

IMPACT REPORT

Lebanon 2024



Foreword

A Year of Generosity

As I reflect on this past year, it is impossible not to think of words like pain, loss, and uncertainty. Yet, more than anything, one word stands out to me: generosity.

The generosity of my colleagues at JRS—across the field, country, regional, and international offices—has been unwavering. The generosity of our partners and donors, as well as the countless volunteers who gave their time and energy, has been deeply moving. I am very grateful for the quality of your presence, for your commitment, and for the way you show up for others.

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to continue accompanying the most vulnerable through the most difficult times. As the world changes and new realities emerge, I look forward to walking this path together, reflecting on what accompaniment means in these times, and remaining faithful to our mission: to accompany, serve, and advocate for the most vulnerable communities in Lebanon.

Thank you for your trust, your kindness, and your inspirational support.

Roy Gebrayel

Country Director
JRS Lebanon



IN **2024**,
JRS Lebanon
REACHED:

19,722 people

14,233

Emergency
Response

6,541

People served in
MHPSS

3,402

Children served in
Inclusive Education

165

Capacity Building

207

People served in
Livelihoods

VALUES

- Dignity
- Solidarity
- Participation
- Compassion
- Hospitality
- Hope
- Justice

MISSION

JRS Lebanon is a faith-based organisation with a mission to accompany, serve, and advocate on behalf of refugees and other forcibly displaced persons, that they may heal, learn, and determine their own future.

VISION

A world where refugees and other forcibly displaced people attain protection, opportunity, and participation.

OUR PROGRAMS

- 1 Quality Inclusive Education
- 2 Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS)
- 3 Livelihoods
- 4 Capacity Building
- 5 Emergency Response

WHERE WE WORK:

-  Burj Hammoud
-  Baalbek
-  Bar Elias
-  Jbeil

*"I like coming to school,
making friends, and
playing with them"*

OUSSAMA, 13, SYRIAN REFUGEE IN
LEBANON.



1 Inclusive Education

JRS Lebanon offers a range of quality education programs at various levels to vulnerable children aged 5 to 14 in emergency and long-term displacement situations. These programs encompass early childhood development, primary education, and support for academically struggling students to stay in public schools.

Our learning centers act as safe spaces, helping children prepare for, enter, engage with, and succeed in national education systems. These centers promote holistic development and ensure that both girls and boys have equal access to education, protection, and health services.

Our programs are tailored to meet the specific needs of the communities we serve, addressing their basic needs such as transportation and learning materials, while also working to prevent and address violence, abuse, neglect, exclusion, and psychological distress.



2 Mental Health and Psychosocial Support

JRS Lebanon provides a comprehensive range of specialized and non-specialized MHPSS services designed to safeguard and enhance the psychological well-being of displaced and vulnerable children and their families, promoting greater community resilience and social cohesion.

These services include awareness sessions on protection and MHPSS topics, structured case management with follow-up support, referrals, and group PSS sessions. These sessions focus on stress management, skill-building, emotional regulation, parenting, and fostering social connections. For those experiencing severe distress, focused PSS and clinical interventions such as therapy and psychiatric referrals are provided.

Integrated into all JRS programs, our MHPSS approach helps reduce the need for specialized services by strengthening individual coping mechanisms and supporting healthy family dynamics, in line with our commitment to companionship and the recognition of everyone's right to well-being and protection.

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“I now use my feelings to draw on paper anytime I am either happy or upset.”

LEILA, 12 years old
SYRIAN REFUGEE IN LEBANON

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3 Livelihoods

JRS Lebanon offers market-driven livelihood opportunities and skills development programs aimed at enhancing the capacity of the most vulnerable crisis-affected youth and adults aged 15 to 60, who face instability and barriers to employment, legal rights, and access to services. These programs help them meet their basic needs, improve their social and economic participation, and face forced displacement with increased safety and resilience.

Services include technical and vocational training, upskilling, career counseling, employability skills development, entrepreneurship coaching, and cash assistance. These initiatives ensure that vulnerable girls and women, regardless of age or skill level, have the opportunity to enter the job market and sustain or rebuild their livelihoods.

JRS community centers provide safe spaces for girls and women, fostering the creation of support and protection networks while contributing to the guarantee of a dignified life free from violence. These centers offer access to resources that support income generation and sustainable economic recovery.

"Despite life's challenges, I turned my passion for crafts into a source of strength and economic empowerment"

Mira, 45 years old

4 Capacity Building

**Strengthening
Safeguarding
in JRS MENA**



Teacher Professional Development

JRS Lebanon enhances teachers' capacity through structured training, which includes two classroom observations per cycle. While insights from the first observation shape targeted training and personalized coaching, the second assesses progress, ensuring continuous improvement in teaching quality.

Safeguarding Training

All staff and volunteers receive mandatory safeguarding training, covering the Code of Conduct, types of abuse, reporting procedures, and risk assessments. Annual sessions reinforce best practices that foster a culture of accountability and protection.

MHPSS Training

Regular training equips MHPSS and non-MHPSS staff with the knowledge and skills needed for the identification of mental health and psycho-social support needs, internal and external referrals, facilitation of community-based and focused psycho-social support, and the facilitation of awareness sessions for different age groups.

5 Emergency

Starting October 7, 2023, Lebanon has witnessed a devastating conflict in the South. Initially confined to southern regions and Baalbek, the situation escalated on Monday, September 23, 2024, with intensified Israeli airstrikes targeting various Lebanese areas. These attacks caused widespread destruction and led to a ground invasion of border regions in the south. A ceasefire agreement was reached on November 27, 2024.

The war resulted in over 1.2 million displaced individuals, according to state statistics, with 4,047 fatalities and more than 16,638 injuries reported by the Ministry of Health.

From the very first day of the crisis, JRS mobilized to respond to the urgent needs of affected communities across the country. Emergency shelters for migrants were established at St. Joseph Church in Beirut and the Jesuit retreat house in Bikfaya. JRS teams also responded to the needs of displaced Lebanese in the collective shelters in Central Bekaa, Beirut, Mount Lebanon and Baalbek. The emergency response focused on providing essential assistance, in close coordination with local municipalities and the relevant ministries and working groups



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