

Human Concern International (HCI)
Projects in Palestine 2003-2008

Project Title	Distribution of Medical Aid Packages, Gaza
Project Description	A massive medical aid package containing life saving medicines and direly needed supplies. 18 primary health care facilities operated by UNRWA located both inside and outside refugee camps and secondary health care centers supervised by WHO will benefit from the medical supplies.
Project Cost	CAD \$1,864,488
Year Completed	2008
Partner Organization	Health Partners International Canada (HPIC) Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization, Jordan UNRWA, Gaza
Project Title	Emergency Relief Assistance for Gaza Victims of War
Project Description	HCI addresses the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Gaza, where the continued border closures in last weeks of December, 08, have prevented the delivery of vital food, medicine and fuel supplies. Channeled funds are utilized to provide Gazans with basic necessities: food, water, and fuel.
Project Cost	CAD \$100,000. Project Budget: CAD \$500,000
Year Completed	Current
Partner Organization	Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization UNRWA
Project Title	Relief for Disadvantaged Families in Gaza
Project Description	HCI dispatched two tracks loaded with basic food necessities to Gaza Strip to help besieged Gazans survive the deteriorating living conditions. This will help 2,000 vulnerable families to cope with the difficult situation they are going through.
Project Cost	US \$120,360
Year Completed	December 2008
Partner Organization	Jordan Hashemite Charity Organization UNRWA
Project Title	School Bag for Elementary Students
Project Description	Distribution of the 1000 of school bags, stationary and school supplies to poor students aged between 6 and 16 years which was a natural response to the needs of the families in the towns of Hebron and Bethlehem.
Project Cost	US\$57,100 – HCI Share: US\$48,837
Year Completed	2008
Partner Organization	Women League Vocational Rehabilitation Workshops Society for Girls (VRWSG)

Project Title	Support for the Neediest Palestinian Olive Farmers in the West Bank
Project Description	The project consisted on building the capacity of 140 low-income Palestinian olive oil growers and farmers and provided them with much needed harvesting and pruning tools and equipments that helped them increase and improve their olive oil production, thus boosting their income. The low-income villages of Al Khodr, Houssan, Nahalen, Fouken valley, Bater, Al Walja and Al Jabaa in the South of West Bank benefited from the project.
Project Cost	US\$53,380 – HCI Share: US\$30,200
Year Completed	2008
Partner Organization	Ministry of Agriculture Vocational Rehabilitation Workshops Society for Girls (VRWSG)

Project Title	Rehabilitation of Kindergartens in Palestine
Project Description	Rehabilitating three Palestinian kindergartens (Nablus Kindergarten, Azmoot Model Kindergarten, Noor Al Huda Kindergarten) in the West Bank by making the necessary repairs and installations to the classrooms, playgrounds and the restrooms and raising the capacity of the kindergarten teachers. 227 kids benefited from the project. They now enjoy better educational environment that promote their growth. Moreover, parents of children benefited indirectly from this project by attending multiple activities organized in the kindergartens, and participating in the educational process of their children
Project Cost	US\$15,725
Year Completed	2007
Partner Organization	Near East Foundation (NEF)

Project Title	Child Sponsorship Program
Project Description	Since 2003, HCI has been sponsoring orphans from single mother-headed households in the poorest communities in Palestine. All orphans sponsored by the scheme are individually selected by HCI in partnership with grassroots partners. A child's age, family size, family income and living conditions are looked at to assess need. The project in Palestine started in 2006 by sponsoring 67 orphans. 82 children are now sponsored through this program.
Project Cost	CAD\$65,000 (Approximate per year) \$325,000 in the past five years
Year	Ongoing

Completed	
Partner Organization	Union of Charitable Societies (UCS)

Project Title	Environmental Action Project (EAP)
Project Description	The Environmental Action Project (EAP), working through a broad coalition of municipal and civic organizations, worked on improving the environmental conditions that now contribute to illness and disease among local residents. EAP provided financial assistance accompanied by a comprehensive range of technical assistance, training, and institutional development services that promote, support and reinforce cost effective means for the on-going collection, safe disposal and/or recycling of household wastes. The project worked in the 5-village "Assira Cluster" (Assira Al-Shamaliya, Al-Bathan, Taluzza, Bayt Imrin, and Yazid) in the West Bank. These villages have an estimated population of 12,000.
Project Cost	US\$616,000 – HCI share: US\$101,000
Year Completed	2006
Partner Organization	Municipal Council in the Asira Cluster Area Near East Foundation (NEF)
Project Title	Distribution of Medical Aid Packages, West Bank and Gaza
Project Description	Shipment of medications that consisted of three medical items: 780 bottles of Azithromycine 200mg/5ml, 8000 packets of 6 tablets of Azithromycine 250mg tablets, both are azalides, a subclass of macrolide antibiotics, and 30000 bottles of Loratidine (Claritin) syrup which is a tricyclic antihistamine. HCI partner, the NEF in the West Bank carried out the distribution of the shipment to the needy and ill-conditioned Palestinians. 50% of the shipment was distributed among UNRWA's wide network of clinics in the Palestinian refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza. The other 50% were distributed to local medical NGOs. 60% of the designated items went to Gaza to the higher health committee of coordination, a body represented by both NGOs and community leaders to examine the health needs of people in Gaza.
Project Cost	US\$567,358
Year Completed	2006
Partner Organization	Health Partners International of Canada (HPIC) Palestinian Medical Relief Society (PMRS), Union of Charitable Societies (UCS) Near East Foundation (NEF) and Health Partners International of Canada
Project Title	Olive Oil Development
Project	The project includes the purchasing of olive oil from 500 households

Description	(approximately 3000 individuals) and then redistributed it to additional households and made available through area schools and local community service agencies. This oil improved nutritional standards within the community and allowed scarce cash income to be used for the purchase of basic necessities. Several thousand additional individuals benefited from this process. An additional 50 persons benefited from the packaging, handling, and distribution of oil within and between communities in the area. Villages surrounding Asira Al-Shamaliya north of Nablus were targeted in this project.
Project Cost	US\$24,000
Year Completed	2005
Partner Organization	Municipal Council in the Asira Cluster Area Near East Foundation (NEF)

Project Title	Cup of Milk – Round 2
Project Description	The project includes the distribution of packages (milk, white and yellow cheese, other local milk products) to the entire family, not just children. The program's benefits (vitamins from the dairy products) have been shared by all family members, particularly helpful to the poorest. 862 children and their families who attend 17 kindergartens benefited from the project. The project worked in the 5-village "Assira Cluster" (Assira Al-Shamaliya, Al-Bathan, Taluzza, Bayt Imrin, and Yazid) in the West Bank.
Project Cost	US\$69,583– HCI Share: US\$43,362
Year Completed	2005
Partner Organization	Near East Foundation (NEF) Asafa Dairy Plant (ADP) Tetra Pak Company Palestinian Ministry of Education Land O' Lakes Inc
Project Title	Cup of Milk – Round 1
Project Description	The project includes the provision of dairy supplements for along with some basic school supplies for elementary school children in five villages in the Asira Cluster Area in the West Bank utilizing locally produced dairy products. 1665 children were actually served by the project. In addition, the Al-Safa dairy factory in Nablus benefited from increased sales of milk products. This helped not only the factory itself but also assured continuing employment for 35 workers and the estimated 250 small farmers who supply the factory.
Project Cost	US\$22,500
Year Completed	2004
Partner Organization	Near East Foundation (NEF) Asafa Dairy Plant (ADP) Tetra Pak Company Palestinian Ministry of Education

	Land O' Lakes Inc Little Hands
Project Title	Let There Be Light (and Water Too)
Project Description	HCI innovative strategy worked in cooperation with the municipal council in five villages in the Asira Cluster Area in the West Bank to trade electricity and water for the tons of unsold olive oil accumulated in the villages of the cluster. Olive oil then redistributed to homes and schools where there is a need or to sale or export the oil and convert profits into development assistance for the cluster villages. 240 individuals have benefited from this project and are now able to receive electricity and water. Their limited incomes are now available for basic necessities and schooling for their children. With light and water once again available in the homes, life is much better. Families whose outstanding debts were canceled were approached by the municipality and have been allowed to use the electricity once again, being requested to limit their use to basic needs.
Project Cost	US\$56,000 -- HCI Share: US\$24,000
Year Completed	2003
Partner Organization	Municipal council in the Asira Cluster Area Near East Foundation (NEF)

Project Title	Helping Kids Cope
Project Description	The aim of this project was to assist both the children and their families to cope with and survive the continuing violence that surrounding them. The focus of the activities was on the psychological well-being of the children. Professional counseling and advice for parents and other care-takers is provided. Children receive free food, nutritional supplements, medical assistance, and a package for home use.
Project Cost	US\$52,000. HCI share: \$40,500
Year Completed	2003
Partner Organization	Near East Foundation (NEF) Center for Development
Project Title	Seasonal Programs Such As Eid Food Hampers And Gift Packages, Zabiha Meat
Project Description	The purpose of these programs is to provide financial, material and food assistance to the needy families and their children in Palestine during the blessed month of Ramadan, the Fitir Eid, and the Adha Eid. For example, HCI's Ramadan Programs in Palestine included Iftar, other daily meals, Family Assistance and Clothe-A-Child Projects. HCI also provides the service of performing the Zabiha in many countries. Fresh meat is distributed to poor and destitute families in Palestine during the Adha Eid.
Project Cost	US\$20,000 (approximate per year)
Year	2003-ongoing

Completed	
Partner Organization	Red Crescent Union of Charitable Societies Village Councils