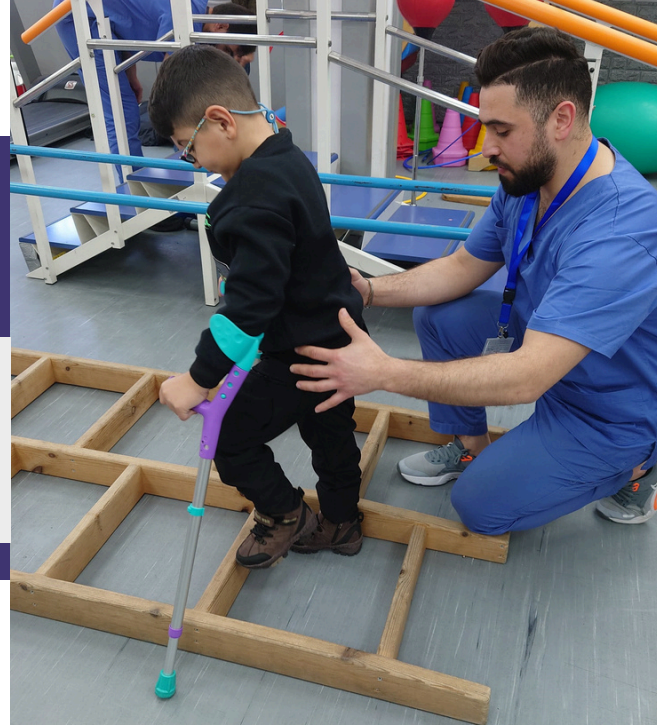


JERUSALEM PRINCESS BASMA CENTRE

East Jerusalem, Gaza, the West Bank

The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre (JPBC), located on Jerusalem's Mount of Olives, works for the integration and empowerment of children with disabilities and their families by providing quality rehabilitation, psychosocial support services, and inclusive education.



LIFE-CHANGING CARE FOR PALESTINIAN CHILDREN

The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre (JPBC) offers comprehensive rehabilitation services for children with disabilities and their families, to ensure that children can fully participate in school and community life. Serving more than 1,300 children annually with a wide range of physical and cognitive disabilities, JPBC is the only facility in the area where families can access all necessary services under one roof. This eliminates the burden of navigating difficult travel restrictions, making care accessible to Palestinian families.

In addition to direct services, JPBC strengthens capacity across Palestine by offering advocacy, technical assistance, and clinical training to 14 community-based partners. This crucial work empowers local organizations and challenges the pervasive stigma surrounding disabled persons.

JPBC Extends Its Impact Throughout the West Bank and Gaza

Throughout 2023, JPBC deepened its impact by partnering with rehabilitation organizations across the West Bank and opening a satellite clinic at Al Ahli Arab Hospital (Ahli) in Gaza. Although the satellite clinic suffered damage due to air strikes during the Israel-Hamas War, JPBC's team worked tirelessly to deliver emergency rehabilitation and psychosocial care to children in shelters throughout Gaza.

By June 2024, coordinated efforts between JPBC's main clinic in East Jerusalem and its Gaza-based team allowed the satellite clinic to resume services. As of September 2024, the clinic remains fully operational, providing vital care to children, including those recovering from emergency surgeries at Ahli. The need for JPBC's services is more urgent than ever, with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) estimating that 10 children in Gaza lose one or both legs each day as of August 2024.

It is the unwavering support from AFEDJ's donors and partners that allows JPBC to continue this essential work. Your contributions ensure that JPBC can continue to bring life-changing care to the most vulnerable children across Palestine.



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JPBC AT A GLANCE

- **Location:** Mount of Olives, Jerusalem
- **Mission:** Integration and empowerment of children with disabilities and their families
- **Founded:** Founded in 1965 with support from Princess Basma bint Talal, sister of the late King Hussein and aunt of Jordan's current king – Abdullah II.
- **Services:** Physical rehabilitation, psychosocial support, and inclusive education
- **Expansion to Gaza:** JPBC offers emergency rehabilitation and psychosocial services to children in shelters across Gaza City, Khan Younis, and Deir al Balah. The satellite clinic at Ahli is fully operational as of Sept. 2024 after operational delays due to the Israel-Hamas war.
- **National Resource Centre:** JPBC has 14 community-based partners throughout Palestine, facilitating capacity building, clinical training, and the dissemination of knowledge and best practices.

MOTHER & FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM (MFEP)

A signature program of JPBC is the Mother & Family Empowerment Program (MFEP), a two-to-three-week hybrid residential and virtual telemedicine program that provides intensive, individualized early interventions to disabled children. Parents act as "shadow therapists" to learn how to help their children develop at home.

Parents also receive psychosocial support and educational workshops on health issues related to disabilities and the educational and social rights of children with disabilities. The MFEP serves 400 families annually with 15-19 mothers and their children at a time.

