



TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING OF VULNERABLE LEBANESE AND SYRIAN REFUGEE YOUTH WITHIN THE HEALTH SECTOR FOR ENHANCED FUTURE AND SUSTAINABILITY

 LOCATION Beirut, Lebanon	 DURATION 15 April 2022 → 15 November 2022	 BUDGET EUR 58,539
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PRIORITY AREA

- Access to Higher and Further Education
- Completion of Higher and Further Education

LEAD INSTITUTION



Makassed Philanthropic Islamic Association of Beirut



OBJECTIVES


- To build the institutional capacity of the Makassed School of Nursing through developing the staff competencies in psychosocial support and updating the curricula of the offered nursing courses
- To enhance the individual skills of the youth and increase their community engagement and participation



BENEFICIARIES

- **30 vulnerable Lebanese and Syrian** refugee youths between 18 and 25 years' old

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ACTIVITIES

- Training of 15 instructors on safe identification and referral of potential cases of violence against women and children, basic psychological first aid and referral mechanisms and assigning a referral focal point,
- Curriculum update of two nursing courses and clinical lab skills,
- Outreach awareness raising campaign among communities within greater Beirut area including beneficiaries and community leaders,
- Two certified and accelerated market-based vocational trainings on Emergency Respiratory Therapy Technician and Medical Assistant Program,
- On-the-job training for the participants in Makassed General Hospital,
- Dissemination and follow-up

MONA

Nursing student

"I am currently studying Nursing and I work in parallel, to be able to cover transportation and other expenses. My friends sent me the announcement of the training offered by Makassed and I decided to apply for the Medical Secretary training course which was most related to the nursing field. We applied what we learned in the training course during the internship and we saw on the ground how the work is being done at hospitals and clinics. This certificate will help me find a job at a clinic which is more related to my field of studies. This experience allowed me to meet other students from different nationalities and to feel part of this small family."

DANA

Nursing student

"I am in the last year of my Nursing studies. I saw the announcement for this training course on social media and I wanted to participate as it will help me for my future and open new horizons for me. It was also completely free which was a major opportunity in light of the difficult circumstances. We had the training in two phases, phase one was theoretical at the college where we learned everything related to the respiratory system and then phase two at the hospital, covering the practical aspect and how to deal with the patient at hospital or at home. This training allowed me to be distinguished from other nursing students since I studied and practiced the respiratory techniques which will allow me to find a job at the hospital. It was an amazing experience, we were all from different backgrounds, helped each other and shared ideas and experiences."

REFLECTIONS FROM THE LEAD INSTITUTION

Since the spread of the global COVID-19 pandemic, health care workers are on high demand as they are an essential human resource to ensure a healthy population and provide support during the socio-economic crisis. The "Training and Capacity Building of Vulnerable Lebanese and Syrian Refugee Youth within the Health Sector for Enhanced Future and Sustainability" project empowered the participants with skill sets in this domain and contributed to bridging the gap in the on-demand labour market.

This project was implemented in a way where partnership between different relevant partners was strengthened to ensure its success. Trainees had the opportunity to attend two accelerated nursing courses and access further education at Makassed College of Nursing and Health Sciences. This resulted in increasing the youth's competency and offering them hands on experience through clinical and on-the-job training at Makassed General Hospital.

The courses helped the trainees develop their clinical and life skills which will allow them to specialize in their domain of work and accordingly provide them access to livelihood prospects and a broader labour market that suits their qualifications whether in Makassed General Hospital or any other institution in and outside Lebanon.

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