LWF Jerusalem 2021

LWF has been present in Palestine since 1948. LWF Jerusalem empowers youth through the Vocational Training Program (VTP) to live a resilient life and to access market relevant employment, with a special focus on young women and people with disability. In 2021, new vocational courses have been created and started in autumn 2021 with the move to new premises in Ramallah, in addition to the existing centre in Beit Hanina.

In healthcare, the country program runs the Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) which is specialised in oncology and nephrology. In addition, a community outreach program focuses on diabetes and early breast cancer detection. AVH covers a gap in the Palestinian healthcare system and enables Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza to access health services otherwise not available to them where they live.

With the pandemic subsiding, all LWF operations in Palestine have resumed with all precautionary measures.

To preserve the nature on LWF Mount of Olives property and to reduce its carbon footprint, LWF has taken the first steps to introduce environmentally friendly infrastructure.

LWF at a glance

Population Outreach 2021

Due to the lack of a peaceful solution to the long-standing conflict between Israel and Palestine, human rights are frequently violated, protection needs are high, and the situation is overall volatile.

To preserve the multi-ethnic, multi-religious character of Jerusalem, LWF is supporting an affordable housing for Palestinian Christians targeting 40 families in the future.
Our work

LWF Jerusalem’s work relies on the three strategic areas of intervention: Livelihoods, Quality Services, Protection and Social Cohesion. Additionally, the country program focuses on Gender Justice and green energy as particular areas where we want to increase our impact. Our approach is rights-based and inclusive.

Voices from the field

Unemployment is the main cause of poverty in Palestinian Territories. As a response, LWF Jerusalem and its partner Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) launched a project to improve education, training, and employment opportunities for Palestinian women in non-traditional fields. The project “will open new doors for these women, providing greater economic freedom and confidence within their families and communities,” says Suhad Kasbari, project manager at LWF. Karin Achtelstetter, executive director at CLWR explains: “By increasing the focus on women’s education, the project will have a significant impact on hundreds of women who face barriers to education, employment, and equality.”

Key results

2021

- 12,413 patients benefitted from treatment, accommodation, transportation, and psychosocial support at AVH
- 949 youth received technical vocational training in professions that are market-relevant
- 99 communities across the West Bank and East Jerusalem benefitted from the mobile mammography and diabetes units’ services

Expenditures

2021

- Quality Services: 60,901,453€
- Livelihoods: 1,944,253€
- Systems and practices for quality programming: 100,794€
- Protection and social cohesion: 0€

Cross-cutting issues & approaches

- Disability
- Gender equality
- Rights-based approach

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