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Makhzoumi Foundation

Implemented and Current Development Projects

**Under the scope of
Makhzoumi Foundation Programs and Units
From 1997 to 2015**

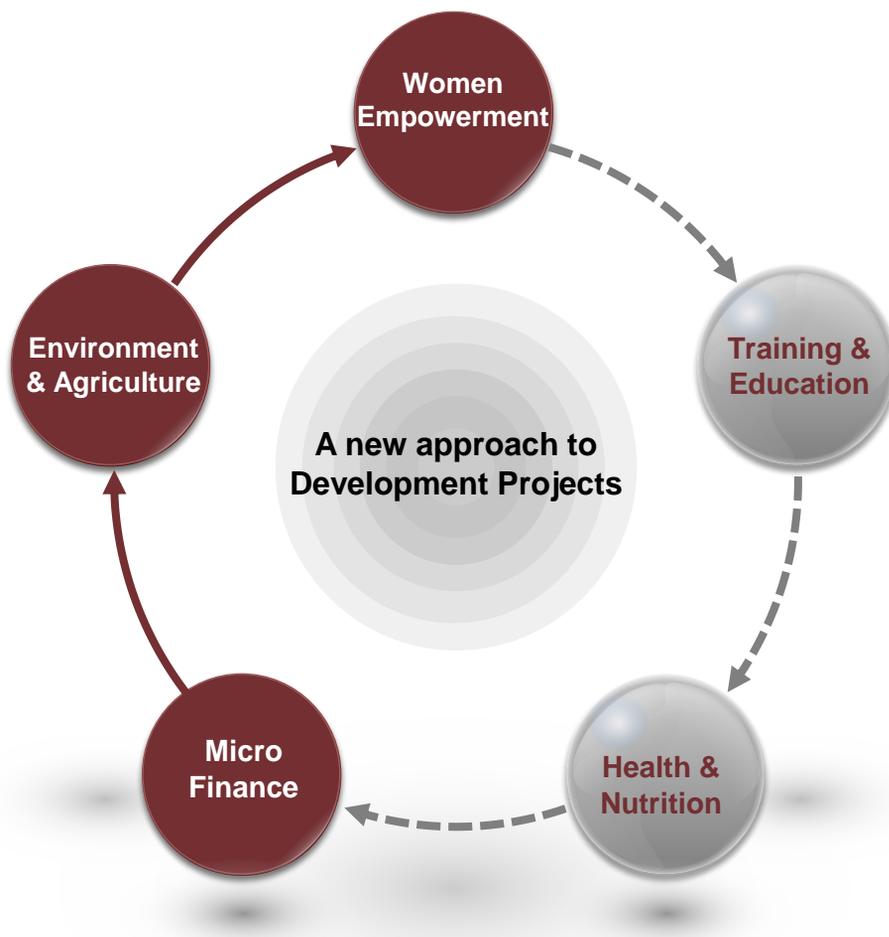


Empowering for a Better Tomorrow

OBJECTIVE OF THIS REPORT

This report aims to brief all the projects that were implemented by the Foundation since its establishment as well as those that are still underway ... Actually the first action of the Foundation in 1997 was the implementation of a the Project “Environment Friendly Pest Control” in partnership with the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the American University in Beirut.

The Foundation encourages partnerships with local NGOs, Regional and International NGOs, Municipalities, Ministries, Embassies, Universities, Research Centers, Private Sector and other bodies in the implementation of its projects. Partnerships are an important vehicle for success that broaden support and expertise to attain common goals and mobilize efforts that lead to sustainable development.



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ABOUT MAKHZOUMI FOUNDATION

OUR MISSION

Our ultimate mission is to empower Lebanese citizens – through improving their socioeconomic status, healthcare provisions, and environmental awareness and by encouraging their quest for education – enabling them to independently develop and progress their local communities to subsequently enhance the country’s civil society on a national scale.

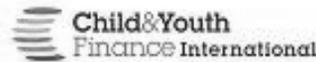
OUR VISION

Evolution of the Lebanese civil society.
Empowerment of the potentials of Lebanese human resources.
Empowerment of the Lebanese citizens to reach self-sustainability and independence.
Emphasizing the importance of environmental preservation.
Encouraging the quest for education.

OUR VALUES GUIDE OUR WORK AND PARTNERSHIPS

<p>✔ Respect for Human Rights</p> <p>We recognize that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.</p>	<p>✔ Empowerment</p> <p>Empowering the community underlines everything we are and everything we do.</p>	<p>✔ Leadership</p> <p>Our best work comes through a collaborative approach that leads groups towards specific results.</p>
<p>✔ Accountability</p> <p>We are responsible for all our actions and decisions.</p>	<p>✔ Service Beyond Self</p> <p>Philanthropy is our strong motivator to act from a concern for others.</p>	<p>✔ Transparency</p> <p>We are guided by openness in the dissemination of our records.</p>

OUR PARTNERSHIPS, MEMBERSHIPS, and ACCREDITATIONS



Projects Achievements AT A GLANCE

Our development projects are a joint cooperation between our working teams and local and international partners for the sustainable development of the community.

More than
50
Projects

More than
500
Staff

More than
660,000
Beneficiaries

Makhzoumi Foundation has received the following:

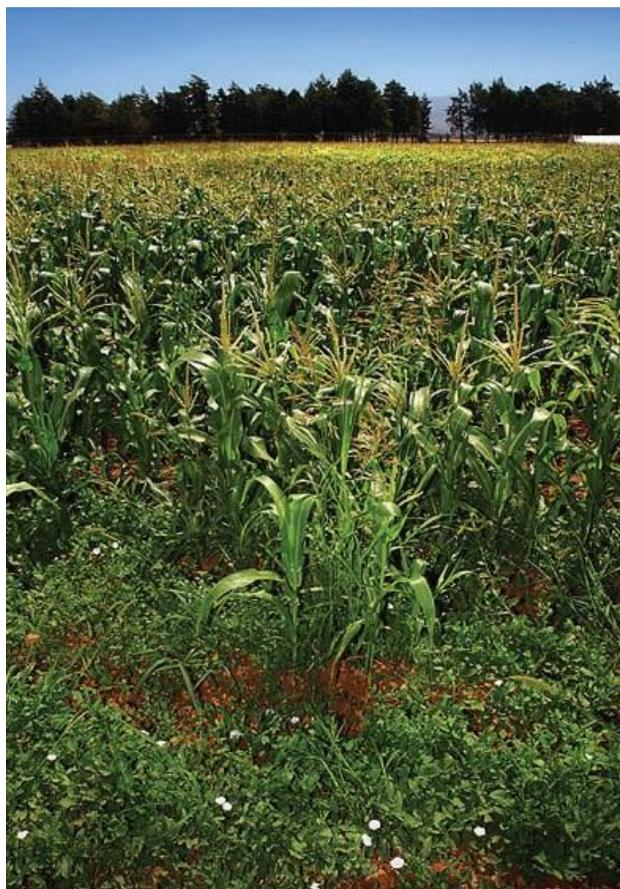
- Appreciation trophies from Lebanese American University, Beirut Arab University, Lebanese International University, American University of Science and Technology.
- Appreciation trophies from the Lebanese Canadian Community in Edmonton/Canada and the National Press Club of the Canada Association and Glengarry School/Edmonton.
- A tribute by the Ministry of Health for its performance during the war of 2006 in Lebanon.
- Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of volunteering activities.
- Certificates of Transparency
- Silver and the Social Performance Reporting: Four diamond Award of the social indicators MIX Market.
- Micro-entrepreneurship awards from SANABEL and the International Citi-Group and YMCA.
- The International Quality Certificate ISO 9001:2000
- CSR Levant Award for Community Development.
- The Arab Donor Institutions Award 2015
- Risalat Hayat Trophy
- CITI Group award
- GHIRAS appreciation Trophy

ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY PEST CONTROL

1997 - 1998

140
FARMERS
Trained

This project was implemented in partnership with the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences at the American University in Beirut; **140 farmers** from all the Lebanese regions were trained on several methods of **Environment Friendly Pest Control** (Insects, diseases and weeds) by professors from the University. The workshops were held at the Agricultural Research and Education Center of AUB in the Bekaa Valley. All participants received certificates of attendance upon termination of the project. Seminars on **Integrated Pest Management** in each region of the country were held in the following year whereby the farmers had the chance to discuss the problems and receive specialized consultations regarding the management and the production of crops in their farms.



AGRO-FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT OF DEGRADED LANDS IN LEBANON 2001 – To date

The **Agro-Forestry Development Project of Degraded Lands of Lebanon** was initiated in 2001 in partnership with three European Non-Governmental Organizations : **INARE** and **KEDE**, both from Greece, and **TC Dialogue Foundation**, from Belgium; it was funded by the **Hellenic Aid** and co-funded by Makhzoumi Foundation and TC Dialogue Foundation. It includes a main nursery in Akkar, North Lebanon, which produces ornamental and fruit trees as well as herbs and roses. Those plants are produced with the environmentally friendly hydrogel Terra Cottem TC, a soil conditioner that stores water and provides the plants with several nutrients. Plants are distributed to schools, universities, local NGOs, municipalities and communities nationwide. The partnership project was terminated in 2004, and due to its success and positive impact, Makhzoumi Foundation decided to proceed on its own, and to increase the production of plants as well.

The Objectives of the Project:

Combating Desertification
and
Introducing New Technologies in Agriculture

More than 200,000 were distributed in Lebanon.

Some of what we produce:

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Fruit Trees:

Figs
Pomegranate
Berries

Ornamental Trees:

Albizia
Oleander
Mimosa

Flowers:

Roses
Gazania
Lampranthus
Damask rose



BASIC BEE-KEEPING SKILLS TRAINING FOR WOMEN

2003 and 2005

240
WOMEN
trained

Two projects entitled **Basic Bee-keeping skills training for women** were implemented in collaboration with the **Japanese Embassy in Lebanon** and included the following:

- Training 100 women in 5 villages in Akkar on Bee-keeping skills in **2003**;
- Training 140 women in 7 villages in South Lebanon and Bekaa similarly in **2005**.

Its main objectives were:

- Providing opportunities for women to generate income;
- Empowering them with self-confidence to play a productive role in their societies.

Training sessions were held in each village/center whereby each session included 12 lessons, theoretical and practical, that were given over a period of 6 weeks, with a total duration of 48 hours. **20 women** participated at each session whereby each received a certificate of attendance upon her graduation as well as: two bee- hives + supers and colonies, a suit, a mask, a pair of gloves, a smoker, a lever, a spatula and two kilograms of wax. An extractor, a maturator and strainer were offered to every center where the sessions were held . Beneficiaries coming from the neighborhoods benefit from their services where they can prepare and package their product for selling. Monitoring then took place to follow-up on the impact of the project on the beneficiaries. A group of graduates applied for a loan from the Micro-Credit program of the Foundation to start their enterprise.



PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THE CONCEPT OF DEMOCRACY

From 2005 to 2008

The Project entitled **Public Awareness on the Concept of Democracy** was funded by the **Delegation of the European Commission in Lebanon** within the framework of the European Initiative for Democracy and Human Rights Program.

The project aimed through the implementation of its actions to:

- Raise public awareness on the concept of Democracy to its target groups;
- Encourage them to promote those acquired skills to other members of their communities;
- Motivate them to start applying democratic methods and procedures in their lives;
- Encourage them to work on making a difference in the civic life of their societies leading to an eventual improvement and promotion of the quality of life in the country.

The project was unique by including the practical component... initiatives/ success stories taken by participants and printed in a booklet at the end of the project for distribution in the hope of working to induce the desired goal of change.

The target group of the project were stakeholders selected from a diversity of backgrounds, regions and religions to encourage inter-community dialogues.

The project was terminated in 2008 with a total of **692 participants** and **17 workshops** on the following topics:

- Definition of Democracy and its elements;
- Importance of its application at home, family, school and society;
- Initiatives taken on matters of public concern.



REGREEN LEBANON AND PRESERVE THE CLIMATE OF OUR PLANET 2007

Celebrating the **Mediterranean Action Day 2007**, dedicated to **Climate Change and the Mediterranean** and also on the occasion of the **National Tree Day in Lebanon**, Makhzoumi Foundation supported by the Mediterranean Information Office (MIO) organized on December 9th in Sarafand, South Lebanon a project entitled **Re-green Lebanon and Preserve the Climate of Our Planet**. The event was carried out in cooperation with the Greek NGO, **Society for the Environment and Sustainability on Earth (SENSE)**, the **Ministry of Education in Lebanon** and the Lebanese NGO in Sarafand, **Shoa al Beeaa**.

The day started with a presentation by the Forestry Expert, Dr. Nicholas Efstathiadis, targeting the **70 volunteer students** who came from several schools in Beirut and Sarafand.

The presentation included the following:

- A general overview on climate change;
- An emphasis on the importance of trees in reversing the present day worldwide danger of climatic changes.



After the presentation, a tree planting event was held in Sarafand, whereby all the participants cooperated in planting 400 saplings (poplar, mimosa, oleander, leucena and others), which were offered by Makhzoumi Foundation from its nursery in Akkar. Brochures about the importance of trees and the methods of planting them were distributed to all participants to spread awareness.



LET'S TALK

From 2007 to 2009

The project **Let's Talk** was awarded a European Community grant in 2007 for implementation under the administration of **OMSAR** within the program **AFKAR II** and with the **Higher Council of the Child** as an Associate.

The project aimed at bringing together groups of Lebanese students of Greater Beirut during a two year project to work together on producing two plays (one per year) and presenting them to an audience at a theatre.

The project developed ways to promote dialogue amongst young people with different beliefs and from different backgrounds, communities and schools. They initially met to acquire skills, with the help of specialists, about the **Convention on the Rights of the Child** whereby they got to know each other and to discuss the various related issues. They were encouraged to learn more about each other's values and experiences and asked to share their ideas on how to create the piece of theatre. The themes of the two plays were decided under the guidance of specialists and were related to **Article 13 of the Convention: the right of the child to freedom of expression**. The children were trained to present the plays at the end of each academic year; they were recorded on DVDs and offered (along with an accompanying activities manual) to teachers, youth workers and activists as an educational resource. The first play of the Project entitled **Sawa Mnoosal** was performed by the **35 students** on July 5th ,6th ,7th ,8th and 9th 2008 at Al Madina theatre to an audience of **1600 persons**. The second play entitled **Ta3a Net7awar** was performed by the **49 students** on May 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th 2009 at Al Madina theatre to an audience of **2400 persons**.



AWARENESS TRAINING ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SOLAR ENERGY APPLICATION

2008 - 2009

The **Awareness Training on the Importance of Solar Energy Application** project was implemented in 2008-2009 and was funded by **The Royal Netherlands Embassy** and implemented by Makhzoumi Foundation in collaboration with the **Ministry of Education in Lebanon** and the Greek NGO, **Society for the Environment and Sustainability on Earth (SENSE)**.

The project aimed at raising awareness on the importance of renewable energy by spreading the principle of solar energy and emphasizing its role as an efficient and renewable source that could easily replace traditional ones.



174 science teachers of the 6th grade from both public and private schools in all the regions of the country were trained on new technical skills of solar energy. A training manual was designed and simple educational kits were developed to be used as teaching material that would support the official science curriculum. Each teacher received an educational kit in addition to a transcript of attendance. During the workshops, a **Best Poster** contest was announced to all the students of the schools that participated in this project and a prize distribution ceremony was held on June 17th 2009 for the winners.



PEACE-LYRIC SONG CONTEST 2009 - 2010

This project was funded by the **UNDP / Peace Building Project** aiming to raise awareness on the issue of peace building among students by holding a lyric contest.

The winning lyric led to the production of a song that was distributed to all schools in Lebanon to spread a culture of peace and bridge confessional divides in the country.

It is available on Makhzoumi Foundation You-Tube channel on the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/makhzoumifoundation>

The main goals of the project were the following:

- Raise awareness on the issue of peace building among students;
- Develop children`s characters and foster their skills and attitudes needed to enhance peace;
- Provide children with an opportunity to voice their opinions;
- Encourage their ability to use words for peace-building purposes;
- Enhance their creativity and talents;
- Use the power of music for social transformation and enrichment of life.

Under the patronage of His Excellency the Minister of Education, Dr. Hassan Mneimneh, Makhzoumi Foundation announced the results of the Project in the presence of officials.

The distribution of crystal trophies to winners was as follows:

- 4th prize: Abbas Majid Makki, grade 9, Rkay Public School;
- 3rd prize: Haitham Emad Faraj, grade 9, Al-Irfan Intermediary School in Saoufar;
- 2nd prize: Antonio Kaii, grade 8, Al-Saydeh Secondary School in Hazmiyeh;
- 1st prize: Nassim Bu Ghannam, grade 11, Lycee National in Choueifat,

The winning Peace Song was launched at the ceremony; it was composed by Mr. Elias Rahbani and sung by Carol Aoun with the lyrics of the 1st prize poem. The song was recorded on CDs and was distributed to schools and Media.

**67
Schools**

**197
Poems**

The jury:

Composer, Elias Rahbani
Poet Henry Zgheib
Dr. Leila Maliha Fayad
Ms. Lana Ghandour
Dr. Mahmoud Halawa
Mr. Ghazi Kahwaji
Dr. Saba Zreik



CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY IN QANNOUBINE 2010

Celebrating the **Mediterranean Action Day 2010**, which was dedicated to **Climate Change and Biodiversity in the Mediterranean**, Makhzoumi Foundation supported by the **Mediterranean Information Office (MIO)** organized a project entitled **Climate Change and Biodiversity in Qannoubine Valley in North Lebanon**. The project included a field visit on November 13th 2010 to Qannoubine valley in Northern Lebanon with **45 participants**.

Qannoubine valley is a natural heritage site that extends over 35 km in length and is rich in biodiversity: Trees, shrubs and flowers. Qannoubine is a word of Greek origin, which means the community life.

The day started by an informative power point presentation by Dr Sattout, Forestry and Biodiversity specialist, at the Union of Bsharri Municipalities whereby she explained about the natural reserves of Lebanon, the native plant and animal species, the importance of biodiversity and the effects of climate change. The presentation was followed by a discussion about the topic then the specialist accompanied the group on a walk in the valley whereby she demonstrated the existing native plants to the participants and explained to them how climate change could affect the ecosystem balance. A manual about Climate Change and Biodiversity was prepared, translated and printed in English and Arabic; it was distributed to all participants during the visit.

Photos and video-tapes of the site and several plants were taken by a photographer and were used along with other educational data for preparing a short documentary video by an expert that was uploaded on the websites of Makhzoumi Foundation and MIO-ECSDE as well as the manual.



YOUTH X CHANGE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN 2010

The **Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development (MIO-ECSDE)** and 6 partners from the Mediterranean, **Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon represented by Makhzoumi Foundation, Morocco, Syria and Tunisia** took the initiative to address youth and introduce the **YOUTH X CHANGE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN** initiative and kit, as part of a global campaign on sustainable consumption. As a partner, Makhzoumi Foundation prepared and provided MIO-ECSDE with four case studies for the kit. The event was launched in Lebanon on **November 2010**, organized by Makhzoumi Foundation and MIO-ECSDE including a press conference and an experiential train-the-trainer seminar for youth associations and teachers.

Press Conference at the Press Syndicate on November 26th, 2010:

This event was the official launching of the YXC in Lebanon; it was addressed, primarily, to the relevant ministries of Education and Environment, local authorities, CSOs, NGOs and the media with 63 participants from those sectors.

Training event Saturday on November 27th, 2010:

This event was addressed to those involved with education and youth issues in the public and private schools such as teachers of primary and secondary level, youth leaders, university students, and NGOs carrying out educational projects with 72 participants.

**The projects “Youth ...The Ultimate Player in Sustainable Production and Consumption” 2011 and “Lebanese Youth as Messengers for Sustainability” 2014 within the AFKAR 3 program managed by OMSAR are based on this project.*



YOUTH THE ULTIMATE PLAYER IN SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION

2011

The project **Youth... The Ultimate Player in Sustainable production and consumption** was implemented in cooperation with **MIO-ECSDE** within the framework of the **Mediterranean Action Day 2011**, an initiative of MIO-ECSDE for its member organizations. The activity was a follow-up of the **Youth X Change (YXC) in the Mediterranean** initiative that addresses the youth community all over the world and that was launched in Lebanon in **November 2010**, jointly organized by MIO-ECSDE and Makhzoumi Foundation as the Lebanese partner. It aimed at providing a teaching material that would support the dissemination of the content of the YXC kit.

The activity included the following:

- A survey targeting **406 young adults** in different regions of the country reflecting their consumption behaviors;
- A **documentary** prepared including the results of the above survey as an introduction and portraying in photos and video films the conclusions and recommendations of each chapter of the YXC kit;
- A **hundred copies** of this documentary were produced and distributed to all the participants.

A discussion session targeting several stakeholders from ministries, schools, universities, scouts and clubs was held on December 19th whereby the results of the survey and the documentary were presented. Brainstorming on the different uses of the video documentary was done and recommendations were provided.



YOUTH EXCHANGE AND EDUCATION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN 2011

This project was organized by the **UNESCO Regional Bureau-Beirut, The Lebanese National Commission for UNESCO, MIO-ESCDE, and Makhzoumi Foundation**. It included a workshop whereby the opening was attended by the Minister of Education, Dr. Hassan Mneimneh who gave a speech followed by a plenary session where Dr. Sulieman elaborated on the ESD package.

33 participants mostly school **teachers** and **directors** as well as **NGO members** attended the workshop. The participants were divided into 3 groups based on 3 dimensions: **social, economic and environmental**. On the second day, the sessions focused on the YXC kit and participants were divided into two rotating groups, **From my habits to my values ... and back** and **Breaking the Barriers**.

The workshop aimed at:

- Introducing the UNESCO package **Teaching and Learning for a Sustainable Future** which includes training modules on the economical, social and environmental dimensions of education for sustainable development and applications in the educational systems (formal and informal);
- Introducing the Package **The Youth...Together towards Sustainable development**, which focuses on consumer behavioral patterns that limit the environmental degradation in the society;
- Involving students and youngsters in a number of activities associated with the development goals of the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014), such as tree planting.

After the workshop, a tree planting activity was held in Deir Mkhalles where students planted **250 saplings** offered by the nursery of Makhzoumi Foundation in Akkar.



DEIR EL QAMAR OLIVE PRESS 2012

Within the context of economical development villages and towns across Lebanon, Makhzoumi Foundation contributed to the establishment of an olive press in the town of Deir al-Qamar in Chouf.

The aim is enhancing the quality and quantity of the olive oil produced in the region.

The State of Italy contributed to the funding of this project, and the Former Minister Naji al Bustani contributed as well, by donating the land where olive oil to be produced.

A ceremony was organized, on November 29, 2012, to celebrate the launching of the olive press during which a commemorative plaque was unveiled announcing officially the work in this olive press.

The municipality of Deir Al-Qamar offered an appreciation trophy to Makhzoumi Foundation, in name of Engineer Mr. Fouad Makhzoumi, the Founder of the Foundation.



HYDRIA PROJECT

From 2011 to 2013

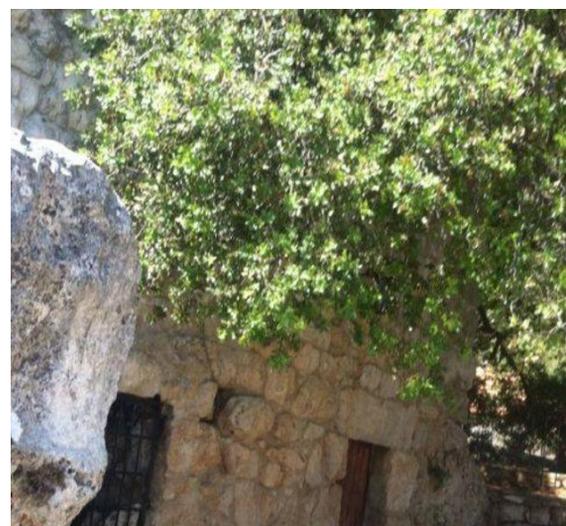
The Hydria project that was submitted by **MIO-ECSDE** and funded by the **Anna Lindt Foundation** was carried out in partnership with 18 NGOs in the Mediterranean including Makhzoumi Foundation as the Lebanese partner.

It included the compilation of **18 case studies**, one case study per country about a **water work of the ancient or recent past**.

A detailed description of this water work exhibits some type of wisdom or originality or genius in the way water was managed in the dry Mediterranean region.

The actual size/space of a case study ranged from a “clever” water device used in the past to large scale works for a whole settlement or city. The water availability of a region determined the way societies evolved in a given period.

The case study of The Hydria project that was prepared by Makhzoumi Foundation included St. John Maroun spring in the village of Gouma in the Caza of Batroun and was chosen due to its distinctive natural and historical criteria; it is an all year round never-ending water spring located within a common land for the inhabitants of the village of Gouma. It was adopted by the villagers through their history to secure drinking water for themselves and their livestock especially during periods of water scarcity. It was also a haven for the first Maronite patriarch Saint John Maroun where he resorted for prayer and meditation.



PROMOTING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT TO STRENGTHEN SOCIAL COHESION IN THE COMMUNITY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF IZZA 2012 - 2014

This project was funded by EU and implemented in partnership with the Municipality of Izza/South Lebanon, the Italian NGO, Armadilla S.c.s. Onlus and Makhzoumi Foundation.

It targeted the entire community of the Municipality of Izza and its neighboring villages.

Its duration was 24 months and its specific objectives were:

- Strengthening social community integration and relationships between Izza and its neighboring villages through the creation of a community center;
- Enhancing the sense of citizenship within the local community, particularly among the youth;
- Increasing the commitment of the Municipality and its community towards the environment through the promotion of renewable energy

The main activities of the project included the following:

- Establishing a community center, a green area and a playground for children in Izza;
- Organization of recreational, cultural and sport activities;
- Holding two awareness sessions on civic education and citizenship and two workshops on climate change, renewable energy and desertification that addressed 50 local administrators, municipality council members, social activists and civil society representatives;
- Organizing a contest on civic initiatives targeting youth;
- Installing solar energy poles in the community center and the main places of Izza.



MARINE LITTER IN THE MEDITERRANEAN 2012

Within the framework of the Mediterranean Action Day (a joint, small/medium-scale action conducted in many Mediterranean countries during a three-month period each year), Makhzoumi Foundation in partnership with MIO-ECSDE and Mer Terre Liban , a Lebanese NGO concerned with environmental issues implemented a project entitled «Marine Litter in the Mediterranean».

It included holding a shore cleansing activity whereby a group of 15 young adult volunteers collected the marine debris on the shore of Antelias, then sorted them and measured them.

The event was preceded by an awareness lecture on the topic and its importance.



LET'S ACT FOR A MEDITERRANEAN CITIZENSHIP 2013

This project was funded by the **European Union** and managed by the **Ministry of Youth and Sports** in Lebanon with the implementation of Makhzoumi Foundation in partnership with **Armadilla** and the **Municipality of Chiah** as an associate.

Its duration was 6 months and its specific objectives were:

- Enhancing mutual knowledge and intercultural dialogue between Italian and Lebanese young.
- Fostering youth active citizenship as an engine for sustainable relations among Italy and Lebanon.

The main activities of the project included the following:

- Holding three preparatory meetings in each of Beirut and Rome targeting the young participants to introduce project issues and involve them in the building of the exchange activity.
- A two-day meeting in Beirut between Italian and Lebanese promoters, to share and plan in detail the youth exchange activity.
- Holding a six 6-day exchange activity whereby twelve Italian young men and ladies met with sixteen Lebanese counterparts in Lebanon; their ages ranged between 18 and 25 and all were university students majoring in International Cooperation Law or Political Sciences. This project initiated a cultural dialogue among the youth where they exchanged views on democracy, citizenship and civic engagement during awareness sessions and also during informative sessions on the scope of cross-border cooperation and intercultural workshops on traditional music, songs and dances...These students met with Italian and Lebanese specialists at Chiyah Municipality Forum, visited the Italian Embassy and had touristic trips through Lebanon, from North to South.

At the end of the project, a closing ceremony was organized under the patronage and presence of the Minister of Youth and Sports as well as the Ambassador of Italy in Lebanon, Eng. Fouad Makhzoumi, the Founder of Makhzoumi Foundation, and the President of the Foundation Mrs. May Makhzoumi.



GREEN DEMONSTRATION ROOM

From 2013 to 2016

A memorandum of understanding was signed on September 23rd 2013 among the three partners: the Center of Research and Development (CERD), The Lebanon Green Building Council (LGBC) and Makhzoumi Foundation (MF) for the implementation of a project that includes the establishment of a “Green Demonstration Room” at the premises of the Center of Research and Development in Jounieh.

The main goal of the Project is to raise public awareness on the importance of energy efficiency, water conservation, and pollution-reduction through the introduction of the concept of Green Buildings to students of public and private schools who could visit the demonstration room coming from all the regions of the country.

The main objectives of the Project are:

- To demonstrate the concept and principles of Green Buildings;
- To raise public awareness on the importance of energy efficiency, water conservation, pollution-reduction and other environmental issues to as many learners as possible of all ages and backgrounds;
- To encourage the use of renewable energy technologies;
- To train trainers of the Center and science teachers;
- To support the integration of Energy Efficiency in the official school curricula;
- To have an educational unit on green buildings for the young generations to come;



LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

2013 - 2014

Within the call to Action announced by the UN under the following title:

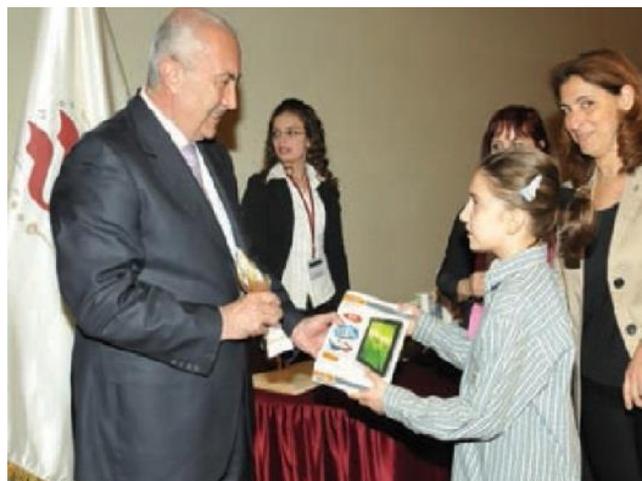
«**Together for Equality: Leave No One Behind**»

citizens from all corners of the world joined together to demand the change that the world urgently needs **to eradicate poverty**.

Makhzoumi Foundation selected the **Human Rights are for All** issue from the call whereby a 10 minute film/documentary about **the Rights of Children** was produced and uploaded on the Makhzoumi Foundation YouTube Channel on the following link:

http://youtu.be/DR192w_hFts

It was divided into 12 sections comprising all the articles of the Convention with emphasis on section 9 that includes Articles 2 and 30 dealing with discrimination issues. Contacts were then made with intermediate level schools in Greater Beirut, so they could download the film on USB or CD and use it for their activities of civic education and they were invited to participate at a drawing contest held by the Foundation. The contest was related to articles 2 and 30 of the Rights of Children that deal with protection from discrimination. Students could choose any anti-discrimination topic they wished for their drawings. **850 drawings** from **42 schools** were presented and the Jury selected the **3 winners** of each age category 8 to 10 and 11. The prize distribution ceremony was held on May 5th, 2014 at UNESCO Palace along with an exhibition of the drawings.



CHILD AND YOUTH FINANCE INTERNATIONAL (CYFI) In 2013

An activity including the NGOs **Injaz Lebanon** , **Al Majmoo3a**, **VITAS** and others and led by the **Higher Council of the Child** was held with workshops and a contest and the winner student was invited to attend the CYFI summit of 2013 in Istanbul on May 8th and 9th.

The theme of the contest focused on financial management by children and it targeted students of the first secondary level.

Several workshops on the topic preceded the contest and were held by the participating NGOs. The following table shows the schedule of the workshops that were held by Makhzoumi Foundation in cooperation amongst the **Awareness, Training and Micro-Credit** Programs:

The winner and results of the contest were decided in cooperation with the Higher Council of the Child on April 24th 2013 On June 15th, Makhzoumi Foundation held an honoring ceremony at Holiday Inn Dunes Hotel under the patronage of the Minister of Social Affairs and in presence of the Director of the Higher Council of the Child Mrs. Rita Karam. The ceremony targeted all the schools that participated at the contest and were trained by Makhzoumi Foundation.

25

From
Al Kawthar
School
11/4/2013

25

From
Beirut
Evangelical
School
13/4/2013

25

From Mar
Elias Betina
School
22/4/2013

35

From Al
Wardieh
Gornet al
Hamra
23/4/2013



LEBANESE YOUTH AS MESSENGERS OF SUSTAINABILITY

2013 - 2015

An Initiative to promote a culture of sustainability among the Lebanese children and young, their families and the local communities... A project within **AFKAR 3** program managed by **OMSAR** and funded by **EU**, in partnership with **Armadilla** (Italian NGO), **ALMEE** (Lebanese NGO) and **MIO-ECSDE** (Greek NGO / Mediterranean network). The overall objective of the action was to foster a culture of sustainability among the Lebanese children and youth, their families and the local communities, to enhance a sustainable development in the country and sustainable relationships in the Mediterranean region. The specific objective of the action is to empower the Lebanese children to shape values and attitudes, develop skills and capacities towards sustainable development and environmental protection, and put those in practice to promote change at the local, national and Mediterranean levels. It included the following activities:

- Holding three workshops in Beirut, Tripoli and Chtaura/Bekaa addressing teachers on the methodologies and teaching methods of Environmental Education and Education for Sustainable Development, focusing on the intermediate teaching level;
- Development and dissemination of a toolkit in Arabic, English and French for educators to enhance their capacity to teach about environmental education and education for sustainable development; it was distributed to all public and private intermediate level schools in Lebanon and to civil society organizations working in the field of education and youth empowerment as well.
- Organizing a contest on preparation of sketches on sustainable consumption and environmental protection directed to the students of the public and private intermediate schools in the three target areas – Greater Beirut Area, Tripoli and Baalback.
- Proclamation of the winner proposals at three award ceremonies held in the target areas.
- Holding three seminars in the targeted areas with the support of the civic development centers of Makhzoumi Foundation in Beirut, Baalbek and Tripoli addressing competent authorities, local associations and other private stakeholders to enhance common approaches towards sustainable development;
- Organization of three public activities/ Environmental Days in the target areas on sustainable consumption and environmental protection, involving the families and the whole communities;
- Production and dissemination of a documentary/short-movie on the sketches of the contest winners that was broadcasted on national TV and radio and disseminated at Mediterranean level through social media;
- Establishment of working groups on different matters related to sustainable development and environmental protection for the exchange of experiences and best practices at local and national levels.
- Sharing of relevant materials and experiences of the Project at Mediterranean level, amongst Lebanon, Italy and Greece through the MEdIES e-network.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT TO FOSTER SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF IRKAY

2015 - 2016

The project **environmental improvement to foster sustainable development and inclusive growth in the Municipality of Irkay** is funded by EU and implemented by the municipality of Irkay in partnership with Makhzoumi Foundation and the Italian NGO, Armadilla S.c.s. Onlus to foster sustainable development and inclusive growth through the environmental improvement.

The Action highlights the environmental dimension of sustainable development with the following objectives:

- Providing innovative services of renewable energy for environmental protection;
- Developing a basic disposition of children of care towards nature;
- Providing children with a green space.
- Strengthening the role of environmental awareness in achieving sustainable development and empowering people.

In 2015, the following activities were held:

- Training workshop for **20 Teachers** about Environmental Education and Sustainable Development;
- Environmental Craft Workshop on Tissue and Glass Painting with **14 women** participants;
- Visit to the Chouf Natural Cedars Reserve hosting **35 students**;
- Environmental Awareness and Craft workshop on Papier-Maché and Paper Recycling for **14 students**;
- Visit to Tyre Costal Natural Reserve with **26 students** and their teachers;
- Chocolate Molding and Decoration Workshop with **16 women** participants;
- Informative Session on Sorting Waste targeting **17 stakeholders**;
- Composting and Reusing Organic Wastes session with **25 student** participants.



PROMOTION OF MATERNAL AND CHILDHOOD HEALTH

From 2014 to 2015

This project is funded by the **Italian Waldensian Church** and implemented in cooperation with the Italian association **Armadilla S.c.s. Onlus** and **the Italian Cooperation Office in Lebanon**.

Its purpose is to promote health conditions of vulnerable communities mainly women and children through the following:

- Increasing awareness on child feeding, hygiene practices, on family planning and reproductive health;
- Enhancing the emotional well-being of people through psychosocial support activities;
- Capacity building through medical missions from Italy lead by Professor Aldo Morrone;
- Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) campaigns in collective shelters and informal tented settlements in Beirut and Mount Lebanon;
- Seminars addressing healthcare providers to improve their knowledge and skills on specific health issues.

The project aims to establish a close cooperation between Italian and Lebanese healthcare providers, through exchange of knowledge and experience, thus improving the local capacities in dealing with the health consequences of the Syrian crisis. The most important result of this cooperation was the elaboration of the first **Atlas in Lebanon on dermatological diseases** that was presented in Beirut in October 2015.





SERVICE PROJECTS 2009 - 2015

LEBANON INVESTMENT IN MICRO FINANCE (LIM) In 2011 and 2015

In **May 2009**, **USAID** started a 6-year cooperative agreement with the **Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance/International Executive Service Corps (VEGA/IESC)** to address the expanding demand for loans from individuals, micro-enterprises and farmers. In **July 2011**, VEGA/IESC signed a Memorandum of Understanding and provided a sub-grant to Makhzoumi Foundation and 6 other Lebanese Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs) under the **USAID-funded Lebanon Investment in Microfinance (LIM) program**. Grants are disbursed as loans and services to micro enterprises within the following value chains: Agriculture, ICT and Tourism, outside the greater Beirut area. MFIs also receive training and technical assistance during the lifetime of the program about Loan products, Quality of application information, Policies and procedures and Loan monitoring.

Loan officers were also trained on the following:

- Best practices and risk calculation for loans.
- Technical skills and soft skill including selling techniques, customer care, time management, leadership, Risk Management, Communication skills, conflict resolutions.

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR PALESTINIANS In 2009

Makhzoumi Foundation trained in Akkar Center **140 trainees** from Al Najda El Shaabiya Foundation, in cooperation with **ACTC** and funding from **Mercy Corps**. This was part of a more elaborate project to capacitate Palestinian Youth to enter the job market with basic required skills. The Training covered Digital Literacy, Advanced Computer Skills, Computer Maintenance and Introduction to Business.

TRAINING FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR WOMEN In 2011

Makhzoumi Foundation trained **37 Lebanese students** from the **Women's Association for Social Development** in Sohmar in West Bekaa. They were divided as follows : 30 trainees for the English language classes during term 2/2011 and 7 trainees for the English language classes during term 4/2011.



SERVICE PROJECTS 2009 - 2015

RELIEF and HUMANITARIAN SERVICES from 2011 to 2015

The partnership project between Makhzoumi Foundation and the **United Nations High Commissioner for refugees (UNHCR)** in the implementation of services to refugees in Lebanon covers the following: **Cash for rent, Winterization, Hygiene coupons, Food Coupons, Sanitary promotion, Case management, and Protection services.** Makhzoumi Foundation primary healthcare clinics receive refugees from all nationalities to provide them with primary health care services. Makhzoumi Foundation Mobile Medical Unit also visits refugees living in collective shelters and informal tented settlements in Beirut and Mount Lebanon. Makhzoumi Foundation used to be the focal point for secondary and tertiary healthcare referrals of refugees, mainly to Rafic Hariri hospital until November 2013.

COOPERATION WITH HIMAYA from 2011 to 2012

As **Himaya** is a protection NGO and admits teenagers who are under the protection of the law, Makhzoumi Foundation trained 24 young persons who were within a stressful environment. They accomplished different trainings in: **Computer skills, Beauty Courses, and Language improvement,** after which Himaya reassessed and complemented the acquired skills with others from their own curriculum.

TRAINING FOR AJIALOUNA from 2011 and 2012

Makhzoumi Foundation trained **39 ladies** as requested and funded by the NGO **Ajialouna** whereby they were given the opportunity to be trained in a vocation then to further receive soft skills to be ready for the job market. MF provided different Beauty trainings, namely: Hairdressing, Make up, Nail Care, Skin Care, and Beauty Package.

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH KITS 2013 to date

Makhzoumi Foundation cooperates with the **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)** in the distribution of **reproductive health kits and medications** to refugees to raise awareness about family planning and the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.



SERVICE PROJECTS 2009 - 2015

EXPAND YOUR HORIZON (EYH) From 2013 to 2015

USAID entered into a 3-year contract with **World Learning** to implement the **Expand Your Horizon** Program. The aim of the USAID-EYH was **to build the technical and professional capacity of Lebanese organizations including Makhzoumi foundation and other NGOs and their employees to play a more effective role in their community.** A general needs assessment of Makhzoumi Foundation and other organizations was conducted to identify the key areas in which the performance can be improved through training sessions. Based on the assessment, the needs were identified, prioritized, and then put in a plan. Key staff members conducted trainings and had the responsibility to implement the plan and follow it up. EYH conducts follow up activities through the period of the Program to see status of the implementation of the plan.

EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ESD) In 2014 and 2015

This Project was implemented in cooperation with the **UNESCO** Regional Bureau in Beirut in collaboration with the Italian NGO, Armadilla S.c.s. Onlus. **Education for sustainable development and life skills** are powerful forces that can help people become active and ecologically responsible citizens, workers and consumers. It involves incorporating key themes such as **poverty alleviation, human rights, health and environmental protection, and climate change** into the education system.

Enhancing life skills of young people contributes to their physical, emotional, intellectual and social development, leading them to a responsible and self-sufficient adulthood. In **2014**, the project included 2 workshops in Beirut and in Bekaa with practical sections and exercises. The trainees would become trainers in their own communities transmitting skills and activities. Participants were **23 Lebanese** and **17 Syrians**. In **2015**, 2 workshops were held including civic engagement as well in Irkay, in South Lebanon and Baalback targeting a total of **71 Lebanese and Syrian**.



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INTERSOS LIVELIHOOD In 2015

This project aimed to **protect women from gender-based violence** by providing them with skills that foster their self-reliance. Four craft workshop sessions targeting twenty Lebanese and Syrian ladies were held as follows:

- Chocolate molding and Decoration;
- Marzipan making;
- Boxes and Basket Decoration;
- Making cookies (Oriental and Western), Swiss rolls and Macaron;
- Loom Weaving;
- Cake Making and Decoration.

SUPPORT TO EMERGENCY AFFECTED WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN LEBANON In 2015

The project was funded by **UNICEF** and aimed to **protect 4833 vulnerable girls, boys, women and caregivers from violence, exploitation, abuse and neglect, including gender based violence**, through equitable and safe access to quality child protection and gender based violence services in targeted locations of Beirut and Mount Lebanon. 47 violated children and subjected to gender based violence were addressed through case Management and specialized services to ensure that vulnerabilities are reduced and resilience is strengthened. 500 beneficiaries attended awareness-raising on key public health risks and were mobilized to adopt measures to prevent the deteriorations in hygienic conditions.

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES In 2013 and 2014

Makhzoumi Foundation signed a project with **Save the Children** to train **20 Syrian Refugees** in Tripoli. The project started **December 2013** where students got the chance to study **makeup, ICT skills, computer maintenance** and **English language**. This training offers graduates an opportunity to use their skills in Lebanon and in their home community. **January 2014** witnessed the closure of the project with the trainees receiving certificates within the respective specialties.

MOSAIC PROJECT: CHILDREN SAFE PLACES In 2015

The project was funded by the Embassy of Italy in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Affairs; its duration was six months and aimed at creating safe spaces for children to play and learn in five different corners of: reading, science, drama, technology and robotics. The Project targeted 3208 Lebanese and Syrian boys and girls aged 6-13 and it was carried out in Beirut, Baalback and Aramoun.



SERVICE PROJECTS 2009 - 2015

FILLING THE GAP IN CHILD PROTECTION CASE MANAGEMENT In 2015

The project was funded by **UNOCHA** and aimed **to fill the identified gap in child protection case management services for Palestine refugee (648) and host community children (162) living in the areas of Burj El Berajneh, Shatila and Mar Elias camps**. It worked through awareness sessions to sensitize children and caregivers to key child protection, welfare and development issues. Referrals and support to the community were facilitated through the recruitment and training of Community Outreach Volunteers (COVs) who were involved in the following:

- Identifying and referring child protection cases to the case management team;
- Providing other support for prevention activities;
- Supporting in awareness activities;
- Participating in events and mobilization activities.
- Replicating the training and information received.
- Distributing leaflets and information materials.
- Reporting child protection issues and trends within the community.

TRAINING FOR EMPLOYMENT In 2013 and 2014

A project was signed with **Cooperative Housing Foundation (CHF Lebanon) - MENA YES Program** to enroll Makhzoumi Foundation beneficiaries to secretarial, soft skills and entrepreneurship training courses. After a job market survey, specific needs were identified. The secretarial training, as requested by the employment providers, started in **2013** and 15 students graduated. Soft skills and entrepreneurship training courses targeted 100 beneficiaries in **2014**, in collaboration with **New Horizons** as training providers. CHF Lebanon engages the participants into internships with private sector institutions participating in the program, in order to offer the participants the opportunity to apply their acquired skills and receive practical training in their field.

MALNUTRITION PROGRAM In 2014 to date

Makhzoumi Foundation with the **International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)** work together to manage malnutrition through screening all children aged 5 years and below and providing food supplements to cases diagnosed with malnutrition, in addition to continuous awareness raising on the importance of breastfeeding. The program is still ongoing with the **Ministry of Public Health**.

*“We all need people who will give us feedback. That’s how we improve.” – **Bill Gates***

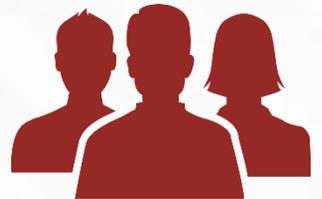
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