



Asmaa Jadallah (center) is interning as a kindergarten teacher, a position she found through Envision Gaza 2020. Photo by Mohamed Reefi for CRS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Envision Gaza 2020, a US\$50 million, five-year project funded by USAID, has provided almost 3,000 vulnerable Palestinians with income-earning opportunities, and nearly 9,000 households with food and non-food assistance since April 2016. The project also has an emergency response mechanism that trains responders and pre-positions funds and emergency response systems.

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HELPING VULNERABLE PALESTINIANS REACH THEIR FULL HUMAN POTENTIAL

In Jerusalem, West Bank and Gaza, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is committed to supporting vulnerable Palestinians to reach their full human potential, and to promoting a just, secure and comprehensive peace in the Holy Land. CRS has a long history of service to the Palestinian people, with an extensive network of partners and a reputation for transparency and effectiveness. CRS maintains a deep commitment to serving the most vulnerable, and works in four strategic program areas: Emergency response and recovery, urban livelihoods, agricultural livelihoods, and social justice promotion.

300,000 +

DIRECT AND INDIRECT
BENEFICIARIES

\$10 m

ANNUAL BUDGET

70

STAFF MEMBERS ACROSS
THREE OFFICES

25

PARTNERS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

CRS promotes the dignity, well-being and recovery of disaster-affected families while increasing their resilience to future shocks. CRS runs emergency programs in Gaza, which include shelter assistance, child-friendly community centers, provision of emergency assistance, and a rapid emergency response mechanism. CRS has developed innovative, rapid, efficient and dignified approaches to its programming, such as providing vulnerable families with e-voucher debit cards with which they can buy emergency food and household items.

URBAN LIVELIHOODS

CRS programs improve the livelihood security of conflict-affected and vulnerable urban households in a sustainable manner. In Gaza, CRS provides short-term employment opportunities—such as cash-for-work and cash-for-internship—as well as entrepreneurship training and grants for vulnerable Palestinians. We also support existing businesses with small grants.

AGRICULTURAL LIVELIHOODS

CRS supports prosperous and resilient agricultural livelihoods for poor and vulnerable households. We manage agricultural livelihoods programs in southern West Bank focused on supporting vulnerable herders through a behavior change approach on livestock feeding practices, and provision of water catchment cisterns to improve livestock-based livelihoods.

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The CRS e-voucher program in Gaza gives beneficiaries the freedom to choose from thousands of food items, as well as other household essentials such as diapers, soap and cleaning products. *Photo by Mohamed Reefi for CRS*

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROMOTION

CRS works with civil society organizations and the global Catholic community to promote peace and justice. Our programs include raising awareness about peace and justice issues as well as leading interfaith initiatives and supporting human rights advocacy. CRS manages an innovative initiative bringing together medical professionals from across the region to develop a regional network for pediatric palliative care, and support the establishment of the first pediatric palliative care unit in Palestine.

CRS' COMMITMENT

CRS established an office in Jerusalem in 1961, making it one of the longest-standing NGOs present today. CRS has maintained a continuous presence throughout the intervening decades of turbulence and change, supporting vulnerable Palestinian communities and promoting peace in the Holy Land.



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