



Taawon
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Driving
Impact,
Creating
Change

Annual
Report
2022

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Taawon Speaks

With the beginning of 2023, preparations are underway for Taawon to celebrate its 40th anniversary. We have chosen to begin our fourth decade with change as it is imperative to find the necessary resilience and innovation to keep up with global developments in the fields of social and sustainable development, and to ensure the achievement of the intended impact of our interventions to empower the Palestinian communities we work with in Lebanon.

The year 2022 was marked by the launch of a series of new projects, as well as working with more funding and partner institutions. Alongside enabling local community institutions to continue providing their services by supplying them with alternative energy, which has become essential considering the continuous power outages, we have launched a mental health project for the children and youth in Nahr El-Bared camp. Moreover, a vocational education project was launched, which provides full scholarships for a period of three years, with a thorough preparation to enter the labor market. A youth employment project was also initiated through training, preparation and networking with employers.

The continuation of humanitarian support and aid was also required in 2022. Thousands of vulnerable families in a number of Palestinian refugee camps received essential food vouchers. We concluded the year by distributing

winter clothes to children in the northern camps, in order to secure the basic needs of these families and preserve their dignity.

Finally, 2022, saw the conclusion of the existing strategic plan, and the development and launch of a new plan for the next three years (2023-2026). The strategic directions for the next phase will focus on innovation and leadership, the future of jobs, quality education and learning, community participation, and culture.

A lot of work and challenges lie ahead. Palestinian refugees in Lebanon are still in the eye of the financial and economic storm that has hit Lebanon since 2019, and it is getting more intense with every passing year. The need for support remains urgent and necessary. Taawon's proximity to our people in the camps helps assess and address their needs and mitigate the harshness of their reality.

We are very thankful to all of our supporters, donors and partners. We would also like to thank our headquarters for their continuous support, and that of the team—the beating heart of Taawon. It was a year full of achievements, intensive work and planning that will undoubtedly be reflected in the coming years.

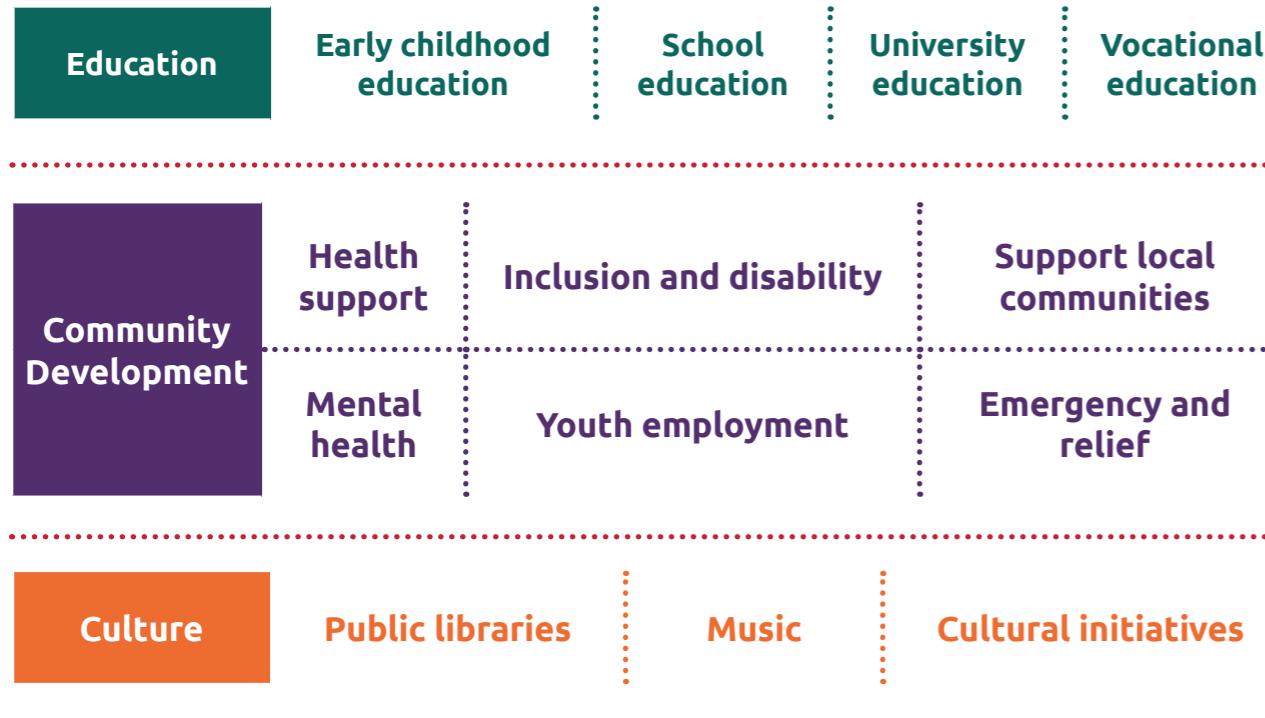
Fouad Bawarshi | Chairman of the Board



Vision and Action

We strive to make a distinguished contribution towards **empowering** Palestinians in Lebanon. To **improve** living conditions and services in the camps. To **sustain** dignity and humanity.

Our Scope of Work

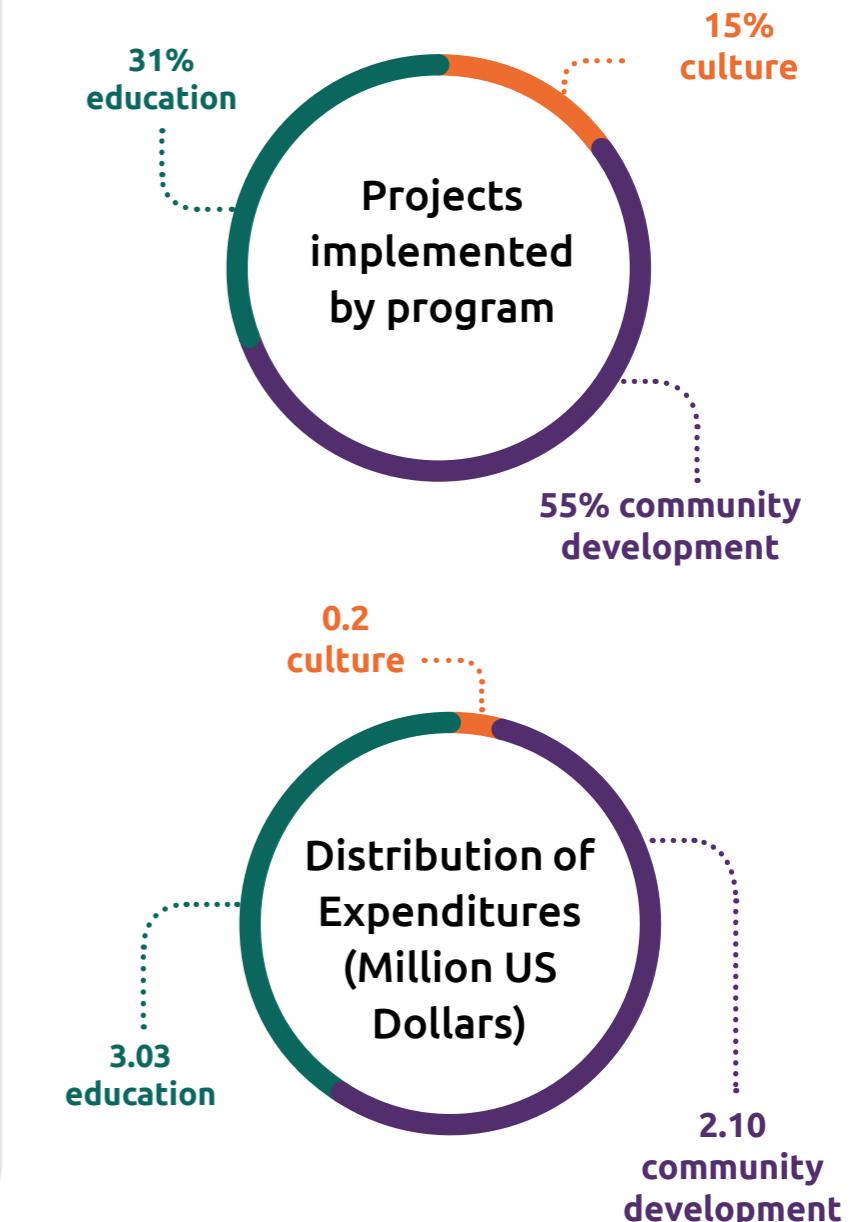


Achievements in 2022

We served more than **109,000** Palestinian refugees out of 206,000 living in Lebanon

We collaborated with more than **40** partner organizations

We implemented **55** projects





Response and Impact

-  **34** Kindergartens in several refugee camps had alternative energy systems installed
-  **21,000+** specialized therapy sessions were provided for children with special needs
-  **70** full scholarships were offered for three years of vocational education
-  **290+** children and youngsters had the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument
-  **400+** young men and women were able to pursue their university education
-  **250** Kindergarten teachers teaching skills were upgraded through specialized trainings
-  **9,000+** families were provided with food, winter clothes and heating fuel
-  **164** patients' lives were saved thanks, to the provision of free kidney dialysis sessions
-  **48,930** individuals were provided with uninterrupted drinking water in the communities of Itaniyeh and Kfar Badda, in the Tyre district

Presence in Every Camp

Emergency Relief

Poverty levels increased in 2022, and exacerbated the conditions of Palestinian refugee families, more than two-thirds of whom now live below the poverty line, many children go to school without breakfast; many families sleep without eating, dinner and have spent the winter without heating.

Our emergency interventions seek to bridge these gaps and mitigate the severity of the crisis for some of the most vulnerable families.



The cold has become a member of our household. We freeze in winter, which makes it hard to sleep. We cannot buy heating fuel because it's expensive, so we collect the firewood that we find near our house in order to survive. Many times, we did not have any heating, so we used to wrap ourselves in the blankets we had. That's why I told you that the cold has become our companion.



Raya, from Wavel camp

We supplied vouchers, exchangeable for heating fuel, to **881** families in Wavel refugee camp in Baalbek. Each voucher had a **US\$ 50** value, funded by IDRF and Welfare UK. The vouchers ensured that each beneficiary family was able to stay warm for at least two weeks in the coldest winter weather.



Hiba, from Nahr El-Bared camp



My son Youssef leaves the house every day with his brothers. They head to school, and he goes to kindergarten, and none of them have any "school snacks". My husband has not been working for two months, and our financial situation is getting worse. We are a family of seven and my youngest child is two years old. Their necessities include food and clothes, and we are unable to provide any of these. We live each day hoping that tomorrow may bring us something new and joyful, like this voucher to buy winter clothes for my son Youssef.



We distributed vouchers to families to buy winter clothes for **3,609** children enrolled in kindergartens in Beddawi and Nahr El-Bared camps, as part of the "Enhancing the seasonal preparedness of marginalized Palestinian refugee children residing in Beddawi and Nahr El-Bared" project, which was funded by Lebanon Humanitarian Fund (LHF). The value of each voucher is **US\$ 50**, and it helped ease the financial burden facing families with the onset of winter.



With the worsening conditions in Lebanon, our circumstances have completely changed, and we struggle each day to provide the basic necessities of life, such as food, and milk for my three children; my youngest child is three years old. Meat or chicken hardly ever finds its way to our table, except once every two weeks at the most, bearing in mind that I buy less than half an ounce, which means we hardly taste meat in food. When I received the voucher for the Eid sacrifices, I immediately asked my children what they would like to eat on the Eid. They asked for grilled meat. Thank you for bringing the joy of Eid into my home



Nisrine,
from
Beddawi
camp



We distributed Eid Adha sacrifices with the support of United Mission for Relief (UMR) to **1,269 struggling families** in Beddawi refugee camp.

We provided emergency support to **4,345 families** living in El-Buss and Burj Shemali camps in the south, Wavel camp in Baalbek, and Shatila camp in Beirut, in the form of a **US\$100 voucher**, exchangeable for essential food items. These distributions are part of the campaign "Support Palestinian Refugees", which was launched by Taawon in late 2021. The vouchers allowed families to purchase the food they need, and the distribution points were limited to operating stores inside the camps, in order to boost the economy inside the camp and reduce the burden of transportation cost on the beneficiary families.



Haifa, from
Wavel camp



Yes, we went through difficult times in the past, but these days are unbearable. I work to feed my three children, yet I cannot afford to buy a gallon of cooking oil. When I received the food voucher, there was no oil, lentils, or sugar in my house. I can't fulfill any of my children's requests. These are very difficult and tough days, to say the least.

Addressing the Electricity Crisis



- We installed solar power systems and batteries to provide electricity and maintain educational provision in **42 kindergartens**, with the support of UNICEF.
- We procured and delivered two electric generators to provide continuous electricity to four UNRWA schools in Saida and Ein el-Hilweh camp, for more than **2,000 students**.
- We established a solar power energy system for water pumps in both Itaniyeh and Kfar Badda communities in southern Lebanon, to ensure the inhabitants' access to drinking water, with the support of Danish Muslim Aid.
- We distributed **6,000 solar lamps** to children enrolled in kindergartens in our Early Childhood Education Program to help them continue their lessons at home during the very frequent power cuts.



2022

Education
*Investing in
the Future*





Early Childhood Education



Objective: To raise the quality of education in kindergartens



Target group: 43 Kindergartens, representing about 47% of the kindergartens operating in the Palestinian refugee camps



Supported by: UNICEF



What did we achieve?

Increasing the Competencies and Qualifications of KG Teachers

- **232 Kindergarten teachers** were trained in the key concepts of early childhood education, the principles of a holistic integrated approach, and how to plan educational projects and daily lessons. The training was led by a specialized team from the Lebanese Institute for Educators at Saint Joseph's University, and a specialized team from the Mabarrat Charity Association.



- **58 field follow-ups** for mentoring and provision were provided to **29 Kindergarten teachers**, to assess the extent to which they use the knowledge and techniques they have been trained to use.
- **29 KG teachers** who completed specialized training in 2021 were able to graduate.

Upgrading the Capacity of 13 Inclusive Kindergartens



- **24 Kindergarten teachers** were trained to work within the school's inclusive program, focusing on the needs and abilities of young children with special needs, and the concept of learning difficulties and disorders. The training was led by a specialized team from the Lebanese Institute for Educators at Saint Joseph University.
- Support was provided by the specialized education team from Saint Joseph's University, for kindergarten teachers in inclusive kindergartens, who followed up their work with **152 young children with special needs**.



Changing & Rehabilitating the Learning Environment



- **Rehabilitate 3 kindergartens**, benefiting about a thousand children (El-Islah Kindergarten in Rashidieh refugee camp, Breij Kindergarten in El-Buss refugee camp and El-Murshid Kindergarten in Ein el Hilweh refugee camp). Equip **two kindergartens** with essential equipment and supplies, and specialized educational resources.
- Distribute stationery packages to **12,804 children** enrolled in a number of kindergartens whether in the main program or not, and to **1,591 children** enrolled in study support centers for children from 6 to 8 years old, providing catch-up classes.
- Distribute **14 sets** of specialized learning resources to ten kindergartens to help them implement practical science activities.



Supporting Childrens' Mental Health and Wellbeing



- Providing **100 children** with space outside the refugee camps to learn and play as part of the "HAPPY" project, which is implemented in the rural region of Debiyeh outside Beirut.
- **6,000 children** relished the opportunities provided by 100 outdoor recreational activities, including visits to the zoo, amusement parks and museums, in addition to **45 activities** to promote mental health and wellbeing.



Their Story with Taawon

The start of the journey from kindergarten

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Ever since my daughter Hala started going to kindergarten, her personality has changed completely. Her daily communication with the children in the kindergarten helped in her interaction with her surroundings outside the kindergarten as well. Most importantly, her pronunciation improved, as she now expresses her needs in a clearer way. She also distinguishes shapes and colors and counts numbers from one to ten. My joy is beyond words.

”



Sawsan Al-Sayed, Hala's mother



Ghalia Kassem, the educator at Ghassan Kanafani Kindergarten

“

We offer children with special needs the same concepts that other children receive, but in a manner that suits them.

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Children with special needs and learning difficulties are distributed among different classes in inclusive kindergartens, operating in all Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon.



School Education



Objective: Accompanying children to improve their performance in school



Target group: 36 students, from the seventh and eighth grades in Beddawi camp



Supported by: Taawon



What did we achieve?

Many school students have major weaknesses in some school subjects, especially English and mathematics. In many cases, this weakness is the main reason for early school dropout. Supporting students definitely makes a difference, which is why Taawon launched this project in preparation for developing an integrated program for school interventions, the “Supporting and Tutoring at Risk UNRWA School Students”.



The mechanism of action is based on the development of a personalized intervention plan for each student following a discussion between the social worker, the psychologist and the student's teacher. Catch-up support classes include English, Arabic and Mathematics. Extracurricular activities are also adopted with the aim of building and developing students' social skills and self-confidence. The outcome of this work was the provision of **513 educational sessions, 125 hours of extracurricular activities, and an improvement in students' performance by 75%**.

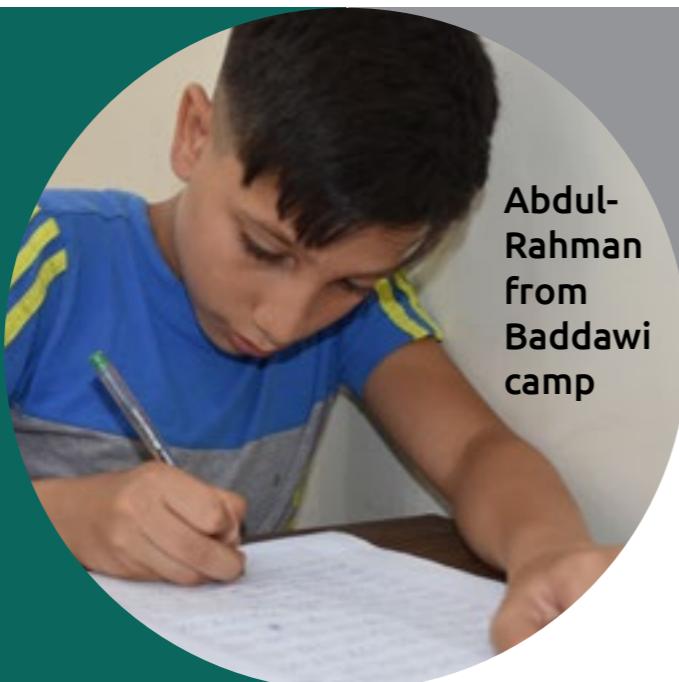
The program is implemented in partnership with the Women's Programs Association in Beddawi camp.

Their Story with Taawon

The opportunity and perseverance



I was unable to concentrate during the distance learning period," says Abdul-Rahman. "I used to write my name on the exam paper and then suddenly forget all the information. As a result, I hated school". Abdul-Rahman joined catch-up classes; he found them extremely helpful in improving his grades, "I am enthusiastic about going to school again, because I am confident in myself and in my homework. During the lessons, I started feeling comfortable asking the teacher questions again and again, until I understood the lesson. My grades are starting to improve, which makes me confident that I will succeed.



Abdul-Rahman from Baddawi camp



University Education



Objective: Empowering youth by providing access to university education



Target group: Palestinian youth refugees in Lebanon



Supported by: Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, and Individual donors



What did we achieve?

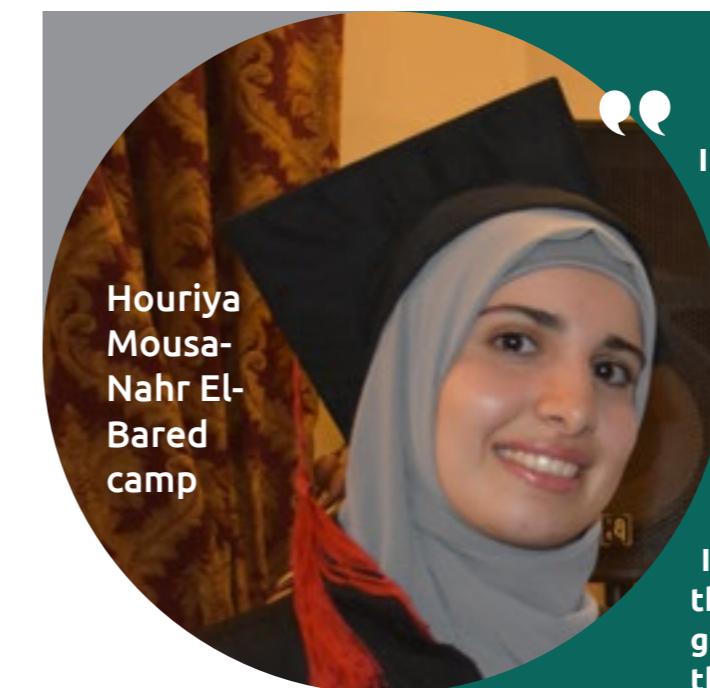
We offer scholarships and university loans to youths in partnership with the Palestinian Students' Fund and the Unite Lebanon Youth Project. Emphasis is placed on guiding young people towards some specific specializations where they may later find employment, such as nursing, education and computer programming to improve their chances of becoming part of the labor market.

411 students benefit from the program, and **61 students** graduated during 2022 from the American University of Beirut, the Lebanese American University, Beirut Arab University, and Almakassed College of Nursing.



Their Story with Taawon

Refugees by force, doctors by choice



Houriya
Mousa-
Nahr El-
Bared
camp

I started thinking about studying medicine when I was ten years old. At that time, I wanted to help people and alleviate their pain. As for enrolling at the American University, it was a difficult and far-fetched idea, precisely because of the financial obstacles. But my dream triumphed thanks to the support I received to cover the costs of my studies, and now I have a degree in general medicine from the American University of Beirut. I am grateful to every party that supports the education of Palestinian students in Lebanon, and I ask the Palestinian youth to cling to their education in order to achieve their dreams and be a support for their society, just as the donor institutions and individuals supported us in obtaining our university degrees.



Vocational Education



Objective: To provide alternative opportunities for learning and skills to enter the labor market



Target group: UNRWA school students



Supported by: Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development



What did we achieve?

70 students, young men and women, benefit from a cost-free **three-year scholarship** for vocational education at specialized technical institutes of quality in Sidon, Tyre, Bekaa, Beirut and the north. Students are divided into nine majors, and each student becomes a holder of a technical baccalaureate degree at the end of the cycle, thus enabling them to either enter the labor market, or complete their university education.

The program also organizes more than **40 guidance and counseling sessions for 2,173 students** in the ninth grade in **19 UNRWA schools**, with the aim of introducing them to the nature and importance of vocational education and the opportunities available to enter the labor market.

The program is implemented in partnership with the Palestinian Students' Fund and UNRWA.



Their Story with Taawon

Confident in my decision



I love to draw as a hobby and I can see myself working in a field that relies on drawing and design in the future, so I decided to choose vocational education and study interior design. I did not hesitate when making the decision, because I naturally think in a practical way and realize that I have a talent that will open doors for me to work and progress. I do not care about the common beliefs that vocational education is for unsuccessful students, this is not true it is merely an outdated way of thinking. I aim high and I am confident that the future will be better.





Community
Development
*Empowering
Communities*





Health Support



Objective: To provide access to essential medical services



Target group: Palestinian refugees in Lebanon



Supported by: Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, Taawon, Welfare Association UK, Individual donors



What did we achieve?

Support for Patients Requiring Kidney Dialysis

Covering the costs of kidney dialysis for **164 Palestinian refugees** at Al Hamshari Hospital in Saida and the Dialysis Unit in Beddawi camp, as this essential life-saving service is not funded by UNRWA or the Lebanese Ministry of Health. The total number of dialysis sessions exceeded **19,000** during 2022. Patient care is supervised by both nursing staff and specialized medical personnel, which consists of **five doctors and 15 nurses**.

The project is implemented in partnership with the Health Care Society and the Palestine Red Crescent Society.



Support for Patients Hospitalization Costs

120 patients benefited from the partial coverage of surgery costs, provided by Taawon. Priority was given to life-saving and emergency surgeries.

This project is implemented in partnership with the Health Care Society.

Their Story with Taawon

The heart is still beating



A person with cardiac disease lives day-to-day, not knowing when their heart can suddenly betray them," says Wasfia Kassem Muhammad from Burj El Barajneh camp in Beirut. "But I did not give up, despite my knowledge that a surgical intervention is very expensive. It took some time to find the amount required for heart surgery (implanting a cardioverter-defibrillator), especially since UNRWA only covers a small part of the operation's high total cost. Taawon standing by my side saved my life, and five months have passed since I have successfully undergone the operation. I thank you, with all my heart, for contributing to my recovery.



Wasfia
from Burj
El Barajneh
camp



Medical Personnel Training & Competence Project



Objective: Improving hospital performance and building the capacity of Palestinian medical personnel



Target group: Five hospitals providing services for Palestinians



Supported by: United Nations Development Programme



What did we achieve?

The work focused on improving the performance of hospitals and building the capacity of medical personnel in the Palestine Red Crescent Society and the Humanitarian Appeal, in the project "Supporting Planning and Capacity Development to Respond to the Covid-19 Pandemic in Palestinian Camps and Gatherings in Lebanon", which is implemented in partnership with the Medical Center at the American University of Beirut.

The training included **45 practical training sessions**, targeting **367 doctors, nurses and administrators from five hospitals**.

The project resulted in the establishment of a Learning and Development Unit in five hospitals to ensure the training of the medical personnel in a sustainable manner. In addition, staff received training on the development of a computerized system for information management, and medical and administrative procedures for the most effective organization of work in the Palestine Red Crescent Society.



Their Story with Taawon

Training for development



The essence of these courses is the practical dimension that is at the core of our work, which brings about a qualitative and marked leap in performance. We have previously attended several training courses and witnessed the impact of a number of them, so we express our interest in these courses and the knowledge and experience they bring us. I can say that we have a clear vision on some of the issues that need to be amended according to the data we obtained during the sessions, and this is something we will work on as soon as possible.



Dr. Mahmoud Suleiman from Ein el-Hilweh camp



Nurturing Mental Health Project



Objective: To help children and adolescents access mental health support



Target group: 220 children and adolescents in Nahr El-Bared camp



Supported by: Danish Muslim Aid



What did we achieve?

Supporting children from 5 to 18 years of age, to improve their mental health by providing **436 psychological therapy sessions and psychosocial support**. In addition, **72 awareness sessions** were arranged for parents to explain how they may best support their children and the methods to use; as well as securing a suitable internal environment for them to ensure maximum benefit from therapy.

The project is implemented in partnership with Beit Atfal Assumoud.





Inclusion and disability



Objective: To increase the independence of children and adults with special needs and improve their health and wellbeing



Target group: Children and adults with special needs



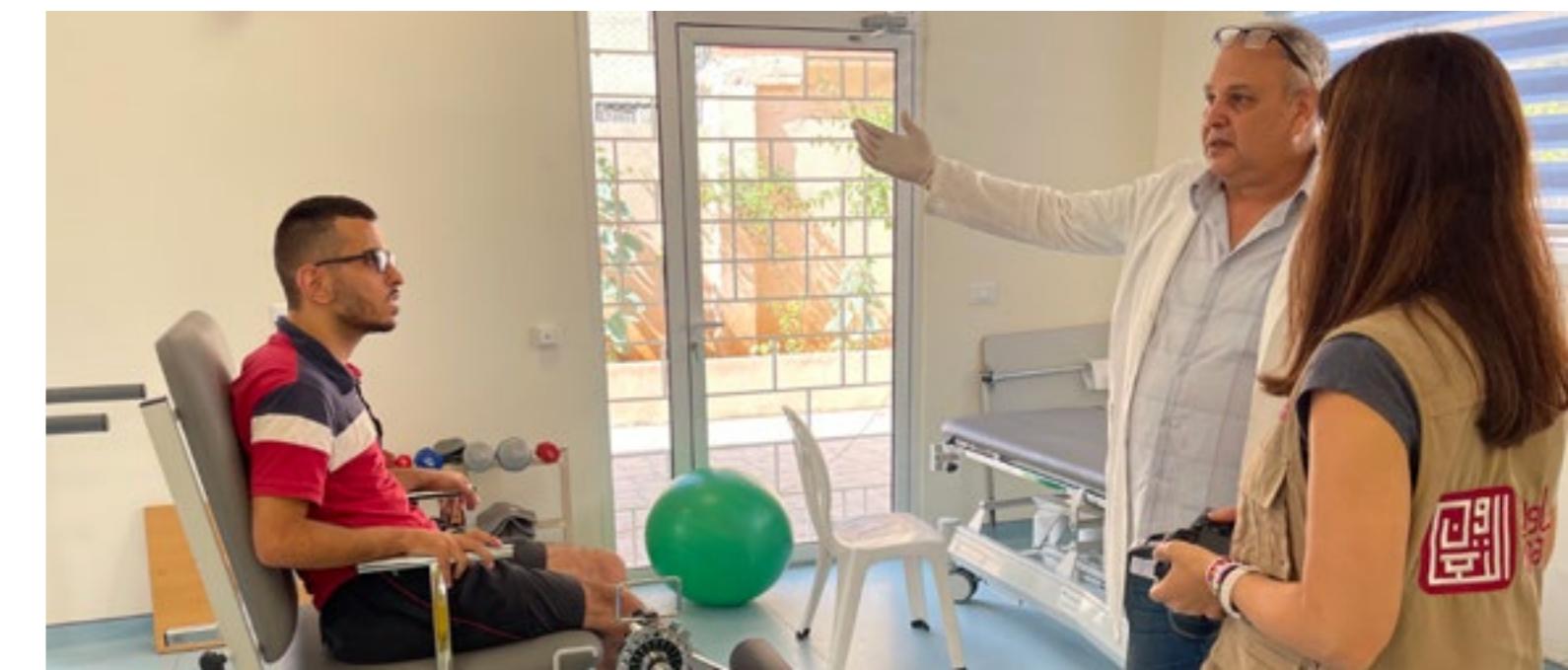
Supported by: Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, and Danish Muslim Aid



What did we achieve?

During 2022, we provided more than **8,100 physical therapy sessions**, mostly for children, to help increase their independence, improve their learning opportunities, and facilitate motor development and mobility, in addition to **6,300 speech therapy sessions**, and **6,750 occupational therapy sessions**. We provided support devices for **197 people**, including hearing aids for children, corrective devices, medical shoes and wheelchairs. We also organized **12 awareness raising sessions** for mothers of children with special needs in Ein el-Hilweh and Mar Elias refugee camps.

The project is implemented in partnership with Mousawat Association, the Palestine Red Crescent Society, the Community Support Association, Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Foundation, and the Community Based Rehabilitation Association.



Their Story with Taawon

Therapy restored my ability to walk



I have been receiving my treatment at the physical therapy and rehabilitation center for seven months following an operation in my leg. When I arrived there, I was completely unable to walk, and my wife would accompany me and help me move around. Today, I am in much better shape, I can move around on my feet, albeit slowly, and I have three therapy sessions weekly. Honestly, if it weren't for this center, I wouldn't have had any treatment and I wouldn't be able to walk.



Youth Employment



Objective: To facilitate the entry of university students in the labor market



Target group: Palestinian university students



Supported by: GIZ, Danish Muslim Aid



What did we achieve?

During 2022, we launched a project to improve employment opportunities for Palestinian university students, with the aim of developing the skills and capabilities of university graduates through specialized and in-depth training in the fields of engineering, business administration and informatics, in addition to providing specialized courses in life skills.

The project is implemented in partnership with the Palestinian Students' Fund.



Their Story with Taawon

A practical opportunity to enter the labor market



The training we receive is very necessary to enter the labor market in Lebanon and abroad, especially as it is my final year majoring in civil engineering. Even though all of the engineering jobs currently require the use of Revit, it is not part of the university's curricula. Therefore, we strive as students to enroll in these courses that greatly increase our chances of getting a job.



Issa al-Dirawi
Wadi El Zaineh



Equipping Playgrounds & Public Spaces



Objective: To support the mental and physical health of Palestinian refugees



Target group: Camp residents



Supported by: Taawon and Individual donors



What did we achieve?

Playgrounds and public spaces are a breath of much needed fresh air for Palestinians in the refugee camps in Lebanon, especially children and youths. Therefore, during 2022, Taawon supported: the launch of a public park in Rashidieh camp in south Lebanon; the rehabilitation of a playground in Wavel camp in Baalbek, and the establishment of a karate hall for youth and kickboxing for girls in Rashidieh camp.

At the same time, support is continued for the Omar Abdel-Hadi playground in Burj El Barajneh camp in Beirut, and the Victor Kashkoush playground in Ein el-Hilweh camp in south Lebanon.

These projects are implemented in partnership with Peace for You Association, Najdeh Association, and Al-Jalil Organization for Development.





Rehabilitating Houses



Objective: To provide safe and improved accommodation



Target group: Homes/shelter in urgent need of rehabilitation in Burj El-Barajneh camp



Supported by: International Development and Relief Foundation, Taawon



What did we achieve?

We have rehabilitated **18 shelters/homes** in Burj Barajneh camp, inhabited by almost **70 people**. The work focused on safety (rewiring), security (windows and doors), weatherproofing (roofing), and installation of essential water and sanitation facilities (in kitchens and bathrooms). These families are marginalised and live below the poverty line and are unable to do the work required without this project. With the works successfully completed their daily lives and overall wellbeing are greatly improved.



Their Story with Taawon

You helped restore our lives

“ It was not a house in the first place. I called it my house because it is the only place that has a roof to protect me and my family, even if it is a tin roof, even if the water that pours from the sky flows inside the house as well as outside of it. Therefore, the changes from the rehabilitation works were huge, and changed our entire life. There's an actual kitchen, a full bathroom and a well-defined living room now. Today, I look at my house and I see a palace. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the rehabilitation of our lives. ”



Ibrahim Ossayli
from Burj El
Barajneh camp





Culture
*Preserving
Identity*



Taawon Public Libraries



Objective: An intellectual, cultural, and social community center



Target group: All camp residents



Supported by: Individual donors



What did we achieve?

Libraries remain a central hub for knowledge and learning that bring children and adults together. About **50,000 people** in several Palestinian camps in Lebanon benefited in 2022. Activities provided by libraries included specialized courses, especially computer and informatics courses for youth (10 courses); workshops and specialized seminars on topics of interest to youths and parents, especially emerging topics such as cholera prevention, bullying and drugs; as well as many interactive activities that included puppet shows, storytelling and recreational trips outside the camps. In addition to regular activities such as reading clubs, cinema, and cultural dialogues.





Music Program



Objective: Providing opportunities for children and youths to develop musical skills



Target group: Children and youths in Beddawi, Shatila, Burj Barajneh, and Wavel camps



Supported by: Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development



What did we achieve?

Music is not a luxury in the lives of children in the camps in Lebanon, but a way to turn the camps into a bigger space. Taawon offers support to develop the musical skills of children, and youth. Music is also used as a mental health therapy for children and to preserve Palestinian cultural heritage and identity.

The program is divided into two parts: first, Communal Culture and Empowerment (community music), which focuses on learning music as a means of expression and a way to build skills and talents. The second part, which is music therapy, focuses on the use of music in child psychological and behavioral therapy.

The overall number of beneficiaries is approximately **305**.

The program is implemented in partnership with the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development and in partnership with Beit Atfal Assumoud Institution, Al Kamandjati Association, and the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Lebanon.

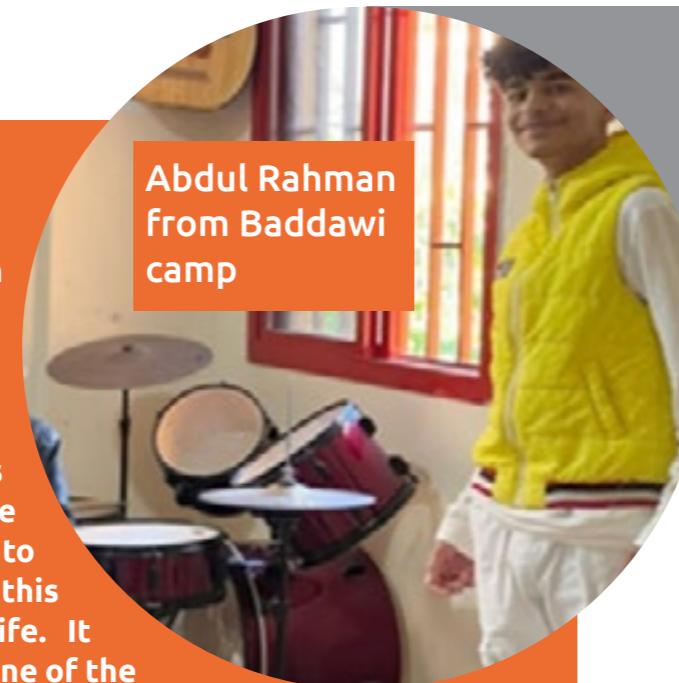


Their Story with Taawon

Music, a new rhythm in my life



Abdul Rahman's first contact with music was at a young age, as part of his music therapy sessions at the Family Counseling Center at Beit Atfal Assomoud. Abdul Rahman says that the sessions helped improve his mental health, and at the same time gave him what he had never dared to think of. He said "I loved music, and this love changed many things in my life. It changed me completely." He became one of the students in the local community music group; he joined as a guitarist and began volunteering in the music program for teaching youngsters, and this is his first year at university. "Everything changes, but music will remain an essential part of my life and my identity. It was a way for me to express myself, let off steam and go about my life with confidence. I will do my best for other children to discover it and show their talents," Abdul Rahman says confidently.



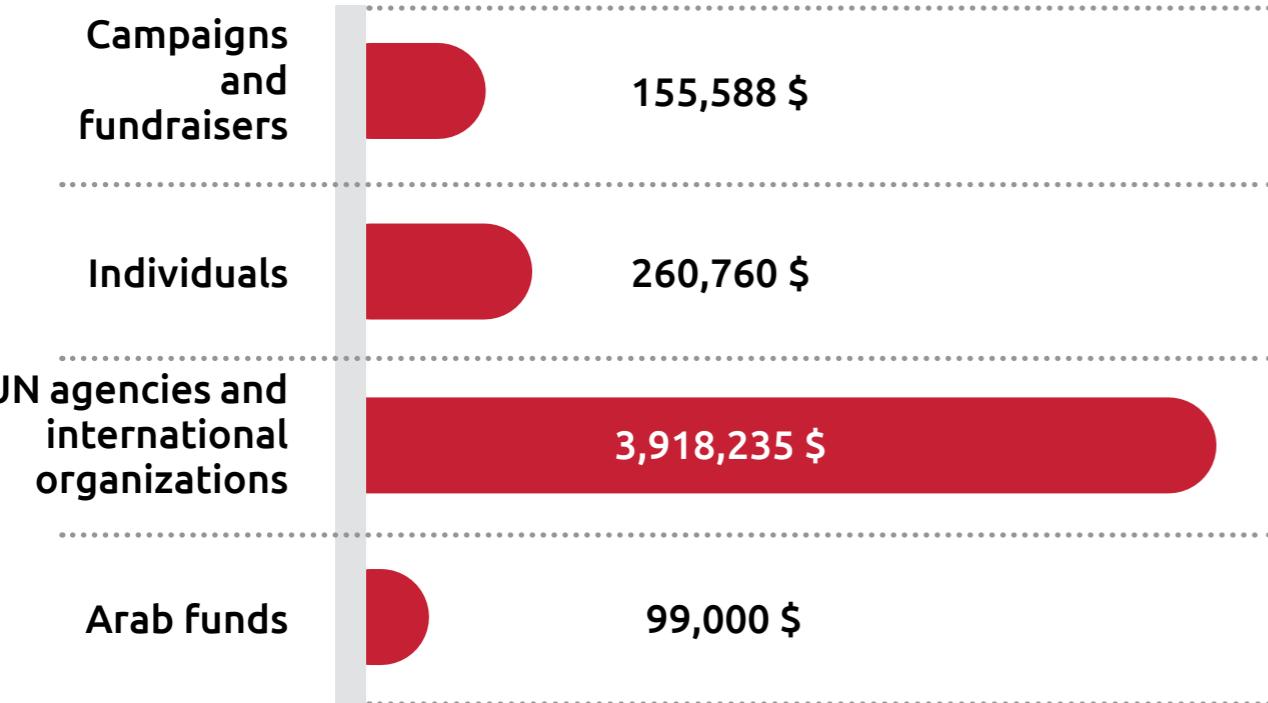
Cultural Initiatives

- 'From Beirut, This Is Jerusalem' is a project implemented between Lebanon and Palestine that is designed to improve the knowledge of Palestinian youths in Lebanon on Jerusalem and its cultural, architectural, historical, and cinematic aspects, as well to promote communication between Palestinian youths in Lebanon and in Palestine. The project concluded with an exhibition, where **53 young men and women** revived the work of a group of Jerusalemite artists, it showcased **50 paintings**, produced **three rap songs**, and **14 illustrated short stories**.
- Supporting cultural activities within the Horsh Beirut Festival, encouraging Palestinian cinema by supporting the work of Palestinian director Rakan Mayasi "The Key" and director Carole Mansour "Aida Returns".



Financial Indicators

The total income in 2022 amounted to **\$4.5 million**, allocated to the various programs, with **78%** for the Education Program, **21%** for the Community Development Program, and **1%** for the Culture Program. The main sources of funding were from institutional donors based overseas.



Financial Statements

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WELFARE ASSOCIATION, LEBANON

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Welfare Association, Lebanon (the "Association"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022, the statements of activities and changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at 31 December 2022 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Basic for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). The responsibilities under these standards are further described in the "Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the *International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, including International Independence Standards (the "IESBA Code")*, together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements of Lebanon, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of a matter

We draw attention to note 2 to the financial statements which describes the current banking situation in Lebanon. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of management for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the financial statements in accordance with IFRSs, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association'sability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Management is responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable evidence about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an audit report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional misstatements, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Consider whether the appropriate basis of accounting has been applied, if the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our audit report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Association to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Ernst & Young

10 Apr 2023

Beirut, Lebanon

Welfare Association, Lebanon

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022 LSD	2021 LSD
Grants and revenues			
Revolving cash balance	1	4,445,732	4,114,937
Unrestricted contributions	2	792,410	399,436
		5,238,142	4,514,373
Program costs related to restricted contributions			
Economic and social development	1	(1,810,764)	(1,010,725)
Education	1	(2,404,731)	(2,753,503)
Culture and art	4	(190,193)	(186,879)
		(4,405,688)	(3,951,107)
Program costs related to unrestricted contributions	5	(918,142)	(1,061,114)
Administrative expenses	6	(634,266)	(572,360)
		4,734,250	4,530,630
Other income			
Management fees	12	399,385	119,497
Other income		122	195
		400,507	120,692
(Decrease) increase in net assets		(364,444)	(12,997)
Net assets at 1 January		775,914	789,911
NET ASSETS AT 31 DECEMBER		411,470	776,914

Welfare Association, Lebanon

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31 December 2022

	2022 LSD	2021 LSD		
ASSETS				
Current assets				
Program and other assets				
Bank balances in cash	3	100,773	1,010,810	
Other bank deposits		1,745,299	1,575,446	
		1,846,072	1,577,256	
		TOTAL ASSETS	6,113,865	6,550,579
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
Liabilities				
Accrued payable and accruals				
Deferred contributions				
		397,364	267,527	
		536,411	529,411	
		933,775	896,938	
		Total liabilities	6,113,865	6,550,579
Net assets				
		421,070	771,914	
		TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	6,113,865	6,550,579

The financial statements were prepared for the year ended 31 December 2022.


 General Manager
 Lebanon Branch Office

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9. Assabil
10. Association for the Development of Palestinian Camps - INAASH
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21. Human Association for Relief and Development
22. Joint Christian Committee for Social Services in Lebanon
23. Just Childhood
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25. Makassed Philanthropic Islamic Association
26. Mousawat Organization
27. Palestinian Students' Fund
28. Palestinian Red Crescent Society
29. Prima Materia
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