

DIRECT AID PROGRAM (DAP) PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2019

Tannourine Development Association was established in 2018 with the aim of improving the region's tourism, agriculture, health and education services in collaboration with civil society. Australian DAP funding supported the Association to equip an ambulance used by the Lebanese Red Cross in Tannourine. This project helped the Red Cross in the region improve the quality of health care assistance they could provide.

The Australian Lebanese Council is a community group located in Sydney, Australia that aims to strengthen, promote and support social and cultural interactions between the Australian-Lebanese communities in Lebanon and Australia. Australian DAP funding supported the purchase of medical equipment for a medical centre that was established by the Council in Tripoli. This project helped the centre to continue providing basic health care at affordable cost to disadvantaged communities.

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 supported a program for men to become carers to Alzheimers' patients. This project enabled a group of Lebanese men to acquire new skills and increase their earning potential. It also helped Alzheimers patients receive professional health care services.

Basmeh and Zeitouneh runs a community centre in Bar Elias, Bekaa to provide education and socio-economic support to Syrian refugees and the local host community. Australian DAP funding supported the establishment of a public library and resource centre in the organisation's premises that could be accessed by their students and students from surrounding areas. This project supported the education of children and provided them with resources to improve their learning skills.

Lebanese Autism Society was established in 1999 to advocate for the rights of individuals with Autism and provide them and their families with support, awareness and education from early childhood to adulthood. Australian DAP funding supported the establishment of an indoor sensory integration unit at their centre. This project improved the lives of children with Autism through early detection and intervention.

Association for the Support of Disabled Children was established in 2010 and specialises in services to children with developmental disabilities under the age of five. Australian DAP funding supported the purchase of therapy equipment for the Association's physiotherapy centre. This project improved the mobility of the children and helped them better engage in educational play and social activities.

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 female beekeepers to produce honey-related products (soap, candles, cosmetics). This project provided the women with new skills to increase their earning potential.