



# 2014 Annual Report

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## Vital Statistics

After strong growth in organisational capacity between 2010-2013, Project Hope maintained its forward momentum bringing its unique educational programming – combining language training with creative, community-based activities – to an ever expanding geographic and demographic reach. In 2014, Project Hope registered over **12,000 student placements** in **1463 language and activity classes** – meeting our goal of teaching at least **1,000 students** each month.

Table 1: Project Hope Classes & Activities

2014 Classes	# Students	# Classes	Avg. Class Size
English	8,305	963	8.6
French	2,390	273	8.8
Activities	1,793	227	7.9
<b>TOTAL/AVG.</b>	<b>12,488</b>	<b>1463</b>	<b>8.4</b>

Among these students, **53% are female**, in keeping with our value of gender empowerment. Likewise, in accordance with our organisational mandate, a majority (67%) of our programmes are directed toward children under the age of 18, while 16% of our classes and activities target youth age 18-25, with the remainder (16%) benefiting other members of the community including women and workers. The bulk of these students enrol in Project Hope’s ever-popular English language and conversation classes, however a sizeable population continue to benefit from our French language classes. In addition, Project Hope organises a wide variety of activities classes including graphic novels, computers, photography, music,

art therapy, as well as summer and winter camps. In addition, thanks to the specialized skills and talents of Project Hope’s volunteers, we began offering activities tailored to suit differently abled students including music for autistics students and physical therapy for disabled children.

This massive educational effort is made possible by Project Hope’s international and local volunteers. As one of – if not the – largest volunteer organisations in Palestine, in 2014 Project Hope hosted a total of **106 international volunteers** from **22 countries**, with female volunteers outnumbering male volunteers more than 2-to-1 (there were 73 women and 33 men). While the majority of our volunteers came from the US, France, and the UK, an increasing number of volunteers are coming from



outside the Global North. For example, we recently welcomed our first long-term volunteers from Peru and Malaysia. In addition, a growing number of volunteers of Arab heritage are volunteering from the US and France. While many of our volunteers are recent graduates and young professionals, Project Hope once again welcomed a wide age range of volunteers, from 20 to 70 years old, including retired and practicing physicians, teachers, and lawyers. We hope these trends continue in the year ahead, making for a more diverse volunteer experience for all involved.

The international volunteers are not alone in their efforts. In fact, Project Hope insists upon an equal partnership model of volunteering, pairing local and international volunteers to teach classes and carry out activities together. We consider this a form of mutual education and mentorship. Our local volunteer program is one of the longest running and most successful aspects of our work, with former volunteers going on to successful careers in teaching, journalism, business, management, medicine, IT, government, and civil society, both in Palestine and abroad. Each month, an average of 23 local volunteers donate an average of 232 volunteer hours to Project Hope – providing a generous and valuable educational service to their community, and their country, all while honing their own communication skills.

Table 2: International & Local Volunteers

Month	Volunteers	
	Int'l	Local
January	18	21
February	21	22
March	21	24
April	21	24
May	38	32
June	38	32
July	<i>Ramadan Break</i>	
August	10	9
September	14	11
October	16	12
November	19	32
December	19	32

Table 3: International Volunteers by Country

Month	Volunteers
USA	39
France	18
UK	9
Belgium	5
South Africa	4
Australia	4
Switzerland	3
Netherlands	3
Ireland	3
Singapore	2
Norway	2
New Zealand	2
Germany	2
Canada	2
Turkey	1
Spain	1
Portugal	1
Peru	1
Malaysia	1
Lithuania	1
Cyprus	1
Brazil	1

## Highlights & Special Events

In addition to the hundreds of classes and thousands of students that Project Hope teaches each year, Project Hope also benefits the local community through the variety of special events they organize and the special guests they host. Project Hope has fostered long term relationships with many organizations and individuals throughout the world who come to share in the rebirth of Nablus as a Palestinian cultural centre.

### PalFest

Project Hope continues to play host to one of the largest and most successful culture and arts events in Palestine, the PalFest literature festival. Once again, Project Hope staff and volunteers helped to organize music and literary events associated with PalFest in the Nablus region. PalFest hosts a number of world renowned authors, poets, and musicians, and also showcases local Palestinian talent. Project Hope volunteers helped to set up venues, publicize the events, serve as guides to visiting guests, and organise educational workshops with Project Hope students.



### International Exchange

In addition to this partnership, Project Hope also serves as the local partner for the Nablus-Lille Municipal Twinning Organisation. Lille Municipality generously contributes to Project Hope activities, and every year Project Hope host delegations and volunteers from Lille, France.

Project Hope maintains a strong connection with its supporters in France, and as such serves as an important cultural bridge between France and Palestine. Illustrative of this is Project Hope's continued relation with the French Institute. Project Hope helps provide French language activities for the Centre, and co-hosts a number of cultural events. For example, in March, Project Hope staff and volunteers helped organize a Master Chef-style cooking competition with the Institute!

In addition to these long-standing institutional relationships, Project Hope also brings unique opportunities through its now extensive network

of past international volunteers. For example, this year a former British volunteer, a school teacher in the UK, brought a group of 22 students age 14-18 from the Lancaster Royal Grammar School to visit Project Hope as part of a visit to Palestine. In this way, Project Hope continues to serve as an important meeting space for international delegations, both formal and informal, helping to build bridges between Palestine and the rest of the world.

### Olive Harvest

Finally, in addition to connecting Palestinians to the outside world, Project Hope also plays a key role in connecting Palestinians to each other. As the following section will illustrate, Project Hope serves as a key node in an extensive network of Palestinian civil society organisations through the Northern West Bank. In addition to bringing them educational classes, Project Hope volunteers are also willing to lend a hand of solidarity in other ways as well, such as the annual olive harvest in October.

## Thanks to Our Partners & Funders

Over the past year, Project Hope strengthened its partnership with the UK-based charity Firefly International. Firefly builds bridges through education and the arts, supporting locally led projects in Bosnia and the Middle East that create safe, supportive, and inclusive spaces for young people to learn, thrive, and grow. Firefly has made a strong commitment to support Project Hope as its primary partner in the West Bank, providing support with fundraising, outreach/online media, and support with programme management and reporting. For instance, it was Firefly members who compiled the data from Project Hope's staff to produce this Annual Report.

In 2014, Firefly's support included: working with Project Hope staff to regularly update the website and manage social media accounts; writing the 2013 Annual Report; help researching and editing two vital final project reports that led to further donor funding; donating £10,000 on the request of our director during a critical period; support developing a computer literacy programme; and fundraising large grants that will provide stability to our organisation through 2017.

Further, during the course of the year, two Firefly trustees visited Project Hope, while our director, Hakim Sabbah, took part in Firefly's January 2014 Annual General Meeting.

We need to express further thanks to the following donors, which are making substantial financial contributions to sustaining our ongoing activities. In Canada, those include **Zatoun**, which has been a key partner in our journey together since 2004, and which has provided in excess of \$200,000 CAD in order for us to fulfil our vision as an organisation in Palestine; and Canada's largest union, **UNIFOR**, which has been our biggest donor since 2005, sustaining our core language education program for the past several years, including with a large new grant for two years starting in 2015.

We would like to express further thanks to **Kerk in Actie**, our long-time Dutch partner, which is currently contributing towards the budget of a three-year computer literacy project; and Amitié Lille-Naplouse in France, for arranging ongoing monthly financial support to Project Hope. Finally, we need to thank all of the volunteers from Palestine and around the world, who contribute every year to making our projects a reality.



## Local Partners

Project Hope taught slightly more students in more classes in 2014 than in 2013, this despite Ramadan falling in mid-summer, an otherwise popular time to hold summer classes and activities with international volunteers. Part of this steadily growing capacity includes an increasing geographic reach. In 2014, Project Hope taught classes in more local partner centres than in any year previous. Moreover, the organisation continues to expand into marginalized rural areas includes villages such as Bieta and Qusra.

The following is a list of all of our local partner centres:

### Nablus City

1. Adan kindergarten
2. Adel Zaiter School
3. Al-Karmel school
4. Al-Manhal centre
5. Al-Rawda College
6. An-Najah National University
7. Awtar centre
8. Children's Cultural Centre (CCC)
9. Circus school
10. Fatimiya school
11. French Institute
12. Future Generation Association
13. Ghazalayeh School
14. Hamdi Manko Centre
15. Happy Childhood Kindergarten
16. Ittihad Society
17. Khaldeyeh School
18. Khalefeh Centre for Disabled
19. Language Centre (An-Najah University)
20. Law Faculty (an-Najah University)
21. MCRC

22. Medical Relief Centre
23. Ministry of Health
24. Multiple Intelligence Kindergarten
25. Najah National Univ
26. Palestinian National Initiative
27. Red Crescent Association
28. Refugee Services Centre
29. Samaritan Kindergarten
30. Sharaf Kindergarten
31. Sharek Centre
32. Sorna Kbar Kindergarten
33. Tanweri Centre
34. Vocational Training Centre
35. Women Working Dept.
36. Women's Corner
37. Women's Programs Centre
38. Women's Working Department
39. Yallo Centre

### Camps

1. Al-Basma Kindergarten
2. Al-Ein Boy's School
3. Al-Lydd Association

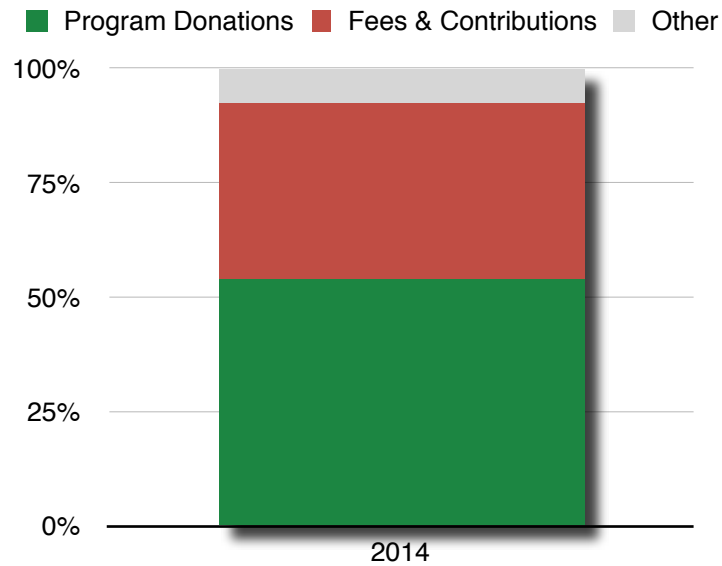
4. Al-Wafa School
5. Askar Youth Club
6. Balata Centre
7. Balata Youth Club
8. Dar al-Fonon
9. Local Committee for the Disabled, Al-Ein
10. Local Committee for the Disabled, Askar
11. Local Committee for the Disabled, Balata
12. Mother's School
13. Naher Oja Centre
14. Oli Azam Centre
15. Safeer Centre
16. Shams Al-Amal Kindergarten
17. Social Development Centre
18. Wafa Kindergarten
19. Wafa School
20. Women's Programs Centre
21. Yafa Cultural Centre
22. Yafa Psychological Centre

### Villages/Outlying Areas

1. Al-Andalus Centre, Bieta
2. Al-Awdah Centre, Boreen
3. Al-Hadaf centre, Boreen
4. Al-Kayed Centre, Sabstya
5. Al-Rabee centre, Aqraba
6. Bilal an-Najar Centre, Boreen
7. Derestyah kindergarten, Derestyah
8. Ibn Nafees School, Tubas
9. Jneed Centre, Jneed
10. Jneed Women's Association, Jneed
11. Mothers school, Kofer Qaleel
12. Mothers' School, Beit Forik
13. Qabalan Municipality, Qabalan
14. Qusra Village Council
15. Rataj Centre, Aserah Qibliyeh
16. Red Crescent Association, Aseera
17. Samaritan Kindergarten
18. Village Council, Biet Wazan
19. Village Council, Qabalan
20. Village Council, Qusra
21. Women Centre, Jneed
22. Women's Centre, Aseera

# Income & Expenditures

In 2014, Project Hope had **Revenue** of \$116,504 USD.

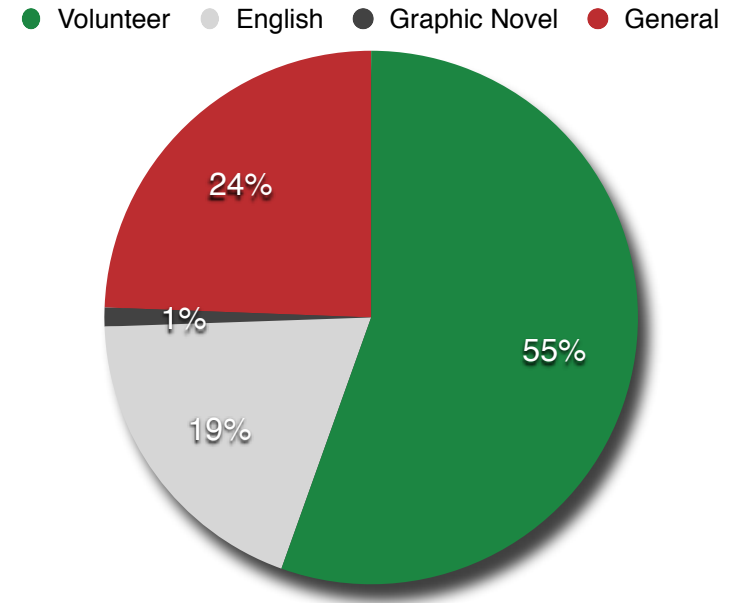


There were two main Revenue sources:

- Program Donations \$62,568 USD
- Fees & Contributions \$44,853 USD

The largest sum of revenue was for specific programs. However, more than 46% came from alternative revenue streams sustaining the general program, such as volunteer contributions, Arabic lessons for foreigners, and events management. This reflects our continued aim to become more self-sustaining, relying less on short-term grants, which plague the Palestinian charity sector with financial insecurity and instability.

In 2014, Project Hope had **Expenses** of \$189,353 USD.



These included Depreciations Expenses of \$3,058 USD, and Foreign Exchange Loss of \$5,241 USD, and resulted in a deficit of \$72,892 USD.



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