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**Applicant:** Pontifical Mission, Jerusalem Field Office

**Donor:** Dutch Lieutenancy – Caritas Commission

**Project Title:** Rehabilitation of homes for needy families in Bethlehem

**Project number:** J2590c

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**Applicant name:** B Q

### **Family Members:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Health Status</b>	<b>Work/Education Status</b>
Basma	Mother	35	Sick	Housewife
Maria	Daughter	16	Good	Student
Natalie	Daughter	15	Good	Student
Farah	Son	13	Good	Student

### **Family Condition:**

B is a 35-year old woman who lost her husband nine months ago from a work accident. She is a mother to three children: 16-year old Maria; 15-year-old Natalie and 13-year old Farah. The un-timely death of the husband has been a very hard time for B and her children: psychologically, financially and even socially, as B has been estranged from her in-laws since her husband's death. B is now on her own to raise her three children, ensure that they attend school and graduate. Their family's house is simply furnished and consists of three bedrooms, a kitchen, a living room and one bathroom.

### **Medical condition:**

One of the saddest parts of B's story is that she suffers from Multiple Sclerosis – a debilitating disease which she has suffered from for some time. She is barely able to walk and must constantly take medication that is very expensive and not always available at the Health Department, even though she has medical insurance. B is forced to depend on charitable institutions in order to sustain her household and care for her children. Her children are healthy, but there is a heavy psychological toll as the children must care for their mother.

**Financial Condition:**

B does not have a steady household income and is dependent on charitable intuitions for her family's daily living. She also receives financial aid to cover her children's school fees.

**The Family's Need:**  
**Bathroom Renovation**

The proposed project is to provide an easy access bathroom, designed for Basma. The current bathroom is physically difficult for B to reach because of the steps and the corner doorway.

A new bathroom would be created at the entrance (shown in the second picture) and would entail simple design features that cater to B's needs.



The total estimated cost to create a bathroom for B is 5,800 Euros.