



The Lebanese Organization for Studies and Training (LOST)

October 2017 Achievement Report in Baalbeck-Hermel

Education

- 780 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, 240 participants attended a play as part of the back to school campaign.
- 50 classes teaching Basic Literacy and Numeracy (BLN) continued to provide 1088 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.
- 17 teachers were trained on French and computer. Aside from the trainings, a ceremony was held to celebrate the completion of the renovation of 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 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

- 42 benefitted from a workshop held in Baalbeck on democratization and corruption. Aside from the training, two CSO work group meetings were held in order to elect a group president and sector heads, as part of the “Promoting Democratic Values and Practices in Baalbeck-Hermel” project, funded by the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.
- The Liaison and Development Office (LDO), funded and operated by LOST in the support of OrientHelfer a German NGO, delivered a garbage truck for the municipality of Deir el Ahmar. Aside from Deir el Ahmar, another garbage truck was delivered to the municipality of Yamouni by LOST in partnership with by Unicef.

Humanitarian Assistance

- 20 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 31 training workshops on digital skills in order to use technology for education, and for social and economic opportunities. In addition, 80 youth were provided 49 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 2192 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.
- 108 Lebanese and Syrian received English and IT 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.
- 16 participants benefitted from master training in Electric Profession. Two trainers benefitted from one profilers training for Warehousing and Logistics, after the profilers training was complete, a two day profiling session was conducted for the participants of Warehousing and Logistics in which 32 participants attended and 27 participants committed, 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 surveys. As a result the needs assessment surveys Have been distributed, completed, and sorted out in Bedneyal, Baalbeck, Chaat, Chmostar, 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).
- 10 workshops on life skills, such as conflict resolution and municipal law were provided to 79 members (38 females, 41 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 436 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.
- 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 who received the civic training, held a final ceremony to show gratitude where 200 guests attended. 36 youth held a football tournament with the help of Hermel’s “Sport et culture centre”, and 10 youth implemented two mural



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paintings, 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 **6154.97 liters** of safe drinking water, which was provided to informal settlements through water trucking or other modalities (m3)
 - A total amount of **2507 m³** of sludge was removed from informal settlements (ISs) in Eرسال, Taybe, Iaat, and Yamouni, in the month of October.
 - 3,224 people benefited from 151 hygiene promotion sessions held in Baalbeck, Taybe, Iaat, Yamouni, and Eرسال.
 - The composting tent in Bouday, and the sorting tent in Douris are under construction. Aside from the construction, an "I LOVE DOURIS" sign is to be printed out and will be installed next month. as part of "Sorting from the source"

Food Security

- 48 people, 12 from Hermel, 13 from Baalbeck, 11 from Bedneyel, and 12 from Ein benefitted from four life skills training workshop (one in Baalbeck, one in Hermel, one in Bedneyel, and one in Ein), 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. 670 participants (220 Lebanese, 450 Syrians) were outreached and filled in applications to be part of the program, 532 (266 Lebanese and 266 Syrians) have already begun doing field work, and as a result, more than 200 m of storm canals were built in Baalbeck, more than 600 m of irrigation canals in Bouday and 300m in Ein. Also, 60,000 m squared of land was cleaned in Baalbek, Iaat, Kfardan, and Douris for forestation.
- 9,000 meals were distributed to 125 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 809 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 October was 2,639. 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 October. Mother support groups (lead moms) have been established and received 20 hours of curriculum training in October, and will use the skills gained to serve the community.

Protection

- 200 women benefitted from 44 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, Eرسال, Ein, Deir Ahmar, Hermel, Bouday and Chaat, as part of the "Trauma healing and psychosocial support" project funded by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC).