“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is offense, let me bring pardon.
Where there is discord, let me bring union.
Where there is error, let me bring truth.
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.
O Master, let me not seek as much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love,
for it is in giving that one receives,
it is in self-forgetting that one finds,
it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,
it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.”

St. Francis of Assisi
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Embracing the Spirit of Compassion and Solidarity

As we reflect upon the achievements and challenges of the year 2022, we are reminded of the profound words of St. Francis of Assisi: "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." These words resonate deeply with the mission of Caritas Jerusalem, our commitment to the people of the Holy Land, and our unwavering dedication to serving those in need.

In the face of hatred, we have brought love. Through our socio-pastoral interventions, we have provided food security and shelter support for families in the Gaza Strip, renovating homes and offering food parcels to those affected by the devastating attacks. By doing so, we have brought hope, safety, and nourishment to many families, ensuring they can live in dignity.

In our efforts to empower and uplift, we have focused on integral support for persons with disabilities. By advocating for their rights and providing training in micro-project management, we have helped individuals find employment and launch their own projects. Through therapy facilities and rehabilitation centers, we have improved the quality of life for those with disabilities, offering them opportunities to thrive and contribute to society.

Recognizing the importance of solidarity and equality, we have activated women and youth in the labor market, providing them with training in micro-project management in the Gaza Strip. By equipping them with skills and resources, we have empowered them to establish income-generating businesses, creating pathways to economic stability and improved living conditions. Our commitment to compassion and stewardship is evident in our health and emergency interventions. By promoting general health and raising awareness among school students, we have equipped them with the tools to lead healthier lives. We have also lessened the adverse effects of the covid-19 pandemic by providing diagnosis, treatment, and home-based care for patients in Gaza, ensuring no one is left behind in their time of need.

Through family-to-family support, we have provided crucial financial assistance to those affected by poverty and conflict. The monthly payments have brought relief and joy to many families, enabling them to meet their basic needs and improve their living conditions. The story of Hiam and her children exemplifies the impact of this support, bringing happiness and a sense of care to their lives.

In our development interventions, we have focused on food security, women and youth empowerment, and the sustainable development of rural communities. Through training and counseling, we have empowered women and youth, opening doors to employment and entrepreneurship. We have also supported farmers, revitalizing agricultural techniques and providing marginalized families with mini greenhouses for sustainable livelihoods.

As we continue our journey, guided by the values of dignity, equality, solidarity, stewardship, and compassion, let us remember that our work is not just about providing material assistance. It is about bringing hope, healing, and the light of God's love into the lives of those we serve. We are called to be instruments of peace, seeking understanding, forgiveness, and unity in a world often divided.

To all our partners, supporters, volunteers, executive committee members, board, and Caritas Jerusalem President H.B Pierrebattista Pizzaballa we extend our heartfelt gratitude. Without your generosity and commitment, none of this would be possible. Your support enables us to continue making a difference in the lives of the vulnerable and marginalized, giving them a voice, and empowering them to realize their full potential.

Let us journey together, inspired by the Gospel and guided by the spirit of compassion and solidarity. Together, we can create a world where all people enjoy love, peace, justice, and prosperity, and where every individual is treated with dignity.

May God bless you abundantly for your continued support and may His light shine upon our path as we strive to make a lasting impact in the Holy Land.

With gratitude and prayers,

Anton Asfar
Secretary General
Vision
Caritas Jerusalem is at the heart of the Church in the Holy Land where all people enjoy love, peace, justice and prosperity and live in dignity.

Mission
Caritas Jerusalem is the social arm of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land and a member of the Caritas International Confederation. We empower the people of the Holy Land to realize their full potential, thus giving a voice to the voiceless and hope and encouragement to the youth. We strive to achieve sustainable development and improvement in the health services, social welfare, food security and livelihoods, through advocacy, micro-credit loans, education, charity, emergency intervention and direct service provision.
Socio-pastoral intervention
Food Security and Shelter Support for the Residents of Gaza Strip

In 2022, Caritas Jerusalem helped renovate the homes of 60 families and provided food parcels for 300 families in the Gaza Strip, mainly in Beit Hanoun, Beit Lahia, and Shujayieh areas.

As a result of the many attacks on Gaza, a lot of people were living in nearly destroyed and uninhabitable houses which resulted in serious health problems and poor living conditions. About 409 persons in 60 families have benefited from the home renovation project, with beneficiaries feeling safer especially during the winter season. The selection criteria for the home renovation was carried out in close coordination with the ministry of Social Development and the local Community-Based Organizations.

Moreover, Caritas Jerusalem has provided food parcels that contain 53 items of dry and canned food that were selected based on the feedback of the chosen families. These parcels have helped the families to provide for their members through several months.
Integral Support for Persons with Disabilities in the West Bank

In the West Bank, Caritas Jerusalem continued to implement projects that helped people with disabilities find jobs as well as raise awareness about their rights to integrate into society through the use of social media campaigns and the participation in a play with the local Al-Hara theater during the commemoration of the International Day for Persons with Disabilities. 10 people with disabilities were able to participate in training in micro-project management and to launch their own projects and another 10 were hired by local institutions through the subsidized employment program.

Moreover, 8 therapy facilities in four rehabilitation centers in Bethlehem, in coordination with the Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation (BASR), were established for improved and better quality services for people with disabilities. In Hebron, another three rehabilitation centers were equipped with highly efficient therapy rooms, while two of them were fully renovated to be more adaptive to the needs of PWDs.
Occupational Activation of Women and Youth Entering the Labor Market in the Gaza Strip

In the Gaza Strip, a training for micro-project management was held that targeted women and the youth. The project enabled them to establish an income-generating business to improve their living conditions.
Family-to-family support

Family-to-family financial support benefits people who have been affected by poverty, conflicts and attacks. The amount of money provided to these families is indispensable which is used to pay for expenses ranging from basic things like food, bills, rent and medicine to more expensive items like home appliances. In 2022, 443 people from 100 families were able to benefit from this monthly payment to meet their needs. In addition to the external dire circumstances that these families experience, many of them have members who suffer from chronic illnesses or have some form of disability that prevents them from working and contributing to their financial security.

443 persons in 100 families benefited from monthly money payment
Story

Hiam is a 36-year-old woman with five children whose husband is ill and unable to work. In 2022, Caritas Jerusalem considered her as one of the beneficiaries from the family-to-family support project.

Hiam confided to Caritas Jerusalem that upon receiving the awaited money, the atmosphere of her house changed into happiness and relief. She said that “my children always wait for the day when the cash is deposited in the bank. It feels like a holiday.” She continued: “I was able to buy a fridge and a washing machine. I could only afford second-hand appliances but they were enough, but most importantly I have been able to pay off half of my debt”.

Hiam still calls the Caritas Jerusalem team in Gaza every few days in hopes of receiving the news of the program’s renewal. She always insists on delivering her warm wishes to His Beatitude Pierbattista Pizzaballa, Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, who met with her once during his visit to Gaza. She said: “I wish he would visit me again. I am not used to people visiting me so it felt great to have people in my house. I felt like I was cared for”.

Health and Emergency intervention
Promoting general health of school students in Palestine

Caritas Jerusalem has worked to improve the general health of school students in both Gaza and Taybeh. The service included health and dental screenings; oral hygiene awareness for a healthier lifestyle. Schools also raised the awareness of the students about health issues, nutrition, lifestyle adjustments and psychosocial aspects of health, thus arming them with the right tools to treat and prevent illnesses. Moreover, students, teachers and parents organized health lectures, prepared materials, brochures, work plans and implemented preventive measures to eliminate health problems.

1566 direct beneficiaries reached
913 referrals for follow up
Lessening the adverse effects of COVID-19 pandemic on vulnerable populations in Gaza

To lessen the effects of COVID-19 pandemic on vulnerable populations in Gaza, Caritas Jerusalem recruited and trained 3 Community Health Teams to provide diagnosis and treatment for patients who have COVID-19 symptoms. The teams also raised awareness on how to limit the spread of infections among those who cannot reach primary health care centers. One static team stayed at the health center at the community based organization while the other two were mobile and conducted home visits for patients who have COVID-19. Another objective that Caritas Jerusalem achieved was the support it provided to partner health facilities in managing COVID-19 patients and reducing transmission within their facilities by ensuring COVID-19 triage stations were in place and providing them with rapid antigen test kits.
Improving Health for Seniors and Young Children in Gaza

The Gaza Strip has been under a blockade for 17 years and ever since it has affected the daily life of people, especially their health. Caritas Jerusalem, through its health and emergency intervention, is committed to provide health care to the most marginalized and poor elderly and young children. It also works to increase health awareness of the caregivers of these two groups.

490 Elderlies were screened

551 children under 5 were screened
Development intervention
Food security; Women and youth empowerment

In the development intervention, Caritas Jerusalem aimed to empower women and the youth through training in employability and entrepreneurship skills as well as providing counseling for 300 school students to figure out the next steps in their career path. Through this project, 125 women were trained among which 12 were selected for a 2-month employment.

Also through the development intervention, Caritas Jerusalem was able to provide food security to 30 farmers by training them in agro-ecological techniques and rehabilitating 61.5 dunums of their lands. Additionally, 14 mini greenhouses were built for marginalized families.
Social Cohesion and Greater Resilience Of Rural Communities In Jenin Governorate

In 2022, Caritas Jerusalem started implementing a project that aims to build the resilience and well-being of rural communities in the Jenin Governorate, with a focus on women and the youth. The project aims to promote:

Social cohesion through advocating for the rights of marginalized groups.

Developing the rural economy through the diversification and reinforcement of income and investment sources. This includes supporting small businesses, promoting agricultural innovation, or developing new markets for rural products.

Strengthening disaster risk reduction by investing in early warning systems, training communities in disaster response, or building resilient infrastructure to withstand natural disasters.

Currently the project, which will be implemented for five years, has hired a local team in Jenin, built a MEAL system for Palestine, established connections with target groups, and conducted an advocacy and communication plan workshop. A training in employability skills was also carried out for 35 young people. The training will be followed by interviews to nominate 10 candidates for a 2-month paid internship in the Jenin area.
Strengthening a sustainable and Diversified Rural Economy in the Jenin Governorate

In coordination with the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, the Ministry of Culture and the local municipalities in the Jenin Governorate (Marj Ibn Amer, Arrabe, Burquin, Zababdeh), Caritas Jerusalem worked to develop the tourism sector there by identifying 63 physical tourist locations and attractions as well as highlighting local folklore, crafts, traditional agriculture and historical stories. The project also provided training for 20 people who work in the tourism sector to help them develop their products and services. Three packages of tourism tracks that cover, among others, cultural, architectural and religious sites were created and uploaded to an interactive website (www.enjoyjenin.com).
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Grants & Contributions Graph

- Development Programs / Interventions: 39%
- Health and Emergency Programs / Interventions: 34%
- Socio-Pastoral Programs / Interventions: 27%
Financial Report 2022
Expenses Graph

- Development Programs / Interventions: 38%
- Health and Emergency Programs / Interventions: 15%
- Socio-Pastoral Programs / Interventions: 47%
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