



Al-Magazi Cultural Center, Al-Magazi Refugee Camp - Gaza

BOX (I): The Palestinian NGO Project (PNGO)

About PNGO Project

Since its inception in 1997 the PNGO Project has helped Palestinian non-governmental organizations to perform a critical role in delivering economic and social services to the poor and marginalized in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The PNGO Project has three main objectives: to deliver services to the poor and marginalized in Palestinian society, to improve the institutional capacities of NGOs receiving grants under the project, and to support efforts by the Palestinian NGO sector to strengthen their working relationships.

In the year 2006 the PNGO Project focused on developing and institutionalizing the NGO Development Center, known as Markaz Tatweer, and preparing for the third phase of the PNGO Project (PNGO III Project). Markaz Tatweer became operational in November 2006. This new entity grew out of and builds on the achievements of the Palestinian NGO sector under the recently-completed PNGO I/II Projects of the Welfare Association Consortium, which successfully invested \$50 million from the World Bank and other donors into the Palestinian NGO sector.

Achievements in 2006

The Grants Program disbursement exceeded \$4 million in the year 2006. Major achievements included the completion of all 24 projects from the additional funding of the grants programs, 19 development grants projects, 25 urgent development grants, and all of the 43 emergency job creation projects in Gaza funded by the Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD). An agreement was signed with the AFD for funding a second phase of the job creation project in the West Bank and Gaza for a total allocation of 6 million Euros.

Emergency Projects

Four of the 24 emergency projects in Gaza funded by the Swiss Development Agency were completed. On December 20, 2006 the Swiss Development Agency signed an additional \$280,000 grant agreement for the rehabilitation of 20 to 40 kindergartens in Gaza. In addition, all 43 sub-projects of the first phase of the Agence Francaise de Developpement job creation program were completed; work is focused on the implementation of the second phase of the project in the West Bank and Gaza.



Preparing Yarn for Traditional Rug Looming

Counseling Center for Women in Difficult Circumstances (CCWDC)

The construction component of the project was completed in December 2006, and the technical assistance component focused on recruiting shelter staff including orientation and training. Work also included finalizing operational policies of the center to be handed over to the Ministry of Social Affairs following the completion of the transitional period.

Sector Support Program

UNIFIED Health Insurance Program: 42 new NGOs joined the program with a total of 3,855 individuals; the total number of beneficiaries from UNIFIED till the end of the year 2006 reached 22,362 individuals from 108 NGOs. In regards to the Ijadeh project, 8 small grants were completed and technical assistance projects were provided to a number of NGOs. The first Bazaar for Palestinian NGOs' hand-made products was held in Jerusalem and Ramallah.

The first draft of the NGO Code of Ethics was finalized. The Project facilitated the process of organizing seven workshops (4 in the West Bank and 3 in Gaza) during the month of June to discuss the NGO proposed code of ethics with different stakeholders and to endorse it.

There were 234 NGO members of the Palestinian NGO Portal, Masader by the end of the year 2006. After the enrollment of Masader as a member in the Guide Star Alliance (GSA), Palestine becomes the third country to join the alliance after the US and the UK.

Urgent Development Grants

The last three projects were closed of the total 25 urgent development grants projects. These projects involved: 1) constructing a medical center in Azzoun, Qalqilia for primary health care services and maternity services, 2) conducting counseling workshops for people suffering from life hardships and for abused children, and 3) equipping two computer

Activities



Al Beit Al Samed Women Center in Gaza

Economic Development Sector

Supporting women and youth in starting up and developing their businesses and income-generating projects

Sector Overview

Economic development should guarantee adequate economic wealth for all citizens within the diverse layers of society for sustainable quality of life.

Welfare Association is interested in maximizing the impact of economic development projects by supporting an entrepreneurial approach to benefit the lives of the marginalized, and particularly women. Traditionally, WA adopted a strategy to enhance economic development through four major initiatives:

- 1- Supporting women's home-based industries;
- 2- Supporting the development of cooperatives;
- 3- Supporting business start-ups and development, and business incubation services, and facilitating access to credit through micro-finance institutions (MFIs); and
- 4- Supporting economic research.

Over the years, WA has supported tens of women's projects in embroidery and handicrafts, food processing, and other endeavors, as well as women's



Hand-made Products from Projects that Help Support Rural Villages

cooperatives in marginalized areas. Major funds for micro-credit were provided in recent years, and the production of a number of micro and macro up-to-date economic data and recommendations were supported.

Economic development sector projects embrace all four of WA's major tracks: the development of human resources; the strengthening of institutional capacities; the promotion of Palestinian culture and identity; and effectively responding to emergency needs.

Activities in 2006

Welfare Association implemented 13 different projects in the Economic Development Sector with total expenditure of \$225,613. Most projects in the sector aimed at the economic empowerment of women.

Major achievements in this sector included:

- 9 job creation and empowerment projects for women in the refugee camps in Lebanon, in the Naqab, and in the West Bank.
- Economic sector strategies were developed for Jerusalem and a study of the informal sector in Palestine was sponsored.
- An automated production line for dairy products was established at a local cooperative factory.



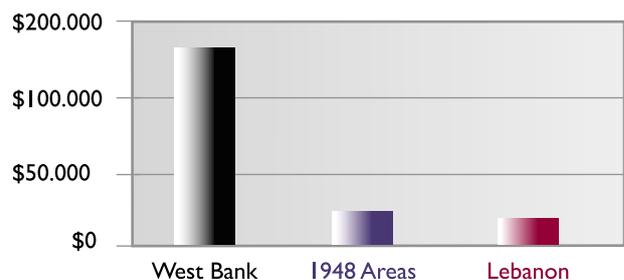
Farkha Charitable Society - Hebron



Vocational Training, Abasan - Gaza

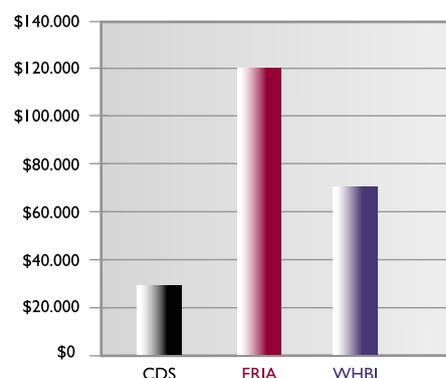
Projects and Expenditure According to Geographic Location:

Most projects in 2006 were implemented in the West Bank (11) with a disbursement of \$180,612. There was one project implemented in 1948 areas for \$23,000 and one project in Lebanon with total expenditure of \$22,000.



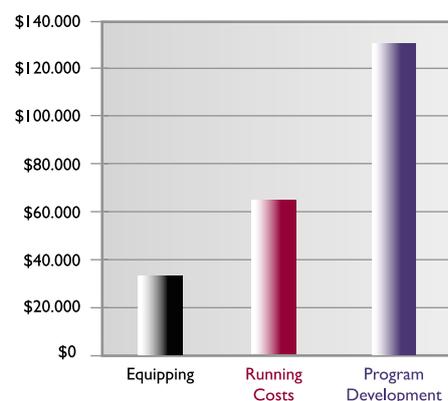
Projects and Expenditure According to Sub-Sector:

The largest sub-sector was Women's Home-Based Industries (WHBI) with 9 projects and \$72,000 disbursements in 2006. These included projects in food processing, dress-making, embroidery, and handicrafts. In the Economic Research Institutes and Activities (ERIA) Sub-sector, two projects were implemented for a total disbursement of \$119,912; they included EU support to the Monitoring and Coordination Unit to follow up on developmental strategies and plans for East Jerusalem, as well as support for a study of the large Informal Sector in Palestine. In the Cooperative Development and Support (CDS) Sub-sector, one project was implemented, adding a new production line for cheese at an NGO dairy factory in Nablus, with a corresponding disbursement of \$33,600.



Projects and Expenditure According to Type of Intervention:

Six projects in 2006 involved supporting Program Development in the economic development sector with a total disbursement of \$129,912. The second largest major expenditure was \$62,100 spent on covering running costs. One project involved equipment expenditure for \$33,600.



2006 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECTOR PROJECTS – BENEFICIARIES LIST

West Bank:

Development of needlework and embroidery: **Beit Duqqu Development Society** ■ Development of food production projects: **Kafr Jamal Charitable Women Society- Tulkarem** ■ Establishing monitoring and coordination unit (MCU): **Welfare Association** ■ Introducing new cheese production line: **Al Zakah Committee – Nablus** ■ Job creation and training of women in embroidery: **Al Nahda Charitable Society, Beit Surik for Rural Development, Ina'ash Al-Usra Society** ■ Job creation for women in traditional handicraft.: **Union of Women's Working Committee** ■ Job creation for women in food industry: **YWCA – Jericho** ■ Phase 3 in economic structure research: **Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute**

1948 Areas:

Naqab empowerment program: **Sidra Association**

Lebanon:

Support the production activities for women in Palestinian communities and camps: **Association for the Development of Palestinians camps**

Activities



The Arab Democratic Jaffa School

Education Sector

Secure expanded and equitable access to quality education for all Palestinians

Sector Overview

Since its establishment in 1983, WA has administered around \$85 million in funding to the Education Sector. It has supported a wide range of activities in early childhood education and development (ECED), formal basic school education (primary and secondary school), vocational education and training (VET), higher education (HE), non-formal education, and adult and continuing education.

WA's work in education ultimately aims to facilitate expanded and equitable access to quality education for all Palestinians, particularly the most vulnerable and marginalized. WA understands quality education, in its broadest sense, as a learning process which enhances life opportunities and choices for individuals and communities and supports the realization of their individual and collective potential.

Work in the Education Sector embraces all four of WA's major tracks: the development of human resources; the strengthening of institutional capacities; the promotion of Palestinian culture and identity; and effectively responding to emergency needs.



Youth Empowerment Program - Jerusalem



Al-Salahiya School - Nablus

In recent years, most funds for education (roughly 95%) have been designated for emergency needs. Generous contributions from the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, in particular, ensured continued operations of the Palestinian higher education system at a time when lack of financial resources threatened its collapse, and supported needed construction and rehabilitation of schools.

Despite the ongoing emergency demands, the WA recognizes that enhancing the quality of education requires long-term investment in human resources. WA is uniquely placed to mobilize resources in support of creativity and innovation in the education field. As an independent Palestinian foundation, WA seeks to direct its support for education to the protection and expansion of open spaces and opportunities for dynamic exchange and critique, independent thought, freedom of expression, the development of alternative visions and the production of knowledge which empowers and liberates.

Activities in 2006

In the year 2006, Welfare Association implemented 116 different projects in the Education Sector with disbursements of \$17.85 million. More than 50,000 children and students benefited from these programs.

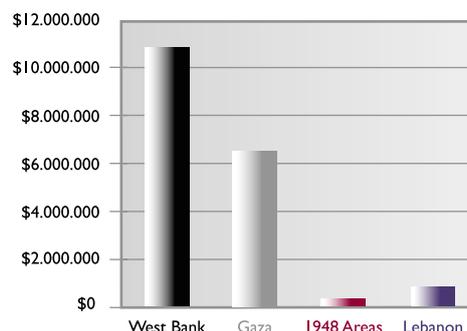
Major achievements in this sector included:

- In ECED: Supporting the operation and development of 17 KGs serving over 600 children.

- In Formal School Education: Construction and rehabilitation of 9 schools serving more than 2,000 students; providing alternative curriculum materials to all Palestinian schools in the 1948 areas.
- In VET: Supporting 9 vocational training centers serving around 1,500 students.
- In HE: Supporting the defraying of tuition for more than 30,000 students in all 34 higher education institutions. In addition, supporting the salaries of two universities for one month to ensure the continuity of programs to more than 15,000 students. 2 universities were also supported with the construction of multi-purpose and student activity halls.

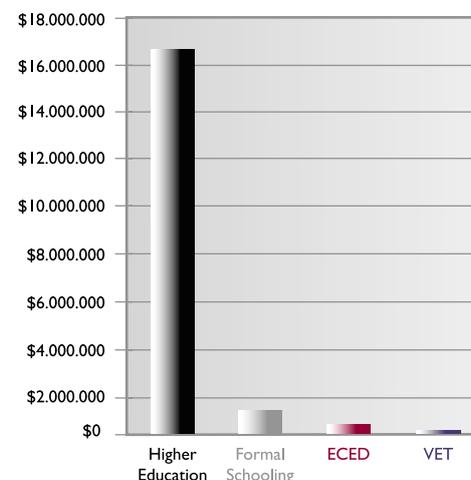
Projects and Expenditure According to Geographic Location:

The West Bank had the largest share of education projects in 2006 with 67 projects implemented at a cost of \$10.8 million. 1948 areas had the smallest share, only 2 projects implemented with a corresponding disbursement of \$100,000.



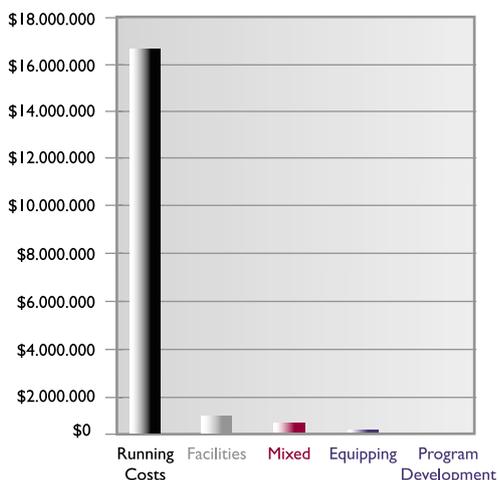
Projects and Expenditure According to Sub-Sector:

75 projects in the area of higher education with a corresponding disbursement of \$16.6 million were implemented in 2006, most of which provided funds to colleges and universities to defray student tuition costs. A total of 41 projects were implemented in 2006 in the remaining three sub-sectors of Early Childhood Education and Development, Formal Schooling, and Vocational Education and Training, with corresponding disbursements totaling \$1.3 million.



Projects and Expenditure According to Type of Intervention:

Supporting running costs of educational institutions constituted the majority of projects implemented in 2006 with 79 projects and a corresponding disbursement of \$16.4 million. Around \$0.7 million was spent on 11 projects related to building or renovating facilities. 23 projects were implemented that had holistic or mixed interventions with a disbursement of \$0.5 million.



2006 EDUCATION SECTOR PROJECTS – BENEFICIARIES LIST

West Bank

Adaptation of Abu Jihad vocational training center: **Abu Jihad College for vocational Training** □ Constructing facilities for Women Studies Institute: **Birzeit University** □ Constructing multi-purpose hall at Birzeit University: **Birzeit University** □ Covering unpaid salaries for academic institution employees: **Birzeit University, Al Quds University** □ Defraying tuition cost and living expenses of needy students and providing scholarships for students at higher education institutions: **American Arab University, An Najah University, Hebron University, Bethlehem University, Hebron Polytechnic University, Al Quds Open University, Modern Community College, Palestine Nursing College, Hebron Nursing College, Maqased Nursing College, Hisham Hijawi College, Ibn Sina Nursing College, Palestine Technical College - Tulkarem, Al-Rawdah Technical Community College, Palestine Technical College – Arub, A'ndalib Al-A'mad College for Midwifery and Nursing, Palestine Intermediate Community College, Al Ibrahimia Community College, Health Community College-Ramallah, Palestine Technical College for Girls, An Najah Community College, Talita Kumi College, Hala Atallah fund for scholarships, Wajdi Abu Gharbia Institute** □ Developing Dar Al-Aytam school in Jerusalem: **Dar Al Aytam School** □ Developing of Islamic Charitable National Society school: **Islamic Charitable National Society – Bethlehem** □ Equipping the student activities center at Hebron University: **Hebron University** □ Establishing Bizreh- IT information center at Birzeit University : **Birzeit University** □ Establishment of child nursery: **Culture Social Charitable Society- Nablus** □ Establishment of internet network at schools: **Ministry of Education** □ Establishment of Rawhi Melhas school: **Nablus Municipality** □ Financial support for needy families: **Deir AL-Ghusan Charitable Society- Tulkarem** □ Integration of hearing impaired children in mainstream education: **Central National Committee for Rehabilitation- Jerusalem** □ Renovation and equipping the computer lab at Ajja Girls Secondary School: **Ministry of Education** □ Renovation of Ghassan Kanafani KG: **Union of Palestinian Women's Committee's** □ Renovation of the vocational training center: **YMCA – Jericho** □ Support for Regional IT Center - Silet El-Thaher: **Joint Service Committee** □ Support schools in Jerusalem: **Al - Awqaf Al Islamia**

Gaza

Adaptation of vocational training centers: **Gaza YMCA** □ Construction of Sami Alami school : **Ministry of Education** □ Defraying tuition cost and living expenses of needy students: **Al Aqsa University, Islamic University, Al Azhar University, Rafah Community College, Palestine College for Nursing, Science and Technology College, Palestine Technical Colleges, Gaza Community College, Alazhar Intermediate Community College, Arab Community College** □ Developing children's educational program: **Palestinian Women Union Khan Younis** □ Support Gaza College for Studies: **Gaza Community College** □ Upgrading a kindergarten in Beit Lahia: **Dar Al-Huda Society.**

1948 Area

Alternative terminology program : **The Association for Research And development- Ibn Khaldoun** □ Development of Jaffa Arab School: **The League of Jaffa Arabs**

Lebanon

Developing Jlal vocational center: **National Association of Social Medical Care and Vocational Training** □ Early childhood development program: **Medical Aid for Palestine – Canada** □ Preschool education for Palestinian refugee children : **National Foundation for Health Social and Educational Services, Ghassan Kanafai Foundation, Nabila Barir Educational Institute, Palestinian Women Union** □ Provisional training and rehabilitation for youth: **National Association for Vocational and Social Services** □ Renovation of Inaash KG in Wavel Camp : **Association for the Revival of Palestinian Camps (INA'ACH)** □ Support Bourj El-Shemali center: **National Association of Social Medical Care and Vocational Training** □ Supporting the sponsorship program for needy students : **Association for the Revival of Palestinian Camps (INA'ACH)** □ Supporting National Association for vocational and social services: **National Association for Vocational and Social Services** □ Supporting the educational services of Bourj El Shemali KG: **National Institute for Social Care and Vocational Training** □ Supporting the Ein El-Hilweh KG: **Al Najda Association** □ Supporting the university education loans program: **Palestinian Student Fund** □ Supporting the vocational training program: **National Association for Vocational and Social Services** □ Supporting three KG and capacity building: **Association for the Revival of Palestinian Camps (INA'ACH)**

Activities



Medical Relief Committees

Health and Nutrition Sector

Facilitate expanded and equitable access to quality health services for all Palestinians

Sector Overview

Projects implemented in this important sector included both developmental as well as emergency projects. Projects included: a) Infrastructural and construction projects for which WA invested more than \$10 million in Bahrain Children's Hospital, Al Sheikh Zayed Hospital, Abu Raya Rehabilitation Center, Al Wafa Hospital, and Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation; b) Equipping and furnishing projects totalling more than \$8 million to equip 100 hospitals and clinics; c) Medications and medical supplies disbursement projects disbursing around \$2 million in 2006; d) Specialized units establishment and development projects such as the Cancer and Kidney wards at Augusta Victoria Hospital in Jerusalem; e) Human Resources Development projects such as the specialized training of doctors at Jordanian University, and; f) Strategic, coordination, and empowerment projects such as the establishment of the East Jerusalem Hospitals Coordination Network, and the support to the development of the National Health Plan



Head Injury Unit at Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation



Al-Wafa Medical Rehabilitation Hospital

The Health Sector represented a major area for WA programming in 2006 as in other years, with total disbursements amounting to \$5,525,894. Work came under three of WA's main programmatic tracks: strengthening institutional capacities (50%), effectively responding to emergency needs (37%) and special assistance to Palestinians in Lebanon (11%). There was modest health-related funding in a fourth track: development of human resources (2%).

Welfare Association has sought to assist the NGO sector in developing specialized health facilities and services, as well as health services for the poor and marginalized, which complement without duplicating public sector health care services. Assistance was given for preventive and primary health care, and secondary and tertiary care as well as the community environment for health. Emergency support to the Health Sector addressed acute medical needs of all providers.

Health projects can be classified into 4 sub-sectors: Governmental hospitals and clinics, NGO's hospitals and clinics, rehabilitation centers and services, and school health and nutrition.

The majority of the health interventions in 2006 supported the governmental hospitals and clinics through improvements in infrastructure and re-supply with needed medical equipment, medications and disposable supplies that could not be provided by their existing budgets. The public sector crisis was largely due to the financial shortfall facing the new Palestinian government after the donor boycott and Israel's denial of tax revenue transfers. A public sector workers' strike further curtailed services and created increased demand for NGO health services, which struggled to meet the population's needs

Major donors for the sector were the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Arab Monetary Fund, BADEA, OPEC, the Kuwait Fund, the Committee for the Support of the Palestinian People (Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry), the European Union, the Foundation of the Open Society Institute, the UK Community Fund/Big Lottery, WA-UK and earmarked and unrestricted private donations. Funds were also raised through special WA campaigns: Aqsa Emergency Fund, Rafah Relief Campaign and the Jerusalem Week Event (Dubai).

Activities in 2006

In 2006, Welfare Association implemented 74 projects in the Health and Nutrition Sector with disbursements worth \$5.5 million.

Major achievements in the sector included:

- In medical services: several hundred Palestinian refugees in Lebanon in need of medications, surgery or dialysis due to chronic disease were assisted with the costs of their medical treatment and care.
- Emergency medications: needed medications were purchased for government and NGO health facilities in order to help provide care for poor patients in the West Bank and Gaza.
- Nutrition: school children in Gaza were provided with supplemental food through a school nutritional program implemented with ANERA.
- Construction of health facilities: the Bahrain Children's Hospital in Ramallah will be completed in 2007 as a major pediatric medical center linked with other Ramallah hospitals.
- Specialized services: 5 Jerusalem hospitals were provided with specialized equipment for expanded services in eye surgery, chemotherapy, obstetric surgery, equipment sterilization and in health management information systems (HMIS); a head trauma unit in the Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation was completed.
- Community-based rehabilitation services: al-Wafa Hospital was able to complete a major building project to expand its comprehensive rehabilitation services; a major 3-year program to support social inclusion of the disabled refugees and serving about 350 children in Lebanon neared completion in 2006.



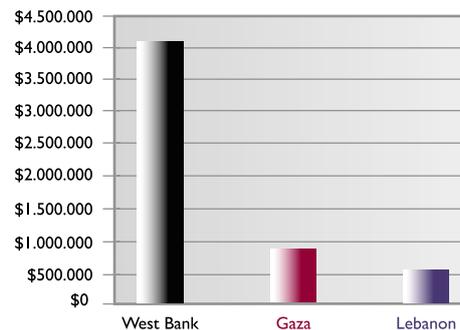
Al-Awda Hospital - Beit Lahya



Bahrain Children's Hospital in Ramallah under Construction.

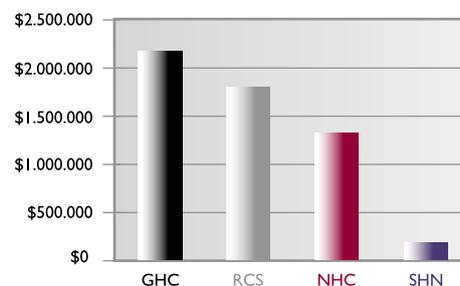
Projects and Expenditure According to Geographic Location:

Welfare Association implemented 74 projects in the health sphere in 2006: 23 in Lebanon with a total disbursement of \$685,276. In the West Bank and Jerusalem 34 projects were implemented with total disbursement of \$4,147,347. In Gaza 17 projects were implemented with total disbursement of \$921,712. Twenty-eight projects were completed during the year and 45 are ongoing.



Projects and Expenditure According to Sub-Sector:

Governmental Hospitals and Clinics (GHC) had the largest share of funds in 2006 with total disbursement of approximately \$2.2 million. The second largest sub-sector is Rehabilitation Centers and Services (RCS) with total disbursement of \$1.86 million followed by NGO Hospitals and Clinics (NHC) with total disbursement of \$1.40 million and finally School Health and Nutrition (SHN) with total disbursement of \$72,700.



2006 HEALTH SECTOR PROJECTS – BENEFICIARIES LIST

West Bank:

Adaptations of schools and houses of the disabled: **Regional Committee for Community Based Rehabilitation, Palestinian Housing Council** □ Awareness and preventive tests for women and children: **Palestinian Charitable Family Planning and Protection Society – Nablus** □ Breast cancer awareness program: **Palestine Polytechnic University – Hebron** □ Cancer awareness and counseling program: **Women's Center of Shu'fat Camp** □ Constructing and rehabilitation of Jeflick Clinic: **Palestinian Medical Relief Committee** □ Constructing children's cultural center: **Municipality of Hebron** □ Constructing health facilities: **Tarqumia Charitable Society, Patient Friends Society-Ya'bad** □ Construction and operation of the Bahrain Children's Hospital: **Ministry of Health** □ Construction of additional building to expand rehabilitation services: **Patients Friend Society-Ramallah** □ Coordination between East Jerusalem hospitals: **East Jerusalem Hospitals** □ Covering expenses of wheel chairs shipment: **Palestine Children's Relief Fund – Ramallah** □ Defraying cost of medical shipment: **ANERA** □ Defraying running costs: **Charitable Association for Elderly and the Handicapped, Future Youth Institute** □ Development of cancer diagnostic center: **Augusta Victoria Hospital** □ Establishment of Head Injury Unit: **Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation** □ Financial support for needy families: **Al Zakah Committee-Qalqiliya** □ Improving the information data base in health sector: **Health, Development, Information and Policy Institute** □ Providing medical equipment for hospitals and health centers: **Hospitals, Clinics and Medical Centers** □ Provision of kitchen equipment: **Charitable Association for Elderly and the Handicapped** □ Purchasing anesthesia equipment: **Al Zakah Committee – Nablus** □ Support care services for mothers and children: **Princess Basma Center for Disabled Children** □ Support for vitreo-retinal specialized services: **St. John Eye Hospital** □ Training Palestinian doctors: **Al-Makassed Islamic Charitable Society** □ Upgrading chemotherapy unit and HNIS system: **Augusta Victoria Hospital** □ Upgrading operating room and HMIS system based: **Palestinian Red Crescent Maternity Hospital** □ Upgrading school-based care: **Princess Basma Center for Disabled Children** □ Upgrading sterilization unit: **St. Joseph Hospital** □ Urgent medical needs in Palestine: **Hospitals and Medical Clinics**

Gaza:

Adaptations of schools and houses for the disabled: **Islamic Relief Association, Jabalia Rehabilitation Society, The Social and Training Center, Community College of Applied Science and Technology** □ Construction of additional building to expand rehabilitation services: **Al-Wafa Rehabilitation Society** □ Development of multi-purpose hall: **Society for the Handicapped** □ Development of the rehabilitation services: **Coordination Committee of Community Rehabilitation Centers** □ Food supplement program for school children: **ANERA** □ Integrated services for the disabled: **Al-Wafa Rehabilitation Society, Coordination Committee for Rehabilitation Centers** □ Provision of medical equipment: **Ministry of Health** □ Renovating facilities: **Society for the Handicapped** □ Support for medical rehabilitation and outreach program in Khan Younis: **Al-Wafa Rehabilitation Society** □ Support of community based rehabilitation : **National Society for Rehabilitation-Gaza** □ Training of social workers - school counselors: **National Society for Rehabilitation** □ Upgrading school for deaf students: **Deir Al-Balah Rehabilitation Society**

Lebanon:

Covering the expenses of kidney dialysis section at Al Hamashari Hospital: **Health Care Society** □ Improved access to education for disabled children in Lebanon: **Women's Humanitarian Organization, Social Association for the Handicapped, An Nahda Society for the Handicapped, Palestine Disability Forum, Nabeel Badran Handicapped Center, Abu-Jihad Al-Wazir Institute For Rehabilitation, The Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Federation, Al-Karameh Association, UNRWA** □ Purchasing and distributing of medicines for chronic illness: **Health Care Society –Beirut** □ Rehabilitation of 12 Palestinian children: **Nabeel Badran Center for Handicapped** □ Rehabilitative care for 30 mentally disabled children in refugee camps: **Social Association for Rehabilitation of the Handicapped** □ Support deficit in the salaries of 15 employees at Mar Elias rehabilitation center: **The Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Federation** □ Support women center for Palestinian refugees in Beirut: **Popular Aid Society for Relief and Development** □ Treatment of poor Palestinian children major surgeries and chronic disease: **Health Care Society**

Activities

Al Asa'rdiya School – Old City of Jerusalem

Infrastructure, Housing and Buildings Sector

Support the construction, repair and rehabilitation of infrastructure, housing and historic sites and buildings

Sector Overview

Welfare Association has long been involved in the construction of significant infrastructure for service delivery in the various development sectors, particularly major facilities for education and health. However, with constant destruction and damages reported to infrastructure due to occupation policies and conflict, and the diversion of local government resources toward other needs, Welfare Association has been called upon increasingly to meet various emergency infrastructure and housing needs, including in Palestinian historic urban cores, and especially since 2000.

The majority of emergency housing repairs took place in the historical cities of Jaffa, Akka, Jerusalem and Nablus. In the Old City of Jerusalem infrastructure work included both emergency house repair and comprehensive rehabilitation of historic housing complexes, ahwash. In Gaza and Nablus the work included shelter rehabilitation in contemporary housing as well.

Dar Al-Aytam Al-Islamiya - Old City of Jerusalem

Infrastructure represented a major area for WA in 2006 in terms of funds disbursed, with \$3.225 million disbursed for repair of roads, housing, water and sewerage systems, including the completion of a multi-year building repair project begun in 2003 that totaled \$4 million.

WA worked with local partners such as regional emergency committees, neighborhood development committees, municipalities and village councils, non-governmental organizations, the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Construction (PECDAR) and the Ministry of Public Works and Housing.

In Jerusalem, Welfare Association directly implemented emergency housing repairs through the Old City of Jerusalem Revitalization Program (OCJRP) [See Box 2].

Major donors for the sector were the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Arab Monetary Fund, BADEA, Islamic Development Fund, and other earmarked and unrestricted private donations. Funds were also raised through a special WA Rafah Relief Campaign and a past fundraising event in Sharjah.

Activities in 2006

Infrastructure projects are classified into 3 subsectors: Housing, Infrastructure Rehabilitation, and Rehabilitation of Public Buildings and Sites. The geographical spread of the projects in 2006 was: Gaza (2), West Bank (9), Jerusalem (15) and the 1948 areas (6).

In 2006, Welfare Association implemented 32 different projects in the Infrastructure, Housing and Buildings Sector with disbursements totaling \$3.225 million. By region, the amount of funds disbursed was: West Bank (\$1.36 million), Gaza (\$.04 million), 1948 areas (\$.12 million), and Jerusalem (\$1.71 million). By sub-sector, the amount of funds disbursed was: Housing (\$1.59 million), Infrastructure Rehabilitation (\$1.02 million), Public Buildings & Sites (\$.62 million).

Restoring Historic Buildings in Jaffa



Major achievements in the sector included emergency repairs for the following:

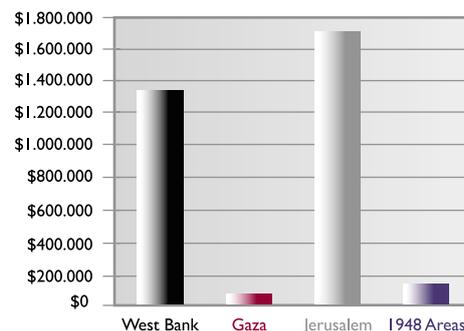
- Historic housing in old cities (2 cities)
- Emergency house needs in 3 old cities (75 houses)
- NGO serving the blind (Jerusalem)
- Road construction (Kharas, lbwain)
- Road repair (Rafah, Yaabad, Idna)
- Roof (Al-Aqsa)
- Water tanks (Naqoura village)



Old Buildings in Akka

Projects and Expenditure According to Geographic Location:

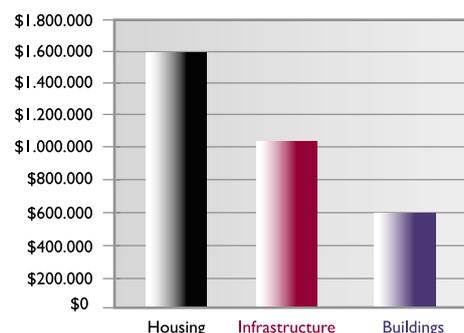
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Projects and Expenditure According to Sub-Sector:

By sub-sector, the number of projects disbursed was: Housing (13), Infrastructure Rehabilitation (8), Public Buildings & Sites (11).

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2006 INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSING AND BUILDINGS SECTOR PROJECTS – BENEFICIARIES LIST

West Bank:

Construction of water tank in Al-Naqoura Village: **Naqoura Village Council – Nablus** ■ Maintenance of homes: **Civil Committee of Nablus Governorate** ■ Rehabilitation of the Palestinian infrastructure: **Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Construction** ■ Rehabilitation of Yaabad internal roads: **Yabad Municipality – Jenin** ■ Reparation and rehabilitation of public houses: **Ministry of Public Works and Housing** ■ Reparation of damaged houses in Nablus: **Municipality of Nablus** ■ Road rehabilitation – lbwain: **Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Construction (PECDAR)** ■ Road rehabilitation - Ithna school: **Ithna Municipality – Hebron** ■ Road rehabilitation - Kharas school: **Kharas Municipality – Hebron**

Jerusalem:

AlAqsa wooden ceiling cladding: **AlAqsa Mosque** ■ Documentation of real estate residents of East Jerusalem ■ Restoration of Al Huda kindergarten: **Al Huda Kindergarten** ■ Restoration of 31 houses in Old City: **Residents of the Old City** ■ Restoration of Al Madrassa Al As'ardiya: **Al Madrassa Al As'ardiyya** ■ Restoration of Al Wa'th Wal Irshad: **Al Wa'th Wal Irshad** ■ Restoration of Assyrian Church: **Assyrian Church** ■ Restoration of blind society facility: **Blind Society** ■ Restoration of Dumyana Quptic school: **The Quptic Church** ■ Restoration of Islamic Museum: **Islamic Museum** ■ Restoration of Paul Monayyer house : **Paul Monayyer House** ■ Restoration of the African Quarter Phase3: **Residents of the African Quarter in Old City**

Gaza:

Rehabilitation of sewerage system in Rafah: **The Municipality of Rafah** ■ Rehabilitation the infrastructure of the roads in Rafah: **The Municipality of Rafah**

1948 Areas:

Houses reparation project: **The League of Jaffa Arabs, Akka Restoration Association, Social Development Society – Haifa**



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