

Rebuilding Alliance

Rebuilding Alliance (RA) is a US-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that has been working for equal rights for Palestinians since 2003. RA's work is guided by the Palestinian communities and takes on projects that meet the most pressing needs of the those communities where we work. RA works in four core areas, and much of the work is done in close coordination with partner Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) based in Palestine (both Gaza and the West Bank):

- Direct Aid
- Construction
- Empowerment
- Advocacy

At the request of Palestinian schools, families, and communities, RA's Advocacy Department holds Contact Congress Campaigns to prevent demolitions of Palestinian homes. Though no demolition order has *ever* been overturned, where Rebuilding Alliance intervenes, we have success stopping demolitions:

- RA advocated for the Sumarin family of Silwan in 2020, to keep them in their home and take their case to the Supreme Court. Contact Congress briefings led to a series of letters from Congresswoman Jackie Speier to the Prime Minister of Israel, and the case is ongoing
- RA advocated for the Salem and Salhiah families of Sheikh Jarrah, pressing for eviction orders against the Salem family to be dropped; RA works with the Salhiah family and their legal team, funding their push to sue for damages in a wrongful demolition case
- RA's 20+ year advocacy in Al Aqaba Village: In November of 2022, the village's appeal before the High Court succeeded in a way we've never seen before: the Israeli Army backtracked on their 96-hour demolition order against two homes and a road. The village won, the families will stay in their homes — and the Court requires the Army's Commander to reevaluate the boundary of Firing Zone 900.

Because it works, RA requested Congressional assistance for other campaigns, including one that directly impacts American travelers. In 'Ensure Americans Fair Entry to Palestine', RA briefed 45 Congressional offices — and Congressman Donald Beyer's staff turned to us to help finalize his recent letter to the State Department.