



The Lebanese Organization for Studies and Training (LOST) March 2017 Achievement Report in Baalbeck-Hermel

Education

- 63 classes teaching Basic Literacy and Numeracy (BLN) continued to provide 1,177 illiterate children, aged 7 to 13 years with basic non-formal education to set them up for the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP), and later join the formal educational system. The children (618 Syrian Males, 559 Syrian Females) were provided with the education as part of the “Supporting the Enrolment and Retention of Vulnerable Children in Public Schools in Lebanon” program, funded by UNICEF.
- 58 classes teaching Basic Literacy and Numeracy (BLN) continued to provide 1,258 illiterate youth with basic Arabic, Math, English, and French knowledge, as part of the “Promoting Adolescent and Youth Empowerment and Engagement in Baalbeck through Learning and Skills Programs”, funded by UNICEF.
- 524 children aged 7 to 13 were supported through the Homework Support Retention program. The kids (293 Syrian males, 231 Syrian females) were provided Math, Arabic, and foreign language support classes as part of the “Supporting the Enrolment and Retention of Vulnerable Children in Public Schools in Lebanon” program, funded by UNICEF. The program also outreached 5,080 out-of-school children to send them back to public school, 90% of which were actually linked back to school.

Governance and Supporting local government forms

- 5 workshops on Leadership, Civic Participation, and the role of Municipalities were given to 100 social activists and NGO/CSO representatives as part of the “Promoting Democratic Values and Practices in Baalbeck-Hermel” project, funded by the Dutch Embassy.
- 6 project links were created between Donors and Municipal requests in Baalbeck-Hermel, through the Liaison and Development Office (LDO), funded and operated by LOST.
- A concluding ceremony of the “Road Safety” initiative was held in Baalbeck, which was attended by 400+, who acted as a platform to highlight and advocate the importance of road safety measures and precautions. The initiative was supported by USAID/OTI.

Humanitarian Assistance

- 243 families residing in Baalbeck-Hermel received winter heating fuel support as part of the “Winterization in Baalbeck-Hermel for Vulnerable Families” project, funded by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Overall, the project assisted 1,322 (601 Males and 721 Females) to survive the harsh winter.

- 49 families received clothing as part of the “Nehna la Baad” initiative, supported by LOST and local donations. The distribution assisted 158 children (75 males and 83 females)

Livelihood

- 600 training workshops on competency-based skills were provided to 1,757 youth, as part of the “Promoting Adolescent and Youth Empowerment and Engagement in Baalbeck through Learning and Skills Programs”, funded by UNICEF. The training focused on several handy vocational themes such as catering, sewing, knitting, cell phone repair, construction, etc. Furthermore, 22 youth assumed employment opportunities linked by the Employment and Entrepreneurship Bureau.
- 2 innovation labs were set up and prepared to start reaching out to innovative youth, and aid them in entering the income generation field through innovative techniques. This was set up as part of the “Promoting Adolescent and Youth Empowerment and Engagement in Baalbeck through Learning and Skills Programs”, funded by UNICEF, in partnership with DOT and INJAZ organizations.
- 4 classes on IT skills, photography, hairdressing and make-up continued to provide 65 youth with weekly vocational training, as part of the “Support to Municipalities affected by the Syrian Crisis” program, executed in partnership with Gruppo di Volontariato Civile (GVC).
- “Food for Training” program was launched in partnership with WFP and AUB (American University of Beirut). The program pays 100 vulnerable youth to train on IT skills that can later become an income-generating opportunity.

Social Stability

- 80 training workshops on social cohesion and coexistence were given to 400 youth as part of the “Promoting Adolescent and Youth Empowerment and Engagement in Baalbeck through Learning and Skills Programs”, funded by UNICEF. Furthermore, 40 merge activities that celebrate communication and coexistence between Syrian and Lebanese were organized by these youth.
- “Engaging Syrian and Lebanese Women in Social Stability” program was launched in partnership with Global Affairs Canada (GAC). The program engages 200 Lebanese and Syrian women in reducing tensions in 10 communities in Baalbeck-Hermel.
- 7 workshops on civic participation, municipal law, and active citizenship were provided to 75 members of the Volunteer Mobilizing Committees as part of the “Networks of Peace” project, funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The project functions on re-bridging the society



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according to common needs, resources, and interests, thus transforming the conflict into social stabilizing mechanisms.

- 25 training workshops on peace-building, conflict transformation, and leadership were given to 95 influential stakeholders, as part of the “A Step towards Social Stability” program, funded by the French Embassy. The project functions on applying collaborative, conflict-sensitive, and non-violent responses to rising communal tensions.
- 4 workgroup meetings and 2 stakeholder meetings were conducted in light of a community needs assessment and conflict analysis conducted by community activists. These activities were part of the “Future Together Now” program, in partnership with Forum Ziviler Friedensdienst (ZFD), implemented in Ein, Bednayel, Baalbeck, and Hermel.

Protection

- 19 stateless individuals successfully reached a final verdict in their cases, and then registered in the Directorate-General of Census to attain their corresponding IDs. This was conducted as part of the “Prevention of Stateless in Lebanon” program, funded by UNHCR.
- 68 trauma healing and 46 vocational orientation training workshops were provided to 208 vulnerable Syrian and Lebanese Females, as part of the “Step on the Past, Aspire for the Future”, supported by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). The project also provided 20 seminars to the females and their spouses on health, teenagers, and family planning.

Water Hygiene and Sanitation

- Launching the “WASH Intervention at ISs in Baalbeck-Hermel” program, funded by UNICEF, the following activities were conducted:
 - Rapid assessments were carried out at the ITSs in Baalbeck (Iaat, Taybe, and Yammouneh) and Ersal. In addition, the ID assessments and data entry have been finalized, preparing the targeted areas to initiate service reception.
 - WASH Engineers conducted several studies about new environment friendly waste water system, to be implemented in Ersal.
 - Water samples were taken from the water sources in Iaat, Taybe, and Yammouneh, and were sent to Tal Amara for testing.
 - WASH committees were formed in the ITSs of Iaat, Taybe, and Yammouneh.
 - WASH team conducted a two-day workshop about hygiene promotion at UNHCR Zahle for SAWA and Intersos.
 - As part of the “Sorting from the Source” campaign, the municipalities of Bednayel and Bouday agreed to offer the project 200 m² of land for composting.

- In Baalbeck, the WASH team has carried out a cleaning campaign for the riverbeds in Basateen neighborhood.
- In Bednayel, water bottles and recycled notebooks were distributed, and 83 LED lamps were installed on the street.

Food Security

- 78 families continue to benefit from increased food security through sheep distribution, as part of the “Food Security for Vulnerable People in Baalbeck-Hermel” initiative, supported by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). The program ensures the food security of 291 children (133 males and 158 females)

Women and Youth Empowerment

- 8 celebrations of women’s day ceremonies were designed and implemented by the lead women, as part of the “Empowering Women to Lead 2”, funded by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). The ceremonies honoring this day took place in Baalbeck, Hermel, Ersal, Ein, Bednayel, Chlifa, Younine and Taraya.
- 376 training workshops on social and individual life skills (12 core skills) were given to 996 youth, as part of the “Promoting Adolescent and Youth Empowerment and Engagement in Baalbeck through Learning and Skills Programs”, funded by UNICEF.
- 42 workshops on needs assessment, project planning and management, project design, and computer literacy were provided to 200 lead woman, 40 municipal members, and local stakeholders, as part of the “Empowering Women to Lead 2” project, funded by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).
- 4 workshops on project planning and management and project design were given to 10 social activists, as part of the “Promoting the Role of Women's Committee in Baalbeck Municipality” project, funded by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS).
- 76 Syrian and Lebanese youth participated in social cohesion activities, which include: mural paintings, theatrical plays, and a football tournament as part of the “Creating Youth Syrian and Lebanese Role Models to Promote Social Cohesion”, funded by UNESCO.
- 200 workshops on project planning and management and project design were given to 555 lead youth, as part of the “Youth Led Initiatives” and “Social Onus and Integration Initiatives” in the “Promoting Adolescent and Youth Empowerment and Engagement in Baalbeck through Learning and Skills Programs”, funded by UNICEF. These youth utilized their newfound knowledge to design 25 community projects that will be executed in April, 2017.