

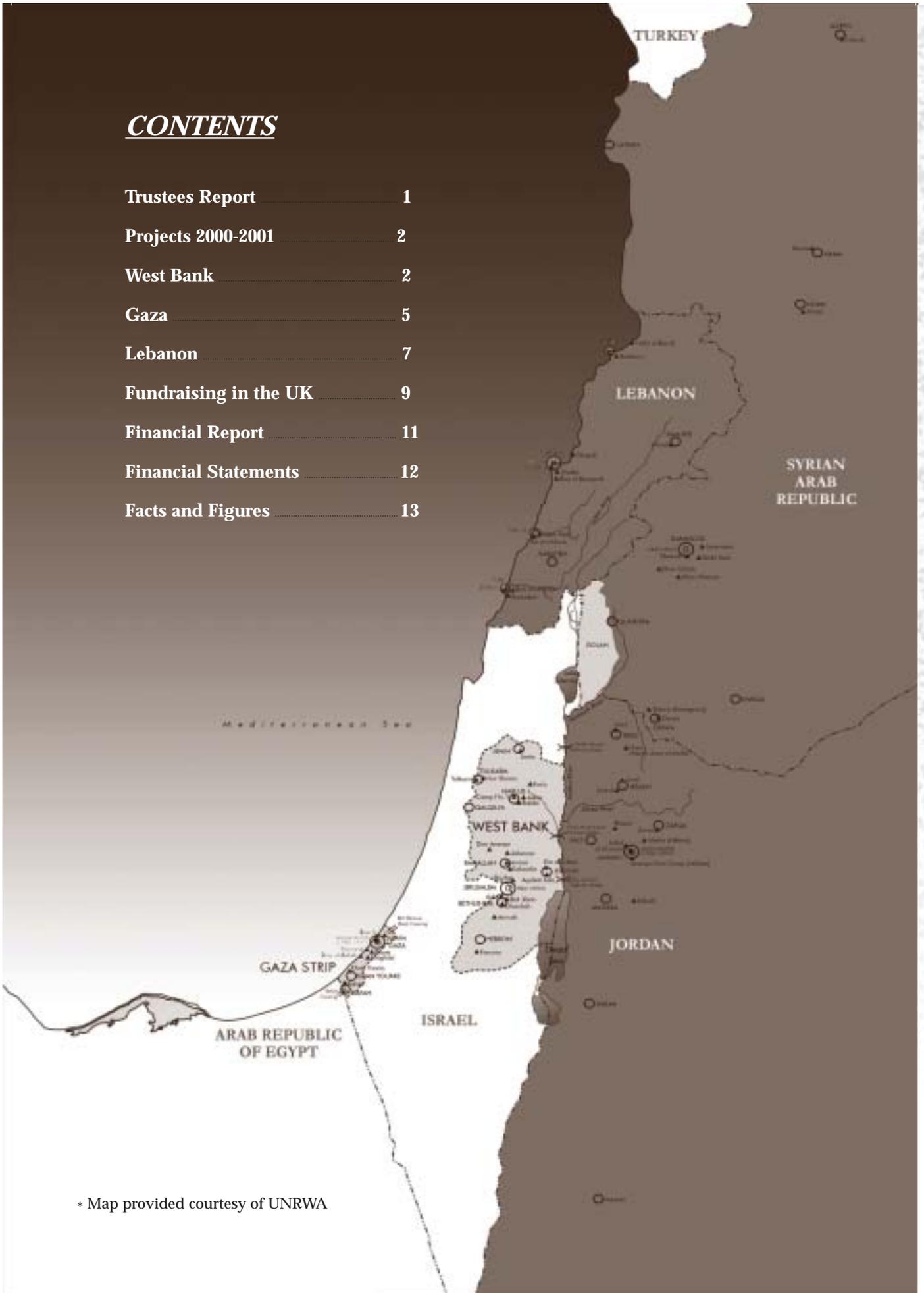
**WELFARE**  **ASSOCIATION**  
Supporting Humanitarian and Development Projects for Palestinians

# Annual Review 2001



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**I**n January 2001, The Welfare Association (UK) opened its first office and appointed a full-time development director, signifying the progression from its previous voluntary staffing. Initially efforts were focussed on maximising support for development projects in Palestine and in Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon; our mission being the advancement of education, the relief of sickness and the protection and preservation of health and the relief of poverty in Palestine, Israel, Lebanon and Jordan.

As a result of the conflict since September 2000 our work is urgently needed, the Palestinian economy is in severe recession. By the end of 2001 the per capita income had decreased by 31% with up to 50% of the population living below the poverty line (defined as US \$2 per person per day.) The physical damage to property and land was estimated at US \$305 million and gross national income losses US \$2.4 billion. Unemployment climbed from 10% of the workforce in September 2000 to 35% by the end of December 2001.

The reality of this has meant that living conditions throughout the West Bank and Gaza for approximately three million Palestinians have deteriorated dramatically, families and entire communities are enduring the worst situation in recent years. Unemployment and poverty have increased, medical services have been stretched to breaking point, schools have been disrupted, homes and agricultural land destroyed.

Conditions in many refugee camps, towns and cities in the West Bank have never been worse than at the time of writing (July 2002). Ordinary Palestinian children and families are

struggling to survive amidst the chaos of conflict. The Welfare Association has responded to the humanitarian needs by raising funds for emergency medical care, child trauma counselling, disability rehabilitation and agricultural restoration. We have also supported projects focussing on the longer-term educational needs of Palestinian children such as the Gaza Children's Club activities, upgrading labs in some West Bank schools, improvements to Kindergartens in the West Bank and children's art workshops run by the Palestinian National Theatre.

Almost half a million Palestinians are still residing in Lebanon, 382,973 are registered with UNRWA, and 56% of these refugees live in 12 UNRWA refugee camps. These refugees survive in the harshest conditions; a recent UNICEF survey showed that 43% of registered men and 92% of registered women were unemployed. Poverty and unemployment are high, and living conditions are extremely poor.

The Welfare Association has supported a number of projects in Lebanon including nurse training programmes, the relocation and refurbishment of a special needs centre for children in Mar Elias Camp and small grants to a special needs school for healthy meals and milk for the children, and helping a community centre to install air conditioning (with the exception of winter, the daily temperature can range from 30 to over 40 degrees).

Thanks to all of our supporters in 2001 we allocated £280,117 for projects in Palestine and Lebanon. Our sincere thanks to everyone who has helped us throughout the year, our work relies entirely on you.

***D. Freeman***

***The Welfare Association (UK) Board of Trustees (2000-2001)***  
*Ms Reem Abu Saud- Chairman, Mr David Freeman- Company Secretary,*  
*Mr Christopher Elias, Mr Sari Anabtawi, Mr Mazen Masri.*  
*Staff member in 2001: Ms Susie Hills.*

## WEST BANK

### WORKING DURING TIMES OF CONFLICT

The Welfare Association has continued working throughout times of conflict. With dedicated, experienced project staff in offices in Jerusalem, Nablus, Ramallah and Gaza, we have been able to effectively manage and support projects in the West Bank and Gaza in the current difficult political situation. The use of regional offices has enabled staff to continue their work without facing the usual travel restrictions experienced when moving between different regions.

The need for our work has increased dramatically in the last year. There are almost two million Palestinians living in the West Bank, which covers 5,800 square kilometres and includes the cities of Bethlehem, Jericho, Hebron, Ramallah, Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarem and Jerusalem.

In the southern region of the West Bank (population 600,000) it is estimated that there are about 15,000 disabled

*Since the start of the conflict it is estimated that over 20,000 people have been injured, 5% of these people have been permanently disabled and 50% of these are under 24 years of age.*

people, with special needs, seeking physiotherapy services.

### CHILDREN'S COUNSELLING CENTRES - ALLEVIATING PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA FOR CHILDREN IN CONFLICT ZONES, WEST BANK AND GAZA

In an effort to decrease the psychological trauma and subsequent impact confronting children living in conflict zones, this grant supported three NGOs providing counselling services to children. The Palestinian Counselling Center in Jerusalem provided counselling for children aged 6-16 years through its out-reach programme in the West Bank. The Gaza Mental Health Programme provided similar counselling for children in Gaza. The Child Resource Center prepared guidance books for parents, teachers and NGOs, explaining step-by-step procedures and techniques for helping children cope with conflict and violence.

### ESTABLISHMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR EMERGENCY CENTRES

With the increasing number of injuries since September 2000, especially in rural areas and isolated villages, it became a priority to establish or upgrade emergency and first aid centres in rural areas. With the grant in 2001, the Palestine Red Crescent Society established an emergency centre in the village of Biddo, south west of Ramallah (\$12,000); Atteel Society in Atteel, Tulkarm also established an emergency centre (\$10,000); Red Crescent Society in Gaza developed its emergency centre and radiology unit (\$10,000) as did Silet el-Dhaheer municipality in the Jenin district (\$10,000). All of the above centres are currently fully functional.



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### DISABILITY EQUIPMENT LOAN CENTRE IN HEBRON

With these existing high needs and the rising number of those with serious conflict-related injuries, a centre was required which could provide access to specialised equipment, such centres exist in other parts of the West Bank. The objective of this project was to establish a centre which will provide access to good quality, technologically advanced and affordable equipment to support those disabled and their families, encouraging self-reliance and independence. The Welfare Association supported this project with £15,000.

### SEVERELY INJURED CHILDREN TAKEN TO JORDAN FOR SPECIALISED TREATMENT

The Patients' Friends Society (Abu-Rayya Rehabilitation Centre) in Ramallah requested funds to assist in the treatment of children severely injured in the continuing conflict. The Welfare Association was able to contribute to this and a number of these children and youths were taken to Jordan for specialised medical treatment.

### CHILDREN'S RECREATIONAL THERAPY

Too often children have suffered from traumatic events during this conflict, from losing a family member to witnessing someone being killed or seriously injured. Many have been in danger themselves with over 1800 people killed and 40,000 injured, one

third of whom were children. In addition to the psychological impact, all semblance of 'normal' daily life has gone. Educational and recreational activities are limited and in many cases community activities have ceased.

*From September 2000 - June 2002, 289 Palestinian children were killed in the conflict.*

We have supported The Palestinian National Theatre Company who are striving to bring families together in a relaxed and safe atmosphere to allow children to express themselves in a special programme called "Healing Wounds Through Arts and Free Expression". Their activities for children during the year included: 36 theatrical performances; 26 'days of happiness', 36 drawing workshops; 32 children's film shows; 36 mural painting workshops, and for kindergarten teachers: 15 workshops teaching the use of psychodrama, 15 workshops teaching puppetry and origami; and 36 theatrical make-up and balloon shaping workshops. Their programme has reached more than 15,000 children in three towns, 40 villages and refugee camps and more than 500 kindergarten teachers. The Welfare Association has sent £14,000 to them this year.

### REPLANTING COMMUNITY ORCHARDS

In the last 18 months hundreds of thousands of trees have been uprooted from Palestinian land by the Israeli

*Destroyed Orchards*





*Replanting programme*

military and by settlers. These fruit bearing trees, an integral part of the Palestinian landscape, have provided livelihoods for local families for generations. In particular, of national significance to Palestinians, were thousands of olive trees which were uprooted. (Palestinians celebrate a public holiday each year for olive picking, when everyone works together to gather all the olives from the trees). This pilot replanting programme focussed on the restoration of olive, nut, apple, grape, almond and citrus trees.

*The olive tree is not only used for its olives and olive oil production, but for beauty products such as olive oil soap. Olive tree wood is carved to create figurines and Nativity scenes for Palestinian Christians and visitors to the Holy Land at Christmas.*

During this period unemployment has soared to 75% as labourers are not allowed to pass through checkpoints to get to work, many families are struggling to survive.

This reforestation project aims to improve incomes from agricultural produce, and increase self-reliance, by providing job opportunities for young Palestinians.

This project initially focussed on replanting severely damaged orchards in villages around Ramallah, Jenin,

*More than 4,000,000 m<sup>2</sup> of cultivated Palestinian land has been destroyed by the Israeli military and Israeli settlers since the outbreak of the Intifada in late September 2000.*

Hebron, Bethlehem, Salfit and Gaza. In the first phase 4,050 of the 117,300 uprooted trees will be replanted on 330 of the 5,880 damaged dunums. (1 dunum = 1,000 square meters.)

### **ARTIFICIAL EYES FOR INJURED CHILDREN**

St. John's Hospital in Jerusalem is the only medical institution qualified to provide and fit artificial eyes in the West Bank. The current conflict has resulted in a notable increase of children losing the sight in one eye due to serious injuries caused by Israeli army bullets. The initial loss of sight is traumatic but the impact of the lack of any eye in the socket causes enormous psychological problems. The cosmetic restoration of the child's appearance with use of an artificial eye is an extremely important recovery aid.

With the funds allocated the Hospital purchased specialized equipment, sent a technician for training in the UK and purchased adequate stocks of artificial eyes, which are fitted in a weekly clinic.

From over 300 children needing treatment, prior to this grant, only 23 had been fitted or were on the waiting list. This grant has enabled the treatment of additional patients and allowed the provision of this important service free of charge to those unable to pay.

### **UPGRADING COMPUTER LABS FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN**

The project aims to improve access and quality of computer based training in co-operation with the Ministry of



Education by developing and upgrading the current IT curriculum, establishing and upgrading computer labs, training IT and curriculum subject teachers in IT technology and encouraging an equal number of girls and boys to study IT. This funding particularly focussed on upgrading a number of computer labs in the West Bank.

**VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR DISABLED PEOPLE, RAMALLAH**

The rising numbers of people injured and disabled in the current conflict has increased the demand for special training courses to allow them to return to the community and to a job. Funds were allocated to the Continuing Education Center of Birzeit University for a pilot project for 40 disabled people in the field of computer IT skills and maintenance, for several 200-hour professional courses. It is intended that this training will increase their chances of finding stable employment, IT is a growth industry and opportunities are available for those with skills and qualifications.

*By the end of 2001 the average per capita income was 30% less than when the Gaza-Jericho Agreement was signed in 1994.*

**POTTERY COURSES FOR DISABLED CHILDREN, RAMALLAH**

In line with efforts designed to train and integrate the increasing number of disabled Palestinians, the League of Palestinian Plastic Artists provided 15 children, (recently injured / disabled) between the ages of 8-14 years, from the



Ramallah area and its camps (Amari and Jalazone) with pottery training courses through a series of specialized six-months workshops. These courses helped both psychologically and in developing the trainees' personal skills and will be useful in the future. As a result of the training, an exhibition of the children's work was held in Ramallah and was visited by hundreds of people.

**PROVISION OF DISABILITY AIDS AND MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT, JENIN**

In 1993 UNRWA sponsored the creation of local committees for community rehabilitation, as independent societies in several camps, including Jenin, and provided initial funds for the purchase of essential aids for about 100 permanently disabled people and 300 others, using aids on a short-term basis through a loan center. However due to the increase in the number of disabled people more recently, the Loan Centre required additional support in terms of disability aids and equipment for the maintenance of worn aids. The Welfare Association grant met these needs.

**GAZA**

Almost one million Palestinians live in Gaza which covers an area of 365 square kilometres.



\* Map provided courtesy of UNRWA

The ongoing conflict has increased the existing high levels of demand for emergency services and for disability rehabilitation services.

### DEVELOPMENT OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL CENTRES IN GAZA

In addition to the grant already mentioned for the PRCS in Gaza for emergency medical centres, a small grant of \$6,000 covered the cost of developing Al-Shifa Emergency Medical Center, which is attached to Al-Awda Hospital in Jabalia Camp. Equipment and supplies were provided by the grant and the center is currently fully operational.

### REHABILITATION PROGRAMME

Prompt intervention is a vital factor in the ability of a disabled person to reintegrate into their community. Gaza has experienced the highest number of injuries and has the weakest medical services, many patients have been waiting almost a year for rehabilitation services. In Gaza this programme aims to adapt some of the poorest homes in a cost-effective way to encourage people with disabilities to become more independent. The community based Rehabilitation Programme is managed between local project partners in Gaza,

namely: Al Wafa Rehabilitation Centre; Community Based Rehabilitation Co-ordination Committee; Jabalia Rehabilitation Society; Palestinian Society for Rehabilitation; Nuseirat Rehabilitation Society; Maghazi Social Rehabilitation Society; Deir Al Balah Rehabilitation Society; Amal Rehabilitation Society and National Society for Rehabilitation in Gaza.

Outreach physiotherapy services will be provided and the local partners will purchase some urgently required equipment, the project will also train and support the families of those injured to develop coping strategies. The WA has completed the needs assessment and thanks to co-financing from The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, is implementing a three-year project totalling £300,000.

### GAZA CHILDREN'S CLUB

The children's club brings together 100 children from Nusseirat, Bureij, Maghazi, Zawaida and Deir Al-Balah camps for a variety of art, music and sporting activities. The aim of the club is to help these children overcome the psychological pressure of the current situation.

Children in Gaza have been badly affected, the current mental anxiety and



pressure they are under is being demonstrated through the appearance of various behavioural and psychological problems including: bed wetting, nightmares, fear of noise and absence from school.

The club is in the densely populated middle area of Gaza which has experienced the greatest impact of the conflict. Providing an outlet for the children also relieves the tremendous pressure on their families. The club also provides training for up to 75 local women to help them support their children and allows access to activities to help them to manage the stress they are under.

This project, very generously sponsored by Mr. Yusef Abu Khadra, also supports the employment of 25 teachers, counsellors and administrative staff for the 6 month set-up period.

### TRAINING FOR DISABLED PEOPLE IN GAZA

In Khan Younis, Gaza, Al-Mustaqbal society have established a modest bamboo furniture-making workshop and together with the grant provided by WA (UK) were able to purchase some new equipment, supplies of raw materials and pay additional trainers and a quality control supervisor in order to train 30 disabled men and women to produce furniture. The disabled trainees receive a percentage of the income from the furniture sales.

The workshop training programme will focus on training those recently disabled, helping them to develop their personal skills, and thus improve their chances of employment.

### REHABILITATION PROGRAMME, KHAN YOUNIS, GAZA

This program, implemented by the Al Amal Centre and the Palestinian Red Crescent Society was designed to provide disabled children and youths in the south of Gaza with comprehensive physical, social and psychological services. These services are provided through training and

rehabilitation activities that allow the recipients to overcome the limitations of disability. The social and psychological activities run in parallel with physical rehabilitation and hence fulfill the project's objective.

The grant in 2001 enabled the Center to purchase and produce training material, provide small items of rehabilitation equipment and disability aids, purchase educational tools including computers and educational software. Training of disabled children is already underway including computer training as well as musical, art and sport workshops' activities as a method of rehabilitation.

### LEBANON

In addition to our work in Palestine we continue to support development projects in Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon. Almost half a million Palestinian refugees survive in the poorest conditions, however only 382,973 refugees are registered with UNRWA and eligible for the services they provide.

*Registration as a refugee is for those who were displaced in the 1948 Arab-Israeli conflict. Subsequently thousands of refugees displaced in later periods are not registered and do not receive any services.*



\* Map provided courtesy of UNRWA



*Nurse training course in Lebanon*

### **VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMME JLALA, BEQAA VALLEY**

Unemployment is extremely high amongst the registered Palestinian refugees living in Lebanon, 43% of registered men and 92% of registered women are unable to find work. Consequently a high priority programme for the Welfare Association in 2001 was vocational training in one of the poorest regions. Focussing on the empowerment of women and the placement of students following training, this programme pursued nurse training and computer programming. There is an acute shortage of nurses in this locale and also those with appropriate IT skills are able to find well-paid jobs.

The local partner: The National Association of Medical Social Care, accredited by the Lebanese Government, received funds to upgrade their centre's facilities, especially the resource library and medical equipment required for training purposes.

Funds are used to develop the curriculum and provide scholarships for exceptional students. In 2001, 138 Palestinian students benefited from these training courses, their employment will bring an income to 138 families.

*Over 400,000 Palestinian refugees are living in the camps in Lebanon, 40% are unemployed, 60% are under 25 years old.*

### **REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR SEVERELY DISABLED CHILDREN IN MAR ELIAS REFUGEE CAMP, BEIRUT.**

The centre was established by the Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Foundation in 1983 to rehabilitate young Palestinian children suffering from multiple physical disabilities. These services, for the Palestinian refugee community are not available from any other public or private institutions. The services offered include physical therapy and speech therapy, in addition to a programme specifically to support the parents of disabled children: Family group therapy, family counselling and family training.

*In Lebanon over 100,000 Palestinian refugees are not registered for UNRWA services.*

The centre needed a new building as the previous one was far too small for the demands placed upon it, the children and staff were struggling to work in very cramped and uncomfortable conditions. The new building, although still quite basic, has created a much more appropriate environment with greater freedom of movement.

### **SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL, BADDAWI**

Baddawi Refugee Camp in the north of Lebanon is home to almost 16,000 Palestinian refugees. The Social Handicap Association runs a small school providing educational services for Palestinian Children with special needs. The Welfare Association was able to offer support to provide milk and healthy meals for these children.

### **KINDERGARTEN IN SHATILA CAMP**

There are more than 12,000 refugees in Shatila Camp in Beirut. The environmental health conditions are extremely bad with damp, overcrowded shelters and open drains. The sewerage system needs



*Young children enjoy kindergarten facilities*

considerable development while the camp's residents drink unreliable potable water supplied through a poor distribution network. There are 150 infants in this refugee camp without any nursery facilities. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) provided the building and some basic furniture and toys, the Welfare Association provided £3,000 to support this vital service.

### **COMMUNITY CENTRE IN BOUR AL BARAJNEH**

Bourj Al Barajneh is the biggest refugee camp in Beirut accommodating 19,000 registered refugees; there is one UNRWA health centre that serves the camp, and receives 166 patients per day. Unemployment levels are high, of those working the men find casual labour jobs and the women work in sewing factories or as cleaners. This community centre is a lifeline for the camp residents and the Welfare Association was pleased to be able to install air conditioning units in order for camp residents to enjoy its basic facilities during the extreme heat of the summer months.

### **CELEBRATING CULTURAL IDENTITY IN THE REFUGEE CAMPS**

The Welfare Association has supported the Palestinian singing group Jafra, who bring families together in their concerts to celebrate their cultural identity and enjoy themselves. They collect songs from the older generations and write their own folk songs. They have



*£1000 helped the 'Jafra' folk singers hold community concerts in refugee camps.*

performed in many refugee camps. WA has supported them in order to maintain instruments and buy their costumes.

**T**hroughout 2001 we have been developing our fundraising activities. We have launched a number of schemes and applied to many trusts and foundations for support. We have also been actively encouraging our supporters to give through the Gift Aid scheme.

### **ANNUAL DINNER**

A number of events were organised and the highlight of our fundraising year was the Annual Dinner in March 2001. This important event, held at the Intercontinental Hotel in London, was attended by Her Majesty Queen Rania of Jordan. The guest speaker was famous Middle East entertainer and human rights activist Mr. Durraid Lahham, and our compere for the evening was Ms. Lina Sawan from

*Queen Rania addressed guests in London-March 2001*



Middle East Broadcasting Company (MBC). The night was a great success raising over £110,000.

### **LONDON MARATHON**

In April, Mr. Jalal Hartley completed the London Marathon in support of the Welfare Association and raised over £5,000 for childrens' workshops run by the Palestinian National Theatre.

### **BREAKING THE FAST DURING RAMADAN**

In November we held an *Iftar* at Fakhreldine Restaurant in London. Traditionally during Ramadan, following a day of fasting, families gather together for the evening meal (at sunset) to break the fast and enjoy their favourite dishes. This special meal raised almost £7,000 for our childrens' projects in Palestine.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

We are most grateful to all of our supporters, without your generous contributions none of this work would be possible. In particular we would like to thank the following:

- The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund*
- The Stanley Smith UK Horticultural Trust*
- The Rhododendron Trust*
- The Dorchester Quakers Group*
- Karim Rida Said Foundation*
- Book Aid International*
- WF Southall Trust*

*In partnership with local NGOs, WA-UK has allocated £105,953 for community based rehabilitation for injured people in Palestine*



- UIA Insurance Co*
- Arab News Network (ANN)*
- Embassy of the State of Bahrain*
- League of Arab States*
- Consolidated Contractors Company*
- Reem Enterprises Ltd.*
- Mr. Y. Abu Khadra*
- Mr. J. Hartley*
- A. M. Qattan Foundation*

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

You can Join the Welfare Association's Guild of Friends by giving whatever you can afford each month to help us support projects in Palestine and Lebanon. Friends receive regular news about our projects and events.

### **SPONSOR A PROJECT**

- £5 per month could help a deprived child attend FutureKids IT Club
- £10 per month could provide study materials to help train a nurse in a refugee camp in Lebanon
- £15 per month will re-plant 60 olive trees uprooted during the conflict
- £20 per month could help us provide equipment to disabled young people
- £25 per month will support a kindergarten in a refugee camp in Gaza
- £75 per month could help us to provide educational / vocational training, bringing the possibility of a regular income to entire families

Individuals, trusts or companies may wish to support a particular project such as renovating a kindergarten, the community based rehabilitation programme in Gaza or one of our emergency projects.

### **EMERGENCY APPEAL**

*The emergency appeal will continue. Funds donated to this will be sent to specific humanitarian relief projects in the West Bank and Gaza.*

*We will continue to respond to the real needs of Palestinian communities with your support.*

## Projects supported by Welfare Association (UK) in 2001

### Projects in the West Bank and Gaza

#### Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Therapy for Children

Establishing and equipping four emergency outreach medical centres, (Districts of Tulkarem, Ramallah, Jenin and Gaza)	£22,867
Emergency Centre at Shifa Hospital, Jabalia, Gaza	£4,573
Trauma Counselling for children in Jerusalem and Gaza	£11,434
Artificial Eyes, St Johns Hospital, Jerusalem	£13,879
Children's Workshops, Palestinian National Theatre, Jerusalem	£14,000
Childrens Club, Gaza	£24,800
Therapy for disabled children, Ramallah	£4,858
Fund for transfer of acute emergency patients to Jordan for treatment	£2,120

#### Community Rehabilitation

Rehabilitation Programmes for disabled people in Jenin	£16,961
Disability Equipment Loans Centre, Hebron	£15,000
Rehabilitation Training and Psychological services for children in Gaza	£35,826
Vocational Training for disabled adults in Khan Younis	£20,818
Vocational Training Courses for disabled people at Birzeit University	£17,348

#### Pre-School Education and Children's Programmes

Upgrading Kindergartens in Hebron	£5,000
Community Garden for a Kindergarten in Khan Younis, Gaza	£500
IT Labs in West Bank Schools	£16,539

#### Environmental Restoration

Restoring Community Orchards	£7,692
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### Projects in Lebanon

#### Vocational Training

Nursing and IT Training Programmes, Beqa'a Valley	£19,241
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#### Community Centres for Disabled Children

New Centre for Children with Special Needs in Mar Elias Camp, Beirut	£18,661
Special Needs School for children, Baddawi	£3,000

#### Pre-School Education

Kindergarten in Shatilla Camp, Beirut	£3,000
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#### Cultural Activities

Palestinian Folkloric Singing Group' Jafra, performing in refugee camps	£1,000
Air Conditioning Unit for Theatre, Library and computer room, Bourj Al Barajneh, Beirut	£1,000

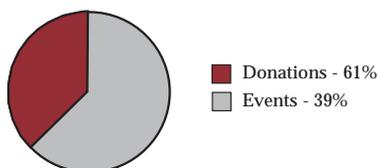
### **Total project expenditure 2001**

**£280,117**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2001

<u>Incoming Resources</u>	£
Donations	140,352
Events	87,611
Miscellaneous	719
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>228,682</b>
<u>Resources Expended</u>	
West Bank & Gaza	234,215
Lebanon	45,902
Fundraising & publicity	55,023
Monitoring & evaluation	2,114
Information & Public Awareness	11,069
Management & Administration	16,626
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>	<b>364,949</b>
<u>Net Outgoing Resources</u>	136,267
<u>Fund Balances Brought Forward at 1 January 2001</u>	208,757
<u>Total Fund Carried Forward at 31 December 2001</u>	72,490

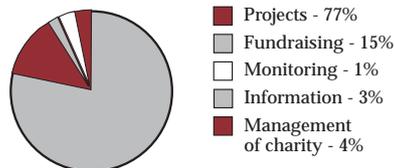
INCOMING RESOURCES



BALANCE SHEET AS AT  
31 DECEMBER 2001

<u>Fixed assets</u>	£
Tangible Assets	1,229
<u>Current Assets</u>	
Debtors	173
Cash at Bank and Hand	73,123
Less	
<b>Creditors: Amounts Falling due within 1 year</b>	<b>2,035</b>
<u>Net current Assets</u>	71,261
<u>Net Assets</u>	72,490
<u>Funds</u>	
Restricted	55,380
Unrestricted	17,110
<u>Total</u>	72,490

RESOURCES EXPENDED



\* Maps provided courtesy of UNRWA. The boundaries and names shown on the maps do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

## **Emergency Appeal - Palestinians Require Urgent Humanitarian Relief Let the figures speak for themselves.....**

The ongoing conflict with the continued curfews, sieges and closures of Palestinian cities is leading to a major humanitarian crisis in the West Bank and Gaza.

At the end of July 2002, the United States Agency for International Development commissioned a survey that stated:

- **Chronic and acute malnutrition in more than 20% of children**
- **20% of children under 5 years of age with anaemia**
- **11% of women of childbearing age with anaemia**
- **Over 30% of Palestinians now dependent on food aid handouts**
- **Availability of immunisations decreased, power cuts mean cold storage cannot be maintained and vaccines are ruined. Child immunisations programmes are breaking down.**

*Additionally a USAID environmental assessment team survey found that of 300 households surveyed none had drinking water available to acceptable international standards.*

A Palestinian Ministry of Health report estimates that:

- **Births by skilled health workers previously: 97.4%, currently: 67%**
- **Home deliveries increased from 3% to 30%**

In June 2002 the World Bank stated that:

- **70% of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza now live below the poverty line of less than US \$2 per day**
- **In April 2002 this figure was 50%**

The UN now states that:

- **62% of all Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza are now 'vulnerable' and require food, shelter and/or access to health services**

Your support will enable the Welfare Association to continue the following:

- Providing Emergency Medical Aid to besieged hospitals and health centres.
- Providing Emergency food aid.
- Providing Emergency relief to Jenin and Nablus.
- Providing relief to families without any income.
- Emergency employment generation.
- Rehabilitation services for those disabled.



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