Education

- 39 classes teaching Basic Literacy and Numeracy (BLN) provided 801 illiterate children (389 Syrian Males, 412 Syrian Females), aged 7 to 14 years with basic non-formal education to set them up for the Accelerated Learning Program (ALP), and later join the formal educational system. 722 Syrian children 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. Also, 350 participants participated in a play held in Chaat. Aside from the plays, 4 awareness sessions were held (one in Bedneyel, 2 in Hermel, and 1 in Chmestar), as part of the back to school campaign.

- 50 classes teaching Basic Literacy and Numeracy (BLN) continued to provide 189 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”, in partnership with UNICEF.

- 26 teachers benefitted from 72 computer skills sessions, 9 teachers benefitted from 28 French sessions, and 9 teachers benefitted from 5 life skills training sessions. Aside from the trainings for teachers, 80 students have benefitted from musical and physical skills trainings in the “School for All “project at Al Labwe Public School. The project aims to develop an environment where the youth of the community can thrive by building a “Safe Space” and build staff capabilities, as part of the “Una Scoula per Tutti” project, funded by the Italian Cooperation Agency, and in collaboration with LOST and Gruppo di Volontariato Civile (GVC).

Governance and Supporting Local Government Forms

- 25 participants benefitted from a workshop held in Baalbeck on needs assessment. Aside from the training, the CSO work group held a meeting where they finalized the needs assessment form to be used, as part of the “Promoting Democratic Values and Practices in Baalbeck-Hermel” project, funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

- 439 participants benefitted from 17 training workshops on first time voting held in 8 LOST branches (Bedneyayel, Chmestar, Baalbeck, Deir Ahmar, Chaat, Ersal, Ein, and Hermel). These participants are first time voters aged between 21-29 years old. The purpose of these trainings is to raise awareness on the subject of voting, under the campaign entitled “take action”, which seeks to motivate young people to participate in the upcoming Lebanese parliamentary elections, and to make their voices heard. These trainings are part of the “Get out the Vote” project, funded by LOST, DPNA, MARCH, and UTOPIA.

Humanitarian Assistance

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

Livelihood

- 50 youth were provided with 12 training workshops on digital skills, in order to use technology for education, and for social and economic opportunities. 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 organization.

- 86 training workshops on competency based skills were provided to 318 youth, as part of the “Promoting Adolescent and Youth Empowerment and Engagement in Baalbeck through Learning and Skills Programs”, in partnership with UNICEF. The training focused on several vocational subjects such as catering, sewing, knitting, cell phone repair, and construction.

- 60 Lebanese and Syrians received English and IT courses. 30 of these students began internning, and 30 began attending the advanced courses, as part of the “Food for Training” program. The program is in partnership with WFP (World Food Programme) 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

- 10 Town Hall meetings (part two) with municipalities were held to discuss needs assessment survey results, and ideas for community projects in Bedneyayel, Baalbeck, Chaat, Chmestar, Ein, Ersal, Hermel, Bouday, Britel, and Hawsh El Refqa, as part of the “Engaging Syrian and Lebanese Women in Social Stability” program, which was launched in partnership with Global Affairs Canada (GAC).

- 17 workshops on life skills, such as conflict resolution and municipal law were provided to 80 members (26 females, 54 males) 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.

- 20 training workshops on social cohesion and coexistence were given to 31 youth as part of the “Promoting Adolescent and Youth Empowerment and Engagement in Baalbeck through Learning and Skills Programs”, in partnership with UNICEF. Aside
from the workshops, 40 merge activities were organized by these youth in order to celebrate communication and coexistence.

- As an effort to increase livelihood, 6,500 trees have been planted in Qsarnaba, as part of the “SALMA” project, funded by the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO), in partnership with LOST.

### 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 **6,124.71 liters** of safe drinking water, which was provided to informal settlements through water trucking or other modalities (m3)
  - A total amount of **2,662 m³** of sludge was removed from informal settlements (ISs) in Ersal, Taybe, and Yamouni, in the month of December.
  - 2,382 people benefited from 96 hygiene promotion sessions held in Baalbeck, Taybe, and Ersal.
  - 585 indoor bins (sets of 2) among 585 households were distributed in Bouday, as part of the “Sorting from the Source” campaign.

### Food Security

- 47 beneficiaries, 11 from Hermel, 13 from Baalbeck, 11 from Bedneyel, and 12 from Ein benefitted from four life skills training workshops (one in Baalbeck, one in Hermel, one in Bedneyel, and one in Ein), as part of the “Food Security for Vulnerable Families 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. 1,081 participants (307 Lebanese, 774 Syrians) were outreached and filled in applications to be part of the program. The participants have already begun doing field work, and as a result, more than 380m of storm canals were built in Baalbeck, more than 500m of irrigation canals in Dar el Wassaa, 200m in Ein, 300m in Fekha, 200m in Younine, and about 1,800m in Baalbeck. Also, 128,000m squared of land was cleaned in Baalbek, Iaat, Harbata, Younine, Majdaloune, Ansar, Kfardan, and Douris for forestation.

- 12,900 meals were distributed to 114 families in Baalbeck, as part of the “Field Kitchen” project, funded by OrientHelfer.

### 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 provision at MOPH Primary Health Care centers (PHCCs). The number of caregivers reached in December was 1,887. Aside from the sessions, a midwife has been assigned to support and guide lactating mothers who face difficulties re-initiating, and assists with the breastfeeding process. The midwife conducted 5 visits in December. Also, two ceremonies were held, one in Younin to deliver the medical equipment provided, and another in Nabi Othman to deliver the furniture and medical equipment provided. 200 people attended these events including mayors, municipal members, stakeholders, beneficiaries, and community members.

### Protection

- 200 women benefitted from 46 trainings on the subjects of trauma healing and coping mechanisms that teach trauma victims how to continue their lives normally in Baalbeck, Bedneyel, Chmestar, Britel, Ersal, Ein, Deir Ahmar, Hermel, Bouday, and Chaat, as part of the “Trauma Healing and Psychosocial Support” project, funded by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).

### Women and Youth Empowerment

- 33 training workshops on Social and Individual Life Skills were given to 223 youth, as part of the “Promoting Adolescent and Youth Empowerment and Engagement in Baalbeck through Learning and Skills Programs”, in partnership with UNICEF.