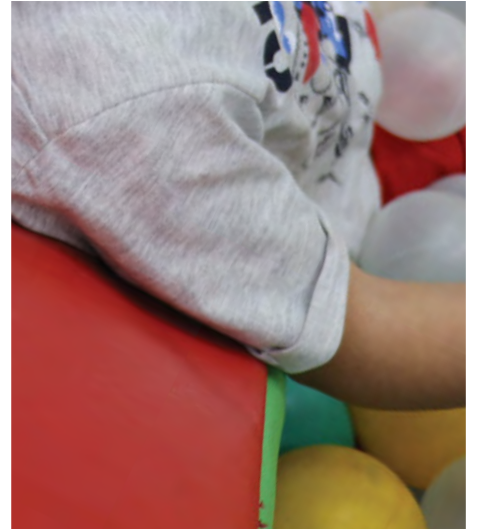


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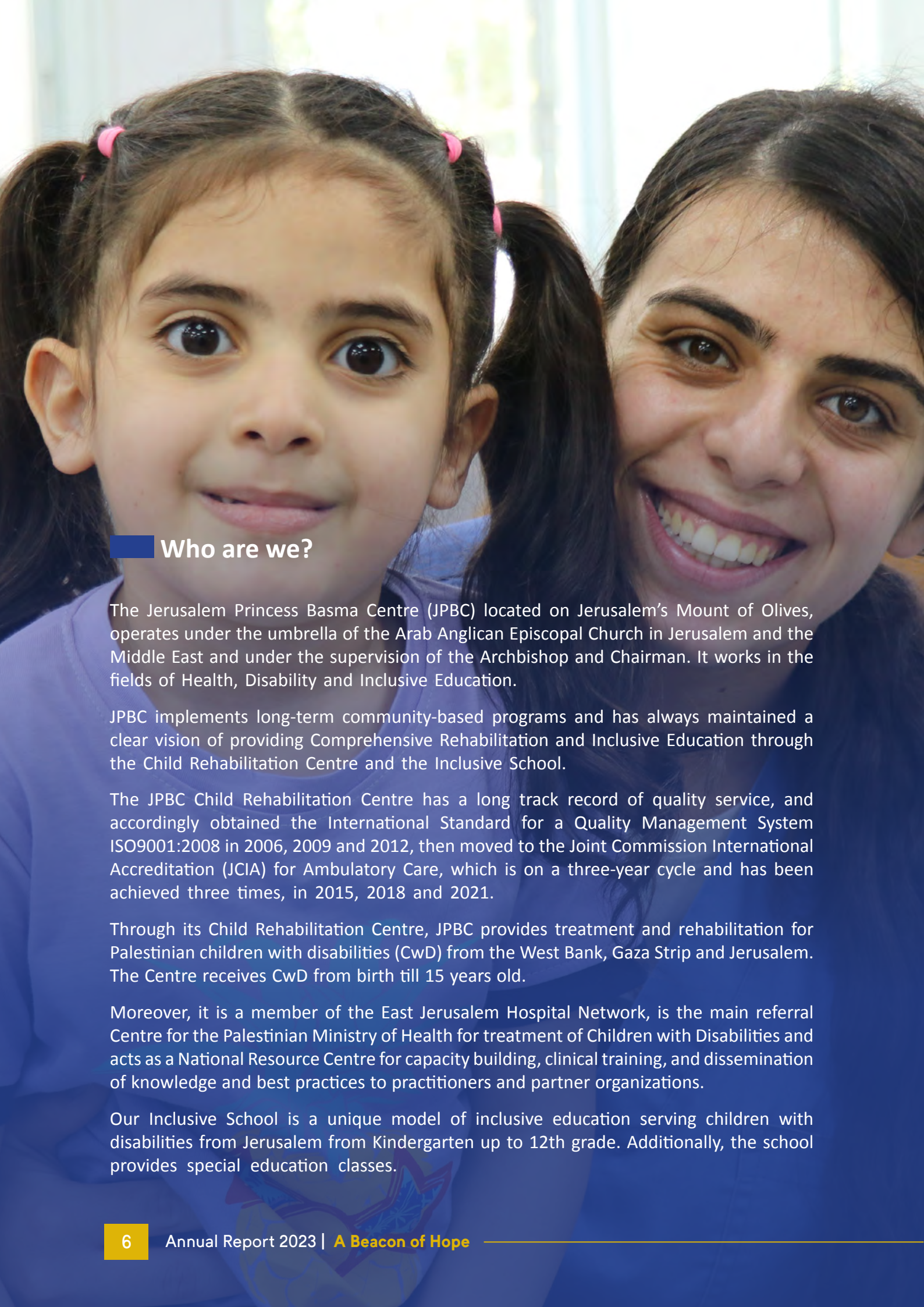
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Who are we?

The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre (JPBC) located on Jerusalem's Mount of Olives, operates under the umbrella of the Arab Anglican Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and under the supervision of the Archbishop and Chairman. It works in the fields of Health, Disability and Inclusive Education.

JPBC implements long-term community-based programs and has always maintained a clear vision of providing Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Inclusive Education through the Child Rehabilitation Centre and the Inclusive School.

The JPBC Child Rehabilitation Centre has a long track record of quality service, and accordingly obtained the International Standard for a Quality Management System ISO9001:2008 in 2006, 2009 and 2012, then moved to the Joint Commission International Accreditation (JCIA) for Ambulatory Care, which is on a three-year cycle and has been achieved three times, in 2015, 2018 and 2021.

Through its Child Rehabilitation Centre, JPBC provides treatment and rehabilitation for Palestinian children with disabilities (CwD) from the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Jerusalem. The Centre receives CwD from birth till 15 years old.

Moreover, it is a member of the East Jerusalem Hospital Network, is the main referral Centre for the Palestinian Ministry of Health for treatment of Children with Disabilities and acts as a National Resource Centre for capacity building, clinical training, and dissemination of knowledge and best practices to practitioners and partner organizations.

Our Inclusive School is a unique model of inclusive education serving children with disabilities from Jerusalem from Kindergarten up to 12th grade. Additionally, the school provides special education classes.

Our Vision

All Palestinian children with disabilities have access to quality health services and inclusive education, can participate and influence, have hope and opportunities.

Our Mission

The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre, serving children since 1964, works for the integration and empowerment of CwD and their families in their communities by providing rehabilitation services, inclusive education, through the development and dissemination of best practices, and influencing policy and legislation.

Our Values

Inclusion & Participation

For over 55 years, we have continued to be the main National Referral Centre for children with disabilities and core actors in the field of Rehabilitation and Inclusive Education.

Equality

We ensure that the rights of children with disabilities are upheld and their lives valued just like everyone.

Quality

We have been awarded JCIA accreditation three times in a row, and maintain the highest standard of reputation for our services for Palestinian children with disabilities.

Integrity

We adhere to the highest standards of professionalism, ethics and personal responsibility, worthy of the trust our patients place in us.

Best Use of Resources

We are committed to the creative and optimal use of our resources.

Responsiveness

We always dig deep to strengthen planning processes for timely and meaningful collaboration and networking with partners and stakeholders.

Foreword by the Chairman, Archbishop Hosam Naoum



The year 2023 began with a hopeful, forward-looking outlook for the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre (JPBC). Pilgrim and donor groups returned to visit the JPBC in greater numbers, thanks to the arrival of the pandemic's official end. Likewise, work was able to proceed more rapidly to finalize several capital projects. Among these was the completion of the new wing of the school, which was formally dedicated on August 22nd. The addition of its new classrooms, teachers' facilities, and computer lab will be of great benefit to our students and staff for many years to come.

A few months after this dedication, the opening of the new rooftop playground similarly began to enable students and clients to interact together

in a wholesome, attractive, and safe environment.

In terms of outreach, the JPBC began working towards a partnership with our AL Ahli Hospital in Gaza City through its Heart to Heart project, an extension of its services to children with disabilities in that tightly restricted enclave.

I personally toured that new facility on October 4th as a prelude to its scheduled opening for the end of the year. Unfortunately, the outbreak of the Gaza War three days later delayed its launch into 2024.

Two weeks after the start of that war, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Justin Welby, visited the JPBC as part of a larger solidarity visit with the Diocese of Jerusalem and its ecumenical partners. During his discussion with the JPBC director and staff, Archbishop Justin predicted that the war would increase "a hundredfold" the need

for the Centre's services at the hospital. We fully expect for that to be the case and will look for ways to upscale the staffing at the hospital extension at the war's conclusion.

As both the Archbishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and Chairman of the Board of the JPBC, I would like to thank all our supporters for their prayers and generosity during these troubled times that have raised sudden new challenges for the JPBC's work. I would also like to thank the entire Board, along with Mrs. Violette Mubarak, the General Director, for persevering through these difficulties in order to advance the mission of the Centre.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to our staff for all their dedicated service, even as they have faced increasing hardships during the last three months of the year.

In view of the ongoing combat and tragic loss of life, we ask all our supporters to continue to pray for an end to the war, the release of all captives, and the renewal of a movement for a just and lasting peace in our region—all of which would allow the JPBC to better minister to those who come to us in need, so that they might have life, and have it more abundantly (John 20:20).

The Most Reverend Hosam Elias Naoum was consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem in June 2020, and became the 15th Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem in 2021. The Archbishop has 28 parishes in the Diocese under his care and is Chairman of the Board of Directors of over thirty institutions. Archbishop Naoum was appointed as the Primate and Presiding Bishop of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East in 2023, he was also elected as the Vice President of the Anglican Consultative Council's Standing Committee in the same year. Born in Haifa in 1974, Archbishop Naoum is a strong and dynamic advocate of reconciliation and is involved in ecumenical initiatives and interfaith dialogue.

Foreward by General Director, Mrs. Violette Mubarak



Dear friends and supporters,

The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre is a beacon of hope for the children with disabilities and their families wherever they are. This year has been a testament to our resilience and unwavering commitment to providing exceptional rehabilitation services for children with disabilities, despite the numerous challenges we faced.

Our journey through 2023 was marked by steadfast dedication. We remained focused on our mission, ensuring that our services continued never-ending and our values of inclusion were upheld. Our team's determination shone through every step and challenge, particularly in our new satellite unit

in Gaza, a vision to bring services to children with disabilities and their families which was launched at the beginning of the year. This initiative became a ray of hope, offering essential rehabilitation and psychosocial support during tumultuous times.

In the face of direct challenges, especially post October 7th, such as the impact on our new satellite unit at AL Ahli Hospital, our team innovated solutions like telemedicine sessions for families in the West Bank unable to reach us, including some families displaced from Gaza. This approach allowed our team to conduct sessions with these families, maintaining our support and services despite the obstacles.

As part of our vision to provide the best care for every child with disabilities, and to facilitate their journey, we undertook the responsibility to map institutions and centers that provide rehabilitation and education for children with disabilities in Hebron and Jericho. This initiative aimed to supply accurate information to families, enabling them to make informed decisions and access quality services in their communities post-treatment at our centre. We are hoping to continue this mapping study to include all governorates in the West Bank.

Moreover, we supported our partners in Hebron by establishing two specialized autism units at the Ethna Municipality Center and the Yatta Municipality Center. These two units were equipped with essential tools and received specialized training from a highly qualified staff. We have been able to sustain our services in the West Bank alongside our ongoing work in Gaza. Despite the challenges posed by closures during the conflict, we have continued to achieve significant milestones. We have successfully served 1,187 children through various programs at the Child Rehabilitation Centre, and our Outreach Program has benefited 1,171 children in the field. 373 students were enrolled in our inclusive school 158 out of them students with disabilities who received their educational and rehabilitation services.

As we reflect on the achievements of 2023, we are grateful for the unwavering support of Archbishop Hosam Naoum, our dedicated staff, our friends, partner institutions and donors. Together, we have made a tangible difference to the lives of hundreds of children and their families, ensuring that they receive the care and support they deserve.

We reflect on the countless challenges the institution has faced and successfully overcome, and we face the future with faith and hope for smoother days ahead. We remain steadfastly committed to supporting the children with disabilities at all times, ready to confront and overcome any obstacles, even during the most difficult days.

I invite you to delve into our annual report to explore these accomplishments in detail and see the impact of our collective efforts. Together, we continue to strive for a future where every child, regardless of ability, can thrive and reach their full potential.

Yours sincerely,

Violette Mubarak

General Director – The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre

Mrs. Violette Mubarak is the General Director of the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre (JPBC) based in East Jerusalem, which serves Palestinian children with disabilities and their families. She is responsible for the management of the JPBC, including the Child Rehabilitation Centre and the Inclusive School, with a team of 130 staff. She holds a Master's Degree in International Cooperation and Development. Moreover, she has a Professional Diploma in NGO management and a BA in Business Administration.



2023 Highlights

Within its initiative Heart to Heart, from Jerusalem to Gaza JPBC established a pioneering satellite unit in AL Ahli Hospital in Gaza.

Although our treatment unit in Gaza Strip has been damaged by the escalation of violence there, our team has remained committed to supporting children with disabilities. Our staff is working tirelessly under difficult circumstances and we have activated a telemedicine program under the supervision of our medical director to support them... continue reading on page 12

As a Resource Centre for Palestinian children with disabilities, JPBC conducted a mapping project in three governorates

JPBC's conducted a mapping project that enhances rehabilitation services for children with disabilities, focusing on the governorates of Hebron, Jericho and Gaza Strip, to improve access and support continuity of care post-discharge... continue reading on page 13

Two Autism units developed at JPBC partner centers

JPBC supported two partner centers in Hebron, to launch two autism units at their premises. Moreover, JPBC provided training programs led by experts in Psychology and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) for their staff. This initiative fills critical gaps in autism services, ensuring personalized care and education for children, marking a significant step towards inclusive healthcare and education in the West Bank...continue reading on page 14

Director of the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre attended the Compass Rose Annual Meeting

Violette Mubarak, Director of the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre, highlighted the organization's commitment to inclusion at the Compass Rose Annual Meeting in London, emphasizing collaborative efforts and initiatives to empower children with disabilities and their families...continue reading on page 15

Opening of the New Audiology Department at the Child Rehabilitation Centre and Enhancement of Therapeutic Team Capacities

The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre opened a new audiology unit, enhancing therapeutic services with hearing assessments for children. Supported by AFEDJ, UNICEF, and the Norwegian government, the Centre also trained 10 therapists, boosting their ability to address the needs of children with disabilities... continue reading on page 15

Within its initiative Heart to Heart, from Jerusalem to Gaza JPBC established a pioneering satellite unit at AL Ahli Hospital in Gaza



In the face of ongoing challenges in Gaza, the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre (JPBC) continues to demonstrate unwavering dedication through its “HEART TO HEART” project. This initiative highlights JPBC’s commitment to providing vital rehabilitation and psychosocial services despite setbacks, such as the damage to the newly established rehabilitation unit at AL Ahli Hospital. The team in Jerusalem remains closely connected with their counterparts in Gaza, ensuring emergency and timely support reaches those in need.

Occupational Therapist Al-Zahraa, based in Rafah, conducted essential assessments and surveys as part of the emergency response efforts. Under the leadership of its Medical Director, JPBC implemented a screening questionnaire and established crucial online communication links between teams in Jerusalem and Gaza. This collaborative effort underscores JPBC’s proactive approach to maintaining continuous care and support during turbulent times.

Although JPBC has faced challenges in opening the new rehabilitation satellite unit at AL Ahli Hospital, during the year 2023, JPBC remains persistent in its mission to enhance medical care and rehabilitation services for Palestinian children with disabilities.

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Mapping project bridges gap in rehabilitation services for children with disabilities in the West Bank



The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre has successfully completed a groundbreaking mapping project to improve rehabilitation services for children with disabilities in the West Bank. The project focused on the governorates of Hebron and Jericho, where access to such services is crucial, as families face significant challenges in accessing continued care after discharge from the Princess Basma Rehabilitation Centre.

The initiative identified local referral sources and partners capable of providing ongoing support to families who are unable to travel to the Basma Centre for treatment. The project compiled a comprehensive directory of information on rehabilitation and educational facilities in Hebron and Jericho. This resource provides families with important information so that they can make informed decisions and ensure the necessary support for the well-being and developmental needs of their children.

Enhancing rehabilitation services for children with disabilities in Gaza

In September 2023, mapping of the centers that provide rehabilitation services for children with disabilities in Gaza Strip was conducted. The report details services available before the conflict began, and will need to be commissioned again at an appropriate time.

Strengthening Autism Support JPBC Partner Centers



In a significant stride towards enhancing autism support in the West Bank, the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre has implemented a pioneering initiative aimed at addressing critical gaps in autism services within the Hebron Governorate.

Central to this initiative is the establishment of autism units at two CBRO's partner centers, Ethna and Yatta Municipal Centers. These units were created following a comprehensive needs assessment that highlighted substantial deficiencies in autism services. Infrastructure modifications and specialized equipment recommendations were swiftly executed, leading to the successful launch of the first Autism units in October 2023.

Simultaneously, JPBC launched a training program at the Ethna and Yatta Municipal Centers, led by experts in Psychology and Applied Behavior Analysis for their staff. The training focused on enhancing capacities of the staff who work in these units.

The impact of JPBC interventions and trainings are evident. Both centers have initially enrolled autistic children in the new units, with plans to expand as they consolidate their knowledge and experience.

Director of the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre Presents Commitment to Inclusion at Compass Rose Annual Meeting



The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre General Director Mrs. Violette Mubarak attended the Compass Rose Annual Meeting, held in London from October 10-12, 2023.

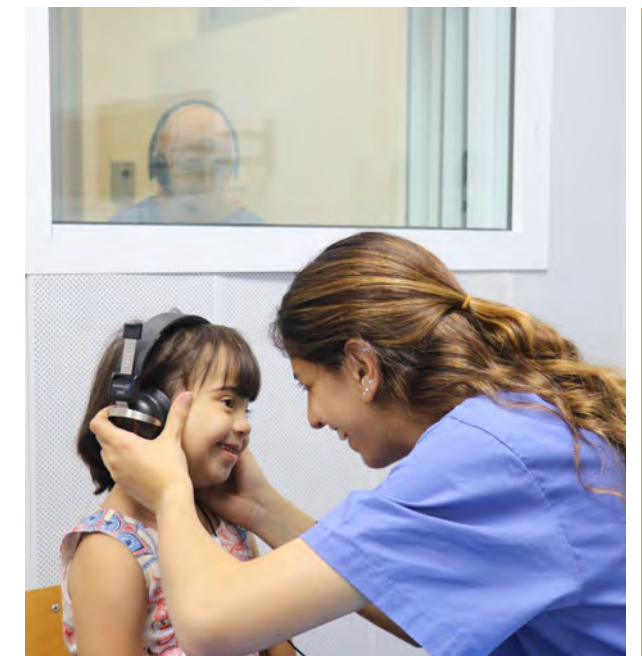
In her presentation, Mrs. Mubarak highlighted the Basma Centre's vision for inclusion and outlined its initiatives aimed at empowering children with disabilities and their families to promote a more inclusive society. Additionally, she outlined the Centre's successes and spoke about the current challenges faced by the organization and the families it serves.

Opening of the New Audiology Department at the Child Rehabilitation Centre and Enhancement of Therapeutic Team Capacities

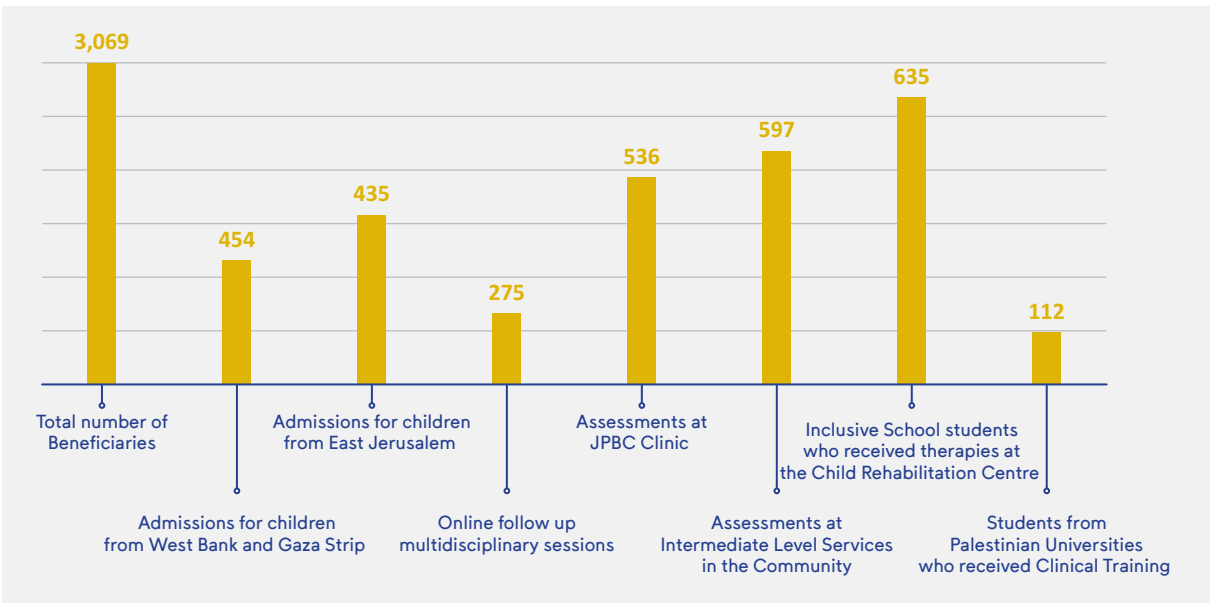
The Basma Centre has completed the renovation and furnishing of its new audiology unit, adding hearing assessment services to its comprehensive range of therapies. The Dorothea Haus Ross Foundation through the American Friends of the Anglican Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem generously funded this new unit.

This unit is a valuable addition to the services provided by the Centre, which receives children in need of hearing testing on a weekly basis. The new service will improve the quality of speech and language therapy and enable the therapists to better understand the children's needs. To correspond with the establishment of the new audiology unit, the Princess Basma Centre organized special training in audiology for 10 of its speech and language therapists. This two-day training, led by a specialist audiologist, focused on the basics of hearing assessment with an emphasis on the needs of children with disabilities such as autism, ADHD and communication delays. The training included theoretical sessions, group activities and practical exercises.

It is worth mentioning that this training is part of the project "Enhancing Clinical Capacities of the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre", which is funded by UNICEF and the Norwegian government.



Great Performance



Service Overview

The Child Rehabilitation Centre extended its treatment services to children with disabilities from Jerusalem, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip. At our facility, we welcome children ranging from birth to 15 years of age. Our treatment offers encompass three primary services: Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services, Outpatient Child Development Services, and Student Therapy Services.

Throughout the year 2023, the Centre has delivered an extensive array of therapies across various units. These therapeutic interventions include Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Hydrotherapy, Music Therapy, Psychosocial support, and Nursing.

Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services



Within the framework of Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services, our commitment is to offer optimal support to families and their children requiring intensive therapies, particularly those facing challenges in reaching our Centre on a daily basis. This program is specifically designed to cater to the needs of children who benefit from an all-encompassing rehabilitation package and accommodation for a duration of 2-3 weeks, with the presence of the mother or another family member accompanying the child during their stay.

This specialized service is extended to children welcomed from the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Our dedicated multidisciplinary team employs modern approaches and methods in the treatment process, aiming for an optimal level of recovery and independence. Tailored individual care plans are meticulously crafted to facilitate the swift integration and active participation of children within their families and communities.

365 In 2023, 365 children from the West Bank and Gaza Strip benefited from 13,070 therapy sessions, through 454 admissions.



Child Development Services



Within the Child Development Services, the Centre extends day care services to children residing in the Jerusalem area. This service specifically caters to children with diverse needs, encompassing developmental delays, neurological impairments, cerebral palsy, autism spectrum disorder, speech and language delays, and various syndromes. Our specialized team, comprising physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, a psychologist, and a social worker, collaboratively addresses the unique challenges faced by each child. The focus of our approach lies in the creation of individualized

treatment plans, strategically designed to enhance children’s participation and integration within their families and broader social environment.

435 In 2023, 435 children from East Jerusalem benefited from 4,461 therapy sessions through several admissions.



Student Therapy Services



Alongside our comprehensive array of services, the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre extended rehabilitation services to children with disabilities within our Inclusive School. This dedicated service ensures that students with disabilities enrolled in our Inclusive School receive essential treatment and rehabilitation support. Our expert team addresses a diverse range of disabilities, encompassing physical disabilities, visual impairments, hearing impairments, Down syndrome, autism, learning difficulties, and speech and language disorders.

Therapeutic services provided for students encompass physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, hydrotherapy, sensory therapy, psychology, Applied Behaviour Analysis, and other specialized therapies tailored for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This holistic approach reflects our commitment to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment that serves to the unique needs of each child.

112 During 2023, 112 students with disabilities from JPBC Inclusive school have received treatment and rehabilitation services in our Child Rehabilitation Centre

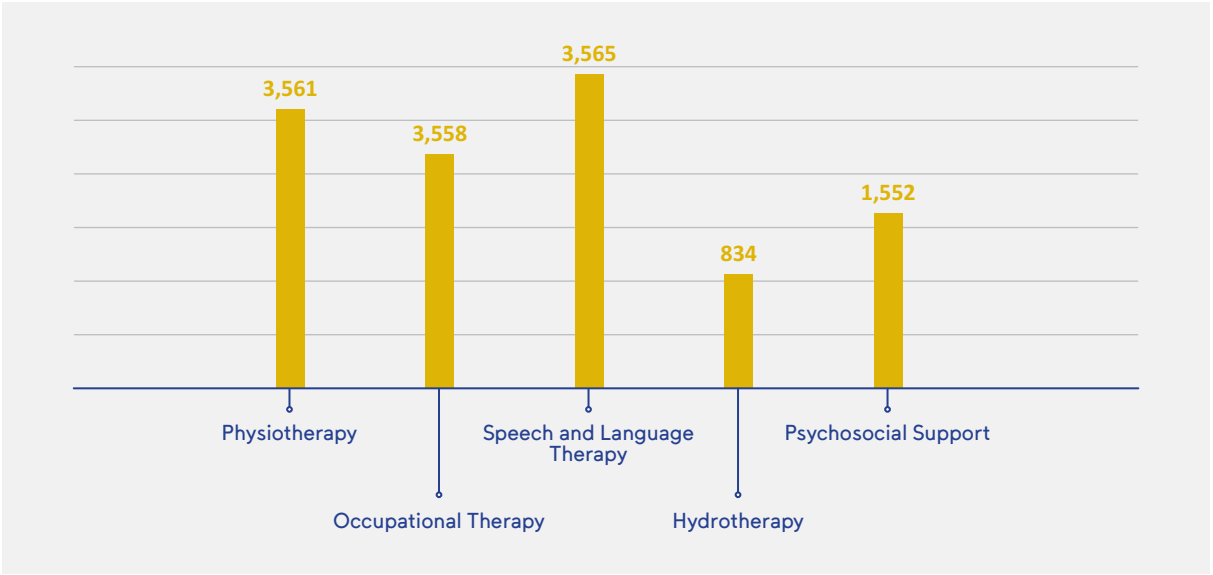




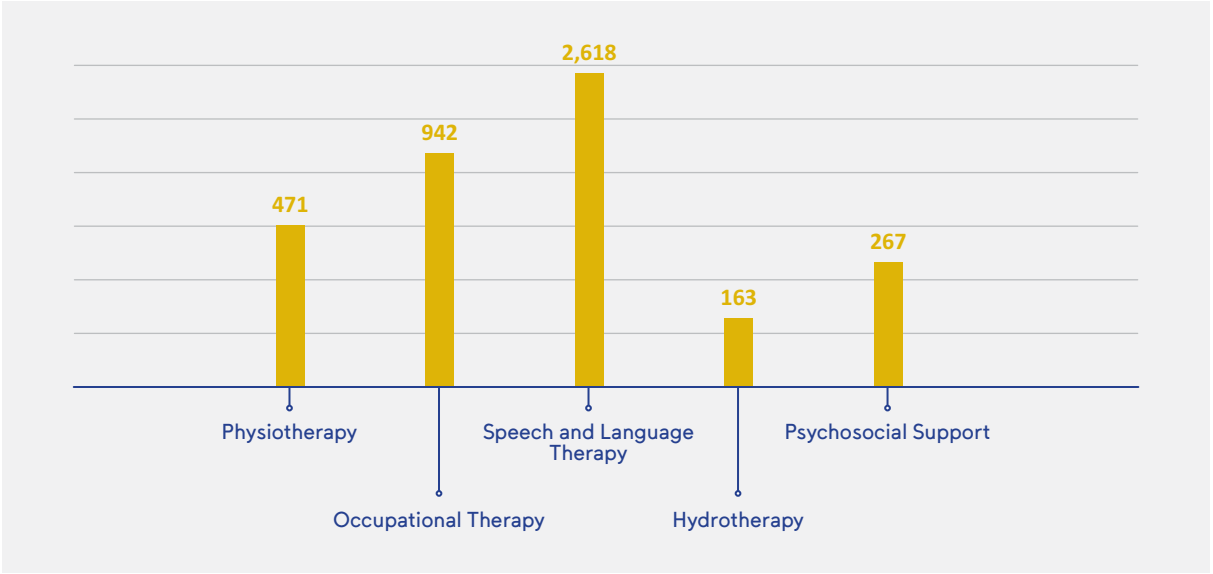
Therapy Sessions

Therapy Sessions for Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services

Within the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services offered at our Child Rehabilitation Centre, we not only provided full board and accommodation for children and their mothers but also delivered a total of 13,070 therapy sessions to children from the West Bank and Gaza Strip. These sessions, are meticulously customized for each child, and are integral to ensuring their optimal care and well-being.



Therapy Sessions for Child Development Services

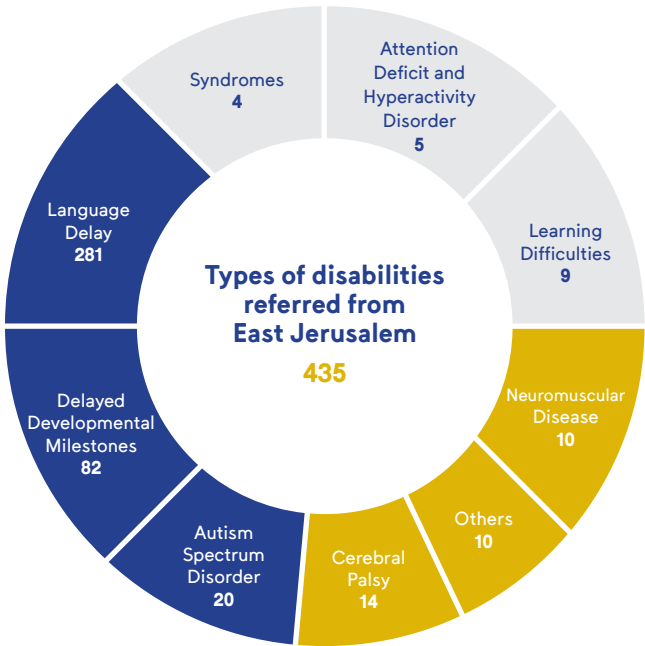
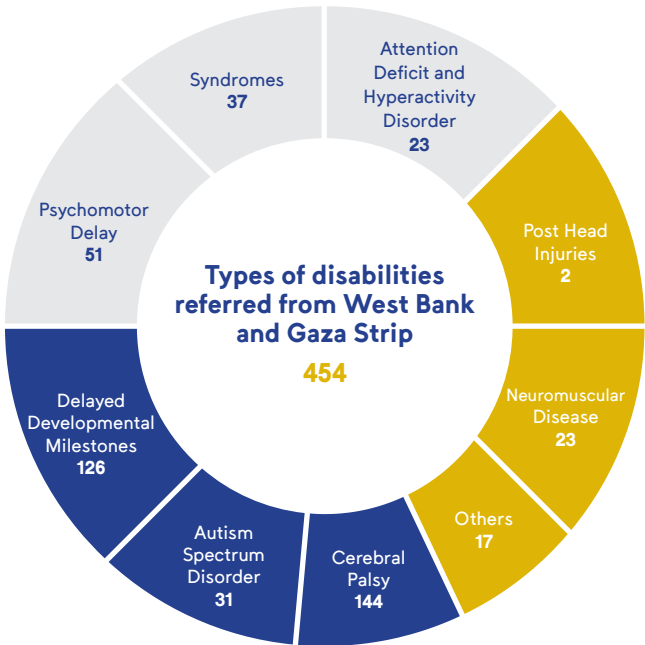


4461 therapy sessions were provided for children referred from East Jerusalem through the Child Development Services.

Diagnoses

Type of disabilities

The multidisciplinary team at JPBC stands prepared to cater for children with diverse disabilities, coming from the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem.



Our Programs – Intensive Service Provision

Mother and Family Empowerment Program (MFEP): Fostering Sustainable Support



At the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre, our commitment to maximizing the impact of therapeutic plans for children with disabilities and their families is exemplified through the Mother and Family Empowerment Program. This program serves as a cornerstone in sustaining service provision, enhancing support, and optimizing service delivery.

The primary objective of the MFEP is to empower parents, making them more conscious of their children’s needs and rights to essential services within their communities. By fostering awareness and understanding, parents can better support their children’s development.

Within this program, comprehensive training is provided to mothers, fathers, and other family members, transforming them into ‘shadow therapists’ equipped to continue therapies at home under the guidance of the Centre’s multidisciplinary team. Additionally, families receive crucial psychosocial support through individual and group sessions led by our dedicated social worker, along with engaging in recreational activities.

Participating parents also benefit from awareness-raising and education sessions on topics related to disability, maternal and child well-being, and positive parenting. Key subjects include health, hygiene, infection prevention, nutrition, and a special focus on addressing the opportunities and challenges faced by their children, providing insights on overcoming these challenges.

In 2023, 365 families benefited from the Mother and Family Empowerment Program

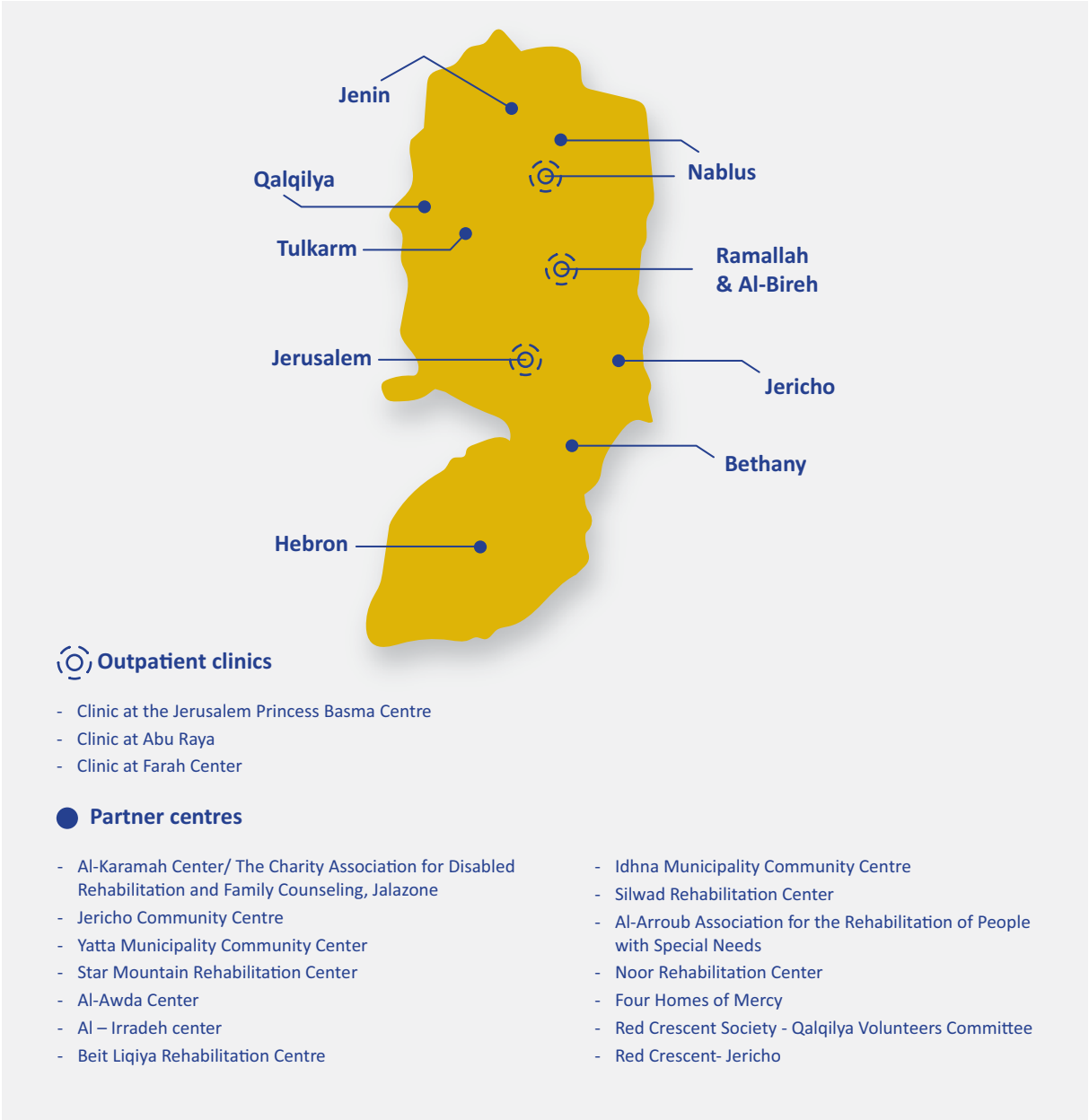
365 mothers and 11 fathers benefited from MFEP face-to-face through 454 admissions at the Centre

Our Programs - Outreach Program

Outreach Program: Extending Our Reach for Direct Impact

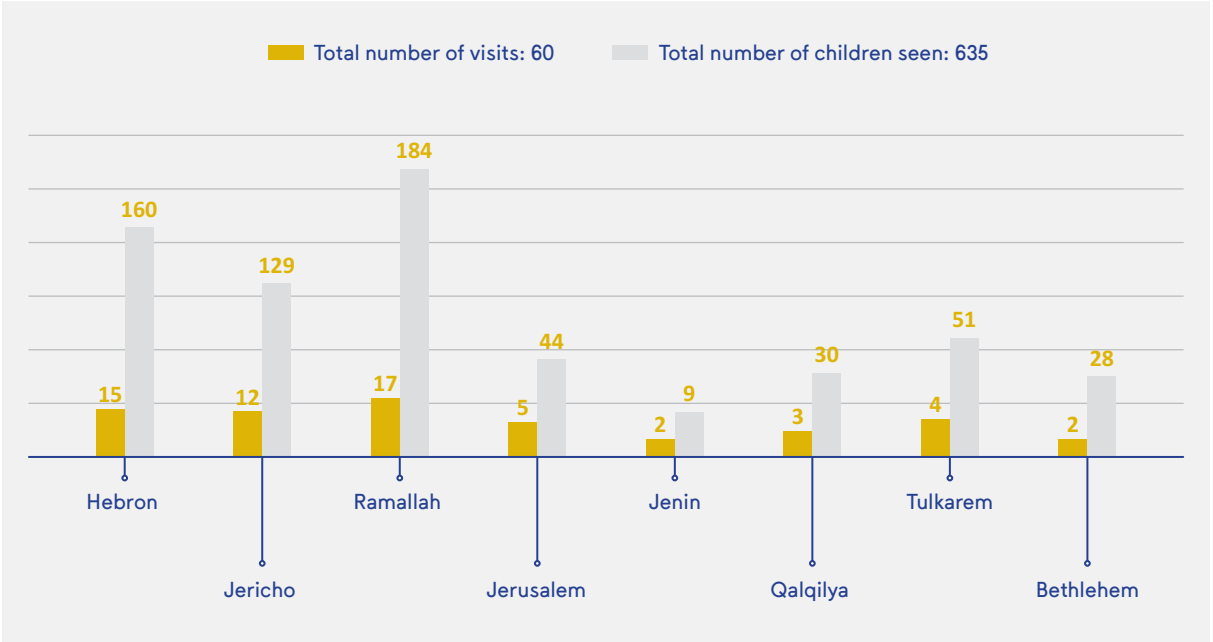
The Outreach Program, a vital initiative, involves our multidisciplinary team assessing children and facilitating referrals to the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre and other healthcare providers for advanced comprehensive treatment and rehabilitation. Additionally, our clinics in Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Nablus operate weekly to assess and refer children in urgent need of treatment. In the year 2023, our dedicated multidisciplinary team reached 1171 Palestinian children within their West Bank communities.

In addition, our Outreach Program contributed significantly to enhancing the capacity of partner rehabilitation centers, particularly in Intermediate Level Services. Our efforts included fortifying the capacity of partner centers through the implementation of child safeguarding policies and best practices.

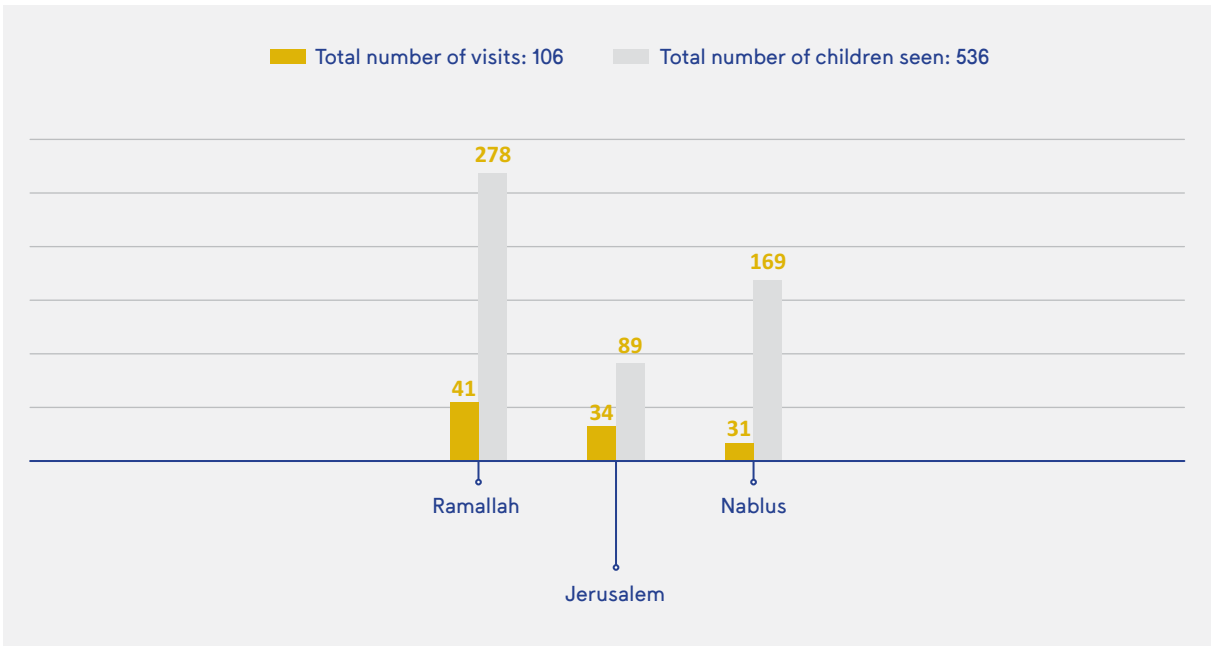


14 Partners **60** Outreach Visits **106** Total number of days JPBC clinics were open for assessment and referral

1171 cWd were assessed at partner centers across the West Bank by our multidisciplinary team.



536 cWd were assessed and examined by our Medical Director during 2023 through our clinics in Jerusalem, Ramallah and Nablus.



Our Programs - Clinical Training

Clinical Training Program for University Students: Bridging Gaps and Cultivating Expertise



Functioning as a National Clinical Training and Resource Centre, JPBC spearheads a program aimed at providing clinical training to Palestinian university students, overseen by our proficient multidisciplinary team. This collaborative initiative involves partnerships with four Palestinian universities and one college (Arab American University, Al-Quds University, Bethlehem University, Birzeit University, and Hind al Hussein College). The program extends to students specializing in physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and social work, providing them with a platform to translate theoretical knowledge into practical application.

This hands-on program allows students to engage directly with patients and their families, gaining valuable real-time experience and interaction that enriches their professional development. The goal is to bridge the gap between academic learning and practical application, fostering a new generation of skilled and compassionate healthcare professionals.

36 university students benefited from the Clinical Training Program in 2023

Equal Opportunities at our Inclusive School



The Inclusive School at our institution serves to children residing in the East Jerusalem geographic area, offering educational services for both students with disabilities (SwD) and those without. In this inclusive learning environment, all students, regardless of ability, engage in the standard curriculum. Students with disabilities typically constitute around one-third of the total student population within our inclusive education program, spanning from kindergarten through 12th grade. Every class is designed to be inclusive, promoting a collaborative and supportive learning atmosphere. Additionally, we operate special education classes within our special education

program, acting as preparatory stations to facilitate the seamless integration of children into inclusive classes.

416 students were enrolled at our Inclusive School, including 147 females and 269 males, for the academic year 2022/2023

Inclusive Education

JPBC is dedicated to providing inclusive education for students with disabilities. We believe in upholding the right to education for all children, particularly those with disabilities. By securing school placements for these students, we strive to offer equal opportunities, enabling every child to pursue higher education, develop essential skills, and attain independence.

Our inclusive education classes are designed on principles of inclusion, empowerment, advancement, and rehabilitation. In the 2022/2023 school year, we successfully integrated 72 students with disabilities into our inclusive classes through careful assessments and the implementation of specialized academic and therapeutic plans.



Special Education



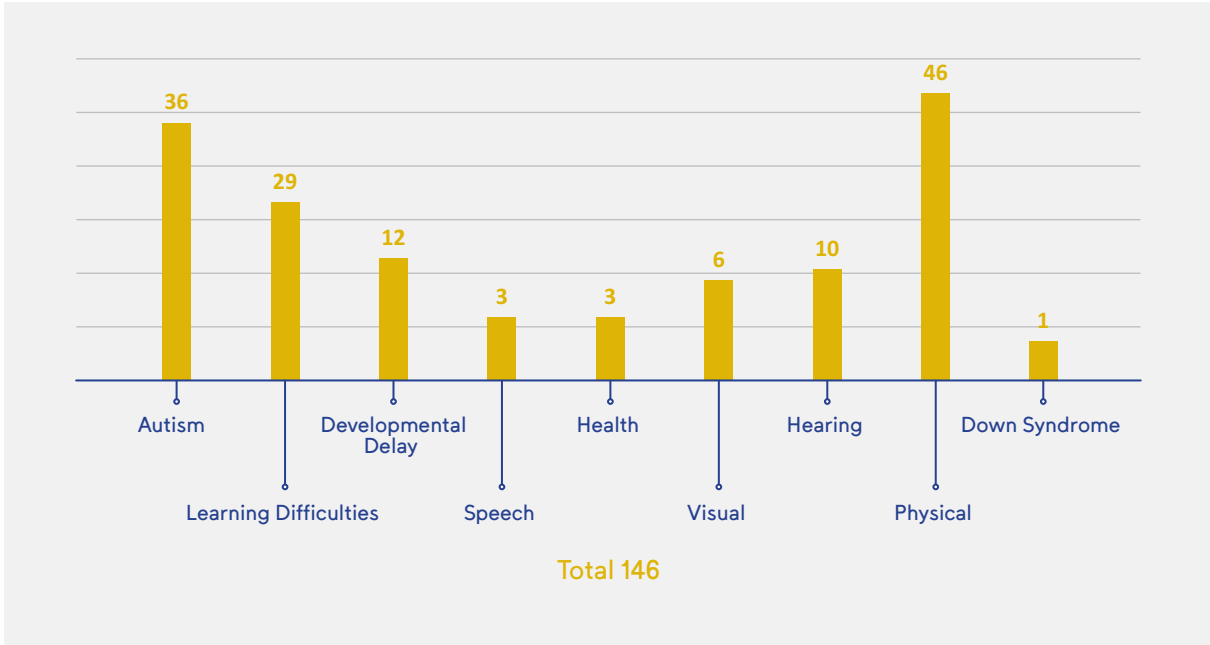
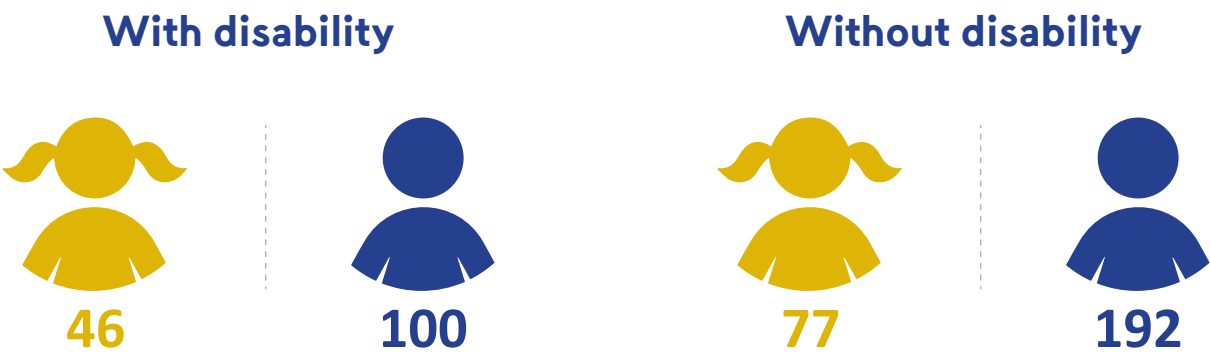
In 2022/2023, our school maintained six specialized classes designed to serve the educational needs of 41 students with disabilities, comprising 28 males and 13 females. These classes serve as an initial stage to equip students for eventual integration into inclusive classes. The admission process involves a collaborative effort from a multidisciplinary team, which includes the special education teacher, regular teachers, and assistant teachers. Together, they develop and implement individualized education plans, offering alternatives and accommodations as needed.

These specialized classes accommodate a diverse range of disabilities, encompassing Physical Disabilities, Autism, Hearing Disabilities, and Learning difficulties. The following table provides an overview of our special education classes for the academic year 2022/2023

Level	Special classes	Number of students	Gender	
				
Kindergarten	Physical disabilities	7	4	3
Kindergarten	Autism	8	7	1
4 th grade -6 th grade	Autism	5	5	0
6 th grade -8 th grade	Hearing impairment	6	2	4
4 th – 6 th grade	Learning Difficulties	15	10	5
Total	6 classes	41	28	13



146 of students with disabilities have joined our Inclusive School in the academic year 2022/2023.





Staffing

9 therapists from the Rehabilitation Centre who provide Rehabilitation Services for 112 students with disabilities: 3 Occupational Therapists
3 Physiotherapists 3 Speech and Language Therapists

A multidisciplinary team (a behavioral analyst, special education teachers, assistant teachers, social workers, and therapists) which continuously works together in devising, following up, monitoring and evaluating 'Individual Educational Development Plans' for each child at the school.

2 social workers who support all students and their caregivers with psychosocial support (individual and group) when needed.

44 qualified and well-trained teachers.

27 teacher assistants whose main responsibility is to support CwD to access the different educational and rehabilitation services, including in-class assistance.

Special Activities

Beyond academic support, our Inclusive School extends a range of supplementary services to students with disabilities, outlined as follows:

Complementary Services Overview:

1. Rehabilitation:

Our rehabilitation package encompasses various therapeutic interventions such as physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, hydrotherapy, sensory therapy, ABA, and other specialized therapies tailored for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

In the academic year 2022/2023, the JPBC Child Rehabilitation Centre provided the rehabilitation package to 112 students with disabilities, consisting of 69 males and 43 females.

2. Health and Nursing Services:

The school nurse plays a pivotal role in delivering health and nursing services to all students, with a special focus on those with special needs facing diverse health conditions.

Apart from catering to the general student population, 25 students with disabilities received personalized nursing services on a daily basis throughout the school year.

High School Graduation



In the presence of His Beatitude, the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem and the Middle East, Archbishop Hosam Naoum, the Jerusalem Princess Basma High Inclusive School joyously marked the graduation of its fourteenth high school class. The commemorative ceremony was held in Jerusalem on May 17, 2023.

Archbishop Hosam Naoum, speaking during the graduation ceremony at the Jerusalem Princess Basma High School, commended the significant positive impact of the Basma Centre and its Inclusive School on the community. He underscored the crucial role played by the educational and healthcare services offered by the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, with the Princess Basma Centre actively contributing to the advancement of knowledge and the promotion of equal opportunities. General Director of JPBC, Violette Mubarak, conveyed her gratitude for the unwavering support and underscored the Centre's dedication to Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services and Inclusive Education.

The School Principal Shereen Saeed expressed pride in overcoming challenges and reiterated the school's unwavering commitment to fostering an inclusive environment for all students. She encouraged the graduates to serve as ambassadors of inclusion and acceptance in their future endeavors.

Kindergarten Graduation

The Jerusalem Princess Basma Inclusive School joyfully celebrated the graduation of its kindergarten students in a ceremony attended by proud parents, teachers, and staff. The graduating class, consisting of 38 students, included both children with and without disabilities, all set to progress to first grade in the upcoming academic year.

Parents in attendance expressed their support for the inclusive approach and commended the school's steadfast commitment and outstanding work. The school extends congratulations to the graduates, their families, and the dedicated teachers and staff who played integral roles in their educational journey.

Inauguration of the new section of the Jerusalem Princess Basma Inclusive School



A moment of joy and celebration was created at the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre during the exciting inauguration event that marked the establishment of a new department at the Jerusalem Princess Basma Inclusive School. This initiative was part of the Action for East Jerusalem's Identity and Resilience (AJIR) project and is a testament to progress and inclusivity. The realization of this significant milestone was made possible through the generous funding of the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and the invaluable administrative support of the NGO Development Center (NDC).

What's Ahead?

Leveling up our capacities

Preparations for JCIA Accreditation in 2024

The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre is preparing for JCIA accreditation in 2024, a crucial step towards ensuring exceptional healthcare standards. Under the leadership of Director Violette Mubarak, the Centre is working diligently to meet the stringent international criteria aiming to improve its medical services and elevate patient care to a new level. The upcoming accreditation reflects the Centre's unwavering commitment to advancing medical care and serving the community with unparalleled dedication.

The Centre has received this prestigious accreditation three consecutive times, confirming its continued commitment to excellence.

Future Renovation Projects at the Basma Inclusive School

The Basma Inclusive School is embarking on two transformative renovation projects aimed at improving the student experience and community engagement. First, the school plans to renovate its kindergarten playground to create a new, clean and healthy space where children can play and enjoy recreational activities. This project is designed to create a vibrant atmosphere that promotes physical and social development.

In addition to renovating the playground, the school will create a dedicated outdoor event hall and interaction area. This space will serve as a multipurpose venue for the school, facilitating community gatherings, educational workshops and interactive sessions that promote inclusivity and collaboration between students, parents and teachers alike.

Extending our services in Gaza

In the midst of the ongoing conflict in Gaza Strip, we believe that we have an important role to play in alleviating human suffering by being part of the system that seeks to provide the basic humanitarian aid services needed in the face of conflict. We took the initiative to do this before the conflict, but our role has become even more important now. For this reason, we will work with determination to improve our services and expand their reach in the Strip during the year 2024.



Thanks and Appreciation

The NGO Development Center | Arab Bank | Jerusalem fund for Education | Embrace the Middle East | American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem | USAID | CRS | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui | THE COMPASS ROSE HONG KONG CHAPTER | Global Communities | The Dr. Eitel Foundation | United Methodist Church | The Dear Foundation | The National Bank | All Angels Foundation | Diocese of California | Trinity Wall Street | Palestinian National Fund | General Board of Global Ministries | MCCABE EDUCATIONAL TRUST | Saint Mark's Church Episcopal | THE COMPASS ROSE SOCIETY | CANADIAN COMPASS ROSE SOCIETY

Financial Statement / Balance Sheet

THE JERUSALEM PRINCESS BASMA CENTRE - JERUSALEM
Financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(All amounts are in New Israeli Shekel unless otherwise stated)

	Note	2023	2022
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	(3)	5,053,193	2,328,829
Other current assets	(4)	322,400	1,028,973
Pledge's receivable	(5)	208,622	21,095
Accounts receivable, net	(6)	6,979,818	7,005,432
Due from related parties	(12)	676,244	611,754
Inventories	(7)	26,026	26,026
Total current assets		13,266,303	11,022,109
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment, net	(8)	12,054,258	10,024,686
Total non-current assets		12,054,258	10,024,686
Total assets		25,320,559	21,046,796
Liabilities and net assets			
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Bank's overdraft		-	678
Other current liabilities	(9)	566,296	551,230
Accounts payable	(10)	1,754,456	874,457
Borrowing	(11)	-	1,251,341
Total current liabilities		2,320,752	2,677,706
Non-current liabilities			
Due to related parties	(12)	3,304,225	4,632,842
Provident fund	(13)	176,652	176,652
Provision for end of service	(14)	3,742,933	3,657,756
Total non-current liabilities		7,223,810	8,467,249
Total liabilities		9,544,562	11,144,955
Net assets			
Unrestricted net assets		14,593,647	8,578,294
Temporarily restricted net assets	(15)	1,182,350	1,323,547
Total net assets		15,775,997	9,901,841
Total liabilities and net assets		25,320,559	21,046,796

- Notes to the financial statements from (1 - 26) form an integral part of these financial statements.

- The financial statements on pages (3 – 20) were authorized for issue by Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre management on, 2023 and were signed on its behalf.



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