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BREV FRA STYRELEDER

2024 ble nok et tøft år for innbyggerne i Libanon. Det startet som et rolig år, riktignok med utfordringene arvet fra 2023. Mot slutten av året utviklet spent situasjon seg med en dramatisk eskalering – fra ulmende konflikt til full krig. Israels personsøkerangrep med påfølgende bombekampanje preget nyhetsbildet verden over, og igjen ble Libanon kastet ut i kaos og usikkerhet.

Landet, som allerede hadde flest flyktninger per capita i verden, fikk nå ytterligere 1,2 millioner internt fordrevne som følge av bombingene. Belastningen på enkeltpersoner, familier, institusjoner og hele samfunnet var enorm. Det humanitære systemet, som allerede var under sterkt press, ble satt på en ekstrem prøve.

Også for organisasjonen vår ble påkjenningen stor. Ansatte ble direkte og indirekte berørt av krigen, og det ble en vanskelig og farlig tid for alle. Jeg var selv i landet da krigen brøt ut, og kjente situasjonen tett på kroppen – både fysisk og psykisk. Omstillingen organisasjonen gjorde var imponerende, og innsatsen til de ansatte som fortsatte å arbeide, til tross for forståelse om å bli hos sine familier når bombene regnet, var rørende.

Det var tøft å forlate teamet etter en stund, men betryggende å se hvordan de fortsatte arbeidet for de internt fordrevne, selv med risiko for egen sikkerhet. Det motiverer meg til å stå videre på med arbeidet i Salam Norway.

Salam LADC er en implementerende organisasjon der lokalbefolkningen hjelper sine egne – godt og effektivt – med de ressursene de har tilgjengelig.

Vi vil fortsette å støtte dem så godt vi kan. Med dagens usikre og konfliktfylte virkelighet i Libanon og regionen, har dette vist seg viktigere enn noen gang.

Med vennlig hilsen,

Martin Kvernbekk

Innledning

Denne rapporten innlemmer den engelske utgaven av Salam LADC sin årsrapport, ettersom den best viser arbeidet vi finansierer, i praksis. Salam Norway sitt økonomiske bidrag kommer tydeligst frem i den finansielle rapporten som følger vedlagt.

Her på norsk ønsker vi først å si noe om det norske bidraget på bakken – og arbeidet utover det rent finansielle:

Året 2024 startet på mange måter godt for organisasjonen i Libanon. De fikk arbeidsro og muligheten til å implementere prosjekter uten store forstyrrelser. Dette ga også rom for å profesjonalisere organisasjonens struktur, prosesser og interne funksjoner.

Arbeidet med å fylle stillinger i denne strukturen er tidkrevende – spesielt i et land der spesialkompetanse er begrenset og våre økonomiske midler - knappe.

Salam Norway finansierte en ny lederstilling: Country Director, som organisasjonens øverste operative og administrative leder. Samtidig forpliktet vi oss til å bidra til finansieringen av en utvidet og sammensatt ledelse for å møte våre strukturelle mål.

I Norge klarte vi, takket være to selskaper, å samle inn nok midler til å overta finansieringen av Community-senteret, Salam LADC sitt største og viktigste program. Uten disse midlene måtte senteret enten ha stengt, eller i beste fall blitt drastisk nedskalert.

Senteret fungerer som en utvidet skole med elever fra førskolealder og oppover. I tillegg huser det flere prosjekter – alt fra kunst og sport til praktiske kurs. Det brukes også til utdeling av mat og nødhjelp, og har tidvis gitt husly til familier i nød. Senteret har rundt 15 ansatte og cirka 700 brukere. Det ligger strategisk til i Saadnayel, Bekaa, med ti flyktingleirer i umiddelbar nærhet, i tillegg til den lokale befolkningen det betjener.

I forbindelse med overtakelsen av finansieringen reiste styreleder til Libanon for å bistå den nye ledelsen praktisk, organisatorisk og moralsk, samt rapportere tilbake til Norge om status. Morgenen etter styreleder ankom hovedkvarteret i Bekaa, ble landet rammet av personsøkerangrepet – og Libanon ble kastet ut i panikk og kaos. Dette endret naturligvis arbeidet på bakken, som måtte omstilles.

Krigsutbrudd



Den 17. og 18. september 2024 ble landet rammet av det såkalte personsøkerangrepet. Tusenvis av personsøkere og walkie-talkier eksploderte i løpet av to dager. Angrepene drepte 42 personer, inkludert 12 sivile, og skadet over 4 000.

Landet og befolkningen ble kastet ut i kaos, sjokk, frykt og traumer. Deretter startet en omfattende bombekampanje – hovedsakelig rettet mot Sør-Libanon, deler av Bekaa-dalen og deler av Beirut. Etter hvert ble hele landet rammet, og bombingene ble mer vilkårlig.

Tusenvis ble drept, titusener skadet, og over en million mennesker ble tvunget på flukt i sitt eget land. Skadene på sivil infrastruktur gjorde situasjonen ytterligere komplisert. Hezbollah-leder Hassan Nasrallah kalte angrepene en krigserklæring. Kort tid senere ble han drept i et massivt israelsk luftangrep mot Beirut. Israel fortsetter bombingene.

against civilians in the city of Bint Jbeil 15:02

نداء عاجل إلى سكان البقاع اللبناني

الجيش الإسرائيلي يطلب من سكان قرى البقاع الخروج والابتعاد عن منازلهم ل 1000 متر خلال ساعتين

The Israeli army asks the residents of the villages of the Bekaa to leave and stay away from their homes for 1000 meters within two hours 15:03

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وزير الداخلية اللبنانية يعطى التوجيهات إلى المحافظين لفتح المدارس والمعاهد الرسمية أمام نازحي الجنوب

Lebanese Interior Minister gives instructions to governors to open public schools and institutes to displaced people from the south 15:09

غارة على منطقة المصليح

Raid on Al-Masilh area 15:10

Melding



Arbeidet på bakken

Unntakstilstanden gjorde nødhjelpsarbeidet krevende. Men takket være god erfaring i krisehåndtering, koordinering med andre organisasjoner og godt samarbeid med myndigheter, klarte vi å omstille oss raskt og bidra til på dekke de mest prekære behovene – så godt det lot seg gjøre under forholdene.

Så langt det lot seg gjøre holdt vi alle programmer gående, og bortsett fra et par intense dager, holdt vi senteret i Bekaa åpent som vanlig. Dette for å gi barna og brukerne stabilitet i en ustabil tid og ikke minst trygghet i en utrygg tid. De ansatte fikk tilbud om å ta fri. Alle valgte å jobbe.



I løpet av den første uken etter krigsutbruddet setter vi i gang flere tiltak

Produksjon av mat

Basert på tidligere erfaring visste vi at behovet for mat ville komme raskt. Bombingen i sør, Beirut og Nord-Bekaa sendte nærmere én million mennesker på flukt internt. Mange fikk ly i skoler, moskeer, kirker, tomme lokaler eller hos familier – uten mulighet til å ta med seg mat.

Med norske midler kjøpte vi inn utstyr og etablerte et produksjonskjøkken i løpet av den første uken. Kjøkkenet ble satt opp i ett av Community senterets klasserom. Det ble opprettet matlagings-, koordinasjons- og distribusjonsteam, samt logistikk- og innkjøpsfunksjoner.

Først forpliktet vi oss til å dekke én moské med rundt 200 beboere med to måltider daglig. Da ytterligere midler ble sikret, utvidet vi til en skole der vi serverte 300 varme måltider daglig. Vi støttet også ad hoc-behov i Bekaa, i samarbeid med andre organisasjoner. Totalt ble over 30 000 varme måltider produsert og delt ut, i tillegg til basis matvarer til andre kjøkken og husholdninger.

Kjøkkenet, som fortsatt er i drift, brukes nå i andre prosjekter innen nødhjelp, utdanning og sosiale tiltak. Teamet gjorde en formidabel innsats, selv mens bombene falt ubehagelig tett rundt senteret vårt, i sentrale Bekaa.



Grunnleggende livrednings kurs

Representanter fra nærliggende flyktingleirer ble opplært i førstehjelp, og hver leir etablerte et eget team som kunne bistå ved skader. Ved siden av trening fikk de også førstehjelpsutstyr og brannslukkere. Senteret vårt fungerte som samlingspunkt, og i samarbeid med det libanesiske Røde Kors ble potensielt skadde plukket opp her for transportert videre til behandling.

Psykososial støtte

Vi har lang erfaring med psykososiale tiltak i flyktingleirer. Teamene tilpasset innsatsen til den nye situasjonen og besøkte skoler og moskeer med aktiviteter for barn og voksne. På de to lokasjonene hvor vi også delte ut mat, ble det opprettet faste programmer for barna på flukt. I flere tilfeller ble skolebussen vår brukt som base for aktivitetene. Tilbakemeldingene var svært positive – mange uttrykte stor takknemlighet for besøket og støtten.





Senteret vårt i Kawkaba, Sør-Libanon, ble gjort om til et distribusjons lokale og nødshelter.

Seks familier som hadde fått hjemmene sine ødelagt, flyttet inn og fikk både ly og mat.

Sammen med lokale myndigheter i Kawkaba delte vi ut tepper, madrasser, telt, mat, vann og andre nødvendigheter. Hus for hus nådde vi ut til 4 landsbyer.

Vi opprettet også et distribusjons punkt ved hovedveien fra Sør-Libanon mot Bekaa. Her ble det delt ut matrasjoner til familier på flukt nordover. Ruten ble etterhvert bombet og flyktningstrømmen skiftet retning til hovedveiene ut mot kysten.

I Norge

I Norge har styret gjennom året arbeidet videre med innsamling av midler, informasjonsarbeid og praktisk støtte samt veiledning til ledelsen i Libanon. Innsamlingen bar noe preg av “donor fatigue”. Innsamlingen var vanskeligere, men likevel lyktes vi med å sikre videre drift av Community-senteret, samt støtte til flere andre prosjekter.

Da krigen brøt ut, og mediene i Norge fyltes med bilder og historier fra Libanon, økte givergleden igjen. Styreleders bilder og videoer fra arbeidet på bakken ga et sterkt momentum – både blant private givere og andre organisasjoner.

Noen medieoppslag og intervjuer bidro til økt synlighet for Salam Norway og vi fikk flere følgere i sosiale medier. Styret deltok også i demonstrasjoner og samarbeidet med andre organisasjoner for å legge press på norske myndigheter om å kreve stans i Israels krigføring. Dette økte oppmerksomheten rundt vårt engasjement i Libanon ga en positiv oppsving i donasjoner.

Lærdom

Etter nok en krise i Libanon ser vi tydelig behovet for å bygge opp nødlagre og forberede oss bedre til fremtidige kriser. Kriser som dessverre kommer.

Strategien fremmover, er å diversifisere handlings mulighetene i slike situasjoner.

Solide økonomiske buffere både i Libanon, for rask tilgang til midler, og i Norge for trygg oppbevaring av midler.

Vi må opprettholde god koordinasjon med andre organisasjoner og myndigheter. Det er viktig med fleksibilitet og godt planlagt logistikk. En klar prosedyre til omstilling i det lokale teamet, vil gjøre oss istand til å tilpasse organisasjonen og agere raskt.

Formalisering av beslutningsprosesser knyttet til sikkerhet og drift i spente situasjoner er viktig.

En mulig gjenopptakelse av frivilligprogrammet vil først vurderes når situasjonen tillater det. I mellomtiden driftes prosjektene utelukkende av lokale ansatte.

Avslutningsvis vil vi rette en stor takk til våre lokale helter som har trosset egen sikkerhet for å hjelpe under konflikten.

Gjennom året har vi sett en tydelig profesjonalisering av organisasjonen som helhet – og ikke minst av de enkelte ansatte.

Vi håper dere som leser vil fortsette å støtte og vi ser frem til å fortsette arbeidet på bakken.

GOD LESNING AV RAPPORTEN UNDER.



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AN “INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER PLATFORM”

In 2016, Salam LADC expanded its impact by embracing international volunteers. Inspired by their humanitarian experiences across Europe, Martin Kvernbekk and Igor Kubat came to Lebanon, recognizing the need for sustained humanitarian efforts in Syrian refugee-hosting countries. They launched an online platform to mobilize funds and awareness for Lebanon’s most vulnerable communities.

Soon after, their paths crossed with Joseph Matta, and Salam LADC’s volunteer initiative was born. The vision of integrating international volunteers into Lebanon’s humanitarian response was groundbreaking at the time, yet it rapidly grew into a thriving network.

Over the past six years, more than 500 international volunteers have contributed to Salam LADC’s projects, with five international supporting branches now bolstering its mission. Additionally, over 20 local staff members have been hired to ensure the long-term sustainability and impact of the organization’s programs.

With deep gratitude for every person who has played a role in this journey, Salam LADC remains steadfast in its commitment to supporting vulnerable communities and fostering inter-community dialogue.

ABOUT LEBANON

Lebanon, a small yet historically rich country in the Levant, shares borders with Syria to the north and east, Palestine to the south, and the Mediterranean Sea to the west. Known for its cultural and religious diversity, Lebanon has long been a crossroads of civilizations. However, its modern history has been shaped by ongoing political instability, economic hardships, and humanitarian crises.

Even before the onset of the Syrian refugee crisis in 2011, poverty was widespread, with over a million Lebanese struggling to meet basic needs. Today, Lebanon remains the country with the highest number of refugees per capita globally, with the Bekaa Valley—where Salam LADC is based—hosting a significant portion of displaced populations.



RECENT DEEPE STRUGGLES IN LEBANON

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- **Economic Collapse (2019–Present):** The financial crisis led to the Lebanese pound losing over 90% of its value, triggering soaring inflation, widespread poverty, and food insecurity.
- **Beirut Port Explosion (2020):** A catastrophic explosion killed over 200 people, displaced thousands, and further weakened the country's already fragile infrastructure.
- **Ongoing Political and Social Unrest:** Governance challenges and stalled reforms have prolonged instability, delaying economic recovery and essential services.
- **The 2024 War:** The escalation of violence along Lebanon's southern border exacerbated humanitarian needs, forcing thousands into displacement and increasing pressure on already strained resources. Communities in the south and beyond continue to endure the consequences of prolonged insecurity.

Despite these compounding crises, Salam LADC remains steadfast in its mission—supporting vulnerable communities through education, emergency response, and social cohesion efforts. The organization continues to work on the ground, adapting to emerging challenges and ensuring that those most in need receive essential support, regardless of nationality, gender, or political background.

Vision & Mission



At Salam LADC, we are committed to:

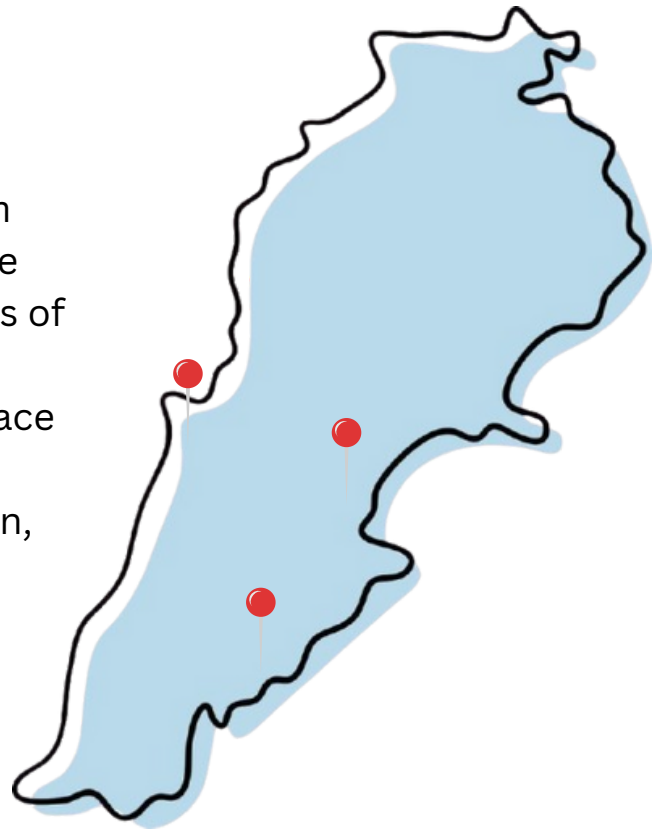
- Providing direct aid to vulnerable communities across Lebanon.
- Facilitating volunteers and grassroots initiatives to amplify impact.
- Filling critical gaps where humanitarian support is lacking.
- Promoting inter-community dialogue and social cohesion.

We envision a Lebanon where diverse communities work together, empowered by non-bureaucratic, agile, and effective assistance programs that serve refugees and host communities alike.

Geographical Presence

Beirut Social Inclusion Hub

Opened in 2022, the Olive Branch is Salam LADC's Beirut center, located between the diverse and disadvantaged neighborhoods of Sin El Fil and Nabaa. This inclusive community hub provides a safe public space requested by local stakeholders. With tensions between communities in Lebanon, the locally-led center is actively fostering inter-community dialogue through educational activities, psychotherapy support and an inclusive social space



Saadnayel Community Center

Our community center in Saadnayel, is strategically located in an area surrounded by 10 informal settlements, all within a 15 minute walking distance.

The center houses many of our projects, with a particular focus on social cohesion, Inclusive education and livelihood activities. The center also offers community-based empowerment programs, as well as psychosocial support programs for children and adults from all walks of life despite their nationality, religion, or other

Kawkaba Center

The original hub of Salam LADC serves as both a central gathering point for our activities and a shelter during emergencies.



Access to quality education remains a cornerstone of our mission at Salam LADC. In 2024, we continued to provide educational opportunities for children and adults who face barriers to formal schooling. Our programs focus on literacy, academic support, and language acquisition, ensuring that learners of all ages have the tools to build a better future.

Our literacy classes provide essential reading, writing, and math skills to **children who have never had access to formal education**. These classes are not an alternative to school but a stepping stone, equipping students with foundational knowledge to help them integrate into formal education systems when possible. The curriculum emphasizes Arabic literacy while incorporating basic English and math instruction.

Recognizing the urgent demand for these classes—highlighted by long waiting lists—we expanded our reach in communities with a high concentration of refugee and vulnerable children. Each class runs for six months, serving 20 students per session, five days a week.

Additionally, our Kids Club provides early childhood education for children under six years old, offering structured activities that foster movement, play, and foundational learning. The program is divided into three levels, tailored to different age groups, and runs five days a week for six months per session.



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Homework Support

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Many children struggle with schoolwork due to a lack of academic support at home. Our homework support classes assist students with assignments across different subjects, helping them develop independent study skills. The sessions are structured according to grade level and encourage peer collaboration to build confidence and problem-solving abilities.

✚ **Total Beneficiaries: 26 students**

ARABIC LITERACY FOR WOMEN

Education is not just for children. Many mothers in the communities we serve are unable to read or write in their native language, limiting their ability to support their children's education and participate fully in society.

Our Arabic literacy program provides a safe and inclusive space for women from different backgrounds to learn together, improving their literacy and fostering social connections. Classes meet twice a week for one and a half hours.

📌 **Total Beneficiaries:**
35 women



English for Adults and Youth

Our English as a Second Language (ESL) program empowers both adults and children by improving their language skills. For adults, English proficiency opens doors to better employment opportunities and enhances their ability to support their children's education.

For children, ESL classes provide an advantage in their studies, improve their future job prospects, and help them engage with people from diverse backgrounds.

We currently offer five different ESL levels, with classes held twice a week for six months.

Through these education initiatives, we are fostering lifelong learning and creating opportunities for individuals to thrive, regardless of their circumstances.

📌 **Total Beneficiaries: 54**
students



At Salam LADC, we recognize the power of sports, art, and culture in fostering self-expression, personal growth, and social cohesion. In 2024, we continued to provide a diverse range of activities that not only offer creative and physical outlets but also strengthen interpersonal skills, teamwork, and cultural appreciation.



Total Beneficiaries

Art

📌 **Total Beneficiaries: 86**

Art provides children with a constructive way to channel their emotions, build confidence, and develop essential creative skills. Through painting, drawing, and craft projects, children learn cooperation and teamwork, especially when preparing decorations for community events. They also study renowned artists from different time periods, broadening their understanding of artistic expression.

Music

📌 **Total Beneficiaries: 17**

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And art

Football for peace

Sports play a crucial role in personal development, teamwork, and leadership. Our football program brings children together for weekly practice sessions and matches, promoting discipline, cooperation, and a healthy lifestyle.

♥ **Total Beneficiaries:16**



Skating

Twice a week, children and youth engage in skating sessions at our Community Center's outdoor space. These sessions promote balance, coordination, and a sense of freedom while providing an inclusive and enjoyable sporting activity.

♥ **Total Beneficiaries:51 participants**



Cinema

Film screenings provide a unique educational tool, offering children an engaging way to learn about important social topics such as bullying, honesty, and cultural awareness. After each screening, guided discussions encourage critical thinking and respectful debate.



Cinema

Dabkeh And Theater

Dabkeh, a traditional Levantine dance, serves as both a cultural expression and a powerful tool for emotional well-being. Our Dabkeh classes help teenagers manage social anxiety, improve mental health, and celebrate their heritage through movement and rhythm.

♥ **Total Beneficiaries: 27 participants**

Theater

Drama classes provide teenagers and adults with a space to express emotions, develop acting skills, and engage in meaningful storytelling. These sessions not only boost self-confidence but also create opportunities for community performances that foster dialogue and social connection.

♥ **Total Beneficiaries: 11 participants**



Through these artistic, cultural, and sports initiatives, Salam LADC continues to promote social cohesion, personal growth, and community engagement. By empowering individuals with creative and physical outlets, we contribute to a more inclusive and resilient society.

LIVELIHOOD

Salam LADC's livelihood programs are designed to empower individuals by providing them with skills and opportunities to achieve economic independence. Through hands-on training in agriculture, handcrafts, and technical skills, we aim to enhance self-sufficiency and create sustainable income sources for vulnerable communities.



Agriculture

Agriculture remains a key pillar of our livelihood initiatives, providing both food security and economic benefits to families in need.

- **Greenhouse Farming:** Launched six months ago, this initiative provides women with essential resources—including a greenhouse, seeds, and an irrigation network—to cultivate a variety of vegetables such as radish, spinach, cucumbers, arugula, beans, coriander, and lettuce. Participants care for the crops and share the harvest equitably, with continuous support from Salam LADC.
- **Green Roof Farming:** Supporting five families with disabilities, this initiative allows crops to be grown on a rooftop by Salam volunteers, along with participation from beneficiaries. The harvest is distributed among them, with any surplus shared with other vulnerable families. The project requires additional soil to expand planting efforts.



📌 **Total Beneficiaries: 16 participants**

Crochet



This initiative empowers women by teaching them crochet skills that enable them to generate income through handmade clothing, blankets, dolls, and accessories. Participants progress through two levels—Crochet 1 covers fundamental techniques, while Crochet 2 introduces advanced skills such as creating dolls and bags.



 **Total Beneficiaries: 102 women**

Sewing



Recognizing the urgent need for vocational training in the community, this program equips both men and women with essential sewing skills to enhance job prospects. Participants also benefit from a cash-for-work initiative, receiving stipends for their involvement. Classes meet twice a week for two hours, running for four months.



 **Total Beneficiaries: 38 women**

Accessories Making

This course introduces participants to jewelry-making techniques, enabling them to create bracelets, necklaces, and other accessories. By fostering creativity and craftsmanship, the program enhances employment opportunities and entrepreneurship.

Accessories Making



Carpentry



Carpentry

The carpentry program provides practical skills that improve employability within the construction and woodworking sectors. Participants receive hands-on training in crafting wooden accessories and small furniture items, equipping them with marketable skills for future job opportunities.

✦ Total Beneficiaries: 24 participants

Through these livelihood programs, Salam LADC continues to support individuals in acquiring valuable skills, fostering independence, and improving their overall economic well-being. By investing in vocational training and community-driven initiatives, we aim to create long-term positive change for vulnerable populations.

BUS Project

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Bus Project

The Educational Bus Project is a groundbreaking initiative that brings education directly to children who lack access to traditional schooling, particularly those living in refugee camps. Designed as a mobile classroom, the bus is fully equipped with tablets, televisions, and other technological tools to create an interactive and engaging learning environment.

Project Objectives

1. Integrate technology into education to enhance learning outcomes.
2. Reach children deprived of education due to:
 - Geographical distance from schools
 - Economic and social challenges
 - Lack of legal documents for school enrollment
 - Age limitations preventing school admission



Target Group

The project primarily serves children aged 6 to 12, with flexibility to include older children who have never attended school.

Educational Bus Structure

The program is divided into two key sections:

1. Educational Section (Inside the Bus): Focuses on foundational learning in Arabic, English, and Mathematics, ensuring students build essential academic skills.
2. Recreational Educational Section (Outside the Bus - Play with Purpose): Designed to support children's holistic development through:
 - Sports games to encourage teamwork and physical activity
 - Psychosocial support activities to address emotional well-being
 - Social-emotional learning sessions tailored to the needs of each group



2024 Project Impact

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- ✦ **Number of Groups:** 5 groups distributed across:
 - 3 settlements/camps (031, 032, and 090)
 - One urban location (Bar Elias)
- ✦ **Number of Students:** 81 students
- ✦ **Class Structure:**
 - **Daily:** 3 sessions, each lasting 1.5 hours (including both education and outdoor activities).
 - **Weekly:** Each group attends 1-3 sessions per week based on scheduling.
 - **Annual Cycle Duration:** 9 months (January – September)




In 2024, Salam LADC continued its mission to make education accessible to children who face barriers to traditional schooling. Through the Educational Bus Project, we are not only integrating technology into learning but also reaching children who are deprived of education due to geographical isolation, economic hardship, legal documentation issues, or age restrictions.



Designed primarily for children aged 6 to 12, with flexibility to accommodate older students who have never attended school, the project ensures that learning is both structured and engaging. The program is divided into two key components:

Inside The Bus

 **Inside the Bus – The Educational Section:**
A structured learning environment where students receive foundational instruction in Arabic, English, and Mathematics. With a technology-enhanced approach, lessons are designed to build essential academic skills and foster a love for learning.



Outside the Bus

Beyond academics, the project places great emphasis on holistic development through interactive activities, including:

- Sports games that promote teamwork and physical well-being
- Psychosocial support sessions to strengthen emotional resilience
- Social-emotional learning activities tailored to each group's needs



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- ✦ Serving Five Groups Across Key Locations:
 - Three settlements (031, 032, and 090)
 - One urban site (Bar Elias)



Context

Since September 18, 2024, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) has documented over 1.2 million displaced individuals in Lebanon. In response, Salam LADC launched an early emergency response program to support displaced populations in Bekaa Valley and southern Lebanon. Working closely with relevant clusters and implementing partners, Salam's emergency efforts focus on psychosocial support (PSS and MHPSS), hot meal distribution, educational initiatives, and Non-Food Item (NFI) provision to vulnerable Syrian and Bedouin families.

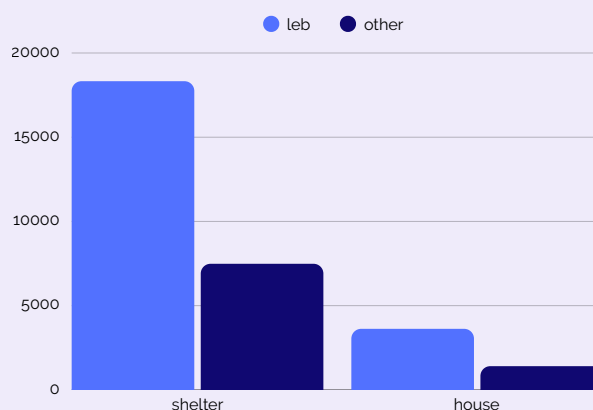
Emergency Response in Bekaa

Community Kitchen & Hot Meal Distribution

📍 8 shelters supported, along with vulnerable Lebanese and Syrian families in Central Bekaa.

🍴 Total hot meals distributed: 30,839

- 25,810 meals provided in shelters (84% of total)



Community Kitchen & Hot Meal Distribution

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Shelter

25,810

Meals Provided in shelter

30,839

total meal distributed



Emergency Response in Bekaa

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PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT (PSS)



🧠 PSS sessions provided to 53 displaced individuals (20 Lebanese, 33 Syrians - 46 children, 7 adults)

📖 Topics covered:

- Stress and Anxiety Management
- The Importance of Emotional Expression
- Hope and Positivity in Facing Challenges
- Building Psychological Resilience in Times of Crisis
- Recreational Activities



EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

🎓 Learning Support Program:

- 20 children received learning assistance inside a shelter
- Classes held twice per week for 4 hours per day



FIRST AID & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

🚑 Challenges in accessing emergency medical care led to an emergency response plan in four camps near Salam's Community Center (CC) in Saadnayel:

🚑 Injured individuals are transported to the CC, where ambulances can reach them.

🩹 First Aid kits, including spine boards and bandages, were distributed to camp focal points.

🔧 Regular replenishment of First Aid kits ensures sustained support.

👤🩹 First Aid training provided to 44 volunteers and displaced individuals in different shelters to enhance community preparedness.

Emergency Response in South Lebanon



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Projects

number

Details

Shelter Support

6 displaced families (40 individuals)

- Salam's South Lebanon center hosted 6 displaced families (40 individuals) during the war.

First Aid Training:

7 volunteers

- 7 volunteers from Kawkaba trained to respond to medical emergencies.

Equipment & Logistics Support:

Supported 4 villages/towns (Kfarhamam, Habariye, Kawkaba, Debine)

- First Aid & Firefighting materials
- Vehicle maintenance for emergency response
- Distribution of essential First Aid kits

Distribution Highlights in Kawkaba

- 🍲 63 food parcels
- 🔥 201 propane gas jars
- 📄 4,000 flyers distributed
- 💰 Cash-for-food assistance

- 🍲 112 individuals (Syrian)
- 🔥 177 Lebanese, 24 Syrians
- 📄 Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) materials
- 💰 106 individuals (Syrian) Total: \$2,500

Impact Summary

Through its Emergency Response Program, Salam LADC has provided essential humanitarian aid, safety, and support to displaced communities facing dire living conditions. By ensuring access to food, education, psychosocial support, and emergency medical care, Salam remains committed to standing by the most vulnerable in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley and South Lebanon during times of crisis.



Olive Branch

The Olive Branch Center continues to serve as a hub for social cohesion, language learning, and community engagement. Through inclusive activities and language classes, the center fosters a safe and welcoming space where individuals from diverse religious, social, and national backgrounds come together to learn, connect, and grow.

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Community Nights

On a monthly basis, Community Nights are organized and hosted (twice per week), bringing together people from different backgrounds to engage in meaningful discussions and cultural exchanges. Events included:

🎬 Movie Nights (for adults & children)

☕ Coffee & Chat Evenings

🎲 Game Nights

All events were designed and led by community members themselves, demonstrating the power of shared experiences and collective participation.

Language Learning for Marginalized People

📚 Language sessions were delivered by volunteers, offering educational support to marginalized children and adults from different nationalities and religions. These sessions empower students with essential language skills while fostering social integration and confidence-building. At the Olive Branch Center, language education continues to be a core focus:

- 4 English classes held four days a week
- 1 Arabic class held once a week
- 📖 Class sizes: 10-12 students per session

When possible, students engage in outdoor activities such as:

🌿 Nature walks

🌊 Beach outings

🍴 Shared meals at the center

By fostering cultural exchange, mutual understanding, and empowerment, the Olive Branch Center remains a beacon of hope and learning, where individuals come together to share experiences, support one another, and build lasting connections.

1. Psychosocial Support Activities 36

Salam LADC's Psychosocial Support (PSS) initiatives provide safe spaces, emotional well-being activities, and mental health awareness sessions for children, youth, and women from diverse backgrounds. Through interactive programs, we empower individuals to manage stress, build resilience, and foster social connections.

Youth Project: Empowering the Next Generation

ü "I learned that mental health is just as important as physical health."

ü "I learned that I'm beautiful and unique just the way I am."

"I learned that practicing gratitude could make me happier."



These reflections from participants highlight the impact of the Youth Project, which engaged 100 young people (ages 13–21) from Lebanese, Palestinian, and Syrian backgrounds.

📍 Hosted at Qabelias Library, the initiative aimed to foster social cohesion and provide a supportive environment through:

- Awareness sessions on conflict resolution, mental health, and self-care
- Interactive photography workshops, enabling youth to express themselves creatively
- A closing ceremony featuring a photo exhibition and a documentary showcasing participants' work and personal growth

The project created a space where young people felt valued, heard, and empowered.

Yoga for Kids:

Mindfulness Through Movement

👤 25 children (ages 7–13) participated in weekly yoga sessions, integrating:

Physical postures & breathing techniques

Relaxation practices through storytelling

Confidence-building activities (mirroring, memory games, mandala coloring)

The sessions fostered well-being, self-expression, and a bully-free environment. Additionally, some children had the opportunity to lead yoga sessions for younger students (ages 4–5), enhancing their self-confidence and leadership skills.

Positive Parenting Sessions:

Strengthening Family Bonds

"I hadn't played with my kids in a long time, thinking household chores were more important. After the session, I spent an hour playing word games with them. Their joy—and mine—was unexpected." — Khadija, Parenting Session Participant

👤 80 mothers participated in Positive Parenting Sessions across three locations:

🏠 Community Center | 🏠 A settlement | 🏠 A community shelter

◆ Key Topics Covered:

- ✅ Effective communication & quality time with children
- ✅ Positive discipline strategies
- ✅ Mental health & self-care for caregivers

Women's Project: Awareness & Empowerment

👤 60 women from diverse nationalities engaged in awareness sessions at two locations:

- 📍 Community Center |
- 📍 Qabelias Library

💬 Topics Discussed:

- Violence prevention & emotional well-being
- Mental health & self-care
- Women's leadership & empowerment

Participants expressed feeling heard, valued, and motivated to prioritize their mental well-being.

Safe space for women

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Safe Space for Women: A Community-Led Initiative

At the request of local women and adolescent girls, Salam LADC established a safe space for open discussions and peer support. Each session is topic-driven, allowing participants to engage in meaningful conversations over tea and coffee.

 **Total beneficiaries: 20 Participants**

PSS for Women & Teens: Mental Health Support

To support women and adolescent girls, Salam LADC introduced weekly PSS sessions (1.5 hours) focused on:

- Life skills development
 - Positive parenting
 - Stress management techniques

 **Total beneficiaries: 56**



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