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503 High Street  
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# Meet *Asmahan*

FROM PALESTINE

Asmahan is a 38-year-old, married woman from a small village near Jenin City. She is a mother for four children, one son and three daughters who all attend school. Asmahan and her husband have a small piece of land where they plant olive trees. They sell olive oil in the local market.

Asmahan requests a loan for \$1,000 USD to help her purchase more olive seedlings. With this loan, Asmahan and her husband hope to be able to increase their productivity and also their income.



This month, Cascade Investment Advisors decided to focus its charitable lending efforts to a budding entrepreneur in the Middle East...

Palestinians face unique challenges due to the economic and political environment in the West Bank and Gaza. Our hope by lending to people like Asmahan in Palestine is to help alleviate some of these challenges. We made our loan this month without prejudice towards any religious or political stance in the Middle Eastern region, but rather focused on helping people like Asmahan support her family and community!

Please join Cascade Investment Advisors in assisting developing world entrepreneurs with microloans for as little as \$25 at [Kiva.org](http://Kiva.org).

