## **DIRECT AID PROGRAM (DAP) PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2024-25**

**Brightful** is a non-governmental organisation with a mission to empower youth, fostering peace, advancing gender equality, promoting human rights and combatting gender-based violence. Australian DAP funding supported the establishment and equipping of an "Action Lab" dedicated to youth empowerment and community development. This project transformed an abandoned space into a social hub, and a place for training in digital literacy and life skills.

**Stouh Beirut** is a non-profit organisation founded in 2013 to provide social services for underprivileged individuals and families to improve their lives and well-being. Australian DAP funding supported "the equipping of the Mother and Child Department at the Karantina Governmental Hospital. This project improved maternal healthcare services for patients at an affordable cost.

Association des Jeunes Islamiques/Rahma Medical Centre is a non-profit organisation founded in 1981 dedicated to support and empower people with special needs through education, health care, rehabilitation, and social training to reach their full potential and offer support to their families and their communities. Australian DAP funding supported the purchase of 89 customised wheelchairs for children with disabilities. This project helped improve the educational opportunities available to these children and enhanced their engagement and social integration.

**CodeBrave** provides coding, robotics and AI education to youth people in Lebanon. Australian DAP funding supported the equipping of a coding and robotics laboratory in two schools. This project helped CodeBrave deliver hands-on training in game-based coding and robotics classes to underprivileged children.

**Imam Sadr Foundation** started in 1984 with the aim to improve the livelihoods of people in Lebanon through education, health, women's empowerment and community development. Australian DAP funded the establishment of a library for the students at the education centre in Tyre. This project provided students with educational resources, wider access to information and assists with schoolwork.

The Social Welfare Institutions in Lebanon / Dar Al Aytam Al Islamiya is a leading NGO offering a whole range of general and specialised social and welfare. Australian DAP funding supported the "Ambassador of Beauty" project. This project empowered 44 youth with disabilities by providing vocational training in beauty, helping increase self-reliance and social integration.

**Al Ribat Association** is a non-profit organisation that was established in 2007 to promote culture of rights, reduce discrimination and enhance acceptance and social integration of people in Minieh and Beddawi. Australian DAP funding supported a female-led economic initiative in Beddawi that improves beneficiaries' agro-food processing skills and allowed them to produce value-added products, while at the same time training women farmers in organic farming techniques. The resulting supply chain connected paddock to market.

Forum for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities founded in 1986 with the main objectives to defend the rights of persons with disabilities, work for their inclusion in the society and improve their livelihoods. Australian DAP funding supported the purchase of educational tools, including specialised electronics, a brailler, and other supplies, for students with visual impairment, providing them with the necessary resources to alleviate educational challenges.