Education

- 924 Syrian children (494 male, 430 female) were provided with 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 49 illiterate youth with basic Arabic, Math, English, and French knowledge.

- The “Una Scoula per Tutti” project, funded by the Italian Cooperation Agency and in collaboration with LOST and Gruppo di Volontariato Civile (GVC), was launched. The project contributes to improving the opportunities for the most vulnerable groups of the refugee and host population in Lebanon and to give them access to quality school services, in a child-friendly education environment. Renovation of the Labweh middle school has started in addition to preparatory steps to start trainings and capacity building for students and faculty.

Governance and Supporting Local Government Forms

- 100 women benefitted from a training held in Baalbeck on the subject of empowering and engaging women in social development. Also, 4 workshops were held in 5 LOST branches on electoral law. Aside from the trainings, 5 preparatory meetings were held in 5 LOST branches in order to explain the project to trainees, 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

- 30 families received clothing as part of the “Nehna la Baad” initiative, supported by LOST and local donations. The distribution assisted 151 people (men, women, and children).

Livelihood

- 75 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.

- 73 training workshops on competency based skills were provided to 264 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.

- 88 Lebanese and Syrian received English and IT training during the first week of August 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 3 of the project, possible beneficiaries have been outreached by phone calls.

- 55 participants (26 males & 29 females) benefitted from three Training of Trainers (TOT’s) on subjects such as: Hotel & Gastronomy, healthcare, and Warehousing & Logistics, as part of the “Bina” project, in partnership with the training and development centers of the Bavarian Employers’ Associations (bfz gGmbH). After completing the above trainings, 6 participants were selected to become trainers and provide vocational trainings for Syrian and underprivileged Lebanese youth in Baalbeck–Hermel. These trainings will help these 500 youth to become better qualified for the job market.

Social Stability

- 200 Lebanese and Syrian women received 7 civic trainings and 20 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 85 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 87 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” (PISCA) program, funded by the French Embassy, 24 training workshops on needs assessment and creating forms were given to 125 influential stakeholders (60 males & 65 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 5,813.88 liters of safe drinking water, which was provided to informal settlements through water trucking or other modalities (m³).
  - A total amount of 2,824 m³ of sludge was removed from informal settlements (ISs) in Ersal, Taybe, Iaat, and Yamouneh, in the month of August.
  - 9 latrines were rehabilitated in Yamouneh, and 8 latrines were constructed in Taybe. Aside from the latrines, 33 rehabilitation kits were distributed among Iaat ISs.
  - 2,875 beneficiaries benefited from the hygiene promotion sessions.

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 Rafqa (9 visits), Deir el Ahmar (4 visits), Baalbeck (12 visits), Ein (8 visits), and Hermel (7 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. 450 participants (220 Lebanese & 230 Syrians) were outreached, and they filled in applications to be part of the program. 532 (266 Lebanese & 266 Syrians) have already begun doing field work, and as a result, more than 300 m of storm canals were built in Baalbeck, more than 600 m of irrigation canals in Bouday, and 200m in Ein. Also, 46,000 m squared of land was cleaned in Baalbek, Iaat, and Douris for forestation.

- 1,746 meals were distributed to 40 families (17 Lebanese families & 14 Syrian families) in Baalbeck, as part of the “Field Kitchen” project, funded by OrientHelfer.

Women and Youth Empowerment

- 38 training workshops on Social and Individual Life skills were given to 89 youth, as part of the “Promoting Adolescent and Youth Empowerment and Engagement in Baalbeck through Learning and Skills Programs”, in partnership with UNICEF.

Protection

- 42 women benefitted from 2 trainings on the subjects of trauma healing and coping mechanisms for these trauma victims to continue their lives normally. Also, three training of trainers’ sessions (TOTs) were held for 10 female trainers to prepare them for future trainings, as part of the “Trauma healing and Psychosocial Support” project, funded by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).