



EMERGENCY PALESTINE:

one year later

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WHO IS ALEIMAR

Aleimar is a voluntary organisation that has believed in a precise objective since 1983: to support children in difficulty without distinction of origin, religion, ethnicity and culture. "Together with the children of the world" is the mission that guides us and leads us to support children in their needs such as health, nutrition and education, helping them in their human, affective, social and cultural growth. We are present in 11 countries around the world, supporting 430 children through Distance Support (SaD) and another 2500 through our Development Projects in favour of families and local communities. In particular, we have been working in Palestine, since 1988.

Together with our local partners, over the years we have supported projects aimed at protecting the rights of children and the weaker sections of the population, improving their living conditions and promoting greater economic self-sufficiency.



PALESTINE

The situation in **Palestine**, specifically in **Bethlehem** is extremely critical. Despite the fact that a year has passed since the start of the war on October 7th, there is no peace on the horizon.

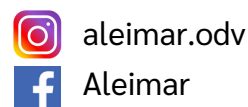
The situation in Bethlehem is extremely critical and the economic crisis has affected every family: there are no more jobs and tourism no longer exists (it was a sector that guaranteed work for 80% of the residents in Bethlehem). In addition, **prices are rising** because of the **fluctuation of currency** and more and more families are living below the poverty line, so many are unable to pay their water and electricity bills.

Families can no longer buy food, pay rents and their children's school fees. Their lives have been destroyed, first by the pandemic, and now by a conflict that seems to be endless.

Freedom of movement is not only restricted in Gaza but also in the West Bank because of many checkpoints. The high risk in West Bank makes the work of international and local humanitarian organisations difficult.

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OUR LOCAL PARTNERS IN BETHLEHEM



THE BETHLEHEM HOLY CHILD PROGRAM CORPORATION

The **Bethlehem Holy Child Program Corporation** is a school based in a village three kilometres from Bethlehem that provides an intense therapeutic day treatment program and alternative education for children in the Bethlehem region. These children suffer from untreated complex **mental health issues** and exposure to **intergenerational trauma**.

For this reason, the school provides an **individualized program** to accommodate the unique needs of each child. In addition, children and families receive **social skills training, consulting, parent education, educational field trips, home visits, medical monitoring, and postgraduate follow up**.

Holy Child Program is certified by the Palestinian Ministry of Education as an alternative education program and it is the only therapeutic alternative education program in the West Bank. Holy Child is one of the few organizations in the region that enjoys the trust and cooperation of Christian, Muslim, and Israeli communities. As the Holy Child Program works with children, at the same time the partner helps families by creating positive, meaningful lives for themselves by empowering them with skills to improve the quality of their lives.

The staff is highly qualified: it is necessary in order to provide an atmosphere of tolerance and the tools needed to keep Christians living peacefully with Muslim neighbors.

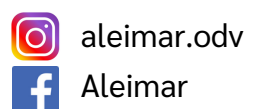
Direct beneficiaries: 35 students; 50% Christian and 50% Muslim.

Indirect Beneficiaries: students' families.



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DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY - SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

The second local partner that collaborates with Aleimar in Palestine is **Daughters of Charity-Saint Vincent de Paul, Social Service Department**. It is a humanitarian not for profit subdivision initiated in the 1999, as a response to the deteriorating political, economic and social conditions in the area. Their Social Centre in Bethlehem aims at supporting poor families and children in coping with the continuous worsening situation in the area. The mission is to reach out and support the vulnerable and the most affected groups in sustaining their wellbeing and moving beyond their fear, restoring their sense of dignity and self-respect.

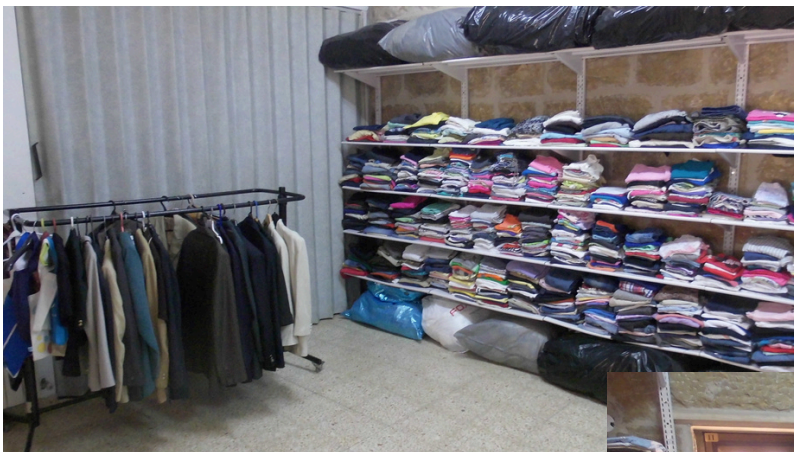
The mission targets families with children, elderly and unemployed poor families living under difficult health – socio - economic situations from Bethlehem, Beit Jala, Beit Sahour area beside eastern and western villages regardless their religious affiliation and background.

The aim of the Social Center is to provide an emergency support system for poor and vulnerable inhabitants in Bethlehem ensuring basic necessities, as well as psycho-social and financial support. In particular, Social Center activities are:

- **Weekly checks** aimed at helping and monitoring the administration of **medicines**;
- **Supply of food rations** to affected people and to their families in order to promote a balanced diet;
- **Distribution of food supplements** like milk powder in order to ease children physical recovery.

Direct beneficiaries: 120 families, 30 elderly people, 10 children age between 7-17 years old.

Indirect beneficiaries: residents of Bethlehem.



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WHAT WE DO TOGETHER



Families can no longer buy food, pay a rent or send their children to school.
With your donation, we can provide immediate assistance to families in need.

Each contribution helps to insure: **food, water, shelter and medical support** for those in desperate need.

Their survival depends on us. Your help can make a difference to those trapped in this crisis.
We cannot wait until it is too late.

YOUR DONATION CAN SAVE LIVES!



With 20 USD you ensure food for a family for one day
With 60 USD you guarantee emergency medical care for one week
With 100 USD you provide a safe shelter for a family for one month



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