

CARITAS JERUSALEM

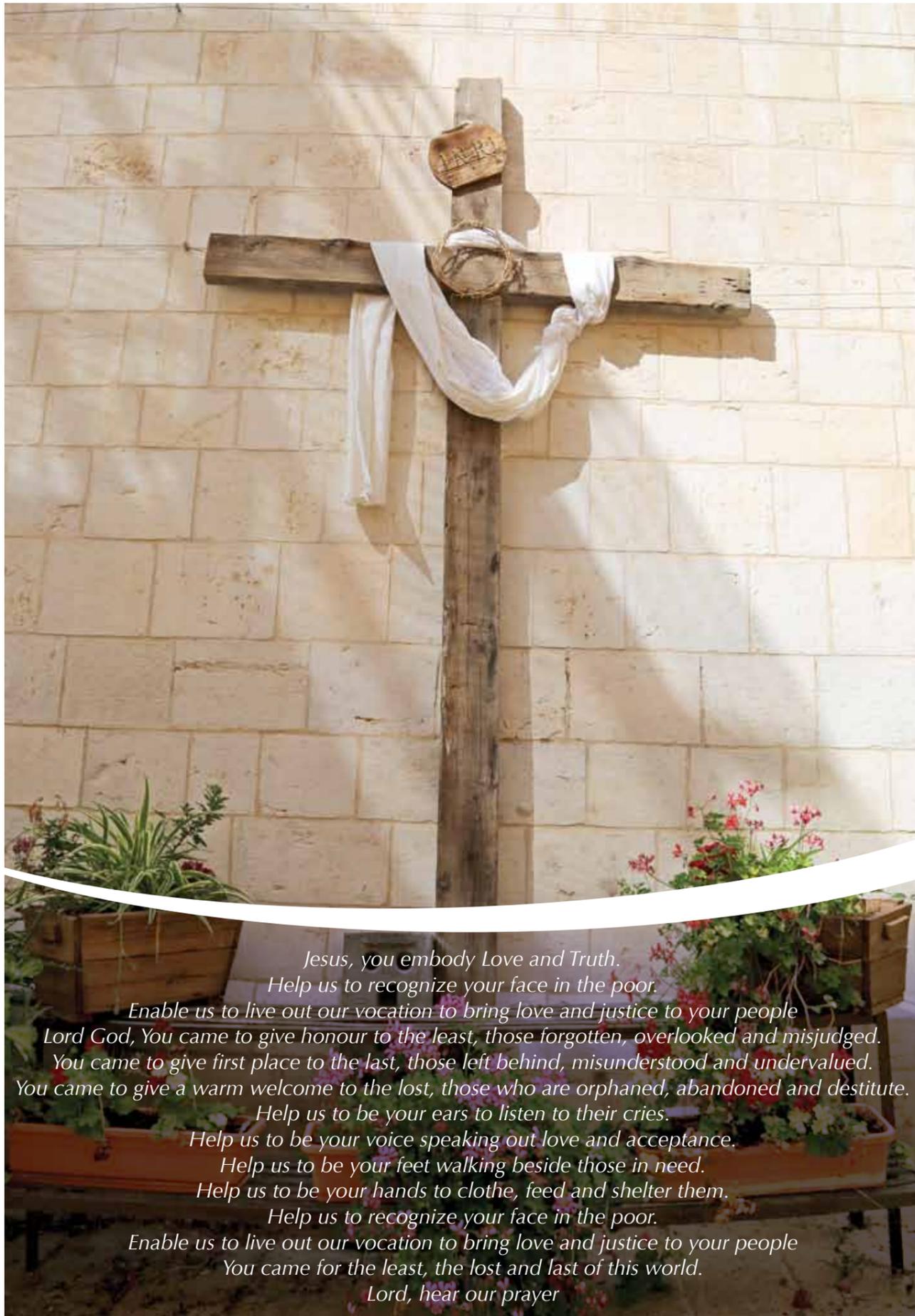
Annual Report 2019



The monument is made from 592 stone elements and is 4.3m high, 3.05m long and 1.62m wide. It was designed by two Bethlehemite artists in 2017 and stands on the Cremisan hill opposite Al Makhour hill where CJ is rehabilitating the lands. Three types of stones were used for the structure coming from three different regions of Palestine.

The fish-shaped stones of the monument represent the Christian faith for out of 506 registered lands in Al Makhour, 466 lands are owned by Palestinian Christian families which represents 91.5% of the total of registered lands. It represents the deeply rooted Christian presence in the Holy Land on the one hand, and the ownership of the land, which is under the imminent threat of annexation, on the other.

The background shows the valley and an Israeli expanding settlement.



*Jesus, you embody Love and Truth.
 Help us to recognize your face in the poor.
 Enable us to live out our vocation to bring love and justice to your people
 Lord God, You came to give honour to the least, those forgotten, overlooked and misjudged.
 You came to give first place to the last, those left behind, misunderstood and undervalued.
 You came to give a warm welcome to the lost, those who are orphaned, abandoned and destitute.
 Help us to be your ears to listen to their cries.
 Help us to be your voice speaking out love and acceptance.
 Help us to be your feet walking beside those in need.
 Help us to be your hands to clothe, feed and shelter them.
 Help us to recognize your face in the poor.
 Enable us to live out our vocation to bring love and justice to your people
 You came for the least, the lost and last of this world.
 Lord, hear our prayer*

CARITAS JERUSALEM IN 2019

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VISION, MISSION AND VALUES



Vision

We envision a society that enjoys love, peace, justice and prosperity where all people live in dignity.

Mission

Caritas Jerusalem is the social arm of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land and a member of 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.

Values

Dignity We seek to make the poor not objects of pity but subjects of their own development and agents of change, best placed to develop their own solutions in global partnership.

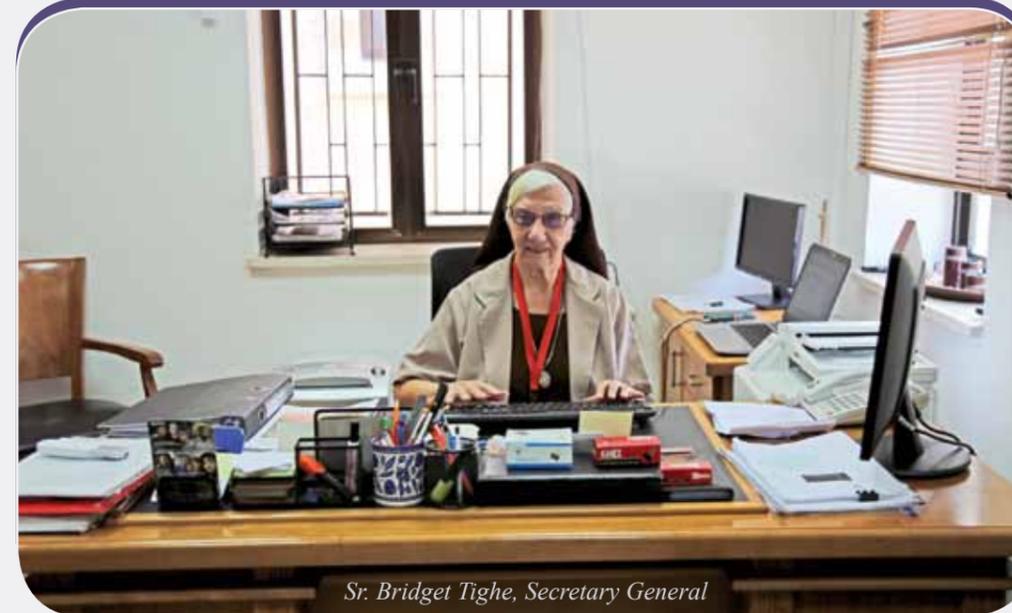
Equality Any economic, social, political or cultural structure which opposes or oppresses change toward justice is wrong and we challenge it. Caritas listens to the voice of the silent poor and enables them to speak for themselves

Solidarity Caritas works to enhance solidarity with the poor, seeing the world through their eyes, and recognizing the inter-dependence of humanity.

Stewardship Caritas commits itself to being in solidarity with the whole of creation and therefore seeks to act in an environmentally sustainable way at all times.

Compassion The fundamental response of Caritas to the poverty and suffering of our vulnerable brothers and sisters is compassion rooted in love. Through advocacy and action we seek to alleviate such suffering.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY GENERAL



Sr. Bridget Tighe, Secretary General

2019 was a memorable year for Caritas Jerusalem. 52 years since its establishment, we embarked on an Organisational Restructuring and Development Process (ORDP) to assess, renew and develop every aspect of our beloved organisation. During the year, work-related travel included attendance by different members of staff at Caritas International General Assembly in Rome, MONA Conference in Beirut, work trips to Thailand, Geneva, Ireland, Jordan and Belgium, and World Youth Day in Panama where we delivered a million olive wood rosaries, 1,000 crosses for the attending bishops and two beautifully crafted bishop's crosiers, one for Pope Francis and one for Archbishop Jose Domingo Ulloa Mendieta of Panama, all made, assembled and packed by Palestinian men and women. In October we hosted a meeting of local priests and in the afternoon we were honoured to be joined by His Eminence

Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, and His Excellency Monsignor Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio and Apostolic Delegate. The following month we hosted a Partners' Meeting attended by many of our partners from around the world. You will find information about these various activities in the body of the report. Throughout the year our medical and social services to the poor and marginalised, assisted by our youth volunteers, continued as well as our development work in food security and job creation.

Permeating and unifying these diverse activities are the moral and spiritual values of Caritas Jerusalem: Dignity, Equality, Solidarity, Stewardship and Compassion, rooted in the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching.

Sr. Bridget Tighe FMDM
Secretary General

ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS (ORDP)



Signing of the contract with the head consultant and CI Secretary General

Having raised a major part of the needed funds, and with the help of our Support Group developed a TOR and appointed a lead consultant, we launched the ORDP on 14th March 2019. This was a major undertaking, not only in time commitment in addition to our ongoing programmes and projects, but in the courage and confidence needed by all our staff to shine a light on every aspect of our leadership, management and work, with a commitment to update and renew while maintaining our core values of serving the poor regardless of race, religion or gender in a compassionate and professional manner. During the first phase the lead consultant and his team of specialists conducted an assessment of the actual situation of the organisation through field visits, interviews with members of staff and beneficiaries and document desk reviews. The result of this assessment was shared with our President, Support Group and staff

for comment and approval. The next phase involved an in-depth analysis of senior management structures and performance, all departments, focus groups with beneficiaries, consultations with donors, staff satisfaction questionnaires and more. The result of this analysis was presented at a three day workshop for all Jerusalem and West Bank staff, and remotely with Gaza staff, to listen to and learn from each other in sharing our experience, vision, and hopes for the future direction and development of Caritas Jerusalem. These meetings engendered among the staff a renewed sense of ownership and responsibility for the organisation and provided the “raw material” for developing a draft five year Strategic Plan 2019 – 2024 that was presented at a Partners’ Meeting in November. Work on updating all our manuals, policies, and procedures continues.



WORLD YOUTH DAY IN PANAMA



About 700,000 young people from around the world came together, with Pope Francis and Church Leaders, to celebrate World Youth Day (WYD) in Panama, 22nd – 27th January 2019. A year earlier Caritas Jerusalem was asked to provide two million olive wood rosaries, made in Bethlehem, one million as a gift to Pope Francis to be distributed by the Pope to the youth and one million to be distributed free elsewhere. The project, initiated by Mgr. Peter Bürcher and funded by the Association Saint Jean-Marie Vianney Lausanne (AVEJM), provided hundreds of jobs in the Bethlehem area for unemployed youth,



marginalized women, university students and people with disabilities who could not find suitable, flexible employment elsewhere. We worked with 22 small workshops and the income enabled them to develop their workshops by purchasing new machines and recruiting other workers. We commissioned two crosiers made of olive wood in Bethlehem

as gifts, one for Pope Francis and one for the Archbishop Jose Domingo. Both the Archbishop and Pope Francis used the crosiers during Mass on the second and final



days of WYD respectively. This was indeed a great honour for the artisans and people of Bethlehem, for Caritas Jerusalem, and for the association of St Jean Marie that funded the project. Aid to the Church in Need sponsored two young Palestinians to attend WYD where they addressed the assembled youth in their native Arabic language, witnessing to their faith and expressing their desire for peace in the Holy Land. This year’s WYD was special for Palestinians: Pope Francis gave every young person present a gift of an olive wood rosary, produced in Bethlehem by Caritas Jerusalem, every bishop present received a gift of an olive wood cross and, best of all, Pope Francis and Archbishop Jose received specially crafted Crosiers that they used at Mass. The additional one million olive wood rosaries were distributed as free gifts to people as distant as Siberia and Samoa and many places in between.

MEETING OF PRIESTS

On the 1st of October 2019 we hosted a meeting with the Catholic priests of the Holy Land at the Notre Dame Center in Jerusalem. The purpose of the meeting was two-fold: to explain the mission and work of Caritas to the priests and to listen to their concerns and ideas on how we can cooperate together in our service of the poor in the Holy Land.

50 priests, most from Palestine and some from Israel attended the meeting. Sr. Bridget Tighe, Secretary General, welcomed everyone and H.E. Giacinto-Boulos Marcuzzo, Patriarchal Vicar for Jerusalem and Palestine, led the group in prayer from the document LAUDATO SI'.

Sr Bridget explained the new structure being developed as part of Caritas ORDP, and other senior staff presented their work in Finance and Administration, Fundraising, Communication and Compliance, Social, Pastoral and Youth work; Food Security, Development and Job Creation, and Healthcare, Psychosocial and Emergency

relief. We then opened the floor for any questions, comments and inquiries the priests had regarding the work that we do and how we can improve our coordination with parishes in order to serve our communities in the best possible way.

Later in the day, we were honoured to have with us His Eminence Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches and His Excellency Monsignor Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio and Apostolic Delegate. In his address to the group Cardinal Sandri warmly praised the work of Caritas Jerusalem and encouraged staff and priests to keep on doing charity work; to go out and meet everyone without distinction and as far as possible to help them. He said: "Your being and your work, however limited, offers those who meet you an opportunity for hope, and so becomes a form of Christian witness. Just as Jesus says in the Gospel: so that they may see your good works and give thanks to your Father who is in Heaven."



His Eminence Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches second from right

PARTNERS' MEETING



CJ staff with partners and head consultant

Our first partners' meeting on 4th – 7th November 2019 was attended by representatives of 11 Caritas Member Organisations from around the world, and two other partners that work closely with us. The aim of the meeting was: a) to present progress to date on the ORDP; b) to update our partners on our current work with field visits to our projects in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, c) to highlight the challenges faced in working in this complex environment, and d) to explain our current and future financial needs to enable us to continue and develop our work for the poor and marginalised in the Holy Land. A major component of the meeting was to present the draft Strategic Plan (2020-2024) that is part of our ongoing ORDP, and to receive comments and recommendations on the Plan from our Partners.

The first day began with a short prayer and welcome by Sister Bridget Tighe, Secretary General. Different members of staff gave an overview of our work and outlined the challenges and complexities of working in

East Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The Heads of the Departments then presented the detailed 2020 work plan.

The partners were updated on the ORDP and Dr Samir Baidoon, lead consultant, presented the 2020-2024 draft Strategic Plan. The second and third days were dedicated to field trips to the Gaza Strip and the West Bank where the partners witnessed the work on the ground, met beneficiaries, stakeholders, representatives from government ministries and others.

On the final day we reconvened at the Notre Dame Center to share experiences, discuss the different projects and ways to cooperate more with one another. The meeting concluded with Holy Mass in the Co-Cathedral of the Latin Patriarchate celebrated by Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, President of Caritas Jerusalem. After Mass the Archbishop greeted the group and spoke about the need for the work of Caritas in the current unstable situation of the Holy Land and thanked the partners for their support that enables Caritas to continue this important work.

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Mr. Ricardo Alen Sani, the Ambassador of Chile in Palestine, Ms. Rocio Traeger, Consul of Chile in Palestine, with Caritas staff and school representatives

Through our Social Department we aim to safeguard and promote the dignity and welfare of vulnerable families in East Jerusalem, West Bank and the Gaza strip. We work in coordination with other social and humanitarian organisations to provide the best service possible to the needy families who seek our help. In 2019 we assisted 1,158 families through different interventions.

- Family relief: 167 families received emergency assistance to cover their basic needs, such as rent, utility and food costs.
- Medical Support: 72 people had their medical expenses covered.
- Schooling: 700 students in 21 schools in the Bethlehem Governorate had part of their school tuition fees covered and 10 from Jerusalem schools.
- University: 2 university students had part of their university tuition fees covered.
- Health Insurance: 61 people had their annual health insurance covered.
- 36 failed asylum seekers returned from Europe to Palestine were assisted to reintegrate back in their homeland.
- 110 families from Jerusalem were given food coupons at Christmas.

EVERYONE DESERVES A SECOND CHANCE

Since 2009 Caritas staff have been working with failed asylum seekers helping them to reintegrate back in Palestine, most in the Gaza Strip. In 2019, we assisted 36 Palestinian individuals and families who returned from Belgium to resettle by helping them find living accommodation, covering their health insurance and supporting them in developing income generation projects to become self-supporting and productive members of the society. These people are extremely vulnerable and need a lot of support to reintegrate into the community they left for a better life, but were unsuccessful.

One of the returnees is Fathiya, a 29-year-old married woman from Gaza. Fathiya's husband immigrated to Belgium in the hopes of finding a better life and future for his family. He applied for asylum for her as well but before she left Palestine, she was diagnosed with a brain tumor and underwent surgery. When she recovered, she joined her husband in Belgium but due to marital problems she has decided to return to Gaza. When our social worker met her, she was depressed, devastated and desperate.



CJ social worker with Fathiya at her shop in Gaza

After much support and psychosocial sessions, Fathiya regained her self-confidence and we helped her start her own mini market. After this long and difficult journey Fathiya is now self-sufficient and supporting her aging parents to meet their basic needs.

THE ELDERLY DAY CARE CENTER IN RAMALLAH



School students with senior citizens and EDCC staff

Caritas Elderly Day Care Center (EDCC) is one of the few centers that serve the senior citizens in Palestine where there is no governmental support or retirement pension. The EDCC staff not only cater for the physical needs of the elderly, they promote and facilitate inter-generational encounters where schoolchildren and young adults meet and engage with the seniors, entertain and assist them, and all enjoy the experience. These encounters, made possible through the cooperation of local schools and our own Youth Department, raise awareness among the

young of the needs of the elderly in their society and, we hope, plant seeds of the responsibility of society to care for the elderly that will bear fruit in the future. Activities throughout the year included Birzeit University final year pharmacy and nursing students who, supervised by their tutors, conducted a range of screening tests for the elderly including hearing and sight, blood pressure and blood sugar, and information on the safe use of medications. A welcome development is an increasing contribution of the local community to the running of the EDCC.

In 2019, the EDCC provided the following activities and services:

- 4,103 hot meals were served to the elderly.
- 68 home visits were conducted by the social workers and the nurse to check on senior citizens' wellbeing.
- 21 senior citizens who suffer from chronic illnesses were provided with their monthly medications.
- 14 elderly had their annual health insurance covered
- 7 groups of primary, middle and high school students visited the center to spend time with the elderly.
- Occasional individual and group counseling sessions were provided.



Nada is a 90-year-old lady who lives alone in a rented house in Ramallah. Her niece used to live with her and was her only carer but she passed away a couple of years ago. Nada now lives alone with no source of regular income and no near relatives to care for her. Our social worker visits her regularly and brings her freshly cooked meals and other necessities. We coordinate with our partners to provide her with medicines and other basic needs. Recently, we acquired a wheelchair for her.

Nada is only one of many lonely senior citizens that need care and attention in Palestine where there is no social security for the elderly. Currently, in discussion with our partners, we are exploring ways to expand our services and raise awareness of the rights of older people who are some of the most needy and vulnerable in our society.

THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

ESTABLISHED IN 2005



The youth in Gaza entertaining children with disabilities

In 2019 our Youth Programme “Development of the Social Commitment of the Youth in Palestine” continued with 75 young people from Beit Jala, Beit Sahour, Ramallah, Jifna, Aboud and Gaza parishes. They undertook refresher courses on Catholic Social Teaching (the previous year’s material) and studied the essential characteristics of Church Leadership. In light of this they designed their action plan for the year 2020.

These young volunteers initiated a number of community and social service initiatives in 2019:

- ▶ Distributed 450 gifts to 10 Children’s Disability Centres during Christmas in the Bethlehem area.
- ▶ Distributed 200 hygiene kits to elderly care centres during Easter in the Bethlehem area.
- ▶ Launched From Hand to Hand campaign where 550 Christmas gifts were prepared by school students from 4 private schools in Ramallah and were sent to needy students in Gaza.

The 8th annual youth exchange summer camp with the Spanish youth



The youth in the Manger Square- Bethlehem

From 1st to the 14th of August a group of ten young men and women from Spain visited Palestine to join a summer camp alongside Caritas youth. This summer camp is the eighth of its kind where the young people participate in many community service activities in different parts of Palestine.

This year the youth took part in workshops, community service activities, meetings with community leaders and parish priests, and visiting religious and historical sites. As in previous years the Spanish participants resided with Palestinian families to have a better experience of the reality of life in the Holy Land.

The camp is part of “The Peace Initiative” which is a wider cooperation between

Caritas Spain and Caritas Jerusalem that includes youth exchange. It has been held seven times in Palestine and once in Spain. Through meeting local church and civil society leaders, interaction with local people and learning about the daily challenges they face, voluntary work with underprivileged children and adults, and structured reflection on their experiences, the young people develop their social awareness and commitment to serving the poor and marginalized as well as commitment to their churches and communities. Spanish youth give witness talks about their experiences on their return to Spain, and Palestinian youth engage in voluntary action in their parishes and communities.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Caritas Jerusalem operates health centers in the West Bank villages of Aboud and Taybeh and one in the Gaza Strip.

► *Aboud Health Center:*

Caritas has served the people of Aboud, a village with fewer than 2,200 inhabitants and its surrounding villages, since 1990. In recent years Aboud that is situated in an historic, picturesque



Children visiting the dentist in Aboud

rural area, has become isolated from other villages by the separation barrier, road closures, and the nearby ever-expanding Israeli settlements. A government primary health care clinic was established in Aboud in 2010, access to our clinic became more difficult for people from the surrounding villages and maintaining the clinic services became increasingly difficult both financially and psychologically. The medical specialist of the ORDP team conducted an in-depth assessment including consulting the community, review of services offered and uptake, number and expertise of staff and utilisation of the premises and staff skills. Their recommendation was that, though Caritas has served Aboud well in the past, the combination of Israeli settlements, road closures and a government clinic offering similar services, Caritas primary health care centre was no longer needed in Aboud. Caritas administration decided that, regrettably, the clinic was no longer viable, and it was closed in July 2019.

► *Taybeh Health Center:*

Taybeh is a village of 1,400 inhabitants 35 km north of Jerusalem surrounded by Palestinian villages whose combined population is about 18,000 inhabitants. The Taybeh Health Center, established in 1997, provides primary health care to this population plus outreach projects to remote populations.



Outreach projects implemented in 2019 included:

- ◆ Promoting the general health of students in Aboud & Taybeh regions. (2017 – 2020) The project aims to improve the quality and accessibility of health services among school students.
- ◆ Mother and Child Healthcare (2017 – 2019) The project aims at improving the quality of primary health care services for women and infants in Taybeh.
- ◆ Dental Care in Aboud and Taybeh (2017 – 2019) To improve dental health and to raise dental health care standards in Aboud and Taybeh, with an emphasis on children and pregnant women.
- ◆ Community Development Programme (2019 – 2020) the objective is to contribute towards strengthening the public primary-health-care system in the West Bank and Gaza, by empowering civil society and improving the quality of health care, focusing particularly on prevention and treatment of chronic diseases, and to be active referral points in their communities. Committee members coordinated with local partners and specialist doctors to raise awareness of non-communicable diseases by celebrating International Days such as World Diabetes Day and World Cancer Day. They also organised Medical Days where members of the community could consult specialist doctors free of charge and get immediate treatment or referral as appropriate.

► Health Center in the Gaza Strip

Due to wars and the ongoing blockade that limits or delays importing of essential equipment and some medicines, as well as travel restrictions that prevent medical personnel from travelling abroad for higher study and experience, government provision of Health Care in the Gaza Strip is inadequate. NGOs and Church based organizations, including Caritas, provide much of the basic health care in Gaza.



The opening ceremony of the extension of the health center with Mgr. Pierbattista Pizzaballa, President of CJ

Caritas Jerusalem in Gaza provides primary health and dental care in our Health Centre on the edge of Al Shati Camp in Gaza city and a range of services throughout the Gaza Strip by mobile medical teams. In 2019 we extended the clinic space by utilising part of an adjacent rented building to provide additional consulting rooms for specialist doctors, extra path lab space and patient waiting area. The extension enabled us to employ specialist doctors and our services now include a cardiologist, internist, paediatrician, dermatologist, gynaecologist and ultrasound specialist.

The Health Centre is also the administrative hub for our outreach medical work, social services and youth programme.

Outreach projects implemented by Mobile Medical Teams:

- ◆ During 2019 we continued a health education, nutrition and medical project for the elderly aimed at reducing their dependence on medicines, making them more aware of their human rights and better able to care for themselves.
- ◆ A deworming and nutrition project to treat malnourished children in refugee camps.
- ◆ A dental project for children aged 5-12 years in three schools which included general and dental checkups, and oral hygiene lectures.
- ◆ Basic primary care to serve the vulnerable populations in 10 marginalized areas near the border fence.
- ◆ During the “Great March of Return” border clashes, we treated the wounded who did not need hospitalization and those discharged early from hospital. Patients were referred to us from MoH and other health care providers. Most of these patients needed prolonged care following leg amputations, chronic infections, and other injuries.



Staff member raising awareness of oral hygiene

Number of beneficiaries

► Aboud Health Centre	572
► Taybeh Health Centre	3,824
► Taybeh clinic free Medical Days	1,840
► Taybeh outreach projects	2,302
► Gaza Health Centre	24,255
► Gaza outreach projects	20,663

Total number of direct beneficiaries treated in our healthcare centres 53,456

ONE GAZAN CHILD'S TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCE

Mahmoud is a 12-year-old boy who lives in Khozaa, an area near the separation fence in the south east of the Gaza-Strip. On 22nd March 2019 he joined the "Great March of Return", a weekly event near his home, where he was exposed to gunfire that resulted in multiple injuries and fractures in both legs. In hospital he was treated with right leg cast and left leg external fixation of bone and discharged within a few days. He was traumatized and in pain and his father brought him to our mobile emergency trauma clinic. The doctor assessed his condition and designed a care plan that included initial cleaning and sterile dressing of his



After surgery



Beginning to heal

wounds; teaching his father how to dress the wounds at home and giving him the required sterile dressings; weekly appointment at our trauma clinic and education in general health and nutrition to promote healing. The staff explained the psychological trauma this experience would have on a 12 year old and helped the father to understand and support his son. By 13th of May 2019, almost 2 months since his injury, Mahmoud's wounds had healed but he still used a wheelchair. The team continued to give him the treatment and support he needed until he could walk again. This is just one of many complicated cases of children with multiple injuries that we treated and we were happy to see Mahmoud's progress.

MICROCREDIT DEPARTMENT

Small loans can empower individuals and families by providing quick and easy access to small amounts of money. Caritas Jerusalem's microcredit department grants four types of loans, namely for education, house renovation, business development and emergency needs.

In 2019, the department gave 14 loans that financed 8 business projects and the renovation of 6 families homes.



The minimarket from inside

One of our beneficiaries is a retired teacher, who after many years of productive work wanted to fulfil his dream to become an independent entrepreneur. He decided to turn his garage into a minimarket and used the money that he had saved in renovating the place, but he found himself to be short of cash and approached Caritas for a business loan in order to complete the refurbishment and the purchasing of shelves and products.

The loan committee approved his request and granted the loan needed. He was able to start his business and currently he is very content that he fulfilled his dream while making a decent living.

FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS



One of the farmers working on his land in Al-Makhrour

In 2019, we helped local people to generate income and fight poverty through our various projects and programs in different parts of Palestine, particularly in remote rural areas. We focused on socio economic and territorial development by funding micro enterprises in agriculture, land rehabilitation, job creation through olive wood rosary production, services and trade sectors, with technical training and collective projects in cooperation with relevant ministries, local municipalities, village councils and the community at large.

Since 2017 Caritas Jerusalem has helped many families from Al Makhrour, defined as Area C that extends over approximately 239 dunams west of Beit Jala, to cultivate their lands. In 2019 we continued in the area with phase II of the project focusing on the use of agroecology practices and techniques (chemical free farming methods)

by building agroecology raised beds and installing a dripping irrigation system. This is the biggest agroecological project in Palestine. Phase III, that started in June in the same area, supports already active farmers by introducing them to agroecology practices and techniques.

This program, that helps 67 farmers and their families with a total of 239 donums of land, increases the prospect of the farmers maintaining access to their land, produces chemical free agricultural crops, and creates economic opportunities through a higher yield of locally grown organic produce for the local market. The program also created more than 100 temporary jobs for skilled and unskilled laborers.

In addition, two domestic cisterns that serve six families and provides clean water for an adjacent school in Beit Jala were renovated.



Beekeeping project in the North

A three-year project, begun in 2018, to strengthen sustainable and diversified rural economy in the countryside of Jenin Governorate in the northern West Bank, continued. Its aim is to further support the local economic development by ensuring maximum synergies with local and international actors. Activities included:

- › Helping families/farmers (including youth and women) through income generating farming microbusiness as follow: 23 greenhouses erected or rehabilitated, beehives and equipment for 6 new beekeepers, 1 pigeon barn, and aloe vera cosmetic oil extraction equipment for 1 person. These micro businesses are models of self-sufficiency and dignity for vulnerable rural families, offering them the means to increase their food security and diversify their sources of income.
- › The beneficiaries received the following theoretical and practical training courses according to their microbusiness initiatives:
 - 5 days beekeeping management
 - 3 days of greenhouse management

- 3 days in pest control and plant vitamin and mineral deficiencies

- › Two thematic seminars on “Rural Tourism Key Developmental Strategies and Methodologies”. Participants represented the targeted municipalities, relevant ministries and NGOs, and private sector workers in tourism.

- › Christmas Tree lightening in Zababdeh village was partially supported by Caritas through purchase of tents and chairs to promote and display local cultural and agricultural products. This cultural event took place on 18 December and included a Christmas Tree lighting ceremony, Christmas market and Scouts performance of Christmas songs and carols. The Christmas market was full of handmade wooden products, and agricultural products including strawberries and pineapples from an organic farm in Zababdeh. This annual event helps to strengthen the local identity and support the local economy of the area by attracting local tourists. In 2019 it attracted hundreds of visitors from all over Jenin and the surrounding territory.

CARITAS JERUSALEM TRAINING CENTER IN RAMALLAH

ESTABLISHED IN 2014



The graduating ceremony attended by the Minister of Labour

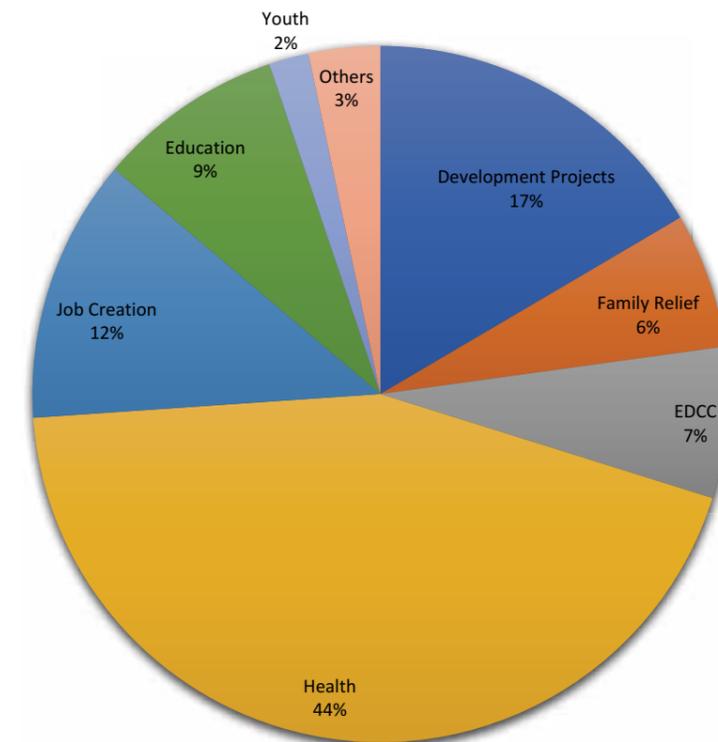
According to the Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics, participation of men in the labour market is about twice that of women. Caritas Jerusalem endeavours to narrow this gap through our training center in Ramallah where women learn fashion design, sewing and Palestinian embroidery. At the end of the nine-month programme students are examined by a person appointed by the Ministry of Labour and successful candidates are awarded a Certificate by the Ministry. For some this is the first certificate of achievement they ever received and they are rightly proud of their success. For others it is an additional skill to enhance their employability and increase their income.

In 2019, 22 women graduated from Caritas Jerusalem Training Center among them one with minor physical disability. In the past five years more than 100 women, coming from 21 different villages and towns, completed their training. Of these, 26 were able to start their own micro businesses with the support of Caritas Jerusalem's partners, while all enhance their family income.

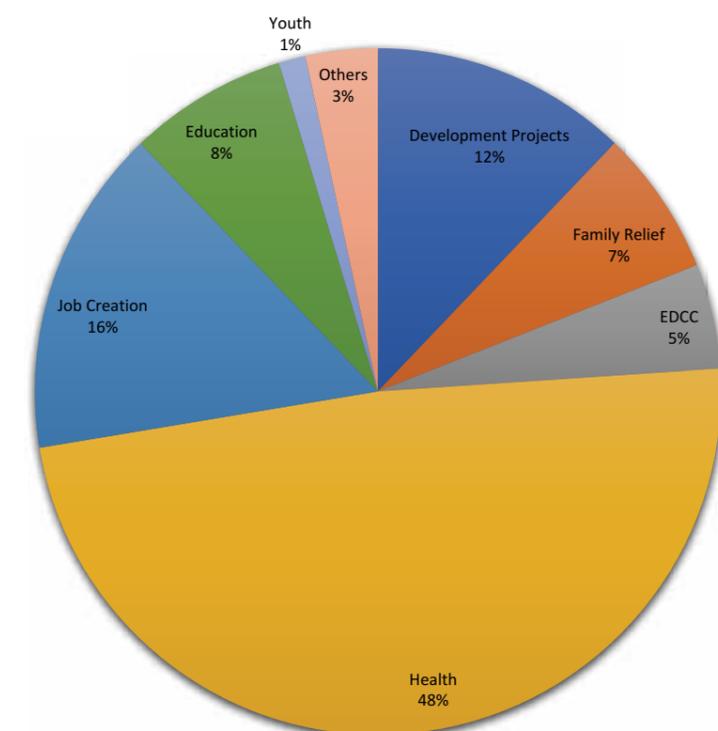


FINANCIAL REPORT 2019

Grants and Contributions in 2019



Expenses in 2019



THANK YOU

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give"

Winston Churchill



THANK YOU FOR BEING A PARTNER AND A FRIEND

- Abbayee De Latroun
- Alice Farah Family Foundation
- Association SeCoDév
- Belen 2000
- Bethlehem University
- The Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD)
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