


SALAM LADC ANNUAL REPORT 2018

LET'S SHARE THE LANGUAGE OF PEACE



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR



Joseph Matta
Director & Founder

In 2009, Salam was born. We set values, objectives and we worked to achieve them... We expanded from the south to the north, the Bekaa, and from Lebanon to Norway, Sweden, France, England, and now Switzerland. The base on which SALAM was founded helped in this expansion and the values through which we worked contributed to this spread. But the most important and fundamental reason is the faith of people in this work and this message and the pursuance to achieve it and spread it more and more... To all these people is the credit and appreciation, to Larran and Martin, to all those who passed in Salam as volunteers who crossed the borders and met, to a team who believes in its work. To an administrative team who contributes to the progress of Salam at a more stable place, to the donors and Salam Branches who have faith in us and wanted to help. Thanks to all of those Salam survives and continues, and thanks to all of those the borders of light expanded, placing a smile on the face of a father, educating a child and supporting a woman, with the convergence of hundreds of people from different places on Earth.

This report carries numbers, you are giving these numbers meaning, and you have made the message continue, the message of peace and convergence!

Thank you and for further giving next year!



OUR MISSION

Salam LADC's mission is to support the most vulnerable - regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion or political affiliation - in Lebanon through providing direct aid and facilitating educational services.

We provide a platform for international volunteers, grassroots initiatives, and private and institutional donors to coordinate their efforts towards assisting and empowering refugee and other vulnerable groups across Lebanon - whilst also serving as the link to the major local and international actors.

In light of the overwhelming need created by the Syrian refugee crisis, our aim is to provide agile, effective and non-bureaucratic assistance, to fill the gaps where refugees and local communities do not receive sufficient support by any other international humanitarian institution.

In order to ensure that nobody is left behind, we strive towards strengthening inter-community dialogue, enhancing already existing local abilities and through this: building bridges between Lebanese hosts and Syrian communities.



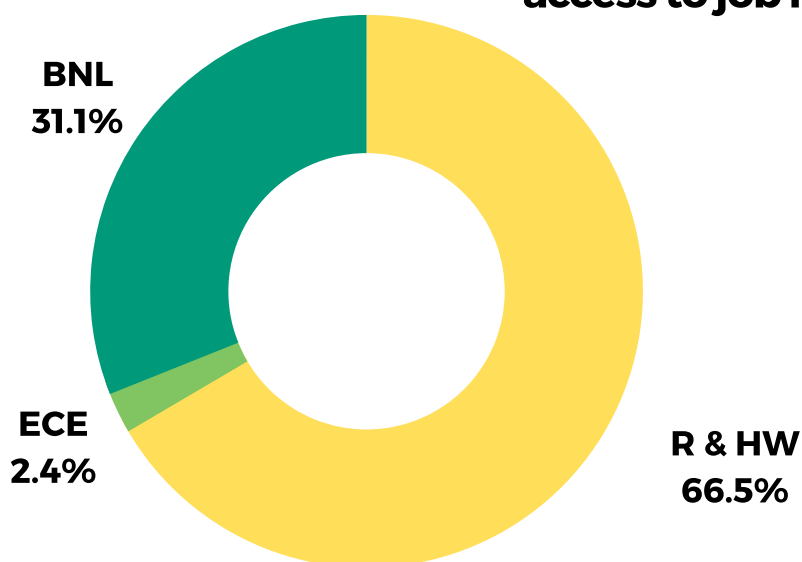
AID SECTOR

Our aid distributions helped alleviate financial pressures on the most vulnerable people in our area of work. We conducted prior needs assessments to ensure we provided relief to those who needed it most. The main items distributed throughout 2018 were dried food baskets. This comes as the level of food insecurity is rising in Bekaa Valley due to a lack of livelihoods opportunities and the high cost of basic food items. Salam also launched a winterization campaign to support vulnerable families get through the harsh and freezing months. Heating fuel, blankets, food packs and hygiene bags were distributed to settlements selected based on thorough winter-specific needs assessments.



EDUCATION SECTOR

This year Salam LADC worked to provide always more educational services to refugee's population around Central Beqaa. Our programs targeted mostly children and aim to guarantee the basic numeracy and literacy (BNL) to out-of-school children to offer them the chance to be enrolled into the formal education system. Early Childhood Education (ECE) was provided for children from 3 to 6 years old. For children already enrolled in schools, our retention & homework support (R&HW) programs help them to pursue with success their studies. English as a second language courses were offered to a group of beneficiaries inside Salam's Community Center, enhancing a better access to job market.



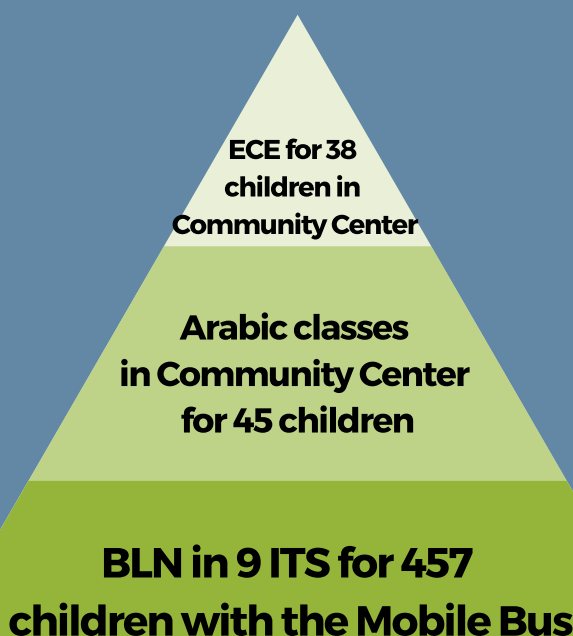
1583 *children*

33% *out-of-school children*

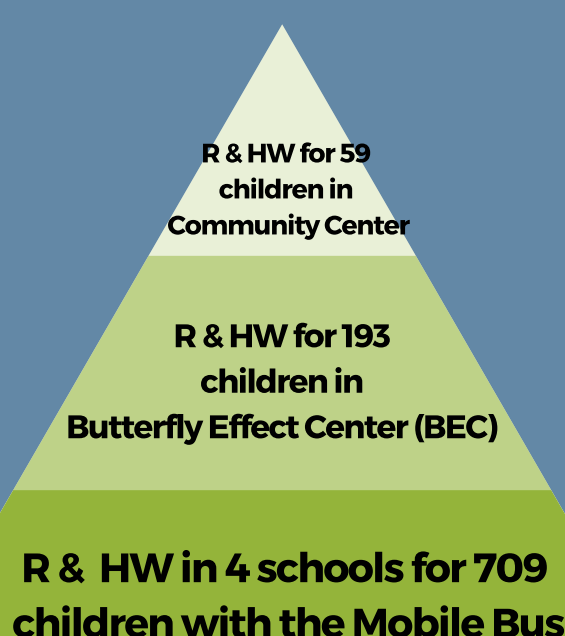
67% *in school children*

40 *adults*

CHILDREN OUT-OF-SCHOOL PROGRAMS



CHILDREN IN SCHOOL PROGRAMS



BUTTERFLY EFFECT CENTER

193 students

3425
support classes
provided



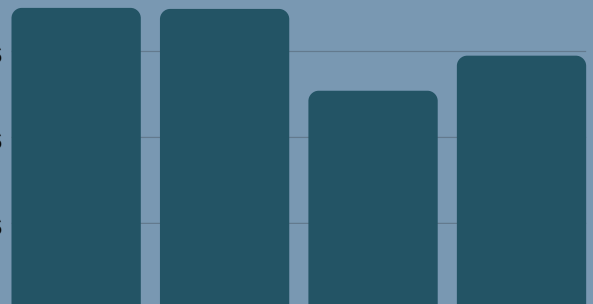
1 000 classes

750 classes

500 classes

250 classes

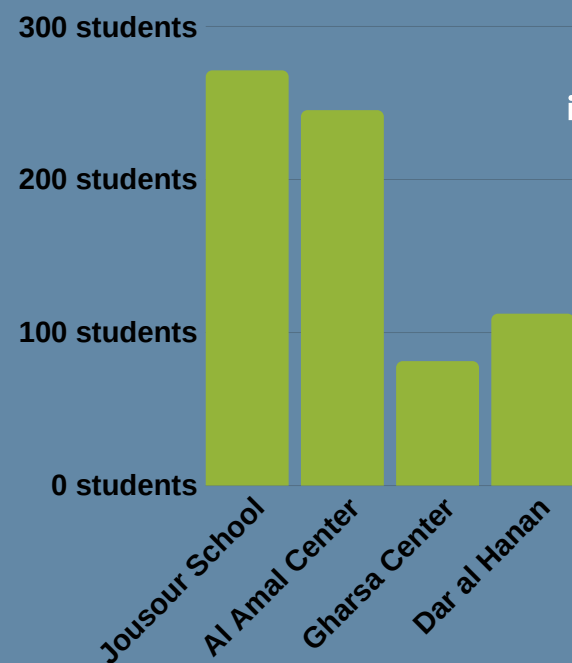
0 classes



RETENTION & HOMEWORK SUPPORT

SALAMAT BUS PROJECT

RETENTION & HOMEWORK SUPPORT



Partnering with 4 centers for informal education to provide with support 709 students

BASIC LITERACY & NUMERACY

100 students

Providing BNL for 457 out-of-school children in 9 ITS

75 students

50 students

25 students

0 students



PLAY WITH PURPOSE

116 sessions of Early Childhood Education, recreational activities & Sport for Development



SALAM COMMUNITY CENTER



Building on the success of Salam Community Center in 2017 & early 2018, we moved our activities into a new building in Saadnayel in August 2018. Our new Center was chosen as it has a much bigger space to welcome beneficiaries and a great location. More than 15 informal settlements are surrounding the Center, which enable the refugees and local communities to access by foot. We created two rooms dedicated to children's activities and a Safe Space for women. Another room is also available for art and cooking. Different kinds of sessions and training are offered during the year, depending on the needs assessed among the local community. As before, the priority of the Community Center is to open a dialogue between all communities, and to provide them with a Safe Space to gather, to share and to acquire new skills.

**+ 500
BENEFICIARIES**

**OVER MORE THAN
1150 SESSIONS FOR
16 ACTIVITIES
PROVIDED**



COMMUNITY SERVICES SECTOR

In addition to the services Salam provides inside our Center, projects are taking place inside the Syrian community, with the same wish of reaching the refugees where they are, through distribution events and our Mobile Bus. Thanks to our flexible staff and our incredibly dedicated volunteers, we are able to be always closer to the people we work with.

With these community services, our aim is to bring together different cultures and offer beneficiaries moments to share, according to their needs and realities. During these times, they are the hosts of the activities, and not the opposite as is often seen in the responses offered to refugees.

480
participants

378
events





COMMUNITY DINNER

89 beneficiaries
over 8 events



CINEMA

132 beneficiaries
over 38 events



ESL

93 beneficiaries
over 92 events in 3 ITS



BIRTHDAY

85 children



YOGA

48 beneficiaries
over 61 sessions

OUR TEAM



In 2018, our team worked with incredible passion to keep Salam's operations running smoothly on the ground and continued to dream big. Several team members joined the big family in Bekaa Valley. A new Operations Director took over the organization's reins and brought a fresh dose of determination and dedication.

As part of the latest team changes, a Monitoring and Evaluation Officer was hired to improve the quality of our data gathering and analysis. Throughout the year, Salam's headquarters is a hive of activity, with the team - made of locals and international staff- joining forces to continue sharing Salam's message of peace.

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VOLUNTEERING

DO YOU WANT TO HELP?

CONTACT US!

volunteering@salamladc.org

+150
volunteers
from
+20
countries



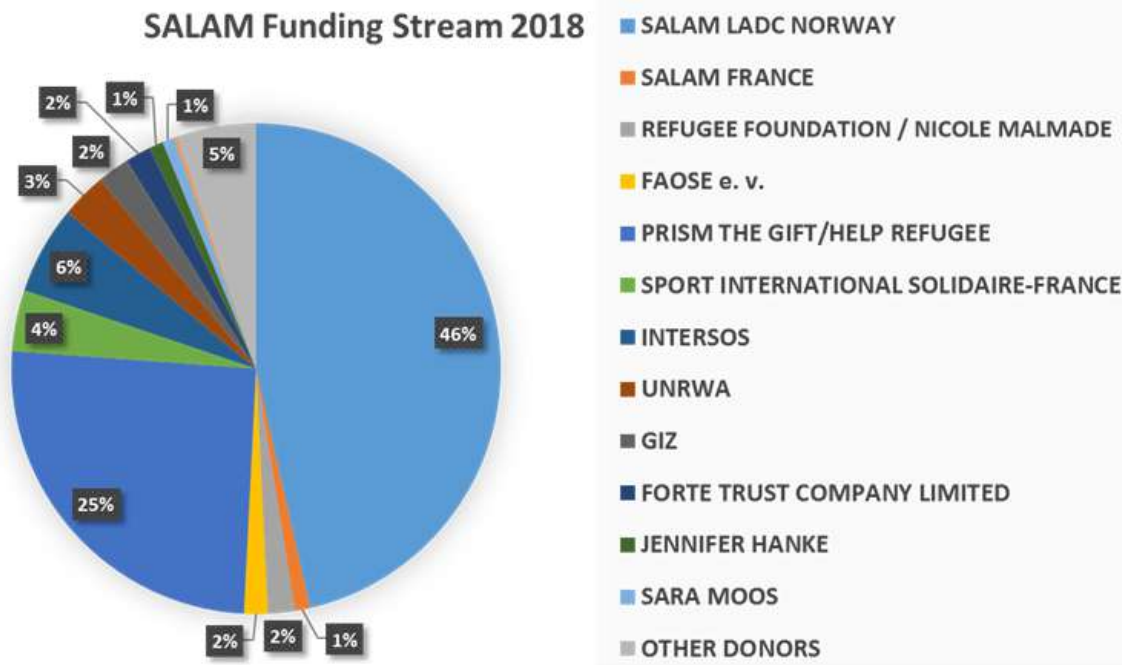
Volunteers are one of the pillars of Salam LADC. Projects could not run without continuous efforts on the field, day-in day-out. In 2018, more than 150 volunteers from around the world came to Bekaa Valley to help our operations on the ground. From running Kid's Club sessions at our Community Center, teaching English, and organizing other activities, they take the chance to make a difference to the lives of refugees living in Bekaa Valley.

This year our recruitment strategy was fine-tuned to target our needs. We desire volunteers from all kinds of backgrounds, and are are looking for ways to improve the quality of our programs.



2018

OUR DONORS & PARTNERS



During 2018, SALAM LADC has been able to become a 'Donation platform' for individual contributions coming from various individuals willing, hopeful and enthusiastic to provide help.

The generosity that drives people to provide what they can, even if only a little, leads us to manage the financial resources flowing to the organization with wisdom and responsibility.

In the past year, Salam started small budget activities funded by individuals or emerging associations, including; Sports, Birthday, Baking and Beauty sessions, as well as many others.

All Salam overhead costs are covered separately of the project's funds, which give Salam the privilege to:



**For all who made that possible we want to say,
on the behalf of all beneficiaries**

THANK YOU

STRATEGY FOR 2019



2017 and the first half of 2018 was mainly an episode of expansion for Salam LADC. The second part of the 2018 could be called our 'Chapter of Re-Focusing'. Salam LADC went through a transition process during which we developed from being a Humanitarian Relief Organization working with international volunteers to a more long-term oriented aid organization with the aim to be more sustainable and to find solutions in a more durable way.

As the political solution in Syria is still pending, the refugee situation here in Bekaa continuous to be precarious. After seven years in exile, the needs of the most vulnerable changed regarding their context, and changing needs in the population we serve means we have to develop new approaches.

Various reports show that the need of emergency assistance has now shifted to long-term aid provision, such as supporting education and income generating opportunities for most households. Due to the already resource-scarce environment, it is not surprising that levels of social tension between refugees and host communities have increased in recent years.

Due to this overall context, Salam LADC identified a strong need for community building programs with a special focus on education services, and will act according to filling these needs during 2019.

STRATEGY FOR 2019

The Emergency Response, will be -of course- kept as one of Salam's core pillars. However, for the future trend and the on-going enhancement of our organization it is important to further develop expertise and knowledge regarding more sustainable projects.

We will continue to focus on building stronger relationships with and across communities surrounding our Community Center, and will furthermore try to strengthen relationships with other local organisations in Bekaa. There is a lot of expertise in place already: we want to make use of it, join forces and exchange knowledge and experiences with other long-term stakeholders in Bekaa.

Another strong aim for us in 2019 will be to truly improve our current projects. As we did many needs assessments last winter, analyzing these surveys has also helped us to understand which needs might have changed and which projects might need to be re-designed or amended due to the dynamic contexts we are working in. Since we began using the ODK System, we have already seen a huge increase in collating more comprehensive data. Furthermore, we will extend our geographic area of activities with a new education project in the South of Lebanon and a Community Based Approach project to start activities in Syria.

We are proud of what has been achieved in the last year and all who have been part of this made it a fruitful and successful one. We look forward to another adventurous year in 2019 and are curious what we can achieve when we all work together, hand in hand.



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