

Makassed Philanthropic Islamic Association *of* Beirut



Achievements Report 2021-2022



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President's Perspective

This year has been one of many challenges that we were able to face thanks to the kindness of those who, regardless of the difficulties, remain true to their tireless efforts to extend a helping hand, support and assist.

Our strategic plan was to strengthen and improve Makassed general management in order to professionalize further our scope of work, and keep the promise made since the beginning of this presidency: Makassed will return to its glorious days, with its forever unique position in Lebanon and in the Arab world.

No matter how some try to fish in troubled waters and spread rumors to thwart our determination, we stand unwavering in our resolve to move beyond and to keep our generous impulse to do good.

Makassed has always been keen to fulfill its mission to raise ethical generations, provide medical care to all without discrimination, achieve social justice and cultivate a love of community service in the hearts of young people.

Despite the most devastating economic and social crisis hitting Lebanon, Makassed remains determined to address problems in our ailing country by offering all its capabilities to help the underprivileged. The Association was founded on the noble principle of extending a helping hand in all sectors to those in need and this remains our mission today and for the future.

Through relentless relief programs and activities, we succeeded in supporting hundreds of individuals and families and in this report, you will read all about our accomplishments during the past year despite the worsening living conditions in Lebanon.

We wouldn't have succeeded without you all and these achievements are a collaborative effort between our behind-the-scenes team of heroes, our generous donors and the institutions that trust us.

Thank you all for your continuous support and may you always be blessed.

Dr. Faisal B. Sinno

About Makassed



Established in 1878, Makassed Philanthropic Islamic Association of Beirut is a humanitarian and social association, which provides its services within various sectors: Education, health, social services and various production facilities.

The Association outreach programs continue to expand to this day in new fields to enhance youth civic participation.

Education Sector:

Makassed is committed to providing equal education opportunities to all, regardless of religion, gender, ethnic origin or age.

The Association runs a University in Beirut with three faculties, 13 schools and a vocational and technical training center.

Health:

Makassed runs a University Hospital, four primary Healthcare centers and three mobile units that cater to the medical needs of all individuals across Lebanon, regardless of their social and economic backgrounds.

Social Services:

In 2014, Makassed set up Ward Al Makassed Center to empower underprivileged women and youth with the much needed skills and accelerated vocational trainings.

The Makassed Volunteers Unit and the Makassed Scouts Association constantly promote a strong civic engagement and encourage those who devote their time to serving others.

Real Estate Investment:

The Real estate portfolio helps sustain Makassed growth through earning a return on the investments. It has links with the most reputable companies and investors in Lebanon.

Humanitarian Services:

The Association also runs Muslim graveyards and social conference rooms to promote cultural, intellectual, scientific and economic interaction.

Vision and Mission

Mission:

The establishment of Makassed was based on a culture of tolerance, justice, humility and patriotism, so citizens take pride in their values and identity while remaining open to the world and its cultural diversity.

Vision:

Makassed is a central pillar of humanitarian activity in Lebanon. It provides care and strives to contribute to society through the pursuit of education and learning, promoting the healthcare system and supporting families.

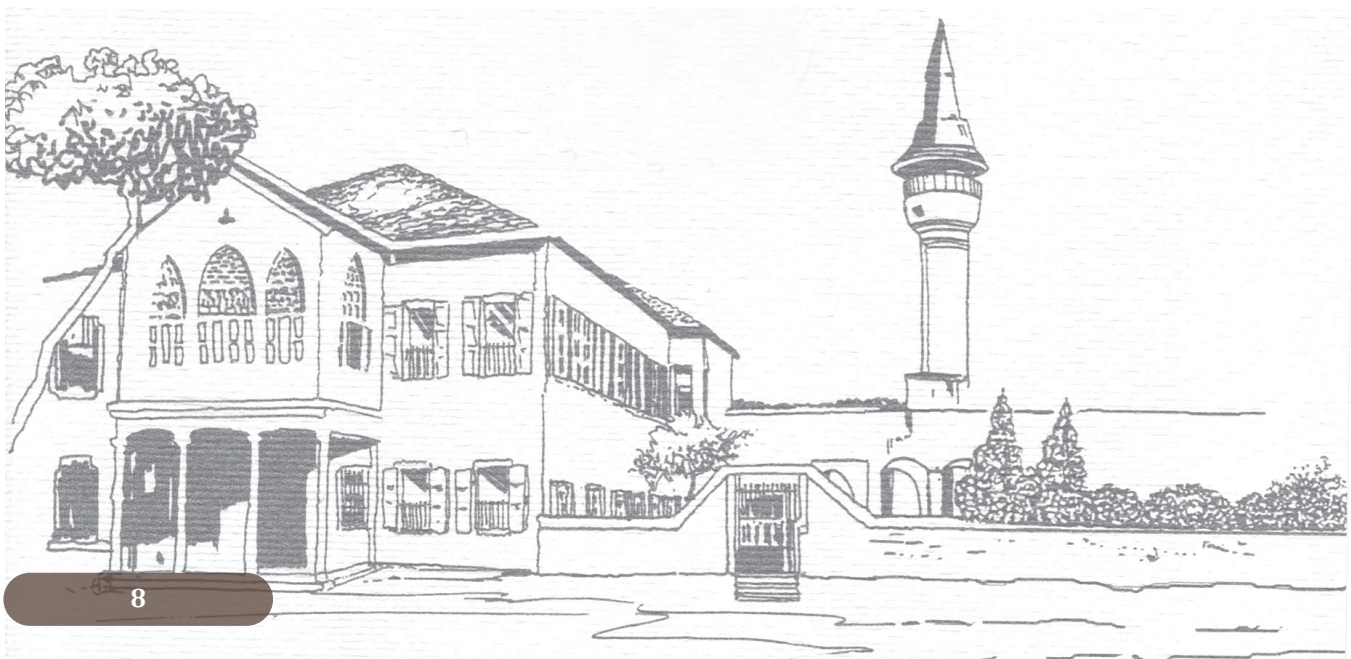
Values:

Makassed beliefs are in line with its initial ethos:

- Education is essential for economic and social progress and sustainability;
- Women are vital contributors to such progress;
- Everyone has an equal right to educational opportunities and healthcare;
- Civic engagement is a basic component of social, economic and cultural strength.

Future:

Makassed aspires to become a pioneer in the fields of education and health, seeking to empower women and youth by responding to the needs of the community through modernized services. The Association’s state-of-the-art administration strives to develop its human resources to build an effective internal and external communication to advance its educational, health and social sectors in line with the global growth and the ever increasing economic and social needs.



Education Sector

Makassed University

Makassed University keeps pace with the latest scientific developments and underlines the importance of scientific research in order to achieve quality learning.

The University academic standards meet the necessary requirements and the aspirations of its students.

Makassed University is made of three faculties: The Faculty of Islamic Studies, the Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences, and the Teachers Training Faculty (established in 2021).

Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences

Established in 1948, the Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences at the Makassed University of Beirut is one of the oldest nursing schools in Lebanon and the region.

Makassed embraced the school under its umbrella, continued developing it, and upgraded into the “Makassed Higher Institute for Nursing” in 1986, which enabled it to offer the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing and Medical Laboratory Technology.

Although Makassed’s mission and activities have broadened over the decades, its initial commitment to education remains the center of its core activities.

In 2006, the “Al Makassed Higher Institute for Nursing” became the “College of Nursing and Health Sciences,” offering in addition to Nursing, and Medical Laboratory, Respiratory Therapy (RT) and Medical Radiation Technology (MRT).

The Master’s in Nursing Degree was licensed in 2013.



Faculty of Islamic Studies

The Faculty was established in 1982 to offer a Master of Arts degree in Islamic Studies and houses a rich library.

Highly qualified professors who are recognized for their expertise seek to graduate active students in society, researchers and advocates of citizenship, moderation, and reconciliation with the others, based on the tolerant concepts of Islam.

Teachers Training Faculty

The Teaching Diploma degree was established in 2021-2022 in the Faculty of Teachers Training in light of the recent accelerating advances in the field of education.

The faculty teaches students in the following fields: Arabic, English, French, Early Childhood Education, Mathematics, Sciences, Chemistry, Physics, Philosophy and Psychology, History, Geography, Social studies, and Economics.



Makassed University Achievements

- Students from the Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences volunteered in Covid-19 vaccination campaigns organized by Makassed in remote areas in the Beqaa and North Lebanon, during the months of January and February 2022;
- Four nurses from the Nursing faculty have joined Addenbrookes Hospital, run by Cambridge University Hospitals (CUH), as part of a pilot scheme for the National Health System, to recruit professionally trained nurses;
- The faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences organized two accelerated vocational training programs for Lebanese youth and Syrian refugees as a capacity-building intervention from July 18, 2022 until October 7, 2022. The training programs were sponsored by HOPES-LEB (Higher Education Opportunities for Vulnerable Lebanese Youth and Refugees in Lebanon), and funded by the European Union;
- The “Beirut Lions” Club honored distinguished nursing students from various Lebanese universities, including Makassed University. The faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences was represented by the distinguished student Tala Raslan, and Dr. Sawsan Ezzedine, the Dean of the faculty;
- Mrs. Maha Kassar represented Makassed University at the 6th World Nursing Education Conferences 2022 held in Rome, Italy.



Makassed Schools

Although Makassed's mission and activities have expanded over the decades, its initial commitment to education remains central to its work.

Nowadays, 13 primary, elementary, middle and secondary schools educate more than 8,000 students from Akkar (North Lebanon), to the South, and from Beirut to the Beqaa. Makassed schools are committed to provide subsidized education in elementary schools.

Recently, Makassed has focused on offering education for students with learning difficulties and special needs.

Academic Achievements

Abi Bakr El Siddeeq Elementary

- ABSS received reaccreditation from Cognia (2020-2025);
- Obtained the "School of Distinction" Award from Cognia for 2021. The award recognizes schools and systems that exemplify excellence in education;
- Reaccredited by the British Council as an International School (2022-2025);
- Partnered with NAFDA to help fulfilling the school's vision by having students with global citizenship characteristics. This partnership also helps students acquire 21st century skills, learn how to face challenges in the future and acquire life-long learning.



Khaled Ben El Walid College

- Tiya Kastiro and Rayan Rifaii, took part in high level physics experiments during the AUB Summer Research Program in Physics; Rifaii delved into thermodynamics, exploring the thermal conductivity of chemicals with lab equipment, while Kastiro chose to explore Astrophysics. Her research included real life coded simulations to simulate plantlets around binary stars, in cases such as the system HD106906;
- Student Tiya Kastiro secured the first place in the annual "Value and Values" Award National Competition organized by Rakiza and Injaz foundations, aiming at finding practical innovative solutions for global economic problems;
- Samir Sawass received a full scholarship through USAID Higher Education Scholarship Program at American University of Beirut, majoring in Computer Science. Sawass is one of the 60 applicants that were chosen out of 5000 from Lebanon's 26 districts;
- KBWH was reaccredited by the British Council as an International School(2021-2024);
- Students participated in the first social innovation E-learning platform in the Arab world "Shabab Lab" to gain new skills and create social innovation solutions to help their communities;
- Six students out of 297 participants ranked first in both Grade 10 and Grade 11 programs;
- Tiya Kastiro, Lea Alloush, and Reina Fakhereddine ranked first for grade 11 program for their project entitled "Basmat Zaman". Moreover, Saeed Kaisi, Jad Kabbani, Louna Nammoura ranked first for grade 10 program and their project entitled "Cerise Organique";
- Hussein Al Bosh from grade 11 participated in a research study at the American University of Beirut about the Cytotoxic effects of acute exposure to cigarette smoke and water pipe on A549 cell line and presented a summary of the research and the results obtained in AMALOUNA Final Conference;



- Lana Al Rajab took part in TechGirls 2022 program organized by the US Embassy in Lebanon, the program is designed to inspire young girls in Middle East and West Africa to pursue an education related to Science and technological domains. Lana traveled to the US in the summer of 2022, and spent 3 weeks along with 136 young women who came from 36 different countries;
- Leen Shehab and Yasmine Katanji traveled to the US to participate in the American Leadership Experience (ALEX). This program is designed for 2 weeks especially for the finalists in the YES Program 2020-2021;
- Tiya Kastiro received the General Director's Award, ranking first at the LAU Simulation Models while representing ACTED organization. Moreover, she received a 50% scholarship from the Lebanese American University.
- KBWH received five awards at the Science fair held at the American University of Beirut. Three of these prizes ranked 1st:
 1. First Prize: /Science Research Category –Elementary
Title of the project: The Power of Your Mind
Names of students: Hana Zehri- Toufic Shoum- Malek Shehab
 2. First Prize: / Technology- Model or Demonstration" Category –Elementary
Title of the project: Mask Your Face Not Your Feelings
Name of students: Huda Shehab – Lara Rifaii
 3. First Prize: Model or Demonstration Category –Secondary
Title of the project: Fractals in Our Lives
Name of student: Mostafa Rifaii
 4. Preschool : Science- Model or Demonstration "2nd prize
Title of the project: Make Vaccine Your Safe Routine
Names of students: Nour Chourafa –Youssof Masri- Mazen Merhi- Isaam Sabeddine
 5. Technology – Invention "
Title of the project: Le Pont Hydraulique Mobile
Names of students: Sulieman Baf- Mohamad Baytamouni;



Lycée Khadija El Kobra

- Preschool and elementary levels joined the French schools network –Homologation, under the auspices of the French Agency of Education Abroad and the European Ministry of Education;
- Grade 12 student Khaled Mneimneh ranked 5th in the official exams within Beirut district and received a scholarship at the Lebanese American University (LAU). His achievement was personally recognized and celebrated by President of Makassed Dr. Faisal Sinno;
- Grade 12 student Nour Hourri was praised during "The Future of Education in Lebanon", a seminar organized by the French Embassy in Lebanon. Hourri spoke on the reality of education in Lebanon;
- Based on the continuous cooperation with AEFÉ, Bruno Filleton- academic advisor at the French Ministry of Education- conducted multiple class observations as well as one-to-one meetings with teachers. He also held a mini workshop for developing the children songs project "Opéra" and its integration in the arts syllabus;
- Lycée Khadija El Kobra participated in an international competition celebrating the month of La Francophonie, which brought together three major schools from 3 continents: Lycée Khadija El Kobra-Makassed du Liban (Asia), the Collège International Est Parisien (Europe) and the Lycée Québécois (America);
- On March 29th 2022, French Ambassador to Lebanon, Ms. Anne Grillo, attended the inauguration of the Makassed Learning Abilities Center at Lycée Khadija El Kobra. She praised the work accomplished by the school in particular and Makassed in general. Grillo stressed the close cooperation between France and Lebanon and their numerous common objectives. She also called for close cooperation with Makassed through future educational projects;
- Lycée Khadija El Kobra received a certificate of "Sustainable Development" from Agence pour l'Enseignement français à l'étranger;
- Renewal of the Label France Education, which offers comprehensive material related to scientific subjects.





Ali Ben Abi Taleb School

- ABAT was selected as Microsoft Showcase School for the 5th time;
- Lynn Ramadan was engaged in the TechGirls Program where she completed 40 hours of STEM classes at Virginia Tech, 30 hours of leadership sessions, a virtual job shadowing in Austin, Texas with Brave Communities who hosted her and met with representatives of prestigious companies such as PayPal; Lynn also met with the Women's High-Tech Coalition at the US Capitol Building, and visited the NASA Smithsonian museum and the NASA Goddard Institute for Space where she learned more about the Roman telescope set to be launched into space, and met with Astronaut Daniel Tani. Last but not least, Lynn attended Capstone Event at the US Department of State;
- Lynn Ramadan got accepted into the Diana Kamal Scholarship Search Fund;
- Grade 12 student Lynn Ramadan attended daily summer sessions in preparation for the college application process in the US;
- Student Sabine Bakhsh received an award for winning in the MOS Championship Lebanon. She represented Lebanon in the World Championship in US as well;
- ABAT signed a partnership with IEA that aims at engaging the school in the Creative Schools' Networks (CSN) initiative, which infuses creativity and innovation to turn the challenges they face into opportunities for growth;
- Integrated courses from the Digital Media Academy to enhance the students' engagement and strengthen teachers communication with them;
- As part of a series of projects and extra-curricular activities sponsored by ESCWA, ABAT choir participated in the opening ceremony of the Arab Forum for Sustainable Development by performing the ESCWA anthem in the presence of the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States, the Executive Secretary-General of ESCWA, ambassadors, ministers and representatives of Arab and foreign international organizations. Two paintings drawn by students, Latifa Yamout and Habiba Hasna, were also selected to present to Her Excellency the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ms. Amina Ahmed, and Dr. Rola Dashti, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

Omar Ben El Khatab School

- OBK was recognized as a Showcase school by Microsoft for the fourth year in a row;
- Student Elissar Al Masry participated in "Our Heritage Brings Us Together" drawing competition and won with her colleague Sarah Al Hosni from Al Amal School for the Deaf, United Arab Emirates the first rank;
- Grade 11 student Rawan Baayoun secured the second place in the Microsoft Office Specialist World Championship in Lebanon. She was selected with the top students from all around the world to represent their countries at the World Championship in the US where she excelled among the MOS World Champions;
- Grade 12 Sociology and Economics section students Jana Al Ghali ranked 5th in Beirut, Zeina Muhammad ranked 9th, and Maya Boutari ranked 10th;
- Grade 12 Life Science section student Ghina Rashwani ranked 6th in Beirut and 10th in Lebanon;
- Grade 9 student Leen AlZoughby ranked 10th in Beirut;
- OBK organized an educational conference for public (instructional & non-instructional staff) entitled "Education for the Twenty-First Century Challenges" on its campus, in which 21 training sessions, given by professional facilitators from Makassed and other educational institutions, were held. Around 140 participants from different schools and universities around Lebanon attended the conference;
- OBK organized its first annual STEM Fair on campus on May 7, 2022. Schools from all around Lebanon, in addition to Makassed schools, participated in the fair. Around 22 schools and 200 students displayed their 75 projects in front of the jury;
- OBK participated and won remarkable ranks in the science competition "Moubarat Al Ouloum" organized by the National Association for Science & Research in two projects. The project, "A Natural Whiter Smile", won the first prize and the Gold Medal in the Health and Life Sciences "category for intermediate classes. In addition to that, the project "Human Hair Liquid Fertilizer" in the Environment and Natural Resources category won Hikmat Nasser Prize for innovation for secondary classes;
- OBK participated in BAU Sciences Fair (Stage One) with the project "Human Hair Liquid Fertilizer" that belongs to the Environment and Natural Resources category for secondary classes and won the first place;
- OBK held a religious competition, for the second year in a row, throughout the blessed month of Ramadan via Facebook in which participants answered questions using Microsoft Forms. Daily prizes were distributed on winners;



- OBK participated in the competition for memorizing the hadiths organized by the Department of Islamic Education in Makassed. Our student, Hala Tarjuman, from Grade Four won the first place;
- OBK students participated in RamadanTech competition where grade seven students, Muhammad Yamout, Yousef Al Zoughby, and Rayan Zinnar won the first place for their project "Mini Ramadan Games," grade nine student, Lynn Al Zoughbi, won the first place for her project "Coding with Python." Moreover, Husein Kanawati and Muhammad Kurdi from grades 8 and 10 won the third place for their project "Ramadan, the Blessed Month."



Schools outside Beirut

- Makassed Akkar El Atika, Ersal, and Bar Elias schools received the International School Award that is granted by the British Council for schools fostering international dimensions in their curriculum.;
- Makassed Learning Abilities Center (MLAC) was established at Makassed El Marj School, funded by the "NAFDA" movement.
- 12 French teachers received the DELF diploma from the French Institution for B1 and B2 levels;
- Five Makassed Rural Schools: Akkar El Atika, Ersal, El Marj, Bar Elias, and Kamed Elloz started implementing the Advocacy Program;
- A Professional Development Day for the Beqaa and North Lebanon schools took place at Makassed Akkar El Atika and El Marj schools;
- Makassed Association and Saint Joseph University inked a partnership agreement which resulted in the organization of seven workshops by the Institut Libanais des Educateurs (ILE) for Al Makassed Akkar and Ersal schools.



Al Ouzai School

- OSSS is an ISA-accredited school for the academic year 2021-2024;
- Improved ICT integration at school through equipping all classes with interactive boards;
- Six teachers were selected as Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert by Microsoft;
- Implementation of "Play it Fair" program that aims at promoting the background of the students in terms of human rights;
- Providing guidance services: Advocacy program, Child protection policy, Student council elections, Psychosocial support program, Social emotional learning, Wellness and mental health program for the school community;
- Al Ouzai Choir participated in Fanousy events;
- Al Ouzai students participated in Ramadan Al Makassed event;
- Teachers attended the "Digital Literacy" course by the British Council. During 2021, Mrs. Hanadi Fakhani's project was selected at the end of the "Digital Literacy" course and owned as a success story by the British Council for developing digital skills while teaching and practicing in steam activities.



Makassed SAWA Unit

- Cooperated with NGOs such as CDLL (Cénacle De La Lumière) and Li Beirut - Unesco, to provide awareness sessions and psychosocial support for parents and teachers at Makassed schools;
- Collaborated with non-governmental organizations such as Zoukak Theater and Metropolis Cinema, where high school students from Makassed ABAT and KBWH colleges participated and showed high commitment and creativity;
- Reviewed the child protection policy to develop a clear plan of action in this regard to implement it in all Makassed schools;
- Spread awareness regarding mental health among all Makassed community, where SAWA members participated in both Makassed Professional Development Days, Omar Bin El Khattab Conference, and the Professional day at Rural Schools. More than 10 workshops were delivered throughout the year;
- Implemented the Advocacy program in all Makassed schools in Beirut and El-Marj school in the Beqaa.



Makassed Learning Abilities Center (MLAC)

- Within the framework of the existing educational cooperation between Makassed Association and the French Embassy, French Ambassador to Lebanon Ms. Anne Grillo, led the opening ceremony of the French department of MLAC at Lycée Khadija El Kobra, in presence of Makassed President Dr. Faisal Sinno and prominent figures;
- An educational training course entitled “Introduction to Specialized Education: Strategies and Applications” was held at Lycée Khadija El Kobra. The course, presented by the MLAC team, consisted of seven consecutive sessions and targeted the teaching staff of Lycée Khadija El Kobra and Al Ouzai School;
- MLAC expanded its services to Makassed Tiny World Daycare, offering speech and psychomotor assessments, speech and language therapy, psychomotor therapy, special education sessions, parental guidance sessions, screening, and observation;
- MLAC successfully passed the first stage and achieved its first 100 days goals with NAFDA. NAFDA representatives held a tour at Makassed El Marj School and set a meeting to launch the second phase;
- Signed a contract with OpenMinds to provide financial aid to MLAC students. Financial assistance was provided to 23 students for a total amount of 142,600,000 LBP for the academic year of 2021-2022, and to 45 students with a total amount of 465,000,000 LBP for the academic year of 2022-2023.

Prominent Achievements

- The Directorate of Educational Affairs received the system accreditation by Cognia Association. Makassed was the first to receive such accreditation at the Middle Eastern level;
- Makassed grade 12 students achieved excellent results in the Lebanese official exams. The success rate was 100%, 76.2% of the students got mentions, and 6 students obtained first ranks within Beirut;
- 104 Makassed teachers out of 124 teachers in Lebanon were selected as Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert (MIEE) for 2022;
- Issued and published a new version of the history book for grade 12;
- Cooperated with external parties, including:
 1. Harvard Graduate School of Education: 261 teachers and administrators were enrolled in several trainings during the last three years. An MOU was signed, as well, between Makassed Association and Harvard Graduate school of Education (HGSE) to facilitate the university courses offered in Arabic Language;
 2. Cambridge University: To implement Cambridge Professional Development Qualifications Program to improve teachers skills and performance.
- In collaboration with the honorable donor, Mr. Nabih Sidani, Makassed will construct a new school building, renovate Abi Bakr As Siddiq School campus and a mosque;
- Twelve students from Makassed schools in Beirut participated in the first annual MAK TALK event, held at Ali Bin Abi Taleb College. Students presented 12 different topics. This participation allowed students to share knowledge, find a way to make a difference in the community through what they are saying, and enhance their presentation skills.

Scholarship Fund

- 2018 – 2019: Supporting the education of 1,000 students with 1,749,541,500 LL ;
- 2019-2020: Supporting the education of 5,397 students with 2,817,447,000 LL;
- 2020-2021: Supporting the education of 4,592 students with 8,326,398,531 LL;
- 2021-2022: Supporting the education of 5,065 students with 28,000,000,000 LL.
- 2022-2023: Supporting the education of 5,338 students with 20,037,183,000 LL. and \$843,624.

The Scholarship Fund campaign continues for the academic year 2022-2023 amid the deteriorating economic situation in Lebanon and the vast increase in poverty percentage among the Lebanese.



Makassed Vocational and Technical Institute

Founded in 1994, Makassed's Vocational and Technical Institute offers two types of learning programs:

- The first program is made of various degrees and majors leading to Brevet Professionnel (BP), Technical Baccalaureate (BT), and Technicien Supérieur (TS) Certificates;
- The second program offers accelerated and intensive courses in cooperation with numerous partners in the commercial and industrial sectors.

The Center pursues its mission to serve the community, as well as raise technical education to the highest levels in terms of practical and theoretical studies.

Activities during 2021-2022:

- Implementing an accelerated vocational training course in cooperation with the Relief Authority at Dar Al-Fatwa; around 160 beneficiaries took part in the 8 training courses targeting young men and women;
- Students Mohammed Al-Masry and Lynn Naamani, received a scholarship from the American University for Culture and Education (AUCE);
- Within the framework of the epidemiological investigation of cholera, and the importance of spreading health awareness of its dangers and prevention, Makassed Vocational and Technical Institute, in cooperation with the Infection Control Department at Makassed General Hospital, organized a lecture for students of the first year BT1, the second year BT2, and the third year BT3, in addition to the administrative and educational bodies;
- Following up on qualifying students to obtain accredited international certificates;
- Signing a cooperation agreement between Makassed Vocational and Technical Institute and ITSL Certiport Partner; Makassed Vocational and Technical Institute became a Certiport accredited center for certification exams.



Health Sector

Makassed General Hospital

Since its foundation in 1930 in Beirut, Makassed General Hospital (MGH) provides patients with high-quality and affordable services for all kinds of illnesses, diseases or injuries. It started as a modest two-storey building with 13 doctors and 10 nurses. In 1949, the hospital building expanded to five floors and set on its course to become the general hospital it is today.

Today, MGH continues its strong legacy and has grown in size, scope and reputation, offering a full range of inpatient, outpatient and emergency medical services.

MGH has also developed into a major teaching hospital, offering postdoctoral medical and fellowship training programs for physicians through its affiliations with the American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut Arab University (BAU), the Regional University Hospital Center, as well as Lille University in France. The hospital focuses on keeping pace with clinical research, which has become an integral part of clinical and hospital activities.

Each hospital department is a separate organizational element of the medical administration; qualified physicians ensure, in each department, that MGH vision is implemented in their daily practice. MGH annually requests from physicians to provide sufficient Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits.

The goal of providing adequate patient care remains a priority for all medical and paramedical staff.

Mission

MGH beliefs are in line with Makassed initial ethos with an emphasis on excellent health care services, through:

- Responding to community needs and providing accessible and affordable medical services, becoming a customer-oriented organization catering to patients, clinicians and employees;
- Providing the highest professional standards for patient care through advanced technologies;
- Providing comprehensive health services, including primary care, screening and communication programs;
- Providing residency programs for local universities;
- Supporting continuous medical and paramedical research and education.



Departments

Internal Medicine Department

The internal medicine department includes:

1. Cardiology;
2. Gastroenterology;
3. Hematology and Oncology;
4. Dialysis Center;
5. Pulmonary / critical care;
6. Nerve and endocrine diseases;
7. Endocrinology Department.

The Department has been providing a postgraduate training program for residency at the American University of Beirut since 1984, and in 2019, it cooperated with the Beirut Arab University for the residency program.



The internal medicine training program has been accredited by the Arab Council for Health Specializations since 1991.

Graduates have the opportunity to pursue fellowship training in various disciplines at the American University of Beirut, as well as in our institution in cooperation with Beirut Arab University in the fields of lung disease, intensive care, gastroenterology, kidney disease, and blood and oncology diseases.

Internal Medicine Services:

1. Cardiology

The 12 practitioners of the division of Cardiology provide patients with comprehensive care through the specialized coronary care unit and cardiac catheterization laboratory.

2. Gastroenterology

The division of gastroenterology is closely linked to internal medicine division, it provides, through six practitioners, the latest specialized services to patients with digestive tract conditions through accurate diagnosis and treatment, by using Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography-ERCP), pHmetry, intragastric balloon placement, among other services.

The department has a fellowship program in affiliation with Beirut Arab University (BAU), in addition, a number of MGH graduates underwent clinical training in gastroenterology at Lille University in France.



3. Hematology-Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant Center

The increase in diagnosed cancer patients prompted MGH Hematology-Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant Center to increase its capacities, as the hefty cost of treatment, despite the partial coverage offered by the Health Ministry in Lebanon, is considered a burden to patients and their families.

Bone Marrow Transplant:

In 1997, MGH established the Hematology and Oncology Department and the Bone Marrow Transplant - BMT Program in the framework of a joint project in affiliation with the Institut Gustave Roussy - University of Paris (the main cancer research center in Europe).

It's the first unit of its kind in Lebanon to treat adult cancer cases, as well as children.

For nearly two decades, the unit has treated patients with various solid and devastating malignancies, which has earned the stem cell transplant unit at MGH a reputation for excellence in patient care.

The number of patients undergoing stem cell transplantation has steadily increased over the years; with abroad patients being referred to MGH unit.

The Center of Oncology, Blood and Bone Marrow Transplant consists of:

- Five hematologists and oncologists;
- A training program for scholarships in hematology and oncology at Beirut Arab University;
- A developmental program for bone marrow growth (the BMT unit includes 65 100% sterile rooms with laminar air flow);
- One-day chemotherapy clinic (13 beds) and a conventional chemotherapy unit (12 beds);
- Units specializing in hematology, microbiology, transfusion medicine and cellular therapy - all have been developed at MGH;
- A comprehensive nursing program specializing in leukemia.

Bone Marrow Transplant:

Since its founding in 1997, the Center provided 600 medical treatments for adult patients and more than 70 bone marrow transplant for newborns and toddlers.

Different specialists offer various levels of expertise and experience for treatments such as blood transfusion, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and guided treatments which are divided into:

- Day treatment
- Inpatient treatment
- Stem cell collection
- Bone marrow transplant

Patients profile:

40% of patients are referred from different medical centers across the country;

89% of patients are aged over 50;

70% of patients are disadvantaged.



4. Dialysis Center

More than 40 years ago, MGH established its Dialysis Center to provide care for patients with chronic renal failure.

The Prince Naif bin Abdulaziz Dialysis Center at MGH was renovated under a generous donation from KSrelief to provide excellence in patient care.

The Center is equipped with advanced equipment and devices that comply with Lebanon's Health Ministry as well as international standards.

It has 21 beds, three isolation rooms and two beds for children.

More than 160 patients benefit from the Center's facilities which offers more than 1,500 treatments per month for renal failure patients.



5. Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

The division includes an Intensive Care Unit - ICU, the Respiratory Therapy Unit, and the Pulmonary Diagnostic Laboratory.

The six pulmonologists treat their patients in the new Riyadh Medical Intensive Care Center made of 9 well-equipped beds and a central monitoring station.

6. Neurology

It provides specialized care, through excellent diagnostic services; such as (EEG, EMG, Carotid Duplex, Doppler Ultra Sound), as well as advanced therapeutic services and modern care.



7. Endocrinology

MGH plans to launch a new diabetes clinic in 2022 to provide patients and their families with the necessary information and guidance to efficiently manage diabetes case, evaluate complications caused by diabetes and ensure appropriate quality treatment to prevent disease progression and complications.

The diabetes clinic will include the following specialties:

Endocrinologist, ophthalmologist, cardiologist, nephrologist, certified dietitian, and registered nurse specializing in diabetes management.



Other Departments:

1. Surgery

12 General Surgeons
12 Orthopedic Surgeons
8 Specialized Surgeons
4 Blood Vessels Surgeons
4 Ophthalmologists
4 Urologists
2 Neurological Surgeons
3 Dental Surgeons for Adults
2 Plastic Surgeons

1 Chest Surgeon
1 Cardiac Surgeon
2 One-Day Heart Disease Surgeon
1 Pediatric Surgeon
1 Orthodontic Surgeon
4 Pediatric Dental Surgeons

Surgeons perform major and critical operations that require typical and modern surgical techniques, and the hospital provides special care to its patients after undergoing surgeries.

The Department of Surgery offers three clinical residency training programs after graduation in areas:

1. General Surgery (affiliated with the American University of Beirut and the Arab University of Beirut);
2. Orthopedics (affiliated with Beirut Arab University);
3. Urology (affiliated with Beirut Arab University).



2. Obstetrics and Gynecology

Makassed General Hospital is a leading provider of medical and care services for pregnant women. The Department of Gynecology and obstetrics evolved over the years to meet the requirements of society. Twenty-four qualified physicians provide excellent care for women during the perinatal period, including pregnant women who are classified as at high risk, as it is a referral center for this group.

Moreover, the department adopts a friendly environment in order to serve pregnant women and their families and meet their expectations.

Currently, the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department is currently under renovation, and will include:

1. Three rooms for natural delivery;
2. A caesarean section room;
3. An observation and evaluation room;
4. Eleven beds for maternity cases;
5. Four ordinary beds for gynecological cases.

The department also contains an IVF unit to assist families who are having reproductive difficulties.

A training program for residency in the department is offered in cooperation with the American University of Beirut and Beirut Arab University, and it has been accredited by the Arab Council for Health Specializations since 1988.

3. Pediatrics

The Pediatrics division on the third floor at Makassed General Hospital is one of the important model departments in terms of its modern medical and nursing services that children need, from birth until the age of eighteen.

MGH pays the utmost importance to the care of newborns and children, and this is reflected in the distinguished medical services it provides to children who receive various treatments in the hospital.

The newly refurbished pediatric suite provides the best care for children, in a friendly and family environment where a colorful play area (with a TV screen) has been set up to make the children feel at ease.

The Division also offers a 3-year training program, after graduating from clinical residency, at the American University of Beirut and Beirut Arab University. It has been approved by the Arab Council for Health Specialties, since 1986.

The department also offers a newborn fellowship program at Beirut Arab University.

3.1) Hematology and Oncology

The department collaborates with the Children's Cancer Center in Lebanon to provide treatment for cancer patients, with eight rooms specified to lower the sufferings of children with diagnosed cancer cases.

The Center offers annual treatments for more than 700 children, newborns and until 18 years of age, without any discrimination.

3.2) Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

The Pediatrics Department also includes a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) that provides care to prematurely born babies up to one month of age, while the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) provides critical care and medical services for children from one month to eighteen years of age. These specialized units are for severely ill children who need constant monitoring, during their stay at the hospital.





4. Anesthetics

Since July 2014, the Department of Anesthesiology offers a 3-year training program for clinical studies in clinical residency in cooperation with Beirut Arab University, and the training program was approved by the Arab Council for Health Specializations in September 2015.

5. Medical Imaging

The department offers state-of-the-art bone densitometry, conventional radiography and new MRI 1.5 Tesla Imaging (MRI), Ultrasound Imaging, and Panoramic Imaging. The Radiology Residency Program was established in 2019 in cooperation with Beirut Arab University.

6. Laboratory Medicine and Blood Bank

The Division of Laboratory Medicine at Makassed Hospital provides effective inpatient and outpatient services; a wide range of tests are performed on a daily basis with extreme precision.

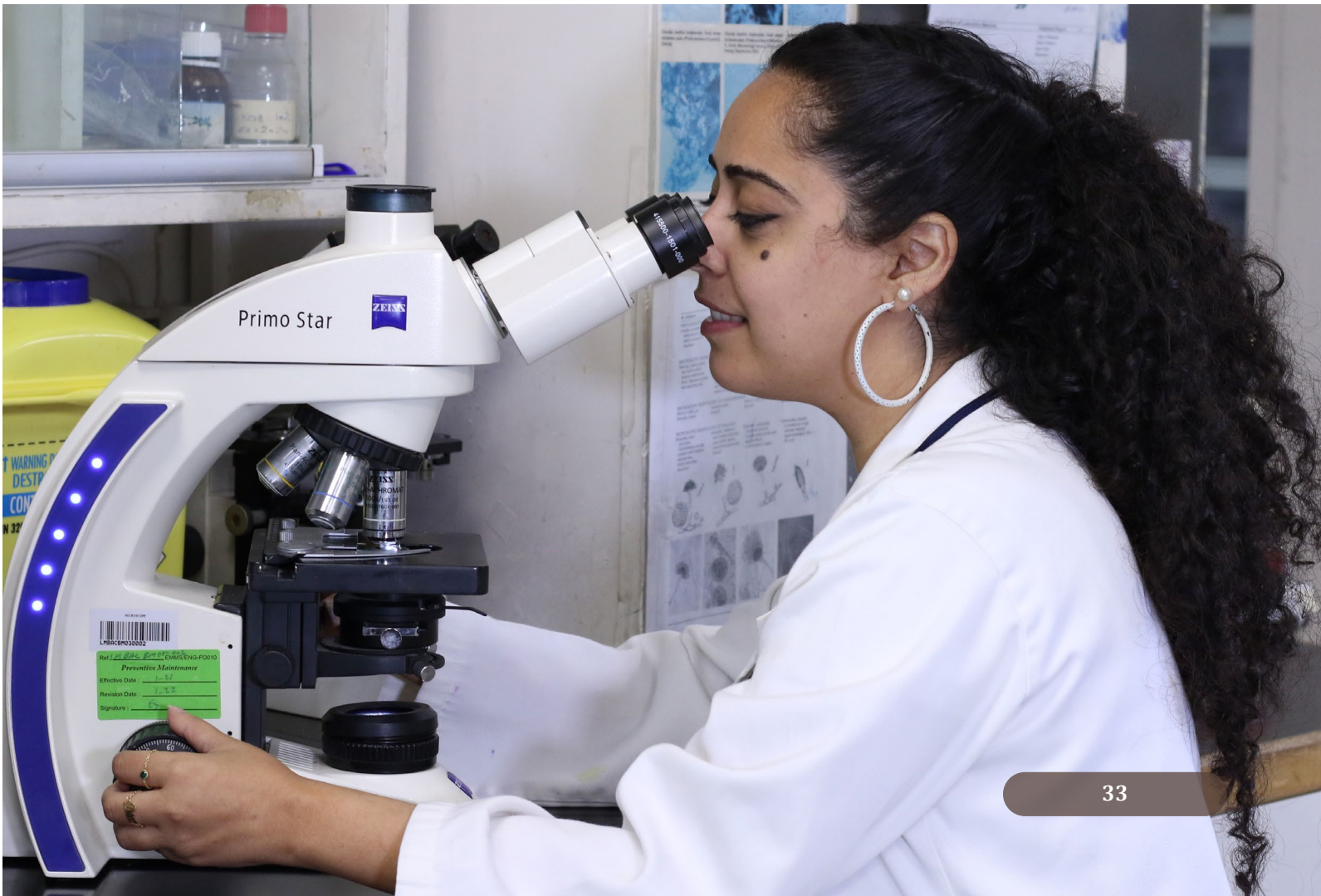


7. Infection Control Program

The objective of the Infection Control Program – IC is to identify and reduce potential infection risks in patients and healthcare workers. Our staff coordinates all activities related to surveillance, investigation, prevention and control of infections within the hospital, and works to promote a healthy and safe environment, by teaching appropriate safety and infection control guidelines to prevent transmission of infectious factors between patients, staff and visitors. Awareness and training sessions are also held by the staff; the activities include Hand Hygiene Day, personal protective equipment (PPE), outbreak awareness, prevention, and control.

8. Medical Research Unit

Established in 2000, the Medical Research Unit at Makassed Hospital (Institutional Review Board - IRB), has an educational and advisory nature, and performs its functions in accordance with written operating procedures. The primary task of the IRB is to review research proposals using an evaluation process, which ensures the reliability of the research design and methodology, as well as the integrity and specificity of the topics involved. The principles guiding the IRB's missions are based on Good Clinical Practice, the Helsinki Declaration, and the Belmont Report. To date, 235 studies have been published, since the establishment of the IRB at MGH. IRB is committed to Research Day to promote research and facilitate all requirements for research projects and clinical trials. Furthermore, research is a vital component of the residency curriculum; Residents are required to submit a research project, prior to their graduation. A research day is organized, every year, in which evaluators present their research projects before a pre-appointed jury, representing the different medical faculties of the universities, in Lebanon, and prizes are awarded to the best three projects. In addition, the residency training program at Makassed Hospital encourages the medical staff to supervise and advise assessors on their research projects and to allow access to their patients' records for research purposes.



9. Covid-19 Unit

With the Covid-19 outbreak in China, the first case was detected in February 2020 in Lebanon. In response to the epidemic, MGH set up in April 2020 a dedicated sealed off unit

Units	Start	Expansion date	Capacity
Emergency	30.04.2020	22.01.2021	18 beds
Isolation Unit	30.04.2020	01.03.2021	49 beds
Intensive Care	30.04.2020	01.03.2021	12 beds

MGH was among the first hospitals to obtain accreditation from the Ministry of Public Health on May 11th 2020 to conduct Covid-19 and PCR tests in its laboratories.

9.1) Covid-19 Vaccination Center

MGH launched its vaccination campaign on February 17, 2021 through scheduling appointments on the Ministry of Public Health platform.

The workforce in the vaccination center included pharmacists, nurses, medical staff, Makassed volunteers and scouts, students from the Arab University, as well as security agents.

The center also provided a meaningful post-vaccination explanation, through flyers, television advertisements and slide shows, as well as individual awareness, during the observation period.



Makassed HealthCare Bureau (MHCB)

The Makassed Healthcare Bureau (MHCB) was established in 1983 to monitor public health and provide health assistance to the Lebanese community. It expanded to include primary health care centers affiliated with Makassed.

The office developed new relationships with the public and private sectors locally and with foreign sectors where there was a need to expand the scope of its work geographically and enhance its services further.

MHCB oversees four Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCCs) across Lebanon, including three Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) in populated and/or remote areas in Beirut, the Beqaa Valley, Akkar and Mount Lebanon.

MHCB provided its services and programs proficiently and at a cost-effective value, despite the staggering economic crisis, political instability and social conflicts as it was able to provide 11,143 services to a total of 22,735 beneficiaries.

Notable Achievements

- Collaboration protocols with:
 1. The American University of Beirut Medical Center;
 2. Beirut Arab University (BAU);
 3. The Lebanese University (LU);
 4. Université de Lille (France).
- Publishing various medical research paper by students;
- Relocating the offices of the hospital's administrative departments to the new 7-storey Sana Tabbara building in June 2022, thus securing a wider place for medical and nursing care in the hospital; in addition to centralizing work in the administrative departments;
- Launching SAP in all MGH departments;
- Inaugurating the all-new Cardiac Surgery Department and kicking off operations in May 2022, with 23 operations being performed to date;
- Carrying out awareness campaigns about cholera infection and how to avoid it by organizing several lectures in this regard to a number of the association's facilities. The lectures were conducted by the Department of Bacterial Disease Control, in addition to awareness programs that were carried out by the Makassed Healthcare Bureau during October;
- Graduating 19 doctors in June 2022, from various specialties, despite the social, educational and economic hardship in the country, in order to preserve the message of educational goals. The doctors were distributed as follows according to specialization:



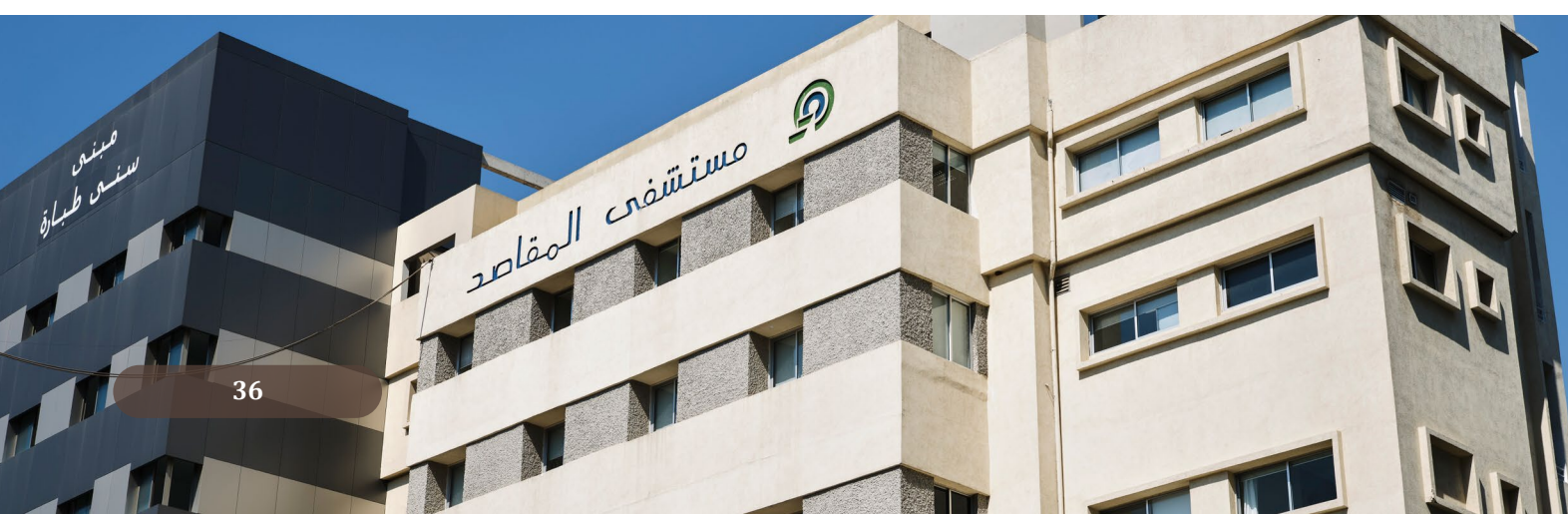
Specialty	Number of Physicians
General Surgery	5
General and internal medicine	8
Obstetrics and Gynecology	2
	3
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- Establishing a cooperation program between healthcare centers (dispensaries) and MGH to carry out gynecological check-up campaigns and follow-up on women's pregnancy in return to a small paid amount, in addition to guiding them to deliver in the hospital at reasonable prices, by trained doctors, particularly during the economic woes and the difficult circumstances the country is going through;
- Inaugurating the Children's Cancer Department and the Makassed Cultural Platform at the Makassed Hospital, on October 12, 2022, in the presence of Her Royal Highness Princess Ghida Talal of Jordan, the founding Chairperson of the King Hussein Cancer Foundation (KHCF) and Center (KHCC), Grand Mufti Abdul Latif Derian, Makassed President, Dr. Faisal Sinno and former Prime Minister Tammam Salam, in addition to a number of political, religious, social, cultural, media and medical personalities and the diplomatic corps in Lebanon, as well as members of Makassed Board of Trustees. They were briefed on the equipment and modern technologies in the department;
- Inking an agreement between Dar Al-Ajaza Al-Islamia Hospital and MGH in October 2022 to conduct 100 early mammography examinations for breast cancer for women sent by the primary care center of Dar Al-Ajaza Al-Islamia Hospital;
- Signing an agreement between the American University of Beirut Medical Center and MGH, on October 1, 2022, to provide stem cell transfer services and bone marrow transplant patients in emergency cases in order to enhance education, research and patient care by providing medical and surgical services to patients suffering from many medical conditions, especially patients in need of bone marrow transplantation and isolation;
- Providing sexual and reproductive health services and assistance against gender-based violence in the most vulnerable communities in Beirut by Makassed's Healthcare Bureau in August 2022 in partnership with the United Nations Population Fund;
- Implementing and completing the Canadian Accreditation Program by Makassed's primary health care centers;

- Wadi Khaled and Al Horj centers became accredited by the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health and Al Bachoura and Al Mosaitbeh centers are in the process of preparing for accreditation;
- Conducting a training to the staff of the primary health care centers by the Ministry of Public Health on the outbreak of cholera in order to hold awareness sessions in the centers on the definition of cholera, its causes and symptoms, and measures to prevent and treatment;
- Makassed Healthcare Bureau established a cholera treatment unit at the Primary Healthcare Center in Wadi Khaled in North Lebanon, which is equipped to receive all suspected and/or confirmed cases; A rapid examination of suspected cases will be conducted, and confirmed cases will be dealt with directly, in accordance with the protocols of the Ministry of Public Health. This is in partnership with the Ministry of Public Health and Doctors Without Borders;
- Within the framework of the school health program, Makassed's Healthcare Bureau organized awareness sessions in Makassed schools to highlight the importance of preventing the spread of cholera and related interventions;
- Water was tested for cholera in all schools and recommendations were made based on the results of those tests.

2021-2022 Hospital Statistics:

Number of in-patients	11,604
Surgery	1,728
Obstetrics and Gynecology	1,752
Internal medicine	3,072
Pediatrics	1,128
Hematology and Oncology	3,924
Number of women deliveries	1,392
Surgical Procedures	3,348
Perfusion and cardiac catheterization procedures	840
Endoscopy procedures	1,836
Histopathological examinations	4,632
Chemotherapy sessions	2,592
ER visits	28,512
Dialysis sessions	16,488
X-ray radiographs	23,928
Ultra Sound images	2,376
CT scans	8,328
MRI	2,244
Laboratory tests	348,012



Joint projects with international organizations

Donor	Project Title	Amount	Target Group	Area of Intervention	Sector of Intervention
Médecins Sans Frontieres	Akkar Project	399,417 USD 144,000,000 Lbp	Lebanese, Syrian & other	Sexual and Reproductive Health	Provide access to diagnostic tests (laboratory and ultrasound) for pregnant women and delivery services
United Nations Population Fund	Enhanced Access to RH and GBV services for vulnerable women, men, adolescent girls and youth, Syrian refugees and host communities in Beirut	75,485.00 USD	Lebanese, Syrian & other	Sexual and Reproductive Health	OBGYN consultations, Antenatal Care/Postnatal Care package (including 2 ultrasounds and laboratory examinations), Ultrasound examinations and laboratory examinations for non-pregnant women, Other RH interventions (Mammography, Pap smear, IUD insertion, Oral Pills, Condoms), Mental health services by a certified psychologist at the PHC, Psychosocial support activities by the social worker at the PHC, Outreach and awareness raising on SRH and GBV, Distribution of dignity kits to women and adolescent girls in response to period poverty.
International Medical Corps	Subsidized Comprehensive Care (Wadi (Khaled)	No specific budget allocated because it is based on number of patients and services	Lebanese, Syrian & other	Comprehensive Health	Provide medical and laboratory services related to ANC, NCD, GBV, IUD, vaccination, PNC and other procedures
International Medical Corps	Subsidized Comprehensive Care (Mosaitbeh)	No specific budget allocated because it is based on number of patients and services	Lebanese, Syrian & other	Comprehensive Health	Provide medical and laboratory services related to ANC, NCD, GBV, IUD, vaccination, PNC and other procedures
American University of Beirut Medical Center	Covid-19 Vaccinations	24,750.00 USD	Lebanese, Syrian & other	Vaccinations	Provide the vaccination doses according to MOPH vaccination program (Doses 1 till 4)
Relief International	Subsidized Comprehensive Care	99,731.00 USD	Lebanese, Syrian & other	Comprehensive Health	Provide access to subsidized PHC consultations, mental health services and diagnostic procedures



Social Services Sector

Ward El Makassed Center

In 2014, Makassed set up Ward El Makassed, the first community development center of its kind in Beirut's impoverished neighborhood of Tarik Al-Jadideh. Tariq Al-Jadideh is one of the most densely populated areas in Beirut and is regarded as an important stronghold for the low-income and middle-class amongst the Beiruti community, attracting also large numbers of Syrian and Palestinian refugees.

Services

The center organizes different vocational training courses in collaboration with international organizations (UNICEF – USAID – UNDP), which include:

- **Literacy and life skills**

Conducting training to youth and women by specialized trainers to pave way for them to acquire the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic, which reduces the illiteracy rate.

- **Sewing and craftsmanship**

Holding training sessions to develop women's craft skills in craft sewing techniques, which encourage them, on the long run, to pursue profitable work. The center helps the women market their products, which contributes to enhancing their economic status.

- **Women's beauty and cosmetics**

Enabling women to have the much-needed skills to kick start at home careers in hairdressing, skin and nail care or by visiting customers in their own homes.

- **Industrial kitchen**

Paving way for participants to get hands on experience in the oriental food industry, pastries, and chocolate industry. The center also markets the products of the participants to enhance their economic growth.



Ward Kitchen cooperated with Kanz / Beit El Baraka after the latter placed Ward cheese maamoul on their menu.

It also catered and organized several occasions, such as:

1. Independence Day;
2. Makassed annual fundraising iftar
3. Mother's Day;
4. Inauguration of the Children's Cancer Department at Makassed General Hospital;
5. The cooperation signing ceremony with the French Embassy in Khadija El Kobra;
6. The agreement with Catholic schools held at Khalid Ben El Walid College;
7. Parties and weddings;
8. The Makassed Conference for Educational Leaders held at Khalid Ben El Walid College;
9. Ceremony to honor the Arab Scout Union;
10. Honoring some donors and contributors;
11. Catering memorial services;



In addition, Ward El Makassed Restaurant has been booked regularly throughout the year for special occasions by many third parties. The catering staff has also met the orders of several events held at private homes and institutions.

During the month of Ramadan, Ward Al Makassed Kitchen also conducted several activities, most notably:

- Preparing 800 meals throughout the month, benefiting 4,000 people.
- Organizing Makassed Iftars for approximately 400 people, distributed as follows:
 1. Khaled Ben El Walid College;
 2. Lycée Khadija El-Kobra;
 3. Ward El Makassed Center;
 4. The staff's in-house iftar.

Most importantly, Ward El Makassed center has succeeded in empowering many women and youth from different backgrounds and nationalities, targeting mainly groups from Tarik Al Jadideh neighborhood, the Palestinian camps, and the outskirts of Beirut.

Achievements

Three training courses were organized and completed for more than 100 participants in the fields of cooking, sewing, child education, housekeeping, and others.

- In July, the center completed a sewing and a cooking course for 40 students, in cooperation with the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA). The center received the Turkish ambassador to Beirut, Ali Barış Ulusoy, on October 5 who distributed certificates to the graduates;
- In June and July 2022, the center completed a sewing course in cooperation with the European Institute for Cooperation and Development within two months for 20 young men and women;
- In cooperation with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the center held training courses in the following specializations: “Child Education” from September 6 to November 5, 2022, and the number of female participants reached 20, and “Housekeeping Course” from September 5 to November 31 with 20 beneficiaries and a “food preparation and catering” course divided into two sessions from September 5th until October 31st with 40 participants.
- Ward El Makassed cooperated with Middle East Airlines on Eid Al-Fitr: Chocolate was distributed to passengers flying to Lebanon on this day. The center will also cooperate with Middle East Airlines by designing specially handbags to be sold on board flights;
- Ward Al Makassed participated in fairs in Lebanon and in the UAE; the exhibitions included the center’s products such as handicrafts, abayas and embroidered pieces, in addition to cooked food and sweets made by women trained at the center. The center’s goods were also displayed at the “I Love You Lebanon” exhibition in Dubai in its third edition, from December 5 to December 11, 2021, with products and designs that reflect Lebanon’s civilization and culture;
- The center also participated in Beit El Baraka exhibition on Eid Al Fitr from May 1, to May 4, 2022, and the one-day exhibition “I Love You, Lebanon” at Al Falamanki Restaurant Beirut on August 24, 2022, which honors creative Lebanese talents;
- Ward El Makassed prepared hot meals during the month of Ramadan, consisting of a main dish, soup and salad. The total beneficiaries of hot meals reached 10,800 registered beneficiaries.



Volunteers Unit

With Makassed constantly promoting a strong civic engagement and encouraging those who devote their time to serving others, the Volunteers Unit was established in 2001, designated by the UN as the International Year of Volunteers.

Our mission is to empower youth to achieve rewarding volunteering experiences for them and the community and to work hand in hand with Makassed in tackling development challenges. Guided by the principles of civil society we enrich the quality of life in our community through volunteer involvement.

The Makassed Volunteers Unit is committed to:

- Stimulating volunteers by providing them with theoretical and field trainings;
- Encouraging youth to join social development activities in Beirut as well as in rural areas;
- Spreading mutual cooperation throughout all communities in Lebanon;
- Partnering with associations and NGOs with similar interests to develop local volunteering opportunities and to enhance the quality of volunteering, not just in providing volunteers;
- Strengthening trust, solidarity and group work among our volunteers while benefiting society at large;
- Creating opportunities for our volunteers in different types of social activities and stimulating their personal and non-formal educational development;
- Leading in developing strong, sustainable volunteering structures in the Arab region with an emphasis on countries where they are absent or just emerging;
- Contributing significantly to the development of new methods and tools to measure the scope and impact of volunteering.

Outstanding Achievements

- Approximately 350 volunteers participated in meetings on the importance of community service and its fields, by hosting concerned NGOs, such as the Dar Al Aytam Al Islamiya and Dar Al Ajaza, to learn about volunteering, opportunities, and programs that suit each age group;
- The unit held a training course for leaders and officials of volunteer clubs on positive leadership programs and the adolescent means for expression and creativity, which includes team building activities and effective leadership;
- Signing an agreement with the Aie Serve Association, which underlines the importance of assisting the leaders and the leadership structure in the unit on ways to link volunteer projects and activities with the goals of sustainable development;
- The Volunteers Unit organized, for the seventh year in a row, the “Kanzati Kanzatok” project, which comprise several stages, including receiving clothes, sorting them, sterilizing them, washing them, and distributing them to underprivileged families in Beirut and the regions through organized schedules. This year, the unit targeted approximately 3,750 people of all age groups;
- The Unit carried out recreational activities for nearly 300 children at Wadi Khaled Makassed School in Akkar; Where the children enjoyed challenging games and songs, in a joyful atmosphere, and at the end of the activity, sweets and toys were distributed to them;
- The Unit organized “Rose of Hope” project, which is a social and financial project that aims to sell roses on the occasion of Mother’s Day, so that the proceeds would fund iftars during the holy month of Ramadan, which reinforces the principle of participation;
- The Makassed Volunteers Unit organized a series of “Mawa’ed Al Rahman” iftars, hosting 1,750 people;
- Distribution of vouchers and food coupons, during the Holy month of Ramadan, divided as follows: 3,592 vouchers to families: of which 1,898 vouchers are for Makassed staff in Beirut and 202 vouchers for families outside Beirut; In addition to distributing 1,492 food coupons to the neediest families in the Beqaa Valley and North Lebanon.

Makassed Islamic Scouts Association

Makassed Islamic Scouts Association was established in Beirut in 1981, as authorized by Article 662 of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. It subsequently expanded into all Lebanese provinces.

The Scouts Association is a voluntary non-political movement for young people, open to all regardless of gender and race. Its activities are based on the guidelines and principles set by the World Organization of the Scout Movement, while aligning to Makassed’s education values.

It offers youth activities in line with patriotic, Islamic and Scout values, helping young people become self-fulfilled citizens.

The Association’s full-time team is made of specialized field experts holding the highest international, Arab and national training certificates. It includes 15 staff members (administrators and technical workers), in addition to 644 volunteer scout leaders.

Outstanding Achievements

Camps

- Organizing a training course for all stages;
- Organizing a course for assistant leaders and preparatory Wooden Badge, and a course for qualifying new leaders;
- Participation of leaders in the study of the Wooden Badge - Unit Leader organized by the Scouts of Lebanon Union in the area of Sir Al-Danniyeh;
- Organizing recreational and training indoor camps in accordance with the annual plan of the legations and their cohorts;
- Inaugurating the central summer camp in 2022.

Religious Activities

- Organizing Mawled Al Nabawi on March 2022 in Beirut and its suburbs, in Marj (Beqaa), and Akkar (North); in a joyful atmosphere;
- Participating in organizing Mawled Al Nabawi celebrations in mosques;
- Participating in Mawled Al Nabawi celebrations organized by the Afaf Al Tufl Association in Marj (Beqaa);
- Participating in the organization of the activity of “Tala’a Al Badr Alayna” and “Fanousi” and Makassed Arabic books on Mawled Al Nabawi in Beirut Souks;
- Organizing “Recite Qur’an” competition for the Cubs and Flowers groups (memorizing Juz Amma from the Holy Qur’an).





Environmental Activities

- Participating in a campaign to clean up Horsh Beirut to preserve green spaces;
- Taking part in a workshop at the Order of Engineers in Beirut, which highlighted the strategic plan of the Ministry of Environment regarding forest fires and ways of prevention;
- Joining the “Lebanon Zero Waste” symposium at Makassed General Hospital, in the presence of Eng. Ziad Abi Shaker;
- Conducting a campaign to clean and plant spaces at Makassed vehicles center in cooperation with the Social Affairs Unit;
- Running a campaign to plant trees in the Marj region (Beqaa), in cooperation with the Jarrah Scouts, to limit climate change;
- Organizing a training course for all leaders on the causes of fires and methods of intervention in cooperation with the Red Cross - Disaster Risk Reduction Unit;
- Taking part in apple picking in Jouret al-Balout and Wata al-Jawz, in coordination with Makassed; followed by apples transported, sorted and distributed.

Healthcare Activities

- Participating in “Your Blood is Life” campaign to register about 472 blood donors for two days in many areas (Hamra, Ain Al Mreisse, Municipal Stadium, Barbir and Aisha Bakkar), in cooperation with Makassed General Hospital;
- Taking part in the “We Walk to Prevent Colon Cancer” march organized by the SAID Association, in cooperation with several associations working in the field of health and cancer prevention.

Social Activities

- Organizing training, rehabilitation and awareness courses for leaders on violence (children and their needs, violence against children, early marriage and sexual violence against children) in cooperation with KAFA an NGO that aims to eliminate all forms of gender-based violence and exploitation;
- Joining “Lamsat Dafa” campaign to collect and distribute clothes to underprivileged families in Beirut.

Internal and External Activities, Ramadan Campaigns and Initiatives

- Organizing a Ramadan march in 2022 that toured the city of Beirut to welcome the Blessed month;
- Organizing Iftars for Dar Al Aytam children;
- Launching “Saher Al Khair Fi Diyarena Ghayr”, which included:
 1. Preparing Iftar meals at the Lebanese Golf Club’s kitchen, and distributing them to families in need in Beirut, targeting 200 people;
 2. Distributing water and dates to passers-by at Iftar time in many areas;
 3. Participating in the preparation and packaging of Ramadan meals in coordination with Ward Al-Makassed;
 4. Organizing Iftars for the family of the Makassed Islamic Scouts Association, which brought together leaders and scouts;
 5. Distributing food aid to underprivileged families in coordination with Makassed;
 6. Distributing Qur’an and Eid sweets in the Makassed graveyards of Al-Bachoura and Al-Chouhada;
 7. Distributing holiday gifts to children in coordination with Tafa’ul Association - Beqaa;
- Organizing the Spring Festival, which included scout games and songs, in addition to sports competitions, in the presence of Riyadi basketball player Amir Saud;
- Organizing “Cooking Day”, a competition where leaders cook and vote for the best dish;
- Participating in the general coordination meeting to develop the Lebanese Scout Federation strategy and plan for the next three years;
- Launching the Best Picture competition for the year 2022 for all legations and their cohorts.



Education Sector

Makassed Schools

- Working on the development of Abi Bakr El Siddeeq School to include the International Baccalaureate (IB);
- Preserving Makassed documentary heritage, through rehabilitation, maintenance and preservation of documents, restoration and electronic archiving of ancient manuscripts and documents;
- Endeavoring to automate Makassed archives, including minutes of the Board of Trustees since its inception;
- Rehabilitation of the Dinawi building;
- Providing Makassed schools with solar energy panels for a sustainable alternative energy.

Makassed University

- Re-launching the Bachelor's Program in Medical Laboratory Technologies in the academic year 2022-2023;
- Refurbishing the areas occupied by Makassed General Hospital in the past years, to become resting spaces for students and new halls for lectures;
- Establishing a scientific council for the college consisting of the dean, College professors, and an external honorary member;
- Developing an electronic program "SIS" to automate student files and academic profiles.



Faculty of Islamic Studies

- Developing the Faculty with the help of eminent academic personalities, and making adjustments to teaching materials to keep pace with developments in the Arab and Islamic worlds;
- Adding onboard prominent professors from the American University of Beirut, Saint Joseph University and the Lebanese University;
- Participating in specialized seminars with Saint Joseph University;
- Publishing the Faculty's magazine issues 16 and 17, which discusses Islamic sciences;
- Moving books and manuscripts from the old building of the Faculty of Islamic Studies in the locality of Dannawi, in preparation for its restoration;
- Updating the Facebook page and the related content on Makassed website.

Teachers Training Faculty

- Preparing a structure, including internal regulations, curricula, programs and a marketing plan;
- Developing new programs based on a study of the needs of students and the labor market;
- Preparing programs for the Department of Physical Education for a bachelor's degree and the Department of Teaching Economics and Educational Guidance for Master's degree.

Health Sector

- Providing MGH with solar panels for alternative and sustainable energy;
- Proposing a fellowship program in fetal and maternal medicine within the framework of the cooperation with Faculty of Medicine at the Beirut Arab University;
- Rehabilitating of the maternity department (infrastructure and equipment) to comply with the quality of medical and healthcare services at MGH;
- Refurbishing the pediatric department (infrastructure and equipment) in order to comply with the quality of medical and healthcare services at the hospital;
- Signing in February 2023, a partnership and follow-up contract between MGH and the King Hussein Cancer Center, represented by Her Royal Highness Princess Ghida Talal of Jordan, the founding Chairperson of the King Hussein Cancer Foundation (KHCF) and Center (KHCC), in terms of developing research, exchanging experiences and information, and providing assistance.



Social Services Sector

Ward Al Makassed Center

- Obtaining the ISO certificate;
- Building a cold room to store food and meat;
- Creating a covered hallway between the kitchen and the restaurant;
- Creating a new visitors entrance from the eastern side;
- Equipping vocational training halls in a building separate from the administrative halls and offices, in cooperation with different partners;
- Expanding the industrial kitchen to increase its production capacity;
- Beginning to equip a pottery and ceramics workshop.



Makassed Volunteers Unit

- Establishing an Arab training center, to be the first of its kind in the field of training youth on voluntary social work, basic skills and community service;
- Organizing a voluntary conference that brings together Lebanese and Arab youth in Lebanon, under an initiative by the Arab Union for Voluntary Work;
- Establishing an office for the scientific study of the needs of the community and the development of community service projects;
- Cooperating and networking with European and Arab associations;
- Carrying out a project such as "A trip with Makassed" for people with special needs and the elderly.



Overview

Established in 2016, the Fundraising and Development Unit at Makassed targets Makassed needs and funding channels for current and future projects.

It seeks to strengthen Makassed capabilities through the contributions of a large group of donors, alumni and all community members in order to support the health, educational and social services it provides.

Objectives

- Capital and operational expenditures in the Education, Healthcare and Social sectors;
- Subsidizing the education of those who cannot afford a decent education, in particular in remote areas;
- Subsidizing healthcare and social services for less fortunate members of the society;
- Securing funds and grants to rehabilitate Makassed damaged buildings and real estate
- Securing sustainable financing through grants;
- Funding prospects and sources.

Communication with Contributors

In 2021-2022, the Fundraising and Development Unit continued to communicate with donors, with the aim of:

1. Ensuring the continuity of cooperation with previous donors;
2. Creating a sustainable donors base;
3. Identifying new funding sources and securing new donors:
 - Companies;
 - Private institutions (the banking sector, commercial companies and private institutions);
 - International and regional bodies;
 - Supporting individuals.

Fundraising and Development Unit



First Section: Public relations and communication:

1. Seminars and lectures at Makassed Cultural Platform

- A meeting with Princess Ghida Talal of Jordan, the founding Chairperson of the King Hussein Cancer Foundation (KHCF) and Center (KHCC);
- A lecture by Eng. Ziad Abi Shaker on “Lebanon Zero Waste”;
- A seminar by Mr. Albert Kostanian entitled “How to Overcome the Financial Distress to Build 2023 Economy”;
- A lecture by former General Security chief Maj. Gen. Abbas Ibrahim entitled “Anticipating the upcoming stage”;
- A lecture by Dr. Mohammad Sammak entitled “Lebanon and the Vatican”;
- A seminar by Lebanon’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York Dr. Nawaf Salam entitled “Taef Accord between what’s written and in practice: Where the defect lies?”



2. President Meetings with Delegations and Prominent Figures

- A visit by Caretaker Health Minister Dr. Firas Abiad to MGH;
- A Makassed delegation met with the Grand Mufti Abdul Latif Derian to finalize an agreement on medical services offered to religious figures at MGH;
- A visit by Ettie Higgings, UNICEF Deputy Representative in Lebanon, to Kulliyat al Banat, MGH, Nursing and Health Sciences Faculty, Makassed Vocational and Technical Institute, and Ward El Makassed Center;
- A visit by President of the Aleph Institute and the European Civilization Working Group to the Association’s headquarter;
- A tour by the French Ambassador to Lebanon Ms. Anne Grillo to Makassed facilities, including, Lycée Khadija El Kobra, Kulliyat El Banat, Ward El Makassed Center; in addition to inaugurating MLAC;
- A visit by a delegation from the Rotary Club of Beirut to Ali Ben Abi Taleb College, where they made a generous donation to the Scholarship Fund;
- A MGH visit by the Qatar Red Crescent;
- A tour by Global Affairs Canada and UNFPA to Horj Primary Healthcare Center;



- A visit by World Health Organization Rep. to Lebanon Mr. Abdul Nasser Bakr to MGH;
- A tour by Turkish Ambassador to Beirut, Ali Bariş Ulusoy, in Ward Al Makassed Center;
- A tour by Caretaker Minister of Information, Ziad Makari, in Makassed HQ, Khaled Bin Al Walid College, Ward El Makassed Center and MGH;
- A visit by BOT members Dr. Mohammad Hasbini, Dr. Ahmad Ibrahim to King Hussein Cancer Foundation (KHCF) and Center (KHCC), and taking part in handing over King Hussein Cancer Research Award;
- A visit by representatives from the Saudi Fund for Development and KSRelief to the Dialysis Center;
- A visit by the Arab Scouts Region to Makassed HQ.

3. Social Activities

- Organizing Mother’s Day Luncheon Banquet;
- Conducting a medical secretarial or respiratory therapy course, funded by the European Union;
- Distributing 650 food donation boxes to underprivileged families in Beirut on behalf of KSRelief;
- Organizing a ladies-only luncheon banquet at Ward El Makassed in support of Scholarship Fund;

4. Cooperation contracts and joint programs

- Refurbishing Open Heart Surgery Rooms under the support of Qatar Red Crescent and Lebanese Red Cross;
- Receiving a medical equipment donation from Kuwait Finance House and Kuwaiti Red Crescent;
- Inking a cooperation agreement with UNFPA;
- Signing cooperation agreement with UNICEF;
- Signing cooperation agreement with IECD funded by ALIPH;
- Launching Beirut Project with UNHABITAT.

Second Section: Fundraising

Due to the deteriorating economic, financial and social situation in Lebanon, the needs of all Makassed sectors and programs increased, and this historical burden prompted the Fundraising and Development Unit to amplify its efforts to meet the extensive needs of all.

Donations made to finance Makassed sectors (education, health, social services)

Diagram number 1 indicates the distribution of donations in 2021-2022 according to sector in LBP.

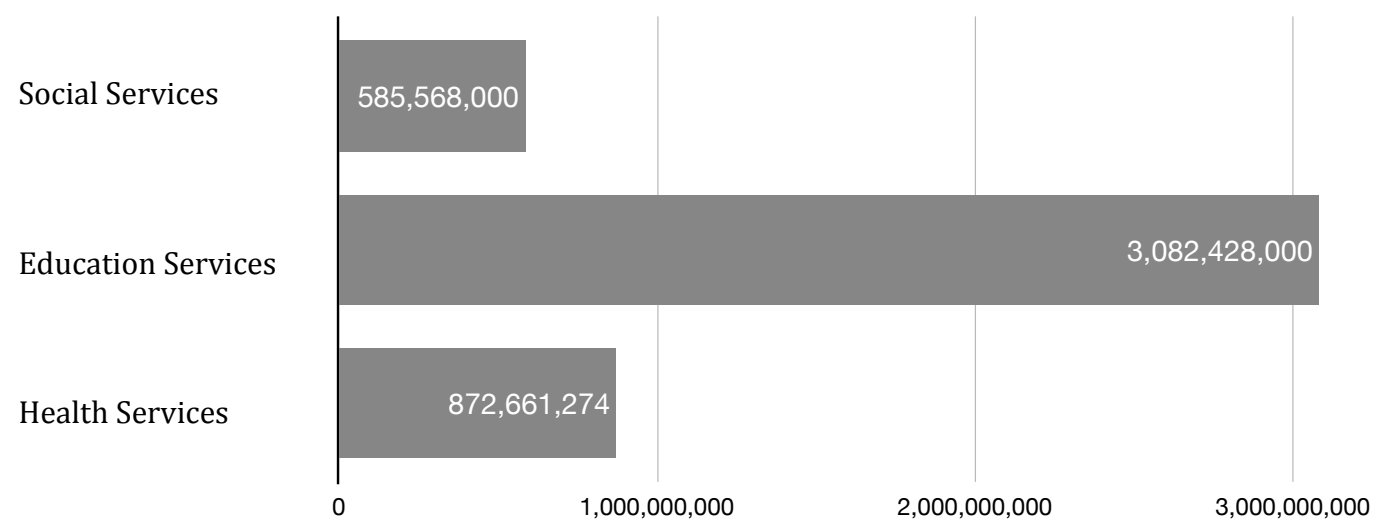


Diagram number 2 shows the distribution of donations for 2021-2022 in all sectors, in fresh dollars

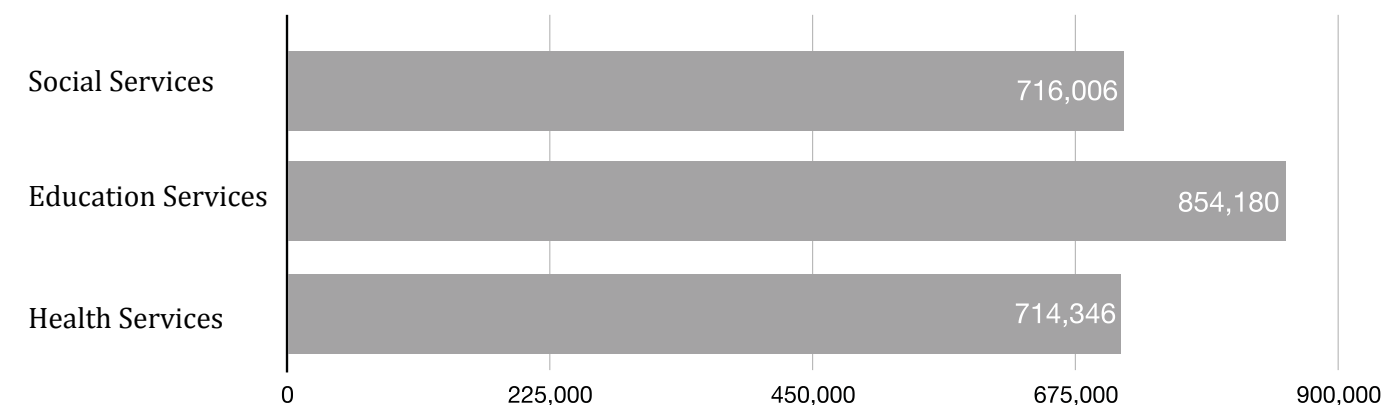


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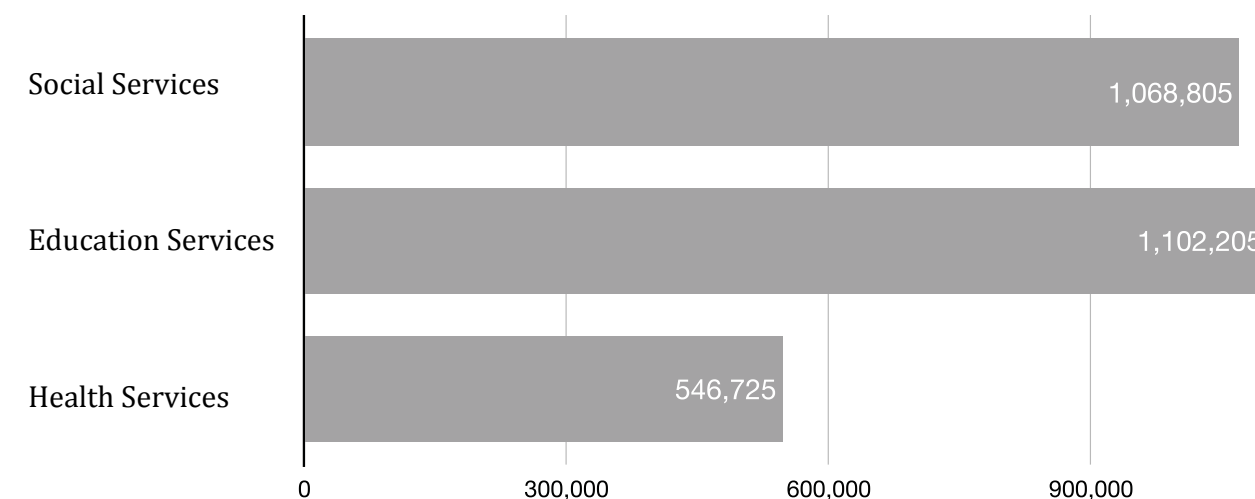


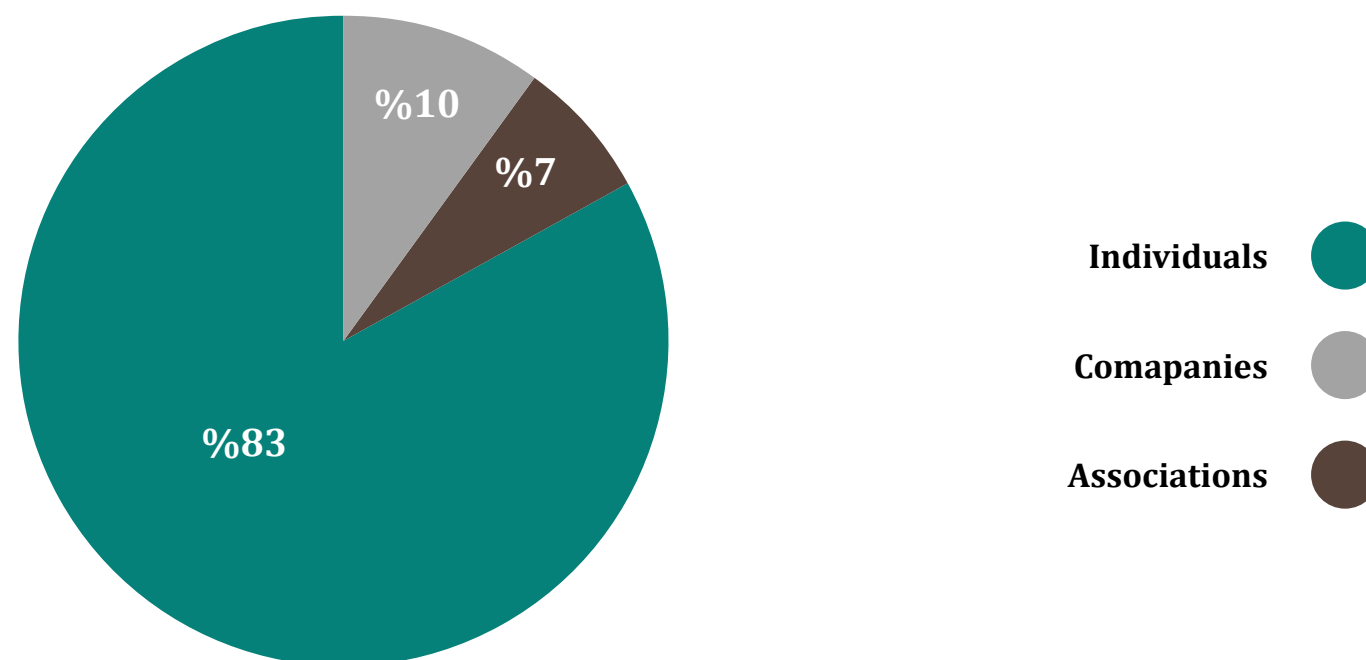
Table number 1: Total donations collected

LBP	Fresh USD	Lolar
4,540,657,274	2,284,532	2,717,735

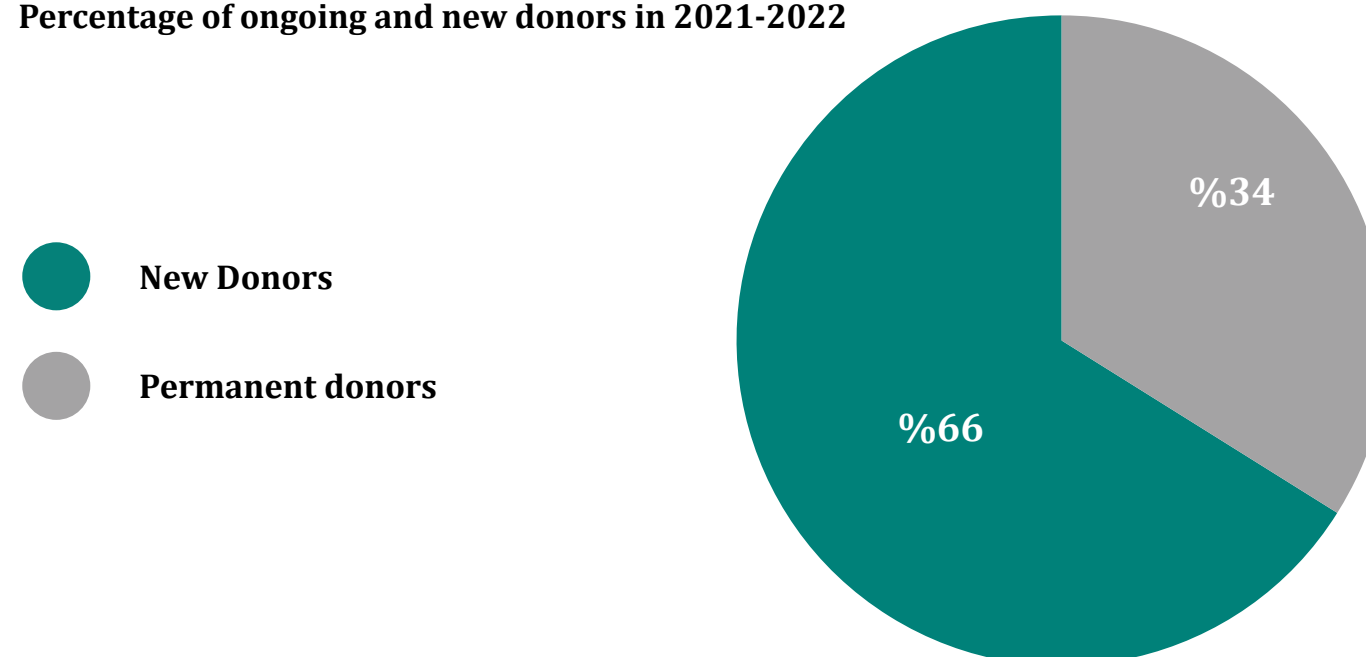
Table number 2: Distribution of donations currency according to donor categories for the fiscal year 2021-2022

Donors	Number	In LBP	In Lollar	In Fresh USD
Individuals	320	3,222,788,299	2,468,518	1,621,803
Companis	40	459,703,500	34,325	191,514
Associations	27	858,165,475	124,892	471,215
Total	387	4,540,657,274	2,717,735	2,284,532

Diagram number 4: Distribution of donors per type



Percentage of ongoing and new donors in 2021-2022



Donations collected to support various sectors are based on a number of permanent donors (individuals, companies, associations), which impact the contributions rate in case of a change in the number of permanent donors. **The value of collected donations were affected by the following factors:**

1. A decrease in the exchange rate of the local currency;
2. The fluctuating economic situation.

Third Section: Support Programs

A breakdown of donations collected according to sector in 2021-2022 Health Sector Support Programs

Table number 4: Donation channels for the Health Sector according to the presented needs

Donation Channel	Total in LBP	Total in Fresh USD	Total in Lolar
Renovating Hospital Section	203,661,064	65,649	128,100
Underprivileged Patients at MGH	606,042,210	541,005	203,329
Medical Equipment	-	82,680	214,548
Cancer Patients Fund	62,328,000	20,312	748
In-kind donations	630,000	4,700	-
Total	872,661,274	714,346	546,725

Education Sector Support Programs

Table number 5: Donation channels for the Education Sector according to the presented needs

Donation Channel	Total in LBP	Total in Fresh USD	Total in Lolar
Scholarship Fund	3,082,428,000	644,180	802,205
Schools Requirements	-	210,000	300,000
Total	3,082,428,000	854,180	1,102,205

Diagram number 8: Percentage of donations distribution according to areas

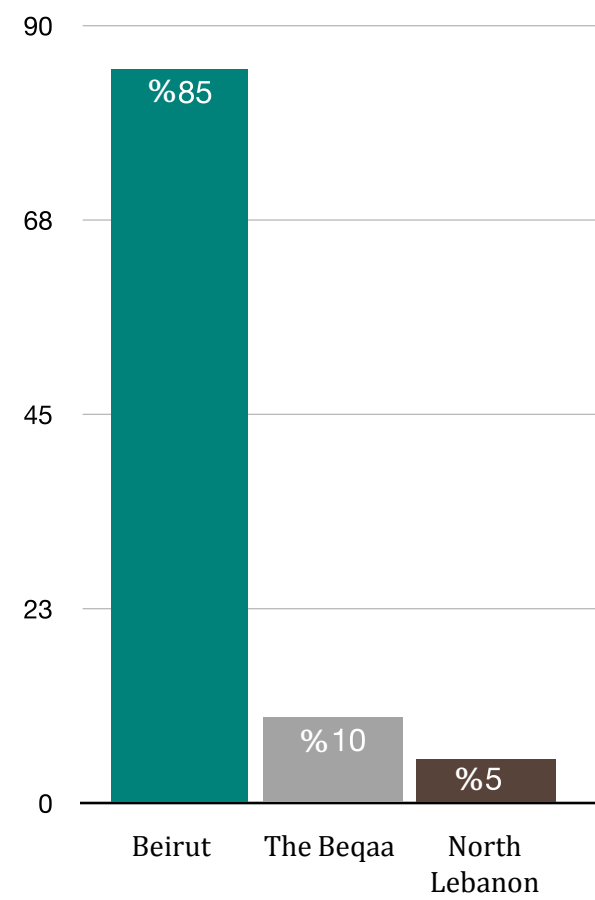
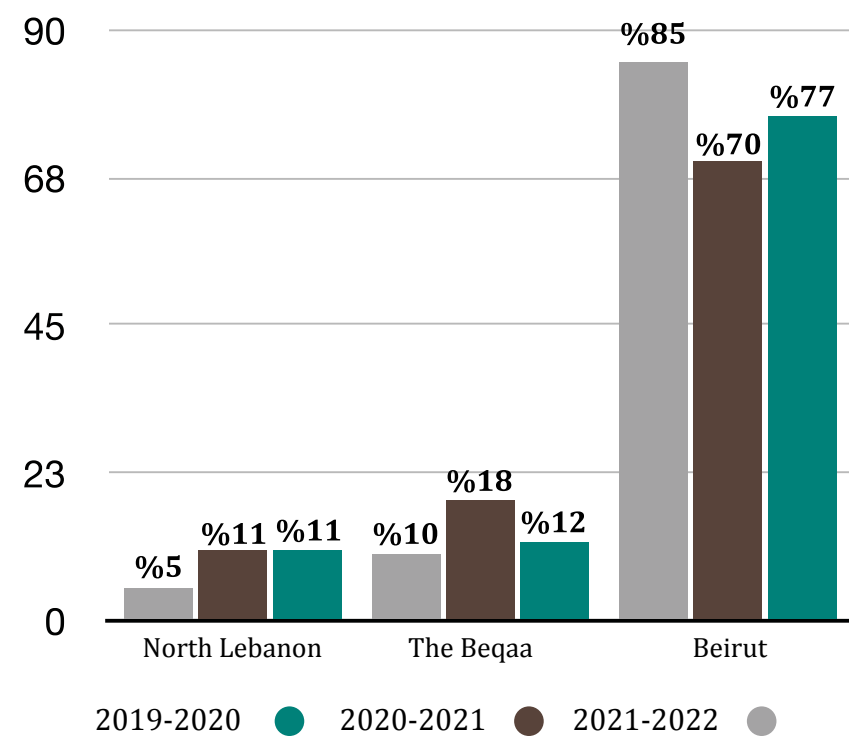


Diagram number 9: Scholarship Fund distribution percentage according to area during 2020-2022



Social Services Support Programs

Table number 6: Distribution channels for the Social Services sector according to the presented needs

Donation Channels	Total in LBP	Total in Fresh USD	Total in Lolar
Food parcels	17,562,000	245,618	15,604
Cemeteries	-	17,000	90,000
Breaking the Iftar of the underprivileged/Ramadan Iftar/Hot meals	21,600,000	32,280	17,500
Zakat Fund	380,654,000	63,045	870,750
Ramadan donations	13,600,000	18,400	11,000
Heating systems	-	5,980	-
Adha sacrifices	-	16,586	1,441
Blankets	20,000,000	10,580	5,000
Association donations	129,152,000	280,277	57,510
Feeding the poor	3,000,000	26,240	-
Total	585,568,000	716,006	1,068,805



Table number 7: Donations distribution in all sectors between the fiscal years 2019-2022

Fiscal Year	Currency	Health Sector	Education Sector	Social Services Sector	Buildings Renovation
2018-2019	LBP	5,821,554,000.00	2,145,787,500.00	2,993,535,000.00	0.00
2019-2020	LBP	6,414,835,500.00	3,394,429,500.00	2,949,774,000.00	0.00
	Performance %	110.19	158.19	98.54	0.00

Fiscal Year	Currency	Health Sector	Education Sector	Social Services Sector	Buildings Renovation
2020-2021		1,368,885,875.00	3,788,690,530.00	1,112,038,419.00	507,450,000.00
		2,100,616.00	443,535.00	595,059.00	0.00
		2,723,244.00	1,095,033.00	323,330.00	2,018,060.00
		0.00	17,668.00	0.00	
2019-2020		872,661,274	3,082,428,000	585,568,000	0.00
	Performance %	-0.36	-0.18	-0.52	-1.00
		546,725	1,102,205	1,068,805	0.00
	Performance %	-0.84	12.67	2.13	0.00
		714,346	854,180	716,006	0.00
	Performance %	-0.64	-0.44	1.38	-1.00
		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Performance %	0.00	-1.00	0.00	0.00

Section Four: Marketing and Advertisement

Makassed aspires to reach out to its community and contributors in a more effective manner, which paved way for it to enhance its advertisement and marketing department using various means and channels.

1. Marketing and promotions:

- Managing Makassed accounts on social media;
- Advertising on social media;
- Placing outdoor campaigns;
- Placing ads on local TV channels;
- Writing and publishing news briefs;
- Coordinating TV and Radio interviews;
- Coordinating and publishing Makassed periodic newsletter;
- Organizing field trips at Makassed facilities to attract new donors.



2. 2020-2021 advertisement campaigns:

- Scholarship Fund campaign;
- Zakat campaign;
- MGH support campaign;
- Distribution of food parcels.

3. Contribution channels:

- Online through the Association's website;
- Online platforms (Yalla Give, Go Fund Me);
- Text messages;
- WhatsApp platform;
- Donation boxes at malls.



4. Advertising materials:

- Designing advertisement publications for different campaigns and events for the Association's facilities;
- Producing promotional videos for all the Association's facilities;
- Producing a documentary on Association;
- Producing a documentary on the Children's Cancer Department;
- Producing a video on the Scholarship Fund;
- Photographing some facilities (external buildings – sectors – services).



5. Publications

- Achievements report 2020-2021;
- Donors report 2021;
- Promotional publications for all sectors 2021;
- Publications regarding the needs of each sector to attract donors.

Section five: Partnerships and Initiatives

These projects fall within the objectives of the United Nations development programs to advance gender equality by enhancing the technical and life skills of youth and women who support their families. Their aim is to generate income, support and develop sustainable community centers by providing them with the necessary skills and opportunities to work in various fields.



In partnership with UN agencies and international organizations, Makassed goals are:

- Developing the skills of youth and women;
- Training and capacity building of Lebanese youth and women and refugees living in poverty pockets in Beirut and the Beqaa, with the aim of enhancing their chances for a better future and financial independence, and bridging the gap in the labor market;
- Improving the living conditions of Palestinian and Syrian refugees in host communities;
- Reintegrating the elderly by teaching them how to communicate and interact on social media platforms;
- Supporting community mobilization and awareness-raising for the reconstruction of housing units damaged by the Beirut Port explosion;
- Providing access to subsidized primary healthcare consultations, mental health services and diagnostic procedures;
- Providing access to diagnostic tests (laboratory and ultrasound) for pregnant women and obstetric, lactation and postpartum services;
- Providing vaccination doses according to the vaccination program of the Ministry of Public Health (doses from 1 to 4);
- Courses in the art of sewing, cooking and pastry making.

Projects initiated through the Fundraising and Development Unit:

Donor	Project	Agreement Date	Currency	Value	Intervention Sector	Number of beneficiaries
UNICEF	Beyond the Crisis: Building Resilient Youth	October 21	USD	416,381.28	Livelihood	1,133 youth benefited from the program 8,300 beneficiary received Covid-19 awareness message
UNICEF	Beyond the Crisis: Building Resilient Youth	November 22	USD	205,000.00	Livelihood	620 targeted Lebanese youth
HOPEs	Train and build the capacities of vulnerable Lebanese and Syrian refugees youth in the health sector in order to enhance the future and sustainability	November 21	Euro	58,538.00	Livelihood	30 Lebanese and Syrian youth
UNDP	Improving living conditions in Palestinian camps and host communities	June 22	USD	74,989.00	Livelihood	80 women
UNFPA	Agents of Change	October 22	USD	10,000.00	Social stability	16 youth and 20 elderly
UN Habitat	BERYT	August 22	USD	148,727.83	Shelter	80 families
IECD	Empowering Women through Skills Development	May 22	USD	4,482.00	Livelihood	20
TIKA	Empowering Women through Skills Development	August 22	USD	4,080.00	Livelihood	40
Total Funds received in USD				\$863,660.11		
Total Funds received in euro				€ 58,538.00		

The Fundraising and Development Unit managed to evolve its expertise and resources to strengthen Makassed capabilities in providing education, social and healthcare services to the largest number of beneficiaries, through partnerships with many international and regional organizations (UNICEF, HOPEs, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHABITAT, IECD and TIKA). These partnerships aim at meeting the needs of all regardless of the religion, nationality, gender or socio-economic status of the beneficiaries.

The Unit was the implementing partner for projects within two paths:

1. Institutional financing to maintain and improve services;
2. Program financing for the implementation of projects with specific indicators.

Regional and international donors' contributions have also had a direct impact on society, in addition to their effect on the implementing agency in training both Lebanese and refugees in the education, health and social sectors. These trainings support youth and women in disadvantaged areas in Beirut, the Beqaa Valley and the North and improve their readiness for employment and their participation in income production: Trainings provide non-formal education opportunities, secure income-generating opportunities, offer employment support services, life skills programs, participation activities, develop human capital competencies, and upgrade education system curricula through various institutional capacity building activities.

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