



# NUWAT

## Social Solidarity Center

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## **OVER VIEW**

Nuwat-Social solidarity Center is a Lebanese non-governmental organization, established in 2004, registered at the Ministry of Interior Affairs and Municipalities as grassroots independent NGO on 19th June, 2009, license 989.

Basically "Nuwat" operates in Palestinian refugee's camps, gathering and all around Lebanon mainly focusing on vulnerable groups. Nuwat mainly focuses on advocacy, social works, medical support, educational support and assistance to the helpless and the marginalized groups equally and neutrally. Services are offered within systematic methods through projects implemented by Nuwat, or in coordination with other local authorities and NGO's for benefits of targeted groups based on their needs analyses.

## **VISION:**

Nuwat is a pioneer association that offers socio-economic and educational services for the marginalized groups in Lebanon, centered on partaking, equity and human rights.

## **MISSION:**

Working on developing Palestinian community in the camps and surrounding in social and economic context by raising the level of academic and vocational education, reducing school drop outs, illiteracy. Also, raise health and cultural awareness through implementing various activities targeting youth, women and children in particular and empowering young people within their community in order to participate in decision-making through advocacy campaigns and initiatives.

## **STRATEGIC GOALS:**

- Empowering women and the improving of their political, socio-economic and health status, a highly important end in itself. In addition to promoting the concepts of gender and social equity in order to limit early marriage.
- Investing into the technological , cultural and proficiencies of the human resources in the association through capacity building and developing their administrative and educational competencies towards preparing a capable staff to reach new heights at all times that contribute to offering better services within the Palestinian community.

- Empowering youth affected by their miserable refugee status in order to obtain their rights and develop their potentialities.
- Sustaining communal steadiness, thus, creating constructive relationships with the Lebanese surrounding, forming a combined language amongst the youth.
- Developing the concept of communal obligations amongst the youth by enhancing voluntary work, initiations and reinforcing the concept of belonging to their community as individuals.
- Improving the bitter livelihood of the refugees and those marginalized in Lebanon, however, emphasizing on implementing social, health and nutriment security.
- Providing safe and suitable spaces for children accessing to active learning and playing to help limit dropouts and child labor.
- Networking with the local NGOs in order to activate the role of the local association within the frame of serving refugees and marginalized

## WORKING AREA

Nuwat have three operating center in Lebanon:

**Main Working:** Saida, Ein El-Helweh Camp,  
Upper Street in front of Human Call Hospital

**Naher El Bared Center:** Tripoli, Naher El Bared  
Camp, New Camp, beside Al Shifaa Medical  
Center

**Al Jalil Center:** Baalbek, Al-Jalil "Wevel" Camp,  
Near camp Hall.



## ACHIEVED PROJECTS IN 2019

### 1. SEEDS OF INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM “YOU ACT: EMPOWERING YOUNG HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN PALESTINIAN REFUGEES CAMPS IN LEBANON”

Since 2018, Nuwat in coordination with EMMAUS works on activating the role of the youth within the community to guarantee it's sustainably and efficiency by reinforce Palestinian youths in general through reconstructing the hierarchy of the association based on scientific and consensus criterion. Also, emphasizing on implementing the criterion and recommended suggestions that reinforce the role of Nuwat through training the staff and volunteers and enabling them acquire administrative and leading potentials.

Also, carrying out trainings for the youths (males & females) to engage them play a leading role within the Palestinian community in the camps and gathering; a vital role to be considered by the youth in particular in Ein Al Helweh camp, for its symbolic existence characterizing the image of the deprived Palestinian refugees. This elongated deprivation of their rights to possess, employment and gender equity is a demand to move forward to resist the occupation beholding it the accountability for their uprooting and detachment from their homeland Palestine.

Moreover, youths (males & females) will implement leadership trainings through a competent association that enhance them acquire life skills, leadership skills in order to play a leading role amongst the diverse political parties and associations, all aim at creating remarkable and dynamic changes to combat corruption and fight for their just cause and seek gender equity within the community.

Despite the fact, that women are the most vulnerable and oppressed segment in the community, a center of two halls will be established for that end, a gym and a library with computers to enable women invigorate and express themselves, and practice their hobbies freely.

	Specific Objective	Outcome	Indicator
1	Nuwat has a high capacity for ensuring better performance	Staff members are confident in the following areas: project management, M&E, human resources management, organizational leadership, public relations and organizational strategic planning	- The training program continued during 2019 with the implementation of gender mainstreaming training - One volunteer was participated in 2 days training under the title “personal sport trainer “ and staff training
		Higher accountability and internal control	Nuwat has New accounting software which is installed in 3 computers and implemented since June 2019
		Increased capacity to communicate	Nuwat website domain is: Nuwat-lb.org



2	Having the Palestinian youth in Ein El Hilweh more active and aware	Nuwat staff and network members increase their knowledge on youth rights	2 day Training courses on youth rights Common activities
		Number of young women using the girls club	Number women using the club till the end of 2019 was: 189
		Participants consider activities to be fun, interesting and relevant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Environmental campaign related to reuse of the second hand clothes redistributed it to needed person.</li> <li>- Based on "Diabetes national day", November 14, a campaign was implemented by holding 6 awareness sessions in different residential gathering in the camp</li> <li>- Four empowerment sessions were implemented for youth.</li> <li>- Celebrating international volunteer day</li> <li>- Reviving the international day of solidarity with Palestinian people</li> </ul>
3	Creating a network of young human rights defenders to promote a cohesive civil society with a shared vision	Member organizations in network use resources gained through network to implement activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hold 2 coordination meetings to plan joint activities</li> <li>- Small grants were provided to support youth activities for each network members that had been implemented many related activities</li> </ul>
4	Raising awareness about human rights of Palestinian refugees, gender equality and women's rights	Nuwat staff and network members feel confident in advocacy work and lobbying	3 days training was agreed upon Training included practical parts where participants tested their information.
		Average number of people reached and post engagement through Facebook	Designing & implementing a social media campaign about right to work for refugees
		Participants find awareness sessions relevant and informative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 6 awareness sessions on civil and political rights</li> <li>- 6 awareness sessions on gender equality and women's rights</li> </ul>

## 2. SUPPORT TO REFUGEE FAMILIES "THE BREAD OF EVERY DAY" PROJECT.

This project has been carried out since 2005 in coordination with donors from private sector, which mainly offer food ration and financial aid for poor families and elders.

The project aims have changed in order to provide food proportions to displaced families from Syria attributed to the critical situation in Syria as of 2011.

Thanks to the support of humanitarian associations mainly Caritas Spain, which is our main funder of this project, we are offering aid for refugees in a time that all associations stopped offering aid claiming funds shortage, leaving displaced families without any hope to survive; this results pressure on them to flee to the Mediterranean sea to seek a new future in the European continent looking for a more stable and secure life, risking their lives and causing mass deaths.

Our center remained as the last hope for 500 displaced families where food ration containing basic meals were offered.

Recently, these 500 families are receiving each two month (250 Families monthly) food ration as an essential part of their life, especially since the majority of these families have no other sources of living.

Also we organized in this project 6 educational sessions in the fields of health, women's rights, and activities related to displaced youth and children to spread joy and inspiration for them.

It has become prominent and by close observation that these families benefiting from the food proportions and assistance have shown slim progress in their living standards which is considered as a good indicator that those families have more desire looking for solutions to their problems in constructive ways. Therefore, general amendments to the beneficiaries of the project take place 25% every year ; however , this project is not only limited to distributing food proportions to the deprived families it revives the economic cycle in the camp and enforces the purchase of the products from stores owned by Palestinians and in low prices.

	Specific Objective	Outcome	Indicator
1	Provide food aid to the most needy Palestinian refugees	Improving the living conditions of the poorest families in the camp.	Food aid granted to 80 families and 20 elderly people every two months for a year.
2	Provide food aid and monthly quotas to Palestinian displaced refugees from Syria installed in and around Ein El Helweh camp.	Improving the living conditions of displaced Syrian families living in and around the Ein El-Helweh camp.	Provided 400 food aids to Palestinian families displaced from Syria. 200 different families every month
		Social monitoring to Palestinian refugee families most in need through visits and personal care to elder.	- 12 visits have been made to each beneficiary - Social and economic study has been done.



3	Carry out sociocultural and preventive sessions.	Participation of the beneficiary in educational sessions and other social & health actions to provide tools for increase the autonomy of the person / family.	6 socio-cultural sessions have been held until the end of the Project
		Improve the lives of children within the camp through the preparation of entertainment activities such as games, cinema, painting, music and dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 26 entertainment open days has been done</li> <li>- 3 movies presentations for children's that have a national and social educational message</li> <li>- one excursion for children</li> </ul>

### 3. HEALTH CARE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN "NEW RAY FOR LIFE" PROJECT:

Since November 2005 and due to the propelling need of the local community for such a project, NUWAT carries out this project in favor for the pregnant women and newborns under the title of Health Care for Pregnant Women "A New Ray for Life" \* in cooperation with the Human Call hospital, the only hospital found in Ein Al Helweh camp, a population of at least 80,000.

This project is sponsored by Caritas Spain and SAGRADA FAMILIA HNAS. BURDEOS based on doctors' visit, diagnosis and treatment, echo-ultra sound for women facing pregnancy risks. It also covers the expenses of normal and caesarian deliveries, in addition to following up the newborns in the intensive care unit especially for children, without any discrimination or preferences. Besides to giving priority to those deprived of UNRWA free services in medical treatment.

Moreover, seminars about pregnancy and risks during this period take place where health care is also provided with a session per month. This project is considered as a campaign against home delivery in an attempt to avoid death rates among mothers and newborns and prevent the newborns from encountering chronic diseases directly after delivery. It also aims at raising health awareness, and sexual education amongst the young women in the camp.

	Specific Objective	Outcome	Indicator
1	Contribution in the improvement of the health of the newborn as a result of better health of the mother	The pregnant woman does not experience serious complications during pregnancy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-offer medical care for 174 women during pregnancy</li> <li>-Perform 6 conferences related to nutrition.</li> <li>- Visit pregnant women 2 times during pregnancy to ensure their health.</li> </ul>
2	Contribution in the improvement of the emergency obstetric	Available emergency obstetric through prepared hospital with a trained agent	- Decrease pregnancy-related illnesses such as bleeding, infections,

	care	with obstetric skills present at all deliveries	obstructed labor, hypertensive disorders of pregnancy and anemia - 44 babes were born healthy
3	Ensure the foundations for good prenatal care.	Necessary medical attention during pregnancy.	No abortions or malformation related to not receiving medical attention
4	Educate women about common diseases	Promoting health and sex education to young women in the camp.	-Holding 6 seminars on pregnancy, its risks and the care they need  -Campaign against having birth at home

During 2019 we offered the following services:

Technical Services	QTY
Consultation	64
Ultrasound	304
D&C	0
Caesarian	8
Normal Delivery	36
Hospitalization	1
Total	413

#### 4. ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION SUPPORT PROJECT'

Since October 2011 we have been working on an educational project ' Alternative Education Support Project' financed by Kinder USA, functioning on rehabilitation of the drop outs aged 6-14 aiming at reinstating them to their schools or enrolling them in other educational vocational or training institutes where they can learn a skill to assist them find better job opportunities and achieve better living standards. This project is also designed for students in schools other than UNRWA to assist them sustain further education. The project also includes systematic entertainment activities such as trips, visits to the exhibitions, museums and nature. Further visits are also carried out to the public libraries in order to encourage them on effective reading in addition to awareness seminars to the parents.



	Specific Objective	Outcome	Indicator
1	Prevent children to roam in the streets and being exploited	Less “working” children and children living in the streets	-Regular educational program with alternative approach to learning in Reading & Writing, applied mathematics and science with children participating in decision making. -54 children aged 6 – 14 had Alternative education classes 5 days per week
2	Allow girls & boys who have finish learning through this project to reinforce their learning capacities and accompany them during technical training	A number of teenagers complete a technical training and learn skills for their future lives	
3	Prevent children from school dropout, by helping slow learners to progress and others to do their home works independently.	Less children drop out from school and/or pass exams with success at UNRWA schools	56 children aged 8 – 14 had remedial classes 5 days per week
4	Involve the parents in the learning process of their children	Parents are participating in the deferent project activities.	12 awareness session for parents 4 Entertainment activities
5	Allow children to pass part of the day in a structured environment	All Beneficiaries value each other in a different way from intellectual capacity.	3 weeks activities 6 days per week in which 78 children (45 girls & 33 boys) were participated in this activities including (painting, arts crafts, games, dance, music, movies and excursions

## 5. PALESTINIAN CHILD CLUB "PLAY & GROW FOR BETTER FUTURE"

Due to the lack of recreational facilities for the children's entertainment as attributed to the overpopulation of the camp, it is quite impossible to find places available for the children for recreation and entertainment. Neither are there spaces for cultural nor sports clubs to serve as an outlet for them. Despite the fact of the increasing number of children in the camp, the need for such centers and programs has become intensive by time.

This project rolled up after a field study of the children's situation in Ein Al Hilweh camp that showed a superior neglect of the refugee's children, as shown:

1. Lack of appropriate places for playing that do not meet with their sport, artistic, and cultural ability.
2. Unhealthy surrounding environment with lack of awareness and cultural aspects among parents leaving a negative impact on building their personality.
3. Marginalization faced by this category as the most vulnerable group in society
4. Dreadful security situation where children grow with panic.
5. Customs and traditions are considered an obstacle for developing their abilities especially for girls who are in most cases forced to stay at home , or are exposed to early marriage

**This project implemented and funded by Nuwat aimed to:**

- Help children live in a healthy and psychological environment compatible to their needs
- Invest children spare time with constructive activities, in addition to enhancing their association with the camp; the home of refugees; and the Palestinian issue.
- Develop a new generation of healthy, and open-minded youth through correcting wrong --inherited concepts among children by promoting unity, diversity, justice and equality concepts in-between them. Also by spreading health and cultural information, especially regarding the Palestinian issue

**Results at the end of the project:**

Number of children	270 child	Male	143
		Female	127
Number of volunteer	26 persons	Male	5
		Female	21
Trainers ( football , scout )	2 persons	Male	2
		Female	0
Football Team	30 child	Male	30
		Female	0
Scout team	19 child	Male	19
		Female	0

### With respect of the implemented activity

Entertainment and educational activities	40 day of Friday activity
Film showed	3 films during the year
Cultural and awareness sessions for children	5 sessions
Team work meeting	2 meetings per month one for planning and one for evaluation

## 6. NAHAR AL-BARED CENTER

Nuwat functions on systematic expansion in different Palestine refugee camp in Lebanon which aims at offering various services that meet the urgent needs of a larger number of refugees without discrimination. Accordingly, this branch was established in January 2019 especially after 60% reconstruction of Nahr Al Bared camp. Nuwat seeks to provide safe spaces and harmonious environment for the children to play, carry out activities, limiting drop outs and child labor. Nuwat also works on carrying out community awareness sessions concerning the environment, child's rights, health awareness and educational and social risks that children encounter throughout

## 7. AL JALIL CENTER

It is one of SSC branches inaugurated on 2018. It mainly aims at enforcing children and youths through various constructive activities for the children and awareness sessions for the youths in order to acknowledge their rights and activate their role within the community in Al Jalil "Wevel" camp and surrounding.

### LIST OF SPONSORED ASSOCIATION TILL 2019

Name	Logo
Caritas Spain	
Caritas Menorca	

EMMAUS	
Kinder USA	
Menorcan Cooperation Fund	
French Embassy in Lebanon	
FUNDACIÓN PAZ Y SOLIDARIDAD EN CASTILLA Y LEÓN	
War Child Holland	

French Organization for International Cooperation	
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### PHOTOS GALLERIES

	
Food Ration & Portable gas cooker Distribution	Newborn babe " New Ray for Life"
	
Awareness Session	Awareness Session
	
Children Activities	Children Activities



Campaign about used cloths



Exhibition about Palestinian traditional meal



Alternative Education Class



Remedial education Class



Youth Activities



Advocacy & Lobbying training