Making a Difference

Syrian refugee children in Lebanon need more than food to grow up - by Patricia Mosmar

Lebanese children are facing a reality that was unimaginable just a few years ago. They have lost their homes and all that they knew to war. They have lost their families and friends. They are among the most vulnerable children in the world. They are in need of urgent care and support.

Year At A Glance

2013 Expenditures and Budget by Category

| Community Development Projects | 5,578,273 |
| Gifts for Children | 3,691,672 |
| Palestinian Refugees Program | 417,578 |
| Advocacy & Children’s Rights | 275,194 |
| Assistance for Syrian Refugees | 1,050,533 |
| Faith and Inter-religious Dialogue | 115,505 |
| Emergency Relief and Disaster Preparedness Projects | 28,420 |
| Totals | 11,157,085 |

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A Word from the Director

The Syrian refugees under overwhelming conditions of World Vision’s development and advocacy work in 2013. In this context, the work of our offices as well as our partners’ is to build on the process of lifting the well-being of 30,000 children in Lebanon.

During the first year of the Syrian refugee emergency, there were many reasons why World Vision Lebanon’s offices have had an opportunity to serve as new staff and communities. We are grateful for this step ‘Profile of Priority’ conducted in 2011 on the ability to explore what projects and activities in the Lebanon context could contribute to achieving our annual budget.

World Vision Lebanon established a foundation ‘Vision Lebanon’ in order to raise social awareness. The Advisory Council for Vision Lebanon and the Board of Vision Lebanon will work closely together to ensure quality mission.

In addition, World Vision held its first ‘First Coffee’ event. We hope to continue this initiative to regularly testing support in Lebanon to share more about ongoing emergency relief and development advocacy work.

Children enjoy loved life.

The children in the health sector in World Vision Lebanon raised the flag for the importance of health care in improving mother and child health. While 18% of Lebanon’s children are exclusively breastfed it is crucial in ensuring that their health campaign against malaria through a 7-year roll out of the National Malaria control and in addition to training sessions for mothers and children in Bekaa South and in Bekaa (eastern) sides of the country areas.

In partnering with the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), World Vision has been invited to be a touchstone for their programs. The ministry of Health has been involved in distributing community interventions. The representation of World Vision within the community, including its efforts to support local programs, is higher than ever. For the first time in Lebanon and in the Middle East, a new growth model for children was introduced for children under 5 with parent centered interventions. For the first time in Lebanon, MOPH and partners opened an intensive phase of an intervention that had previously been conducted for children under with medical outreach and follow-up visits. For the first time in Lebanon, MOPH and partners opened an intensive phase of an intervention. As for Public Health, Action Against Hunger and UNICEF have been working with us on strengthening the intervention for the children in Bekaa South and Bekaa (eastern) sides of the country areas. Women and girls, young children, children with disabilities, children from conflict-affected communities and partners in West Bank and Gaza are impacted.

In 2012 the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor have been working with the civil society partners of our programs on strengthening partnerships with children and youth to support them in their daily lives. We hope to continue the collaboration while emphasizing the need of schools to provide adequate learning environments and opportunities for children and youth to be active learners.

Children enjoy the love of God and their neighbours.

Children are the future of any community. Thus, they need to be supported in creating a brighter future. In 2012, World Vision Lebanon is doing this by organizing several activities for children and youth. World Vision Lebanon’s activities in 2012 are focused around three main areas: child protection, education, and advocacy.

World Vision Lebanon is continuing its work on child protection and advocacy. The organization has been working with partners to promote child-friendly policies and create enabling environments for children to thrive.

In 2012, World Vision Lebanon is also focusing on education, aiming to ensure that children have access to quality education. The organization is working with partners to provide scholarships and other resources to support children’s education. World Vision Lebanon is also involved in advocacy efforts to address the needs of children and youth in the context of the Syrian refugee crisis.

As part of Lebanon’s emergency response to the Syrian refugee crisis, World Vision Lebanon continued its partnership with the World Food Programme (WFP) to help Syrian refugee living in Bekaa Valley and World Vision Lebanon is continuing its distributions of food, water, and sanitation items. In addition, it has provided psychosocial support in various sites. The organization is also working with civil society organizations and religious groups to provide support with games and toys and learning materials to give the children a sense of normality and routine that they lack both away from their homes.

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