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GENERAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear friends;



This year we celebrated BASR's 52nd year anniversary – 52 years of hard work and perseverance. Since its inception, BASR had been flourishing rapidly with the dedicated efforts of its team. Over the years, it had become “the destination” for a large number of people with disabilities. It had grown from a shelter home for twelve children with disabilities into a national center of excellence for comprehensive services, a specialized rehabilitation and surgery hospital and a good practice model for inclusive development. BASR offers its quality, accessible rehabilitation services to all beneficiaries, medical and surgical intervention services to around 50,000 beneficiaries every year.

Throughout its journey of 52 years, BASR made a significant contribution in advocating the rights of people with disabilities. We were amongst the first organizations to adopt the human rights approach to disability, and were able to lobby organizations and advocates and push local governments and ministries to include the needs and demands of people with disabilities in their strategies, policies and practices.

Our community believed in us, and we believed in them. Establishing a national organization sounded like a far away dream; but with the support of friends and supporters, that dream became true. With time, our community understood how efforts could be put together and could achieve so much on the ground; they believed in their own capabilities and approached BASR with ideas and projects. This resulted in the creation of 11 community centers in Hebron and Bethlehem districts which welcome children with and without disability.

We always aim to be pioneers in the services we offer and more importantly offer these services with high quality. Our team is constantly participating in trainings to be updated on the latest developments in the medical, rehabilitative and community development dynamics.

This year we succeeded in offering services for 52,612 people through our varied programs and services. Our medical services are expanding and we are always looking to offer advanced and specialized services, eg. cochlear implants and Baha surgeries. We have become the national center offering rehabilitative services for people from all over Palestine, and most importantly always in contact with the community through our grassroots programs.

We shall continue to strain our efforts to meet the needs of the Palestinian society. In our ten year plan, we are looking forward to establishing a pediatric hospital and offering new advanced surgeries, and to developing team work in every department. In the community, we aim to expand our services and continue our decentralization program in partnership and cooperation with the local authorities, hospitals, NGOs etc. to urge them to assume responsibility for disability issues. Last but not least, we aim to intensify our capacity building activities targeting Disabled People Organizations and self-help groups of people with disabilities as well as our advocacy initiatives for the enforcement of national disability related laws and policies and develop health care at the national level, which will in turn improve the life conditions of all people.

We would like to seize the opportunity to wholeheartedly thank all BASR's workers who always strive to make a difference in the lives of our people.

Edmund Shehadeh
General Director

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ABOUT BASR

WHO WE ARE

Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation was founded in 1960 as one of Leonard Cheshire's homes. Now-a-days, it is a non-profit non-government organization that is nationally recognized for the comprehensive medical and rehabilitation services it renders to beneficiaries from different parts of Palestine, particularly those with disabilities regardless of their gender, age, religion or social class.

OUR VISION

An inclusive society that promotes equality and respect of diversity and offers its citizens dignified life opportunities.

OUR MISSION

BASR is a national development NGO functioning as a resource center, empowering people with disabilities and offering them pioneer health and rehabilitation services from a human rights and inclusive development perspectives.

SUMMARY OF ACHEIVEMENTS

2012 was a year in which many achievements were made and several services were delivered, as such 52,612 beneficiaries were served at BASR, the overall bed occupancy rate was 99.1% and the total number of hospitalization days was 26,903.

REHABILITATION SERVICES

The bed occupancy rate at BASR's rehabilitation wards for 2012 was 96.5%.

The average stay for children was 61 days and 38 days for adults.

The number of family meetings held by the multi-disciplinary team with beneficiaries' families for support and guidance was 178.

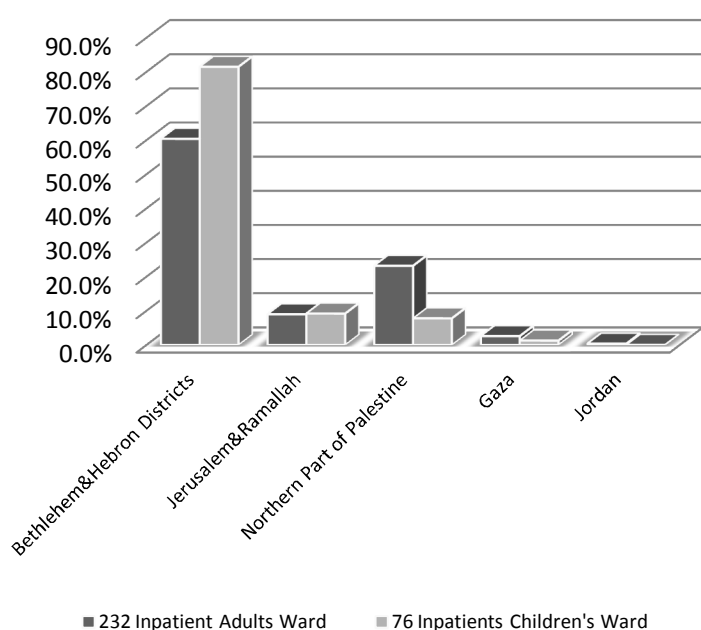
The rehabilitation departments served a total of 308 inpatients and 5148 outpatients.

The total number of therapy sessions conducted for in and outpatients during 2012 was 45,915.

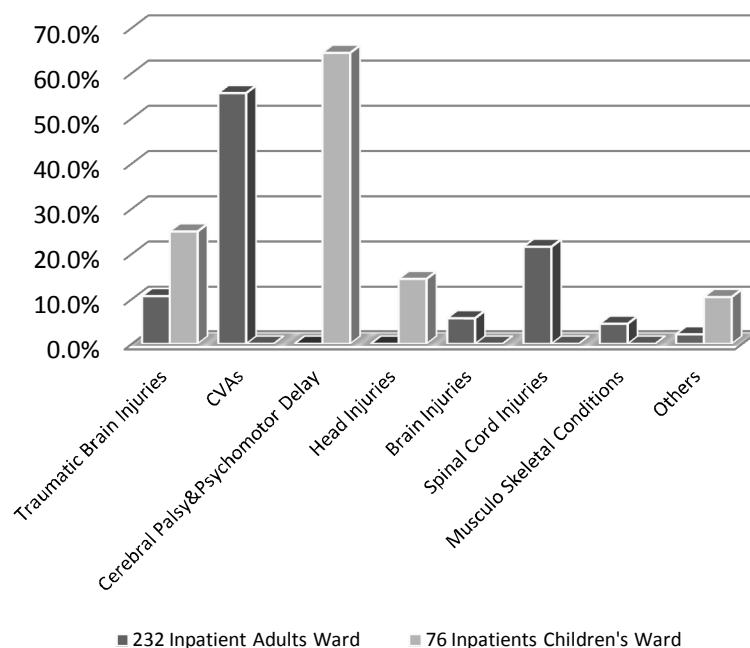
14 children took Botox injection to reduce muscle spasticity in 2012.

Total number of technical devices dispensed to beneficiaries was 1994 including seating and walking devices, hearing aids, eye glasses and low vision devices.

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Types of Disability



Rehabilitating Persons with Disabilities

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

Our team served 590 beneficiaries and was successful in helping them to become more independent in their daily life activities and cognitive functions. After they received extensive training on hand therapy, our team worked with over 110 persons with hand injuries.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

Our determined physiotherapy team delivered a solid rehabilitation program and extensive hours of physiotherapy to people with hemiplegia and spinal cord injuries. Later on many of them were discharged to their homes more independent with needed technical aids.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY

The ST department is increasingly occupied, offering post cochlear implant rehabilitation services to beneficiaries who underwent cochlear implants and BAHA surgeries, in addition to their intervention with those with CVA, head injuries and swallowing disorders.

PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHOLOGY

This year BASR's team together with a visiting clinical psychologist trained local psychologists to upgrade their knowledge of clinical psychometric skills. In addition our team launched the Arabic version of the computerized psychological testing tool and that is now used for assessment.



SOCIAL SERVICES

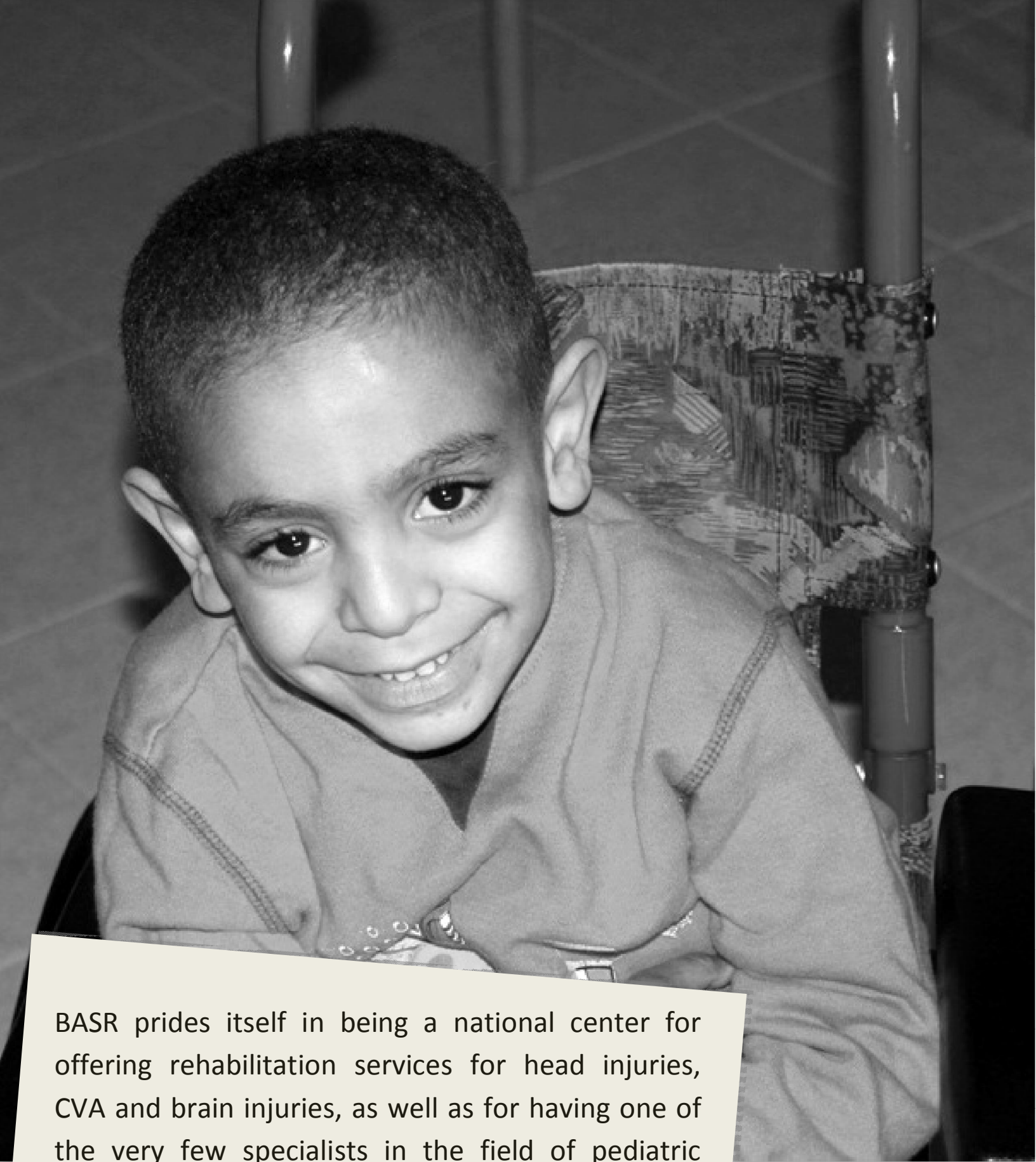
817 disadvantaged beneficiaries received support, 272 of them were provided with technical aids, other 168 availed clinic facilities and their treatment fees covered, besides 143 beneficiaries had full or partial surgery costs covered. 1,692,713 NIS from BASR and other national and international individual donors or organizations were used to offer the social services.

VISION REHABILITATION

After piloting the first inclusive kindergarten in Beit Jala, the vision rehabilitation department succeeded in establishing another inclusive kindergarten in Dura (District of Hebron). After modifying the visual, sound and tactile environment and training the preschool teachers and other interested school personnel, the kindergarten was prepared for welcoming students with visual impairment and additional disabilities. Two children with visual impairment were enrolled at this kindergarten at the beginning of the school year 2012-2013. On the other hand, 17 persons with visual disabilities were provided with optical and non-optical low vision aids after receiving 20 individual training sessions to enhance their effective use of the prescribed aids.

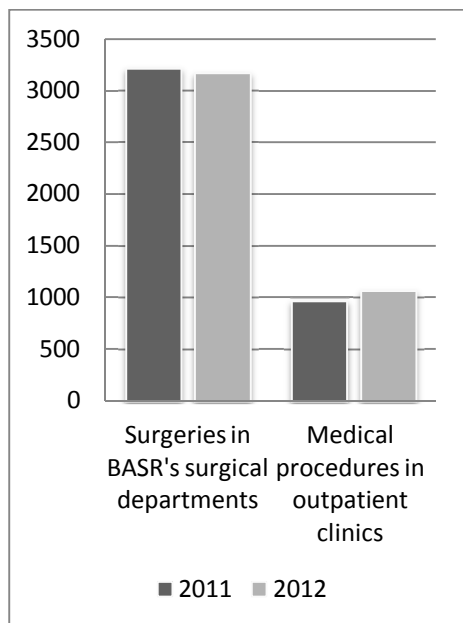
“Parents of Children with Vision Impairment Association”, supported by BASR’s vision rehabilitation team, is now officially registered at the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Social Affairs. The association has been created to provide psychosocial support to parents of children with vision impairment and the children themselves, to intensify and join efforts for the advancement of services rendered to people with vision impairment, and to advocate for the rights of people with vision impairment at all levels and develop ways and means to claim those rights. The association is to start its work on identifying opportunities towards achieving their goals.





BASR prides itself in being a national center for offering rehabilitation services for head injuries, CVA and brain injuries, as well as for having one of the very few specialists in the field of pediatric psychiatry and neuropsychology in the West Bank and Gaza.

Surgeries at the BASR Specialized Hospital



During 2012, 3,166 surgeries were performed at BASR's surgical departments for patients with eye, bone, gastroenterological, neurological, urological, cardiovascular, and ENT diseases. 1069 medical procedures were performed in the outpatient clinics in 2012. The bed occupancy rate for the surgery wards was 100%.

During 2012, the number of consultations at the medical outpatients' clinic was 30,063, the highest rate being at the Ophthalmology clinics (31%). The surgery team is now more specialized in cochlear implants, BAHA surgeries, Mysinoplasty, Tympanoplasty, Mastoidectomy, Canal wall up, Canal wall down, Stapedectomy, Ossiculoplasty as well as hand surgeries. The team also succeeded in saving a 22 year old young man's hand, as he lost all his fingers while he was lighting fireworks. His hands were badly damaged but our team managed to save both his hands and three fingers in each hand. The young man is now receiving the needed rehabilitation services to be able to carry on his life independently.

Community Programs

Programs	Full Year Target
Outreach Program	2598 children were reached in the Bethlehem and Hebron districts, 1023 of whom served at Dura Rehabilitation Centre.
CBR Program	6114 persons with disabilities, 4130 of whom were children.
Psychosocial Intervention Program	2465 beneficiaries were served through individual and group intervention sessions, as well as through awareness raising and training sessions, 1702 of whom were children
Community Day-Care Centers	1,187 children with and without disabilities were regularly served at the community centers
Ghirass Children's Cultural Center	1765 beneficiaries participated in internal activities
Drama Therapy Program	73 students with different types of disabilities are benefiting from this program at four community centers

OUTREACH

The team members renders outreach visits to marginalized areas in the Bethlehem and Hebron districts as well as some districts of the center and north of the West Bank on as needed basis, in coordination with the CBR program, CBOs, DPOs and self-help groups of persons with disabilities as well as local authorities, in order to evaluate the health and rehabilitative needs of the population and refer them to the needed services whether at BASR for comprehensive services or at other organizations at the intermediate or grassroots level. The team tries to reach the unreached and those who cannot reach or are unaware of the availability of the needed services, thus promoting early identification and early intervention.

COMMUNITY BASED REHABILITATION (CBR)

Main Services	Number	Full Year Target
Home visits	15446	2364 persons
Integrated community activities	689	8001 children
Apprenticeship Training	23 opportunities for people with disability	
Trainings and Workshops	170	people with disabilities, parents of children with disabilities, teachers and child professionals

PSYCHOSOCIAL INTRVENTION

Main Services	Number of Sessions	Full Year Target
Individual Counseling	2209	382 persons including 213 children and 234 new beneficiaries
Therapeutic, Awareness Raising and Training Activities	482 activities	
Training Sessions	96	Professionals working with Children
Awareness Sessions	135	1309 children and 620 adults
Expert Help	2083 beneficiaries, 1363 of whom were children	

COMMUNITY DAY-CARE CENTERS

Main Services	Full Year Target
Integration into the Mainstream of Education	186 children with disabilities
Enrollment at the Community Centers	353 new children with disabilities
Different Activities	6,942 children with and without disabilities
Access to the Toy Libraries	3,776 children with and without disabilities. In addition to 35,562 visits by individuals and groups

It is important to point out that during 2012 BASR established two new community day-care centers offering children with disabilities access to education: one in Teqou in the Bethlehem district and another in Hebron city in the Hebron district. The center in Hebron city also incorporates clinics, where BASR's medical and rehabilitation teams render outreach services to the population of the Hebron district. The same applies to the community day-care established in Dura.

GHIRASS CHILDREN'S CULTURAL CENTER

Main Services	Full Year Target
Ghirass's outreach program activities focusing on reading campaign, educational methods and programs in schools and kindergartens in 10 villages around Bethlehem	2215 beneficiaries
Training on Reading Difficulties	326 regular school teachers from public, private and UNRWA schools
Ghirass' Literacy Program	10 women
Specialized Educational Intervention	268 students with learning difficulties

An increased focus was made on the role of parents in reading to their children through the program "Born to read, Read for me". This program encourages parents to start reading to their children at an early age to nurture the child's relationship with books starting from childhood to enrich their vocabulary and knowledge. In 2012, the library was supplemented with 1129 new books to meet the increasing demand for book loans. The library now has nearly 8660 children's books in Arabic and English.

DRAMA THERAPY

BASR's drama therapist works on modifying the curriculum to help children with disabilities develop skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, cooperation, self-confidence, and advancing language and literacy. Ten people with intellectual disabilities started the rehearsals for a new play titled "My right" which is expected to be performed in 2013. The play talks about the rights of persons with disabilities and is put in a simplified way to help different target groups absorb the concepts of the UNCRPD.

TAHANI

Tahani lives with her parents and four siblings in Kharas, south of Hebron. Tahani went to the nearby girls' school. Like every child in Krasa, she spent her time playing outside with her friends, enjoying the beautiful surrounding nature and the fresh atmosphere. According to her parents, Tahani is a remarkably intelligent girl with excellent school records.

Tahani had been suffering from headaches and dizziness for a while. Her parents took her from one doctor to another in their attempt to understand the cause of the problem. They finally learned that Tahani suffers from a brain tumor. Shocked and in tears the parents sat at the doctor's office feeling overpowered and unable to protect their 11 years old child. Still lightheaded with the news of their daughter's sickness, they hurried their child to the neurosurgeon at Ramallah Hospital. Tahani underwent a surgery to remove the tumor. She also underwent a craniotomy and larninectomy with excision of IV ventricle brain tumor at Ramallah Hospital in March 2011. Tahani was then referred to Bethlehem Arab Society later in May. Upon her admission, Tahani had fair muscle power in the right upper limb, weak motor skills in the right hand, poor writing skills, and still needed assistance in daily activities. Worst of all, Tahani was feeling weak and unhappy about being unable to play with her mates, or go to school.



Tahani started receiving individual occupational therapy sessions and was then referred to Dura Municipality Rehabilitation Center for follow-up and provision of the needed rehabilitation services. Bit by bit, the muscle power of both upper limbs improved and the fine motor and writing skills started improving drastically. The tremor in the right upper limb decreased, her independence in all activities of daily living, including feeding, dressing and undressing, going to the toilet, grooming, transferring and self-caring, started to improve as well. With the needed rehabilitation services and psychological support, Tahani's dream of getting back to school and playing in the front yard with her friends was becoming closer and closer.

"It was a nightmare. It all went away now. The past 3 months were full of sorrow. But now I feel we are lucky. Our daughter is getting better. She was able to regain many skills that she had lost. She is so excited and will soon return to school." Tahani's mom commented. "She received rehabilitation services at Dura Center. Now she can go to the follow-up sessions during the school time: this, will allow Tahani to skip only a class and not a whole day of school. This also helped financially; we paid little for the individual sessions and for the transportation." Tahani's father added. Last year BASR supported the establishment of two new community centers, one in Dura – Hebron district in partnership with Dura Municipality and another in Teqou', to facilitate people's access to rehabilitation services.

"Tahani was feeling down. BASR's team gave her so much support. They just lifted her spirit every time they met her. I often drew my strength from her courage." Her mother said.

Tahani has now returned to school, among her schoolmates. In the afternoons, she plays with her friends in the front yard like she used to. And best of all, her teacher says "her hand writing is beautiful."

Building Capacity

As part of BASR's capacity building and empowerment program supported by CBM the following trainings and activities were conducted during the reporting period:



Activities & Trainings	By	Number	Location	Topics	Targeted Beneficiaries
Several Training Sessions	The Disability Rights and Community Development officers	40	Yatta, Beit-Ula in the Hebron district and Za'tara, Marah Rabah and Obeidieh in the Bethlehem district	"Raising Community Awareness", "Communication Skills", "UNCRPD & the Palestinian Disability Law", "Community Mobilization", "Advocacy and Lobbying Strategies", and "Political Participation".	Members of the 5 newly established self-help groups consisted of 54 persons with disabilities including 21 males and 33 females
Follow up meetings	The disability rights officer		Tekoa in Bethlehem, Dura and Ethna in the Hebron district	providing the self-help groups with the needed technical support	Self-help groups
5-6 Day Trainings	CBR team	6	Bethlehem and Hebron districts	managerial and organizational skills	78 participants including persons with disabilities and staff of local authorities
2-2 Day Trainings	CBR team		Bethlehem and Hebron districts	Social Responsibility	62 representatives of municipalities, village councils, local authorities, and other relevant stakeholders
2-Day Trainings	CBR team		Bethlehem and Hebron districts	The Rights of People with Disabilities, the UNCRPD, Advocacy and	40 representatives of community-based

				Communication Strategies	organizations
2-Day Orientation Workshop	CBR team	1	Bethlehem and Hebron districts	The Rights of People with Disabilities and the Appropriate Language of Disability	20 media personnel

As part of the “Empowerment of Palestinian People with Visual Impairment and Promoting their Inclusion in Society” project supported by the Finnish Federation of the Visually Impaired (FFVI), BASR’s team organized the following trainings and activities:

Activities & Trainings	Number	Location	Topics	Targeted Beneficiaries
1 Day Training Workshops	6	different parts of the West Bank	“Communication Skills”, “Disability Concept and Models”, “The UNCRPD and Palestinian Disability Related Laws” as well as “Advocacy and Lobbying Strategies”	30 young persons with visual impairment
36-Hours Trainings	4	Bethlehem Sports Club for Disabled (BSCD)	Basic Computer Skills	20 persons with visual impairment
1 Day Awareness Workshops	4	Different parts of the West Bank	Visual Impairment, Vision Rehabilitation Services as well as The Inclusion of People with Visual Impairment	47 parents of children with visual impairment

INCLUSIVE ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Aiming at creating a good practice model of inclusive education at the preschool level to be nationally recognized and replicated, BASR’s vision rehabilitation team modified the physical (visual, sound and tactile) environment of an already established kindergarten in Dura, trained its teachers and coached them on the rights of children with disabilities and on early intervention for children with impaired vision and on producing accessible teaching materials. The team also coached their parents on child protection issues and guided them in meeting their children’s individual needs. At the beginning of the school year 2012-13, the team then facilitated the inclusion of young children with impaired vision and additional disabilities in Dura kindergarten to learn alongside their peers.





“Being disabled should not mean being disqualified from having access to every aspect of life”

RAISING AWARENESS

BASR's psychosocial team resumed their awareness program on child protection to promote the rights of children with disabilities, sensitize parents and teachers on the effects of abuse on children's development and to empower children to defend themselves if ever exposed to abuse. This is BASR's third year to work in the public schools of the Bethlehem Directorate of Education in this field. Although the topic is considered a taboo but the team continues to challenge their target groups to recognize the importance of prevention in schools, homes and neighbourhoods and help parents, school teachers and other stakeholders play the necessary role in this regard.

2012 HIGHLIGHTS

DEVELOPMENTS

Dura self-help group in the Hebron district, which was involved in BASR's capacity building and empowerment program, succeeded in obtaining their official registration as a Disabled People's Organization "DPO". BASR supported the newly established DPO in its advocacy efforts with Dura municipality until they were able to secure an accessible venue for their DPO at one of Dura municipality affiliated buildings.

KEY EVENTS IN 2012

- BASR organized a national conference on what is considered one of the most eschewed topics in the field of child protection. The conference was attended by the minister of social affairs, UNICEF, Police, Ministry of Education and other 33 national and international organizations who discussed methods for improving prevention programs of sexual abuse and offering adequate support for children victims of sexual abuse at a national level. The conference targeted professionals working in the field of child protection within institutions that operate at the national level, child protection units, women centers, representatives of the legal, judicial and executive institutions.
- BASR organized a meeting for parents of children who received electronic cochlear implants. This meeting aimed to raise awareness about the options people with hearing impairment can consider in overcoming their hearing impairment.
- The resource unit for students with disabilities at Bethlehem University was officially inaugurated in March 2012.



JUBILEE

BASR celebrated its 52th year of continuous work in the field of disability in March, 2012. BASR's board, management and staff celebrated the event with national and international partners, supporters and friends. As BASR's team is always on the run, innovating and coming up with new ideas and schemes to elevate the standard of living of people with disabilities, it was an important day for us to look back at all the achievements and changes they brought to the reality of disability in Palestine. Starting from a small Cheshire home, BASR became a national center of expertise in the field of rehabilitation and advocating the rights of people with disability. The addition of the specialized hospital later on to respond to the emerging needs of the society helped BASR become an organization to help thousands of thousands of Palestinians. BASR believed in big dreams, and still believes, as we are confident of our power to change and confident of the support of our friends and supporters in Palestine and around the world, which help make those dreams come true.



Thousands of Palestinians leave their homes in the early morning hours to go to work in the Israeli territories. Their stories do not start at that moment, but when standing in long queues at the Israeli permission offices with the fear of being denied permits hanging over their shoulders. The long hours in line become heavy and suffocating when they think of their children they have to care and provide for or when they think of the working conditions they face at work; the crowded rooms where they spend weeks, the low wages, and the absence of health insurance, or any other coverage. Hundreds of laborers have been badly injured or died at work accidents. Some we have heard of, read about, or even met at work. The deteriorating economic situation and lack of work opportunities in the Palestinian territories force thousands of people, even those with university qualifications, to look for work at Israeli construction sites, Israeli farms and factories.



Naeem Shaqir is one of the many thousands of men and women working in Israel. On the 18th of July, one of the hottest days (on which people were warned not to stay in the sun, or be directly exposed to its rays), Naeem was working on a construction site. The heat was intense, and Naeem was found unconscious and was transferred to the hospital in Tel Aviv. His temperature was reported to be 42 C. After several days when Naeem gained consciousness, he was found to have cerebellar signs represented in dysmetria and balance disorder. According to medical reports, he developed ARDs and was incubated and started on antibiotics for suspicion of aspiration. After being transferred to other hospitals he was discharged on 18th August 2012 in a stable medical condition. Upon admission to BASR, while he was conscious, alert and oriented, he was suffering from cerebellar disorder, balance and speech disorder, and was dysarthric..

The team at BASR evaluated the young man and set long term and short term goals to help Naeem gain skills he lost due to the heat wave. Naeem was followed up by multi-disciplinary team consisted of physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, vision rehabilitation, and psychology departments. "It was hard to move my legs, I thought of the times I went to work. I was healthy, and all of a sudden I found myself needing support almost for everything. I came to BASR, I was a bit pessimistic but I guess I was wrong" Naeem said, "I walk, I move my legs and I'm able to do almost all the exercises here" he adds pointing at the PT hall at BASR "I often play arm wrestling with the physiotherapists, I know they are being playful and let me win, but there were times when I couldn't hold a cup of water" Naeem said smiling. Naeem Shaqir father of six from Salfit north of Palestine, is to return to his family to have a short walk with his kids, or to sit down and help them with their homework, as he became able to walk without assistance, independent in bed mobility and functional activities, nonetheless he will resume his treatment for a little while more at BASR just to be sure that everything is alright.

CREATING SKILLED EMPLOYEES

Workshops & Trainings	BASR's Participants	Topics	Organized By
2-Day Training Workshops	Upper and mid-level management staff	"Effective Report Writing Based on the PCM and Outcome Mapping Approaches" & "Public Relations and Fundraising"	
5-Day Training	1 physiotherapist	Assessment and Treatment of the Lower Back & Pelvic Girdle, and Brain Mulligan's Concept Mobilizations with Movement, SANGS ETC"	Green Land Society for Health Development
3-Day Training Course	The head of the occupational therapy department	"Functional Independent Measurement"	Sunnas Rehabilitation Centre, Norway
13 Lectures Via Telemedicine	9 Staff members of the rehabilitation departments	Different rehabilitation related issues	Different specialists
3-Day Workshop	The head of the speech & language therapy department	"Fiber Optic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallow"	Veteran's Affair Medical Centre in Guetersloh, Germany
30th Congress for Speech & Language Therapists in Bremen – Germany	The head of the speech & language therapy department	Presentation about BASR	
2-Day Training Workshop	2 vision rehabilitation instructors	"Early Intervention for children with Impaired Vision"	Finnish experts from FFVI
Workshops	CBR supervisors	"Academic Inclusion", "Class Based Rehabilitation", "Rehabilitation of Women Victims of Violence", "Family Violence against Children", "Political Participation of Women"	Psychosocial Counseling Centre for Women
2-Day Training	CBR staff	"Documenting Violations of Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities"	
Training	Psychosocial Intervention Program team	"Group Dynamics", "Family Therapy" and "Cognitive Analytical Therapy"	International clinical psychologists
Trainings	BASR's nurses	"Basic Life Support", "Operating Nursing", "Diabetic Care Nursing", "Cardiac Disease"	
Several 2-Week Training Courses	12 nurses	"Nursing Management", "Intensive Care Nursing", "Emergency Nursing", "Preoperative Nursing", "Wound Care Nursing" and "Human Resources Management"	American University of Beirut-Lebanon

CREATING OTHER SKILLED PROFESSIONALS BY BASR

Workshops & Trainings	BASR's Team	Topics	Participants
Series of Short-Term Trainings	Psychology Department	"Cognitive Psychometric Assessment"	Local psychologists
5657 Training Hours	Physiotherapy Department		30 Students from local universities
5879 Training Hours	Occupational Therapy Department		54 Students from local and Belgium universities
Practical Training	Speech and Language Therapy Department		4 Belgian speech therapy students and one local speech and language therapist
Workshop	Multi-Disciplinary Team	"Early Detection of Speech and Language Delay, Vision and Hearing Problems in Children"	3 Regular class teachers from public schools in Bethlehem
2 Workshops	Multi-Disciplinary Team	"Speech and Language, vision and Hearing Development and Disorders"	54 Preschool teachers from Bethlehem
Individual & Group Supervision Sessions	Psychosocial Team		Therapists and toy library animators and their assistants, an expatriate psychologist and school social workers
4 Trainings	Psychosocial Team	"Early Parents-Child Interactions, Early Childhood Psychopathology"	45 Participants including doctors, nurses, social workers and psychologists
326 Meetings, Lectures and Workshops	CBR Workers	Disability and its causes, diabetes, early marriage, early detection, osteoporosis, gender issues, inclusive development, parenting skills, learning difficulties, rights of persons with disabilities, awareness and advocacy etc.	5123 Beneficiaries in different areas in the Bethlehem and Hebron districts
3-Day Training	Psychosocial Team	"Knowing Oneself and Optimal Efficiency"	Social workers and psychologists from the Bethlehem district
Trainings apart of the project "Promoting Inclusive Education in Bethlehem & Jerusalem Districts"	BASR's team in partnership with the Union of Charitable Societies-Jerusalem	"Disability Concepts and Models", "Palestinian Disability Law and the UNCRPD", "Early Detection and Intervention of Hearing and vision Impairment, Speech and Language Disorders, Learning Difficulties and Low Achievement", "Vision Rehabilitation", "The Complimentary Role of the Family and School in Enhancing Access of Persons with Disabilities to Education""Cardiac Disease"	40 Public school teachers and 54 preschool teachers

TRAINING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

This year BASR succeeded in offering professional training for over 190 local and international students. These students came from different universities in Jenin, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Hebron, Belgium, France, USA and Denmark. Sixty students received training at the nursing department while another 65 students received training at different medical departments. 63 students received training at the different rehabilitation departments (physiotherapy, occupational therapy, social services, speech therapy, orthotics and prosthetics). Many other students received training at BASR's laboratory and community programs.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- The auspices of the Governor of Bethlehem, BASR's team organized 2 4-day workshops on "Decentralization & Cooperation between the Bethlehem Governorate and the Belgian County of Hainaut" to discuss a future multi-year project which aims to promote vocational training, inclusion and equal participation of persons with disabilities in the Bethlehem district through building the capacities of local authorities and CBOs to mainstream disability in their development plans.
- BASR's Public Relations Officer organized a cochlear press conference for the parents of children with hearing loss, who benefited from cochlear implants surgeries, to update them on the next steps followed in the comprehensive rehabilitation program.
- BASR's drama trainer continued to introduce the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to young persons with intellectual disabilities at the community centres through drama.
- Ghirass cultural centre organized three activities including:
 - I. Reading campaign in four locations in the Bethlehem district to raise parents' awareness on the importance of reading, starting from an early age as basis for academic success and prevention of learning difficulties.
 - II. Celebrating the Palestinian Child Day at Al-Phineeq Hall with 250 children and parents from different places in Bethlehem.
 - III. Show entitled "Dreams for Sale" for 80 children and their parents, in cooperation with the Circus of Palestine.
- BASR's CBR team and BSCD organized 2 trips for 160 people with disabilities from the Bethlehem and Hebron districts, supported by CBM and the FFVI.

LOOKING AHEAD

CHALLENGES

We set to overcome a number of challenges over the medium and long-term:

- Financial constraints due to the difficulty in finding sufficient, appropriate and continuous funding for our work and receiving payments for services offered to the ministry of health through referrals (international aid for the government is inconsistent and insufficient which hinders prompt payments)
- Unstable political situation, in addition to difficulty in reaching beneficiaries or receiving beneficiaries due to closures, checkpoints and the separation wall.
- Lack of government support and national strategies and plans in the field of health and social security.
- Poor coordination, leading to duplication in service provisions; in the health sector.
- Predominance of a philanthropic rather than a development model in society.
- Deteriorating economic situation resulting in larger numbers of underprivileged persons needing social assistance.

FUTURE PLANS

Along with several challenges to overcome, a number of plans are set for the future:

- To expand BASR's community based services and reach out to more marginalized areas not currently served;
- To establish vocational training centers for people with disability.
- To establish community centers in Qalqilya and Tulkarm.
- To provide more advanced surgical services.
- To establish a specialized Pediatric Hospital.
- To promote inclusive education models.
- To enhance advocacy efforts in order to implement local and international laws and policies related to persons with disabilities.
- To develop the capacity of and empower persons with disabilities, organized in self-help groups and DPOs, and support their advocacy initiatives.
- To facilitate access of persons with disabilities to educational and livelihood opportunities towards economic empowerment and independence.
- To facilitate access of persons with disabilities to computer literacy, sports and leisure activities to enhance their full participation and inclusion in all aspects of life in their communities.
- To develop the capacities of local authorities in terms of their social responsibility towards disability and persons with disabilities and mainstreaming disability in their policies and practices.
- To mobilize the local media to play a more effective role in awareness raising and in advocating for the rights of persons with disabilities.
- To develop the capacities of child professionals in child protection issues and raises their awareness of the rights of children with disabilities.

2012 ANNUAL STATISTICS

BASR's Rehabilitation and Surgery Department	Inpatients				Outpatients				Total	Sessions Visits				
	Adult		Children		Adult		Children							
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female						
Rehabilitation Services														
Rehabilitation wards	140	92	38	38					308	-				
Physiotherapy	110	78	38	37	172	196	45	41	717	18,578				
Occupational Therapy	115	71	29	29	123	41	93	89	590	14,150				
Social Services	104	68	30	27	107	136	203	142	817	1,220				
Speech & language therapy	82	50	38	31	64	43	166	101	575	4,749				
Psychology	139	59	38	33	57	62	62	42	492	1,925				
Vision Rehabilitation	70	52	48	36	51	174	446	404	1,281	1,190				
Post Surgery Rehabilitation									452	1,679				
Orthotics & Prosthetic									184	-				
Total Rehabilitation Services									5,456	43,493				
Medical Services (Clinics)														
Ophthalmic clinic					1,203	1,391	717	636	3,947	9,234				
Orthopedic clinic					599	623	266	198	1,686	4,388				
ENT clinic					283	295	208	167	953	2,211				
Neurology clinic					146	151	27	27	351	1,251				
Reconstructive surgery					9	11	4	5	29	695				
General surgery					116	87	39	18	260	870				
Cardiology clinic					359	301	12	8	680	2,410				
Audiology					672	460	850	541	2,523	3,698				
Optometry					13	9	7	8	37	47				
Osteoporosis					23	305	7	16	351	351				
Rheumatology					459	577	130	113	1,279	2,340				
Endoscopy					408	417	48	40	913	2,074				
Psychiatry					1	9	48	37	95	629				
Urology					65	16	18	2	101	247				
Total Medical Services									13,205	30,445				
Support Services														
Emergency					753	474	466	292	1,985	8,471				
Intensive Care Unit					172	134	6	4		316	-			
Laboratory									866	898	348	263	2,375	7,711
Radiology									1,499	1,105	836	428	3,868	3,868
Total Support Services									8,544	20,050				
Surgical Services														
Ophthalmic surgery					350	366	109	71	896					
Orthopedic surgery					451	249	173	100	973					
ENT surgery					77	57	125	82	341					
Neuro surgery					87	82	8	6	183					
Reconstructive surgery					111	47	63	36	257					
General surgery					172	143	80	31	426					
Cardiac surgery					3	2	-	-	5					
Gynecology					-	16	-	-	16					
Uro surgery					25	16	17	-	58					
Oral and Maxillo facial surgery					2	6	1	-	9					
Vascular surgery					2	-	-	-	2					
Total Surgical Services									3,166					

*Vision school screening stopped due to school strikes that lasted for several months.

*The Social services statistics are more accurate and actual for 2012 than the last year.

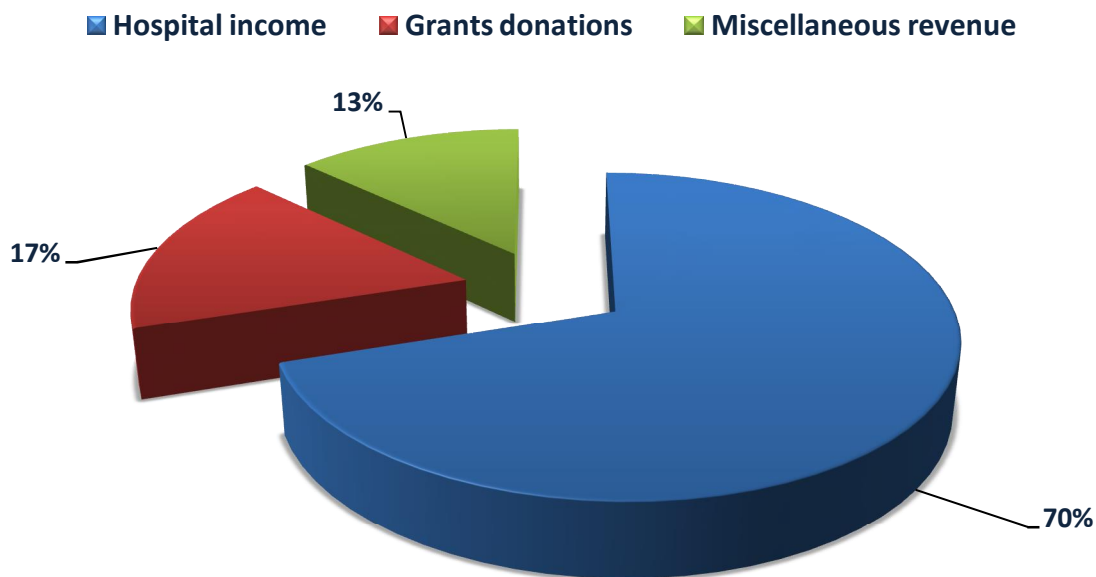
*Please note that this total includes inpatients in rehabilitation wards, outpatients, beneficiaries in Orthotics & Prosthetic and post surgery rehabilitation beneficiaries. This is done to avoid double counting.

Community Programs	
Beneficiaries	
Day care community centers	
El Khader	893
Deheisheh	2,122
Nahalin	1,772
Beit Sahour	499
Dura	1,023
Tekou	14
Obeidieh	1,174
Ghirass Children Cultural Center	3,980
Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Program	6,114
Outreach Program	1,575
Psychosocial Intervention Program	2,465
Toy Libraries	3,776
Total Community Programs	25,407

BASR Services and Programs	Beneficiaries	Sessions/Consultations/Visits
Total Rehabilitation Services	5,456	43,491
Total Medical Services	13,205	30,445
Total Support services	8,544	20,050
Total surgical services	3,164	-
Total Community Program	25,407	-
Total Beneficiaries for 2012	52,612	93,986
Note: the total number of beneficiaries includes number of beneficiaries from rehabilitation, medical, and community services		

WHAT WE DID WITH YOUR MONEY

Source of Funds



Uses of Funds



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