



The Lebanese Organization for Studies and Training (LOST)

May2017 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.
- 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.

Governance and Supporting local government forms

- 20 workshops in 5 LOST branches have been conducted on financial management, management skills, and logistics 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.
- Requests, as well as visits to follow up with on-going projects from different local institutions were received through the Liaison and Development Office (LDO), funded and operated by LOST. LDO delivered consultancy services for LOST and local institutions.

Humanitarian Assistance

- 37 families received clothing as part of the "Nehna la Baad" initiative, supported by LOST and local donations. The distribution assisted 69 children (33 males and 39 females)

Livelihood

- 50 youth were trained on digital skills to use technology for education and for social and economic opportunities. In addition, 60 youth were trained on entrepreneurship, in order to acquire the knowledge to launch a project and expand it. This was setup 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.
- 31 trainings on Computer, Hairdressing, Makeup, and Photography continued to provide 57 youth (51 females and 6 males) 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).
- 86 people (56 Lebanese and 30 Syrians) are benefiting from English courses, while 74 (50 Lebanese and 24 Syrians) are benefiting from IT trainings, as part of the "Food for training" program. The program is in partnership with WFP and AUB (American University of Beirut) and aims at training Lebanese

and Syrian beneficiaries on skills that will help them in generating income.

Social Stability

- 200 Lebanese and Syrian women received 33 civic trainings and 13 IT trainings as part of the "Engaging Syrian and Lebanese Women in Social Stability" program, which was launched in partnership with Global Affairs Canada (GAC).
- 12 workshops on life skills such as conflict resolution and municipal law were provided to 75 members of the Volunteer Mobilizing Committees (VMCs) as part of the "Networks of Peace" project, funded by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The project functions on re-bridging the society according to common needs, resources, and interests, thus transforming the conflict into social stabilizing mechanisms.
- As part of "A Step towards Social Stability" program, funded by the French Embassy, 7 training workshops on team-building and conflict transformation were given to 110 influential stakeholders (83 males, 27 females). 6 meetings were held to discuss the topic of peace-building curriculum, and 4 meetings with local NGOs and participants were held to discuss peace-building strategies. The project functions on applying collaborative, conflict-sensitive, and non-violent responses to rising communal tensions.
- After concluding the needs assessment, the following community projects have been implemented as part of the "Future Together Now" program, in partnership with Forum Ziviler Friedensdienst (ZFD):
 - Baalbeck: a common space for youth and their families has been implemented where a sound system, a projector and LCD, a podium, curtains, and rehabilitation for the carpet was completed
 - Hermel: as a mean to help the Lebanese Red Cross, medical equipment was provided for renovation purposes
 - Bednayeel: 64 street lights were installed
 - Ein: equipping the municipality platform with: one desk, one desk chair, three wooden closets, one sound system, one whiteboard, one flip chart, two wooden round tables, 45 black leather chairs, one cooler, one bulletin board, carpet, and an AC

Water Hygiene and Sanitation

- Launching the "WASH Intervention at ISs in Baalbeck-Hermel" program, funded by UNICEF, the following activities were conducted:
 - 8,005 displaced Syrians received 5,483,644 liters of safe drinking water, which was provided to informal settlements through water trucking or other modalities (m3)



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- A total amount of 384 m³ of sludge was removed from informal settlements (ISs) in Ersal, Taybe, laa, and Yamouneh, in the month of May.
- 2,141 benefited from the hygiene promotion sessions, 1,855 of the displaced Syrians adopted proper hygiene practices learned from the sessions.
- Introductory visits were conducted in four areas in Baalbeck-Hermel by the "Sorting from the Source" team. Total dwelling visits were: 623 in Baalbeck, 413 in Douris, and 400 in Bouday.

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

- As part of the "Empowering Women to Lead 2", funded by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), a set of stakeholders and participants consisting of 10 males and 36 females gathered to discuss ideas for the community project, and completed the needs assessment questionnaire.
- 4 training sessions on the topics of: budgeting, evaluation, and designing a needs questionnaire were held as part of the "Promoting the Role of Women's Committee in Baalbeck Municipality" project, funded by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS).
- Recruitment stage has been completed, along with 50 hoc and civic classes held, 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", in partnership with UNICEF. Currently, 500 Lebanese and Syrian students, aged between 15-25 years old are benefitting from the classes mentioned above.

Health

- "Community Engagement and Empowerment in Public Discussions", funded by UNICEF was launched in April. This project targets/engages women from 45 different areas in Baalbeck-Hermel, by messages that explain the benefits of breastfeeding, optimal infant and young child feeding practices, immunization, and the service provision at MOPH Primary Health Care centers (PHCCs). Discussion sessions in Baalbeck-Hermel region were conducted through door-to-door visits. The number of right holders reached in May was 2,681.