



# The Lebanese Organization for Studies and Training (LOST)

## July 2017 Achievement Report in Baalbeck-Hermel

### Education

- 63 classes teaching Basic Literacy and Numeracy (BLN) continued to provide 1,070 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 (552 Syrian Males, 518 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.
- As part of the "Promoting Adolescent and Youth Empowerment and Engagement in Baalbeck through Learning and Skills Programs", in partnership with UNICEF, 29 classes teaching Basic Literacy and Numeracy (BLN) continued to provide 133 illiterate youth with basic Arabic, Math, English and French knowledge.

### Governance and Supporting Local Government Forms

- 100 social activists (90 females and 10 males) benefitted from workshops held in 5 LOST branches on financial management, management skills, and logistics, as part of the "Promoting Democratic Values and Practices in Baalbeck-Hermel" project, funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

### Humanitarian Assistance

- 32 families received clothing as part of the "Nehna la Baad" initiative, supported by LOST and local donations. The distribution assisted 85 children (36 males and 49 females).

### Livelihood

- 73 training workshops on competency based skills were provided to 610 youth, as part of the "Promoting Adolescent and Youth Empowerment and Engagement in Baalbeck through Learning and Skills Programs", in partnership with UNICEF. The trainings focused on handy and vocational themes such as: catering, sewing, knitting, cell phone repair, and construction. 19 of the trained youth have already assumed employment opportunities linked by the Employment and Entrepreneurship Bureau.
- 110 Lebanese and Syrian received English and IT training during the first week of July 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. Also, as part of cycle 2 of the project, 300 possible beneficiaries have been outreached by phone calls and 200 were outreached by door-to-door visits, to be part of the project and receive the training. As an extra step, a town hall meeting was held for those who have completed cycle one and are interested in proceeding with the actual project. 88 beneficiaries attended this meeting.

### Social Stability

- 200 Lebanese and Syrian women received 25 civic trainings and 26 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).
  - 20 Training workshops on social cohesion and coexistence were given to 129 youth, as part of the "Promoting Adolescent and Youth Empowerment and Engagement in Baalbeck through Learning and Skills Programs", in partnership with UNICEF. These youth were then able to organize 40 merge activities that celebrate communication and coexistence.
  - 10 workshops on life skills, such as conflict resolution and municipal law were provided to 81 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" (Piscca ) program, funded by the French Embassy, 25 training workshops on team-building and conflict transformation were given to 125 influential stakeholders (40 males, 85 females). The project functions on applying collaborative, conflict-sensitive, and non-violent responses to rising communal tensions.
  - The project, "Creating Syrian and Lebanese Youth Role Models to Promote Social Cohesion in Hermel", funded by UNESCO, and in partnership with LOST has provided various trainings to three sets of youth. 46 youth received civic training, 36 youth received sports training, and 10 youth received mural painting training, as a mean of enhancing cohesion and social stability amongst youth of Lebanese and Syrian background in Hermel.
- ### 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 5,293.329 liters of safe drinking water, which was provided to informal settlements through water trucking or other modalities (m3)
    - A total amount of 1,712 m<sup>3</sup> of sludge was removed from informal settlements (ISs) in Ersal, Taybe, Iaat, and Yamouneh, in the month of July.
    - 14 (1,000 lit) water tanks were distributed in Iaat, Taybe and Yamouneh. 536 (275 lit) water tanks were distributed in Iaat and Taybe. Aside from the water tanks, 177 latrines were rehabilitated in Iaat, Taybe, and Yamouneh. Another 150 latrines were constructed in Taybe.
    - 1,956 benefited from the hygiene promotion sessions



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- 35 families were provided treatment for scabies in 6 ISs in Taybe. 42 bottles of medicine were distributed, and instructions were given to the infected refugees in Douris 006 camp.

provision at MOPH Primary Health Care centers (PHCCs). The number of caregivers reached in July was 1,749. Aside from the sessions, a midwife has been assigned to support and guide lactating mothers who face difficulties re-initiating, and the breastfeeding process. A municipality plan was developed and trainings have begun in LOST-Baalbeck.

### Food Security

- 26 people, 12 from Hermel, and 14 from Baalbeck benefitted from a life skills training workshop. Aside from the training, a series of vet visits took place in Hawsh Al Refqa (9 visits) and Deir el Ahmar (4 visits), as part of the “Food Security for Vulnerable People in Baalbeck-Hermel” initiative, supported by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).
- The “Food for Assets” program, funded by World Food Program (WFP), aims to increase the livelihood and resilience levels of people in Baalbeck-Hermel through support of the agriculture sector. Lebanese and Syrians will work together for 7 months. Outreach to participants was initiated, where 115 (50 Lebanese, 65 Syrians) participants filled in applications to be part of the program, 532 (266 Lebanese and 266 Syrians) have already begun doing field work. In addition, info sessions were conducted in Baalbeck, Douris, Ilat, Bouday and Ein.

### Women and Youth Empowerment

- 50 hook and civic training classes were 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.
- A group of Youth from Baalbeck rehabilitated the Palace of Justice in Baalbeck by painting its interior and installation of seats. Another group of youth from Labweh assisted in providing an electric generator to the Center of Census in Labweh. Also, a group of youth in Ein helped in the rehabilitation of “Al Risala” Club in Ein. These initiatives were to encourage people and youth in particular to use these facilities. The boys and girls participated in the projects as part of the 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.
- 38 training workshops on Social and Individual Life skills were given to 173 youth, as part of the “Promoting Adolescent and Youth Empowerment and Engagement in Baalbeck through Learning and Skills Programs”, in partnership with UNICEF.

### Health

- “Community Engagement and Empowerment in Public Discussions”, funded by UNICEF is a project that 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