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#### Foreword by the Executive Director

#### The year 2023 has witnessed a multitude of hardships for **Lebanon**.

As the fundamental principles of peace, social justice, and citizenship faced immense threats, humanitarian conditions continued to deteriorate, with an escalation of poverty levels due to unmet basic needs. Threats included lacks in access to education, healthcare, decent work opportunities, and essential services that are crucial to sustain the most vulnerable populations.

We, at Mouvement Social, took a proactive stance in the face of these worsening conditions. We took charge of providing urgent and essential services, while empowering children, youth and women to confront their life challenges with dignity and confidence.

In synergy with our main mission, our efforts extended beyond immediate relief services, striving to provide challenged communities with life pillars for long-term prosperity and independence, working towards a just and inclusive homeland for all people in Lebanon.

We intensified our coordination and networking efforts throughout 2023, building on the power of wider collaboration between various stakeholders. As firm believers in collective action, we engaged with a vast network of governmental and non-governmental agencies, particularly municipalities.

This collaboration, notably with 17 municipalities in southern Lebanon, led to the successful "Makani" project.

Working together, we effectively addressed the needs of the most vulnerable persons, without discrimination.

Following the war conditions affecting South Lebanon starting October 2023, these municipalities also proved to be valuable resources for Mouvement Social in assisting newly displaced individuals from border villages, referring them to services offered by our centers and other partner organizations within established emergency plans.

This report was developped with all due transparency, hoping you find it informative enough.

We look forward to a future where our social contribution will testify to a more just and humane world, hopefully starting in 2024!

Tamam Mroue Executive Director



## PILLAR ACTIONS

Mouvement Social speaks through real, tangible actions that support and empower the most vulnerable. Along our history, we have been active in almost all and any fields that have an effect on the development of the human being.

Our engagement is towards reaching real social change through our Volunteers, proud of our role in transforming "charity" into an informed, grassroots and sustainable development work.

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The objective of the Mouvement Social is to rally young people who want to commit to social action, train them, ideologically and practically, so that they could contribute to solving the social problems of the country.

First lines of Mouvement Social By-Laws - published in January 1961



Our current actions aim at ensuring the respect of basic human rights foundations, they are focused on four pillars:



Socio-Economic Empowerment



Protection

Youth & Women in Conflict with the Law



Education

## 1.0 SOCIO-ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

At the core of Mouvement Social's mission, socio-economic empowerment projects are addressed to challenged individuals.



#### During 2023, three projects were run simultaneaously, mainly offering the following services:

- Short-term competencybased and vocational training for youth.
- Youth functional skills, life skills supporting employability, and career guidance sessions.
- Youth Basic Literacy and Numeracy courses.
- Training sessions on civic engagement.
- Paid internships facilitation.

They provide them with adequate vocational trainings, supporting them psychologically and nurturing their skills, while directing their work preferences towards meeting real market needs and opportunities.



## 1.0 SOCIO-ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

PROJECTS	<b>NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES</b> (Gross # / Activity)	INTERVENTION AREA	FUNDING	PARTNERSHIP	
Supporting Vulnerable Girls & Boys with Learning, Soft & Hard Skills, & Employability Programmes in Lebanon.	1,238	Qab Elias, Wadi ElDelem	UNICEF	Municipality of Qab Elias and Wadi ElDelem	
Community-Based Approach to Improve the Impact of Technical & Vocational Education & Training.	197	Jnah, Zahle	Brot für d	lie Welt	
Employment Promotion in Lebanon.	337	Beirut & Mount Lebanon	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)	GIZ	

## This course was my ticket to self-development.

By gaining experience in sewing, I now have my own profession, and I aspire to open my own workshop.

- M.A., 23-year old, from Maamoura

## <sup>1.1</sup> LOCAL INCLUSIVE COMMITTEES IN ZAHLE AND JNAH

Involving community members in the development of their own local solutions.

JNAH

#### **IN ZAHLE**

Mouvement Social established local committees with the purpose of advocating for the area's livelihood priorities.

These committees are actively engaged in raising awareness and involving the community in topics of common interest.

Town hall meetings serve as valuable platforms for common discussions, also encompassing vocational training activities, income generation, and business development support.

ZAHLE

While providing remarkable self-development opportunities for committee members, the teams' concerted efforts played a pivotal role in addressing local challenges, initiating a sense of common purpose and fostering unity and positive change in Zahle.

#### A special focus was put on:

- Activating the agricultural sector as a means of livelihood for the residents.
- Enhancing the salary scale in the hospitality sector to attract youths from Zahle.
- Encouraging young people to pursue jobs in the health sector.

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## <sup>1.1</sup> LOCAL INCLUSIVE COMMITTEES IN ZAHLE AND JNAH

#### **IN JNAH**

The local committees contributed in raising awareness about the general importance of education, specifically emphasizing the role of education and vocational training in providing sustainable income and successful career opportunities.

The engagement of women in the labor market was also a main topic for the Jnah committees, working on dismantling stereotypes associated with their area through showcasing success stories. Overall, the advocacy initiatives led by these local committees not only foster positive change within their communities but also contribute to broader societal transformations by addressing key issues and promoting sustainable development. In terms of socio-economic empowerment, Mouvement Social reached the following results:

02 job fairs.

#### 657 beneficiaries

supported with vocational trainings and life skills courses that enrich their employment profiles.

#### 02 contextual analysis documents

issued by the local committees, documenting the needs of their areas.

#### Job referral system establishment, guiding beneficiaries

### guiding beneficiaries through the job market.

#### More than 90% of graduated beneficiaries

in the first cycle of trainings were able to find jobs or income-generating opportunities.

#### 02 labor market assessments

to spot local promising sectors and job opportunities.

#### 02 advocacy plans

implemented by the local committees for the livelihood priorities.

#### 37 beneficiaries

completed their trainings in entrepreneurship and digital marketing and designed a business plan for their startups.

## 1.2 SUPPORT TO MSMEs



# Encouraging the development of creative small ventures.

2023 witnessed the kick-off of preparations for Mouvement Social's Support to MSMEs project, including the following:

- Conducting staff training sessions on business development in collaboration with an expert consultant.
- Formulating the project implementation strategy and work guidelines.

To be implemented starting 2024, the Support to MSMEs is planned to offer:

- Close business development consultation with established experts.
- Start-up kits offering material or equipment specifically suiting each MSME.
- Financial aid depending on each business requirement.

## 2.0 EDUCATION

A significant number of young boys and girls in struggling communities in Lebanon are not pursuing proper education, although it is a main component in the personal development of every individual.

Some are brought out of school and forced to start working at a very young age, while others are denied schooling access due to disabilities or learning difficulties, or for being refugees or displaced.





#### providing school retention support services, and even extending the work to involve the children's families when needed.

## 2.0 EDUCATION

# Five projects were activated during 2023, offering mainly the following services:

- Individual and collective sessions with specialized educators and pedagogical supervisors.
- Psychosocial Support through access to speech therapists and psychologists where needed.
- Coordination with schools, covering children with severe educational and socio-economic difficulties.
- Retention support through individual tutoring services.

- Early childhood education and kindergarten classes.
- Basic Literacy and Numeracy courses.
- Social & Emotional Learning sessions.
- Positive Parenting program and Awareness sessions for caregivers.
- Career guidance sessions.
- Expression activities such as music, theater, sport and art.
- Support in enrollment of young people in technical schools and universities.



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## 2.0 EDUCATION

PROJECTS	<b>NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES</b> (Gross # / Activity)	INTERVENTION AREA	FUNDING	PARTNERSHIP	
Around the School, Education & Leisure.	2,010	Beirut & Mount Lebanon (Jnah, Sin EL Fil)	PARTAGE		
Increasing Access and Retention of Crisis-Affected Girls and Boys to Inclusive, Gender-Responsive, & Relevant Quality Learning.	512	Kfarzabad, Ras Baalbeck	The Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM)	International Rescue Committee	
Ensuring Education & Protection for Syrian Refugee Children.	844	North Lebanon (Akkar, Tripoli)	Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (NMFA)	Save the Children International	
Increasing Access of Crisis-Affected Girls & Boys to Inclusive, Gender-Responsive, & Relevant Quality Learning.	846	North Lebanon (Akkar, Tripoli) South Lebanon (Saida)	Education Cannot Wait (ECW)	Save the Children International	
LEBANON PHASE III Empowering refugee children, ensuring their access & retention to education & enjoying their right to an inclusive and safe educational environment.	3,052	Akkar, Tripoli, Saida, Nabatiyeh	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW)	Norwegian Refugee Council	

Due to my poor grades, I stopped attending school for some time... But after enrolling in a support course and improving my studies, I felt really encouraged and I passed the exams with success! **This motivated me to return to school.** 

- H.G. - Recipient of our school retention support, within our project "Increasing Access and Retention of Crisis-Affected Girls and Boys to Inclusive, Gender-Responsive, and Relevant Quality Learning

## 2.1 PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC GUIDANCE FAIR

# Widening our connection with youths in schools and universities.

The strong relationship between Mouvement Social and educational institutions is key for allowing the success of our support activities to underprivileged youth. Reaching out to a broader young audience, we organized a Professional & Academic Guidance Fair in June 2023, under the patronage of the Lebanese University - Faculty of Sciences.



**Over 30 educational institutions** honored our invitation as exhibitors visitors, highly appreciative of such orientational opportunities.

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**812 young participants** got the chance to meet with Mouvement Social specialists, while acquiring good knowledge about the most sought-after professions in the market and starting to discover their possible career paths.



Another successful event addressing a wider young audience, the Guidance Fair by Mouvement Social will certainly be repeated.

## 3.0 **PROTECTION**

Child Protection plays a major role in improving the wellbeing of vulnerable individuals - children and adults - among communities suffering from plummeting socioeconomic conditions.

Regular trainings were conducted with the Mouvement Social professional team, to ensure preparedness and efficiency in emergency situations. These exercises serve as valuable opportunities for our team members to familiarize themselves with emergency protocols, practice coordination, and refine their response strategies while identifying areas for improvement within the emergency response plan.



## 3.0 **PROTECTION**

#### Our Protection projects for 2023 were five, offering the following key services:

- Case management for children.
- Community awareness sessions on child protection.
- Psychosocial support for children at moderate to high risk and their parents.
- Community-based psychosocial support, focused psychosocial support, inter-gender dialogue sessions, parenting and emotional support group.

- Awareness and Advocacy sessions.
- Arts and crafts sessions.
- Capacity building in the fields of civic engagement, active citizenship, child rights, communication skills, peace building and other.
- External referrals for children, caregivers, and the elderlies.



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## 3.0 **PROTECTION**

PROJECTS	<b>NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES</b> (Gross # / Activity)	INTERVENTION AREA	FUNDING	PARTNERSHIP	
<b>Qudra-2</b> Resilience-building for refugees and host communities in response to the prolonged Syrian crisis.	3,318	SDC centers in Marjayon, Duweir and Tebnin	European Union, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)	Expertise France, MOSA	
"AMANI" project.	494	Saida, Akkar	Australian Government - through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership	Plan International, IMC	
Mitigating Protection Risks and Addressing Basic Needs of Vulnerable Refugees, Lebanese and Stateless Persons in Northern Lebanon.	374	Tripoli, Akkar	ECHO	Concern Worldwide	
Supporting Locally-Led Humanitarian Action.	Preparations phase	Mount Lebanon	Save the Children International	Save the Children	
Improving Child Protection Response and Enhancing the Intervention for the Most Vulnerable Children Including Those in Contact with the Law.	1,645	Saida, Nabatiyeh, Tripoli, Bourj Hammoud, Jnah, Ghobeiri, Ras Baalbeck, Zahle	UNICEF	Terre des Hommes - Lausanne	

## <sup>3.1</sup> **QUDRA-2**



Resilience-building for refugees and host communities in response to the prolonged Syrian crisis. Mouvement Social is a secular, developmental, and non-charitable association that has made its marks in the Lebanese society through credible and transparent actions.

Our proven track record of quality work on the ground has provided us in this project with an open access to the Social Development Centers (SDCs) of the Lebanese Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA). Over a period of 2 years and a half, our area of intervention included the Marjayon, Duweir, and Tebnin SDCs, focusing mainly on protection services for children, adult caregivers, and the elderly.

Through Qudra-2 in 2023, we offered them case management services, external referrals, psychosocial support, in addition to awareness sessions, arts & crafts and other recreational activities.

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## SUCCESS STORY



The mother, a Syrian woman from Hassakeh, came to Lebanon in 2016 with her husband and four children, fleeing the difficult war conditions in her country. She stays at home to look after her children. She does not have a job, nor does her husband, who suffers from health problems. Her 9-year-old son doesn't go to school because he works to support his family by scavenging for plastic to sell for recycling. He's a sad little boy, overwhelmed by the weight of responsibility at such a young age, on top of the dangers and assaults he faces on the streets day and night. He's exhausted, he doesn't get enough sleep and he has no friends to support him.



Seeking the help of Mouvement Social, she enrolled him in various awareness-raising and educational activities, where he learned about his rights and the dangers he faced as a child. Psychosocial support sessions encouraged the boy to cooperate positively with the team, even accepting to meet with a social worker to express himself, release his negative thoughts and start making friends. As a result, with a stronger state of mind, the boy was enrolled in our education program and ensured regular attendance. As for the mother, after attending child protection sessions and witnessing the amazing change in her son, she arranged for him to stop working and she found a job to provide for her family herself, secure in the knowledge that her son was on safe grounds.

## 4.0 YOUTH & WOMEN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW

The Mouvement Social prison programs are run on a continuous basis, in collaboration with local authorities, funding agencies, and international organizations.



The need for our services is constant, as prisons in Lebanon have unfortunately no focus on the rehabilitation of convicted individuals - including minors - in preparation for their future alternatives.

## 4.1 REHABILITATION & INTEGRATION OF MINORS AND WOMEN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW

Working relentlessly with incarcerated minors (aged 12 to 21) in Roumieh prison as well as female inmates (18+ years) in Barbar El Khazen prison.



## We provide the following services:

<b>01.</b> Individualized social and psychological support.	<b>02.</b> Collective sessions involving stimulating communication topics, fostering dialogue, conflict resolution.	<b>03.</b> Programs addressing psychological challenges such as social rejection, shame, guilt, and other such matters.
<b>04.</b> Judicial assistance through legal consultations and awareness sessions, providing bail applications, scheduling hearings, paying fines, and delegating responsibility for certain cases as warranted.	<b>05.</b> Vocational training programs including: sewing, leather works, woodwork, programming and other.	

## 4.1 REHABILITATION & INTEGRATION OF MINORS AND WOMEN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW

Mouvement Social is fully invested in supporting the reintegration of juveniles who are newly released from prison into their communities. We provide psychosocial, professional and legal support services, through our three centers in Ghobeiry, Tripoli and Zahle.

Expanding our network through partnerships with governmental and non-governmental entities that are active throughout the country, we collaborate together to facilitate the work with children sentenced for community service measures. In 2002, the Law 422 instituted the possibility of replacing jail by 'community service' for juveniles (under 18 years), putting them under probation and/or liberty under observation, with a custodian named by the court.

However, this law is very rarely applied by Lebanese judges, despite its obvious benefits for troubled youths. Our support services in prisons are always directed towards pushing for the adoption of non-custodial measures such as: community service, probation, victims' compensation, and supervised freedom.

In this framework, Mouvement Social has developed Standard Operating Procedures for the application of non-custodial measures. These SOPs serve as supportive material for judges handling juvenile cases, social workers intervening with minors, and individuals working with minors; increasing awareness on the matter and facilitating their cases' management and follow-up, consequently pushing for a wider adoption of non-custodial measures.

This initiative is implemented by Mouvement Social and funded by the European Union as part of a cooperation plan signed since 2017 between the Ministry of Justice (by its initiative) and UNICEF, that aims to encourage resorting to non-custodial measures with juveniles in conflict with the law.

In 2023, we closely accompanied **228 cases involving women and juvenile detainees,** reaching with them the best possible outcome depending on each case.

#### Our donors are:

#### Christain Aid:

Rehabilitation of minors in conflict with the law.

#### The Italian Agency for Development Cooperation:

Rehabilitation of women in conflict with the law.

#### **UNICEF:**

Reintegration and execution of alternative measures.

01.

04.

## 4.2 **PRISONS** DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH

Working on legislating the needed transformation of prisons in Lebanon.

Mouvement Social has been actively involved in prisons since 1993, leading many interventions to support women detainees and convicted juveniles in receiving their rightful legal support and getting back to normal life after serving their sentences.

In 2023, we proudly teamed up with a research team led by the Faculty of Law at the Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ), working on the development of a draft law entitled: "Reforming Prison Legal Framework in Lebanon - From Prisons to Detention Facilities". The project includes a comprehensive exploration of the state of prisons in Lebanon across legislative studies, thorough research, and live probing of relevant stakeholders through the organization of various meetings and roundtables.

## **Six research** papers are under finalization:

02. 03. Criminal penalties Punishment and Prisons in Lebanon: Imprisonment: A review of legislative in the Lebanese law. Concepts and objectives. and research development attempts. 05. 06. The reality of prisons A comparative study Successful experiences in Lebanon: problems of prison systems. in Lebanese prisons. and challenges. The draft law is under development and will be proposed for parliamentary approval at the earliest opportunity.

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## 4.3 WORKING GROUP ON PRISONS

# Discussing the penitentiary and judicial systems' reforms.

Since 2022, Mouvement Social has been hosting a multistakeholder Working Group, aiming to establish dialogue between the Lebanese civil society and relevant institutions, fostering a productive human-rightsbased discussion, addressing reforms in the local penitentiary and judicial system. During 2023, Group meetings were kept at an active monthly pace, with a wide participation from civil society organizations working inside Lebanese prisons, along with representatives of the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC), the Ministry of Interior, the Ministry of Justice, the ISF, and the Beirut Bar Association.

#### Our meetings became a safe space for:

- Information and Expertise Exchange: with monthly updates on the conditions of prisons, urgent emerging needs, training opportunities and/or events on human rights in Lebanon, with a specific focus on detention.
- Coordination and involvement of all stakeholders in improving the conditions of prisons and prisoners through a pragmatic modality of networking and intervention.
- Advocacy, working on a long-term perspective towards the establishment of a structured monitoring mechanism that allows a transparent data collection and needs assessment.

You always trust us. You value us and consider us as any other individual out of prison...

- H.T., a 25-year old detainee in Barbar El Khazen prison



## INTERDISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Mouvement Social's main objective is the "Development of human beings, every human being and all of the human being" – quoting our founder Archbishop Gregoire Haddad. Our mission is centered on the direct enablement of citizens, encouraging the autonomy of underprivileged groups through learning and development initiatives.

In this sense, we have developed interdisciplinary programs that combine education, protection and empowerment activities, providing active support and networking platforms to those in need. That's how we improve local communities and promote citizenship and engagement in the wider community, eventually developing society as a whole.

## INTERDISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

PROJECTS	NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES (Gross # / Activity)	INTERVENTION AREA	FUNDING	PARTNERSHIP	
Social & Behavioral Change.	1,431	Jdeidet Al Fekha, Zahle, Akkar, Tripoli, Nabatiyeh, Saida, Bourj Hammoud, Ghobeiry, Jnah	European Union	UNICEF	
Multi-Service Community Centers, MSCC - MAKANI.	17,906	Nabatieh, Ansar, Arabsalim, Zebdin, Kosaybe, Kfarsir, Zawtar, El Meri, Borj Rahal, Kharayeb, Masaken, Maarakeh, Siddiquine, Marwanieh, Baisarieh, Kherbet Basal, Ghazieh, Jnah, Bourj Hammoud	UNICEF	Terre des Hommes – Lausanne	
LINK "Lift Obstacles in Kids' Future".	3,473	Bourj Hammoud, Jnah, Sin El Fil	AFD	Partage	

## <sup>1.0</sup> SOCIAL **& BEHAVIORAL** CHANGE

#### Designed to bring about a comprehensive and sustainable change in attitudes and behaviors towards the inclusion of children with disabilities.

Mouvement Social seeks to always address the needs of the utmost vulnerable, and children with disabilities definitely fall under those most sensitive target groups. By addressing the negative stereotypes, discrimination, and stigma associated with disability, the Social & Behavioral Change (SBC) strategy seeks to raise awareness and enhance knowledge, fostering an enabling environment

where all children can fully participate, receive quality education, and access healthcare services, dutifully enjoying their rights as full-fledged citizens.

**Also crossing** through our education and protection programs, it offered the following services:

### 03.

#### Enrollment of children with moderate to severe disabilities in specialized schools and organizations.

07.

schools.

Developing tools for the

evaluation of specialized

#### 06. Implement initiatives meant at preventing harmful practices against boys, girls, women, and caregivers in communities and to reduce the discrimination and stigma associated with disability by raising awareness on the topic.

<b>01.</b> Referral of children with disabilities to appropriate services such as child protection, health, education, and also water, sanitation & hygiene.	<b>02.</b> Providing the children with specialized assessments, in addition to rehabilitation services or assistive devices when needed.
<b>04.</b> Organizing Community Engagement workshops in vulnerable areas.	<b>05.</b> Offering capacity-building trainings to stakeholders and partners, in order to put into practice social and behavioral change communication and community-based interventions.

Through this project, **Mouvement Social with** Clown Me In & UNICEF, have developed an extensive edutainment guideline that proposes 17 valuable tools on disability and inclusion, used by our Social & Behavioral Change officers during events, in order to reduce stigma on people with disabilities.



Edutainment is an SBC tool that uses entertainment formats to tackle serious social issues in an innovative and enjoyable way.

For adoption, this guideline has been assessed with organizations for persons with disabilities and tested with children suffering from disabilities, their families and community members, before being finally reviewed by UNICEF. We used to hear about inclusion. We knew that we had a role in ensuring the inclusion of people with disabilities in our community. However, we were unsure of how to achieve this. The training with Mouvement Social has equipped us with the necessary tools to promote this culture around us. Inclusion should be everyone's responsability.

- M.H., 20 years, participant to our Capacity Building training

I used to feel bad when seeing my neighbours' children bullying my niece and another neighbour, who have disabilities. I felt helpless. I didn't know how to convince them that differences and disabilities should be accepted. However, after attending the training sessions, I gained the courage to put a stop to the bullying. I have already started discussing inclusion with my neighbours and sharing what I have learned.

- F.M., 44 years, participant to our Parental Engagement workshops

## 2.0 MULTI-SERVICE COMMUNITY CENTERS, MSCC - MAKANI

Providing a safe space for vulnerable youngsters, to learn and develop their capacities.

**Makani** was rolled out through:

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19 Multi-Service Community Centers

across chosen locations spanning South Lebanon, Nabatiyeh, Beirut and Mount Lebanon.

Targeting children, teenagers and youth of all nationalities aged 3-18 years, and their caregivers, participants were offered access to protected spaces supporting their personal development while boosting their physical, social, and emotional well-being.



#### Makani granted these youngsters access to learning and networking opportunities

empowering them through a comprehensive array of services including skills-building programs, community-based child protection support, and learning support services that encompass education, health, inclusion, social & behavioral change, in addition to youth and protection trainings.



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# To mention some of the activities included in this project:

- Early childhood education.
- School retention support.
- Early childhood development.
- Adapted literacy and numeracy programs for working children.
- Medical assessment and

therapy.

Basic literacy

Life skills and

and numeracy.

career guidance.

Social behavioural

change initiatives.

- Youth functional skills.
- Psychosocial support.
- Provision of assistance devices.

## 3.0 LINK "LIFT OBSTACLES IN KIDS' FUTURE"



Supporting disadvantaged children and youth to overcome educational and community challenges. Focusing on underprivileged children and youth who are affected by the repercussions of the various Lebanese crises, "LINK - Lift Obstacles In Kids' Future" targets children (3 to 18 years), their caregivers and neighboring community.

Investing in Mouvement Social's long-term expertise, we intervene through a wide array of services and activities including:

- Kindergarten classes.
- Basic literacy and numeracy for out-of-school children.
- Homework support and educational follow-up.
- Specialized services for children with learning difficulties.

- Positive parenting sessions.
- Family interventions.
- Psychosocial support.
- Creative expression activities.
- Youth journalism.
- Career guidance counseling for teenagers.

A notable activity under LINK consists of organizing protection committees within the areas of intervention, with the crucial role of identifying children at riskin addition to spreading awareness from within the community, regarding educational and protection matters.



## SPECIAL MILESTONES

At Mouvement Social, we believe that all citizens must take in charge their own development, and consequently that of the whole country. Through direct contact with local communities and influence groups, we enable people to learn together, enhancing their chances to connect with each other and collaboratively change their realities to reach more justice.

### **1.0 CAPITALIZATION**

Documenting our expertise and streamlining our work approach. Mouvement Social teamed up with Partage, an organization that acts against injustice and violence against the most vulnerable and deprived children, for the respect of their rights.

#### Capitalizing on our extensive expertise in education and child protection, we produced three valuable documents highlighting the following:

- Our interdisciplinary approach and sleek internal coordination which enrich the collective experience.
- The ladder of child participation.
- An exploratory case study on interactive pedagogical methodologies and digital learning in education.

Facilitated by a consulting agency, the team's participative work took place between June and August 2023 resulting in a thorough documentation of Mouvement Social's expertise, highlighting key organizational aspects such as unified approaches, streamlined workflows, improved social infrastructure at our centers, and the adoption of advanced technological tools. This documentation will serve as a solid instrument for smoothening the transition of future new employees and sharing our firm and longstanding knowledge with concerned organizations and entities.

We started sharing our Capitalization documents with Partage in late December 2023, to continue in 2024 with other related social and educational partners in Lebanon.

### 2.0 EXCHANGING EXPERIENCES

### A continuous professional enrichment, sharing and learning.

A team from Mouvement Social in Lebanon, has engaged with a team from TRACES Association in France, organizing an exchange activity which was centered on two main axes:

- Supporting children and their families in exile situations.
- Aiding professionals working with highly vulnerable populations in crisis.

TRACES is a network of psychologists and psychoanalysts that addresses sufferings caused by war, torture, and political violence. An innovative, enriching and highly emotional cross-cultural exchange; discussions covered various topics including: fathers' involvement, the importance of family therapy, and detecting/ treating symptoms in caregivers.

The first exchange took place in Lebanon, where we hosted four TRACES psychologists in February 2023. The main emphasis was on sharing experiences in handling individuals affected by political violence and exile, particularly focusing on children, therapeutic approaches, and the impact of victim narratives on professional teams.

The second exchange in July 2023 was in France, where five Mouvement Social professionals shared their expertise with TRACES psychologists, sharing practices related to collective psychosocial approaches, family support in the transition to autonomy, and the promotion of communal living.

The program included visits to interesting locations in Paris such as the Emergency Shelter for Migrants in Ivry-Sur-Seine and the National Asylum Court, enriching our team's knowledge with insights on the French judicial system.



## 3.0 WOUSOUL - THE RESPONSIBLE INITIATIVE AWARD

A volunteerism initiative aiming to shed light on the rights of persons with disabilities.

Following our proud win of the Responsible Initiative Award 2022 as part of the Safir program, Mouvement Social decided to keep moving forward with Wousoul.



Partnerships:

Arab NGO Network for Development.

Municipality of Saida.

Friends of Zira Island & Saida Beach Association.

Lebanese Union for Persons with Disabilities. This initiative reached the gross number of **458** participants.

### **13** young volunteers

from Mouvement Social were trained on the goals of sustainable development and advocacy through a human rights, social and scientific approach.



#### In 2023,

we focused on inclusive tourism and justice for people with disabilities through the following:

- Providing maintenance to the previously created ramp on Saida public beach.
- Building an inclusive bathroom.
- Training beach lifeguards on the etiquette for dealing with people with disabilities.
- Delivering an awareness campaign addressing 500+ students in schools in Saida, tackling issues related to disability, the concept of inclusion and inclusive tourism.
- Developing an awareness session specially tailored for municipal members.

### 4.0 THE MAP OF CHILD PARTICIPATION - QAB ELIAS



# Transforming the area into a child-friendly place.

Mouvement Social supported the Municipality of Qab Elias in developing a Child Rights roadmap, strategically outlining actions and resources requirements for developing a practical response to emerging child rights needs in the area.

To gain a comprehensive understanding of the situation of children and their families in Qab Elias, a participatory process was initiated, using surveys, Key Informant Interviews and Focus Groups Discussions. The goal was to build the planned initiative on accurate information, grasp the local context and identify the priorities for children, caregivers, and local key actors.

The resulting roadmap outlines a ten-year plan envisioning Qab Elias – Wadi elDelem as a child-friendly space. It serves as a strategic guide for realizing the community's vision and responding effectively to the dynamic needs of children and youth.

This vision is to be achieved through comprehensive and inclusive services encompassing child protection, capacity building, local governance accountability, system strengthening sustainability, phased implementation, raising awareness, and ultimately, resource mobilization. As a first step towards streamlining processes at the Municipality, a mobile application was designed and put in service for both Android and iOS, providing a convenient access to all municipal services at Qab Elias.

A demonstration video was developed in collaboration with UNICEF and shared across social media, showcasing the app's user-friendly features.

### **16** volunteers

from the Mouvement Social were mobilized to raise awareness and train citizens on the app's usage and functionalities.

## 5.0 EXPLORATION AT KHERBET BASAL

# Creating protected spaces for vulnerable children and youth.

In line with Mouvement Social's commitment to addressing the needs of the most vulnerable, we embarked on an extensive exploration of possible areas requiring urgent intervention, in terms of providing safe spaces for vulnerable youngsters, to learn and develop their capacities.

The goal was to set up a Makani multisectoral community center offering services accessible to the local population.

Through comprehensive research and rigorous fieldwork, we discovered the community of the Kherbet Basal dome, a population living in tents and facing unique challenges. One of the most marginalized communities, this small area's residents suffer from official naturalization issues; they are known as "Arabs, Seven Villages residents, Bedouins".

With strikingly no support from any social organization, Kherbet Basal was a perfect location for immediately establishing a dedicated Makani center. A first ground project also started in December 2023, aiming at swiftly building toilet facilities with water tanks throughout all tents.



Our work in Kherbet Basal is a testament to our dedication to grassroot initiatives and our ability to respond to emergent challenges that fall within our operational scope. This reflects our commitment to addressing the unmet needs of the most underserved populations, filling a void where support is absent.



## HUMAN CAPITAL & INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

### 1.0 CONTINUOUS LEARNING AND EMPOWERMENT

During 2023, over 400 Mouvement Social staff-members and volunteers have received trainings on a wide range of topics corresponding to the needs and requirements of our projects and programs, including amongst other:



Mouvement Social principles & values



Organizational policies



Code of conduct



Various technical trainings

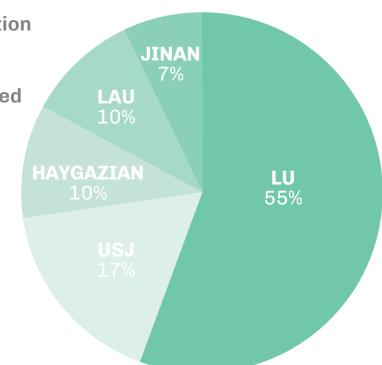
### 2.0 HUMAN RESOURCES & INTERNSHIPS

Our solid collaboration with universities and educational institutions continued in 2023, whereas Mouvement Social welcomed a total of

### 29

## young student interns

from the following institutions:



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### 3.0 HONORING MOUVEMENT SOCIAL RETIRED STAFF MEMBERS

#### December 22, 2023 was an emotional date for Mouvement Social, when we gathered for honoring 11 retiring members of staff.

Some were field staff while others served in administrative roles at the head office; our gratitude for their dedicated efforts and the significant impact they have all made are beyond words.

### 4.0 COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES

2023 has witnessed the launch of the new Mouvement Social website, a platform that today holds clear our true spirit, mission and story.

And as part of our full transparency approach with beneficiaries and stakeholders, we have lifted up and activated our communications activities on all our social media channels, constantly connecting with friends and followers, participating together to important societal issues.

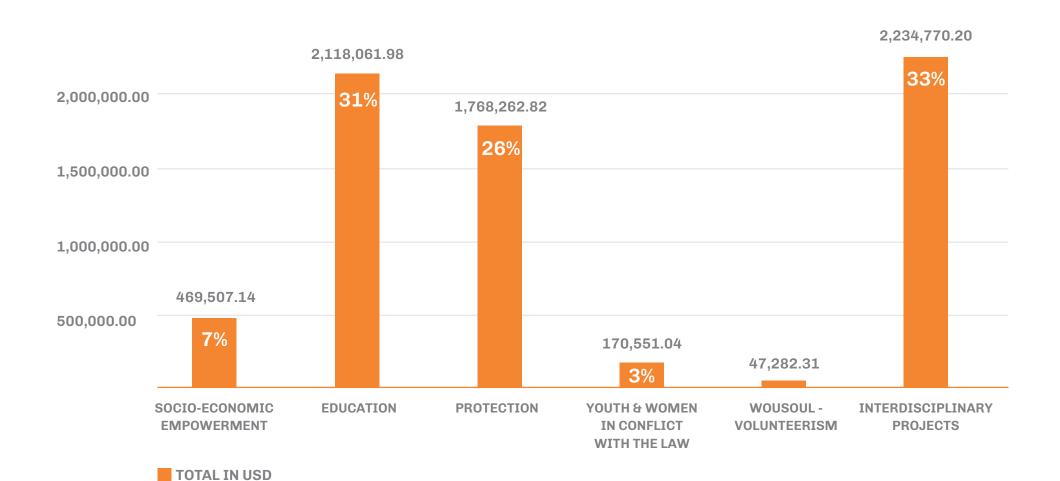






## 1.0 TOTAL EXPENSES

USD 6,808,435.49



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05. Key Financial Figures

## 2.0 TOTAL INCOME

### USD 6,808,435.49

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