

DIRECT AID PROGRAM (DAP) PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2018

Al Fayhaa Association was established in 1999 to enhance citizens' capacities through education, protection and advocacy programs. Australian DAP funding supported the refurbishment of a donated bus, which was turned into a mobile classroom for the Association's "We Learn" pilot program. This program provided capacity building for teachers and parents, and extra curriculum support for vulnerable children from Tripoli, Minnieh, Akkar, and Dinnieh. This project worked to enhance the education opportunities available to disadvantaged children and to reduce school dropouts.

Association du Foyer de L'Enfant au Liban (AFEL) was founded in 1976, with a mission to assist children at risk of abuse and with learning difficulties by supporting their educational development and vocational training. Australian DAP funding helped to furnish and equip classrooms at AFEL's school in Borj Hammoud. This project provided students with more suitable tables and chairs and enhanced the quality of education provided at the school.

Institute for Development, Research, Advocacy and Applied Care (IDRAAC) was established in 1982 with a mission to conduct and promote research in mental health, to raise public awareness and advocate for mental health as a basic human right, and to advocate the importance of care for all age groups. Australian DAP funding enabled a group of Lebanese women to acquire new skills and increase their earning potential by becoming carers for patients with Alzheimers. It also helped Alzheimers patients receive professional health care services.

Farah Social Foundation received Australian DAP funding to purchase new topographic equipment for the Technical School of Batloun. This project improved the quality of education provided by the school and helped the students learn new techniques and skills.

LOGOS Association received Australian DAP funding for the establishment of a new sensory room at SESOBEL, Ain El Rihani. This project improved the quality of life of children with disabilities through early detection and intervention and assisted the trainers in providing more sophisticated support to children with Autism.

Al Hadi Institute for Deaf, Blind, and Learning Disabilities provides education, rehabilitation and vocational training for children and youth with hearing and visual impairment. Australian DAP funding supported the purchase of a braille embosser/printer which enabled the school to print braille books for their visually impaired students.

Mada Association received Australian DAP funding to improve production for small-scale fruit-growing farmers through the provision of training on new techniques in rearing and pruning to sustain the life of the trees and increase fruit production. This project improved the agricultural production in the region and the livelihoods of farmers.

Will Association was established in 2009 with a focus on social development, capacity building, environment, livelihoods and education. Australian DAP funding supported the training of women and young girls in beekeeping and provided them with the necessary equipment to implement these skills and to plant trees for the bees.

Project for Culture and Development provides development projects in the Kersayta village in Dinnieh to improve livelihoods and quality of life. Australian DAP funding supported the purchase of

a cheese making machine to turn milk into longer-life dairy products. This provided employment opportunities for disadvantaged women and reduced food waste in the village.

Himaya Daeem Ataa. was established to assist civil society to improve and expand their services. Australian DAP funding supported the organisation to rehabilitate the latrines of Kobbah Prison. This project improved the lives of prisoners by improving hygiene standards in the prison.

Proud Lebanon was established in 2013 to promote awareness and support to LGBTIQ communities in Lebanon. Proud Lebanon works from a small centre in Beirut to provide psycho-medical services, legal assistance and medical consultations, while also raising awareness of HIV and STDs. Australian DAP funding supported the renovation of an apartment to accommodate a larger number of beneficiaries. This project improved the lives of marginalized groups and increased awareness on LGBTIQ rights.

Ehden Governmental Hospital received Australian DAP funding for new equipment for their emergency room. This project increased the quality of the health care services available in the remote area.

SKOUN helps people with addiction problems through counselling, treatment, awareness and education. SKOUN conducts drug awareness and prevention programs in schools, universities, youth clubs and community clubs. Australian DAP funding supported the development of brochures that were distributed during awareness sessions and outreach interventions conducted by SKOUN's team throughout the year. This project helped raise awareness of addiction issues and improved the health of patients by connecting them with available services.