



The Lebanese Organization for Studies and Training (LOST)

November 2017 Achievement Report in Baalbeck-Hermel

Education

- 39 classes teaching Basic Literacy and Numeracy (BLN) provided 801 illiterate children (389 Syrian Males, 412 Syrian Females), 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. 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, 1000 participants participated in 3 plays held in Baalbeck, Qaa, and Fekha. Aside from the plays, 6 awareness sessions were held (2 in Bednayeel, 2 in Hermel, 1 in Baalbeck, and 1 in Chmostar), 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 48 computer skills sessions, 9 teachers benefitted from 24 French sessions, and 9 teachers benefitted from 4 life skills training sessions. Aside from the trainings for teachers, 40 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 prosper in by building a "Safe Space" and build staff capabilities, as part of the "Una Scuola 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

- 42 benefitted from a workshop held in Ein on needs assessment. Aside from the training, one CSO work group meeting was held. Also, three seminars were conducted in Hermel, Ein and Chmostar on the subject of democratization and corruption, and one was held in Bednayeel on the subject of Governance, 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

- 77 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 32 training workshops on digital skills in order to use technology for education, and for social and economic opportunities. In addition, 80 youth were provided 45 training workshops 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.

- 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.
- 107 Lebanese and Syrian received English and IT courses, and 80 advanced students were outreached for cycle four, 71 began attending the advanced courses, 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.
- 41 participants benefitted from profiler trainings in Health Care and in Electricity professions. 16 new participants attended orientation day which was organized by the electric trainers at "Bina". 12 participants have started interning (3 in health care, 8 in Hotel & Gastronomy and 1 in water and sanitation). Aside from the trainings, to provide Bina graduates with more employment and internship opportunities, "Bina" trainers visited 59 companies in Bekaa, as part of the "Bina" project in partnership with the training and development centers of the Bavarian Employers' Associations (bfz gGmbH). These trainings help Baalbeck-Hermel youth become better qualified for the job market.

Social Stability

- 10 meetings with municipalities were held to discuss needs assessment survey results, and possible ideas for community projects in Bednayeel, Baalbeck, Chaat, Chmostar, Ein, Earsal, 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).
- 20 workshops on life skills, such as conflict resolution and municipal law were provided to 82 members (37 females, 45 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.

Water Hygiene and Sanitation



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● Launching the "WASH Intervention at ISs in Baalbeck-Hermel" program, funded by UNICEF, the following activities were conducted:

- 8,005 displaced Syrians received **6112.71 liters** of safe drinking water, which was provided to informal settlements through water trucking or other modalities (m3)
- A total amount of **2173 m³** of sludge was removed from informal settlements (ISs) in Ersal, Taybe, and Yamouni, in the month of November.
- 2,370 people benefitted from 151 hygiene promotion sessions held in Baalbeck, Taybe, laa, and Ersal.
- 129 outdoor bins (sets of 3) and 689 indoor bins (sets of 2) among 660 Households and 29 institutes were distributed in Baalbeck, as part of "Sorting from the source".

Food Security

● 37 people, 11 from Hermel, 14 from Baalbeck, and 12 from Bedneyel benefitted from three life skills training workshop (one in Baalbeck, one in Hermel, one in Bedneyel), 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. 1200 participants (400 Lebanese, 800 Syrians) were outreached and filled in applications to be part of the program, 1100 (400 Lebanese and 700 Syrians) have already began doing field work, and as a result , more than 1700 m of storm canals were built in Baalbeck, more than 3000 m of irrigation canals in Bouday and 1500m in Ein. Also, 128,000 m squared of land was cleaned in Baalbek, laa, Kfardan, and Douris for forestation, and 6,000 trees were planted.

● 12,900 meals were distributed to 124 families in Baalbeck, as part of the "Field Kitchen" project, funded by OrientHelfer.

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.

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 November was 1,848. Aside from the sessions, a midwife has been assigned to support and guide lactating mothers who face difficulties re-initiating, and the breastfeeding process, the midwife conducted 5 visits in November.

Protection

● 200 women benefitted from 47 trainings on the subjects of trauma healing and coping mechanisms that teach trauma victims how to continue their lives normally in Baalbek , 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).