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Introduction:

The spread of COVID -19 Pandemic in Lebanon, that started from the beginning of February 2020, came to deepen the Lebanese crisis with its economic, social, political dimensions, to add the health and humanitarian dimension. At time, the Lebanese health system is not ready to face any medical emergency, nor are the state institutions qualified to manage its impact. where the Governmental hospitals suffer from chronic neglect and lack equipment and human cadres, and there are restrictions imposed on financial transactions and illegal hold Lebanese deposit hostage, the Palestinian and Syrian refugees also suffer from extremely difficult conditions that threaten to widely spread of Virus with in Vulnerable communities and dense overcrowding. As for social protection mechanisms, they are confused and partial aid systems and there are no existing structures or mechanisms with a validity for such a situation that can be relied upon as a starting point to address the repercussions of the social crisis.

the spread of the Pandemic also came after months after the starting of the Lebanese revolution “ 17 October revolution “ which constituted a clear expression by the Lebanese people of their lack of acceptance of policies pursued in the country and the options that led to a group of politicians and businessmen close to controlling the joints of the state , government and the economy , where more than half of the Lebanese population suffers from poverty , about 50 % of the population lacks social protection , and 55 % of the workforce is classified as unprotected work , all these percentages reach about 75 % in the poorest and most marginalized cities , neighborhoods and villages , especially refugees camps in Lebanon .

All the above circumstances, had direct impact on the entirety of our work as associations, and imposed on us to work within a strict environment where movement and works are linked to the adherence to the complex health conditions that affected the types of our activities and beneficiaries, and the extent of the response to our plans within those circumstances. Which imposed on us anew challenges that we were not well prepared for as all other NGO, especially those related to “remote work “, that considered as a new experience for all associations and organizations in Lebanon, as our work requires direct contact with the target group. but in spite that of that we were able to create new working methods that focus on the alignment between direct work and remote work, as we divided the beneficiaries into two parts, where we were work directly with the half and indirectly with the other half, this procedure contributed in securing the required spacing accompanied with imposing health condition from the permanent wearing of the masks and the continuous sterilization of centers and peoples.

We were also able to continue effectively implementing activities and projects under a planned vision, and we were able to open a new Branch for Nuwat in Burj al Barajni camp in Beirut, as well as, another branch in Naher al Bared camp where part of “Violet home” project is well implemented despite the new experience and the modest knowledge of the employees and volunteers working in Naher al - Bared center.

First: Project of reducing the vulnerability of refugee girls and adolescent in Lebanon: Violet Home project

The project main goal is: contribution in protecting rights of the refugee's girls and teens girl who are living in Lebanon, and that in line with the goals of sustainable development No. 5 "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls"

this project was started at the beginning of February 2020 and will be continued till the end of March 2021 and it includes the following activities:

- providing support education for 90 girls and teens girls in grade 8 till the baccalaureate class.
- providing the necessary alternative education (BLN) for 60 girls and teenage school dropouts.
- Providing Monthly food ration for 100 vulnerable families to contribute to reducing girls and adolescent vulnerabilities who are enrolled in the project.
- implementing a leadership training for 20 girls and female adolescents.
- providing computers and networking training courses to 40 girls and adolescents who have dropped out of school.
- enrollment of 50 girls and adolescents in women sport club
- enrollment of 50 girls and adolescents in the library and internet center for women.
- implementation of 3 Grouping and general psychological sessions
- implementation of individual psychological sessions for girls in specific and critical cases.
- implementing 3 common activities between girls enrolled in the project and their Moms.
- A media promotion campaign for the project.
- production and promotion of awareness videos
- Awareness and impact meetings with social and political actors in the camp.

second: Health care project for pregnant women "A new beam of life "

Since November 2005, New beam project has been performed for pregnant women and early birth children under the name of "a New beam of life "and with cooperation with Human call association and with funds from one of Spanish associations.

the program includes covering the cost of consultation and pelvis US (ultrasound) for women who have risk during their pregnancy , in addition to covering the cost of Normal and Cesarean delivery and following up of newborns in Pediatric intensive care and that without preference or discrimination , with priorities to those who are not able to benefit from free services providing by UNRWA or those who have problems with their identity and legal documents especially who are displaced from Syria during Syria war .

The provision of health support is accompanied by launching a health awareness campaign to reduce the level of birth at home to avoid any maternal and child death and prevent infection of children from contracting chronic diseases after birth. in addition to health- enhancing and sex education for young girls in the camp. and that through providing monthly awareness sessions for project beneficiaries and for the whole community about pregnancy, risks during it, and the importance of medical cares during this period .in addition to publishing electronically various psychological, health, and nutritional posters for pregnant women with the aim of educating, awareness, and guidance.

Achievements of the project in 2020:

- Number of women beneficiaries: 136 women
- number of provided services: 234 service
- Number of deliveries: 43, 9 out of 43 was cesarean delivery
- Number of awareness sessions: 12 (Health, Nutrition, educational)

Third: Educational department

It is a funded educational Project and implementing since 1998 , under the name of “ alternative school “ which aimed to the rehabilitation of children who drop out of school from age 6 to 14 years old with the aim of empowering them educationally and psychologically and trying to return them to their schools or enrolling them on vocational institutions to learning them professions enabling them to find a job that will ensure them financial independency and ensuring their normal rights to live in dignity like other individuals in the society . The project also provides academic support to students enrolled in UNRWA, public and even private schools, who suffer difficulties in their academic achievement and are considered the most vulnerable to dropping out of their school to ensure their continued enrollment in the education process and achieve better results.

This project ensures the psychological and social support, health, and educational knowledge through the implementation of Educational entertainment activities, library activities, awareness sessions for parents and children in an organized and systematic way, in addition to the implementation of empowering training courses for them in partnership with other institutions working within the camp.

while the fund of the project was stopped at the beginning of November 2020, without any clear explanation or reasons , but despite that the association continues to provide these services to children through self - funding (donations from peoples , rents of the hall) and with minimum level of running materials and human capabilities by reopening only of two classes out of six previously , one of these class is for drop out students of school , and the second is for students who needs an academic support , 30 students in each class as maximum number .

Activities	implementation date	No of beneficiaries	Topic and activities numbers of implemented activities
Providing alternative education	84	throughout 2020	
Supportive education from grade 1 to grade 5	100	throughout 2020	
Awareness sessions	13 awareness sessions were implemented	541 were participated	under a social , educational , health and agricultural topics
Summer activities (through using social media application)	3 weeks (10 august - 30 august)	125	it seen by 2896 person as average
. relation with parent	6 meetings throughout the year	184 person	How parents should deal with their children and support them to improve their performance and educational attainment
campaign about dangerous of early marriage and child Labour and that within the child protection network launched by Al Najdi association .	during the months of July, August , and September		
communication with other NGOs _	23 meetings		meetings and Discussions with various institutions especially, that works in both supportive education and and with drop out students
Employee training	7 employees 18 employees and volunteers	14, 16 July 2020 10 , 11 September 2020	two training: first: behavioral and psychological problems in children were carried out by mirna dieb, psychologist at nuwat social solidarity center. second: learning difficulties by contacting with IABC
aimed entertainment activities (in person and through social media application)	3 of January 2020 till 13 of march 2020 May 2020	178 child it seen by 6629 person	9 Activities aimed entertainment activities was shooted and published on social media

Library activities: .	6 activities were implemented	112 child	training children arranging sentences and ideas , stories narrative and making puppet shows
children empowerment	Feb 2020 till 21 of April 2020	35	7 sessions in coordination with Alwan association under topics of -Time management -creative thinking - problem solving
communication with UNRWA school	6 meetings		meetings with the schools principles , support program and education director of UNRWA schools in saida to stand on the students development and coordinate to make more improvement .
producing 7 educational videos	May and June 202	it seen by 8776 person	
this activity was not part of the project goal matrix	24 child	During Eid al fitar	clothes for children were distributed with a donation from people

Fourth: Palestinian child club “Farah “< we play and Grow for better Future >

We started working in the club since the beginning of December 2016, the project continued with the self- funding and the efforts of our volunteers.

farah is an educational and entertainment program aimed to help children to live in a healthy and psychologically suitable environment for their needs, and investing their free time with helpful activities, strengthening their relationship with the camp, as a place of refuge and the Palestinian cause.

this project is working on raising a new generation of young youth with better and improved thinking, and that through modifying some wrong concepts and behavior of children m enhancing unity, diversity, justice and equality concepts, and increasing their knowledge of correct information and cultures, especially that related to the Palestinian cause.

where 53 activities were held during the year 2020, in which 406 children aged between 5 and 14 years old have participated.

Fifth: Seed of independence program - You act project

it was project funded from one of the Swedish association, the project started in May 2018 and ended in December 2020, where we achieved all the planned goals especially that related to enhance the association administrative and financial capacities, Below you will find a table showing the most important activities carried out by the association during the year 2020 through this project.

Activities	Sub -Activities	in collaboration /partner with	implementation date	No. of beneficiaries
building the capacities of employees working within the association	training on :Google apps and drive: Docs, slides, sheets	"BRETEAU FOUNDATUION	9 and 16 of May plus the 2 of June 2020	13 (12 Female , 1 Male)
	GBV training	Mouwasat assocoation		23 (19 female , 4 Male)
	Summer forum Jinana : managing stress, flexibility and responsibility ,psychological support ,podcast, nonviolent communication , making film through mobile	Arab Information center for folk art AL-JANA	FROM 24 OF SEPTEMBER 2020 to 26 of October 2020	7 (6 Female , 1 Male)
	lobbying and advocacy training		8 of September 2020	30 girls from volunteers
Common Activities	A cultural competition on the occasion of International day of solidarity with Palestinian people had been implemented with the public in the camp streets		14 -Nov -2020	100 person
	shooting a video with elder peoples in Naher al -Bared camp on the occasion of International day of solidarity with Palestinian people			

	“ Palestine as we know it “ distributing the historical map of Palestine in the streets	this activity was implemented in partnership with PYO	28 - Feb -2020 5 March -2020	
	video had been shooted inside the camp about general mobilization decision and its impact on the social and economic life of refugees		20 - March 2020	it seen by 84668 person
	An interview with a cleric to Justify suspending prayers in mosques, one of the procedures that faced many objections in the camp.		21 of March 2020	it seen by 50624 person
	Distributing 200 Hygiene Kits	in partnership with PYO	during the month of April	200 person
	Greeting Muslims on the occasion of Ramadan (video)		24 of April 2020	it seen by 24731 person
	Ramadan during the spread of COVID -19 (Video in the camp neighborhoods		26 of April 2020	it seen by 428822 person
	implementing 4 Virtual awareness sessions on proper nutrition and healthy habits that fasting people must follow during the month of Ramadan		24- April-2020 5 -May 2020 12 - May 2020 20-May -2020	
	“Palestine as we know it “campaign publishing summary about life of Palestinian poets ,	it was printed as Banners and published in the EEH camp upper street in	May 2020 while it has been published on Facebook starting from 28 of July	

	writers and influencers , their vocational life and their roles in supporting the Palestinian cause	addition to publishing it (30 posters) on Nuwat Facebook page and that on the occasion of Nakba	2020 and publishing ended on 29 of December 2020	
	shooting 9 children stories by using puppets	throughout the year of 2020		
	A solidarity video with the victims and those affected by Beirut port explosion		8-August 2020	it seen by 12531 person
	Reviving world breast cancer day with an awareness event on the street , in addition to distributing 1000 brochures in EEH , Naher al bared and burj al barajni camps		2 of November 2020	
	Publishing 6 awareness posters about Breast cancer and the importance of early detection		during the month of October	it seen by 13856 person
	Refusing the normalization with the Zionist entity (analog Video)		7 of Dec 2020	it seen by 2096 person
	Virtual awareness session about administrative detention entitled “ administrative detention between the choice of freedom and testimony “		13 of Dec 2020	it seen by 3455

	virtual awareness session about identity papers (legal documents) for refugees with a focus on the third category of refugees named by “refugees with Non - IDs “		25 - Dec -2020	it seen by 2570 person
Electronic campaign about the right of return for Palestinian refugees	Publishing 55 materials related to the campaign on Facebook and other social media application		the campaign started on 15 of May and continued till the end of the year	it seen by 9079 person
Awareness sessions	implementing 7 awareness sessions on gender issues (3 of them were a virtual sessions)	3 of it was in collaboration with Lebanese women democratic gathering	throughout the year of 2020	82 person attended in the first four sessions , and the virtual sessions were seen by 401 person as average
	implementing 8 sessions on the civil rights for refugees	1 session in collaboration with NRC and session with MSF in Burj al barajni center	throughout the year of 2020	115 person

During December, 13 posters on the western Sahara issue and common points with the Palestinian cause had been published, and that after revising of this information from Equip media team (one of the western Sahara association working in the media field).

12 health awareness session were implemented in cooperation with the human call association for 47 girls

Sixth: Yafa sport club for women

it has been equipped with the necessary sports machines and tools to practicing sport related to physical fitness and that suits women, it was launched at the end of 2018, the club now is part of many projects implemented in the association and considered as a meeting place for all women who want to practice sports, in 2020, the number of beneficiaries reached 609 women.

Seventh: Naji Al Ali Library:

It is a library equipped with a set of varied and aimed books, and with modern means to implement sessions and workshops, it was launched at the end of 2018, for the benefit of the whole community and beneficiaries of the projects implemented by Nuwat .

Eighth: Nuwat Branches (centers in various regions)

Naher Al Bared Center:

It is one of NUWAT Branches that was established and launched in the beginning of 2020, the center is targeting children, Youth, and cultural activities implementation where it is focusing in providing the support education for students who are under risk of dropping - out in addition to implementing aimed entertainment activities for them.

And since February 2020, we implement part of “Violet home “project there which is implemented with funds from of Spanish association (approximately 33 %) this helped the center in having a strong push and being well known in Naher Al Bared camp.

in addition to the existence of a cultural committee in the center that established a modest library and accomplished many cultural activities, such as competitions and drawings.

Activities	Number of beneficiaries	Activity topic
implementing part of Violet home project	20 girls that dropped - out from their schools enrolled in the project, and approximately 36 girls benefited from supportive education services in addition to their families	

provision of the support education for students from grade one to grade seven	196 child	
library activities		A modest library was established inside the center, and number of cultural activities and competition were carried out
children entertainment activities	approximately 60 child	entertainment activities, reviving occasions, in addition to implementing training on leadership and behavioral topics to ensure an empowered future generation
Training courses with certified trainers	30 Youth	Human Development , CV writing , leadership skills
Awareness sessions for children and their parents	20 child and their parents	cooperation , communication and decision making
Sports	15 child	we have a football team from 15 child (boys and girls)
Social Activities	120 families per day	the Ramadan kitchen was established, where 2500 hot meals were served to 120 families daily , and the Kitchen were fully funded by philanthropists

Burj Al - Barajneh camp center:

the work began in Burj Al Barajneh center since the beginning of the year 2020, with the support of twinning committee between one of the French municipalities and the camp, where the work started by providing supportive education for children aged between 6 to 12-year-old, in addition of implementing aimed entertainment activities for all children living in the camp.

The center participated in many social and solidarity campaigns in the camp to serve the most needed families and to secure a healthy living environment inside the camp.

Al Galil camp center

It is one of the Nuwat association branches that has launched at the beginning of 2018, where the center implemented a series of aimed and entertainment activities with children in addition to awareness activities for Youth to aware them of their rights and activates their pioneering role in various issues in Galilee camp and its surrounding.

At the end of 2019 , the executive administration of Nuwat evaluated Al Galil center administrative and financial situation , Based on the assessment at the end of January 2020 we decided to stop center works ,and that until the appropriate conditions for work are available , especially those conditions that related to finding an institutional staff capable to give sufficient time and effort to the association and having sufficient capacity to lead and manage effectively the association works in the current hard condition and with low financial capabilities.

Al Badawi Center:

It is still in the process of establishment and is expected to be opened at the beginning of 2021.

Abstracts:

1- The Nuwat association - social solidarity center has sought in the past three years to enhance its organizational capacities and that through Redesigning its strategies objectives and visions, in a clear manner and in line with new requirement of refugee communities, and raising staffs and volunteers' efficiency to improve the quality of provided services by the association that ensures its geographical and quantitative expansion.

2- Nuwat was able to establish its human resource department and draw its related policies, in addition to the establishment of the financial accounting department of the association, which contributed in designing the association accounting system and creating the financial policies to enhance its transparency of the association in front of the target groups and funded associations.

3- in recent years , the Nuwat association achieved speed and widespread locally and abroad , where the electronic means of communication played an important role in this spread ,as Nuwat was able to create its own website in addition to an increase of 50 % in the Number of followers in its facebook page in compared to 2018.this was due to the types of projects been implemented by the association , that was of interest to the community , in addition to intensified publications(Materials) on social media as a result of launching various campaigns to advocate for refugee issues in Lebanon or those awareness campaigns aimed to culturing society and promoting awarenesses of the future generations , also, the current health situation (Emergency situation) “ Covid -19 “ contributed in achieving this success as the association converted most of its activities into virtual activities which was distributed through social media .

4- Nuwat association expanded its partnership and coordination with other civil society associations working in Lebanon, the most important of which were: The Employment service center “UNRWA”, NRC, Mouwasat association, Lebanese women democratic gathering, Breatu Foundation, Médecins Sans Frontières etc

Suggestions:

- Periodic review of the association policies and that in order to make necessary and needed adjustment in line with the current conditions and for its continuous development of being more effective.
- continuing in the Empowering process of all Employees working within the association (all branches), and working in sharing the practical experiences among association various branches to ensure the converging levels of growth between the branches of the association in various Geographic regions.
- Developing the Monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to ensure that the services provided to the target groups are of high quality and to demonstrate working skills of the employees in work.

- Expanding the partnership circle with the local Non-Governmental organizations in the places that association works in. (Naher al Bared- Badawi - EEH, And Burj Al Barajni)
- working in coordinating common activity / projects for the association with the contribution of all association branches under the aim of targeting more beneficiaries and to share experiences based on practical mechanisms.