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Letter from the Executive Team

Dear Supporters,

These past few months have been among the most difficult in ALLMEP history, a reality shared by all those who care about justice, security, and peace for Palestinians and Israelis. The shocking attacks mounted by Hamas on October 7th, and the months of airstrikes, violence, and humanitarian catastrophe that followed, have claimed so many innocent victims. Many of the strongest voices and bravest leaders of our peacebuilding community live in the Israeli communities bordering the Gaza Envelope, and many others in Gaza.

For five weeks, the ALLMEP community believed our friend Vivian Silver was living an unimaginable nightmare as a hostage in Gaza. In November, we learned from Vivian's family that her nightmare both began and ended on October 7th, when she was murdered in the attacks that devastated the community at Kibbutz Be'eri.

Vivian was one of the very earliest leaders within ALLMEP, helping to forge our identity almost two decades ago, and was a constant companion and leader throughout our development.



Vivian Silver at ALLMEP's 2022 Unite the Field Conference

Vivian built things. Things that promoted her values and shaped the sort of world she wanted to live in. She founded or co-founded ALLMEP members AJEEC-NISPED and Women Wage Peace, volunteered with Road to Recovery and Other Voice for Peace in the Negev, served on the boards of B'tselem and NIF, and helped shape ALLMEP from its very earliest days. We offer the deepest condolences to Vivian's sons, Chen and Jonathan, to her wider family, and to all the many people whose lives she touched over so many years.



From Vivian's memorial on November 16, taken by Rom Barnea

As we mourn for Vivian and the Palestinian and Israeli victims in this nightmare, we remember her reaction to the 2014 Gaza-Israel War: she co-founded Women Wage Peace, now the largest peace movement in Israel. We see that same sort of response all around us. ALLMEP members are stepping up in this darkest moment and— just like Vivian— are walking the walk of Israeli-Palestinian partnership and solidarity. We are a poorer community without her presence, but we will do whatever we can to carry forward her values.

So many in our community have been directly impacted by these horrific events, not just in Israel, but also in Gaza and the West Bank. Our number one priority during the war has been supporting their work. At the same time, ALLMEP has led

a global effort to platform peace activists in the public discourse on this war.

This year saw unprecedented levels of global attention for our community. ALLMEP, its members, and our theory of change were prominently featured in the media, with profiles and opinion pieces in the BBC, USA Today, Vogue, France24, Forbes, the New York Times, Religion News Service, Washington Post, Australia Channel 7, CNA Asia, Le Monde, CBC Egypt, and many more.

In the midst of the most challenging year in our history, with more violence and pain than we could have ever imagined, our community held as a beacon of hope. The core of our mission is to support, advocate for, and empower our community of peacebuilders, and to help create the



conditions that lasting peace, and any diplomatic solution, will require. In these darkest of days, we rallied to support our members and their work.

In 2023, ALLMEP put on more programs, consultations, and convenings than in any year since our founding, and met with a record number of policymakers and key political figures. We also hosted the largest conference in our organization's his-



Working group at ALLMEP's 2023 Unite the Field Conference, taken by RealQ Media

tory in Jerusalem, all made possible through the generous support of donors like you.

In the aftermath of the October 7th attacks, we quickly pivoted to securing emergency funding for our members, provided resources for psychosocial and trauma-informed care, helped our community tell their stories, and amplified their work. Thank you for your belief in ALLMEP and all that we do. Our community is stronger and more resilient because of your support.

Peacebuilders offer a vision of what a shared future for Palestinians and Israelis could look like, with security, justice, equal rights, self-determination, and peace as a priority for both peoples. Join us in honoring the lives lost to this conflict, forging a new way forward, and ensuring that days like these are a distant and unimaginable reality.

In peace,

John Lyndon & the Executive Team



About ALLMEP

ALLMEP is a coalition of over 160 organizations—with hundreds of thousands of Palestinians and Israelis—building cooperation, justice, security, equality, shared society, mutual understanding, and peace among their communities. We add stability in times of crisis, foster cooperation that increases impact, and build an environment conducive to peace over the long term. We are an ecosystem of connected, collaborative civil society organizations, each with their own unique theory of change and approach, working to make the peace-building field more than just the sum of its parts.

Founded in 2006 and headquartered in Washington, DC, ALLMEP envisions a Middle East in which its vibrant community of Palestinian and Israeli peacebuilders lead their societies toward and beyond a sustainable peace. To that end, ALLMEP works to increase its members' financial and human resources, and provides a global platform for their visibility. To do this, ALLMEP supports its member organizations and their collaborations with a variety of programs and services designed to scale their aggregated impact.



At ALLMEP's 2023 Unite the Field Conference, by RealQ Media



We secure and scale funding to expand shared programming between Israelis and Palestinians by engaging with key donor governments and philanthropists right around the world, proving the efficacy of peace activism and demonstrating the impact of the peacebuilding field. Our advocacy team regularly meets with government officials, with on the ground presence in Washington, Berlin, Paris, New York, London, Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Tel Aviv.



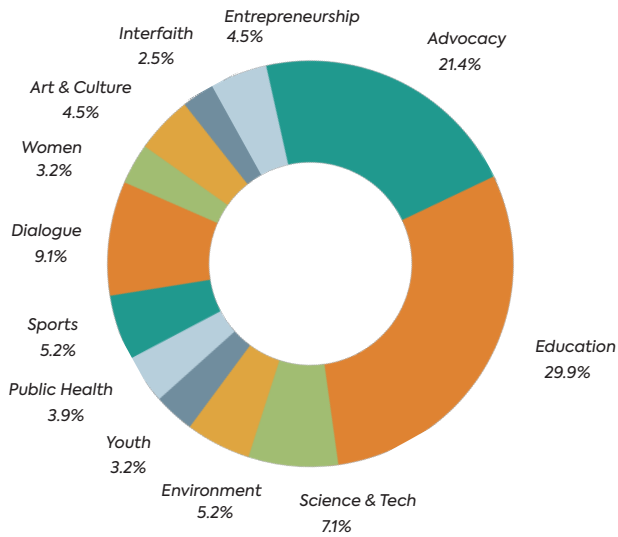
At the same time, we provide capacity building, support, and visibility to amplify the voices and impact of our member organizations in the region. The goal is to progress from transforming the fates of individual Palestinians and Israelis towards impacting entire communities and institutions. We connect individuals and groups to create a critical mass that lives and acts in support of peace, as we contend that peace is only possible by popular demand.

Our Members

Since inception, ALLMEP has grown membership to over 160 peacebuilding organizations. Their thematic focuses and activities range from youth in sports, to environment, to economic development, to much more. This year, ALLMEP added 11 new member organizations.

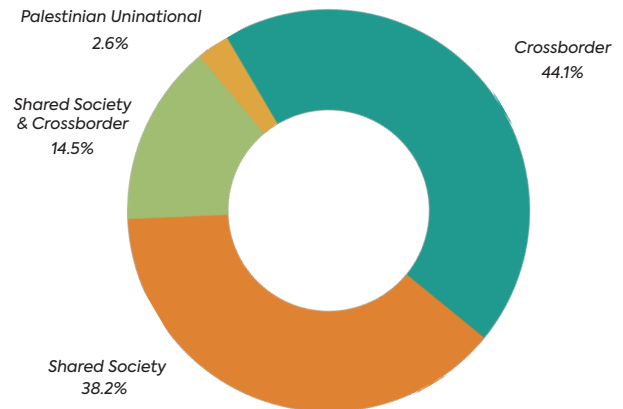


Membership by Sector



From ALLMEP member Rabbis for Human Rights

Scope of Activities



From ALLMEP member Standing Together

Member Services



Guidance on government funding



Monthly all-member video calls



ScaleHub capacity building trainings



Sector-specific affinity groups



Video and digital storytelling opportunities



Annual peacebuilding conference in Jerusalem



Media skills and preparedness trainings



Annual alumni conference



Annual Advocacy Day in DC

If you are interested in becoming a member or learning more about member services, check our website at www.allmep.org or email Doubi Schwartz at doubi@allmep.org.

Programming

This year, ALLMEP further developed its affinity group model, which aims to create a new norm for collaboration and partnership among the peacebuilding field. Rather than competing with one another over funding, limited resources, and expertise, ALLMEP has brought together affinity groups to encourage knowledge sharing and address sector-specific challenges to peacebuilding. This model convenes different member organizations for bi-monthly meetings to discuss their work and brainstorm how they can support and enhance one another's work.

Building upon the foundations laid in 2022, ALLMEP regularly convened four different affinity groups throughout the year, each focused on a distinct sector or focus within the peacebuilding field:

- Crossborder Youth Education
- Religious Identity & Dialogue
- Technology & Peacebuilding
- Alumni Engagement





AlumHub

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Sustainable peace requires grassroots transformation. Graduates of peacebuilding programs, hailing from diverse backgrounds and often deeply rooted in their societies, are uniquely positioned to catalyze transformation. By helping our members to develop strategies that empower alumni to take leadership roles within their communities, our AlumHub programs are nurturing a generation of change-makers who understand the cultural nuances, historical contexts, and social dynamics of the region.



“We had a great conversation today including topics of how our organizations and alumni respond to current events in general, and specifically are responding to current events like the Israeli protests and army violence in the West Bank. We talked about recruitment and engagement numbers between Israeli Jews vs. Palestinians. We talked about facilitation techniques, ‘normalization,’ approaches to peacebuilding, Western influence in the conflict, and heard powerful personal stories.”

–Jake Shapiro, Tech2Peace, on our alumni workshop

ALLMEP also pioneered a ground-breaking field-wide alumni survey. Over the year, we interviewed over 450 alumni from the peacebuilding field and nearly 800 Palestinian and Israeli youth about their experiences, hopes, and political perspectives. Relative to the general population, the survey revealed important realities about how these programs impact participants and affect real, transformative change on the ground.

80%

of alumni are active in some way around working toward a solution in the context of Israel and Palestine, engaging in at least one concrete action in the last four years.



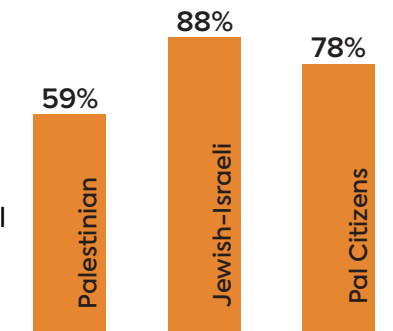
Peacebuilding alumni are more likely...

23.5x Jewish-Israeli Alumni

7.5x Palestinian Citizens of Israel

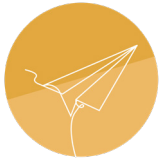
53x Palestinian Alumni

... to work or volunteer with a peace organization



Peacebuilding alumni are **more motivated for contact** with members of the “outgroup”

**Data taken from a U.S. Embassy-funded study by ALLMEP and aChord. “Palestinian” refers to populations in West Bank, Gaza, and East Jerusalem. The control group refers to a general population of non-alumni.*



ScaleHub

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Beyond ALLMEP's traditional member services, our ScaleHub program is specifically designed to strengthen and empower our member organizations, so that they are operating at the highest level possible. This year, we grew our capacity building program to offer more free workshops, skills training, and expert resources to support our members' work.

Capacity building enables our member organizations to develop competencies that make them more effective and sustainable, thus increasing the potential for positive impact and solving society's most intractable problems. Over the course of the year, ALLMEP hosted:



- 47 *One-on-one MEPPA consultations*
- 42 *Fundraising consultations*
- 28 *Individual comms/social media consultations*
- 6 *Masterclasses on digital fundraising*
- 1 *Financial management and accounting workshop*
- 1 *Planning, monitoring, and evaluation training seminar*
- 3 *Resource development workshops*

These programs targeted key areas identified in our 2021 needs assessment of the field. The assessment asked members to evaluate their internal operations, capacities, and skills, and rank the areas where they felt they could use the most institutional support.

This year, ALLMEP is in the process of conducting a new needs assessment to inform our 2024 ScaleHub programming. The new needs assessment will help identify gaps, design future programming, and make recommendations. This enables our member organizations to develop competencies that make them more effective and sustainable, increasing the potential for positive impact and solving society's most intractable problems.



ALLMEP conducted 47 MEPPA consultations over the course of the year. In its second round, 10 of the 13 MEPPA awards went to ALLMEP members (77%), most with substantial assistance from these consultations. Combined with last year, 16 of 22 MEPPA awards have gone to ALLMEP members.

We have also convened a Palestinian identity group, centered around monitoring and discussing the evolving landscape of language used by and around Palestinian identity. The Palestinian identity is deeply rooted in the collective historical and cultural experiences of its people, and a meaningful exploration of this identity can foster unity and understanding among Palestinians.



By engaging in open and constructive dialogues, Palestinians can come to a shared understanding of their common aspirations for peace, transcending political divides. This process not only empowers individuals to connect with their roots but also provides a platform for envisioning a shared future and building bridges of cooperation. Ultimately, a strong and cohesive Palestinian identity can serve as a foundation for peaceful negotiations and reconciliation, laying the groundwork for a just and lasting resolution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.



MembersHub

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Each month, ALLMEP hosts an All Members' Call, focused on current events and developments in the field. These monthly calls facilitate a context for open discussion of the situation on the ground and mechanisms for shared response from our community. Oftentimes, we bring in expert speakers to address these developments and field questions from the community.

Additionally, ALLMEP has made significant improvements to MembersHub Online, our digital members' platform. Here, members can find new fundraising opportunities, events, and a closed forum for sharing and discussion. New features this year include a fully integrated calendar with events from across our membership. We have also built out a resources section, where we regularly share templates, video trainings, and guides on best practices in nonprofit management and program implementation.



Unite the Field - 2023 Annual Peacebuilders Conference

In June 2023, ALLMEP hosted the largest event in its history, bringing together more than 600 peace activists, diplomats, and philanthropists at our Unite the Field conference in Jerusalem. Unite the Field featured a variety of expert panels, interactive workshops, a members fair, VR experience, and digital storytelling exhibition.

On the sidelines, ALLMEP convened a diplomatic roundtable, bringing together representatives from more than twenty donor countries, senior diplomats, and major philanthropic partners, to strategize how to better coordinate in supporting the field. Collectively, this group contributes tens of millions of dollars annually to the peacebuilding field and we are prioritizing bringing them together to discuss areas of shared strategic interest and their long term funding goals.



ALLMEP's 2023 Unite the Field Conference, by RealQ Media



Panel Discussions



Working Groups



Diplomatic Roundtable



VR Exhibition



Story Corner



Members Fair



Groundwork

In 2023, we released a second season of our Groundwork podcast, produced in partnership with New Israel Fund. Where season one, The Mixed Cities Edition, focused on “mixed cities” in Israel and the activists that live there following the May 2021 War, season two zoomed out and widened the scope of features to include other activists and activism, covering environmental movements, civic engagement, crime in Arab cities, politics, Palestinian identity, and more.

The second season opened in February, where Groundwork producer Yoshi Fields followed Eran Nissan, of ALLMEP member Mehazkim, as Eran attended the early pro-democracy protests in Tel Aviv.



We proceeded to interview and profile different civil society activists and grassroots peacebuilders in the 11-episode season. We are currently in talks for a Season 3, covering the work of peace activists during the 2023 Israel-Gaza war.

Groundwork is hosted by Jewish-Israeli journalist, Dina Kraft, and Palestinian activist, Sally Abed, of ALLMEP member Standing Together. The series is produced by Yoshi Fields, with content editing and design support from Elisheva Goldberg and Nick Acosta. Joel Shupack scored the show.

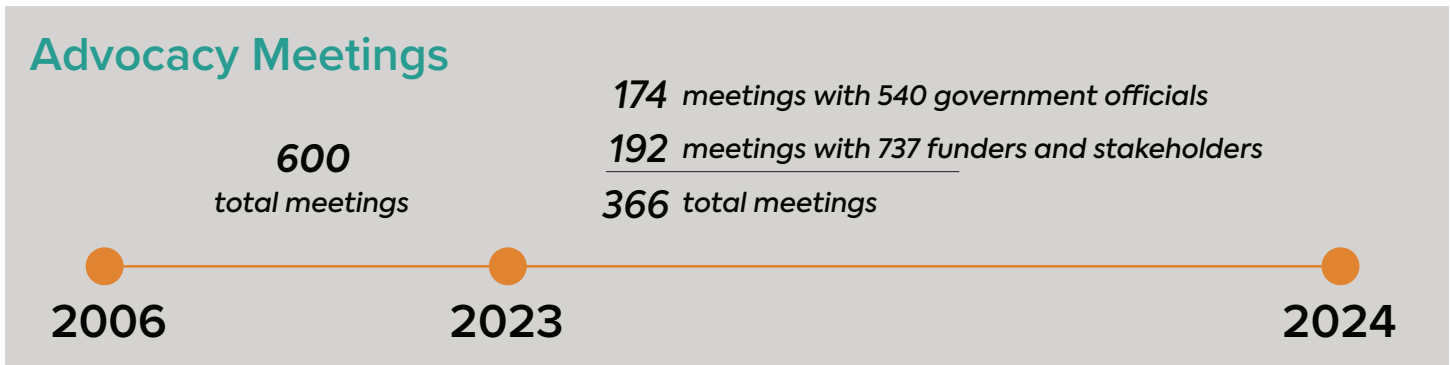


Advocacy

ALLMEP's worldwide advocacy initiatives aim to secure and expand governmental support for the Israeli-Palestinian peacebuilding sector. Our global advocacy team strives to make peacebuilding and civil society a primary focus for global policymakers and influential figures.

Our approach is inspired by the International Fund for Ireland, utilizing valuable insights gained and aspiring to foster enduring peace and justice for both Palestinians and Israelis in the long term. This endeavor is currently underway in the United States, Europe, and the Middle East, with staff located in Washington DC, London, New York, Paris, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Ramallah, and Berlin.

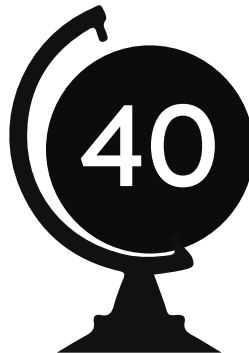
By the Numbers



2023 was among the most ambitious years in our organization's history for political advocacy. With staff across multiple continents coordinating meetings, we engaged new audiences around the globe. In 2023, we met with nearly 1,300 different government officials, funders, and key stakeholders, across 366 meetings, as well as our first advocacy trip and event in the GCC. In fact, more than half the total number of advocacy meetings ALLMEP held between 2006-2023 took place in the last twelve months.



ALLMEP's Diplomatic Roundtable in Jerusalem



40 different countries were briefed on ALLMEP's flagship advocacy campaign, an International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace

Protecting Civil Society

At the beginning of the year, a bill was proposed in Israel that threatened peacebuilding and human rights civil society by imposing a 50% tax on income from foreign state grants and a 23% corporate tax rate on NGOs. ALLMEP briefed several countries about the ramifications of this proposal on civil society, including convening a pivotal round table and collaborating with diaspora organizations.

Our strategy included educating key groups and leading a diplomatic effort that successfully halted a potentially devastating bill for the field. The US and 10 European countries publicly spoke out and registered their disquiet, resulting in the bill being shelved, safeguarding the crucial work of civil society actors.



ALLMEP staff with former US Amb. Thomas R. Nides

Annual Advocacy Day in Washington, DC

ALLMEP brought together representatives from our network, including leaders drawn from the staff and board of our member organizations, alumni of peacebuilding programs, and longtime supporters of peacebuilding for our Annual Advocacy Day in Washington, DC. The group met with USAID officials and members of the MEPPA Advisory Board, 20 different Congressional and Senate offices, and the State Department to discuss the importance of peacebuilding work and civil society, the situation on the ground, and opportunities and challenges facing the field.



ALLMEP staff and members meeting with members of Congress at our annual Advocacy Day in Washington, DC

Increased Support for ALLMEP’s Theory of Change

ALLMEP stepped up its European advocacy in 2023, with staff now based in Berlin, Paris and London, and with growing support across the continent for civil society peacebuilders. This has resulted in further government funding for the field as well as increased support for greater donor coordination as well as an International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace.

Notably, that campaign received an endorsement from the UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak during a speech last December. And throughout the year, endorsements for an International Fund for Israeli-Palestinian Peace rang throughout the UK. The concept was championed by Rt Hon Keir Starmer MP, Rt Hon David Lammy MP, and Steve McCabe MP at Labour’s Annual Luncheon in November, and the concept was raised and endorsed in a parliamentary debate by Lord Collins and Lord Stone.

We were honored to host UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, Tor Wennesland at our Unite the Field conference in Jerusalem. Wennesland was joined by then U.S. Ambassador, Thomas R. Nides, and the German Ambassador, Steffen Seibert, who voiced their continued support for ALLMEP and the work of the peacebuilding community.

ALLMEP’s reach in Germany continued to grow, hosting our first in-person event in Berlin. The event, titled, “30 Years after the Oslo Accords: Reflections of the Past, Realities of the Present and a Resilient Vision for the Future,” was cosponsored by the German-Israeli Future Forum and hosted by the Norwegian Embassy in Berlin, and explored lessons from Oslo and the thirty years that followed it, as well as new strategies to restore a diplomatic horizon and hope for a lasting peace.



From ALLMEP’s first in-person event in Berlin, focused on the thirtieth anniversary of the Oslo Accords

Get Involved

Are you interested in peacebuilding or political advocacy? Get involved with ALLMEP and one of our members. Our website has a full directory of our member organizations, with helpful filters for location, sector, and more. ALLMEP also has an internship program that runs on a semester basis, with fall, spring, and summer internship opportunities in our DC office and rolling opportunities with our regional and European teams. Learn more at www.allmep.org or follow us on our social media channels.



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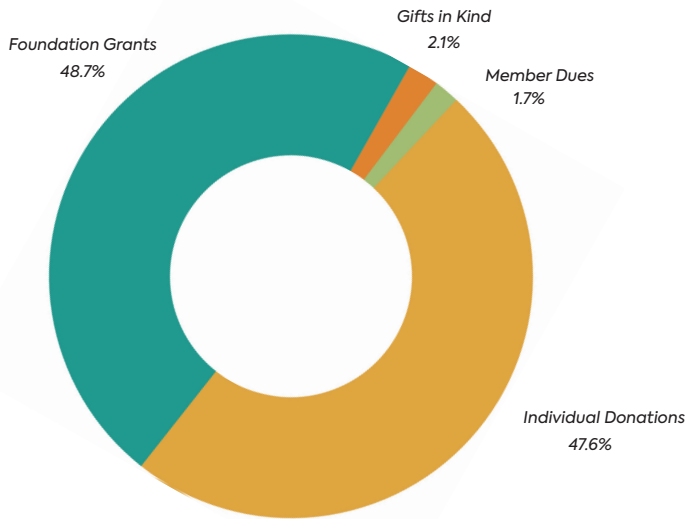




Finances

The Alliance for Middle East Peace is generously supported by a diverse array of donors, including individuals, foundations, legal services, gifts in kind, and a modest amount of staff support from government funders. ALLMEP operates as a non-partisan, 501c3 entity in the US, as well as a Charitable Association registered in France, with contributions from across the political spectrum. Our donor base and board are proudly made up of Arabs and Jews, Palestinians and Israelis, and international stakeholders, with diverse gender and age representation.

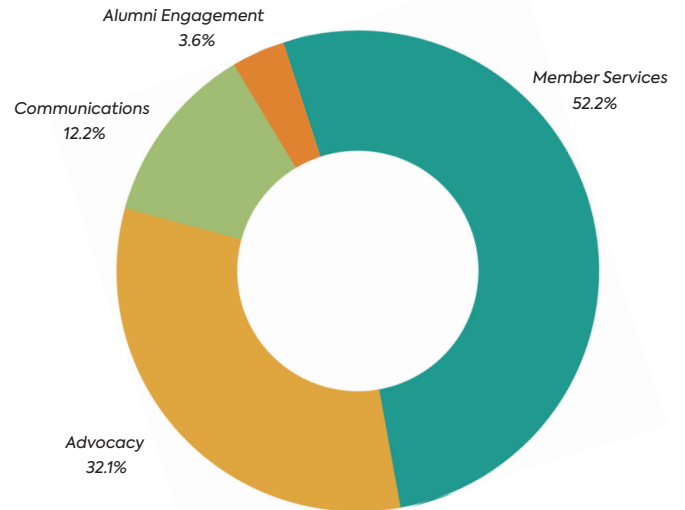
Donations and Revenue



“ALLMEP empowers Palestinian and Israeli peacebuilders. Honestly, I know no other organization where my support goes so far... ALLMEP’s vision for the future gives me hope that with the right resources real peace and equality are possible.”

Ibrahim AlHusseini,
ALLMEP Board Member

Programmatic Expenses



“The fact that ALLMEP has succeeded so well shows its unique innovative approach is the right one... With a relatively modest budget, ALLMEP has raised more than \$300 million for these organizations through US governmental and similar support. Any gift to ALLMEP achieves results many times over.”

Ruth Jarmul,
ALLMEP Board Member

**For a full accounting of our finances, for this year and previous years, all public financial documents and reports are available on our website at www.allmep.org*



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