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Improving the lives of Palestinians across the Middle East

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

## Foreward

As the the chairperson of DSPR Central Committee elected in 2012, I am pleased to share with you our Annual Report for 2012. DSPR continues to be active in ongoing projects and activities with Palestinian refugees as well as paying attention to the emerging ills and wounds of our compatriots, be they Syrian refugees or others that need immediate treatment. We see our work as witness to our societies and as affirmation of our roots, as citizens who emphasize the need to share responsibilities and to accept challenges, if we are to reap the fruits of living in this exciting but troubled region of our world. We cannot do this without the support of our partners and without sharing with them a joint vision that include all the people with whom we work. The commitment and dedication of all in DSPR should also be recognized. Thanks and much appreciation for each and every one of our partners and of the DSPR community.

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

The times they are changing or so the song goes. Here in the Middle East we are living through transitions in different societies. Transitions are a time of uncertainty but also of expectation. We pray that the societies in our region will achieve greater solidarity and a vision of hope for the future. This is not possible without us, as citizens, continuing to be active. The Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) remains committed to our societies and their future bringing hope to Palestinians, refugees, and the needy, and a reflection of the faith of our forefathers. Our work is not possible without the partnerships that bring us together with faith-based organizations across the globe and with those in our societies with whom we share the challenges and the hopes. The DSPR Annual Report reflects both these hopes and challenges. Reading it will give an understanding of the extent of our work across five different geographic areas of our Middle East region.

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

DSPR is an ecumenical and Church-related organization which is an integral part of the Middle East Council of Churches (MECC). It was founded following the 1948 Arab-Israeli War and the creation of the Palestine refugee problem. Christians living in the Middle East have initiated activities and programmes to support their fellow Palestinian refugees in the region. These ecumenical responses have evolved into five independent and autonomous organizations or area committees linked together into the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees and include communities in Palestine, Jordan, Lebanon, and Galilee.

These Area Committees are:

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

Today, in an expression of solidarity and with the desire for mutual support, these Area Committees are linked in their governance, management and administration through DSPR Central Office which serves as a regional umbrella for its five member Area Committees in different geographical areas.

DSPR believes that the right of return is a basic human right of for all Palestinian refugees and that they should be part of the decision-making process to resolve their refugee status, in line with United Nations resolutions. Until a just political solution is found, the dignity of Palestinian refugees in their host societies and reconciliation within the wider communities in which they live are essential to their eventual exercise of their right of return and self-determination.

DSPR's vision is of a pluralist Palestinian society which guarantees equal opportunities for all its citizens, based on the ideals of justice, equality of rights, opportunities and freedoms.

DSPR's mission is to promote the socio-economic development and just rights of Palestinian refugees and communities in the Middle East.

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

*The Israeli blockade of the Gaza strip continues to cause a prolonged humanitarian crisis. Gaza is one of the most densely populated regions in the world (4,353 inhabitants per km<sup>2</sup>). There is very limited or intermittent running water of which only 5-10% is safe for drinking. Between 60 and 90 million liters of untreated or partially treated sewage are discharged into the environment daily. Sanitation-related diseases have increased in children and are the most common illnesses among Gaza's refugees. Almost half of Gaza's population is food insecure. Coping strategies include reducing the quality of food and number of meals which stunts the development of children. Long-term exposure to chronic malnutrition is found in 10% of children under five. Anemia is found in at least every second child and one third of pregnant women. Fertility remains high, at 4.9 children per woman. Under such conditions it is no surprise that the health system in Gaza remains extremely challenged.<sup>1,2</sup>*

Established in 1952, the main objective of NECCCRW Gaza's health program is to provide high quality primary health care services in poor, overpopulated, and remote areas that have little or no available health services. NECCCRW Gaza offers preventive and curative services free of charge, with a focus on mother and child health care and education towards health and environmental awareness (hygiene, vaccination, etc.). The package covers antenatal and postnatal care, and a Well-Baby clinic to follow up children's development until the age of six. Dental services for mothers and children, nutrition education, home visits after delivery, a psychosocial support program, a malnutrition and anemia program, and family planning services are also included.

Two family health care centers in the areas of Shijaia and Darraj serve each a poor community of approximately 80,000 people, where existing provision of medical services is inadequate. In the rural area of Rafah, in Kherbet El Adas, where provision of medical services is non-existent, NECCCRW Gaza serves a population of approximately 12,000 people at its third center. The centers have medical stocks and a laboratory, thus operating independently. However, high-risk patients and patients with special needs are referred to specialized clinics.

In 2012, NECCCRW Gaza had 27,693 families registered at its three clinics. 13,564 children attended Well-Baby clinic services and 24,486 patients in total received medical services. The number of newly registered pregnant women and children in 2012 was higher than anticipated (at 1,501 and 6,525 respectively), indicating an increased awareness of the importance of antenatal care as well as an increased demand. It also reflects the significance of providing high quality services free of charge. NECCCRW Gaza is the only provider in Gaza who systematically follows-up all its patients with post natal care visits at home or in the clinics. A total of 2,562 post natal visits were provided in 2012.

All clinics of NECCCRW Gaza are equipped with fixed dental units that provide routine dental services – such as check-up, filling, and minor surgery - four days a week. During 2012, 6,168 patients were examined by a dentist at the clinics.



Medical services for mothers and children at Shijaia Family Center, Gaza

Within the framework of the malnutrition and anemia project, between 14% and 38% (depending on the area) of the children visiting the family centers were found to be anemic and/or malnourished. A substantial number of them suffered from stunted growth, i.e. reduced height due to long term exposure to chronic malnutrition. A total of 3,980 children received treatment (including iron, milk, and vitamins) and follow-up while mothers were informed about nutrition. The project greatly benefitted the served areas as the rate of anemic or malnourished patients decreased by approximately 30% compared to the centers' 2011 statistics.

NECCCRW Gaza is very active in running educational sessions in order to increase the awareness of the served population on topics related to hygiene, environment, breast feeding, etc. Indeed, in 2012, a total of 2,493 educational sessions were held in NECCCRW clinics, community based organizations, or kindergartens. 23,000 brochures were distributed during educational sessions and home visits. NECCCRW Gaza printed two new brochures this year, one on breast feeding and one on personal hygiene. There was an approximate 28% decrease in clients with diseases resulting from bad hygiene (parasite infections and skin diseases) observed in NECCCRW clinics this year.

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

The unstable political situation, the eight-day war in November, the blockade and difficulty of bringing in medication, medical supplies, and laboratory chemicals, as well as an unstable power supply, black outs, and the shortage of fuel for generators have affected health service providers in Gaza in 2012. According to WHO the November war led to severe shortages of essential drugs and medical supplies. Thanks to effective commodity management and the invaluable support of our partners, NECCCRW Gaza did not face any drug shortage throughout 2012. Except for the eight days during the war, when the clinics had to close due to the dangerous situation, the family centers were able to provide services without interruption.

The family centres of Darraj and Shijaia give medicine free of charge to children and pregnant women. In the poor and underserved communities of Rafah/Kherbet Aladas all patients can receive medicine for free. In 2012, medicine and medical supplies worth \$228,276.00 were distributed for free.



**Maryam** is full of smiles. She has three older brothers and lives with her family in Shaboura refugee camp. Her mother Maysarah A. Luli is registered at Rafah Family Center and has attended the free of charge ante and post-natal care services during her previous pregnancy. When she was pregnant with Maryam in 2012, the routine ultrasound check-up revealed a

congenital defect in the urogenital system of the fetus. Maysarah was medically and psychologically supported by NECCCRW clinic staff during her pregnancy. After delivery she was visited at home for postnatal care and also referred to a specialist. He recommended a surgery for the new born which was successfully carried out. Thanks to the early detection and treatment, Maryam is today a happy and healthy child. She regularly attends the Well-Baby Clinic together with her brothers, so that Maysarah and the doctors can follow up their development.

### Highlights of NECCCRW Gaza's Health Program 2012

- 24,486 families registered at its three clinics
- 13,564 children attended Well-Baby clinic services
- 6,168 patients examined by a dentist
- 2,099 pregnant women screened
- 3,980 children treated for anemia and malnutrition
- 13,697 beneficiaries of the psychosocial support program

### Psychosocial support

*During the November war, a high percentage of children in Gaza witnessed killing of people by airstrikes and saw destruction of neighbors' or their own homes, leading to a high increase in fears of death among them and (post-traumatic) stress symptoms such as sleep disturbances, concentration problems, and excessive nervousness.<sup>3</sup>*

*As a consequence of the longstanding hostilities and the difficult living conditions, the Gaza Strip has witnessed a substantial growth in mental health problems in general, with victims suffering from anxiety-disorders, depression and stress related conditions.<sup>4</sup>*

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), health is a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being. In addition to medical and educational support, our psychosocial support program (PSP) has become one of the core elements of NECCCRW in Gaza. It was established in 2009 as an emergency response to the 2008-2009 war. Responding to a high demand resulting from the ongoing difficult and traumatizing life conditions in Gaza, the PSP has developed into one of the most important programs of NECCCRW. All activities are free of charge and target especially children and women. They include:

- Psychosocial activities for children aged four to twelve who attend NECCCRW clinics or nearby kindergartens and home visits for children with special psychosocial needs. These programs benefitted a total of 1,547 children in 2012.
- Awareness sessions on child protection, mental health and life skills, individual counseling and group counseling for mothers who attend the family centers. More than 9,800 women profited from the activities in 2012.
- Lectures, trainings, and information events on various topics by professionals from women's organizations. In 2012, 1883 female participants were counted during these afternoon activities.
- Psychosocial program for all participants of NECCCRW vocational trainings, benefitting 303 trainees and 71 parents.
- Recreational trips for 697 mothers and children

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

*More than 2 million refugees are registered in Jordan. Ten official and three unofficial refugee camps accommodate more than 364,000 Palestinian refugees. Socioeconomic conditions in the camps are generally poor, with high population density, cramped living conditions, high unemployment, and an inadequate basic infrastructure such as roads and sewers.<sup>5</sup>*

NECCCRW Jordan runs the **Madaba camp Health Clinic**, which specializes in maternal and child healthcare. In 2012, 3,281 patients were treated, 50 home visits were given by doctors, and 500 vaccinations were distributed. As the clinic charges small but affordable fees for treatment, 40% percent of the clinic's annual costs could be recovered by patients' payments.

NECCCRW also supervises the Jerash clinic which continues to operate and provide medical treatment to up to 400 patients each month.

NECCCRW Jordan conducted five **free medical care days** in the refugee camps of Madaba, Souf, Zarqa, Irbid and Talbieh, which included medical checkups, referrals, and distribution of medications free of charge. Local doctors from the camps volunteered to examine patients. Approximately 2,600 visitors were treated.

In 2012, NECCCRW focused on strengthening **environment and health awareness** among Palestinian refugees. Networking with different medical professionals resulted in 52 one- or two-day awareness workshops on health, child protection, and family relations. Additionally, five field campaigns were carried out over a duration of one or two weeks.

Thirty five awareness workshops targeted health-related environmental issues, such as rodent control, cleaning streets, putting garbage cans.

In this context, NECCCRW Jordan succeeded in motivating more than 1,300 volunteers, mostly women and young people, to participate in activities that improved health or environmental problems in their communities.

### Dealing with unexpected obstacles

Due to problems with the authorization from the Ministry of Health, the medical lab that was established in the Madaba Health Clinic in 2011 could not start working. After consultation with the donor, Finn Church Aid, NECCCRW Jordan redispensed and reallocated the funds to necessary renovation-works in the clinic, the purchase of new medical and technical equipment, and a training of trainers and workshops in health knowledge and awareness.

### Highlights of NECCRW Jordan's Health Program in 2012

- 5 free medical days, benefitting approximately 2,600 patients
- \$7000 worth of Medicine distributed free of charge
- 52 workshops and 5 field campaigns on health awareness
- 35 workshops on environment awareness
- 62 sessions on gender and Human Rights



Consultation during a fee medical care day, Jordan.



Participants during an activity to raise environmental awareness

## Enhancing the wellbeing of Palestinian mothers and children



Session on health awareness, Gaza.



Children participating in a recreational activity organized by the psychosocial programme, Gaza.



Children during a psychosocial activity, organized by NECCRW's psychosocial program. Rafah, Gaza.



A social worker measuring the height of a child, Gaza.



A mother receives counseling on prevention of anemia and malnutrition, Darraj clinic.



A patient receiving dental treatment free of charge, Gaza.

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

*In Lebanon, the law bars the Palestinians in the country (numbering over 450,000) from access to more than 30 syndicated professions, including medicine, law, pharmacy and all liberal professions. Fifty-six percent of Palestinian refugees of working age in Lebanon are jobless. Those with a job are often subject to unstable employment that is inadequate to lift them out of poverty. The Lebanese army controls access to Palestinian refugee camps, restricting refugees' mobility.<sup>6</sup>*

*Bad living conditions and a lack of perspective, as well as learning difficulties or behavioral problems, are some of the reasons that result in high school dropout rates (around 18%). Two-thirds of young Palestinians above the age of 15 do not have the Brevet, the state certificate that grants access to secondary school. Only five percent of Palestinians in Lebanon hold a university degree.<sup>7</sup>*

JCC Lebanon is working in the refugee camps of Sidon, Sabra, and Dbayeh, focusing on supporting Palestinian refugees in the areas of primary/secondary education and vocational training – both tailored to meet the demands of the (restricted) job market.

### Vocational Training

JCC in Lebanon has learned that vocational programs need to move with the times. JCC's training courses in hairdressing, beauty skills and barber skills were high in demand in 2012, as they offer good chances for future employment and income. The trainee barbers got invaluable practice by offering free haircuts at an orphanage, while the young women training in hairdressing gave free haircuts at a home for the elderly who also enjoyed the regular contact very much.

The electronics training program that began in 1964 has also kept up with the times, now including a course on repairing mobile phones and training in the installation of satellite dishes on roofs. In 2012, a course on how to maintain and fix computers was added to the syllabus and became one of the main attractions for trainees. By the end of the nine-month training period in June 2012, 12 of the 14 trainees had already found a job.

Secretarial training for women was offered in the Sidon center with great success.



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

### Educational Programs

Since 1952, JCC Lebanon has run a **nursery and a kindergarten**. Due to an increased demand, a new class for two-year-olds has been added this year. Seventy-seven children aged two to five benefit from high quality education through games, sports, music, outdoor activities, and activities to awaken interest in books and reading.

JCC Lebanon runs **after-school tutoring services** in Sabra and Dbayeh. Children can do their homework in an appropriate environment while getting support and guidance from tutors and teachers. Up to 81 students benefitted from the program in 2012. The community center in Dbayeh employs a speech therapist, a social worker, and a psychologist who supports children and counsels parents. The community center also contains a library, which is well equipped with computers making it possible for students to participate in computer courses or various other programs offered by the library. The library has developed into a meeting place for the community: 70 registered members and many others enjoy the services.

As English is the global business language and becoming a basic skill that is needed in more and more fields of work in Lebanon, JCC started offering **English courses** in Sidon and Sabra in 2012. The courses aim to prepare participants for the job market and/or for higher education. The centers also offered computer courses, benefitting 15 participants.

A special **program to fight illiteracy** was run in the Sabra center. Over a period of ten months, 15 people of different ages learned how to read and write on a daily basis. As many people are embarrassed to admit their illiteracy, JCC Lebanon will intensify its efforts to motivate illiterates to overcome their shyness. It plans to expand the offer to other centers in 2013.

## Empowering marginalized Palestinian youth to improve their own economic conditions: Lebanon and West Bank

As farming is allowed to Palestinian refugees, the work at Tyre Farm in the south of Lebanon is a practical and effective approach to addressing unemployment. Its main purpose is to teach the basics of agriculture to men and women of all ages and to draw interest to search for employment in this area, especially among young people. In 2012, two introductory courses were run, each with 14 participants. Those who already worked in agriculture made use of the newly learned information immediately, while others were motivated to look for work in this field.

### Psychosocial and recreational activities.

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



Hassan Younis who participated in Tyre farm courses decided to rent a piece of land afterwards and is now planting and selling his own products.

### West Bank

*Each year thousands of Palestinian children in the West Bank experience lack of classrooms, sub-standard school infrastructure, poor quality of facilities and restricted access to school. According to the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education, 50% of government schools lack minimum acceptable water and sanitation facilities.<sup>8</sup>*

Five hundred sixty five girls from first to eighth grade attend the Basic Girls school of Baita. The school's sanitary units were in very bad conditions. Six toilets and four basins served all pupils, there were no lightings or ventilation, most doors did not lock and drains did not work well.

Qabalan Secondary Girls School has 294 students, from seventh to twelfth grade. A part of the schoolhouse was constructed in 1920. Absences were high in winter time as cold humidity in the rooms, bad smell resulting from water leaking into the rooms, and insects rendered the classroom a particularly unpleasant place. Partially broken old steel windows caused frequent injuries among pupils and the old electricity network led to regular disruptions in electricity supply, especially in winter time.

With the support and the financial contributions of both communities, Baita and Qabalan, ICC West Bank constructed a new sanitary unit with a septic tank for Baita school and provided maintenance work for the six classrooms in the old part of Qabalan schoolhouse. In Qabalan, teachers and students were involved in the final stages, as they choose the color of wall paint and the design for protective window bars.

ICC West Bank significantly improved the learning environment for pupils in both schools, stepping-in where community and state do not have the resources to provide adequate conditions for Palestinian children. At the same time temporary jobs were created for skilled and unskilled workers of both communities. As communities financially contributed to the projects, local ownership is secured and follow up is guaranteed.



Renovation works and new classroom in Qabalan Secondary Girls School

## Empowering marginalized Palestinian youth to improve their own economic conditions

### Jordan

*Jordanian refugee camps are characterized by high rates of poverty and unemployment. Basic education for Palestinian refugee children is provided by 172 UNRWA schools. They run on a tight budget, often double-shift, and provide basic facilities<sup>5</sup>*

NECCCRW Jordan runs centers for vocational training in four camps (Irbid, Talbieh, Husn, Souf), covering more than 74,000 inhabitants. The courses train in skills that are relevant for the local job market and lead to income generation. In 2012, 65 women profited from learning how to produce traditional and folklore goods (embroidery, sewing, rug weaving, etc.). The products were sold at a bazaar next to the ruins of Jerash, one of Jordan's biggest tourist attractions, creating a local income for the women. Eighty eight men were trained in carpentry, repairing of mobiles or repairing of computers. NECCCRW's Center in Jerash refugee camp was handed over to the Community Development Committee (CDC) who renovated it and changed it into a recreational center for women that offers various activities and also contains a fitness center. The CDC is paying a small annual fee for using the center. Thanks to a Finn Church Aid grant, three new computer centers were established in the refugee camps of Madaba, Irbid, and Hitheen in 2011. With ongoing financing, they were fully operating in 2012, offering among others, courses in Internet, typing, computer maintenance, and ICDL training (international computer driving license). Two hundred twenty seven participants benefitted from the program, improving their skills and employment opportunities: 55 out of 70 men and women that completed ICDL courses found a job soon afterwards, whether as an office assistant or trainer. In 2012, NECCCRW Jordan completed its sixth year of support to improve the teaching skills, parent/school relationships, infrastructure,

and resources of ten UNRWA schools in Jordan, benefiting some 9,000 students, 400 teachers, and 100 supervisors.

### Loans give opportunities

Most Area Committees provide interest-free loans to students to pay university or college fees that can be renewed every academic year. As university fees were raised in Jordan, NECCCRW Jordan increased the available amount of new loans by \$125 in 2012. NECCCRW Jordan, ICC West Bank and ICCI Nazareth also offer business loans to people who have lost all or a part of their income due to unemployment, disability, etc. The loans allow them to establish their own small business or to renovate an existing one. ICC West Bank additionally offers loans for housing.

Type of loan	Area Committee	No. of loans in 2012	Amount per loan (\$)	Total (\$)	Period of loan (years)	Recovery previous loans
University/College	ICCI Nazareth	119	650	77,350	1	95-98%
	NECCCRW Gaza	106	750 – 1,000		1	100%
	NECCCRW Jordan	121	285 – 675	76,780	1	90-95%
	ICC West Bank	5	1,300 – 1,500	> 10,000		100%
Business & Housing	ICCI Nazareth	5	1,000 – 3,000	8,500		95-98%
	NECCCRW Jordan	5	Max. 1,700	14,860	1	90-95%
	ICC West Bank	23	Max. 7,000	> 100,000		100%



**Tahreer** ("liberation" in Arabic) lives in the Irbid refugee camp. She successfully attended both an ICDL and a comprehensive computer training course offered by the NECCCRW Jordan. As she showed a great ability to lead a class and pass on what she had learned, the center hired Tahreer as a computer trainer. Now her monthly salary of \$281 enables her to financially support herself and her family. Tahreer said that the training and the new job has improved her life, and she has become much more self-confident. She is happy and proud that she is able to stand on her own feet, build her future, and also help her family. At the same time, she contributes to enhancing the lives of other young women by training them in skills that will increase their chances of getting a similarly good job.

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

*The continuing blockade of Gaza has caused not only an economic crisis but also a lack of hope for the future. With only one third of Gaza inhabitants living above the poverty line, youth unemployment at more than 60%, and restricted movement rendering work in Israel impossible, many young Gazans struggle to see a way out of poverty and marginalization.<sup>9,10</sup>*

NECCCRW Gaza runs four training centers:

**The Gaza City Vocational Training Center** (Gaza City VTC) offers two three-year courses that target disadvantaged boys aged 14-16 who have dropped out of school. They can choose to train in carpentry and furniture making or metal/aluminum works and welding. In 2012, 114 trainees were enrolled.

**The Vocational Training Center in Qararah** conducts two-year courses in general electrician skills and motor and transformer rewinding that is offered to young men aged 16-23 who finished grade 10. In 2012, 50 young men were enrolled.

**The Secretarial Studies and English Center** offers a one year intensive course to young women who have finished their secondary studies (Tawjihi) to prepare them for secretarial positions. In 2012, 24 women were enrolled.

**The Advanced Dress Making Center** offers a one year course to young women, promoting their participation in the Palestinian community, helping them to support their families and to become financially independent. In 2012, 20 women were enrolled.

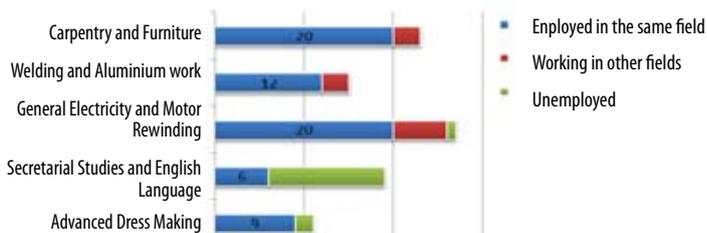
All students also participate in internships and lessons on first aid, gender equality, labor law, and safety issues. They can join psychosocial support sessions, sports, and recreational activities. In 2012, NECCCRW also supported the Red Crescent Society in running literacy classes for students of the Gaza City VTC.

All five vocational trainings end with a final exam leading to a diploma certified by the Ministry of Labor.



“My name is Mohammed Nae’m Hanoun and I am a first-year student at the NECCCRW Vocational Training Center. I was born in Gaza, and I am now 15 years old. My father died 13 years ago. My mother cannot work as she has to care for my brothers and sisters. My elder brothers try to help us, but we still depend on humanitarian aid. I was not able to complete high school as I have a learning difficulty that makes it hard for me to read, write, and comprehend texts. My friends and my mother motivated me to learn a craft and informed me about NECCCRW’s Vocational Training Centre. I chose the Aluminum and Metal Works section; I also participate in the psychosocial program, where group counseling and recreational activities take place. Finally, the literacy program motivated me to learn how to read and write. I used to be a calm person. I did not have many friends and rarely went out. Today, I am different: I am very active and enjoy spending time with my friends from the VTC.”

### Employment of 2011 graduates from NECCCRW’s vocational training centers



\*A part of the students from the Secretarial and English language studies decided to pursue their education while others married afterwards.

70.5% of NECCCRW vocational training graduates of 2011 were successfully employed or self-employed in 2012 (see graph). This is a great success with respect to the high unemployment rate among youth in Gaza.

This success is also due to the fact that NECCCRW supports its graduates in finding job opportunities by including practical trainings in the curriculum that places the trainees for a period of six to eight weeks in various companies and offices to establish connections with potential employers. They are furthermore supported through cooperation with other organizations that provide financial aid for micro-generating projects and by the NECCCRW job creation initiative (see p. 14).

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



Students of the Advanced Dress Making Center, Gaza.



Students of Metal and Aluminium Work and Welding, Gaza.



Student of Electrician Skills and Motor and Transformer Rewinding, Gaza.



Student of Carpentry and Furniture Making, Gaza.



Students during a class at the Secretarial Studies and English Centre, Gaza.



Students during a class in General Electrician Skills and Motor and Transformer rewinding, Gaza.

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

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

*The West Bank is a water-scarce region with cumulative rainfall over the last ten years having decreased substantially. Following occupation, Israel established control over water resources in the West Bank. Palestinians are prohibited from developing water resources and infrastructure without an Israeli permit, including drilling wells, maintaining springs, cisterns and reservoirs. These permits are very difficult to obtain. Reliable resources have been confiscated by Israel. At present Israel is using 85% of groundwater resources in the West Bank to cover Israeli needs. Surpluses are sold back to Palestinians at high prices. Water needs exceed the available water supply, with water use in some parts of the West Bank not meeting the minimum daily standard recommended by the WHO. Additionally, water distribution networks lose 30-50% due to leaky pipes and one third of Palestinian households have no access to water networks at all.<sup>11,12</sup>*

### The situation

Burkin is located in the northern part of the West Bank and has a population of 6,500 people. Traditional sources of water supply have dried out and the village is mainly served by two productive wells, one agricultural well owned by a farmer and one well owned by the municipality. Two additional agricultural wells supply the town with limited amounts of water during the winter season. All water is transmitted to a reservoir of 1,000 m<sup>3</sup> capacity and then distributed to the community through a water network. The network serves 80% of the community, whereas 20% of the Burkin's households are not connected. Parts of the network are more than 30 years old therefore pipes are leaky, leading to the loss of approximately 50% of its water. 2.7 km of pipes were in urgent need for renovation.

### Renovating and extending the water pipe network

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



The village of Burkin, northern West Bank

The old network of pipes (2.8 km) was replaced and extended by 3.1 km to reach 59 households not previously connected with the network. Water loss through leakage was dramatically reduced. Average daily consumption was boosted from 55 to at least 112 liters per capita per day for all purposes. Sustainability is ensured since the new network life span is at least 10 years with proper maintenance which is guaranteed by the efficient team at the municipality.

### Advocacy: Support from friends

The United Church of Canada (UCC) has been a strategic partner for many years. Our partnership has given hope and spread a feeling of belonging to a bigger Christian brotherhood sensitive to the needs and sufferings of its members.

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

The preparation of the strategic papers, the discussions during the council and the published material led to wide resonance, getting involved the media, parliamentarians, Zionist lobbies, Jewish voices for peace, Canadian Arabs, Palestinian CBOs and many more. We highly appreciate and value the new policy of the UCC who demonstrated that it is a vibrant Church committed to the Christian values of love, peace and justice.

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

### Food Security

*Food insecurity in the West Bank is not primarily a question of availability of food; it is of an economic and political nature. The ongoing occupation has restricted Palestinian's access to livelihoods and labor markets and disrupted the local economy which has artificially inflated customer prices. With growing unemployment and 27% of the population living in absolute poverty, food insecurity is a reality for approximately 17% of the population. Additionally, 13% of Palestinians are counted as vulnerable to food insecurity.<sup>2,10</sup>*

### The situation

Far'on is a small border village with 5,400 inhabitants and a total land area of 8,000 dunums (1 dunum = 0.1 hectares). In the last 10 years it was not targeted by development intervention from national or international NGOs. For the construction of the separation wall, 1000 dunums of land were confiscated and 340 dunums were leveled. Another 3,000 dunums are now isolated behind the wall. Thus 35% of the village's land used for the cultivation of olives, lemons, and thyme was destroyed, as well as green houses and pastures for livestock. A total of 400 farmers were deprived from their source of income and have to ask Israelis for a permit to access their land, which impedes cultivation. 300 workers lost their jobs in villages on the Green Line, increasing the rate of people living below poverty line to 37%. Far'on is surrounded by military obstacles: one military checkpoint, the separation wall with two gates for farmers, one of them permanently closed, and one commercial gate with a military post. Twelve houses in Far'on received demolition orders, eight of which have already been destroyed.

### Creating home gardens

In 2012, ICC West Bank aimed at encouraging the food production through home gardens. They offer safe and easy access to land and water and can be developed into sources for providing the daily food requirement of the household and serve as a source of income on the long run.



**Abla Kamal Atieh Sa'ed** lives together with her five sons, all under the age of 20. Her husband, Kamal is 74 years old and cannot work due to health problems. Ten dunums of family land cultivated with olive trees were confiscated during construction of the separation wall. Abla contributes to the family income through selling homemade pastries and her eldest son works in the village as laborer from time to time. The family is dependent on social welfare, \$180 every three months. The new home garden covers daily nutritional needs of the family, provides a small income and Abla can use home-made eggs, milk, margarine and cheese for her production of pastries. Her husband and the boys enjoy working in the garden and taking care of the animals.

The first year's net return of one home garden is at least \$1,892 per year, i.e. \$160 per household a month.

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

Thirty three home gardens were created: Each garden received five productive trees of nutritionally rich fruits (avocado, lemon, orange, guava, and nectarine), twelve laying hens and two healthy, pregnant sheep. The beneficiaries participated in preparing the land for planting and preparing adequate stables for the livestock. ICC West Bank believes that rearing and breeding of livestock is not sustainable without building up capacities of those in charge. Therefore ICC organized theoretical (two days) and practical (one day) training on farming and species-appropriate husbandry. More than 40 participants received information on topics such as dealing with newborns, lightening for hens, diseases and vaccinations, specification of livestock, and keeping/using records.

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

*The Arab citizens of Israel (20% of the country's population) live on the margins of the conflicting worlds of Israeli Jews and Palestinians. They face institutionalized discrimination in the legal system, the allocation of the state's resources, urban planning, and the accessibility of land. Arab localities continue to be characterized by high unemployment rates, inadequate infrastructure, and the absence of significant economic development. More than half of the poor families in Israel are of Arab descent, and 80% of Arab residents live in communities that are ranked within the lowest three socio-economic clusters. Overcrowded and understaffed, government run Arab schools are a world apart from Jewish schools, leading to poor academic achievement, a drop-out rate of 12%, and a failure rate of 50% in university entrance tests. Arab-Palestinians continue to be excluded from the centers of power and are underrepresented in government institutions. Elected Jewish representatives and opinion leaders have labeled the Arab minority as "inner enemy" and "security threat".<sup>13,14,15</sup>*

### Jewish-Arab Dialogue

In order to foster the dialogue between Arab and Jewish professionals, raise awareness of the situation of Arab citizens in Israel and advocate for their rights, ICCI Nazareth has organized annual conferences over the course of the last five years. During this year's two-day conference, "Media & Social Change", 150 to 170 representatives from Arab and Jewish community organizations, academics, and journalists met to discuss topics related to civil equality, health and education. The event is also used as a platform for networking.



Participants at the conference Media & Social Change, Nazareth

### Supporting drop-out girls

The year 2012 marked the eighth year of ICCI's successful "Dropout girls" project. The project aims at enhancing education and employment opportunities for girls aged 13 to 18 that have dropped out of school. It encourages them to continue their education and empowers them to take academic courses or vocational training, so that they will be less financially dependent on their families and husbands in the future. This helps to reduce the likelihood of early marriage and allows the girls to develop their personal identity at their own pace.

In 2012, 92 girls and young women in Acre participated in three psychosocial support groups. While the group for the 13 to 15 year old girls focused on social competence training, problem solving skills, and political and social awareness, the group for girls between 16 and 18 years additionally received guidance for a possible academic or professional career and information about the job market. The girls also visited educational institutions and universities. For girls working in civil service or as unskilled workers, opportunities for vocational training according to their wishes and interests were found. Furthermore,

meetings with accountants and visits to banks took place to enable them to run a small business.

### Education for tolerance

*The Arab community itself is not homogenous but composed of Muslims (84%), Druze (8%), and Christians of various denominations (8%). High unemployment and little contact between the groups leads to a high potential of violence between the youth in mixed villages*

In 2012, ICCI Nazareth carried out an intervention program in high schools in mixed villages in northern Israel. Thirty educators/teachers and three principals were trained in methods of interfaith education. Interfaith education aims at promoting an attitude of understanding and tolerance between pupils of different faiths. The participating schools, in consultation with the Israeli Ministry of Education, committed themselves to integrate the interfaith education in the schools' curriculum starting from 2013. Interfaith classes will be given twice a month educating pupils about the religious and cultural heritage of Muslims, Christians, and Druze and their mutually shared values. This guarantees the sustainability of the project and extends its scope to future generations of pupils.

**Malk Salaha**, a teacher from Beit Jen, participated in the interfaith-education program. He sent a moving letter to ICCI Nazareth afterwards. Parts of it are printed below.

"I have participated in many courses, but this course "knowing each other" was outstanding, as it helped us to get to know and to understand each other's religion very well. We visited each other's holy sites and we were given the chance to see and experience different religious rituals and to ask our questions to trustworthy religious men, i.e. sheiks and priests. Every religious man spoke about his religion, showing that all religions share one goal, which is the belief in God, forgiveness, and love. However, there are religious leaders in the world who abuse religion for their own benefits. In line with a quote from the Qur'an that says: "We created you males and females. And we made you nations to know each other", this course helps religions to live peacefully with each other in mutual appreciation, respect, and friendship. Cooperation is the base of success and it is very beneficial for all mankind. I thank ICCI Nazareth for the financial and emotional support in building forgiveness and acceptance between the different religions."

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

### GAZA

*In 2012, over 75% of Gaza's population was dependent on humanitarian aid and two thirds lived below the poverty line. Unemployment is estimated to be around 45%. When the latest escalation of violence began in November 2012, the population of Gaza was still recovering from the war in December 2008. 12,000 fled their homes and sought refuge in emergency shelters, 450 houses were destroyed, 105 schools and kindergartens were damaged, 128 people were killed and 1,399 were injured.*<sup>16,3</sup>

### Financial Aid and Job creation initiative

The cash relief assistance offers one-time payments of \$70 to desperate families. In 2012, 154 families benefitted from this assistance.

The initiative for creating temporary jobs combines financial aid with an opportunity to get training and to establish contacts with potential employers. The program addresses young people in need who recently graduated from NECCCRW's vocational trainings, universities or external institutes. NECCCRW Gaza cooperates with other NGOs and private companies in order to open temporary posts for them with NECCCRW Gaza providing the salary. This enables participants to gain work experience while showcasing their qualifications to employers, leading to potential employment. In 2012, donations by ACT Alliance and the Pontifical Mission of Palestine enabled NECCCRW Gaza to create 218 breadwinners through this program, alleviating the hardship of more than 850 of their family members. Five participants were hired on a permanent basis after the end of the program while others received a promise of being employed as soon as a new position becomes available.

**A new breadwinner: Omar Skaik** was born 1988 and lives in Gaza city. He has five siblings, four brothers who are still in education and one sister who is physically and mentally handicapped. His father is unemployed. Omar graduated in Finance and Banking from Gaza University and has been working as volunteer in different non-profit and community based organizations since then. Through the NECCCRW job creation project he had the opportunity to work in a company that provides internet service. Due to his commitment and excellent work, the company decided to give him a permanent contract at the end of the project. Omar is now able to financially support his family. He is deeply grateful that NECCCRW gave him the chance to find a permanent job enabling him and his family to live in dignity.



Children of Syrian refugees.

### Jordan

*Due to the war in Syria, approximately 350,000 refugees have entered Jordan by the end of 2012. A substantial percentage of them are Palestinian refugees. Many of the refugees need humanitarian assistance, including food and shelter.*

With a donation from KAIROS Canada, NECCCRW Jordan was able to start a project in 2012 training professionals and volunteers to work with the refugees. Psychosocial support and assistance (food, clothes, medicine, and winter needs) were delivered to the refugees.

NECCCRW Jordan was also active in fund raising, and has prepared a relief program. Thanks to donations from ACT Geneva (\$411,000), food and non-food items (stoves, clothes, kitchen utilities, stationary and health parcels) will be distributed to Syrian refugees starting from the beginning of 2013. Additionally, health/ nutrition awareness sessions and education courses will be given and psychosocial support will be delivered.



Dr. Farah Atallah, Chairman of NECCCRW Jordan, and Fares Swais, Director of NECCCRW Jordan, distributing food and non-food items to Syrian refugees.

# Facts and Figures: Our work in numbers

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

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## DSPR Organizational Development: Progress in 2012

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

### Funding

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

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

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

### Capacity building

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

### Strategic planning and policy development

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

### Training of staff

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



*Members of Gaza's psychosocial support program during a workshop in Sweden.*

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# Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR)

## Middle East Council of Churches /Department of Service to Palestine Refugees : Analyzed Income By Partners and Activity 2012-2011

		Area Earmarked								
		General			West			Central Office	2012 Total	2011 Total
Donor	Activity	Budget	Gaza	Nazareth	Bank	Jordan	Lebanon			
		USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD
<b>Contributions Received at Central Office:</b>										
Church of Sweden	G/CD/EF	144,863	116,163	-	75,000	-	-	-	336,026	172,727
Church of Scotland	HP/GG	7,867	9,589	-	-	-	-	-	17,456	13,092
Finchurchaid	EP	-	-	-	51,969	-	-	-	51,969	67,933
Bread for the World	GG	-	-	14,994	34,147	-	34,147	-	83,288	184,908
Christian World Service New Zealand	GG	31,563	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,563	4,710
Church World Service - USA	CD	-	-	-	79,971	-	-	-	79,971	90,000
Christian Aid	AD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,894
ICCO	GG	92,353	-	-	-	-	-	-	92,353	204,634
Embrace the Middle East	CD	-	-	-	24,812	-	-	-	24,812	4,848
Common Global Ministries Board of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	GG	40,086	-	4,985	7,485	-	-	-	52,556	42,000
United Churches of the Netherlands - Kerkinactie	GG	68,765	-	-	-	-	25,000	-	93,765	101,249
NCCA/Act for Peace	HP/AD	-	434,687	-	-	-	-	-	434,687	215,927
United Church of Canada KAIROS	EP/CD	-	-	-	9,901	8,920	19,933	-	38,754	24,750
United Church of Canada	GG/EH/CD	24,709	34,153	9,210	-	-	-	-	68,072	-
Presbyterian Church in Canada	GG	8,759	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,759	20,000
Presbyterian Church in Canada/Women Division	HP	-	39,640	-	-	-	-	-	39,640	5,939
Norwegian Church Aid	HP/EP	-	374,384	-	-	-	-	42,000	416,384	39,552
NECEF	HP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,013
General Board of Global Ministries	EP	1,080	-	-	-	-	20,000	-	21,080	61,670
Comite Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Development - CCFD	EP	38,550	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,550	40,091
Others		3,655	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,655	2,026
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>462,250</b>	<b>1,008,616</b>	<b>29,189</b>	<b>283,285</b>	<b>8,920</b>	<b>99,080</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>1,933,340</b>	<b>1,339,024</b>
<b>Contributions Received Directly at Areas:</b>										
DCA / Danida	HP/EP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pontifical Mission	GG/EA	-	45,000	-	-	-	-	-	45,000	50,001
Pontifical Mission/ex university and VTC graduates	GG/E&H	-	150,239	-	-	-	-	-	150,239	-
EED	HP/CD/EO	-	496,115	-	-	-	-	-	496,115	-
Church of Wales	GG	-	38,054	-	-	-	-	-	38,054	18,300
Finchurch Aid	ED	-	-	-	-	69,119	-	-	69,119	72,355
Mennonite		-	24,920	-	-	-	-	-	24,920	14,925

# Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR)

St. Colms Church of Scotland	CD	-	-	-	-	-	7,974	-	7,974	-
Church of Scotland	CD	-	-	-	-	-	3,189	-	3,189	-
Common Global Ministries Board of the United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)	CD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,950
World Vision International	CD	-	-	-	-	-	6,282	-	6,282	41,833
Canadian Embassy	CD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,500
International Labor Organization	CD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,000
Brtitish Embassy Lebanon	CD	-	-	-	-	-	18,580	-	18,580	-
Embrace the Middle East	CD	-	-	-	-	-	34,233	-	34,233	-
The Amos Trust	HP	-	15,849	-	-	-	-	-	15,849	17,148
Others		-	9,747	-	-	-	-	-	9,747	16,807
Grants (paid back to donor)			-						-	(24,375)
Pontifical Mission / relief and clinics	E&H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,459
DCA / Nutrition and health	E&H		-						-	397,177
DCA / Humanitarian 2011 - 2012	E&H		120,560						120,560	108,062
Donations in kind	E&H		420						420	17,059
ANERA	E&H		56,745						56,745	129,600
DCA / DANIDA / emergency humanitarian	E&H	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total contributions received directly by areas		-	957,649	-	-	69,119	70,258	-	1,097,026	940,801
Actions by Churches Together (PSE111)	E&H	-								1,191,870
Actions by Churches Together (PSE121)	E&H	-	52,779		30,000	-	-	16,578	99,357	-
(schedule of details below)										
Total of Actions by Churches Together		-	52,779	-	30,000	-	-	16,578	99,357	1,191,870
Total Grants		462,250	2,019,044	29,189	313,285	78,039	169,338	58,578	3,129,723	3,471,695

Program and other revenues (including difference of currency)	-	111,134	(6,258)	1,004	32,823	56,429	61	195,193	261,544	
Total Contributions and Revenues	462,250	2,130,178	22,931	314,289	110,862	225,767	58,639	3,324,916	3,733,239	
	Activity Legend:					Statement B				
	GG	General Grant			E&H	Emergency Appeal, Humanitarian & and food security				
	CD	Community Development			HP	Health Program				
	EP	Educational opportunities/ Program			AD	Advocacy/capacity				

Grants: Summary of grants of Actions by Churches Together	2012	2011
	USD	USD
Actions by Churches Together (PSE121)		
Lutheran World Relief	-	75,000
Christian Aid	54,411	67,420
Church of Sweden	-	459,770
Wider Church Ministries	-	10,000
Norwegian Church Aid - MFA	-	511,589
United Church Of Canada	20,000	68,091
Presbyterian World Service and Development Canada	24,945	-
	99,356	1,191,870

# Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR)



## Middle East Council of Churches / Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees Actual Vs Budget Vs Income Received Report for 2012

Area Committee		Proposed Budget	Revised Budget	Revised Budget 2	Actual	Income Received	Deviation	% Deviations
		2012	2012	2012	2012	2012		
	Programs							
<b>Gaza</b>								
	Projects promoting the health of the community	733,268.63	822,268.00	822,268.00	842,779.00		20,511.00-	2%
	Projects promoting educational opportunities	410,412.87	410,412.00	410,412.00	388,696.00		21,716.00	-5%
	Projects promoting community development	22,602.00	22,602.00	22,602.00	28,987.00		6,385.00-	28%
	Advocacy	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	999.00		1,501.00	-60%
	Administration	184,882.61	184,882.61	184,882.61	104,510.00		80,372.61	-43%
	<b>Sub Total Gross Budget /Expenditures for 2012</b>	<b>1,353,666.11</b>	<b>1,442,664.61</b>	<b>1,442,664.61</b>	<b>1,365,971.00</b>		<b>76,693.61</b>	<b>-5%</b>
	Less Local income	66,000.00-	120,000.00-	66,000.00-	133,084.00-		67,084.00-	102%
	<b>Sub Total NET Budget /Expenditures for 2012</b>	<b>1,287,666.11</b>	<b>1,322,664.61</b>	<b>1,376,664.61</b>	<b>1,232,887.00</b>	<b>1,270,720.00</b>	<b>37,833.00</b>	<b>-10%</b>
	Special Emergency Projects Expenses				618,234.00		618,234.00-	
	Depreciation Exp and Currency Differentials				66,386.00		66,386.00-	
	Sub Total Emergency Project / Depreciation and Currency Diff				684,620.00	748,324.00	63,704.00	
	<b>Total NET Budget /Expenditures for 2012</b>	<b>1,287,666.11</b>	<b>1,322,664.61</b>	<b>1,376,664.61</b>	<b>1,917,507.00</b>	<b>2,019,044.00</b>	<b>101,537.00</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>West Bank</b>								
	Community Development /Water Program	110,000.00	100,000.00	80,000.00	89,101.00		9,101.00-	11%
	Community Development /Education	80,000.00	125,000.00	125,000.00	126,969.00		1,969.00-	2%
	Food Security core Budget	159,520.00	135,000.00	98,000.00	114,589.00		16,589.00-	17%
	Advocacy	40,000.00	20,000.00	-			-	
	Administration	105,000.00	105,000.00	105,000.00	104,047.00		953.00	-1%
	<b>Sub Total Gross Budget /Expenditures for 2012</b>	<b>494,520.00</b>	<b>485,000.00</b>	<b>408,000.00</b>	<b>434,706.00</b>		<b>26,706.00-</b>	<b>7%</b>
	Less Local income	-	10,000.00-	10,000.00-	10,000.00-		-	0%
	<b>Sub Total NET Budget /Expenditures for 2012</b>	<b>494,520.00</b>	<b>475,000.00</b>	<b>398,000.00</b>	<b>424,706.00</b>	<b>364,998.00</b>	<b>59,708.00-</b>	<b>-14%</b>
	Currency Differentials				1,004.00-		1,004.00-	
	<b>Total NET Budget /Expenditures for 2012</b>	<b>494,520.00</b>	<b>475,000.00</b>	<b>398,000.00</b>	<b>423,702.00</b>	<b>364,998.00</b>	<b>58,704.00-</b>	<b>-14%</b>
<b>Jordan</b>								
	Health Education	37,401.00	37,401.00	31,865.00	34,799.00		(2,934.00)	9%
	Educational opportunities	59,294.00	59,294.00	54,617.00	54,970.00		(353.00)	1%
	community development	77,769.00	77,769.00	21,800.00	19,205.00		2,595.00	-12%
	Child Welfare Program	20,000.00	20,000.00	14,400.00	16,052.00		(1,652.00)	11%
	Advocacy	2,500.00	2,500.00	1,230.00	1,229.00		1.00	-0%
	Educational Program -FCA	50,847.00	50,847.00	52,000.00	65,963.00		(13,963.00)	27%
	Administration	40,594.82	40,594.82	33,525.00	37,134.00		(3,609.00)	11%
	<b>Sub Total Gross Budget /Expenditures for 2012</b>	<b>288,405.82</b>	<b>288,405.82</b>	<b>209,437.00</b>	<b>229,352.00</b>		<b>19,915.00-</b>	<b>10%</b>
	Less Local Income	15,000.00-	15,000.00-	15,000.00-	32,823.00-		17,823.00	119%
	<b>Sub Total NET Budget /Expenditures for 2012</b>	<b>273,405.82</b>	<b>273,405.82</b>	<b>194,437.00</b>	<b>196,529.00</b>	<b>205,039.00</b>	<b>8,510.00</b>	<b>4%</b>
	Special Emergency Projects Expenses			-	9,000.00	9,000.00	-	
	<b>Total NET Budget /Expenditures for 2012</b>	<b>273,405.82</b>	<b>273,405.82</b>	<b>194,437.00</b>	<b>205,529.00</b>	<b>214,039.00</b>	<b>8,510.00</b>	<b>4%</b>

# Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR)

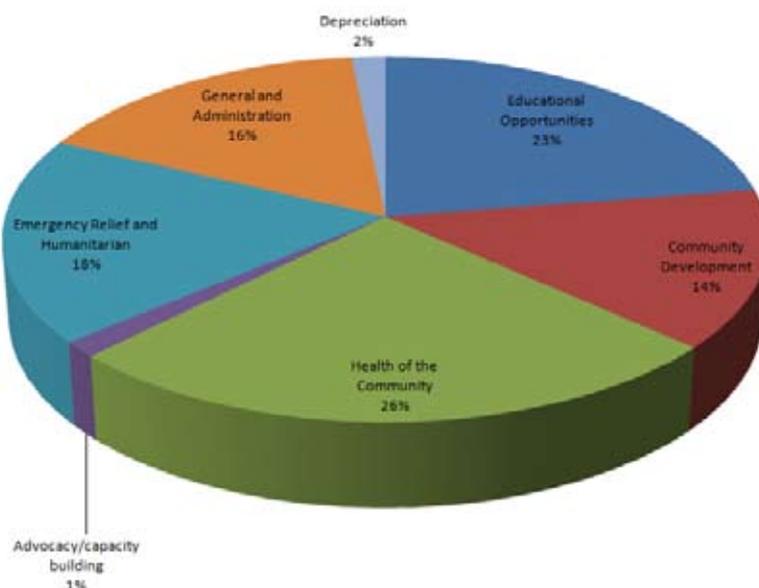
Area Committee		Proposed Budget	Revised Budget	Revised Budget 2	Actual	Income Received	Deviation	% Deviations
		2012	2012	2012	2012	2012		
Programs								
<b>Nazareth</b>								
	Project for Dealing with drop out young girls -Acre	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	26,498.00		8,502.00	-24%
	Establishment & Activating of Multicultural Youth Clubs in Mixed Cities	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	14,240.00		5,760.00	-29%
	An Intervention Program in Arab Mixed Villages in Galilee (Interfaith program follow up)	18,000.00	18,000.00	18,000.00	12,764.00		5,236.00	-29%
	Advocacy and Awareness Raising for groups and partners though visits and emails carried out	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	6,505.00		3,495.00	-35%
	Conference for Arab and Jewish professionals conference	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	28,772.00		1,228.00	-4%
	Administration	44,293.00	44,293.00	44,293.00	48,663.00		4,370.00-	10%
	<b>Sub Total Gross Budget /Expenditures for 2012</b>	<b>157,293.00</b>	<b>157,293.00</b>	<b>157,293.00</b>	<b>137,442.00</b>	<b>125,210.00</b>	<b>12,232.00-</b>	<b>-8%</b>
	Currency Differentials				6,258.00		6,258.00-	
	<b>Total NET Budget /Expenditures for 2012</b>	<b>157,293.00</b>	<b>157,293.00</b>	<b>157,293.00</b>	<b>143,700.00</b>	<b>125,210.00</b>	<b>18,490.00-</b>	<b>-13%</b>
<b>Lebanon</b>								
	Sabra Center	81,351.00	81,351.00	67,350.00	106,366.00		39,016.00-	58%
	Saida Center	34,206.00	33,706.00	33,100.00	38,627.00		5,527.00-	17%
	Computer , Electronic Programs	39,642.00	37,034.00	38,240.00	28,181.00		10,059.00	-26%
	The tyre Agriculture Center	28,347.00	26,347.00	23,350.00	16,804.00		6,546.00	-28%
	Dbayeh Camp	46,100.00	35,725.00	45,400.00	92,399.00		46,999.00-	104%
	Administration	56,316.00	56,316.00	56,320.00	34,469.00		21,851.00	-39%
	<b>Sub Total Gross Budget /Expenditures for 2012</b>	<b>285,962.00</b>	<b>270,479.00</b>	<b>263,760.00</b>	<b>316,846.00</b>	<b>245,188.00</b>	<b>71,658.00-</b>	<b>20%</b>
	Less Local income	22,200.00-	23,600.00-	42,130.00-	56,429.00-		14,299.00	34%
	<b>Total Net Budget/Expenditures for 2012</b>	<b>263,762.00</b>	<b>246,879.00</b>	<b>221,630.00</b>	<b>260,417.00</b>	<b>245,188.00</b>	<b>15,229.00-</b>	<b>-6%</b>
<b>Central office</b>								
	Salaries & Benefits	138,469.35	138,469.35	139,150.00	131,062.00		8,088.00	-6%
	Office Expenses	64,530.65	64,530.65	61,480.00	64,973.00		3,493.00-	6%
	Capital Expenditures	5,000.00	5,000.00	4,000.00	3,478.00		522.00	-13%
	<b>Sub Total 1 Gross Budget /Expenditures for 2012</b>	<b>208,000.00</b>	<b>208,000.00</b>	<b>204,630.00</b>	<b>199,513.00</b>		<b>5,117.00</b>	<b>-3%</b>
	Committee Meetings	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	31,002.00		1,002.00-	3%
	Capacity Building ( Consultants & Workshops)	15,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	6,394.00		1,394.00-	28%
	<b>Sub Total 2 Gross Budget /Expenditures for 2012</b>	<b>253,000.00</b>	<b>243,000.00</b>	<b>239,630.00</b>	<b>236,909.00</b>	<b>161,309.00</b>	<b>75,600.00-</b>	<b>-32%</b>
	Depreciation			-	9,763.00		9,763.00-	
	<b>Total Net Budget/Expenditures for 2012</b>	<b>253,000.00</b>	<b>243,000.00</b>	<b>239,630.00</b>	<b>246,672.00</b>	<b>161,309.00</b>	<b>85,363.00-</b>	<b>-35%</b>
<b>Summary 2012</b>								
		Proposed Net Budget	Revised Net Budget	Revised Net Budget 2	Actual	Income Received	Deviation	% Deviations
		2012	2012	2012	2012	2012		
	DSPR Gaza	1,287,666.11	1,322,664.61	1,376,664.61	1,917,507.00	2,019,044.00	101,537.00	5%
	DSPR West Bank	494,520.00	475,000.00	398,000.00	423,702.00	364,998.00	(58,704.00)	-14%
	DSPR Jordan	273,405.82	273,405.82	194,437.00	205,529.00	214,039.00	8,510.00	4%
	DSPR Nazareth	157,293.00	157,293.00	157,293.00	143,700.00	125,210.00	(18,490.00)	-13%
	DSPR Lebanon	263,762.00	246,879.00	221,630.00	260,417.00	245,188.00	(15,229.00)	-6%
	DSPR Central Office	253,000.00	243,000.00	239,630.00	246,672.00	161,309.00	(85,363.00)	-35%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>2,729,646.93</b>	<b>2,718,242.43</b>	<b>2,587,654.61</b>	<b>3,197,527.00</b>	<b>3,129,788.00</b>	<b>(67,739.00)</b>	<b>-2%</b>

# Middle East Council of Churches

## Department of Service for Palestine Refugees

### Program Expenses By Sector Year Ended December 31, 2012

	Total 2012 USD
Program Expenses	
Educational Opportunities	765,607
Community Development	477,105
Health of the Community	877,578
Advocacy/capacity building	47,177
Emergency Relief and Humanitarian	618,234
General and Administration	552,273
Depreciation	54,681
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>3,392,655</b>



### Employees Statistics 2012

	Total # of Employees			Gender		Education			
	Full Time	Part Time	Total	Females	Males	High B.A & Above	Medium Diploma	Tawjihi	LOWER
DSPR AC's									
GAZA	85	11	96	44	52	53	22	11	10
WEST BANK	5	3	8	3	5	7	1	0	0
JORDAN	14	2	16	11	5	5	6	5	0
LEBANON	23	27	50	30	20	24	10	4	12
NAZARETH	2	2	4	2	2	2	1	1	0
Central Office	4	1	5	3	2	3	2	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Percentages</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>26%</b>		<b>52%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>12%</b>





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