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Funding Proposal

1. **Project Title:** Medical Support for 120 Poor Christian Families, in Bethlehem Governorate project J 2746
2. **Donor:** Dutch Lieutenancy
3. **Requested Amount:** €12,000.00

4. **Brief Institution Background:**

CNEWA - Pontifical Mission Jerusalem Field Office (PMP), located in the Old City of Jerusalem, operates in Palestine and Israel. The organization provides humanitarian assistance and development support to vulnerable communities, working in close partnership with local Churches and Christian-based organizations. Its mission centers on supporting and sustaining the Christian presence, particularly by serving Christians in Palestine and Israel.

PMP collaborates closely with a network of local Christian churches and organizations across Palestine (including the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip) and Israel to implement humanitarian and development projects that serve both Christian and broader communities. Established by Pope Pius XII in 1949, PMP was initially created to coordinate worldwide Catholic relief efforts for Palestinian refugees. Today, it continues to operate under CNEWA in the United States, addressing the evolving needs of vulnerable populations throughout the Middle East. In the Holy Land, PMP partners with local dioceses, religious orders, and lay-led initiatives to support a range of programs.

5. **Proposed Project:**

The current political and economic crisis in the West Bank is devastating the Christian community. The war in Gaza has created a severe economic downturn in Bethlehem Governorate in particular and the consequences are dire: local reports estimate that around 120 Christian families or individuals have already emigrated, signaling a rapidly escalating crisis among the community.

PMP recognizes the urgent need to expand its humanitarian support to marginalized and needy Christian families facing this challenge. To address this, the PMP is proposing a second emergency relief intervention specifically for Bethlehem Governorate. This initiative will partner with local Christian non-profits, including the Arab Orthodox Benevolent Society and the Bible College, to provide immediate financial aid. The primary goal is to contribute to the medical treatment costs of social cases and distribute necessary medications for patients with chronic diseases, offering a lifeline of immediate medical assistance to those who are unemployed and urgently require care. The PMP has a preliminary list of around 120 Christian families that urgently require medical treatment and care but cannot afford the medication or treatment costs. With funding, this project will provide much needed relief, covering out-of-pocket medicine and medical costs to those in need and at the same time, ensure that these families have the financial ability to cover other essential household costs.

6. **Project Budget:**

PMP seeks financial support in the total amount of **€12,000.00** from the Dutch Lieutenancy for the project, "Medical Support for 120 Poor Christian Families". The project will be supervised and managed by the PMP in partnership with the directors and supervisors of the Arab Orthodox Benevolent Society and the Bible College.

Please find the project budget breakdown listed below:

**Project: Medical Support for 120 Poor Christian Families
Dutch Lieutenancy Project Budget:**

No.:	Project Item:	Total Cost in Euros:
1.	Providing medicine and medical care for around 120 Christian families (120*EUR100)	12,000.00
	Total Project Cost:	12,000.00
	Requested Amount:	12,000.00