

ANNEX 1: NGOs and Networks contributors

ALEF act for human rights (ALEF)



ALEF act for human rights (ALEF) is a Lebanese non-governmental human rights organization operational since 1996 and officially registered in 2013. ALEF aims at monitoring, protecting and promoting human rights through education, training, advocacy and lobbying activities.

www.alefliban.org

ABAAD — Resource Center for Gender Equality



ABAAD – Resource Center for Gender Equality is a UN ECOSOC accredited organization that aims to achieve gender equality as an essential condition to sustainable social and economic development in the MENA region. The dynamic team is comprised of dedicated activists, lawyers, consultants, social workers and researchers, who creatively test new approaches as part of a larger effort to achieve an equitable society, free of hegemonic masculinities and violence against women. As a leading actor on gender equality in the region, ABAAD is perceived as a reliable reference and partner by the local, regional and international entities that promote gender equality, peacebuilding and sustainable development.

<https://urda-lb.org>

ACHR — Access Centre for Human Rights



ACHR — Access Centre for Human Rights (OCHR) operates as a non-profit, non-governmental human rights organization. It is led and run by Syrian refugees who have professional backgrounds in law, human

rights, and journalism and who were forced to seek asylum in Lebanon because of their pro-democracy activism in Syria. ACHR is dedicated to upholding the rule of law and fighting impunity. It maintains a non-religious, non-sectarian stance and remains independent of any political affiliations. ACHR defends the communal and individual rights of refugees by investigating and highlighting the many violations of international law from which they suffer. ACHR argues for the voluntary, dignified and safe return of refugees to their countries of origin. It has been registered in Lebanon since 2017 and in France since 2020.

<https://www.achrighs.org>

ANND — Arab NGO Network for Development



ANND — Arab NGO Network for Development is an independent, democratic and civil network, established in 1997, aimed at strengthening and empowering civil society and promoting the values of democracy, respect for human rights and sustainable development in Arab countries. Which is all consistent with the International Bill of Human Rights and the freedom and dignity of the individual, respect for pluralism, equitable distribution of wealth, preservation of the cultural heritage of the region, and to achieve the development priorities of local communities.

<https://www.annd.org>

Basmeh and Zeitooneh



Basmeh and Zeitooneh works to provide support in the fields of Education, Protection, and Livelihoods to the most vulnerable displaced Syrians, as well as vulnerable members of the host population in Lebanon, Turkey, and Iraqi Kurdistan. The organization operates through a holistic approach that works with all members of the community by addressing multiple needs of the whole family and community as

opposed to providing one-off relief services to individuals. Basmeh & Zeitooneh is also running advocacy and research programs, often in close collaboration with international and national NGOs and CSOs.

<https://www.basmeh-zeitooneh.org/>

Caritas Lebanon



CARITAS provides economic development, livelihoods, health and social care, education, service to foreign refugees, emergency and crisis intervention, environmental supervision and protection of the needy, in coordination with the Council of Catholic Patriarchs and Bishops, dioceses, and priests.

<https://caritas.org.lb>

CLDH — Lebanese Center for Human Rights



The Lebanese Center for Human Rights (CLDH) is a local non-profit, non-partisan Lebanese human rights organization based in Beirut. CLDH was created in 2006 by the Franco-Lebanese Movement SOLIDA (Support for Lebanese Detained Arbitrarily), which had been active since 1996 in the struggle against arbitrary detention, enforced disappearance, torture, and the impunity of those perpetrating gross human rights violations.

<https://www.cldh-lebanon.org>

Creadel



Creadel is a non-governmental organization working in the field of community development in the Beqaa Valley since 1998.

<https://www.facebook.com/creadel.lb/>

DPNA — Development for People and Nature Association



Development for People and Nature Association (DPNA) is a nongovernmental, secular association that works through a wide range of networks of civil society organizations (CSOs) to meet the needs of the local community on the basis of sustainable development. DPNA was established in 2003 and now has 32 full- and part-time staff members as well as 500 volunteers supporting DPNA to accomplish its vision and mission.

<https://www.dpna-lb.org>

Helem



Helem is the first LGBTQIA+ rights organization in the Arab world, established in Beirut in December of 2000. With a mission to lead the struggle for the liberation of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Intersex, Transgendered, Queer (LGBTQIA+), and other people with non-conforming sexualities in Lebanon and the SWANA region. Helem works tirelessly to protect and promote the civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights of the LGBTQIA+ community through empowering queer+ leadership, fostering unity through diversity, and advocating for political and societal change Helem strives to create a society where all individuals can live with dignity, respect, and equality, regardless of their gender, sexuality, or any other identity.

<https://www.helem.net>

Himaya



Himaya is a specialized NGO in the child protection sector, working to prevent violence against children and offer the support needed for abused children on a psychosocial and legal level; eventually allowing them to be reintegrated as productive and active members of society. The dedicated & multidisciplinary team of professionals covers all Lebanese territory with offices in Mount Lebanon, South Lebanon, North Lebanon, and the Bekaa; ensuring accessible services to children across Lebanon.

<https://www.himaya.org>

Himaya daeem Aattaa



Himaya daeem Aattaa Association is a National Non profit organization based in Zgharta the North of Lebanon, registered under the number 1674. HDA's interventions cover whole Lebanon. HDA supports all vulnerable nationalities: Lebanes, Syrian Refugees, Palestinian and Iraqi community. The sectors of interventions are : Protection, Child protection, GBV, Livelihood, Health, Mental Health, Shelter and Social Stability.

<https://associationhda.com>

House of Peace



House of Peace, officially registered as Threads of Peace in 2019, is a non-governmental social peacebuilding organisation based in Lebanon. HOPE aims through different activities to enhance social peace within local communities by shifting perceptions; supporting and connecting community-based initiatives and dialogue spaces; advancing the principles of conflict sensitivity; and by voicing grassroots perspectives, stories and aspirations.

<https://www.houseofpeace.ngo/>

Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs



The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at the American University of Beirut (IFI) is an independent, research-based, policy-oriented institute. It aims to initiate and develop policy-relevant research in and about the Arab world.

The Institute aims to bridge the gap between academia and policymaking by conducting high quality research on the complex issues and challenges faced by Lebanese and Arab societies within shifting international and global contexts, by generating evidence-based policy recommendations and solutions for Lebanon and the Arab world, and by creating an intellectual space for an interdisciplinary exchange of ideas among researchers, scholars, civil society actors, media, and policy makers.

<https://www.ifipolicyblog.com>

LECORVAW — Lebanese Council to Resist Violence Against Woman



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لمناهضة العنف ضد المرأة

The **Lebanese Council to Resist Violence Against Woman (LECORVAW)** is a non governmental organization working for the purpose of fighting and resisting all forms of Violence Against Women (VAW) and Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Lebanon. Back in 1997 LECORVAW was established by a group of social activists which saw the need to make a stand and stop all forms of violence and discrimination against women, by 1999 LECORVAW had two Listening and Counseling Centers operating in both Beirut

and Tripoli fully equipped and ready to receive Women survivors of VAW & GBV and their children and provide them with free social, mental and legal services.

<https://lecorvaw.org>

LUPD — Lebanese Union for People with Physical Disabilities (LUPD)



LUPD —Lebanese Union for People with Physical Disabilities is a non-sectarian organization led by people with disabilities advocating for the inclusion, equality, and rights of people with disabilities, through shifting government policies and public discourse.

<https://lphu.com>

Mosaic



MOSAIC is a holistic program committed to improve the health and well-being of marginalized and vulnerablized groups in Lebanon and beyond.

Through its presence and networks in Lebanon and the MENA region, MOSAIC's strategic goal is to achieve the coexistence of people in their respective communities and national systems. Founded by activists, legal and health experts in September 2014, MOSAIC provides specialized and comprehensive services for marginalized groups, research and advocate for policy reform, develop knowledge and capacities on SOGIESC (Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity/Expressions, and Sex Characteristics) issues, and engage the societies in the fight against human rights violations, especially against LGBTIQ+ rights violations.

<https://mosaic-mena.org>

MSD — Migration Services and Development



MSD, Migration Services and Development, is a local NGO, established in Lebanon in 2014. MSD's motto—"a home away from home"—is based on the organization's belief in the dignity of all humans who have left their country in search of a better life.

Migration Services and Development answers the call of migrants and refugees, with technical services and a caring staff. Each of its staff works diligently to ensure that no matter where people go, or how they got there, they always have a home.

<https://e-msd.org>

Nabaa- Developmental Action without Borders



Nabaa- Developmental Action without Borders is a Lebanese organization working with Palestinian communities in the camps and gatherings in Lebanon, and with Lebanese communities with a particular focus on upholding rights of children and enabling children and young people to play a healthy and active role in their communities.

<https://www.nabaa-lb.org/>

Najdeh



Association Najdeh is a secular, feminist, democratic organisation that was founded at the beginning of civil war in 1976 and was registered in 1978 with the Lebanese Ministry of Municipalities and Interior as an independent non-governmental association (apprised and notified as 0169 /AD).

The Najdeh works mainly with Palestinian women and girls refugees , and through them, with the wider marginalised social strata of the Palestinian community in Lebanon. It also aids other disadvantaged communities who live in the camps and likewise social gatherings.

<https://association-najdeh.org>

PHRO — Palestinian Human Rights Organization



The **Palestinian Human Rights Organization (PHRO)** is an independent, non-governmental, non-partisan and non-profit Human Rights NGO which was formed by a private initiative. Established in 1997 and based in Mar Elias Refugee Camp, in Beirut, it is recognized in Lebanon under registration no. 36/AD. PHRO is devoted to the promotion, protection and defense of the Human rights of Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon and the wider MENA region.

<http://www.palhumanrights.org>

Ruwwad Al-Tanmeya



Ruwwad Al-Tanmeya is a non-profit community development organization that works with disenfranchised communities through education, youth volunteerism and grassroots organizing. Our approach encompasses an array of programs and projects that, together, strengthen initiative and facilitate redress to problems prioritized by members of the community.

<https://ruwwad.ngo>

RDFL — Lebanese Women Democratic Gathering



The Lebanese Women Democratic Gathering (RDFL) is a feminist, secular, non-governmental organization advocating for and raising awareness about the rights of women and girls in Lebanon. Founded in 1976, the RDFL is one of the oldest feminist organizations, one based on volunteerism.

<https://www.rdfwomen.org>

Sawa for Development and Aid



Sawa for Development and Aid is a Civil Society Organisation (CSO) initially founded in December 2011 as a spontaneous response in December to the arrival of the first 40 Syrian families displaced from Syria into the North of Lebanon.

<http://www.sdaid.org/>

SHIFT



SHIFT is a social innovation hub working in post-conflict and marginalized areas, with a focus on transforming them into peaceful and prosperous communities.

<https://linktr.ee/SHiFT.SIH>

Tabitha



Tabitha is a local Lebanese civil society actor, registered with the Ministry of Interior in Beirut since 2016. Tabitha is implementing a community-based protection program as well as projects with a gender or child-focus in Beirut, Mount Lebanon, and in Batroun, North governorates.

<https://www.tabithalb.org>

TWI – Tasmim w Irada



Tasmim w Irada is a local non-profit, non-political organization established in Lebanon in June 2015. It is dedicated to supporting vulnerable and underserved communities in overcoming social and economic challenges. Through education, vocational training, and social initiatives, Tasmim w Irada works to improve living conditions, promote environmental awareness, and empower individuals with the skills and opportunities they need to thrive. Founded by committed community members, the association provides services ranging from aid for orphans and the poor to literacy programs, cultural activities, and professional development, with a strong focus on sustainability and dignity.

<https://twi-lb.org/>

URDA — Union of Relief & Development Associations



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اتحاد الجمعيات الإغاثية و التنمية
Union of Relief & Development Associations

Union of Relief and Development Associations “URDA” was founded in 2012 for an urgent social need after the Syrian crisis which led to the displacement of a large number of Syrians who escaped from the scourge of war, where the number of newcomers reached nearly two million refugees in a country that does not exceed 10,452 Kilometers in distance and its population about 5 million, indicating the magnitude of the crisis and the need at the same time.

URDA allocated approximately eight basic sectors that cover all of their needs, such as relief, shelter, health care, education, sponsorships, psychosocial support, protection, and the development program, in which many services were provided through it.

And referring to its excellence and professionalism, URDA has established an important partnership with UNHCR and many international organizations working in Lebanon as well as official local authorities.

<https://urda-lb.org>

UTOPIA Association



UTOPIA Association is a non-governmental, non-profit organization dedicated to abolishing all types of social discrepancies in the Lebanese society. Through specialized projects and programs that embrace volunteerism and innovation, we strive to create empowered communities and achieve social justice for all, regardless of political or religious beliefs.

<https://utopialebanon.org>

Woman Alive



Women Alive Organization is a non-profit, non-political, non-religious organization that focuses on building up justice, democracy, peacebuilding and human rights mainly women's rights.

<https://www.facebook.com/womenalivelb/>

Women Now



Women Now is a feminist & women led non-governmental organization that works to support, protect and empower women and girls through many programs and training courses...

We believe that meaningful engagement of women in the social, economic and political spheres is essential to achieve full and equal rights and a better future.

<https://women-now.org>