

## **DIRECT AID PROGRAM (DAP) PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2023-24**

**Michel Daher Social Foundation** was established in 1992 to assist in economic and social development, community healthcare, improving livelihoods and promoting healthier environment. Australian DAP funding supported the Foundation's waste management program in Zahle Caza. This project enhanced awareness and education on waste management, increased recycling, and reduced waste.

**Health Care Society** was founded in 1995 to provide health care services to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. Australian DAP funding supported the purchase of six new dialysis treatment chairs to replace the broken ones. This project provided the patient a more comfortable and efficient dialysis treatment.

**Migrant Workers' Action** is an international non-governmental organisation with a vision of achieving sustainable change in Lebanon's immigration and labour system through advocacy, education, intervention, and support. Australian DAP funding supported the capacity building and vocational training for migrant workers. This project helped the migrant workers enhance self-development and self-confidence, increase their resilience and opportunities to prevent the risk of re-trafficking.

**Social Humanitarian Economical Intervention for Local Development** was established in 2010 to provide direct assistance and community-based interventions to enhance human rights, social awareness, economic growth, access to food and healthcare services for marginalized and deprived communities. Australian DAP funding supported the rehabilitation of the Baabda Women's Prison. This project improved the living condition, hygiene and sanitation of the prison and increased the safety and well-being of the women detainees.

**Will Association** was established in 2009 with focus on peace, unity, social and economic empowerment through advocacy, psychosocial support, sensitization community outreaches, networking educational support, environmental protection and conservation. Australian DAP funded the Women's Network of Bake for women to learn baking, entrepreneurship and social media skills. This project empowered women to establish home-based baking businesses to increase their income and improve their livelihoods.

**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 services through centres characterised by a civil, caritative, and developmental natures. Australian DAP funding supported the "Young Chefs and Food Explorers". This project empowered 50 youth with disabilities to acquire culinary skills and nutrition education fostering their self-reliance and self-confidence.

**1More Cup** is a human rights organisation for gender equality and social inclusion. Australian DAP funding supported "1 More Studio" to produce knowledge materials for the LGBTIQ+ and other marginalised communities in Lebanon. This project helped increase awareness and understanding of the LGBTIQ+ rights and issues in the SWANA region and strengthened the collaboration among human rights organisations and allies in the region.

**FiftyFifty** started in 2012 aiming at promoting gender equality in private and public sectors, focusing mainly on political decision-making positions. Australian DAP funding supported "Young Politalks" to empower youth through dialogues and discussions on sociopolitical issues and gender equality,

strengthen their capacity to engage in political activities and acquire decision-making positions to become future leaders. This project empowers youth and promotes gender equality.

**Development for Life and Peace** a non-profit organization based in Iklm Kharoub dedicated to providing emergency medical services (EMS) and other health related services to the community. Australian DAP funding supported the purchase of equipment for the organization's training centre. This project enhanced the EMS personnel skills for fast and efficient emergency response.

**Nation Station** is a grassroots initiative that started as an immediate response to the 4<sup>th</sup> of August Beirut port blast and have since evolved to provide sustainable development projects such as women empowerment food security, healthcare, environment and community development. Australian DAP funding supported the Women's Empowerment Centre. This project promoted literacy, increased employability opportunities and promoted gender equality.

**Makani** is a nonprofit organization working with women refugees dedicated to women empowerment, social development and capacity building. Australian DAP funding supported "Recycling Rags and Rights". This project promoted gender equality and women's rights among refugees community and increased recycling and improved livelihoods.

**Father Roberts Institute for Young Deaf and Children with Learning Disabilities** was founded in 1959 by Father Ronald Roberts to provide care and education for young deaf and children with learning disabilities. Australian DAP funding supported the renovation of the Institute's audiology room. This project improved the monitoring and intervention of hearing impairments and enhanced the quality of education of the young deaf students.