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A Message From the Executive Director



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The year 2022 was a continuation of the Women's Programs Association's efforts, following the path taken in the previous year. We achieved significant milestones in Human Resources, Finance, and Program Management, both at our head office and the centers located in the camps.

Our operational endeavors focused on implementing new programs aimed at enhancing the well-being of women and youth in the Palestinian community.

These programs were specifically designed to provide various forms of support, including career counseling, vocational training, job placement, and cash-for-work opportunities. We also ventured into the realm of conflict transformation through youth initiatives. Furthermore, we continued to offer protection interventions and educational support to children who were at risk of dropping out or already out of school.

In addition to these initiatives, we sustained our provision of basic needs assistance, which involved distributing hot meals, food vouchers, hygiene kits, and winter clothes. Through these combined efforts, we were able to reach approximately 12,300 Palestinian refugee children, youth, and women across eight camps and four gatherings.

Despite our successes, we encountered certain challenges, primarily related to resources. In some cases, our existing staff had to assume multiple roles to compensate for these gaps. Another obstacle related to funding strategies of some donors by concentrating on specific geographic areas, thereby limiting our ability to provide equal interventions for similar needs, in areas, where we operate.

Looking ahead, we are fully committed to enhancing our internal capacity and expanding our programs to reach a broader target audience within our community. Our ultimate goal is to make a profound and positive impact on the lives of the individuals we serve. We express our sincere appreciation to all our partners, supporters, staff, and volunteers who have played a vital role in the success of the Women's Programs Association. We look forward to continuing our collaborative work toward our shared goals.



Protection Program

aims to empower Palestinian refugee women, youth, and other vulnerable community members to protect themselves against the risks of violence, abuse, and discrimination.

NAVARRA II - PREVENTION OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE THROUGH COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES

Mar 1, 2022 - Jan 15, 2023



The objective of the project is to enhance the access of individuals at risk and survivors to high-quality prevention and response services. This is accomplished through several key activities, including participation in life skills sessions, individual and group psychological support sessions, and awareness campaigns focused on gender-based violence (GBV), child protection, and family law.

The project recognizes the importance of equipping individuals with life skills that can empower them to make informed decisions and navigate their circumstances effectively. By participating in life skills sessions, individuals gain valuable knowledge and practical tools that can contribute to their overall well-being and resilience. By addressing their specific needs and promoting awareness, the project strives to foster a safer and more supportive environment for all community members.



467 women and girls participated in life skills sessions.



1,108 participants benefited from individual and group psychological and social support (PSS).



850 women and girls were sensitized to gender-based violence (GBV).



BIZKAIA II - SUPPORT COMMUNITY-BASED INITIATIVES TO PREVENT AND RESPOND TO GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

Mar 28, 2022 - Jan 31, 2023

The main objective of the project is to foster a protective environment by actively engaging the community in practices that effectively reduce vulnerability to sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV).

To achieve this goal, the project implemented two key activities involving young men and women.

Firstly, eight young men were trained to deliver workshops on positive masculinity. These workshops aimed to challenge harmful gender norms and promote healthier attitudes and behaviors among community members, particularly men.

Secondly, young women were trained in video-making and social media skills to raise awareness about women's rights. Through these mediums, they were able to create impactful content that highlighted the importance of gender equality, women's empowerment, and the prevention of SGBV.



120 young men participated in the masculinity sessions, of which 75% improved knowledge and attitudes towards gender equality, sexual and reproductive health and violence.



Eight videos were produced.



825 women, girls, men, and boys in nine camps participated in awareness-raising sessions on women's rights.



BASQUE II - ENGAGE THE PALESTINIAN REFUGEE COMMUNITY IN LEBANON TO IMPROVE THEIR PROTECTION AND REDUCE AND RESPOND TO SGBV

Apr 1, 2022 - Mar 31, 2023

The primary objective of this project is to promote practices within the Palestinian Refugee Community in Lebanon that effectively reduce vulnerability and enhance resilience in preventing and responding to gender-based violence (GBV).

To achieve this, eleven young men were trained in "forum theater" techniques. They utilized these skills to perform a play in two camps, namely Ein El Hilweh and Burj El Barajneh. The play focused on the theme of positive masculinity, aiming to challenge harmful gender norms and promote healthier attitudes and behaviors among community members.

In addition to the theater performances, the project facilitated individual and group psychosocial support (PSS) activities in nine camps. These activities provided a safe and supportive environment for individuals to address their emotional and psychological well-being.



The PSS sessions aimed to enhance resilience and empower individuals to cope with the challenges they face while promoting a community-wide response to GBV.



540 males and females were reached through mobile theater.



75% of the male audience reported that the play had an impact on their views and attitude towards masculinity.



260 community members were reached through individual and group PSS activities.



Livelihood Program

aims to empower women and youth and develop their capacity for enhanced economic sufficiency and livelihood improvement

**MY CAREER, MY CHOICE
PROMOTING WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH
EMPLOYABILITY IN LEBANON**

Jul 1, 2022 - Jun 30, 2025

The project's objective is to empower 180 vulnerable young women, aged 18 to 29 years, by equipping them with the necessary tools for informed decision-making, improving their employability, and establishing connections with the private sector in Beirut and North Lebanon.



Fatima Al Habet, one of the participants in "My Career, My Choice" project

To achieve this, the project is implemented in two distinct phases, each spanning 18 months. During each phase, the project targets 90 young women, providing them with a range of transformative interventions. These interventions include life skills development, career counseling, and vocational training, all designed to enhance their personal and professional capabilities.

Through this comprehensive approach, the project is committed to equipping vulnerable young women, with the necessary skills, knowledge, and connections to pursue fulfilling careers and improve their overall well-being.



WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT (WEE): EMPOWERING WOMEN & ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY THROUGH WOMEN-LED COMMUNITY KITCHENS

Sep 1, 2022 - Nov 30, 2023

The WEE project serves as a vital intervention that simultaneously addresses food security and women's economic empowerment among vulnerable Palestinian refugees, in three camps. By providing daily hot meals and creating job opportunities, the project helps to improve the lives of both individuals and communities, fostering resilience and self-sufficiency.

Furthermore, the project creates job opportunities for vulnerable refugee women through cash-for-work initiatives. By engaging in meaningful work, these women not only earn an income but also develop essential skills that can enhance their employability and long-term economic prospects.



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Meals

By providing nutritious meals to vulnerable families living in the camps, the project significantly contributes to addressing their immediate food needs and improving their overall well-being and coping strategies.

2

Job opportunities

Furthermore, the project creates job opportunities for vulnerable refugee women through cash-for-work initiatives. By engaging in meaningful work, these women not only earn an income but also develop essential skills that can enhance their employability and long-term economic prospects.

3



60 vulnerable women who benefitted from cash for work opportunity.



2,181 distributed meals in Ein El Hilweh camp.



120 distributed meals in Beddawi camp.



**FOSTERING INCLUSIVE CAREER
CHOICE, RESILIENCE AND AGENCY
(FICCRA)**

Feb 1, 2022 - Mar 31, 2023

The FICCRA project aims to support young individuals in South Lebanon, enabling them to acquire the essential skills and knowledge necessary to pursue their desired careers and enhance their employability. Through targeted interventions and comprehensive support, the project equips young people with the tools they need to make informed career decisions and overcome barriers that may hinder their progress.

 **RIGHT TO PLAY**



102 youth benefitted from the project services.



32 youth participated in the entrepreneurship program.



12 youth, 7 girls and 5 boys, received 9 grants to establish their businesses.

The FICCRA project serves as a catalyst for positive change, unlocking the potential of young individuals and enabling them to create a better future for themselves and their communities through meaningful and fulfilling careers.



EMPOWERED COMMUNITY IN ACTION (WASH)

Feb 1, 2022 - Feb 28, 2023



The WASH project had a specific focus on enhancing refugees' practices and behaviors regarding personal and menstrual hygiene in four camps: Nahr El Bared, Beddawi, Burj El Barajneh, and Ein El Hilweh. In addition to this, the project aimed to raise awareness about COVID-19 and Cholera prevention measures among the refugee population in these camps.



65 youths were provided with cash for work opportunities.



95% of school children demonstrated an improvement in hygiene practices.



Furthermore, the project provided cash-for-work opportunities specifically targeted towards the youth residing in these four camps. This initiative aimed to empower the youth by offering them employment opportunities while contributing to the overall objectives of the WASH project.



Education Program

aims to enhance the literacy level of children and youth residing in Palestinian refugee camps and surrounding areas.



CHANCE TO LEARN

Feb 1, 2022 - Jul 29, 2022

Chance to Learn is an inspiring project that profoundly impacts the lives of Palestinian and Syrian children, who have been deprived of their fundamental right to education.

The project's overarching objective is to empower these children by fostering the development of personal competencies and interpersonal skills, equipping them for successful re-engagement with formal education or vocational training leading to future employment opportunities.

100 students benefited from this project.



Youth Basic Literacy and Numeracy (YBLN)

Apr 1, 2022 - Jan 31, 2023



Basic Literacy and Numeracy (BLN) project specifically targets children who have dropped out of formal education. The project's primary focus is to provide these children with essential skills in basic literacy, including reading and writing in Arabic and English, as well as foundational numeracy skills.

Additionally, the project aims to equip them with crucial life skills that are essential for their personal development and future success.

122 children, 14 to 24 years old, participated in this project.



**SUPPORTING AND TUTORING AT-RISK STUDENTS
AT UNRWA SCHOOL, IN BEDDAWI CAMP (S.T.A.R.S)**



Apr 1, 2022 - Dec 31, 2022

STARS is a program that focuses on nurturing the potential of children who are at risk of dropping out of school. This initiative is a collaborative effort between the WPA center in Beddawi camp and UNRWA Ramleh school.

Its primary objective is to prevent dropout among students in:

grade

7

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grade

8



The program acknowledges the multifaceted challenges faced by children at risk of dropping out and addresses them holistically by offering comprehensive educational support, including life skills courses, to empower them in their homes, schools, and society.



36 students enrolled in this program.



70% of students improved their grades and learned new skills in all subjects.



100% of targeted students remained in school by end of school year with no students dropping out during the transition from the seventh to eighth grade.



Social stability Program

aims to promote social cohesion, resilience, and stability within Palestinian refugee communities.

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION PROJECT (GHAYMEH)

Oct 1, 2021 - May 31, 2023

The objective of this project is to proactively address and resolve conflicts within the Palestinian refugee community through the implementation of effective conflict transformation strategies.



This was accomplished by conducting comprehensive training for 12 Community Assistants (CAs) and two focal points in two camps, Beddawi and El Buss. Equipped with their new skills, the CAs and focal points played a pivotal role in establishing a group of 25 youth members within their respective communities.

Souk Moukhayyamna was established in Beddawi camp and series of activities engaging the community were held in El Buss camp like cleaning campaign, open dialogue between children and parents, painting murals on the wall and others.

Working in close collaboration with the community, this group of youth actively engaged in identifying a specific conflict(s) that required resolution. Utilizing the conflict resolution techniques learned during the training, they embarked on a collective effort to address and resolve the identified conflict.



Humanitarian Response Program

Jan 1, 2022 – Dec 31, 2022



aims to provide timely and effective assistance to Palestinian refugees and communities affected by crises, emergencies, or disasters.



WPA has implemented diverse interventions on multiple occasions to provide marginalized Palestinian refugee families throughout Lebanon with essential support in the form of both in-kind and cash assistance. The primary objective of these interventions is to address their basic needs, including food, shelter, and healthcare.

Recognizing the challenging circumstances faced by these families, WPA has extended a range of assistance measures to alleviate their hardship. This includes the provision of in-kind aid, such as food parcels, medicines, clothing, fuel and others. Additionally, cash assistance was provided to enable families to meet their immediate needs and make informed decisions based on their priorities.

A total of **5,840** vulnerable individuals received assistance, which included:



Distribution of **1,000** food kits to vulnerable families from camps.



Granting financial assistance of **\$250** per person to 500 individuals.



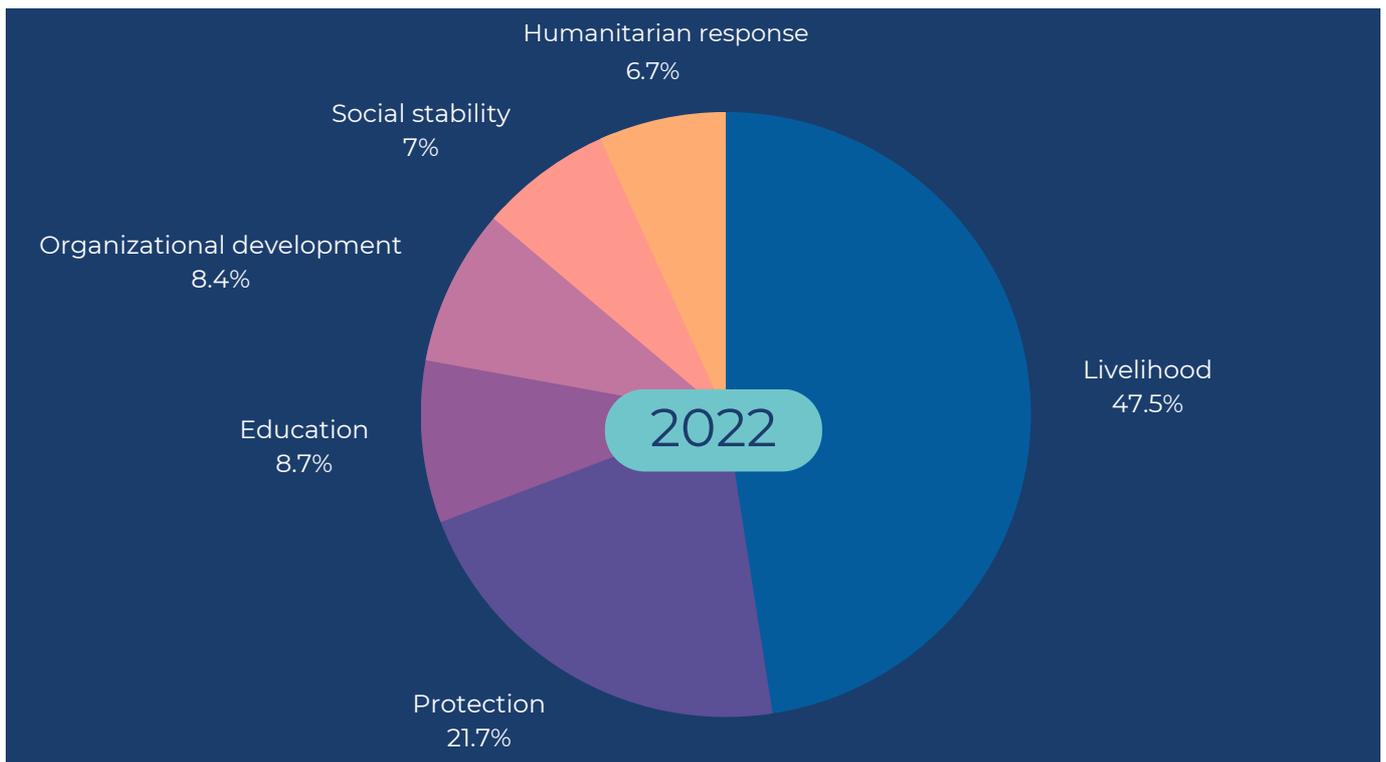
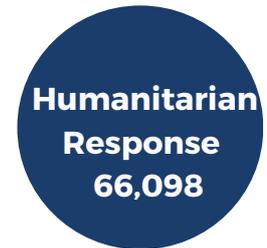
Provision of **1,309** meat portions to those most in need in the camps.



Distribution of **1,059** winterization coupons for the benefit of children attending kindergarten.



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