Raed is 24 years old, living with his parents and seven siblings in a simple home in Beit-Ula, south of Hebron. Raed's father, a laborer in the Palestinian territories, earns 1000 ILS a month which hardly meets the big family’s basic needs.

A month after Raed's graduation from university as a staff nurse, he got into a road traffic accident which caused him compressed spine fracture (L1, T12), which led to paraparesis. Raed underwent an urgent fixation of the fracture at Al-Ahli hospital in Hebron. Raed was
admitted later to BASR for assessment and rehabilitation purposes.

Upon admission, Raed was suffering from paraparesis and was dependent in most functional activities and activities of daily living. The intensive rehabilitation program tailored for him (which encompassed physiotherapy, occupational therapy and psychosocial intervention) helped Raed to gradually improve.

Raed became independent in functional activities and activities of daily living, but continued to suffer from weakness in both lower limbs, which prevented him from walking. This situation made Raed feel down and frustrated; therefore, the decision was taken by BASR’s rehabilitation team to provide him with long leg braces with knee joints, after which, he was trained to walk using elbow crutches with the braces for short distances. Being able to move around his environment has had a great positive impact on Raed’s psychological well being.

Raed was discharged home in June 2011. But this was not the end of the story. Raed is currently volunteering at BASR as a medical secretary with potential to be permanently employed.

"There's no reason why I wouldn't continue to make progress", he said. “The team at BASR worked really hard and constantly encouraged me. I made a huge progress and I believe I can do more and more everyday".