.

Despite the multiplication of obstacles and difficulties within Palestine, the Welfare Association hopes to continue to develop into a foundation and be at the forefront in launching more creative and sustainable projects, while continuing to work towards reaching excellence, distinction, quality and effectiveness to ensure the highest degree of impact and sustainability.

We take great pride in the fact that the Welfare Association is well recognized in Palestine, the Arab World and among private foundations and international donors and implementing agencies for its concern in responding to the priority Palestinian development and emergency needs, with commitment, competence and effectiveness, reflected in its ability to maximize benefits from the available funding resources. The distinguished performance of the Welfare Association has enabled it to win the confidence of and attract contributions from Palestinians in the Diaspora and Arab and international donor institutions.

Dr. Ismail El-Zabri
Director-General



Welfare Association Program Disbursements In 2004

	Programs	Emergency	TOTAL (USD)
1. WA Programs/Projects			23,910,363 (including admin. expenses)
(a) Basic tracks			11,848,524
<i>Culture and Identity</i>	295,343		295,343
<i>Human Resource Development</i>	9,437,833		9,437,833
<i>Sector Development in Jerusalem</i>	69,639		69,639
<i>Institution Building</i>	1,553,077		1,553,077
<i>Assistance for the Palestinian Community in Lebanon</i>	455,832		455,832
<i>Information</i>	36,800		36,800
(b) Emergency Programs			11,572,236
2. OCJRP¹	1,719,650		1,719,650 (Including admin expenses)
3. PNGO Project ²	9,195,781		9,195,781 (Including admin expenses)
(a) Development			5,664,004
<i>Partnership Grants</i>	3,050,778		3,050,778
<i>Development Grants</i>	1,325,273		2,648,301
<i>Urgent Development Grants</i>		975,194	975,194
<i>CCWDC*</i>	312,759		312,759
(b) Emergency		2,471,772	2,471,772
<i>IDB (Islamic Development Bank)</i>			1,603
<i>DfID (Dept. of International Development)</i>			97,394
<i>ITL (Italian Fund)</i>			1,195,620
<i>AFD (French Development Agency)</i>			1,177,155
4. IT4Youth (IYF)	659,917		659,917 (Including admin expenses)
5. Emergency Employment Generation Program (UPA)		545,813	545,813 (Including admin expenses)
TOTAL			36,031,524

* Counselling Centre for Women in Difficult Circumstances

¹ Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program (Arab Fund)

² Palestinian NGO Project (World Bank)



Old City Of Jerusalem Revitalisation Program Wins The AGA KHAN AWARD FOR ARCHITECTURE IN 2004

"A view of the renovated roof of the industrial Islamic Orphanage School in the Old City of Jerusalem"

For the OCJRP Technical Office, their ten years of arduous professional work and dedication in the field of architectural heritage restoration has been recognized by a jury of international experts as an outstanding contribution to Islamic and world heritage, worthy of the 2004 Aga Khan Award for Architecture.

According to the Jury citation, the program was selected for the Aga Khan Award for its comprehensive approach towards sustaining the life of a community in its natural habitat, a life threatened by the deterioration of its physical, social and economic components.

The OCJRP has been quite successful in addressing several issues including the restoration and rehabilitation of housing as well as the adaptive reuse of historic



"A view through one of the renovated windows of the al-Awqaf building (Manjakieh) in the Old City of Jerusalem. The dome seen in the window was part of the renovation too."



"Renovation of Madrasat il Ashrafiyya in the Dome of the Rock area"

Touqan, the Director of the Technical Office of the OCJRP, received the Award on behalf of the Welfare Association. Also attending were Mr. Hisham Qaddoumi, Head of the Technical Committee for the OCJRP and a Board of Trustees member of the Welfare Association, and Mr. Yousef As'ad, another member of the WA Board of Trustees. Certificates of Appreciation were also awarded to the Welfare Association, as supervisor of the program, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development as a main donor partner, the Islamic Waqf Department for its cooperation in providing the locations for implementation of the program, in addition to a certificate for the Technical Office of the Program and another for the Director of the Technical Office.

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buildings and monuments for new functions. The program is also credited with providing conservation and restoration training for architects, engineers, contractors and crafts people, and for establishing an information centre and a database for the Old City, including documentation, surveys, research and studies.

The OCJRP has also created a community outreach program to raise public awareness of the value of historic buildings and to encourage public participation in the rehabilitation and restoration process, which is meticulously conducted by a team of dedicated professionals who are motivated by their love of the place and its people.

The Award Presentation Ceremony in Delhi on November 27, 2004 was presided over by the Aga Khan and the Indian Prime Minister. Dr. Shadia



"A general view in front of the Islamic Museum , Old City of Jerusalem".





IT4Youth Project (2001-2004)

" Dr. Rafiq Husseini and Sana Abu Baker presenting the IT4Youth project at the Dubai International Award Ceremony".

The 4-year IT4Youth project, supported by the International Youth Foundation through a grant from USAID, was implemented in a cluster of 11 villages and hamlets in the Nablus and Jenin districts (Silet ad-Daher, Jaba, Fundaquimiya, Attara, Asa'sa, Burqa, Bizariya, Beit Imrin, Sebastiya, Nisf Jbeil



" Young Children Encouraged to Use Computers within the Future Kids Program".

and Ijnisiya) with a population of 30,000. These agricultural communities are characterized by high unemployment and few services: The IT4Youth program annually reaches 4,000 rural students and youth aged 10-24, IT and other teachers, parents and adult community members and has already built



"The De La Salle Youth Club Computer Lab/ Jerusalem"

positive attitudes towards technology among students. The Project, which ended in mid-2004, received an international award for Best Practices by the UN-HABITAT and Dubai Municipality, for being able to combine the efforts of the NGO sector, and public and private sectors to better community services.

The Regional IT Centre was completed in 2003 and includes a music room, computer software and furniture for a computer clubhouse that serves approximately 50 youth a day with Internet access, computer games, educational programs and vocational training. The program launched an IT4Youth website: www.it4youth.org.

The program has been cited by the Ministry of Education as a model pilot project, despite its four years of extremely challenging logistical problems in accessing the villages and working during continued movement restrictions.



"The Certificate presented to the Welfare Association at the Ceremony for the 'Dubai International Award for Best Practices to Improve the Living Environment'".

In addition, the project won a \$30,000 prize in a competitive award presented by UN-HABITAT and Dubai Municipality, as one of the top Best Practices.

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Programs and Projects Department

Working under the direction of the Board-level Programs and Projects Committee, the Programs and Projects Department (PPD) supervises projects within Welfare Association's main program tracks of Human Resource Development, Culture and Identity, Institution Building and Assistance for Palestinians in Lebanon. PPD staff work closely with NGOs and other organizations to monitor and supervise implementation, build and develop capacity and assist organizations in making quality improvements in their activities. Since 2000, PPD also handles assistance through Emergency Programs, helping to establish criteria to ensure that such assistance reaches the neediest, monitoring construction and procurement procedures for services and supplies and guaranteeing efficient and rapid disbursement of humanitarian aid. In 2004, the PPD monitored the implementation of 246 projects, of which 110 were completed that year, and disbursed \$23,420,760.

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The Palestinian NGO Project (PNGO) --- 1997-2005



"A Project for the Establishment of a Graywater Plant in Bile'en village near Ramallah".

The PNGO Project has been operating since 1997 to assist NGOs in delivering services to poor and marginalized sectors, to improve their capabilities and to strengthen the working relationship between NGOs and the Palestinian National Authority. The project has been supported primarily by the World Bank, with contributions from Italy, Saudi Arabia, Canada and others. Welfare Association is the lead member in the consortium with the British Council and Charities Aid Foundation that acts as the Project Management Organization (PMO). The Project awards development grants, block grants to larger NGOs and funds research activities on the non-profit sector, according to a competitive selection process. It also subcontracts for capacity-building training of NGO staff. The PMO is responsible for daily management, with oversight by the Steering Committee and the Supervisory Board. The World Bank is charged with ensuring that the Project operates as designed.

Following the success of Phase I, the World Bank approved an additional three-year project PNGO Phase II (2001-2004), extended to mid-August 2005 in light of current political conditions, and a budget of \$19.70 million. An additional allocation of \$5.70 million was made by the Agence Francaise de Developpement and further emergency components of \$3.20 million were also added to the project, bringing the total budget to around \$28.60 million. **Phase II of the PNGO project will end in August 2005.**

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Programs and Projects

The Welfare Association's programs and projects have expanded a great deal over the last few years, it has thus been able to benefit a wide range of sectors of Palestinian communities in both Palestine and Lebanon which included the fields of health, education, childhood, information technology, emergency employment and emergency relief.

In 2004, more than \$33 million in funds from diverse donors and individual contributions was channeled to Palestinians through more than 300 projects, disbursements reached \$23.5 million and 417 civil society institutions, of which 3 are governmental, 11 universities, 19 community colleges benefited directly from these projects. Ninety three new agreements were also signed with societies that are members of the three Palestinian NGO networks and 10 universities, within an emergency support program for needy families, which is part of the Arab Fund programs. The WA Programs and Projects Department (PPD) is currently working on 246 projects worth \$69.7 million.

In addition, semi-autonomous management structures were responsible for direct implementation of technical projects through WA special programs: the Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program (OCJRP), the Palestinian NGO Project (PNGO), Information Technology for Youth Project (IT4Y), and the Emergency Employment Generation Program (EEGP).

Basic Program Tracks

I. Human Resource Development

In 2004, the Programs and Projects Department (PPD) supervised the implementation of 22 projects in the field of Human Resource Development. The projects involved the construction of schools and educational facilities for NGOs, provision of educational material, supporting the operations of educational institutions and developing civil society's capabilities through training courses and



"Building Established for the Women's Studies Institute at Bir Zeit University".

workshops. Welfare Association continues to support efforts by non-governmental organizations to expand and update vocational education and training, non-formal education in community centres, and in-service training for teachers, technicians and professionals.

A. Education

1. Early Childhood Education

In 2004, WA funded the development of a Kindergarten in Jenin camp. The Kindergarten was inaugurated and provided with internal and external play equipment and educational toys. In Gaza, an



"Kindergarten in Shu'fat Camp"

action plan and timeframe for the establishment of a Kindergarten in Beit Lahiya have been set and tenders advertised.

2. Basic Education

In Nablus, the city's Diaspora community funded a special school construction program, to help alleviate



"The Naim Abdul-Hadi School / Nablus".

problems of the shortage of classrooms and school overcrowding. Four new schools were completed and inaugurated on October 13, 2004: the Salahiya secondary school, Abdul-Rahim Jardaneh primary



" The Burhan Kamal Secondary School / Nablus ".

school, Burhan Kamal secondary school and Naim Abdul Hadi school. The cost of the school building program amounted to \$2.15 million to which WA made an additional contribution of \$100,000 to provide computer labs and IT teacher training for the four schools, which comprise 85 schoolrooms that can be used by 2,100 students. The schools are maintained by the municipality and staffed by the Ministry of Education. The Technology Centre at al-Salahiya School was inaugurated and 75 computers with



" The Burhan Kamal Secondary School / Nablus ".

specialized software were installed. In Gaza, building of the "Adnan al-'Alami" School started and is expected to be completed in 2005.



3. Higher Education

In the scholastic year 2003/2004 approximately \$5.1 million was distributed to university and college students within the student loans program, which enables them to pay their university or college fees and helps with their expenses. A computerized system was also developed to follow up on disbursements and collect loans from the students who graduate and get employment opportunities. In addition, the WA Board approved awarding the program a further



The Library at the Women's Studies Institute / Bir Zeit University

sum of \$10 million, of which \$800,000 (or 8%) was allocated to community colleges, while \$9.2 million was distributed to universities according to new allocations: 90% for loans to defray fees and 10% for living expenses. The number of benefiting universities reached 11 and the Community Colleges 20. The number of benefiting students in the scholastic year 2003/2004 was 52,946.

Grants were made to a number of higher education institutions for improving infrastructure and/or services. Birzeit University received \$50,000 to



"Students at Bir Zeit University".

continue construction of a building to house the Institute of Women's Studies. The 2,600 square meter building was completed and will be officially inaugurated by representatives of the donor (the Bahrain Committee for the support of the Palestinian people). About 2000 work days were created during its construction, which contributed to alleviating the hardships of unemployed laborers in the area.

" Students at the Bir Zeit Women's Studies Institute building established by WA"

B. Non-Formal Education

The \$1 million Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashed Al Maktoum / Hebron Children's Cultural Centre, is designed as a model multi-use centre and features a 400-seat theatre, library, and computer centre, as well as activity and music rooms. In 2004, 60% of the work in the children's park around the centre was completed. Jawwal, the Palestinian mobile company, equipped the computer centre with 15 computers. In addition, WA plans to establish a mobile library and educational unit for outreach to villages. The complex will host local schools and NGOs in the southern West Bank as a venue for children's theatre, IT and cultural activities.

In Qalqilya, WA built and furnished a model children's library, the first of its kind, at al-Murabatat Society.

As part of its contribution towards the support of non-formal education, WA sponsored a study carried out by the economic research centre MAS on the informal economic sector.



"al-Murabatat Charitable Society Qalqilya / Deaf Children Reading Books in a New Library Sponsored by WA".

In Gaza, the children's club at the Development Society in Deir el-Balah held drama activities aimed at psychological benefits through release of tension for children of the area, which suffers continuous Israeli incursions. The children's club at the Red Crescent Society in Khan Younis held training activities in the fields of theatre, folklore, computers and art. In addition, the Intifada disabled were integrated within arts and cultural activities and offered psychological and physical therapy. The number of children



"The indoor theatre at the Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashed Al Maktoum / Hebron Children's Cultural Centre".

who benefited from the Deir el-Balah and Khan Younis programs is 3,000, and those benefiting from the Psychological Support for the Disabled project was 2,000.

As part of the consolidation of youths' capabilities, a program for encouraging reading was run in cooperation with the NPA project "Children's Activities in Libraries" funded by WA-UK. Both programs were implemented by Tamer association. There are 90 libraries serving 4,500 children. Other activities held within the program were summer camps and educational workshops for children especially in rural areas and refugee camps. Fifty educational workshops and 28 training workshops benefiting 5,000 children were held .



"The Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashed Al Maktoum/ Hebron Children's Cultural Centre".

C. Information Technology Skills for Youth

Over the past five years, WA has significantly expanded its work in developing access to and training in information technology for Palestinians. It has supported the construction and equipping of labs, provision of educational materials and development of curriculum, teaching and vocational training of IT in school settings, community and training centres, and introduced IT from preschools to university libraries. Most of the WA support has been complemented by grants from the private sector and international IT development companies for the provision of equipment and training assistance. The most prominent partnerships were with the International Youth Foundation, Intel, and Cisco and currently the WA is planning another innovative IT project, namely the "Mediterranean Virtual University", which will be supported by the EU and a UK university.

The IT4Youth project --- This vanguard project won a \$30,000 prize in a competitive award presented by UN-HABITAT and Dubai Municipality, as one of the top 9 Best Practices. The project was developed jointly by WA and the International Youth Foundation and funded by USAID's Community Services Program with the aim of enhancing the learning skills, creativity and employability of Palestinian youth, aged 10-24.

By the end of the project, 14 computer labs had been built and equipped for use by schools in a cluster of 11 villages in the Northern West Bank. Training courses were also held for 250 teachers and 25 IT teachers, the schools were also provided with the Futurekids programs. In addition, the Regional Information Technology Centre in Silt al-Dhaher was built and equipped. Finally, 327 computers were changed in all the schools and in the centre to upgrade their quality and the used computers were distributed to schools and councils in neighboring villages. WA continued the program to work with local partners to assist schools and community organizations in a new cluster of villages to provide access to and training in computer-based IT for youth and promote the use of IT in the community in education, work and recreation. The program intends to enhance the learning skills and employability of its participants, eventually leading to a better quality of life.

In 2004, funds were allocated to renovate and equip new secondary schools at Ajja village to include them in the IT4Y schools program. In addition an agreement was developed with Pal Tel to upgrade internet connections at schools from dial-up to ADSL as soon as possible. A new employability secretarial course was also started including 13 participants and 2 training courses were conducted in IT for members of the local community. A short film was also produced on the IT4Y program and shown at the International Award Ceremony in Dubai. The project ended in July 2004, but WA decided to fundraise to continue supporting it, and to develop its outreach to further regions of the West Bank.

The **Futurekids** training program is being extended to four private schools in the Ramallah-Jerusalem area, benefiting approximately 5,000 children. It continues to be an important part of Welfare's IT initiatives involving children. In 2004, eighty-two children who constituted the sixth group of Futurekids graduated from the program and a new CD was published for the "Wamda" science series. The Futurekids centre also invited 11 new schools to fill out forms for grants to join the program. Fifteen children attended a 2004 summer camp and two training courses were held for 33 school teachers to enable them to participate in the implementation of the project.

The WA-sponsored Intel **Computer Clubhouse** in Ramallah serves underprivileged children and youth (aged 10-18 years) from the three surrounding refugee camps of Qaddura, al-Am'ari and Kalandia and students from al-Bireh and Ramallah. This clubhouse is the first of its kind in the Arab Middle East and has become a model of informal training of youth in design using IT. It was also acclaimed by the Director of the worldwide Intel Clubhouse Network as "one of the best clubhouses she has ever visited". The high-tech clubhouse and mentoring methodology develop youths' computer-based creative design skills. In 2004, three members of the Intel Clubhouse participated in an international encounter at the Intel Clubhouse Network in Boston. Members also participated in the regional meeting of the Intel Clubhouse network in South Africa and the Club's work was highly appreciated. Thirty one new members joined the club and 100 new creative projects were developed, 10 of which were published on the international Intel Clubhouse network. In addition, volunteers were recruited to hold two courses for the new members of the club.

Success Story

The Intel Computer Clubhouse

Hiba Khalid al-Masri, a 14 year old deaf girl, is one of the Clubhouse challenges. With the help of the Clubhouse staff, mentors and members, Hiba managed to get involved in the Clubhouse activities and has surprised the staff with her artwork. Hiba started revealing remarkable talents in painting and produced many artworks using the Microsoft paint program and later she started using the Adobe Photoshop (professional image processing software) for her artwork projects. She is one of the major success stories at the Clubhouse and it is obvious that her success was due to the collaborative environment within the Clubhouse, where members learn from each other and are continuously supervised and aided by the mentors and staff.

Computer centres were established at the Hamdi Mango Children's Cultural Centre in Nablus. The Centre contains 12 computers, which are at the disposal of the children in the city. The main building of the League of Jaffa Arabs Society was renovated in order to be utilized as a children's computer centre containing 15 networked computers.

The Centre of Excellence at Birzeit University or the Bizreh Project brings quality e-learning to Palestine in an innovative project initiated by Birzeit and WA. The two primary components of the project include: (1) development of pedagogical techniques in education, and (2) the use of technology as a tool that would empower the application of these techniques, through increased efficiency, access and cost reduction. It was planned to execute the project in two phases: (Phase I), the prototype phase called "Mashtal" where a pilot project using the major building blocks of e-learning would be used, and (Phase II) called Bustan – in which the Centre for Instructional Technology would become functional. The Centre which was later given the acronym BISCIT would: (i) serve as a full support and delivery system to e-

learning for the University and Palestine in general; (ii) provide and conduct expert services and R&D in pedagogical technology in curriculum development; (iii) carry out training of trainers; and (iv) build national and international networks in e-learning.

The project target population will include school students (through curriculum support and life skills training), university students at all levels, and adult continuing education. The Centre will also cooperate with the Euromed Virtual University (MVU), which is another WA project in cooperation with EUMEDIS. This project will initially establish a virtual degree in computer science or related IT fields. It focuses on a training of trainers component and aims at setting up an organizational infrastructure for developing and delivering a degree on-line involving a large number of partners. The Welfare Association aims to mainly play the role of a local coordinator liaising work with different local institutions involved. In addition, it will include the project within its awareness initiatives and shall for that purpose, insure the availability of suitable publicity that reflects the achievements and impact of the project. WA will also establish computer labs for students registered in the MVU and those from the community at large.

D. Health

Work on the foundations of the al-Bahrain Children's Hospital in Ramallah has begun. A building contract was signed with the company quoting the lowest prices. A consultant engineer was employed to supervise the building process; and work has begun on the foundations of the building.

" Site of the -Bahrain Children's Hospital to be built in Ramallah by WA"



E. Micro-Projects

A micro-projects and medium-sized projects' program was established and developed with funding from the PDF. Since the establishment of the project three years ago, 560 employment opportunities were initiated. Eighty one projects have been given loans at a total of approximately \$1,673,000. Repayment of loans at 78%, which is extremely good in light of the current situation in Palestine. Loans were mainly given to the services and commercial sectors as the fund was unable to comply with the grant's stipulation to concentrate on IT, women empowerment and agricultural projects.

II. Culture and Identity

The Welfare Association aims, through its Culture and Identity program, to reinforce the relevance of Palestinian history to life today and has committed itself to developing the cultural sector, which nurtures society in deep and invaluable ways. The Welfare Association has been assisting NGOs, to build their capacities and expand programs to help local communities preserve their culture and identity. Activities sponsored involve promoting Arabic language and literature, traditional arts, music, extracurricular activities, cultural exchange and architectural heritage. Furthermore, the program seeks to foster creative and artistic endeavors, excellence and intellectual capabilities of the Palestinians. In 2004, the total number of disbursements for the culture and identity program exceeded \$303,000.

Among the cultural projects, WA encourages Palestinian societal awareness through organizing training courses for Arab university students from Haifa, Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem University. In addition, a summer camp was held between 24-30/7/2004 attended by 94 youths from Jerusalem, al-Naqab and al-Jalil. Courses were also held on identity targeting teachers and employees in the educational system; and sixty teachers participated in courses on women's and civic rights.



" Boys Dancing Dabkeh at the Deir al-Balah Child Club / Gaza Strip"

In Gaza, efforts to preserve and revitalize Palestinian heritage were evident through developing the crafts centre at the Rural Heritage Society in Abasan. Funds were utilized to transform traditional skills into employability and earning power for twenty women who are employed in this project. Large quantities of carpeting and embroidered items were produced and will be exhibited. An executive plan was also prepared for holding 6 production courses. In addition, a Palestinian artist from Gaza was chosen for a grant from the French consulate for a sabbatical in Paris with the artist's studio project initiated by WA

House Rehabilitation

In the old cities of Jaffa and Acca and other towns, the poor conditions of the buildings often force migration out of the area. WA worked with local committees to help residents repair their homes as part



Renovated Houses in Haifa

of a cost-sharing scheme. In 2004, WA supported the renovation of 32 houses in Haifa, 17 in Jaffa and 30 in Acre in an effort to preserve and revitalize Palestinian architectural heritage in the area.



“General View of the Old City in Acre”



“Renovating Old Houses in Haifa”

III. Jerusalem

Jerusalem has been a special focus for Welfare Association, both programmatically and in fundraising efforts. WA interventions in East Jerusalem aim at promoting Palestinian residents' survival and steadfastness, and enhancing culture and identity through education and training, architectural



"A General View of Jerusalem"

restoration and artistic festivals, and supporting NGO in the face of changing social, political and economic conditions and persistent conflict.

Since it was established in 1994, **the Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program (OCJRP)** has been the Welfare Association's main intervention program in Jerusalem.

(see inset).

Two new EU-funded projects implemented by Welfare Association in Jerusalem began their first year of implementation in 2004. The "Coordination between East Jerusalem Hospitals," a two-year EU project, began in December 2003. The overall aim of the project is to improve health care services to the Palestinian community by encouraging coordination among the six non-governmental hospitals in East Jerusalem that serve the community, supporting training for quality of care, and promoting good management and financial sustainability.

WA also established in mid-2004 the East Jerusalem Monitoring and Coordination Unit (MCU) with EU support. The MCU is a two-year EU-funded project aimed at facilitating the implementation of a rational development strategy for East Jerusalem addressing the needs of the Palestinian population, embodied in a previous EU project, the East Jerusalem Strategic Multi-Sector Development Plan (SMDP). The Unit's task is to establish mechanisms for the systematic coordination between NGOs and CBOs in East Jerusalem within each sector and between developmental sectors and to assist their fundraising efforts.



"Dar al-Aytam School Courtyard"

The Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program (OCJRP)

The Welfare Association established the Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program (OCJRP), with primary funding from the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development and technical assistance from UNESCO. Welfare Association's other partner in the program is the Department of the Islamic Waqf (endowment) of Jerusalem. The Old City suffers from social, economic and institutional decline, environmental degradation, physical dilapidation of buildings and harsh political and security conditions. Therefore, the program aims to restore and rehabilitate both culturally and historically important sites in Jerusalem and adapt them for modern-day use.

To preserve the valuable cultural and religious context of Jerusalem the OCJRP's approach to revitalization has considered the socio-economic factors as well as the physical environmental conditions. The main objectives are to improve the living conditions for Jerusalem residents and rehabilitate their homes while protecting the city's valuable heritage.



"Khan for al-Haj and al-Umra"

Additionally, the program aims to create a suitable economic and service base to attract social and economic groups to live and invest in the Old City. The four components of the comprehensive OCJRP Program are: rehabilitation and restoration, training, documentation and community outreach. An interdisciplinary technical team of urban planners, architects and archaeologists implements the program.

A special technical unit began operating in 1995, designing and implementing projects for the revitalization of the Old City through the rehabilitation of housing and related services, preservation of cultural, historical and religious monuments and improvement of residents' living standards. The Program also trains architects and contractors in restoration techniques, maintains a documentation centre, carries out a community awareness program and issues publications on architectural heritage.

1. Rehabilitation and Restoration

The OCJRP team identifies and researches each site for restoration or rehabilitation purposes. Then it designs, contracts and supervises the implementation in collaboration with property owners, managers, residents and the community at large to meet their particular requirements. It adapts historic buildings for community use, restores houses or structures and ensures that international standards and conventions are applied in all stages of the restoration work it supervises.



"Souq al-Qattanin after it was renovated by WA"

In 2004, more than \$1.5 million was disbursed for rehabilitation and restoration projects. These projects included the rehabilitation and restoration phase 4 and 5 of the 600-year-old magnificent Mamluk Dar al-Aytam al- Islamiyyeh complex, al-Madrassa al-Manjikiyeh, the installation of electrical wiring and conditioning appliances in al-Madrassah al- Ashrafiyyeh, restoration of the roof of the Islamic Museum and its western wall, al-Aqsa Kindergarten 2, and the restoration of a number of houses of families living in the Old City ('Abd el-Latif, al-Risheq, al-Ubeid, and al-Zarou families).

After the restoration of Al Aqsa Library in 2000 and Al Budairiyya Library in 2002, the OCJRP prepared the interior design and attended to the procurement of furniture and equipment as part of the development plans for both projects. In 2004, the furniture and equipment for both institutions were installed.



"One of the Renovated Houses within the Tashtumariyya Complex"

Despite the extremely slow progress in al-Madrassa al-Ashrafiyya and the Islamic Museum due to their proximity to the plaza of the al-Aqsa mosque and the Israeli restrictive measures concerning building and restoration activities in these areas, most of the work has been completed. Mechanical work has almost been completed within al-Madrassa al-Ashrafiyya (the manuscript restoration centre) including the restoration of the ancient tiles on its roof. In the Islamic Museum, work began on the fourth phase of the project, namely restoration of the northern hall.

"Renovated Balcony - al-Tashtumariya"

Suq al-Qattanin, once one of the most beautiful of oriental bazaars, has been badly neglected over the last century. In 2002, the OCJRP completed restoring the vaulted roof of the Suq and started the restoration of the walls and ceilings of the arcade. In 2003, the team embarked on restoring one of its eastern buildings, the Khan Tankaz. The complex dates back to the Mamluk period when Sultan Seif-ed-Din Tankaz ordered it built as a hostel for pilgrims after his visit to Jerusalem in 1327. The link between the Khan and Suq al-Qattanin incorporates the offices of Haj and Umra of the Islamic Waqf. Along with a large portal entrance, the two-storey structure surrounding the courtyard provides office space and facilities for the Al Quds University study centre. The restoration was completed in mid 2004.

In addition, restoration work is being undertaken in the Islamic school, the Dar al-Fatwa dormitories, the African quarter, the Shihabi enclosure, the building housing the Palestinian Counselling Centre, the Tashtumariyya, As'ardiyya and Uthmaniyya Schools, the interior of the Islamic Museum and the houses of the al-Jaridi, Farhoud, Nasrawi, and Jarjou'i families.



2. Scholarships/Training

The OCJRP develops the capabilities and qualifications of the team within the technical office and those of the architects and technicians from partner organizations in addition to those of the contractors in order to reach optimum practices and results. In 2004, four architects, three females and a male, completed a practical training period. In addition, three university students completed a summer internship at the OCJRP offices.

3. Documentation and Information

The OCJRP's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) specialist continued to update information for Old City buildings and sites during 2004, in addition to printing and distributing educational and cultural publications on historic sites in the Old City. Four publications were produced on the following sites:

1. Sit Tunshuq Palace
2. Damascus Gate
3. St. Anne's Church
4. Ribat al-Mansuri

The GIS is the core geographically referenced information database for the program, combining many levels and layers of information about sites as well as various topographical maps. In addition, work was initiated on the project documenting ownership of the buildings within the Old City in cooperation with the Geographic Centre at the Arab Studies Society.



"Carpentry Section at the Dar al-Aytam Vocational School"



"Female students in the computer lab at the al-Quds University Old City Centre for IT."



4. Community Awareness of Preservation of Historic Sites

The second phase of the OCJRP Community Outreach Programme continued with emphasis on community awareness of the importance of heritage and participation in the restoration process. The community relations aspect of the project is considered crucial to successful restoration within the Old City. OCJRP will be working with the community to rehabilitate the structures, and to upgrade and maintain facilities.

Monographs on cultural and historical sites of interest were prepared and published for distribution to schools and community organizations with emphasis on youth. Other activities in 2004 included field tours of historical sites in the Old City of Jerusalem, workshops and meetings with the community, the production and staging of 9 performances of a play, mainly in a number of schools, and the implementation of an awareness raising program on heritage within schools in the Old City of Jerusalem. In addition, summer activities for 80 youths from the Old City were carried out in cooperation with al-Ru'ya association to develop their leadership capabilities so that they can preserve their valuable heritage in the Old City. The activities included field visits, seminars, and a near-professional cleaning of one of the walls of an ancient building. In order to encourage students to become more interested in their heritage, an art competition was held on Jerusalem's heritage and prizes were distributed to the best contestants.

"al-Suyufi Mosque after it was renovated by WA"

Restoration and Rehabilitation Projects (2004)

Comprehensive Restoration and Rehabilitation of Dar al-Aytam al-Islamiya Complex – Phase 5

This monumental 8,000-square-meter complex was built around 1388 A.D. as the palace of Sitt Tunshuq al-Muzaffariyya. It is one of the largest buildings in the Old City and shows the architectural transition from the Mamluk period to the Ottoman, with construction dating from the 14th century and extending over a 150-year period. It houses an orphanage and academic school for 650 boys, an industrial training school with a print shop, bookbinding and carpentry workshops, a boarding dormitory, an Islamic traditional soup kitchen, Awqaf offices and a small mosque.

Project: The restoration and rehabilitation of the structure went through five phases, and was completed in mid-2004. The upgrading of infrastructure of the 600-year-old building now used as an Industrial School was completed in 2003. This included renewing the sewage networks, water lines, electricity, communications network and rain drainage systems, and involved some large-scale underground work. The restoration of the three monumental Mamluk entrance portals was also completed in 2003, with technical assistance from the Institute of Venice.

In 2004, the fifth phase started with the restoration of the orphans' cafeteria and kitchen, in addition to the building and adjoining spaces used for training the students in carpentry.

Restoration of al- Madrassa al-Tashtumariyyah

The Madrassa is situated on the south side of Tariq Bab al-Silsila, between the junctions of the Maydan Lane to the west and Abu Madyan Stairway a short distance to the east. It was built by the Amir Sayf al-Din Tashtamur al-'Ala'i in the year 1382-83. The building currently houses Awqaf offices of the Higher Islamic Council on its ground floor, which also includes a mausoleum in which Tashtumar and his son Ibrahim are buried. In addition six houses of Jerusalemite families living within the complex were restored, thus improving living conditions for more than 30 persons residing in the houses within this historic building.

Project: Restoration began with the insulation and tiling of the roof and the dome as well as restoration and rehabilitation of all offices and houses located in the 3-floor building, installation of wood windows and the heating and cooling system. Restoration was completed in 2004.

Restoration and Adaptive Re-use of al-Madrassa al-Is'ardiyya

Al-Madrassa al-Is'ardiyya was built in the fourteenth century on the north border of the Haram, west of al-Malikiyya by Majdal-Din'Abd al-Ghani Sayf al-DinAbi Bakr Yusuf al-Is'ardi. By his name he originated from Is'ard, the modern Siirt, south-west of Lake Van in Turkey.

Project: This Mamluk structure is composed of a number of buildings connected by courtyards, *iwans* and spaces. There is a large assembly hall and many rooms adjoin the buildings. The main structure and adjoining buildings, which include private residences for Jerusalemite families were renovated by WA in cooperation with the Islamic Awqaf Department.

Restoration of Khan Tankaz, Suq al-Qattanin-

The Khan Tankaz, a historic structure at the entrance of Suq al-Qattanin, was cleaned and underwent heavy structural consolidation. A special blend of lime mortar, incorporating ancient ingredients and methods, was used to consolidate the building. Renovation was completed in 2004. The building is currently serving a useful community role as the al-Quds University Jerusalem Studies' Centre and the Awqaf's Pilgrimage Department. Renovation of the building has also encouraged visitors to enter the Suq.

Restoration of the Saifi Mosque and the Zarou house

The historic Mosque containing a tomb and a prayer hall was renovated, in addition to the houses of four Jerusalemite families that surround the Mosque; the houses were structurally unstable and threatened the lives of more than 24 individuals living in them and the Mosque itself.

Restoration of al-Aqsa Kindergarten 2 Building

The building is situated in al-Sa'diyya street in the Red Minaret Stairway. Restoration of the building provided an extra building for use as a Kindergarten within the Old City, which is in great need of such services as there are very few facilities catering for child care and education.

A number of classrooms and small courtyards within the two storeys of the building were rehabilitated.

Renovation of residences

The aim of this project is to improve the living conditions of individuals living in the Old City. The renovated houses belong to the Rishek, Ubeid, and 'Abdul Latif families. In addition, work is being completed on the Jaridi, Farhoud, Nasrawi and Jarjou'i family houses.

Restoration of the Dar al-Fatwa Hostel

The building was restored in order to house official visitors to al-Aqsa Mosque during Moslem festive seasons and especially during the month of Ramadan.

Restoration of the Palestinian Counselling Centre

Renovation of this historic building provided a location to house the Palestinian Counselling Centre in the Old City, which will enable it to carry out Counselling sessions and social and psychological services to dwellers of the Old City. The 3-storey building is composed of 15 rooms and a number of open courtyards.

Restoration of the Zamani Ribat and the Ottoman Madrasa

Phase A

These buildings are located to the west of al-Aqsa mosque. They were originally two schools that are situated opposite each other next to al-Mathara Door and are separated by the alleyway leading up to the door. They are currently being used as housing units for a number of Jerusalemite families. They contain over thirty rooms, which were renovated in addition to the small inner courtyards and passageways.

Phase B

Units that house over 15 individuals were restored in addition to renovation of the public facilities and infrastructure for neighboring inhabitants in the enclosure.

Restoration of the Shihabi Enclosure

Phase A

Renovation of the buildings in this enclosure benefit 14 Jerusalemite families and improve the living conditions of more than 70 individuals living in 14 units within this historic structure.

Phases B & C

The buildings are located near "Bab el-Hadid" (The Iron Door) and house four Jerusalemite families. The renovation was carried out to improve the living conditions within the four housing units in addition to renovating shared public facilities including the common stairways and courtyards.

Coordination between East Jerusalem Hospitals

The Coordination between East Jerusalem Hospitals project is a two-year effort funded by the European Commission and implemented directly by the Welfare Association. The project aims to promote better health care services to the Palestinian community by improving the viability and long-term financial sustainability of Palestinian hospitals in East Jerusalem as part of the Palestinian health care system. The six non-governmental Jerusalem-based hospitals involved are the Maqassed hospital, al-Muttala'



“ al-Makkased Hospital is the main hospital in Jerusalem run by a charitable society “

(Augusta Victoria) hospital, the St. Joseph (French) hospital, the St. John's Ophthalmic hospital, the Palestinian Red Crescent hospital and the Princess Basma Centre for Rehabilitation. The specific objectives of the project are to:

- Facilitate and promote coordinated institutional development of East Jerusalem Hospitals (EJH).
- Promote Quality Improvement Systems (QIS) in EJH.
- Address immediate coordination and training priorities.

Since the project was established its work has been characterized by intensive planning. During the initial implementation phase there was concentration on the formulation of inter-hospital working groups, recruitment of consultants to conduct the following studies:

- Assessment of the supply of and demand for East Jerusalem hospital services.
- Recommendations for adaptation and development.
- A legal study.
- A feasibility study for laundry.

Then intensive work was done to follow up with the International Standardization for Organizations (ISO-9001) in order to introduce and implement health care management systems that comply with international quality management standards. ID Management Consultants is the company carrying out this institutional development project of Jerusalem's hospitals, which is the first of its kind in Palestine. Other activities that address the quality assurance component were conducted such as the development of an infection control manual and a training program. A number of studies were also carried out :



"The "Muttala" or Augusta Victoria Hospital is run by the UNRWA and the Lutheran Federation"

- A patient satisfaction study.
- A hospital library assessment.
- A study for Laboratory quality improvement.
- Development and implementation of International Laboratory Standard (ISO 17025)



"The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre for Disabled Children"

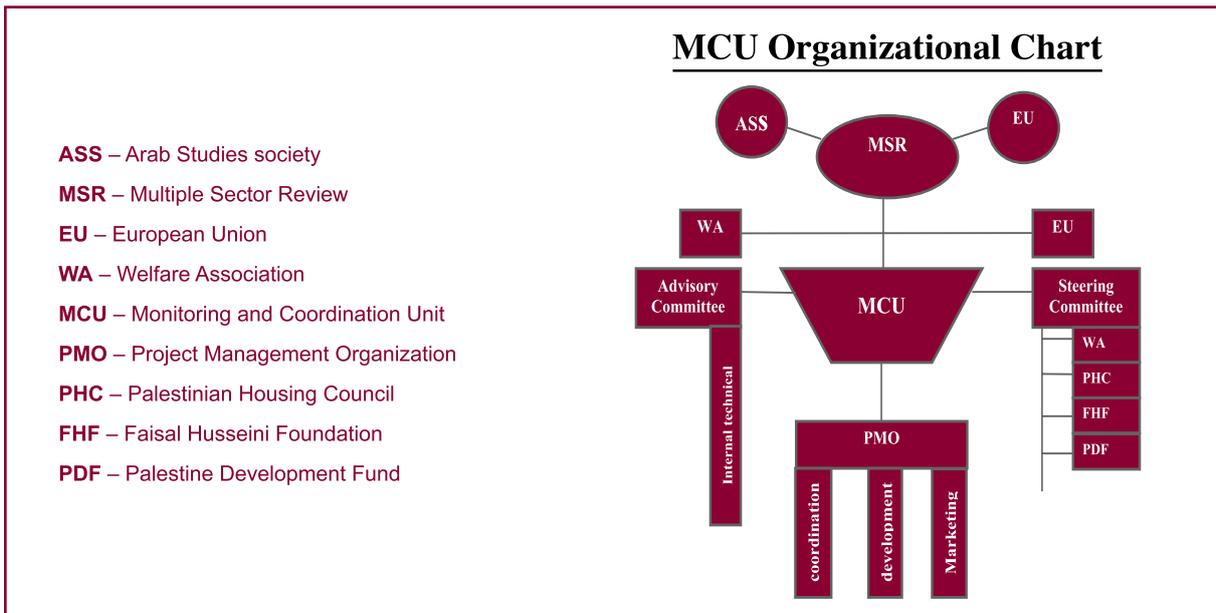
The East Jerusalem Monitoring and Coordination Unit (MCU)

The MCU, established with EU support, is tasked with activating and enhancing networking and coordination among the various Palestinian non-governmental organizations in East Jerusalem both at sectoral and cross-sectoral levels, promote cooperation of East Jerusalem NGOs in program design



"The early Childhood Sectoral Advisory Group Meeting"

and project implementation, facilitate and coordinate donor funding of integrated sectoral programs based on the Multisector Development plan, and monitor and coordinate implementation.



The MCU was designed to address the problems of duplication of services, inadequate services and funding, insufficient expertise, lack of strategic planning, etc., by establishing coordination mechanisms

and a development database for East Jerusalem, and promoting the SMDP among stakeholders. In addition, the MCU will provide an updated database of the SMDP for East Jerusalem that will serve as an information resource for local and international NGOs, donors and other concerned parties.

Since its establishment in June 2004, the MCU has completed the project set-up phase, which included the recruitment of staff and development of the MCU organizational structure and charts. The MCU web-page was launched (www.mcujerusalem.org) and five main sectoral advisory groups (SAGS) were formed. The sectors included tourism, youth, culture and heritage, social welfare and education.

IV. Institution Building and Community Development

Institution building and community development is a cross-cutting theme within many regular and emergency WA projects, as the ultimate aim of WA interventions is to develop the community and respond to various unmet needs within Palestinian society. However, within some projects it constitutes



“The al-Kharroubah Public Park / al-Dahriya Municipality”

the main focus and entails the training of administrative personnel, the introduction of computers, accounting and personnel packages and the organization and maximization of management efficiency.

The Palestinian Non-government Organizations Project (PNGO Project), supported by the World Bank and implemented by Welfare Association, is the major effort by WA in this area. In 2004, PNGO project



“The Is'ad al-Tufulah Centre in Hebron”

interventions (more than \$7 million in disbursements) covered youth, agriculture, primary health care, formal and non-formal education, water resources management and rural development throughout the

West Bank, Jerusalem and Gaza Strip. Within the Palestinian NGO Project Phase II six Partnership Grant Managers in cooperation with 89 partner NGOs run a \$5,471,433 program designed to both strengthen them as major institutions through institution building programs and enable smaller NGOs to benefit from their expertise.

Institution building projects implemented by the WA Programs and Projects Department at a total value of \$426,700 included building and development of formal and informal training and educational facilities, establishment of community multi-activity buildings, youth and cultural centres, clubs, children's libraries, a children's hospital and public parks.

The Palestinian NGO Project (Phase II) 2001-2005 Partnership, NGO Development and Sector Support

The World Bank approved a three-year Phase 2 - of the successful PNGO Phase I - Project (PNGOII) (2001-2004), with a budget of \$22 million, and in view of the critical political situation, approved a one-year extension (to mid August 2005).



"Signing Agreement for building the Counselling Centre for Women in Difficult Circumstances/ Bethlehem"

Overall, the PNGO Phase II intervention focussed on three main areas : building stronger community organizations, delivering needed and urgent services, and connecting people and organizations. Within these three main areas Phase II uses at least six distinct types of grant making programs to reach its goal. These include large scale partnerships with well-established NGOs amounting to approximately \$1 million each, smaller-scale grant making to NGOs with lower capacity but good effectiveness, unique interventions in diverse fields that include domestic violence, health insurance and information technology. In addition, a large number of smaller and faster emergency projects have addressed critical needs throughout the last four years, like the latest group of emergency projects in Gaza funded by the French government.

In 2004, more than \$9 million was disbursed. The number of projects that have been implemented until now are 6 Partnership Grants Projects with 89 partner NGOs, 19 Development Grants projects, 20 Urgent Development Grants and 82 Emergency Program projects, in addition to the Counselling Centre for Women in Difficult Circumstances. Seven important projects were implemented within the Sector Support Program: they include a Unified Health Insurance scheme, and a large scale internationally-linked research project to assess Palestinian civil society's structure, environment, values and impact (CIVICUS).

Partnership Grants Program

The six Partnership Grant Managers (PGMs) with 89 partner NGOs are a \$5,471,433 program designed to both strengthen major NGOs, and enable smaller NGOs to benefit from their expertise. The projects target poor and marginalized communities through smaller projects that address the needs of populations underserved due to their geographic location, in addition to population groups who are vulnerable due to their social or physical limitations.

Their programs in youth, agriculture, primary health care, formal and non-formal education, water resources management and rural development throughout the West Bank, Jerusalem and the Gaza Strip are on average 90% complete, and all are now working on backing up their finished grant-making with capacity building work for their partners.

Development Grants Program

Nineteen development grants were approved by the Supervisory Board for a total of \$3.16 million in funding, distributed as follows: 3 projects in Jerusalem (\$574,000), 6 projects in Gaza (\$783,000) and 10 projects in the West Bank (\$1,802,453). Development Grants were designed to build the ability of medium-sized NGO grantees, who delivered with quality in PNGO I, to deliver their services. Of these 19 NGO projects, 8 have been completed, and the remaining 11 are completing the requirements for final payments and closing the project files.



"The Sheikh Sa'ad School science Lab / Jerusalem"



"Kindergarten in Shu'fat Camp"

Urgent Development Grants (UDGs)

Urgent Development Grants (UDGs) started in 2004, an initiative of the Project's Supervisory Board, which wanted to use them to disburse previously unallocated grant funds to areas in the north and south of the West Bank where the poor and marginalized are most affected by the political and economic situation. Three UDGs are complete already, and the remaining 17 are now fully operational. These include 3 partnerships between Italian and Palestinian NGOs. Five new grants have also been signed with NGOs in Nablus. All will be complete by August 2005.

Counselling Centre for Women in Difficult Circumstances

The Counselling Centre for Women in Difficult Circumstances is a \$2.5 million stand-alone project funded by the Italian Cooperation with US\$1.3 million allocated for the construction, furnishing and equipping of the centre. The objective is to establish a specialised centre in Bethlehem to provide support, therapy, advocacy, empowerment and vocational training services to women and girls subject to domestic violence. Both sections of the grant are progressing well: the construction of the building for which the PMO is directly responsible, and technical assistance component. With a special extension, the completion date is February 2006.



"Women's job creation through a micro-project in Livestock Care"

The centre will promote an enhanced role and status for women in society, raise awareness concerning gender discrimination and advocate for women's empowerment. The program will also provide loans, counselling services for abused women and support therapy and vocational training for this marginalized group of the society. It will be established in cooperation with the Palestinian Ministry of Social Affairs and the Ministry of Women's Affairs.

Emergency Grants

The Project's Emergency component, designed to offer governments and international organizations an effective mechanism of grant dispersal to alleviate conditions in the West Bank and Gaza after September 2000, is now almost completed. Funding came from the Islamic Development Bank, the Italian Government, and the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DfID), and only Italian and DfID projects remain in operation, with completion percentages of 98% and 95% respectively.

Sector Support Program

The Sector Support Program promotes strategic planning and operations so that NGOs can better meet the basic needs of the poor and marginalized. A special 5-member committee was established for this program including representatives of the NGO sector, civil society organizations, the Commission of NGO Affairs and the PMO. Five studies were prepared that deal with defining needs and priorities of the organizations, unions, networks and the Commission for the coming years. Moving towards Phase III with a greater emphasis on serving the whole NGO sector, the current Sector Support Program has taken a big leap forward. The seven new projects that have been launched include the NGO portal, awareness raising workshops on civil society tax and customs exemptions and the publication of a handbook on the subject, a Unified Health Insurance scheme which has been planned and launched in six months, with a target of 100,000 participants, commensurate income generation, and a large scale internationally-linked research project to assess Palestinian civil society's structure, environment, values and impact (CIVICUS).

V. Emergency Programs

During 2004, there was no significant easing of the Israeli occupation measures, the hundreds of checkpoints and roadblocks established by Israel remained in place and the construction of the Separation Wall continued, resulting in further humanitarian hardships in addition to the military attacks and deliberate destruction of infrastructure, which have also hindered efforts of civil society organizations. Palestinians continued to face problems reaching their places of work, schools and



"Young Girl receiving treatment at the Amal Centre for the Handicapped/ Nablus"

hospitals, and standards of health and education continued to deteriorate. Palestinians' needs for additional humanitarian assistance rose sharply as a consequence.

Welfare Association, while always attempting to link emergency projects to a longer term development perspective, sought to respond to the increasingly urgent needs of the population. Emergency programs aiming to improve health care, food production and job opportunities for Palestinian communities, especially in hard-hit localities were developed and supported by WA. Local NGOs, councils and municipalities implemented programs benefiting both individuals and institutions. The total sum of WA disbursements for emergency and relief programs and projects was more than \$17million in 2004.

Some of the direct relief and humanitarian aid efforts supported by WA during the year were: agricultural projects, tuition credits for university students, relief for families experiencing social hardship, rehabilitation of houses of disabled people, assistance to schools and assistance for families whose homes were damaged or destroyed. These programs benefited some of the poorest, most marginalized and needy families in the West Bank and Gaza, who had suffered injury or loss of livelihood or shelter due to Israeli occupation policies and practices. WA also provided urban and rural medical and rehabilitation centres with medical supplies, equipment and service support.

The emergency projects have been primarily funded through special appeals for individual contributions as well as programs sponsored by international donors. Part of WA's methodology in this field is the rapid identification and needs assessment of beneficiaries and rapid disbursement to relieve communities in distress.

1. Emergency Rehabilitation Services



"Toddlers given Treatment at Abu Rayya Rehabilitation Centre / Ramallah"

As the seriously injured required extensive treatment as well as physical and occupational rehabilitation, in addition to counselling in order to deal with their disabilities, WA develops centres and facilities for the disabled. Many of the 28,369 Palestinians who have been injured between October 2000 and December 2004, suffered permanent or long-term disabilities. Nearly, 1700 suffered lifelong disabilities or lost a limb or became completely or partially paralyzed.

Welfare Association disbursed more than \$20 million for emergency services and support for both health and rehabilitation of disabilities sectors in 2004. Organizations that work closely with injured and disabled Palestinians many of whom are children have been supported. This aid was used to sustain community-based rehabilitation services (physiotherapy, occupational therapy and counselling), supply of medical aid and equipment loan programs, hospital and outreach services, adaptation of houses for accessibility for disabled persons, and primary and emergency rehabilitation care infrastructure and services.

The foundations of al-Wafa Society Rehabilitation centre/Gaza were laid; this centre will cater for rehabilitation of the injured and disabled. At the same time the construction created 650 employment opportunities. Other institutions supported in the Gaza Strip were the National Society/Rafah, which offers rehabilitation services to the disabled and follows up their progress at home. At al-Wafa Society/Khan Younis, a coordination committee was formed including 6 centres that offer rehabilitation services to the disabled. This committee also included government institutions and active individuals and the work done included rehabilitation of houses so that the disabled could move in them more easily,



"A Child with physical disability being treated at Abu- Rayya Rehabilitation Centre / Ramallah"

providing mobility aids, holding workshops, group sessions and psychological treatment. The number of beneficiaries reached 515 and the visits to the disabled 5500. Four houses were adapted for facilitated use by the disabled and 186 mobility or other aids were distributed.

In the West Bank, a rehabilitation centre at the Abu Rayya Hospital has been built and 328 workers were employed. Rehabilitation services at the Abu Rayya Centre were developed and house visits were made to the beneficiaries; training programs were also organized for them. In addition, WA distributed hearing aids to 50 school children with hearing problems and 12 houses were rehabilitated for facilitated use by the disabled.

2. Support for Higher Education

Palestinian students are becoming more and more hard-pressed to pay tuition fees that universities depend on for 60% of their budgets due to the decrease in household incomes because of deteriorating economic conditions. So that this will not mean fewer students will be able to afford education due to higher costs, and to respond to this crisis in higher education, Arab Financial Institutions (Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the Arab Monetary Fund) and OPEC Fund financed a student loans and assistance program managed by WA in the form of a revolving credit fund benefiting both students and universities. The program covered about 8% of the universities' annual operating budget during the 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 academic years. In 2004, \$9,874,349 was disbursed in emergency aid for higher education.

During the academic year 2003/2004, a computerized system was developed to follow up on disbursements and collect loans from the students who graduate and become employed.

In the 2004/2005 academic year, the Arab Funds' grant was renewed for support of the program with an additional sum of \$10 million of which 800,000 (or 8%) was allocated to community colleges, while

\$9.2 million was distributed to universities – 90% for the loans to pay for tuition fees and 10% for living expenses. Eleven universities and twenty community colleges benefited from this grant. In the academic year 2003/2004, the number of benefiting students reached 52,946.

WA's role was to monitor and supervise the implementation of the program in coordination with the Ministry of Higher Education and ensure that proper criteria was used to select needy students for loan guarantees, as well as to build and strengthen the capacity of the Student Loan Fund. A survey conducted by WA indicated that the loans had a positive impact as students who were potential drop-outs were able to remain at their universities.

3. Health

a. Emergency Provision of Medical Supplies

Welfare Association coordinated purchase and distribution of medicines and medical supplies to



"The Beit Jala Head Injuries Hospital"

hospitals and health centres, which was supported by funding from a number of sources. WA participated in covering the transport expenses of an American donation of medicines to Palestine. Medicine and equipment were distributed to over 40 medical centres and hospitals.

b. Hospitals and Primary Health Care Centres

Support and development of Health Centres and Hospitals continued and \$3,390,612 was disbursed to them in the West Bank and Gaza – 26 hospitals and 53 health centres; 16 hospitals and 11 health centres in Gaza were able as a result to develop their diagnostic and treatment departments. \$1,5 million in medical equipment was also provided to the hospitals and health centres.

Development of Medical Specializations and Health Workers

For the Head Injury Unit at the Arab Rehabilitation Society in Beit Jala, a laser machine for treating myopia and hyperopia was bought and 8 specialists were also trained in how to utilize the new machine.

WA also supported the purchase of an X-Ray machine for al-Razi Hospital in Jenin and 250 patients have benefited.

At al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza, a Burns Department was established; the first stage of the building was completed in 2004, creating 850 job opportunities. In Rafah, a nutrition station was established in cooperation with Ard al-Insan society and Norwegian People's Aid (NPA). A survey of the status of 3305 children and 1545 house visits were carried out. Five training courses for mothers were held to raise

their awareness of healthy nutrition. Rafah hospital was also provided with an oxygen extraction unit and the Islamic Charitable Society Centre was provided with medicine as was al-'Awda Health Centre in Rafah.

In order to enhance the medical services rendered to children, a memorandum of understanding was signed by WA, PECDAR, and the Palestinian Ministry of Health for building the "Bahrain Children's Hospital" in Ramallah, funded by the Bahrain Committee for the Support of the Palestinian People. Work on the foundations of al-Bahrain Children's Hospital has begun and a building contract was signed with the company with the lowest bid. A consultant engineer was also employed to supervise the building process.

WA extended support to the Mother and Child Care Centre at the Palestinian Red Crescent Society/Gaza. This institution provides pregnant women with regular check-ups, monitors breastfed children, provides family planning services and offers nutrition to poor pregnant mothers and poor children. 750 pregnant women benefited from the regular check-ups and 2059 from the health counselling services. 21 awareness raising lectures have been given and 395 families benefited from the family planning services.



"Palestinian Red Crescent Society /Gaza - WA extended support to the Mother and Child Care Centre"

4. Humanitarian Family Support



"Assistance to Farmers Planting Citrus Trees In Rafah"

Special individual relief programs were devised to assist needy families to cope with the loss of income, breadwinners and housing. WA continued to raise funds and channel donations in 2004 for families in financial support, food supplies and in-kind contributions.



"Assistance to Farmers Planting Strawberries in Beit Hanoun"

The Family-to-Family Program provided aid by granting a basic subsistence income through sponsorships of families. Within this program the first payment of assistance for 1000 beneficiaries was distributed. This assistance is from Qatar - \$600 paid to 1000 beneficiaries over a period of 6 months.

In the West Bank, \$12,500 was transferred to the civil committees for distribution to 50 poor families in Nablus, renting houses for 150 families whose houses were demolished and providing food-aid packages to 600 families who suffered from the building of the wall in Qalqilya.

In Gaza, al-Beit al-Samid Society produced sports suits, which were distributed to 3400 children from invaded areas. 15 women benefited from the job opportunities created by the project. Similarly the General Union of Palestinian Women produced and distributed 1881 training suits, thereby creating 8 job opportunities for needy women.

Within the “Dubai Intervention Plan,” supporting Rafah (Phase I), 1,359 families in Rafah received \$200 each and the expenses of removing the rubble of their destroyed houses were paid for. In Phase II \$200 in support was extended to 333 Palestinian farmers whose names were provided by the Ministry of Agriculture. An additional 190 farmers who suffered losses due Israeli to the incursions also received support. 10 greenhouses were also rebuilt and replanted in the Salam and Tal al Sultan areas.

Also in Gaza, WA cooperated with government and UNRWA schools to distribute 6400 schoolgirls’ uniforms to schoolgirls in Rafah. Later \$3500 was added to the grant, allowing more girls to receive uniforms. In addition, 5000 woolen jackets were distributed to girl students and 18 job opportunities were created for women. Rafah municipality was also provided with a truck tanker for water transportation.

5. Employment Generation

a. Emergency Employment Project (Al-Aqsa Humanitarian Fund)

Welfare Association’s al-Aqsa Humanitarian Fund supported emergency employment generation programs in which small-scale construction projects implemented by NGOs employed out-of-work laborers to build community assets. Overall, the program supervised 35 NGO projects at a value of \$1.5 million and generated over 125,000 work days for unemployed workers in areas of high unemployment. The buildings that were constructed or finished included community, health and educational facilities. The projects are expected to have the impact of expanding NGO services within various communities.

Within the project’s activities the first centre for cancer treatment was built at the Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem, creating 540 work days. In Gaza, construction of al-Huda nursery, the school for the deaf, in Deir al-Balah and the Salam Centre, in Khan Younis were completed. In addition, the electrical work in al-Razi hospital was completed, a multi-purpose hall was established in al-Maghazi Society and “Muhammad al-Durra” park was completed in Deir el-Balah. These projects created 6,573 work days for no less than 400 workers. Women’s associations such as the Gaza Society for Culture and Development also benefited from the project by creating more than 3,150 work days for the production of approximately 15,414 school uniforms that were distributed to 13,880 students in 100 government and UN schools. In the West Bank, a Centre for the Disabled was built in Ein Beit Ilma in Nablus, a centre for agricultural



“Palestinian Red Crescent Society Khan Younis/ Injured Boy in Wheelchairs participates in Youth Club Activities”

extention was built for the Agricultural Marketing Society / Jenin and a Centre for the Women's Union in Tulkarem. In addition, in the north, a medical centre was built in Beita, a kindergarten was completed in Ramin and a bakery was completed for the Hawwa Cultural Centre in Nablus. Also, the Palestinian Children's Centre in Shu'fat Camp /Jerusalem was renovated and a children's park was established for the benefit of the Dhahiriyya community south of Hebron. Through these projects 2,995 work days were created and 23 workers were employed, apart from the 600-700 individuals who receive health services at the health centre in Beit Ilma, the 3,000 families who benefit from the bakery in Ramin and the 2,380 square meters of construction achieved by the projects.

b. Emergency Employment Generation Project (United Palestinian Appeal/USAID)

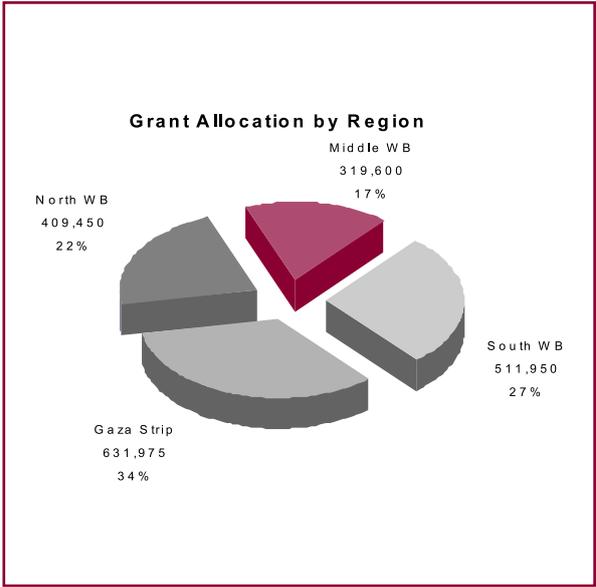
The EEGP program was developed jointly by the United Palestinian Appeal (UPA) and the Welfare Association (WA) to generate employment through implementing small-scale community infrastructure projects that provided needed community services and represented medium to long-term community assets. The implementation of the program began in September 2002 and was completed in 23 months.

The program provided sub-grants to 46 local Palestinian organizations to implement 55 labor-intensive activities with a total approved budget allocation of \$1,872,975. These activities were originally planned to generate an estimated total of 71,000 workdays subdivided as follows:

- 12 activities in the Gaza Strip with a budget allocation of \$631,975 generating 27,000 work days;
- 27 activities in the middle and north West Bank with a budget allocation of \$729,050 generating 26,500 workdays; and
- 16 activities in the south West Bank (Bethlehem and Hebron areas) with a budget allocation of \$511,950 generating 17,500 work days.

The projects undertaken included the following activities with the following allocated budgets:

- 23 activities in construction and/or renovation of community centres and halls (\$870,675)
- 4 activities in construction and/or rehabilitation of sports fields (\$123,400).
- 5 activities in construction and/or renovation of health centres and clinics (\$267,000)
- 9 activities in construction and/or renovation of schools and kindergartens (\$244,300)
- 4 activities in construction and/or renovation of sports club buildings (\$132,850)
- 5 activities in construction and/or repair of roads, sidewalks, retaining walls etc. (\$71,050)
- 5 activities in construction and/or rehabilitation of public parks (\$163,700)



An estimated 50% of the total grant allocated for these projects was expended for direct-hire short-term labor. The local partners were charitable societies, local councils, sports and youth clubs and women's organizations, most of whom WA has supported in the past. Welfare Association provided overall program management of the community projects and worked closely with the local organizations to ensure that program objectives are met through the project design, contracting and hiring procedures, and implementation.

The local partners had direct responsibility for implementing the projects, while the program, under the direct management of the WA and the oversight of UPA, provided the needed support and supervision to ensure their proper and timely implementation. While the focus of the program was on emergency employment generation, it included activities such as community monitoring and impact evaluation to ensure that the resulting services benefited the community in an equitable and sustained manner.

SUCCESS STORY

Al-Murabitat Society - Qalqilya

Finishing and Renovation of Society building and Rehabilitation of Playgrounds

Al-Murabitat is a very active society in Qalqilya district, providing social, cultural and vocational training services to women as well as rehabilitation programs for disabled children. The society runs a school for deaf children and provides speech therapy for children.



Qalqilia has become well known on the national and international level because of its location on the borders of West Bank and Israel. Qalqilia is surrounded by the Separation Wall built by Israeli forces and it has only one gate that connects Qalqilia with its surroundings and with other cities and villages of the West Bank. Due to the Israeli measures, Qalqilia is considered one of the poorest locations in the West Bank. Its economy was dependent on 1948 Palestinians and the Israelis who used to visit and shop from Qalqilia markets. However, this has ceased since the beginning of the INTIFADA because the Israelis are not shopping from Qalqilia any more.



Al-Murabitat is one of the oldest schools and societies in Palestine to take care of the disabled and mainly deaf children from all over the West Bank. It runs a KG and a boarding school for deaf students who come from remote areas. Many of them are living and boarding in the school due to the mobility restrictions between different towns and villages around Qalqilia. Al-Murabitat also conducts vocational training in hairdressing and sewing.



"Playground, Murabitat Charitable Society, Qalqilya, West Bank"

Al-Murabitat has applied for a grant of \$54,300 through UPA's emergency employment generation program to do interior finishing of new second floor (270 sq meters) of the school for the deaf, renovation of first floor of the society's building (270 sq meters) and rehabilitation of the playground area for the KG and the school for deaf (150sq.m).

The first floor of the building was in need of extensive renovation, the windows were not functioning as they should, the internal electrical wiring was old and unsafe. The second floor was not originally completed due to limited funds. As a result of the limited space, the society was unable to meet the increased demand for its services especially in the school for the deaf. Furthermore, the playground was unsafe for the children.

The interior finishing of the second floor, the renovation of the first floor and the rehabilitation of the playground have had immediate impact on the children both at the KG and the school for the deaf. The pupils now can learn, play and sleep in a pleasant homelike environment. The society staff are working with more enthusiasm and vigour as a result of the brighter and cleaner working environment.

"It is unbelievable. The whole building has been transformed, as if we built a new one. And the children have more smiles on their faces out in the playground" commented Mrs. Maysoon Sabri, the society's chairman.

The project itself generated more than 2000 work days.

c. Houses and Infrastructure Rehabilitation projects

This is a \$4 million house rehabilitation project financed by Arab Funds and supervised by WA. Since the beginning of the project a cumulative sum of \$2.93 million has been disbursed and jobs have been created for 1,320 laborers, generating a monthly average income of \$368 for 1320 families over a period of 3 months in 2004. As part of the project, supervised by WA and implemented by the Palestinian Ministry of Public Works, 23 tenders were approved with a total value of \$904,000 to rehabilitate and rebuild 2,890 houses in various areas. In addition, 7 tenders for the \$7 million Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project (also financed by the Arab Funds, supervised by WA and implemented by the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR) were also prepared. Full-scale implementation of these two projects took place during 2004.

Since the beginning of the project, approximately \$4.9 million has been disbursed for the implementation of 23 projects supporting rehabilitation of infrastructure and public buildings. Of the \$4.9 million disbursed, \$1,372,000 (or 28%) was spent on wages for 800 laborers. Thus, an average of monthly income of \$700 was provided to 800 families for three months.

6. Agricultural Relief: Replanting Trees in destroyed land

More than 1.3 million fully grown trees (mainly olive trees) have been uprooted from September 2000 until the end of 2004; the trees which covered 63,000 dunums in the West Bank and Gaza Strip were destroyed by Israelis to clear the path and environs of the Separation Wall. The land itself is being stripped by Israeli military tanks and bulldozers in operations that are destroying present and future prospects for Palestinian subsistence farmers.

Welfare Association continued to cooperate with agricultural societies working in rural areas to help poor farmers replant devastated land with fruit trees and repair destroyed irrigation systems. Land rehabilitation and tree planting projects at a cost of \$98,200 were completed in areas around the Separation Wall in Qalqilya, Tulkarem, Jenin and threatened areas in Jerusalem, Hebron and Bethlehem. Fifty-two-thousand fruit bearing seedlings were planted in approximately 1340 dunums in 39 villages in the West Bank and Gaza and in 3 villages in 1948 areas. The project created 540 work days for approximately 65 unemployed workers in the above-mentioned areas. Seven awareness-raising and extension workshops were held for no less than 100 farmers owning threatened or neglected plots of land.

Within the rehabilitating and re-planting project around the Wall in Jenin, Qalqilya and Tulkarem, activities were concentrated in the villages of Kufur Thuluth and Jayyous in the Qalqilya area and in Taybah and Zbuba in the Jenin area and in the Deir al-Ghusun, 'Atil and Zeita villages in the Tulkarem governorate. The activities included planting seedlings, infrastructure rehabilitation and provision of agricultural extension services. Four water harvesting wells were dug and 1500 squared meters of retention walls were built. In addition, 64 green houses were provided with \$72,000 worth of irrigation networks, plastic covers and fertilizers. 6115 fruit bearing seedlings were planted in approximately 117 dunums and 280,000 vegetable seedlings in approximately 251 dunums. The number of families benefiting from this project reached 276. The number of paid work days created reached 790 and 36 extension workshops were held benefiting approximately 326 farmers. Seven popular committees were formed and they helped through providing voluntary work hours to implement the activities and projects. In Gaza, WA extended support to 275 farmers who received \$200 each to redress the damage caused to their projects by Israeli measures.

Success Story

Zeita is a small peaceful village in the West Bank located next to West Baqa. The total land area is 2000 dunums and the arable land is 900 dunums. Zeita is considered part of the richest and most fertile land in the vicinity as it is within the western basin where water is plentiful. Its population numbering 3250 depends for its livelihood on agriculture and work in the villages and cities, west of the green line.

The Separation Wall swept away 800 dunums of the village's arable land thus depriving 160 families (or 1320 individuals) of their livelihood and income and separating them from their places of work within the green line.

There is only one gateway into and out of the village, so the village has become totally isolated. The Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees (PARC) thus targeted the village due to the many problems resulting from the Separation Wall and funds were channeled through the Welfare Association from the Dubai grant.



The 85-year-old farmer, Zaki al-Labadi who had become totally destitute after his greenhouse was completely destroyed benefited from this project. He had previously fed his family consisting of 15 individuals from the produce of 2 dunums of greenhouses, which he planted with vegetables.

The old farmer was obliged to rent a plot of land. He had lost his own which was confiscated as it lay in the pathway of the Separation Wall. He received some funds from the project and the contractor also contributed towards building him new greenhouses.

Zaki al-Labadi in his rented land with the remains of his destroyed greenhouse – to be used for building a new one.

VI. Assistance for Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon

Palestinian refugees in Lebanon registered with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) exceed 383,000 and represent an estimated 12% of the population of Lebanon. Fifty-six percent live in 12 official UNRWA refugee camps dispersed throughout Lebanon and constitute a marginalized refugee community that is excluded from the benefits of citizenry, receiving only the barest assistance from international bodies and organizations.

More than half a century after the 1948 Nakba, the refugees and their descendants are still in Lebanon. While some are well integrated into Lebanese society, the majority lives on the borderline of that society; tolerated but not integrated. Most reside in camps that are still precarious settlements, or they live in clusters of Palestinian homes outside the camps. Several of the problems faced by the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon are similar to those of refugees in other areas, especially in relation to primary health care, education, and relief and social services. In addition to these hardships, they are economically poorer, score worse on a number of health indicators, have lower education, and dwell in substandard homes and neighborhoods.

Welfare Association works with camp-based Palestinian NGOs to develop and support quality services in the fields of pre-school and non-formal education, vocational training, health and disability. In 2004, \$760,842 was disbursed for 57 projects supporting early childhood projects focusing on KGs, a cultural centre, health and disability projects, and vocational training and tutoring programs.

1. Education

a. Early Childhood Education

WA continues to support an active learning curriculum in KGs by assisting in teacher training courses, providing equipment and materials, rehabilitating kindergarten facilities and grounds, and supporting teachers' salaries in all 12 camps and non-camp population areas. WA also supports special KGs for disabled children and a program to promote the inclusion of disabled children into mainstream schools and social activities.



A teacher helping a child with learning difficulties"

In 2004, WA continued its support for Ain el-Hilweh, Shatila and Burj el-Shamali kindergartens. Support for pre-school education in the camps has enabled NGOs to exempt many social hardship cases from fees. Two kindergartens were renovated and rehabilitated in Shatila and nine others were supported. 1,460 children and 40 teachers benefited from these interventions.

b. Vocational Training

WA supports a number of specialized Palestinian NGOs that operate vocational training centres for refugee youths. The courses are very popular with young Palestinians who are interested in improving their skills and income, and in aiding their communities. Six vocational training programs in accounting, IT, nursing, computer maintenance and networking and car electricity were supported. This enabled 512 young Palestinians to acquire skills that helped them get jobs and improve their living conditions. In addition, 30 of the trainees were helped to find jobs

c. Support for Consolidation Lessons

Welfare Association supports a consolidation lessons program which is run for approximately 50 children in various educational subjects in order to limit the school drop out phenomenon.

d. Disability

WA aims at improving and developing disabled children's capability to facilitate their integration within society by raising the capabilities of NGOs working in this field.



"Physically challenged child during summer activities"

A Training of Trainers (TOT) course was held for 24 social workers in methods of integrating children with special needs. A statistical survey of 635 cases of children with special needs was completed. Also, 19 UNRWA schools were rehabilitated for the benefit of 77 special needs children. One special needs child was admitted into a carpentry course and 4 children were integrated into ordinary kindergartens. Two regional work group sessions were held in Tripoli and Sidon and 7 organizations participated. Another workshop was held for 13 teachers from 11 organizations on the concept of integration and disability in the Sidon area.

e. The Library Project

WA members contributed to the establishment of children's libraries in five refugee camps. In 2004, WA extended further assistance for the library project through distributing books, stories and CDs to these libraries in the refugee camps. Approximately 1,400 books and 250 CDs were distributed to the Welfare Association's five libraries and an internet connection was installed. Thus, nearly 1250 students have benefited each month from the references provided by the WA library project.

2. Health and Rehabilitation

a. Health Care for Needy Patients

Through the Health Care Society, WA supports a special fund that helps poor patients afford proper medical care and oversees its disbursement. Medical care is ensured to Palestinians suffering from chronic illness or who need major heart or eye operations, intensive care treatment or a cancer operation. The beneficiaries operated on in 2004 were 97 women, 72 geriatrics, 141 children and 115 young Palestinians. In addition, health, natal care and treatment services were provided for Palestinian women in the Beirut refugee camps and they received monthly medication, from which 2575 women benefited.



"An old woman undergoing hemodialysis at Al-Hamshari Hospital"

b. Dialysis Treatment for Kidney Patients

A special donation, renewed annually, and made through WA helps to defray the cost of regular dialysis treatment for chronically ill kidney patients at the Palestine Red Crescent Society's al-Hamshari Hospital in Sidon. In 2004, support was extended to 45 patients at al-Hamshari Hospital's kidney dialysis department, where Palestinians suffering from chronic illness are treated.

Resource Development

During 2004, the Welfare Association received a total of \$35.47 million from funding institutions and individual contributions for its development and emergency projects. External donations of \$29.98 million constituted 84% of total income, including \$15,325 million from the Arab Fund's "Emergency Program for Support of the Palestinians," \$10,477 million from the World Bank disbursed to the WA Consortium, \$748,000 for the Intel and IT4Youth programs from the International Youth Foundation, \$516,000 from the UPA for the Emergency Employment Program, \$1,265,000 from the European Union to programs in Jerusalem and \$369,000 from the Kuwait Fund to the project supporting Rehabilitation Centres. WA also received \$1,090,000 for the Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program of which \$797,000 were from the Islamic Development Bank, and \$293,000 from the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development. The Association also received \$194,000 from funding agencies such as the AGFUND and the Community Fund in the UK.



Earmarked program donations totaled \$3,802,000, \$1,306,000 of which was from the al-Aqsa Fund including the donations from the Rafah Campaign which reached \$1,155,000 (the most important donation was made by Mr. Ghaleb Younis - \$500,000, in addition to \$308,000 to the Family to Family project).

WA also received a total sum of \$1,573,000 from individual donations, activities and campaigns. The most important donation was from the 'Alami family who allocated \$500,000 for the establishment of a secondary school and a Burns Department at Gaza Hospital. Another donation was the sum of \$350,000 from the Committee for Support of the Palestinians in Bahrain, which was allocated for the support of the Women's Studies Institute at Birzeit University. A total of \$578,000 was received from the "Action Committee for the Support of Palestinian Families" in Dubai for the Rafah campaign, the Nablus campaign, the Aqsa Fund and the project for land rehabilitation around the separation wall, the projects to counter malnutrition in Gaza and the Future Kids centres.

In addition, WA received \$99,000 for the IT fund, \$41,000 of which was from Mr. Munir Kaloti and

\$22,000 for the “Student to Student” campaign carried out by the CCC company through their intranet. Within the framework of the Nablus campaign WA received \$217,000 from individuals and members and \$50,000 for al-Salahiyya School. The Association also received \$120,000 through the WA calendar, of which \$110,000 was allocated to the funding of a project providing essential services to Palestinians in the unrecognized villages in the Naqab.

WA received \$1.269 million in unrestricted donations, including \$783,000 in annual membership fees and \$137,000 from the Futtaim Company as membership fee, \$100,000 from the Arab National Bank and approximately \$202,000 of returns from the endowment fund. In addition, individuals' contributions amounted to \$46,000 and donations for support of the endowment reached \$411,000 as Mr. Abdul Muhsen Qattan, Mr. Saeed Khoury and Mr. Riyad Kamal contributed \$100,000 each and Mr. Hussein Tabari contributed \$101,000 and Mr. Samir Younis contributed \$10,000.

International Support

In 2004, the Welfare Association received funding from various international and regional donors indicating a growing number of donations from major Arab and other international donors. The EU approved the funding of the project for support of East Jerusalem hospitals with the amount of \$960,000, in addition to \$342,000 for the Monitoring and Coordination Unit of the Strategic Sectoral Plan in Jerusalem. The OPEC Fund approved \$130,000 of funding for the establishment of a Health Centre in Rafah. Intel agreed to provide \$62,500 worth of funding to support activities of the Intel Computer Clubhouse in Ramallah. The Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development approved the allocation of \$7,300,000 to support projects for the rehabilitation of damaged buildings and infrastructure / Second Phase. \$26,000 was committed from the Irish Consulate for support of equipping a multi-purpose hall at the Dar al-Aytam Islamic Orphanage School in the Old City of Jerusalem. The Ford Foundation approved funding of an awareness raising program in the Old City of Jerusalem with \$150,000.

Sister Organization and Local Committees

Welfare Association's sister organization WA (UK) presented detailed proposals for the funding of two projects in health and planning in Jerusalem to the European Commission in Jerusalem. The total sum of the proposals is \$1,292 million in addition to the support for services project that was approved in late 2004 for \$730,000 in equipment and training for East Jerusalem Hospitals. WA also presented a third proposal in 2004 for one million euros through WA(UK) to the European Commission for support of vocational training for youth in the Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon .

WA (UK) also presented proposals to various civil society organizations and obtained \$17,600 for funding disability programs in Lebanon and \$10,000 for tree planting and \$38,000 for the community centre in Gaza from the Diana Fund, in addition to \$93,000 for the rehabilitation program also in Gaza. WA (UK) also received \$77,000 from the Community Fund for support of projects for integrating the disabled in elementary schools in Lebanon.

In addition, WA(UK) held a media campaign in the British press and through its website which resulted in returns that amounted to approximately \$18,700 that was allocated to the Rafah relief campaign. The total sum of returns from efforts by WA(UK) thus reached \$1,563,000.

Table (1)

Committed Funds from Regional and International Donors to Welfare Association, 2004

Funding Agency	Project	USD
World Bank	Palestinian NGOs Project	10,477,609
Arab Fund –Kuwait	Emergency Relief	5,450,730
Arab Monetary Fund-UAE	Emergency relief	4,653,336
Al Masref Al-Arabi-BADEA	Emergency Relief	3,221,525
OPEC Fund-Vienna	Emergency Relief	2,000,000
WA(UK) – EU	East Jerusalem Hospitals and MCU	1,264,519
Islamic Development Bank, al-Aqsa Fund-Saudi Arabia	OCJRP	796,606
International Youth Foundation-USAID	IT4youth Project	656,805
United Palestinian Appeal-USAID	EEGP	516,241
Kuwait Fund -Kuwait	Rehabilitation Centres	369,000
Arab Fund – Kuwait	OCJRP	293,135
WA(UK)- Diana Princess of Wales Fund-UK	Disability	121,592
International Youth Foundation-USA	Intel Clubhouse	90,937
AGFUND-Saudia Arabia		48,000
Committee for the Support of the Palestinian People –Bahrain		-
Interests on funds of Semi-autonomous projects		11,909
Grand Total		\$29,917,944

Information Activities

The Information Department's activities in 2004 comprised campaigns for Rafah and Nablus through the press and the internet and renewal of WA's website in addition to the establishment of an Arabic site. The annual report for 2003 was published in English and Arabic and an English brochure and membership brochure were reprinted. This was in addition to the regular periodic publications and three forms of calendar for 2005. A strategy and plan for the activation of the information department in Palestine was devised for awareness raising purposes and clarification of WA's efforts towards achieving sustainable development in Palestine. The information department's efforts led to the Syrian artist Dourade Lahham's acceptance to join the association as goodwill ambassador.

The achievements of the information department can be summarized as follows:

1. Periodic Publications

- The annual report for 2003 was published in Arabic and English.
- Issues no. 35,36 and 37 of "Taawon" newsletter in Arabic and issues 69 and 70 of "Tanmiya" newsletter in English were published.
- Three issues of the internal E-Bulletin were published

2. General Publications:

- Reprinting of the WA brochure in English
- Reprinting of the membership brochure.

3. Promotional Publications:

- A calendar and desk diary for 2005 were printed and they included success stories from projects implemented by WA, and the returns from their sale were utilized to support Palestinian presence in the Naqab.
- A pocket diary
- Greeting cards for 2005 depicted the painting of the Wall by the Palestinian artist Ismail Shammout.

4. Resource Development Publications

- An invitation card for donating to the school uniform campaign for the scholastic year 2004/2005.
- A pamphlet for the tree-planting campaign "Planting Palestinian Lands".
- An advertisement for support of the Rafah campaign.
- Pamphlet on the "Student to Student" campaign.

5. Other Achievements

- A soft launch of the new web site was made in both Arabic and English.
- The Information Committee Chairman, Mr. Omar Al-Qattan copied the 25 minute long film documenting the Association's work during the past two decades onto a DVD.
- After drafting the terms of reference for appointing ambassadors of good will for WA and nominating Richard Gere, Dourade Lahham and Yusra, Mr. Lahham accepted and efforts were continued to contact the other candidates.
- Preparation of a press release on the Palestinian Film Week for the Kuwaiti press.
- Preparation of a press release on the Agha Khan Award for Architecture, which was won by the Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program.
- Preparation of a draft for a strategy for information activities at the Welfare Association in Palestine .
- Preparation of the trophy to express special appreciation of the late Dr. Yousef Sayigh.
- Drafting the material for an interview with Mrs. Rana Sadek.
- Translation of the executive summary of the activities report for 2003.

6. Articles published about WA in several Arab newspapers

Fourteen articles were published about WA activities during 2004 and they covered activities related to projects and programs in addition to its achievements on the local, regional and international levels. The articles included:

1. An article on WA's granting an appreciation award "al'Ata" to the Arab Fund.
2. An article published by Jordan's al-Dustour newspaper on WA's achievements over the span of

two decades.

3. A letter of appreciation from al-Quds Open University for Welfare Association's contributions to the student loan fund.
4. A news item within the Arabic issue of PC magazine about the opening of the Intel Clubhouse in Ramallah.
5. An article on the visit by the International Youth Foundation delegation to WA offices in Palestine .
6. Report on the meetings of the Board of Trustees and the General Assembly in Amman on 28/3/ 2004.
7. Article on the charity dinner held for the benefit of Rafah refugee camp, published in Jordanian newspapers.
8. An article on World Health Day detailing WA's activities and interventions in the health field and its achievements during a 3-year period.
9. A letter of appreciation from Ramin Women's Society for the grant from WA for rehabilitation of the Kindergarten.
10. An article on the occasion of Labor Day mentioning WA's interventions in the field of emergency employment.
11. A press release on the IT4Youth project's winning the best practices prize from the Dubai Municipality and HABITAT organization .
12. A press release on OCJRP's winning the Aga Khan Award for architecture.
13. An article by the journalist Tawfiq Abu Baker on WA's successful experience in supporting Palestinian development.
14. A press release on issuance of the 2003 annual report
15. An article in the higher education newsletter on the Palestinian students' revolving loan fund.

Research and Planning

The Research and Planning department was established in September 2003 to assist conceptualizing and in directing WA's development work. In 2004, the department worked on completing its staff and meeting with other departments and projects in addition to preparing for the establishment of a library through collecting and revising a number of documents / reports related to program tracks and interventions.

Since the Research and Planning department at the Welfare Association was established, decisions have been research linked and based on priority development and sustenance needs. Intensive work was done in cooperation with the Projects and Programs department in order to prepare the strategic plan for the years 2005-2007 and the needs of the various sectors in addition to participating in the preparation of project proposals. The department has also sought to create closer links between WA and its beneficiaries within the community through meetings and workshops that aim at discussing society's needs and suggestions. The department worked within the Palestinian community in Lebanon by conducting a survey of the health and youth institutions that extend services to them. The department has also prepared a preliminary database of consultants and research institutes and a number of concept papers and sectoral reports and studies including:-

- Preparation of a number of reports such as a summary of the FAFO study on Lebanon, the report on the third millennium development goals, the study on disability in Lebanon and reports published by the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS).
- Preparation of needs assessments within 11 sectors / fields and they were referred to while preparing the proposed programmatic plan for the years 2005-2007.
- Participation in the preparation and review of a number of project proposals in cooperation with the Projects and Programs Department, e.g. projects for Lebanon and the Arab Funds projects in addition to others.
- Holding a series of meetings and discussions with focus groups on a number of issues related to tracks and program interventions at WA and they were depended on as a reference for preparing

some plans for projects/interventions by WA or for preparation of the intervention plan for 2005-2007.

- Holding meetings to discuss the proposed intervention plan for 2005-2007 with experts and stakeholders.

- Participating in 20 sectoral workshops related to WA tracks and interventions (health/education/childhood/research/agriculture) in the West Bank and Gaza.

- A survey of the health and youth institutions that extend services to the Palestinian community in Lebanon and research on the health situation and needs of the Palestinians in Lebanon.

The following reports were produced:

1. A handbook including the health and youth institutions in Lebanon.(Arabic and English).
2. A report on the health situation and needs in Lebanon.
3. The survey report of health and youth institutions in Lebanon.

- A research on the extent of satisfaction of institutions benefiting from WA support: the questionnaire has been prepared for distribution to gather the information.

1. Preparation of a database of research institutions and consultants.
2. Carrying out research according to needs.
3. The WA programmatic plan for 2005-2007
- 4 Technical follow-up of the MCU of the sectoral support plan for Jerusalem.

Independent Auditor's Report

**To The General Assembly of
Welfare Association, Geneva**

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the **Welfare Association** (Not-for-Profit Organization) as of December 31, 2004 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Welfare Association Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the **Welfare Association** as of December 31, 2004, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and we recommend that the General Assembly approve these financial statements.

Ramallah:	
March 29, 2005	Saba & Co.

WELFARE ASSOCIATION, GENEVA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004

ASSETS	Note	December 31, 2004 U.S.Dollar	December 31, 2003 U.S.Dollar
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	28,306,603	29,685,242
Accounts receivable	4	1,672,935	1,602,084
Other current assets	5	<u>113,413</u>	<u>133,146</u>
Total Current Assets		30,092,951	31,420,472
Revolving loans receivable	6	1,410,000	910,000
Financial assets available for sale	7	38,098,076	35,313,341
Fixed assets, net	8	<u>1,760,194</u>	<u>1,900,194</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		71,361,221 =====	69,544,007 =====
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Current Liabilities:			
Arab Fund Micro Credit Loans	9	1,893,368	1,893,368
Accounts payable	10	285,869	220,983
Other current liabilities	11	<u>374,266</u>	<u>204,875</u>
Total Current Liabilities		2,553,503	2,319,226
Provident fund, reserve for severance pay and annual leave	12	<u>1,107,067</u>	<u>996,470</u>
NET ASSETS:			
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Endowment	13	<u>39,381,079</u>	<u>38,970,039</u>
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:			
Committed and approved projects	14	11,186,511	12,242,032
Waiting for approval		<u>8,147,618</u>	<u>8,958,088</u>
		<u>19,334,129</u>	<u>21,200,120</u>
Unrestricted Net Assets:			
Committed and approved projects	14	985,312	1,226,486
Surplus		<u>932,222</u>	<u>723,289</u>
		<u>1,917,534</u>	<u>1,949,775</u>
Cumulative Change in Fair Value	15	<u>7,067,909</u>	<u>4,108,377</u>
Total Net Assets		67,700,651	66,228,311
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		71,361,221	69,544,007

WELFARE ASSOCIATION, GENEVA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

	Year Ended December 31, 2004					Year Ended
		Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Endowment	Total	December 31, 2003
<u>Revenues, Gains and Other Supports:</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>U.S. Dollar</u>	<u>U.S. Dollar</u>	<u>U.S. Dollar</u>	<u>U.S. Dollar</u>	<u>U.S. Dollar</u>
Donations for Endowment	16	--	--	411,040	411,040	186,903
Annual Dues from Members	17	783,538	--	--	783,538	538,245
Donations from Institutions and Individuals	17	501,216	--	--	501,216	347,997
Temporarily Restricted Donations	18	--	3,792,290	--	3,792,290	4,147,915
External Donations	19	--	29,971,944	--	29,971,944	29,680,530
Interest Earned	20	224,837	--	251,743	476,580	591,628
Project Cancellation		265,517	46,774	--	312,291	102,000
Other Income (Projects)		60,092	--	--	60,092	65,009
Prior Year's Adjustments		--	(4,277)	--	(4,277)	109,596
Realized Gain from Investments		--	--	591,785	591,785	2,367,563
Exchange Gain		14,676	--	66,786	81,462	126,986
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		<u>36,379,681</u>	<u>(35,469,367)</u>	<u>(910,314)</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Total Revenues, Gains and Other Supports		<u>38,229,557</u>	<u>(1,662,636)</u>	<u>411,040</u>	<u>36,977,961</u>	<u>38,264,372</u>
Programs Disbursements and Administration Expenses:						
Programs Disbursements	21	<u>36,031,524</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>36,031,524</u>	<u>33,643,625</u>
Administration Expenses:						
Salaries and Related Expenses		1,195,872	--	--	1,195,872	1,003,648
Part Time Salaries		44,446	--	--	44,446	26,837
Employees External Travel		35,394	--	--	35,395	59,853
Employees Internal Travel		31,129	--	--	31,129	26,514
General Office Expenses		133,430	--	--	133,430	83,333
Utilities		28,730	--	--	28,730	13,495

Office Stationery and Supplies		35,345	--	--	35,345	25,859
Newspapers and Advertisements		4,798	--	--	4,798	1,898
Postal Delivery and Courier		6,213	--	--	6,213	7,736
Office Telecommunications		75,566	--	--	75,566	55,026
Publications and Media		23,077	--	--	23,077	84,824
Professional Fees		126,930	--	--	126,930	90,649
Institutional Developments Expenses		29,558	--	--	29,558	51,956
Financial Charges and Fees		5,307	--	--	5,307	3,077
Meetings and Conferences		55,673	--	--	55,673	18,008
Miscellaneous Expenses		3,796	--	--	3,795	3,248
SNGF Expenses		<u>59,273</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>59,273</u>	<u>70,618</u>
C/F		1,894,537	--	--	1,894,537	1,626,579

WELFARE ASSOCIATION, GENEVA

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

Year Ended December 31, 2004						Year Ended December 31,
		<u>Temporarily</u>				<u>2003</u>
		<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Endowment</u>	<u>Total</u>	
	<u>Note</u>	<u>U.S. Dollar</u>	<u>U.S. Dollar</u>	<u>U.S. Dollar</u>	<u>U.S. Dollar</u>	<u>U.S. Dollar</u>
B/F		1,894,537	--	--	1,894,537	1,626,579
Special Administrative Expenses		113,347	--	--	113,347	89,733
Managements Reimbursements Fees		(473,897)	--	--	(473,897)	(235,214)
Portfolio Management and Financial Expenses		149,518	--	--	149,518	31,073
Depreciation and Amortization		155,016	--	--	155,016	161,890
OCJRP Unallocated Expenses		<u>282,817</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>282,817</u>	<u>171,327</u>
Total Administration Expenses	22	<u>2,121,338</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>2,121,338</u>	<u>1,845,388</u>
Total Programs Disbursements and Administrative Expenses		<u>38,152,862</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>38,152,862</u>	<u>35,489,013</u>
Changes in Net Assets		76,695	(1,662,636)	411,040	(1,174,901)	2,775,359
Net Assets at Beginning of Year		1,949,775	21,200,120	38,970,039	62,119,934	59,446,575
Project Cancellation		(265,517)	(46,774)	--	(312,291)	(102,000)
Transfers Among Funds		<u>156,581</u>	<u>(156,581)</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>
Net Assets at End of Year		1,917,534	19,334,129	39,381,079	60,632,742	62,119,934
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Project Disbursements in 2004*

* PNGO Project implementation indicated by shaded areas.

Childhood – Preschool

Region	Beneficiary	Project title	Approved funding	Total disbursed in 2004
West Bank	Local Committee for Rehabilitation / Jenin Refugee Camp	Upgrading a Kindergarten in Jenin.	25,000	19,500
	Beit Ummar Charitable Society.	Development of Beit Ummar Society's KG	6,000	1,600
	'Aroura Charitable Society.	Development of 'Aroura Society's Kindergarten	6,000	1,500
	Union of Charitable Societies / Hebron	Upgrading and Renovation of three KGs	60,000	5,400
	The Early Childhood Resource Centre	Towards an Empowered Community in Early Childhood Education and Development (ECED)	146,300	42,755
	The Early Childhood Resource Centre	Infrastructure Development of Early Childhood Institutions "Job Opportunities Creation"	50,000	67
	El-Amal Rehabilitation Society	Child Educational Enhancement Centre	202,955	174,270
	Union of Charitable Societies/ Nablus	Kindergartens Development Project	50,000	66
	Jeansafout Club/ Qalqilya	Establishing a KG	60,000	80
	Hebron Women's Charitable Society	Re-dividing and Developing the Kindergarten	23,200	31
	Izna Youth Club	Construction of a Childhood and Nursery Centre	75,251	100
	Al-Burj Youth Club	Construction of a Childhood and Nursery Centre	43,500	58
	Association of Women's Committees for Social Work	Construction and Development of al-Mansour Kindergarten	72,220	96
Union of Charitable Societies / Hebron	Development of KGs	42,764	34,264	

	Bani Naim Charitable Society	Construction and Equipment of Model KG and a hall for al-Jalajel area and Development of the Society's KG	182,145	94,625
Jerusalem	The Palestinian Centre for Micro-projects Development	Rehabilitation and Developing KGs in Shu'fat camp /Emergency	100,000	80,000
	Union of Charitable Societies / Jerusalem	Early Childhood Development	15,300	20
Gaza	Union of Health Work Committee.	Kanafani KG in Jabalia.	50,000	500
	Dar al-Huda Society / Gaza	Upgrading a KG in Beit Lahiya	25,000	12,500
	Association of Women's Committees for Social Work/ Gaza Northern Region	Construction of a Community Centre and KG	66,300	13,000
	El-Amal Society for Child Care	Reconditioning and Development of the Kindergarten in the damaged area in Khan Younis	98,685	131
Lebanon	Social Handicapped Association	Supporting Handicapped Children's KG.	10,000	3,000
	The Association for the Revival of Palestinian Camps (INA'ASH)	Supporting 3 KGs and capacity building	20,000	10,000
	Association Najdeh	Maintaining and running the Association's KG in Buss Camp	20,000	2,000
	KG Resources & Training Centre.	Organizing an Intensive training course for KGs.	8,000	80
	Association for Development of Palestinian Camps.	Renovation and Rehabilitation of KG in Mar Elias Camp.	20,000	200
	Association Najdeh	Supporting the Ein el-Hilweh KG for the year 2004.	20,000	10,000
	National Association for Social Care & Vocational Training	Supporting the educational, social and health services at Burj el-Shamali Camp KG	30,000	15,000
	Association for the Development of Palestinian Camps	Supporting 3 KGs	20,000	5,000
	Association Najdeh	Maintaining and running the Association's KG in Burj el-Shamali Camp	20,000	2,000

	The KG Resource and Training Centre (Mar Elias)	Organizing an intensive training course for KG teachers	8,000	6,000
	Association for the Development of Palestinian Camps	Support & Capacity Building for 3 KGs	20,000	18,000
	Association Najdeh	Supporting Ein el-Hilweh KG	20,000	10,000
	National Foundation for Health, Social and Educational Services - Lebanon	Supporting the KG in Burj el-Barajneh and Shatilla	15,000	7,500

Basic Education – Schools

Region	Beneficiary	Project title	Approved funding	Total disbursed in 2004
West Bank	Nablus Municipality	Establishment of El-Salahiyyeh School.	1,000,000	105,780
	Nablus Municipality	Establishment of Computer Centre	60,000	17,500
	Nablus Municipality	Establishment of Burhan Kamal School.	400,000	72,726
	Kifil Haris Secondary Girls' School	Purchasing Computers	3,120	3,120
	Fata Laji'a School for Girls	The establishment of a Computer Centre	30,000	1,000
Jerusalem	The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre for Disabled Children	Accessibility to Inclusive Education	291,540	176,348
Gaza	Ministry of Education and Higher Education	Construction of Adnan Alami School -Gaza	502,989	235,087

Higher Education

Region	Beneficiary	Project title	Approved funding	Total disbursed in 2004
West Bank	Arab American University/Jenin	Tuition Costs and Living Expenses of Needy Students	480,500	220,500
	Al-Najah University / Nablus.	Tuition Costs and Living Expenses of Needy Students	3,496,708	857,729
	Hebron University	Tuition Costs and Living Expenses of Needy Students	1,332,122	333,561
	Bir Zeit University	Student Revolving Loan Program	2,839,994	667,122
	Bir Zeit University	Building for the Women's Studies Institute	500,000	442,943
	Bir Zeit University	Computer Training for Disabled Youth	50,000	4,500

Al-Quds University	Student Revolving Loan Program	2,664,244	667,118
Bethlehem University	Student Revolving Loan Program	1,084,212	165,426
Polytechnic Hebron	Student Revolving Loan Program	1,569,926	381,213
Palestine Technical Colleges / Ramallah	Student Revolving Loan Program	18,981	12,119
College of Applied Professions	Student Revolving Loan Program	148,273	107,983
Faculty of Intermediate Studies	Student Revolving Loan Program	116,208	72,407
School of Community Health - Ramallah	Student Revolving Loan Program	5,682	5,682
Palestine Nursing College – In'ash alUsra Society	Student Revolving Loan Program	2,115	2,115
Palestine Technical Colleges – al-'Arroub	Student Revolving Loan Program	13,839	9,589
Hisham Hijawi College of Technology-Nablus	Student Revolving Loan Program	24,248	10,493
Palestine Technical Colleges-Khadoury - Tulkarem	Student Revolving Loan Program	123,613	72,583
Hebron Nursing College-Hebron	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	31,436	16,043
Modern Community College	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	34,366	22,883
Al-Rawdah Technical Community College - Nablus	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	53,277	22,742
Ibin Seena Nursing College - Ramallah	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	17,903	10,653
Al-Najah Community College-Nablus	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	57,672	25,683
Community College of Applied Sciences & Technology - Gaza	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	57,086	37,220
'Andalib al-'Amad Pilgrim College for Midwifery and Nursing	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	11,322	6,744
Arab American University - Jenin	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	460,000	206,987
Al-Najah University - Nablus	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	1,380,000	110,138
Hebron University - Hebron	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	644,000	289,800

	Bir Zeit university	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	1,104,000	496,800
	Al-Quds University	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	1,104,000	496,798
	Bethlehem University	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	368,000	122,616
	Al-Quds Open University	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	460,000	206,986
	Polytechnic Palestine University	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	644,000	289,800
Jerusalem	Makassed Nursing College - Jerusalem	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	10,814	4,779
Gaza	Al-Aqsa University - Gaza	Tuition Costs and Living Expenses of Needy Students	930,935	251,766
	Al-Azhar University - Gaza	Tuition Costs and Living Expenses of Needy Students	2,507,192	512,046
	Palestine Technical Colleges – Deir el-Balah	Student Revolving Loan Program	26,550	19,367
	Arab Community College - Rafah	Student Revolving Loan Program	12,231	8,449
	Islamic University - Gaza	Tuition Costs and Living Expenses of Needy Students	2,297,888	571,819
	Islamic University - Gaza	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	1,380,000	621,000
	Al-Aqsa University - Gaza	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	460,000	204,661
	Palestine College of Nursing – Khan Younis	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	31,178	17,534
	College of Science and Technology – Khan Younis	Tuition Cost and Living Expenses for needy Students	87,847	55,724
WB/Gaza	Al Quds Open University	Student Revolving Loan Program	666,212	190,606
Lebanon	Palestinian Student Fund	Revolving fund for educational loans	70,000	7,000
	National Institute for Social Care and Vocational Training	Supporting the Services and Activities of Burj al-Shamali	30,000	3,000
	National Association for Social Medical Care and Vocational Training	Supporting the vocational school's programs in Nursing and Business Informatics	25,000	1,331

	National Association for Vocational and Social Services	Supporting the Vocational training Program for the year 2003-2004	25,000	12,500
	National Association for Vocational and Social Services	Supporting the Vocational training Program	25,000	22,000
	National Association for Social Medical Care and Vocational Training - Beirut	Supporting the vocational school's programs in Nursing and Business Informatics	25,000	12,500
	National Association for Social Medical Care and Vocational Training - Beirut	Supporting the vocational school's programs	20,000	3,000
	National Association for Social Medical Care and Vocational Training - Beirut	Supporting vocational course	30,000	5,000
	National Institute for Social Care and Vocational Training	Covering the running expenses of Burj el-Shemali Centre	30,000	10,000
	National Association for Social Medical Care and Vocational Training - Beirut	Supporting the vocational school's programs	25,000	22,500

Non-Formal Education

Region	Beneficiary	Project title	Approved funding	Total disbursed in 2004
West Bank	Welfare Association – Future Kids	Computer Centre /Scholarship	8,000	8,000
	Al-Murabitat Charitable Society – Qalqilya	A Library for Children in Qalailya	25,000	20,000
	Welfare Association – Future Kids	Development of CD package (WAMDA) for Distribution	25,950	1,600
	Nablus Civil Committee – Nablus	Establishment of scientific labs and completion of public facilities	50,000	40,000
	Welfare Association	Establishing Intel Computer Clubhouse	315,000	1,195
	Welfare Association	Establishing Intel Computer Clubhouse	315,000	61,413
	Tamer Institute for Community Education	Developing Community Libraries in Gaza and West Bank	25,000	20,250
	Joint Community Services Council for Regional IT Centre	Admin Expenses (for the regional IT Centre in Silet al-Daher)	35,500	4,025
	Women's Handicraft Cooperative/Ramallah	Empowering (40) extremely marginalized Palestinian women through providing them with vocational training	107,209	30,582

	The Palestinian Federation (Mother School)	Developing and Circulating the Mother's School Program / Nablus	64,570	4,195
	The Arab Thought Forum (ATF)	Computer Literacy for Blind University Students	103,800	19,622
Gaza	Red Crescent Society / Gaza Strip	Expanding and Developing Adult Education and Illiteracy Program	77,397	24,703
	Maghazi Community Rehabilitation Society – Community Development Foundation	To Enhance Non-Formal Education and Community Awareness in the Middle Area	68,942	4,479
	Palestinian Rural Heritage Society / Khan Younis	Training Courses for Renewal of Palestinian Rural Heritage and creating jobs for youth	40,000	32,000
	Yabous Charitable Society / Rafah	Talented Child Centre	55,902	50,100
	Society of Remedial Education Centre	Establishment of classes for slow learners	76,500	15,000
	Young Scientists Club /Khan Younis	Scientific , cultural and educational Club	107,100	21,000
WB/Gaza	Welfare Association – Future Kids	Development of Educational CDs	18,000	6,114
Lebanon	Brotherhood Institution for Educational and Social Care	Supporting the Institute's tutoring program for Palestinian students	5,000	50
	Nabila Breir Educational Foundation	Tutoring program for Palestinian students for the year 2000	8,000	4,000

Culture & Identity

Region	Beneficiary	Project title	Approved funding	Total disbursed in 2004
West Bank	Bir Zeit University	Support for cultural activities	2,000	2,000
	Jenin Centre for Strategic Studies	Encyclopedia of Popular Proverbs	3,000	3,000
	Palestinian Remembrance Museum	Palestinian Remembrance Museum Program	251,000	437
	Union of Palestinian Women / Kuwait	Printing of book on "Palestinian Costume"	25,000	24,500
	Department of Refugee Affairs	Preparation of a Study to set up an Electronic Database about Palestinian Refugees	36,750	14,680

	The National Conservatory of Music	Establishment of an annex to Ramallah offices and moving of main offices	25,000	9,750
	Al-Samou' Charitable Society – Hebron	Development of the Handicraft Centre	20,000	8,000
	Palestinian Rural Heritage Society	Development of the Handicraft Centre	30,000	5,000
Jerusalem	Dar el-Tefel el-Arabi	Development of the Heritage Museum	730,000	134,842
	Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics	Statistical database on Jerusalem	100,000	9,500
	Palestinian National Theatre – Jerusalem	Drama Workshops and theatrical Productions for Children	17,300	16,435
	Al-Budeiri Family	Al-Budeiriyah Library Development	25,000	5,362
	Al-Awqaf	Restoration of al-Ashrafiyyah School	750,000	119,405
	Al-Awqaf – Dar al-Aytam al-Islamiyyah	Dar-al-Aytam – Infrastructure	700,000	389
	Al-Awqaf – Dar al-Aytam al-Islamiyyah	Dar-al-Aytam – Industrial School/Equip. & Furniture	156,000	21,457
	Al-Awqaf-Dar al-Aytam al-Islamiyyah	Dar al-Aytam Dormitory Restoration	350,000	8,953
	Al-Awqaf	Scaffolding Building for Dar al-Aytam	13,500	3,000
	Al-Awqaf	Restoration of Souq al-Qattanin	523,140	48,190
	Al-Awqaf	Documentation of Real Estate Ownership in the Old city of Jerusalem	100,000	29,447
	Jerusalem Community	Publication of the Old City Revitalization Master Plan	75,000	7,422
	Jerusalem Community	Community Outreach Program and Training (Phase 2)	180,000	88,210
	Al-Awqaf	Islamic Museum	450,000	82,021
	Al-Awqaf	Restoration of al-Manjakiyyeh School	300,000	29,131
	African Neighborhood Families	Restoration of the African Quarter (Ribat 'Ala'addin) Phase I	235,000	126,904
Al-Nasrawi family	Al-Nasrawi House Restoration		11,823	
Al-Awqaf	Restoration of Dar-al-Aytam al-Islamiyya – Carpentry and Kitchen – Stage 5	150,000	153,443	

	Palestinian Counselling Centre	Palestinian Counselling Centre		54,060
	Farhoud Family	Farhoud House restoration		8,403
	Al- Jaraju'i Family	Jarju'i House Restoration		7,123
	Al- Awqaf	Al-Madrasedh al-As'ardiyyeh Restoration	120,000	53,000
	Al-Awqaf	Al-Madrasa al-Othmaniyyah Restoration	100,000	49,820
	Al-Awqaf	Ribat al-Zamani restoration	100,000	57,240
	Al-Awqaf	Dar al-Fatwa Guest House restoration	70,000	43,081
	Al-Jaridi Family	Al-Jaridi House Restoration		7,420
	Old City Residents	Restoration of Riyad al-Aqsa KG	130,000	23,768
	Al-Awqaf	Restoration of al-Sayfee Mosque & al-Zarou House	75,000	88,788
	Al-Awqaf	Restoration of Souq al-Qattanin – Khan Tankaz	160,000	135,515
	Al-Awqaf	Restoration of Tashtumariyya Building	300,000	138,645
	'Abdel Wahhab 'Abdel Latif Family	'Abdel Wahhab 'Abdel Latif House Restoration	14,837	19,756
	Al-Risheq Family	Restoration of Saeed al-Risheq's House	15,541	17,732
	Al-Awqaf	Restoration of al-Salamiyyeh School		43,436
	Obeid family	Restoration of Obeid family house	18,987	24,695
	Shihabi Family	Restoration of Shihabi Hosh- Phase 2	76,885	63,496
	Shihabi Family	Restoration of Shihabi Hosh- Phase 1		148,503
Gaza	Society for Social & Cultural Development	Development of a Children's Club in Deir el-Balah	60,000	5,400
	Future Generation Benevolent Association	Construction of Social Cultural Centre	81,600	16,000

Palestinians within the Green Line	Acre Reparation Association	House Reparation Project	32,250	1,000
	Follow up Committee on Arab Education	Education for National Identity Program	30,300	15,300
	Association for Arab Youth – Baladna Haifa	Youth Camp Project	62,000	56,000
	League of Arabs of Yafa	House Reparation	30,000	1,400
	Acre Reparation Association - Akka	House Reparation Project	30,000	300
	Arab Cultural Society	Emergency Support for the Arab Cultural Society	35,000	4,650
	Acre Reparation Association - Akka	House Reparation project	20,000	9,800
	League of Arabs of Yafa	House Reparation project	20,000	8,000
	Social Development Society- Haifa	House Reparation project	20,000	8,000
	League of Arabs of Yafa	House Reparation project	39,750	20,000
	Acre Reparation Association - Akka	House Reparation project	46,150	20,000
	Social Dev. Society - Haifa	House Reparation project	46,300	20,000
	Welfare Association	Preparation of Project Document – Cultural Centre 1948	27,000	2,000
	Al-Zakera Association - Arrabeh	Construction of a Martyr's Memorial - Arrabeh	15,000	3,850
	National Committee for Defence of the Rights of the Uprooted	Production of a video film on the Uprooted and Destroyed Villages	25,000	5,500
	Kanaan Institute for Culture and Science	Reparation and Development of the Popular Museum of Culture and Heritage	32,500	2,000
	Nazareth Municipality - Nazareth	Construction of a Memorial in Nazareth	40,000	19,600
	Arab Cultural Society	Publication of Weekly Cultural Newsletter	21,400	1,400
	Arab Cultural Society	Publication of Weekly Cultural Newsletter	23,000	1,000
	The League of Arabs of Yafa	The Reparation and Renovation of the League's Main Offices & Computers	20,000	1,000
The League of Arabs of Yafa	Purchase of the Child and Family House	46,295	1,775	
Arab Cultural Society	Defraying Operation Costs	2,000	2,000	

	Arab Association for Human Rights - Nazareth	Human Rights Education Program - Nazareth	12,110	10,000
	League of Arabs of Yafa	Supporting the project of Beit al-Usra wa al-Tifl al-Arabi in Yafa	120,000	10,000
	Harvard Team of Researchers	Narrating the Nakba	50,000	20,000
	Sidra Association – Naqab	Development of the Handicraft Centre	30,000	2,000
Lebanon	Institute of Palestine Studies	Defraying Operations costs	5,000	4,500
	Arab Centre for Popular Arts	Supporting the Centre's Activities	15,000	3,000
	Arab Centre for Popular Arts	Support Program of the Arab Resource Centre	13,000	1,300
	Palestinian Cultural & Social Society	Support for Palestinian Cultural & Social Society	5,000	50

Rehabilitation

Region	Beneficiary	Project title	Approved funding	Total disbursed in 2004
West Bank	Patients Friends Society / Tulkarem.	Development of Rehabilitation Centre.	40,000	3,600
	Aqsa Society for the Disabled	Establishment of al-Samou' Centre for the Disabled	15,000	500
	Palestinian Housing Council-Ramallah	Adapting houses & public facilities for the disabled.	93,000	8,370
	Union of Health Care Committees/Nablus	Development of al-Amal Centre for Rehabilitation.	20,000	1,800
	Al Amal Association for the Deaf/ Qalqilya	Construction of a Specialized Centre for the Deaf	243,906	55,725
	The Local Committee for Rehabilitation of the Disabled/ Jenin	Developing Services for Marginalized Groups of the Handicapped	130,000	58,273
	The National Society for the Visually Handicapped/ Bethlehem	Empowering the Blind and Visually Impaired	118,604	61,616
	Patients' Friends Society- Abu Rayya Rehabilitation Centre/ Ramallah	Establishing a Complementary and Holistic Rehabilitation Unit for Physically Disabled Children	297,000	215,395
	Centre for Development in Primary Health Care / al-Quds University	Psycho-social support for affected Palestinian families in the Jenin district	78,030	68,954

	Patient's Friends Society – al-Amal Hospital / Jenin	Developing a Proposal for Rehabilitation Programs in Patient's Friends Society	73,950	26,923
	The care and Rehabilitation Society for the Blind in Jenin	Building of the Second Floor	102,000	85,136
	Arab Women's Union Society / Nablus	Improving and Renewing Natural Therapy Dept.	76,500	67,602
	Palestinian Working Women Society for Development	Psycho-social intervention during crisis	56,100	49,298
	Al-Ihsan Charitable Society for the Disabled Elderly and Orphans/ Hebron	Development of the Rehabilitation Centre and Establishment of Dar el-Shifa'	99,450	27,137
	Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre for Victims of Torture	Care for Victims of Torture and Organized Violence	122,700	54,296
Jerusalem	Peace Centre for the Blind - Jerusalem	Operational Costs for Centre for the Blind	4,000	4,000
	Jerusalem Clubs Association - Jerusalem	Club Headquarter Renovation and Provision of Equipment	30,000	300
	Central National Committee for Rehabilitation - Jerusalem	Providing Deaf People with Hearing Aids	16,000	14,000
	The Four Homes of Mercy	Improving the Quality of Services for Profoundly Disabled Women	190,500	99,253
	East Jerusalem YMCA – Rehabilitation Program	Developing the Vocational/ Rehabilitation Department for People with Special Needs	45,186	39,930
Gaza	National Society for Rehabilitation/Rafah.	Support for Community Based Rehabilitation	49,200	24,600
	Al-Wafa Rehabilitation Hospital.	Support for medical rehabilitation & outreach program	50,550	25,550
	Red Crescent Society - Gaza	Developing a Club for Disabled Children	50,000	4,500
	Friends of the RCVI Society / Gaza city	Expanding Education and Employment Opportunities for Visually Impaired Children and Youth	137,720	5,183
	Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children	Family Centred Early Intervention Program for Deaf Children / Gaza City	146,175	33,496
	Al Amal Society for Rehabilitation / Rafah	Child Educational enhancement /Gaza Southern Region	202,955	91,270

Lebanon				
	Social Association for Rehabilitation of Handicapped	Rehabilitative Care for 30 Mentally Disabled Children in Refugee Camps in Lebanon	23,115	1,157
	Social Association for Rehabilitation of Handicapped	Supporting two disabled children's Centres – Nahr el-Bared Camp	15,000	5,000
	Social Association for Rehabilitation of Handicapped	Supporting the two Rehab Centres	15,000	1,500
	Nabeel Badran Centre for the Handicapped	Rehabilitation of 23 Palestinian Children with Special Needs.	23,115	11,557
	Nabeel Badran Centre for Handicapped Children	Support for Nabil Badran Centre	15,000	1,240
	Abu-Jihad al-Wazir Institute for Rehabilitation of the Handicapped (Rashideyyeh)	Improved Access to Education for Disabled Children in Lebanon	13,230	3,212
	Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Federation	Improved Access to Education for Disabled Children in Lebanon	47,460	8,010
	Nabeel Badran Handicapped Centre	Improved Access to Education for Disabled Children in Lebanon	13,140	1,890
	Palestine Disability Forum	Improved Access to Education for Disabled Children in Lebanon	125,132	27,518
	The Handicapped Support Society	Improved Access to Education for Disabled Children in Lebanon	13,950	3,452
	Social Association for Rehabilitation of the Handicapped	Improved Access to Education for Disabled Children in Lebanon	23,550	7,052
	Social Handicapped Association	Improved Access to Education for Disabled Children in Lebanon	13,920	3,840
	Women's Humanitarian Organization	Improved Access to Education for Disabled Children in Lebanon	20,340	5,580
	UNRWA	Improved Access to Education for Disabled Children in Lebanon	66,000	34,400
	Al-Karameh Association	Improved Access to Education for Disabled Children in Lebanon	20,610	5,672

Health

Region	Beneficiary	Project title	Approved funding	Total disbursed in 2004
West Bank	Union of Medical Relief Committees - Hebron	Development of Disability Aids Loan Centre	21,750	6,750
	Al-Razi Hospital	Purchase of Medical Supplies and Medicine	30,158	29,996
	Patients Friends Society Hospital / Ramallah	Development of Rehabilitation Services	50,000	20,000
	Patients Friends Society/ Tulkarem	Development of Emergency Room	10,000	4,800
	American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA)	Support for Cost of Medical Shipment	100,000	60,000
	Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation	Establishment of Head Injury Unit	1,300,000	587,600
	Ministry of Health	Construction and Operation of the Bahrain Children's Hospital – Ramallah Compound	5,041,390	427,600
	Palestinian Red Crescent Society (PRCS) / Hebron	Finishing work on the first floor of the new PRCS Hospital specialized in the Emergency and Ambulance Services	81,600	16,109
	Shyoukh Zakat Committee (Shyoukh Medical Centre)	X-Ray Unit / Hebron	86,190	48,515
	Health Work Committees	Building a Health Centre in Halhoul	99,654	39,213
	Palestinian Red Crescent Society / Tulkarem	Maintenance of the Hospital and the Emergency Unit	50,500	35,000
	Abu Shkheidem Charitable Society	Establishing a building for a Medical Centre	23,400	18,700
Jerusalem	Augusta Victoria Hospital.	Support for establishing of cancer treatment Centre.	124,000	62,000
	East Jerusalem Hospitals	Coordination between East Jerusalem Hospitals	670,000	144,413
	Union of Health Work Committees	Provision of Medical Equipment and Medicines	20,000	10,000
	The Islamic Society - Rafah	Equipping an Emergency Room	20,000	10,000
	The Islamic Society - Rafah	Further Construction of al-Razi Health Centre	5,500	1,445

	Al-Wafa Medical Rehabilitation Hospital	Establishing a special playground and garden for cases with special needs	99,970	133
	Union of Health Work Committees/ al-Quds Medical Centre	Al-Quds Medical Centre	107,100	21,000
W/B-Gaza	Ministry of Health	Construction of new Burn Unit at Shifa Hospital	283,000	19,759
	Hospitals Clinics & medical Centres.	Providing emergency medical equipment.	8,000,000	3,288,687
	Palestinian Medical Relief Societies	Primary Health Care	931,460	508,776
Lebanon	Popular Aid for Relief & Development.	Support for maternity Centre in Sabra / Shatilla.	25,000	10,000
	Health Care Society-Beirut	Support Treatment of Poor Palestinians' Surgeries – Chronic Illness.	100,000	10,000
	Health Care Society-Beirut	Treatment of Poor Palestinians / major surgeries and those who suffer from chronic diseases	100,000	50,000
	Health Care Society-Beirut	Support for medical treatment for needy Palestinians with chronic illness	100,000	5,000
	Health Care Society – Beirut	Support for the Kidney Dialysis Section at al-Hamshari Hospital	90,000	5,000
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	Health Care Society – Beirut	Support for Needy Patients in Defraying Costs of Major Surgery & Chronic Illness	100,000	500
	Health Care Society - Beirut	Treatment of Poor Palestinian Children who need major surgeries	100,000	93,500
	Health Care Society - Beirut	Defraying Shipment Costs for in-kind Medical Material	25,000	15,000
	Health Care Society - Beirut	Support for the Kidney Dialysis Section at al-Hamshari Hospital	90,000	70,000
	Health Care Society - Beirut	Support for the Society	500	500

	Health Care Society - Beirut	Treatment of Poor Palestinians who need major surgeries and suffer from chronic illness	37,000	33,300
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Family – Humanitarian Support & Emergency Employment Generation

Region	Beneficiary	Project title	Approved funding	Total disbursed in 2004
West Bank	Municipality of Qalaqilya	Distribution of Emergency relief packages	40,000	38,600
	Nablus Civil Committee - Nablus	Support emergency program	25,000	12,500
	Youth Future Institute	Ramadan Assistance	5,000	5,000
	Several People's Cases	Legal Empowerment	380,000	13,720
	Needy Families	Support three families in Jenin Refugee Camp	9,100	9,000
	Needy Families	Support 15 Families in Gaza	1,500	1,500
	Needy Families	Lebanon Committee –Family to family	85,178	25,000
	Needy Families	Needy Families – Family to Family	1,200,000	600,000
	Needy Families	Emergency Humanitarian Support for Rafah and Khan Younis	55,000	55,000
	Needy Families	Support for 110 Poor and Affected families in Rafah	6,152	6,152
	Palestinian Businessmen's Association	Creating jobs for the Intifada handicapped in the private sector	88,000	7,920
	Nablus Civil Committee -Nablus	Providing humanitarian support	200,000	5,000
	Qalandia Camp Women's Handicraft Cooperative – Kalandia camp	Production and Distribution of sweaters for Needy Children	48,000	14,160
	Tourism Promotion Society – Jericho	Completion of Youth Building	40,000	4,000
	Kufur Dan Charitable Society – Jenin	Renovation of Activity Centre	45,000	5,050
	Deir Jreer Women's Society	Renovation of Building Housing Deir Jreer Society	40,000	3,600
Rameen Women's Charitable Society – Tulkarem	Renovation of Activity Centre in Rameen KG	40,000	3,600	

Hawwa Centre for Culture and Arts	Campaign for bread distribution to needy families	12,900	6,400
WA – EEGP	Co-Funding of Emergency Employment Generation with UPA – USAID	100,000	19,900
Beita Zakat Committee	Supporting the construction of a Health Centre	40,000	3,600
Hawwa Centre for Culture and Arts	Establishment of a Charitable Bakery	25,000	12,250
Tourism Promotion Society - Jericho	Completion of Youth Building	30,000	30,000
Combination Arts Centre – Hebron	Renovation of the Centre’s Building	70,000	63,000
Palestinian Child Centre –Shu’fat Camp	Renovation of the Child Centre	35,000	34,650
Beit ‘Amra Village Council – Yatta	Renovation of Beit ‘Amra Girls’ School	40,000	40,000
Jenin Agricultural Marketing Cooperative Society	Completion of the Society Building in Jenin	50,000	49,500
Local committee for rehabilitation – al-Ein Refugee Camp	Establishing a rehabilitation Centre	40,000	39,600
Nablus Civil Committee – Nablus	Emergency Support for Nablus	200,000	180,000
Palestinian Youth Union	Renovation of Deir Istya Centre	35,000	1,000
Hebron Women’s Society	Embroidery Project for Women	30,000	7,500
Palestinian Economic Policy Research Institute (MAS)	Phase 2 in Economic Structure Research	73,600	36,800
Jenin Charitable Society	Construction of dorm for people with special needs	51,000	10,068
Union of Agricultural Work Committees	Job Creation – Jenin Region	102,000	91,306
Rural Women’s Development Society	Creating Jobs for the Unemployed Through Building Terraces	81,090	71,658
Palestinian Medical Relief Society (UPMRC)	Job Creation/Ramallah	50,000	67
Beit Duqqo Community Development	Development of Needlework and Embroidery	30,000	40
Tammoun Women’s Society/ Tubas	Beekeeping	9,000	3,536
Khadoury Friends Charitable Society / Tulkarem	Rehabilitation and Renovation of Buildings damaged by shelling	60,000	80

	Solidarity and Cooperation Society / Tulkarem	Solidarity and Cooperation Centre for Rehabilitation and Capacity Building	100,000	40,000
	The Society for the Protection of the Old city /Nablus	Renovation and Revitalization of old buildings in the old city	100,000	70,000
	Al-Ria'aiya Social Charitable Society / Nablus	Construction of a training Centre for teachers and mothers	50,535	40,535
Gaza	The Islamic Society – Rafah	Provision of Financial assistance to displaced families	40,000	38,000
	Al-Bait Assamed Society	Providing School Girls with Uniforms	58,500	55,750
	Al-Bait Assamed Society	Production and Distribution of Training Suits for Children in the Gaza Strip	11,550	10,550
	Al-Maghazi Society for Social Development	Building a Refrigeration Room and Multi-Purpose Hall	60,000	5,400
	Al-Bait Assamed Society	Emergency Sweaters' Project	10,000	5,000
	Al-Mustaqbal for Care & Rehabilitation of the Blind – Gaza	Development of the Bamboo Workshop	40,000	3,600
	Gaza Cultural and Development Group	Support Provision of Girl Students' School Uniforms	100,000	50,000
	Needy Families	Emergency Humanitarian support for Rafah	300,000	163,999
	Deir al-Balah Society for Rehabilitation – Gaza	Building two additional floors for the Deaf School	70,000	70,000
	Dar al-Huda Society – Gaza	Building a nursery at the Children's Compound	50,000	45,000
	Peace Centre for Community Training and Research – Khan Younis	Completion of the Cultural Centre Building	60,000	60,000
	General Union of Palestinian Women	Production and Distribution of Training Suits for Children in the Gaza Strip	7,000	6,500
	Culture and Free Thought Association	Constructing 3 playgrounds in Khan Younis	40,000	20,000
	Al-Beit al-Samed Society	Sewing, Embroidery and Knitting	150,000	35,700
	Union of Health Work Committees	Job Creation – Women's Health Centre	70,000	93

	The Mercy Association	Rehabilitation of Houses of poor and neglected children / Gaza northern region	99,580	99,580
	Palestinian Housing Council	Rehabilitation of houses of the poor / Rafah	98,807	88,800
	Agricultural development Association (PARC)	Agricultural Roads Rehabilitation and Job Creation	102,000	20,000
Jerusalem	Al-Quds Society for Social Services	Emergency Sweaters' Project	10,000	5,000
WB/Gaza	Ministry of Public Works and Housing	Reparation and rehabilitation of Public Houses	4,000,000	2,263,545
	Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Construction (PECDAR)	Reparation and rehabilitation of Palestinian Domestic Infrastructure	7,000,000	590,385
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Lebanon	Popular Aid for Relief and Development	Supporting the Maternity Centre in Sabra and Shatilla	25,000	12,500
	Popular Aid for Relief and Development	Support for 3 Health and Educational Programs	32,000	640
	Popular Aid for Relief and Development	Supporting the Maternity Centre in Sabra and Shatilla	25,000	22,500
	Welfare Association Supervisory Committee – Lebanon Program	Palestinian artists studio – Paris	100,000	2,876

Agriculture Relief & Development

Region	Beneficiary	Project title	Approved funding	Total disbursed in 2004
West Bank	Agricultural Development Society	Planting seedlings in threatened agricultural lands around the Separation Wall	85,000	40,000
	Ahali Centre for Community Development	Planting seedlings in threatened agricultural lands around the Separation Wall	61,800	10,000
	Union of Agricultural Work Committees	Planting seedlings in threatened agricultural lands around the Separation Wall	53,200	45,000

	Agricultural Development Society	Planting trees in threatened areas	7,200	2,200
	Agricultural Development Society	Planting trees in the damaged, threatened and neglected agricultural lands in the WB/GS	24,000	24,000
	Union of Agricultural Works Committee	Planting trees in the damaged, threatened and neglected agricultural lands in the WB/GS	24,000	24,000
	The Centre for Agricultural Services	Planting trees in the damaged, threatened and neglected agricultural lands in the WB/GS	24,000	24,000
	Agriculture Development Society	Replanting Trees in destroyed Land	50,000	24,500
	Agricultural Marketing Cooperative in Jenin District	Rehabilitation and Development of Agricultural Lands	150,000	44,400
	The Centre for Agricultural Services	Rehabilitation of Uncultivated Land / Hebron	35,700	31,547
	Land Research Centre/ Arab Studies Society	Individual Land Reclamation Depending on Manual Labor / Hebron	90,984	80,401
	Kufur al-Diek Agricultural Cooperative	Rehabilitation of Agricultural Land /Nablus	17,921	24
	Agricultural Society / Hebron	Construction of Water Catchment Wells	50,000	67
Palestinians within the Green Line	Al-Ahali Society for Agricultural Development	Planting seedlings in threatened and neglected agricultural lands in 1948 areas	19,000	15,960
Gaza	Union of Agricultural Work Committees / Gaza	Reparation of damaged greenhouses-Rafah	20,000	10,000
	Ministry of agriculture – Gaza	Financial relief assistance to farmers	30,000	28,600
	Arab Centre for Agricultural Development– Gaza	Land Reclamation	20,000	10,000
	Arab Centre for Agricultural Development– Gaza	Replanting 120 dunums in Beit Hanoun	97,720	88,000
	Agricultural Engineers Association	Serving Citrus Trees / Gaza City	50,000	50,000
	Union of Agricultural Work Committees	Reclamation and Replanting of damaged agricultural areas / Gaza –northern Region	99,845	89,800
WB & GS	Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees	Development of Animal Stock	1,054,448	710,873

Community Development – Institution Capacity Building

Region	Beneficiary	Project title	Approved funding	Total disbursed in 2004
West Bank	Norwegian People's Aid	Support Common Projects in Palestine	47,500	47,500
	Student Fund	Capacity Building for Student Fund Dept /MOHE	20,000	5,000
	Patients' Friends Society – Ramallah	Construction of an Additional Building to Expand Rehabilitation Services	2,000,000	256,000
	Dahriya Municipality	Establishing Playground in a Poor Neighborhood – Dahriya village	17,300	7,100
	Palestinian housing Council	Housing Council/ Nablus	240,000	152,919
	Society of In'ash al-Usra	Completion of Girls' Residence Project/ Ramallah	229,928	94,356
	Rummaneh Sports Club Consortium	Poverty Alleviation and Capacity Building in Ten Villages west of Jenin	530,800	50,706
	Shukba Club/ Shabteen Youth	Services Centre	60,000	80
	Charitable Society / Ramallah	Construction of Centre for Society	55,000	73
	Qariut Charitable Society	Finishing work on society building	8,000	11
	The Local Committee for Rehabilitation/ Nablus	Construction of a Centre to implement programs	72,430	7,206
	Jaba' Charitable Society	Construction of a maternity Centre	50,000	67
	al-Yamoun Charitable Society / Jenin	Continuation of society building	77,000	102
	Rameen Sports Club / Tulkarem	Rameen Club Project	60,000	80
	The Arab Orthodox Benevolent Society/ Bethlehem	Site renovation : Children's educational and recreational Centre	28,000	37
	Senior Citizens Society/ Bethlehem	Rehabilitation of old premises and establishment of a food processing unit	52,821	70
	The Islamic Association / Rafah	Construction of al-Khairy Centre for physiotherapy	50,000	67
	Al-Bait al-Samed Society	Construction of building for the organization	100,000	133
	Beit Liqia Centre	Rehabilitation of Beit Liqia Cultural Centre	19,123	7,723
Union of Palestinian Woman Committees / Nablus	Woman and Child Centre	41,778	17,278	

	Hebron University	Rehabilitation of University campus	60,000	41,721
	The Beit Ummar Charitable Society	Roof for northern playground	12,000	1,673
	Palestinian Red Crescent Society – Rehabilitation Dept. / Jericho	Palestinian Red Crescent Society – Rehabilitation Dept. / Jericho	95,000	95,000
	Al-Razi Hospital /Jenin	Welfare Bridge	41,900	33,500
	Women’s Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling (WCLAC) / Bethlehem	Women’s Centre for Legal Aid and Counselling (WCLAC)	2,500,000	291,549
	Health Development Information Project	Portal	138,875	48,606
Jerusalem	Arab Studies Society – Jerusalem	Development of Maps and Surveying Department	191,600	7,255
	Al-Quds University	Development of a Computer Centre	315,000	27,963
	Welfare Association	Monitoring and Coordination Unit (MCU)	326,622	69,639
	Women’s Centre - Community Development Centre	Expanding the Community Development Centre in Shu’fat with new / adjacent floors for multiple purposes	100,000	29,543
	The Arab Orthodox Union Club	Development and Renovation of the Club	25,000	33
	Lutheran World Federation	Rehabilitation of Infrastructure at vocational training Centre	80,000	55,037
	Palestinian Centre for Micro-Projects Development (PCMD)	Palestinian Centre for Micro-Projects Development (PCMD)	20,400	27
Gaza	Committee for the Construction of Mohammad al-Durra Stadium	Establishing a playground- M. al-Durra Stadium – Deir el-Balah	17,000	8,500
	Al-Bait al-Samed Society	Developing Sewing, Embroidery and Knitting Skills	150,000	93,000

Community Training & Crisis Management	Training Social Workers to Support Families During Difficulties /Emergency	68,146	13,600
Palestinian Rural Heritage Society	Training for the Preservation of Rural Heritage for Youth /Emergency	40,000	32,000
Shatha Association for Art & Culture	Developing the Association's Children's Zoo /Emergency	40,000	32,000
Al-Bait al-Samed Society	Constructing the Organization's Centre /Emergency	100,000	133
The Palestinian Injured Association	Construction of the building	60,000	80
Right to Live Society	Constructing the management and services building	80,000	106
Community Training and Crisis Management	Offering professional training to psychologists and sociologists who support NGOs and Palestinian families	68,146	54,546
Culture and Free Thought Society/Khan Younis	Completion of Building to house Credit for Women Program	50,000	45,000
Rosary Sisters / Jerusalem	Construction of School Building in Gaza City– Second Floor	127,500	25,000
Al-Nasr Arabi Club	Completion of the Sports Hall and Club Facilities	122,400	24,000
Shatha Association for Culture and Arts	Development of Shatha Zoo / Gaza City	183,600	36,000
Palestinian Centre for Human Perseverance (Fata Centre)	Community Development Centre for Women and Children/ Gaza City	88,740	17,400
Palestinian Friends Benevolent Society / Gaza city	Establishing First Floor (Surgical Hospital)	153,000	30,000
Community Service and continuing Education Deanship (The Islamic University of Gaza)	Building Headquarters for the Community Service and Continuing Education Program	265,200	52,000
Al-Quds Open University/ Gaza City	Building for Headquarters and Continuing Education Dept. of al-Quds Open University	142,800	28,000
Public Aid Society / Gaza City	Finishing works for 2 storeys at the Society's charitable hospital	135,150	26,500

Palestinian Ahli Club/ Gaza City	Construction of a Closed Sports Playground	137,700	27,000
Zeitoun Club / Gaza City	Construction of Multi-Purpose Hall and Playground	40,800	8,000
Al-Bait Assamed Society / Gaza City	Hostel for Female University Students	149,385	29,290
Right to Live Society / Gaza City	Completion of the General services Building	204,000	40,000
Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children	Completion of newly acquired building	102,000	20,000
Palestinian Association for Development and Reconstruction (PADR)	The PADR Development Centre for Culture and Social Rehabilitation	76,500	15,000
Al-Zawayda Youth Sports Club / Gaza Central Region	Construction of a Women's and Children's Centre and Playground and Sports grounds for the club	51,000	10,000
Al-Masader Club	Construction of Activity Centre and Playground for the Club	51,000	10,000
Nusseirat Social rehabilitation Centre	Construction and Development of an Upholstery Unit	40,800	8,000
Rehabilitation and Development of Palestinian Home Society/ Gaza central region	Establishment and development of Non-Formal Educational activity Centre	76,500	15,000
Palestinian Student Care Association	Culture Home	109,650	21,500
Palestinian Medical Relief Society	Extension for Um al-Naser Clinic Building	44,880	8,800
Association of Engineers – Gaza Governorate	Construction of Engineers Association Building	221,340	43,400
Jabalia Youth Sports Club	Finishing Works of the Administration Building	30,600	6,000
Al-'Ata' Benevolent Association/ Gaza Northern Region	Construction of a Building for the Woman and Child Forum	61,200	12,000
Gaza Sporting Club	Covering the Sports Hall	137,700	27,000
The Agricultural Cooperative for Strawberry, Vegetable and Flowers Farmers	Constructing a Building for the cooperative	71,400	14,000
Cooperative Society for Savings and Liability	Building an Office and Training Hall for the Cooperative	71,400	14,000
Developmental Civic Forum / Khan Younis	Completing the Society's Building	78,165	15,326

	Human Developmental Association	Construction of a Building for the Association	45,900	9,000
	The Culture and Free Thought Association	Building a Children's Centre (12-16 year olds)	127,500	25,000
	The Association of Developing and Flourishing Society / Khan Younis	Establishment of a Building for the Society	56,100	11,000
	Palestinian Farmers' Association / Khan Younis	Scientific, Cultural and Educational Club	107,100	21,000
	Al-Mustaqbal Association for Family Development / Khan Younis	Community Centre for MAFD	73,684	14,448
	Ard al-Insan Society / Khan Younis	Completion of the basement, second floor and external works of the association's building	76,500	15,000
	Al-Wafa Charitable Society / Khan Younis	Completion of the Occupational therapy Section and Garden of al-Wafa Medical Centre	28,560	5,600
	Al-Amal Rehabilitation Society – Rafah	Construction of al-Amal Rehabilitation Society Building	280,500	55,000
	Al-Karama Centre for Culture and Arts / Rafah	Building and Finishing of the second floor	28,050	5,500
	Al-Mawasi Agricultural Cooperative Association	Social and Cultural Centre	45,900	9,000
WB & GS	The Palestinian Centre for Micro-projects Development (PCMD)	Partnership Grants Program	996,300	452,618
	The Palestinian Hydrology Group	Development of Water Resources	1,040,000	650,617
	Palestinian Agricultural relief Committees	Preparatory Phase for Partnership Grants	12,464	17
	Palestinian Medical Relief Societies	Preparatory Phase for the Partnership Grants	12,170	16
	Women's affairs Technical Committee (WATC)	Preparatory Phase for the Partnership Grants	19,829	26
	Palestinian National Institution for NGOs	SSP Component	94,150	29,000
	Palestinian General Union of Charitable Societies	Sector Support Program	102,250	29,380
	Commission of NGO Affairs	Sector Support Program	65,100	6,087
	PNGOnet		103,950	32,689
Lebanon	Norwegian People's Aid	Co-funding of development projects		30,000
	Welfare Association	Management Fees for Welfare Program in Lebanon	44,156	23,113

Youth

Region	Beneficiary	Project title	Approved funding	Total disbursed in 2003
West Bank	YMCA – Beit Sahour	Preparation of the YMCA's Forest to be Used for Youth Activities	63,000	50,400
	MA'AN Development Centre	Youth development / Ramallah	19,890	25
	MA'AN Development Centre	Supporting Youth clubs in Jerusalem & north Gaza	1,039,975	509,843
Jerusalem	Arab Studies Society – Youth development department	Partnership for Youth in Jerusalem	409,250	217,893
	Arab Studies Society – Youth development department	Pre-Investment for Partnership Grants	19,941	27
Lebanon	Children and Youth Centre – Shatila	Supporting the Centre's Program and Activities	8,000	3,000

