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President's Message



Together, we shape hope into action

It is with deep pride and gratitude that I present this year's Annual Achievements Report, a testament to Makassed's commitment to serving the people of Lebanon through education, healthcare, and social development, and to our resilience amid the challenges our nation continues to face.

Over the past year, Makassed has demonstrated adaptability and purpose in the face of uncertainty. Across our educational institutions, students achieved outstanding academic results, earned national and international recognition, and benefited from expanded programs, accreditations, and partnerships—reaffirming our belief in education as the foundation of societal progress. The reopening and rehabilitation of schools, expanded learning support services, and continued investment in innovation and leadership development reflect our commitment to inclusive, high-quality education.

At the same time, Makassed General Hospital and our primary healthcare network enhanced their capacity to meet both daily medical needs and emergency situations. More than 65,000 patients received care, major clinical units were upgraded, and new technologies were introduced to improve efficiency, safety, and patient outcomes. During periods of conflict and displacement, Makassed remained a pillar of humanitarian response, ensuring access to care for the most vulnerable. Behind every statistic are individuals—patients seeking healing, families in crisis, and communities relying on dignity and compassion when they need it most.

Equally central to our mission, Makassed's social services continued to reflect our humanitarian values. Through Ward El Makassed Center, the Volunteers Unit, and the Makassed Islamic Scouts Association, we supported displaced families, empowered women and youth, expanded vocational training, and mobilized volunteers during times of crisis.

These achievements were made possible through the trust and generosity of our donors, partners, staff, and volunteers. Their support enables Makassed to advance its mission and invest confidently in innovation, sustainable development, and long-term impact.

This report reflects what we can achieve when we work together with purpose and trust. Looking ahead, Makassed will continue to serve with integrity and compassion, alongside those committed to building a stronger, more inclusive society. We do so with a deep sense of responsibility to our community and to our nation.

Dr. Faisal B. Sinno





Foreword



On behalf of the Fundraising and Development Directorate, it is my pleasure to present this report, which reflects a year of dedicated effort, collaboration, and shared commitment to Makassed's humanitarian mission.

This publication is more than a record of activities and figures. It is a testament to the collective work of teams who believe deeply in the values of transparency, accountability, and service. Through education, healthcare, and social support, Makassed continues to stand by communities across Lebanon, particularly in times of growing need and uncertainty.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the team whose professionalism and dedication made this report possible. My gratitude goes to Ms. Diana Halawi, Ms. Sarah Jarekji, and Mr. Ahmad Khaled from the Marketing and Communication team for their strategic communication and design support; to Mr. Mohamad Ali El Hasan, the report writer, for his thorough research and clear narrative; to Dr. Sarine El Daouk, Senior Development and Compliance Consultant, for her guidance and oversight; to Dr. Lubna Jaafar, Project Consultant, for her technical input; and to Mr. Mohamad Doughan, Data Management Officer, for ensuring the accuracy and integrity of the data presented.

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This report is the result of teamwork rooted in shared responsibility and belief in Makassed's role as a pillar of education, care, and social solidarity. I am proud of what has been achieved and confident that, together, we will continue to strengthen Makassed's impact in the years ahead.

Dr. Reem Rabah
Director, Fundraising and Development Directorate



About Makassed

Founded in 1878, Makassed Philanthropic Islamic Association of Beirut is a humanitarian organization dedicated to serving the community across three core sectors: education, healthcare, and social services.

In education, Makassed operates 16 schools across Beirut, the Beqaa, and North Lebanon, as well as Makassed University of Beirut (MUB), the Makassed Vocational and Technical Institute (MVTI), and four Makassed Learning Abilities Centers (MLAC) for students with special needs. This wide-reaching network reflects Makassed's commitment to inclusive education for all, regardless of religion, gender, ethnicity, age or ability.

In healthcare, Makassed runs a General Hospital with 10 specialized departments, four Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCCs) located in Horj, Mosaitbeh, Bashoura, and Wadi Khaled, and three Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) that deliver services to underserved communities across Lebanon.

In social services, Makassed empowers marginalized women and youth through accelerated vocational training programs at Ward El Makassed Center. It also fosters civic engagement through the Makassed Volunteers Unit and the Makassed Scouts Association. Additionally, Makassed manages the Muslim cemetery and burial services in Beirut and oversees several community halls, promoting cultural, intellectual, and social dialogue.



Higher Education Sector



Makassed University of Beirut (MUB)

Makassed's mission has grown significantly over the decades, yet its dedication to high-quality education has remained at the heart of its work. Makassed University of Beirut (MUB), with its three faculties—the Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences, the Faculty of Islamic Studies, and the Faculty of Teacher Education—upholds a strong tradition of academic excellence.

MUB offers a dynamic learning environment that keeps pace with evolving global trends while placing strong emphasis on academic research across disciplines. Its commitment to quality education continues to reflect the aspirations and needs of both students and faculty. Even in challenging times, MUB remains aligned with Makassed's mission, equipping students with the skills, knowledge, and values necessary to contribute to their communities and help rebuild the nation.

Relocation to the New Bachoura Campus

With the support of UNICEF, MUB recently completed its relocation to the new Bachoura campus, bringing together the Faculty of Teacher Education, the Faculty of Islamic Studies, and the University's administration in a single location. The campus is housed in a building of significant educational and cultural value in Beirut's history. Originally known as Kuliyat El Banat, the building dates back to 1878. It was established by Makassed as the first school for girls in Beirut. The initiative reflected a conviction that women's education is essential to social, cultural, and religious development. Today, the two-story building assigns the ground floor to the Faculty of Islamic Studies, while the second floor accommodates the Faculty of Teacher Education and the President's Office, providing a cohesive environment for academic work, research, and student engagement. In parallel, restoration work is currently underway on Annex 01, which includes the library, theater, mosque, storage room, guardroom, and the eastern entrance of the university.



A. Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences

Established in 1948, the Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences is one of the oldest nursing schools in Lebanon and the region. Its graduates have consistently achieved a 100% pass rate on the National Colloquium exam and are recognized among the most employable healthcare professionals worldwide. Today, the Faculty offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing as well as a Diploma in Respiratory Therapy, and is preparing to expand its academic portfolio with additional bachelor's and master's degree programs in the coming years.

I. Achievements and Activities

The Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences continues to record notable achievements, including:

Growth in Student Enrollment

The Faculty continues to record a steady annual increase in student admissions, driven by three key factors: a 100% success rate in the National Colloquium, growing community demand for qualified nurses, and the strength and effectiveness of the Nursing degree at Makassed University of Beirut (MUB).



Institutional Collaboration and Clinical Partnerships

Strong collaborations have been established with Makassed General Hospital (MGH), the Military Hospital, Dar Al Ajaza Al Islamia Hospital, primary healthcare centers, and schools, providing students with diverse and high-quality clinical training opportunities.

Participation in Educational Events and Fairs

The Faculty took part in several academic and intellectual events, including:

- Academia Lebanon International Education Fair (held in the Lancaster Hotel)
- Makassed 4th University Fair
- University Fair at Hassan Kassir High School
- University Fair for UNRWA School Students

Faculty Development and Training

Faculty members regularly engage in professional training and capacity-building programs to strengthen teaching quality and academic excellence. During this year, they participated in annual conferences focused on mental health, healthy aging, the advancement of healthcare research in the Arab region (hosted at AUB in collaboration with the Lebanese Order of Nurses and the Scientific Society of Arab Nursing Faculties), as well as discussions on the present and future of homecare services.

II. Future Plans

The Faculty of Nursing and Health Sciences is preparing to introduce new initiatives, including:

- Developing a Master's Program in Nursing Education, aimed at preparing qualified educators and advancing academic leadership within the nursing profession.
- Introducing a Diploma in Respiratory Therapy, to expand specialized healthcare training and respond to growing labor market needs.



B. Faculty of Islamic Studies

Established in 1982, the Faculty of Islamic Studies offers both master's and doctoral degrees in Islamic Studies. With its extensive library and distinguished academic staff, it serves as a leading resource for Islamic scholarship in Lebanon and the region. Its programs combine a solid grounding in Islamic sciences and humanities with modern research methods, critical thinking, and conflict-resolution skills. Through this integrated approach, the Faculty prepares graduates to play meaningful roles in their communities, in the nation, and across the broader Islamic world.

I. Achievements and Activities

The Faculty of Islamic Studies continues to advance across several areas, including:

Launching the Master's Program Curriculum Reform Workshop for Islamic Studies

The Faculty of Islamic Studies initiated a specialized workshop to update and develop its master's degree in line with contemporary academic standards and the needs of society. The workshop resulted in the introduction of new specializations, including:

- Comparative Islamic Jurisprudence
- Islamic Family Law
- Islamic Economics

Reorganization of the University Library

The Faculty of Islamic Studies undertook significant efforts to reorganize and modernize its library, enhancing access to academic resources for researchers and students.

Intellectual Seminars Organized by the Faculty of Islamic Studies

Seminar/Conference	Topic
The Societal Role of Faculties of Islamic Studies in Lebanon	This seminar gathered leading academic and religious figures to discuss strengthening coordination among Islamic Studies faculties in Lebanon and developing curricula that meet societal needs while balancing authenticity and modernity.
The Role of Educational Values in Human Development Amid Moral Fragility	This seminar addressed contemporary educational and ethical challenges and featured contributions from leading intellectual and academic figures.
Imam Al Ouzai: Beirut's Jurist, Scholar of Hadith, and Advocate of Humane and National Thought	With the participation of thirty researchers from Lebanon and the Arab world, this conference explored Imam Al Ouzai's humanistic thought and his role in promoting coexistence and shared values in Lebanon and the broader Islamic world.

II. Future Plans

Future priorities of the Faculty of Islamic Studies include:

- Finalizing and implementing newly developed undergraduate curricula.
- Establishing a University Center for Specialized and Community Training to support capacity-building and outreach.
- Organizing an international conference on Islamic manuscript heritage and artificial intelligence.
- Launching a series of scientific seminars to promote research and academic dialogue.



C. Faculty of Teacher Education

Established in 1986 and accredited as a college in 2000, the Faculty of Teacher Education plays a key role in advancing the university's mission to prepare qualified educators. It is committed to graduating teachers capable of delivering high-quality education across various disciplines and academic levels, while promoting effective teaching practices. It currently offers teaching diplomas at the intermediate and secondary levels, in addition to postgraduate certificates in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Special Education.

I. Achievements and Activities

The Faculty of Teacher Education continues to record notable achievements, including:

Forums and Meetings attended by Faculty Members

Members of the Faculty of Teacher Education participated in numerous educational events, strengthening the university's presence and representation at both the local and international levels.

Activity / Event	Organizer
"Tamam Developmental Movement" Forum in Amman, Jordan	Tamam Developmental Movement
Reflective session on the draft secondary-level educational framework	Center for Educational Research and Development (CERD)
Erasmus+ roundtable on higher education reform titled "University Alliances: Centering and Inspiration"	Erasmus+
National Forum on Early Childhood Education	Center for Educational Research and Development (CERD)
Consultative session on a draft law concerning teacher appointments in Lebanon	Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE)
Academic meeting of the International Program Committee (IPC) of the ICME-16 World Congress on Mathematics Education in Prague	International Program Committee (IPC)

Through these events, the University strengthened its academic presence at the national and international levels, contributed to discussions on education policy and reform, and expanded its professional networks with universities, research institutions, and education stakeholders.

II. Future Plans

The Faculty of Teacher Education plans to advance its academic development through:

- Organizing an international conference titled "Teaching and Learning in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: From Research to Application" in May 2026, with an organizing committee already active and preparing program components.
- Completing and submitting a new Bachelor's Program in Educational Sciences to the Directorate of Higher Education, with concentrations in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education.
- Developing and submitting a Bachelor's Program in Physical Education for official approval.
- Introducing micro-credential (micro-credit) courses in high-demand topics to expand learning opportunities for students across degree and diploma programs.
- Hosting the international AI-in-education conference in May 2026 as a flagship academic event.

Education Sector



A. Makassed Schools

Education remains the cornerstone of Makassed's mission, even as the association's activities have expanded over the decades. Today, Makassed educates 5,575 students across 16 elementary, middle, and high schools in Beirut, the Beqaa Valley, and North Lebanon. Beyond academic excellence, Makassed schools aim to shape future community leaders by promoting ethics, civic responsibility, and a strong sense of citizenship. The schools offer subsidized elementary education and dedicated support for students with learning difficulties and special needs through the Learning Abilities Centers. This inclusive approach ensures that every child, regardless of socioeconomic background or learning ability, has access to high-quality education.

Beirut Area

School	Stages	Language of Instruction	Number of Students
Khaled Ben El Walid College	Kindergarten, Primary, Middle, Secondary	English: Kindergarten to Secondary French: Grade 9 to Grade 12	570
Ali Ben Abi Taleb College	Kindergarten, Primary, Middle, Secondary	English	394
Lycée Makassed Khadija El Kobra	Kindergarten, Primary, Middle, Secondary	French	377
Omar Ben El Khattab College	Kindergarten, Primary, Middle, Secondary	English	1470
Abdul Kader Kabbani High School	Kindergarten, Primary	English	155
Abi Bakr El Siddeeq School	Kindergarten, Primary	English	186
* Al Imam Al Ouzai College	Kindergarten, Primary, Middle	English	350
Subtotal 1			3,502

*** Note:** Al Imam Al Ouzai College is administered in collaboration with Dr. Mohamad Khaled Social Foundations.

Beqaa Area

School	Stages	Language of Instruction	Number of Students
Al Marj School	Kindergarten, Primary, Middle, Grade 10	English	320
Majdal Anjar School	Kindergarten, Primary	English	170
Kamed Al Loz School	Kindergarten, Primary, Grade 7	English	220
Arsal School	Kindergarten, Primary	French	232
Bar Elias School	Kindergarten, Primary	English	287
Jdeidet Al Fakiha School	Kindergarten, Grade 1, Grade 3	French	62
Subtotal 2			1,291

North Area

School	Stages	Language of Instruction	Number of Students
Wadi Khaled School	Kindergarten, Primary, Middle, Grade 10	French	247
Akkar Al Atiq School	Kindergarten, Primary	French	252
Beit Ayoub School	Kindergarten, Primary, Grade 7	French	283
Subtotal 3			782
Total			5,575

Achievements and Activities

I. Accreditations:

During the 2024–2025 academic year, Makassed schools achieved several international accreditations, including:

1- Microsoft Showcase & Incubators Schools

Three Makassed schools, Ali Ben Abi Taleb College, Omar Ben El Khattab College, and El Marj School, were recognized as Microsoft Showcase Schools for their commitment to personalized learning and technology integration.

Additionally, Khaled Ben El Walid College, Abi Baker El Siddeeq School, and Imam Ouzai were named Microsoft Showcase Incubator Schools, advancing on the global pathway toward full Showcase status.

2- Microsoft Innovative Expert Educators (MIEE)

A total of 116 Makassed teachers were recognized as Microsoft Innovative Expert Educators, honoring their leadership in using technology to enhance student engagement, creativity, and collaboration.

3- CELF & CEFL-A Label

Makassed Khaled Ben El Walid and Abi Baker El Siddeeq School obtained the CELF-A accreditation from the French Cultural Center in Beirut for excellence in teaching French as a foreign language, including staff proficiency at the DELF B2 level. Makassed Akkar Al Atiq School also received the CELF quality label for teaching French as a second foreign language.



4- First Lighthouse School in Lebanon

Makassed Khaled Ben El Walid College became Lebanon's first "Leader in Me Lighthouse School" for the 2024–2025 academic year and the sixth in the Middle East. This recognition crowns eight years of leadership development and three years of focused implementation through student-led initiatives and strong collaboration among students, educators, and parents.

II. Awards:

Makassed schools received several awards during 2024–2025, including:

1. eTwinning National & European Quality Label Certification Award

Teachers from Makassed schools participated in the eTwinning program in coordination with the Lebanese Ministry of Education, collaborating with educators abroad on projects focused on well-being and environmental awareness. As a result, 21 teachers earned the eTwinning National Quality Label, and 16 received the European Quality Label. In addition, Khaled Ben El Walid College and Lycée Makassed Khadija El Kobra were awarded the Prestigious School Award in recognition of their leadership in collaborative learning.



2. International Model United Nations (IMUN)

Two ninth-grade Makassed students, Latifa Yamout from Ali Ben Abi Taleb College and Lea Al Hoss from Omar Ben El Khattab College, participated in the IMUN Annual Summer Camp held at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., from July 20 to August 2, 2025. Both received the Honor Shield in the UNESCO Worldwide Multimedia Competition on the SDGs. Latifa earned the Outstanding Delegate Award, while Lea won the Best Project Presentation Award.

3. “Ambassador for a Day” Competition 2025

Remy Fakhouri (Grade 11) and Tia Khouloussy (Grade 10) from Ali Ben Abi Taleb College were selected as winners of the 2025 “Ambassador for a Day” Competition organized by the British Embassy and the United Nations. Remy shadowed the Jordanian Ambassador to Lebanon, Waleed Al Hadeed, while Tia spent the day with UN Resident Coordinator Imran Riza.

4. EdTech Science Fair

Students from Ali Ben Abi Taleb College participated in the 2025 Science Fair organized by the National Association for Science and Research. Among more than 100 schools and 180 projects, eighth-grader Khaled Ahmad Itani won the Gold Medal and the Ali Ismail Harakeh Award for Ethical Innovation and Responsible Leadership for his project “The Thermal Generator” in the Physics and Astronomy category.

5. LAU Public Speaking Workshop

Makassed Ali Ben Abi Taleb College Grade 10 student Lynn Mansour won the third place in the Arabic Public Speaking Workshop organized by the Arts & Sciences Department at LAU, held from June 30 to July 4, 2025. Lynn's exceptional performance also earned her a 40% scholarship for any major within the Arts & Sciences Department.

6. Public Speaking Competition – Irada Association

Ghina Obaji, an outstanding Grade 10 student at Makassed Omar Ben El Khattab College, earned second place in the nationwide Public Speaking Competition organized by the Irada Association under the theme "Corruption: Problems and Solutions." She also received the Muhieddine Doughan Memorial Prize for Excellence in its second year.

7. Mobile World Congress 2025

Leen Al Zoughbi, an outstanding student at Makassed Omar Ben El Khattab College, was selected to represent Lebanon at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona as an advocate for girls in STEM. Invited by UNICEF to speak on online safety for girls, Leen showcased the talent and leadership of young Lebanese innovators. A tech enthusiast, she has learned multiple coding languages through a CodeBrave scholarship, interned with international organizations, and shared her expertise at the American University of Beirut. She also founded Nova Gen, a global youth community offering free STEM courses to girls, and was recently selected for the TechGirls Exchange Program (USA).



8. Arab Reading Challenge 2025

Makassed Ali Ben Abi Taleb College ranked among the top three schools in the "Best Distinguished School" category of the 2024–2025 Arab Reading Challenge, competing against 230 schools across Lebanon. This achievement reflects the college's strong commitment to fostering a culture of reading. A total of 126 students participated, with 59 reading more than 50 books. Adam Al Moghrabi, Hamza Sonji, Remy Fakhoury, and Latifa Yamout, advanced to the second round, while Adam Al Moghrabi and Hamza Sonji reached the national final stage.

III. Agreements:

During 2024–2025, Makassed Schools strengthened institutional partnerships through key agreements, including:

1. Landmark Agreement with LAU

Makassed signed a landmark agreement with the Lebanese American University (LAU), strengthening their long-term partnership through four key pillars: tuition discounts for Makassed graduates, teachers, and staff; joint student outreach and cultural activities; practicum and internship placements for LAU students in Makassed schools; and professional development, research collaboration, and innovative teaching strategies. Additional training will be offered through LAU's School of Arts and Sciences and the Academy for Continuing Education, and LAU will establish the Makassed Friends Fund to channel designated donations toward financial aid for Makassed alumni.

2. Memorandum of Understanding Signed with Makassed Saida

Makassed signed a memorandum of understanding with Makassed Islamic Philanthropic Society in Saida to strengthen collaboration in professional development, education, leadership, and institutional capacity-building. The agreement includes mutual exchange of expertise across educational and administrative sectors, reflecting both associations' commitment to joint impact, sustainable development, and empowering future generations.



IV. Partnerships:

Key academic and institutional partnerships established during 2024–2025 include:

1. “Language in Science and Mathematics Education” Project

Third-grade students at Makassed Khaled Ben El Walid College participated in the “Language in Science and Mathematics Education” project, led by AUB's SMEC in collaboration with Lebanese Alternative Learning (LAL). Through interactive units on the Tabshoura platform, students explored math and science concepts while strengthening language skills. The activity highlighted how the college's digital tools support deeper understanding and enrich learning by integrating language development with science and technology.



2. The Leader in Me Program

Makassed Educational Affairs is expanding The Leader in Me program to four additional Makassed schools, building on the success of Khaled Ben El Walid College. The program, based on Stephen Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, fosters leadership, responsibility, and essential life skills among students. The expansion was formalized through an agreement with Starmanship, the exclusive Franklin Covey representative in Lebanon.

V. Community Engagement:

Makassed schools strengthened community engagement through participation in national forums and initiatives, including:



“Early Childhood Education” National Forum

The Director of the Center for Research and Curriculum Development at Makassed, along with members of the Makassed educational team, participated in the National Forum on Early Childhood Education, held under the patronage of Dr. Rima Karami, Minister of Education, and organized by CERD. The Director led a panel titled “The Role of NGOs and Best Practices in Private Educational Institutions,” while the General Coordinator for Arabic Language in the Makassed Kindergarten Division presented Makassed’s achievements and showcased the “My Childhood, My Treasure” Arabic language kit developed by Dar El Makassed.

VI. Professional Development:

Key professional development initiatives implemented during 2024–2025 include:

1. KUDOS Certification for Professional Development

Makassed honored teachers and staff with KUDOS certificates for completing the highest number of training hours and participating in external workshops during the 2024–2025 academic year, based on data from the Makassed Educational Resource Center (ERC). Makassed Omar Ben El Khattab College received the Kudos Certificate of Appreciation for achieving an outstanding 81.6% participation rate in internal and external workshops and completing 960 external training hours during the second semester.

2. Edu-cater Pro Series of Professional Development Programs for Lebanese Army Personnel

In line with the Memorandum of Understanding between Makassed and the Lebanese Army, Edu-Cater Pro launched professional development programs for army personnel at Lycée Makassed Khadija El Kobra. The training focused on essential professional and digital skills and was delivered by certified trainers. A total of 40 officers and non-commissioned officers successfully completed the courses and earned internationally recognized Certiport certifications.

3. Training of Trainer (ToT) Diploma

Based on the agreement between Makassed and the Faculty of Education at Saint Joseph University (USJ), 19 staff members from the Makassed education sector completed the Training of Trainers (ToT) diploma program held from April to July 2025. The program covered learning methodologies, training management, and assessment, and concluded with final project presentations.



4. USJ Diploma - French Curriculum

Lycée Makassed Khadija El Kobra celebrated the graduation of 11 teachers who completed specialized training in the French program's teaching module, in collaboration with the French Embassy in Lebanon and the Faculty of Education at Saint Joseph University (FSEDU–USJ). This achievement strengthens the school's French-language instruction by equipping teachers with advanced pedagogical skills aligned with the French curriculum.

VII. Student Performance:

The 2024–2025 academic year was marked by a 100% success rate in the Lebanese Baccalaureate:



Lebanese Baccalaureate (Grade 12)

Makassed Educational Affairs Directorate proudly announces a 100% success rate in the Grade 12 official exams across all three branches in all Makassed schools. Distinction rates reached 85.7% in General Sciences, 75% in Life Sciences, and 44.29% in Economics and Sociology. Several students ranked among Beirut's top ten: Karim Al Zinnar (2nd – General Sciences, Khaled Ben El Walid College), Rawan Itani (3rd – Economics and Sociology, Ali Ben Abi Taleb College), Cinderella Al Sous (5th – Life Sciences, Ali Ben Abi Taleb College), and Leen Al Zoughbi (10th – Life Sciences, Omar Ben El Khattab College).

VIII. Scholarships:

Makassed students secured multiple scholarships during the 2024-2025 academic year, including:

1. LAU Honors Program (Fall 2025)

Makassed Khaled Ben El Walid College proudly celebrated the achievement of Grade 12 students Celia Al Kassem and Karim Al Zinnar, who were accepted into the prestigious LAU Honors Program for Fall 2025. Their selection followed a highly competitive process, during which their academic excellence, compelling video submissions, and impressive CVs distinguished them among the applicants.

2. Merit Scholarship at LAU

Makassed Omar Ben El Khattab College celebrated the achievement of its student, Leen Al Zoughbi, who was awarded a full merit-based scholarship (100%) at the Lebanese American University (LAU), in addition to receiving the President's Scholarship from the American University of Beirut (AUB), affirming her academic excellence and distinction among her peers.

IX. Academic Programs:

Outstanding Makassed students accessed academic opportunities through programs such as:

TechGirls Global Exchange Program 2025

Students Shahed Awalah and Tala Tellawi from Makassed Omar Ben El Khattab College participated in the 2025 TechGirls Global Exchange Program in the United States, where they visited major scientific and technological institutions, including NASA, attended 40 hours of STEM training at Virginia Tech University, and completed 30 hours of leadership and community service development. Their experience also included field visits to leading tech innovators across multiple states and a tour of Washington, D.C.

X. Religious Teaching:

In parallel with its academic programs, Makassed continued to strengthen its foundation in religious education by organizing numerous competitions for students to memorize and recite various surahs of the Quran. These competitions engaged students from all grade levels across every region in which Makassed operates, with outstanding participants receiving prizes and certificates of appreciation in recognition of their efforts.



XI. Newly Opened Units:

As part of its continued development, Makassed expanded its educational infrastructure through the opening of new specialized units, including:

1- Makassed Abdul Kader Kabbani High School MLAC Opening

Makassed proudly announces the expansion of its commitment to inclusion with the launch of the Makassed Learning Abilities Center (MLAC) at Abdul Kader Kabbani High School in Beirut. This milestone reflects Makassed's dedication to providing equitable educational opportunities and fostering a supportive environment where every learner can thrive.



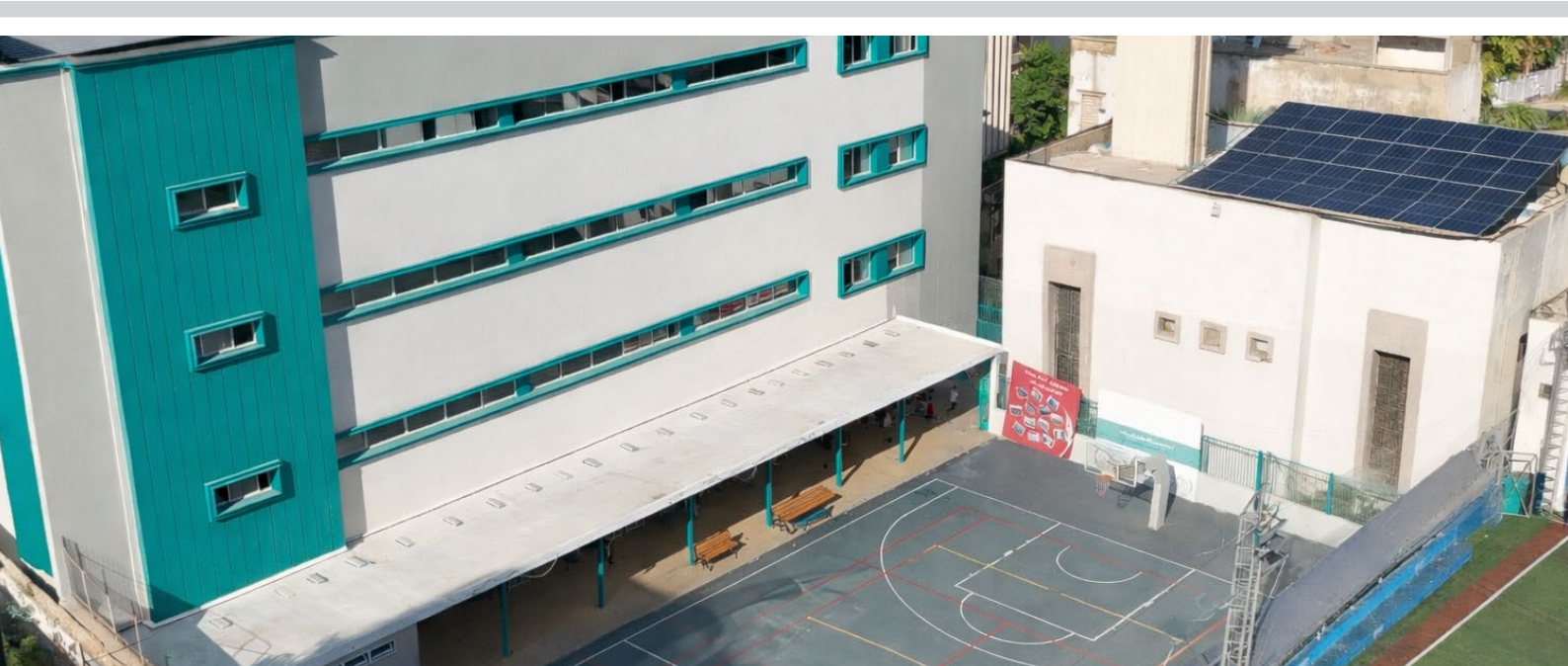
2- “STEAM Thinker, Change Maker” STEAM Lab Opening

Under the theme “STEAM Thinker, Change Maker,” Makassed Abi Bakr El Siddeeq School hosted the opening ceremony of the STEAM Lab, welcoming its educational partner for the fourth consecutive year, the “ESCWA” team. The event included a concluding session that showcased the achievements of the academic year, following the students’ completion of reading “ESCWA Stories – Part Four” and the preparations for the school’s Sustainable Development Project.

XII. Rehabilitation and Development

The following initiatives showcase ongoing and completed efforts to rehabilitate and develop school facilities.

School	Project	Status
Khaled Ben El Walid College	Interior Renovation	In Progress
	Science Lab Renovation – Fourth Floor	In Progress
Ali Ben Abi Taleb College	External Painting	Completed
	School Merging	In Progress
Omar Ben El Khattab College	Playground Painting	Completed
Abdul Kader Kabbani School	Phase 2 Interior Renovation	In Progress
	Aluminum Facade Replacement	In Progress
Wadi Khaled School	Full Renovation	Completed



XIII. Makassed Schools Future Plans

Looking ahead, Makassed schools have identified several priority projects:

School	Project
Khaled Ben El Walid College - Horj	Establishment of a Science Lab
	Establishment of a Computer Lab
	Renovation of 24 Classrooms (including 6 classrooms for special needs students)
	Renovation of Library
	Installation of Active Panels
Khaled Ben El Walid College - Beit El Atfal	Establishment of a Theater
	Establishment of a Science Lab
	Establishment of a Computer Lab
	Establishment of a STEM Lab
Omar Ben El Khattab College	Renovation of two Computer Labs
	Establishment of a Chemical Storage for the Science Lab
	Establishment of a Theater
Lycée Makassed Khadija El Kobra	Renovation of Playground
Ali Ben Abi Taleb College	Renovation of Theater
Abdul Kader Kabbani High School	Renovation of Third, Fourth, and Fifth Floors
	Establishment of two Science Labs
Makassed El Marj School	Renovation of Playground
	Expansion of School

B. Makassed Vocational and Technical Institute (MVTI)

Founded in 1994 and located in Beirut, MVTI offers a comprehensive range of accredited programs. These include Brevet Professionnel (BP), Technical Baccalaureate (BT), and Technicien Supérieur (TS) degrees. The Institute also provides accelerated and intensive courses in partnership with leading organizations in the commercial and industrial sectors. Through theoretical and practical instruction, MVTI is committed to promoting self-directed and lifelong learning, equipping a diverse student body with the skills to think critically, collaborate effectively, communicate clearly, and navigate an increasingly technological world.



MVTI Achievements and Activities

Outstanding Results in Official Exams

MVTI students achieved outstanding results in the official examinations, with success rates ranging from 95% to 100%. Several students also ranked among the top performers in their respective specializations, reflecting the high quality of education and training provided. These results highlight the joint efforts of the administration, teaching staff, and students, and reaffirm MVTI's commitment to preparing competent graduates equipped to meet labor market demands.

Cooperation Agreement Signed with Rafic Bawab Company for Student Training

Makassed signed a cooperation agreement with Rafic Bawab & Co., one of Lebanon's leading companies in the fields of tires, batteries, and lubricants since 1983. The agreement provides practical training opportunities for MVTI students, enabling them to acquire field-based skills aligned with labor market needs.

This partnership reflects Makassed's commitment to strengthening links between vocational education and the private sector, while supporting students' technical development and professional readiness through hands-on training in a well-established industry environment.

MVTI Annual Exhibition

MVTI organized its annual exhibition, providing a creative platform that brought together arts and technology in a unified space. The exhibition showcased students' skills and achievements across various specializations through artistic and technical projects reflecting creativity, innovation, and the integration of aesthetic expression with modern practical applications.



Career Readiness and Professional Development Workshops

As part of efforts to strengthen both student preparedness and staff capacity, MVTI organized a series of professional development workshops targeting students, administrative staff, and teaching personnel. For students across various specializations, workshops focused on enhancing career readiness, including developing essential job interview skills and strengthening professional presence on LinkedIn.

In parallel, professional development workshops were delivered for administrative and teaching staff, covering key areas such as effective exam supervision practices, practical applications of artificial intelligence in education, and strategies for fostering effective and engaging learning environments.

Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Lebanon Championship and Microsoft Certifications

Three students from MVTI participated in the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Lebanon Championship for the 2024–2025 academic year. This participation reflects MVTI's commitment to developing students' technological skills and enhancing their competitiveness at the national level, while supporting their pursuit of globally recognized certifications that expand employment opportunities and demonstrate professional competence.

In support of this effort, an informative session on Microsoft certifications was held by a Microsoft Certified Trainer. The session provided detailed insights into key certification programs, including IC3, MOS, and ITS Network, highlighting certification pathways and their relevance to academic and professional advancement.

This combined entry preserves all essential details while presenting a coherent narrative of preparation, awareness, and competitive engagement.

University Orientation Sessions and Academic Guidance Activities

As part of its efforts to support students in making informed academic and career decisions, MVTI organized a series of university orientation sessions and visits in collaboration with several higher education institutions. These activities introduced students to available majors and provided guidance on specializations aligned with their future goals. The activities included:

- **Lebanese American University (LAU):** An orientation session introducing students to available majors and advising them on specializations aligned with their career aspirations.
- **Rafik Hariri University (RHU):** An introductory session for third-year students focusing on available majors and their relevance to future career opportunities.
- **Modern University of Business and Science (MUBS):** An introductory session highlighting the university's academic programs and fields of study.
- **American University of Science and Technology (AUST):** A university visit during which students, accompanied by teaching and administrative staff, explored academic programs and specializations and gained insight into the value of pursuing higher education.
- **Lebanese International University (LIU):** An orientation meeting introducing students to available majors and advising them on academic pathways aligned with their interests and career goals.

Specialized Training Course in Painting

As part of its efforts to strengthen professional partnerships and enhance students' practical skills, MVTI, in collaboration with Kassaa Group, organized a specialized training course in painting for second-year Interior Design students. The course focused on developing technical expertise in finishing and interior decoration, equipping students with market-relevant skills and enhancing their readiness for future career opportunities.



Training Programs in Cooperation with Partner Institutions

Seven training courses were launched in cooperation with Irshad & Islah Organization and the Relief Commission at Dar Al Fatwa, benefiting 125 male and female participants. Coordination was also carried out with the Fundraising and Development Directorate on UNICEF-supported training programs.

Partner Institution	Training Courses Offered
Irshad & Islah Organization	General Accounting Graphic Design Photography
Relief Commission at Dar Al Fatwa	Photography Kitchen Assistant English Language (2 courses)

Building on these achievements, MVTI plans to establish a computer lab to enhance students' access to digital learning and technical resources.

C. Tiny World Day Care

Tiny World Day Care sets a high standard for early childhood education by providing a safe, nurturing, and structured environment that supports children's emotional, social, and cognitive growth. Its balanced routine, home-cooked meals approved by nutrition specialists, and diverse educational and recreational activities foster both well-being and curiosity. Staff receive annual training in safety, emotional intelligence, and child development to ensure high-quality care. As a licensed nonprofit, the center offers affordable early education and enriching summer camps, embracing each child's individuality. Tiny World also proudly supports women through dedicated programs that empower and encourage working mothers. Through its holistic approach, Tiny World continues to raise the bar for early learning in the community.



Health Sector



A. Makassed General Hospital (MGH)

MGH has been a cornerstone of healthcare in Beirut since its establishment in 1930. Initially a modest two-story building staffed by 13 doctors and 10 nurses, MGH has significantly expanded its infrastructure and service capacity, transforming into a leading medical institution. The hospital's growth began in 1949 with an expansion to five floors, enhancing its ability to provide high-quality, affordable healthcare for a wide range of illnesses and injuries.

Today, MGH is recognized for its extensive services and commitment to excellence, offering comprehensive medical care—including primary care, screening programs, and various subspecialties—to inpatients, outpatients and emergency patients. The hospital emphasizes compassionate and professional care, addressing the diverse needs of the community.

As a prominent teaching institution, MGH collaborates with distinguished universities such as the American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut Arab University (BAU), and Lille University in France to provide residency and fellowship programs, contributing to the education of future generations of skilled medical professionals and nurses.

In alignment with its mission, MGH integrates cutting-edge clinical research into its operations, ensuring it remains at the forefront of medical advancements. Each department operates independently within the medical administration, led by professionals dedicated to upholding the hospital's mission. MGH requires its physicians to complete a specified number of Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits annually, fostering continuous professional development. With a focus on patient-centered care, the hospital's medical and paramedical staff prioritize delivering the highest standards of healthcare.



I. Overview of MGH Departments

Department	Key Functions & Services	Key Functions & Services
Internal Medicine	Cardiology, gastroenterology, dialysis, pulmonology/critical care, neurology, endocrinology	Residency with AUB (since 1984) and BAU (since 2019); Accredited by Arab Council (since 1991)
Surgery	General surgery, orthopedics, urology; advanced surgical techniques; routine laparoscopy; same-day surgery	Residencies affiliated with AUB & BAU
Obstetrics & Gynecology	Pregnancy care; infertility services; IVF unit	-
Pediatrics	Full medical services for ages 0–18; specialties include oncology, neonatology, neurology, nephrology, pulmonology, gastroenterology, cardiology	3-year postgraduate program with AUB & BAU; Accredited since 1986; Newborn fellowship with BAU
Hematology & Oncology	Stem cell transplantation; oncology treatments for local & international patients	-
Anesthetics	Clinical anesthesia services	3-year residency with BAU; Accredited by Arab Council (2015)
Medical Imaging	MRI 1.5T, X-ray, ultrasound, bone densitometry, panoramic imaging	Radiology residency established in 2019 with BAU
Laboratory Medicine & Blood Bank	Inpatient & outpatient lab testing; accurate diagnostics	-
Infection Control Program	Surveillance, investigation, prevention, control of infections; staff & patient safety	-
Medical Research Unit (IRB)	Oversees ethical research; advisory & educational role	Operates under written SOPs

II. MGH Achievements and Activities

Institutional Collaboration and Capacity Building

As part of its ongoing commitment to medical education and professional excellence, Makassed General Hospital graduated 13 residents and 4 fellows across various medical specialties. The training programs emphasized clinical knowledge and also essential competencies such as communication, teamwork, ethical decision-making, and leadership, skills which are critical to effective healthcare delivery in an evolving medical landscape.

In support of continuous professional development, MGH also funded full master's degree scholarships for three staff members in collaboration with Beirut Arab University (BAU). This initiative strengthened staff expertise and contributed to enhanced clinical practice, reflecting MGH's commitment to developing a skilled and empowered healthcare workforce.



International Academic and Clinical Cooperation

Reaffirming its dedication to international collaboration and knowledge exchange, a senior delegation from Makassed General Hospital visited the University of Lille in France. The visit reinforced the long-standing partnership between the two institutions and culminated in the renewal of the cooperation agreement.

Discussions focused on expanding joint academic and clinical initiatives, including the development of specialized training programs for interns and physicians at MGH, particularly in emerging medical sub-specialties. This collaboration reflects a shared commitment to advancing medical education, innovation, and high-quality patient care.



Healthcare Access and Patient Support

During the reporting year, Makassed General Hospital provided medical services to more than 65,000 patients, covering a wide range of healthcare needs, from preventive care to specialized and emergency treatments across all service units.

Pediatric Oncology Care and Psychosocial Support

In collaboration with the Children's Cancer Center of Lebanon, Makassed General Hospital supported 10 children who successfully completed their cancer treatment between September 2024 and August 2025. These patients received advanced medical care alongside comprehensive emotional and psychological support.

A multidisciplinary team comprising physicians, nurses, child-life specialists, and volunteers worked collaboratively to provide a compassionate and supportive care environment. This holistic approach was further strengthened through partnerships with IBTISAMA, MSP, and TAMANA, which play a vital role in delivering psychosocial services to pediatric patients and their families.

III. MGH Infrastructure Development and Service Enhancement

Digital Transformation and Infrastructure Upgrades

Between September 2024 and August 2025, Makassed General Hospital successfully completed a comprehensive set of developmental projects. These included the relocation and expansion of the Endoscopy Unit, the expansion of the One-Day Surgery Unit, the renovation of inpatient rooms 605 and 606, the relocation of the Chief Nurse's office, the launch of the Cube Hospital Information System (HIS), and the acquisition of advanced medical equipment. Together, these initiatives strengthened hospital operations, expanded access to specialized care, and improved the overall patient experience.

A major milestone of the year was relocation and expansion of the Endoscopy Unit and the expansion of the One-Day Surgery Unit. The upgraded Endoscopy Unit now integrates Artificial Intelligence (AI) in endoscopic procedures, making MGH the first hospital in Lebanon to introduce AI in endoscopy. This innovation enhances diagnostic precision, supports early detection of gastrointestinal diseases, and improves patient safety and clinical outcomes.

Additionally, the expanded One-Day Surgery Unit supports a wide range of minimally invasive procedures that do not require hospitalization. This patient-centered model allows for same-day discharge, reduces treatment costs, lowers the risk of hospital-acquired infections, and enables faster recovery and return to daily activities.

To further enhance inpatient care, MGH completed the renovation of inpatient rooms 605 and 606, improving both functionality and patient comfort. In addition, the relocation of the Chief Nurse's Office strengthened coordination and workflow within nursing services, contributing to more efficient care delivery.

Another key achievement during the period was the launch and full activation of the Cube Hospital Information System (HIS). This digital transformation streamlined administrative workflows, improved data management, and enhanced operational efficiency across both clinical and administrative departments, supporting more coordinated and effective patient care.

In parallel, MGH invested in advanced medical equipment, including new ultrasound machines and two state-of-the-art laboratory analyzers. These upgrades significantly improved diagnostic accuracy and imaging capacity, enabling faster and more informed clinical decision-making.

Collectively, these completed projects reflect MGH's sustained commitment to quality care, technological advancement, and patient-centered service delivery, while reinforcing its capacity to meet growing healthcare needs in a challenging environment.





Target Groups and Impact

These projects primarily benefit a broad range of target groups, including general patients, individuals requiring specialized diagnostic and surgical services, and underserved populations who depend on Makassed General Hospital for accessible and affordable healthcare. Collectively, these initiatives reflect the Hospital's sustained commitment to quality care, technological advancement, and patient-centered service delivery.

Future Infrastructure Improvements

Building on these achievements, planned infrastructure upgrades include the installation of new equipment in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department (OBGYN), renovation and redesign of the Nursing Building, the renovation and installation of new kitchen equipment, the installation of new equipment in the Laundry Department, and the renovation of patient rooms, all aimed at enhancing functionality, efficiency, and quality of care.

IV. MGH Professional Development and Clinical Excellence

Professional Development and Educational Activities

As part of its ongoing commitment to medical excellence and workforce development, Makassed General Hospital organized a series of monthly educational sessions throughout the year. These sessions targeted both medical and non-medical staff and addressed a wide range of topics, including clinical updates, case-based learning, patient safety, and essential communication skills. The interactive format enhanced clinical competencies while strengthening patient-centered communication and interdisciplinary teamwork. A key highlight of 2024-2025 was the successful hosting of the Annual ENT Conference, organized in collaboration with the Lebanese Society of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. The conference brought together leading regional experts to discuss recent advances in otolaryngology, surgical innovation, and patient care. It also served as a valuable platform for professional exchange and reinforced MGH's role as a center for academic and clinical excellence.

Clinical Success Stories and Advanced Procedures

The 2024-2025 fiscal year was marked by a series of groundbreaking clinical achievements that reflect the expertise, dedication, and innovation of MGH medical teams. Among the most significant milestones was the first successful Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) procedure performed at the Hospital. This minimally invasive intervention offers a life-saving alternative to open-heart surgery for patients with severe aortic stenosis and represents a major expansion of cardiovascular services.

This was followed by the first successful Endovascular Aneurysm Repair (EVAR), a highly advanced vascular procedure for the treatment of abdominal aortic aneurysms. The intervention significantly reduced patient recovery time and marked an important advancement in interventional radiology and vascular surgery capabilities.



In gastroenterology, the Hospital's multidisciplinary team successfully managed a rare and complex case of gastric ischemia, a condition associated with high clinical risk and poor prognosis. Timely intervention and coordinated care not only saved the patient's life but also generated valuable clinical insights.

Another notable achievement involved the diagnosis and management of post-colonoscopy appendicitis, a rare and often underrecognized complication. Owing to its clinical significance and diagnostic complexity, this case was selected for presentation and publication at the upcoming United European Gastroenterology Conference in Berlin, providing international recognition of the Hospital's clinical excellence.



B. Makassed Healthcare Bureau (MHCB)

Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCCs)

The Makassed Healthcare Bureau was established in 1983, and is responsible for monitoring public health and providing medical assistance to the Lebanese community, through supervising four PHCCs across Lebanon (Horj, Mosaitbeh, Bashoura, and Wadi Khaled in Akkar), in addition to three mobile medical units (MMUs) capable of reaching densely populated and/or remote areas in Beirut, the Beqaa Valley, Akkar, and Mount Lebanon.

MHCB also implements a school health program, providing holistic student-centered care focused on physical, mental, and psychological health.

School Health Program

The program promotes and protects the health and well-being of students in Makassed schools and the Makassed Vocational and Technical Institute (MVTI) through annual environmental assessments, medical check-ups, and water quality testing for students and staff. It also raises awareness by fostering a health-conscious culture through age-appropriate initiatives on topics such as personal hygiene, oral health, nutrition, and physical changes. In addition, students benefit from free primary healthcare services provided by affiliated PHCCs, ensuring accessible support tailored to individual needs.

Achievements and Activities

Maternal, Reproductive, and Women's Health

- **Shabake 2 Maternal Health Project (Expertise France):** Provided comprehensive maternal care to 141 women, including 103 safe deliveries.
- **UNFPA SRH and GBV Project:** Implemented a mobile outreach campaign that reached more than 5,400 vulnerable individuals with reproductive health and GBV-related services.
- **MSF Support in Wadi Khaled:** Delivered antenatal consultations, laboratory tests, and ultrasounds, and covered normal deliveries at Wadi Khaled Center and C-sections at Al Salam Hospital.
- **IOCC Collaboration:** Supported the transportation and follow-up care of malnourished children and pregnant women to ensure continuity of essential health services.



Primary Healthcare & Disease Prevention

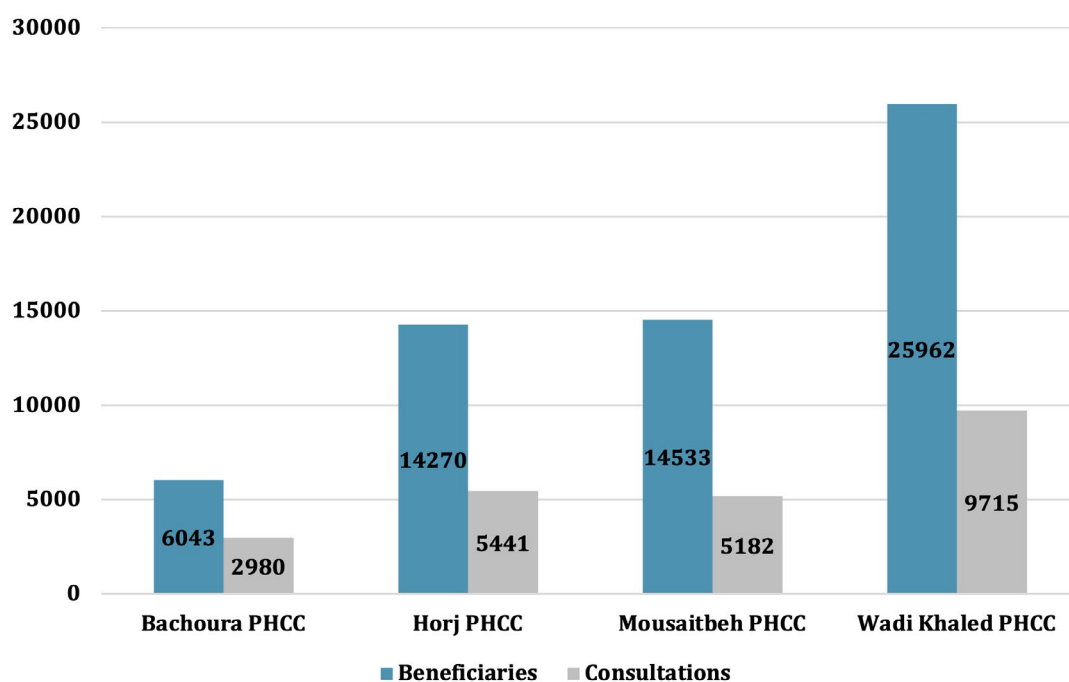
- **Smoking Prevention Program (MOPH & AUB):** Provided ongoing smoking cessation support at the Mosaitbeh and Horj Primary Healthcare Centers.
- **NCD Initiative (AUB & WDF):** Conducted screening and management of hypertension and diabetes for underserved populations.
- **World Hepatitis Day Activities:** Organized awareness sessions and provided free rapid testing for hepatitis B and C, HIV, and syphilis at Bachoura PHC.
- **REAYA Project (MOPH):** Launched at Horj PHC to offer customized healthcare packages for vulnerable Lebanese families.

Community Health Outreach & Integrated Services

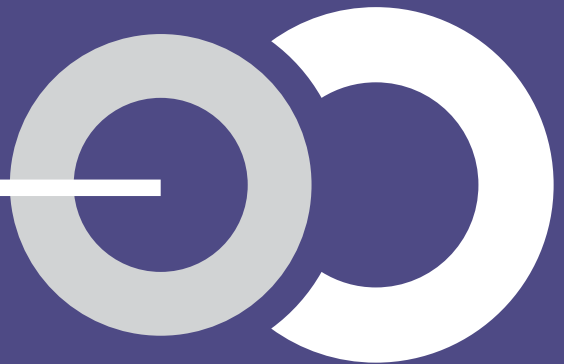
- **Medecins du Monde Project:** Monthly services for 600 beneficiaries, including consultations, lab tests, X-rays, and mental health awareness sessions.
- **IMC Support in Wadi Khaled:** Expanded specialized consultations, chronic disease diagnostics, and home visits.
- **Community-Based Rehabilitation (Al Rahma Complex):** Free rehabilitation services and assistive devices for individuals with disabilities.



Beneficiaries and Consultations by PHCC



Social Services Sector



A. Ward El Makassed Center

Established in 2014 in Beirut's underserved neighborhood of Tariq El Jdideh, Ward El Makassed Center empowers women and youth by offering practical vocational training and skills development. Through specialized units, the Center trains Lebanese, Syrian, and Palestinian participants in culinary arts, handicrafts, sewing, and hairdressing, enabling them to market their work and sell handmade products, which the Center constantly showcases through catering services and exhibitions. This year, the Center expanded its services with Salon Ward, providing makeup and beauty services and creating new employment opportunities that further support its mission of women empowerment.



Achievements and Activities

Since its establishment in 2014, Ward El Makassed Center has supported over 4,000 beneficiaries through a wide range of vocational and skills-based training courses. The table below presents the training courses implemented between September 2024 and August 2025, along with the corresponding number of beneficiaries.

Training Courses (2024-2025)

Course	Duration	Collaboration	Number of Beneficiaries
Assistant Chef Course I	Two months	Irshad & Islah Association	17
Assistant Chef Course II	Two months		14
Men’s Barbering Course	Two months		19
Sewing Course I	Three months	IECD	20
Assistant Chef Course I	One month		20
Sewing Course II	Two months		20
Sewing Course III	Two months		25
Advanced Sewing Course	Five months	UNICEF	8
Graphic Design Course	Four months		11
Hair and Makeup Course	Four months		24
Advanced Hair and Makeup Course (Ongoing)	Five months		27
Total			205

Ward El Makassed Center Activities

During the Israeli assault in October 2024, Ward El Makassed Center was transformed into a relief center to assist displaced individuals from South Lebanon and the southern suburbs of Beirut. Over this period, the center provided approximately 11,800 hot meals to people in displacement centers and sewed and distributed 2,000 blankets.

Moreover, during the month of Ramadan, Ward El Makassed Center played a key role in supporting families in need by preparing 1,500 hot meals daily—amounting to a total of 30,000 meals distributed across the community. In addition, the Center organized Makassed's annual Iftar, as it has been doing every year since 2003, hosting 500 guests per year.

Ward El Makassed Center Rehabilitation and Development

Ward El Makassed Center Meeting Room

The opening of the new meeting room at Ward El Makassed Center represents a significant enhancement to the Center's capacity to host professional, educational, and community-driven activities. Designed to accommodate up to 26 participants, the space provides a fully equipped and comfortable environment for workshops, training sessions, coordination meetings, and group activities.

Equipped with essential amenities, including a TV screen, HDMI connectivity, and reliable Wi-Fi, the meeting room enables users to conduct productive sessions without logistical constraints. The availability of on-site catering through Ward Restaurant further enhances the user experience, allowing participants to remain on-site during coffee breaks and lunch sessions. This integrated setup supports longer, more effective meetings and positions the Center as a functional hub for collaboration, learning, and community engagement.

Ward Gourmet

The establishment of Ward Gourmet, through the conversion of a retail space within the Makassed Commercial Center, has added a practical service offering for visitors, staff, and the surrounding community. Ward Gourmet provides a range of daily food options, including sandwiches, hot meals, desserts, and beverages, in a convenient and welcoming setting.

Beyond food service, Ward Gourmet contributes to the vitality of the commercial center, encouraging foot traffic and supporting a lively, accessible environment. It also plays a role in local economic stimulation through job creation and supplier engagement.



Ward Salon

In line with Ward El Makassed Center's mission to empower women, create local employment opportunities, and serve the surrounding community, Ward Salon was established and inaugurated as a modern beauty and personal care facility. The salon provides women with opportunities for skills development, professional training, and sustainable income generation within a supportive work environment.

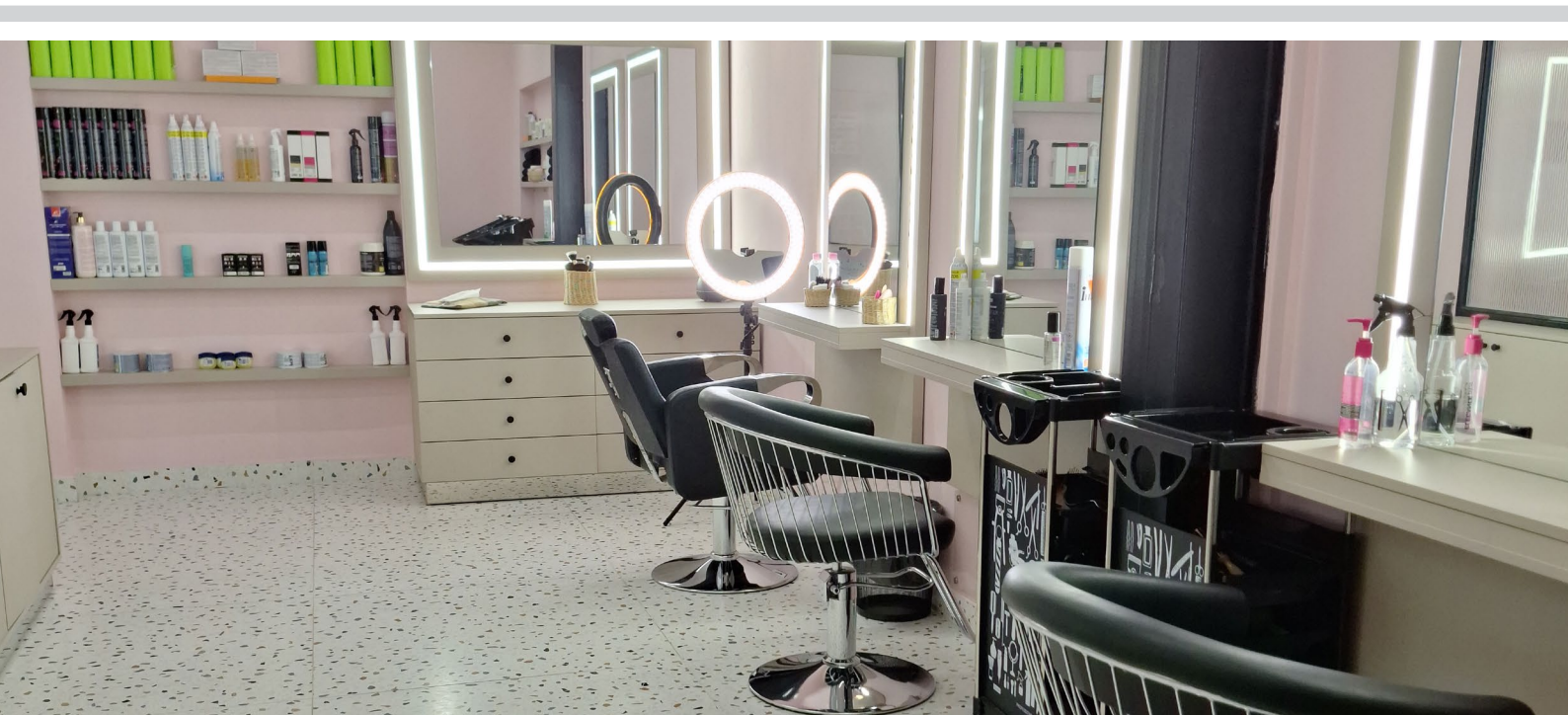
At the same time, Ward Salon offers accessible and high-quality beauty and personal care services, addressing a local market need while promoting dignity, self-confidence, and social inclusion. The initiative reflects a holistic approach to empowerment, combining economic opportunity with community service.

Ward El Makassed Center Future Plans

As part of ongoing efforts to strengthen operational capacity and service delivery, Ward El Makassed Center aims to implement a series of key infrastructure development projects during the upcoming year. These include the establishment of a new warehouse, enabling improved storage, organization, and inventory management, and the expansion of the Ward Center kitchens, which enhance food preparation capacity and operational efficiency. In addition, a dedicated cold storage room for meats and vegetables will be constructed, ensuring proper food preservation, improving safety standards, and reducing waste. The Center will also establish new training halls, providing dedicated spaces for vocational training, workshops, and capacity-building activities.

Impact

Collectively, these projects will significantly enhance the Center's ability to serve beneficiaries more efficiently. Improved storage and kitchen facilities strengthen food security operations, while the new training halls expand opportunities for skills development and community empowerment. Together, these upgrades reinforce Ward El Makassed Center's role as a sustainable, multifunctional hub supporting social services, training, and community resilience.





B. Volunteers Unit

Established in 2001, the Makassed Volunteers Unit encourages youth engagement in meaningful community service that strengthens personal growth, confidence, and social responsibility. The Unit contributes to development initiatives across Beirut and its surrounding areas and oversees the implementation of the Ministry of Education's community service requirement for secondary students. Volunteers also participate in specialized courses and annual training camps, equipping them with the skills needed to support Makassed's mission and serve their communities.

This year featured a variety of volunteer activities organized by the Volunteers Unit at Makassed. These activities included events within Makassed schools and institutions, as well as initiatives in the broader community. Highlights include:

Achievements and Activities

Community Service and Public Space Initiatives

- Cleaning Makassed Square.
- Cleaning and removing debris from the external walls of Makassed Hospital.

Support to Displaced and Vulnerable Communities

- Activities in public schools hosting displaced families in Tariq El Jdideh.
- Aiding displaced individuals.

Volunteer Engagement and Social Activities

- Organizing a volunteers' Ramadan Iftar at Ward El Makassed.
- Participation in the anniversary march of the Makassed Association.

Educational and Institutional Support

- Distributing flowers on Teachers' Day at MVTI.
- Supporting graduation ceremonies at MUB and MVTI.

C. Makassed Islamic Scouts Association

Founded in 1981, the Makassed Islamic Scouts Association is a non-political, volunteer-based youth movement open to all, operating in alignment with the principles of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and Makassed's educational values. With commissions in Beirut, the Beqaa, and Akkar, it runs scouting activities across Makassed schools and offers specialized programs in music, development, and community service. Its three age-based circles—Cubs and Flowers, Scouts and Guides, and Rovers—provide young members with educational and developmental experiences that build leadership, teamwork, and a strong sense of community responsibility.

Achievements and Activities

This year, Makassed Islamic Scouts successfully organized and implemented a diverse range of activities, including weekly scouting sessions at schools, leadership training workshops, and cultural, social, and religious events. The activities emphasized teamwork, collaboration, and providing support to families and children in need. Most notable achievements include:



Scouting in Times of Crisis

During the military aggression against Lebanon, Makassed Scouts played a key role in supporting affected communities through rapid humanitarian and social interventions. The Scouts provided psychological and social support to displaced children and families through creative activities and parental awareness sessions. They also organized educational support programs, delivering intensive lessons in languages and sciences in collaboration with the Lebanese Scout Association to help displaced children continue their learning. In addition, Makassed Scouts supported relief efforts by distributing daily hot meals and food aid to displaced families housed in Makassed schools, in coordination with Ward El Makassed Center.



Modernizing Scouting Programs Across Makassed Schools

As part of its efforts to modernize scouting activities and respond to the needs of younger generations, the Makassed Islamic Scouts Association launched new scouting programs and curricula implemented weekly across Makassed schools.

Activities combined traditional scouting skills with interactive workshops on leadership and communication. The initiative culminated in a training camp organized by the Beirut Commission at Makassed Kamed Al Loz School, where scouts from various troops participated in practical field activities, competitions, and group challenges. The success of this experience demonstrated the positive impact of the new programs and set the foundation for their continued evaluation, expansion, and wider implementation within Makassed schools.

Makassed Scouts Branches

Region	Participants
Beirut	1000
Beqaa	500
North	400

Note: The Makassed Islamic Scouts Association also operates a Music Band made of 100 members and currently restricted to the Beirut area.

Fundraising & Development Directorate



Establishment

Founded in 2016, the Fundraising and Development Directorate focuses on enhancing Makassed's financial and developmental capabilities through a variety of funding channels. These include contributions from individual donors, alumni, and the wider community, all of whom support Makassed's educational, healthcare, and social services.

The Directorate plays a crucial role in building relationships with donors and stakeholders, organizing fundraising activities, and executing strategic plans to secure funding for Makassed's essential programs and services. Through engagement with diverse funding sources and stakeholders, the unit helps ensure the continued sustainability and growth of Makassed's mission-driven initiatives.

A. Fundraising Performance

Sustained Growth in Donations

Donor support for Makassed has grown steadily over the past three years: From 5.4 million USD in 2023-24 to 9.2 million USD in 2024-25, an increase of more than 70%. This growth shows the deepening trust in our mission and the belief that supporting Makassed is an investment in Lebanon's future.

Each sector shows real results. Students are back to learning, patients are getting the care they need, and families are finding stability and hope. Together, we are making a difference through compassion, knowledge, and opportunity.

Growth in Donations Over the Past Three Fiscal Years

Fiscal Year	Donations Raised
Sep 24 – Aug 25	\$9,259,197
Sep 23 – Aug 24	\$5,418,474
Sep 22 – Aug 23	\$4,759,518

Impact

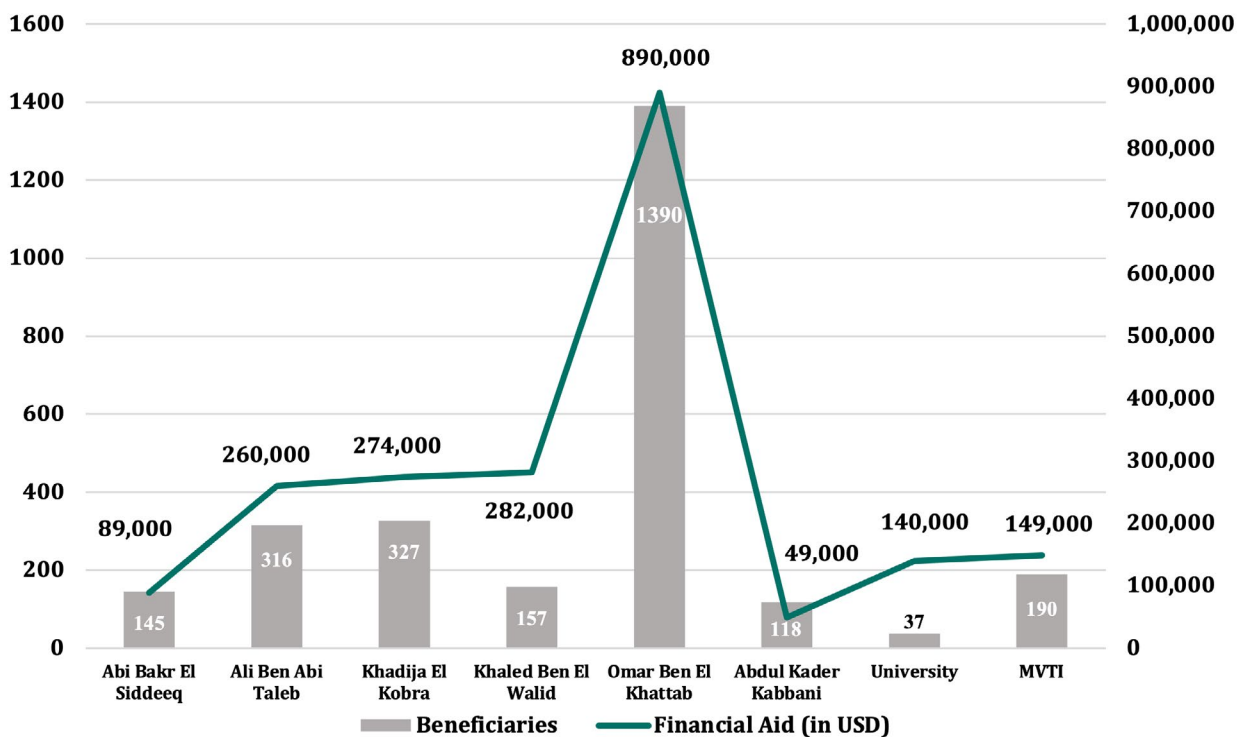
This sustained growth in donations has led to meaningful impact across Makassed's core sectors.

- 1. Education:** Through expanded scholarship support, **4,324 students** were able to continue their education, with **USD 2,587,000** directed toward easing financial barriers and improving access to quality learning.
- 2. Healthcare:** In the health sector, **3,596 patients** received **USD 1,121,172** in life-saving medical assistance, helping families access essential treatment and care when they needed it most.
- 3. Social Services:** Support for vulnerable households remained a priority, with **USD 350,000** allocated to family and community initiatives that provided financial assistance and opportunities to strengthen livelihoods.

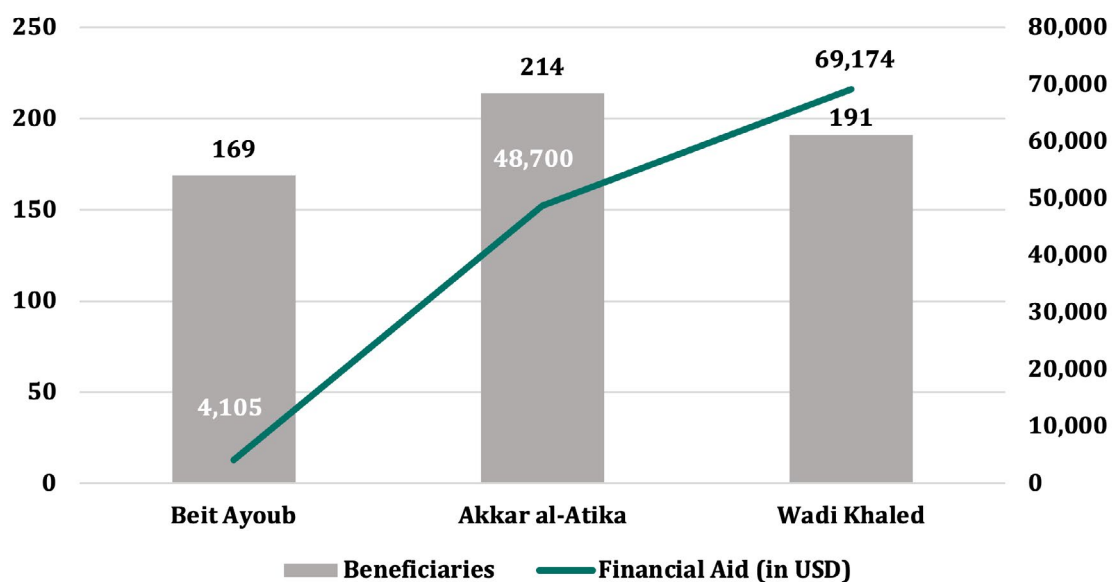
The following figures provide additional data on the donations received across Makassed's three main sectors, education, healthcare, and social services, as well as the regions where we operate.

Education Sector

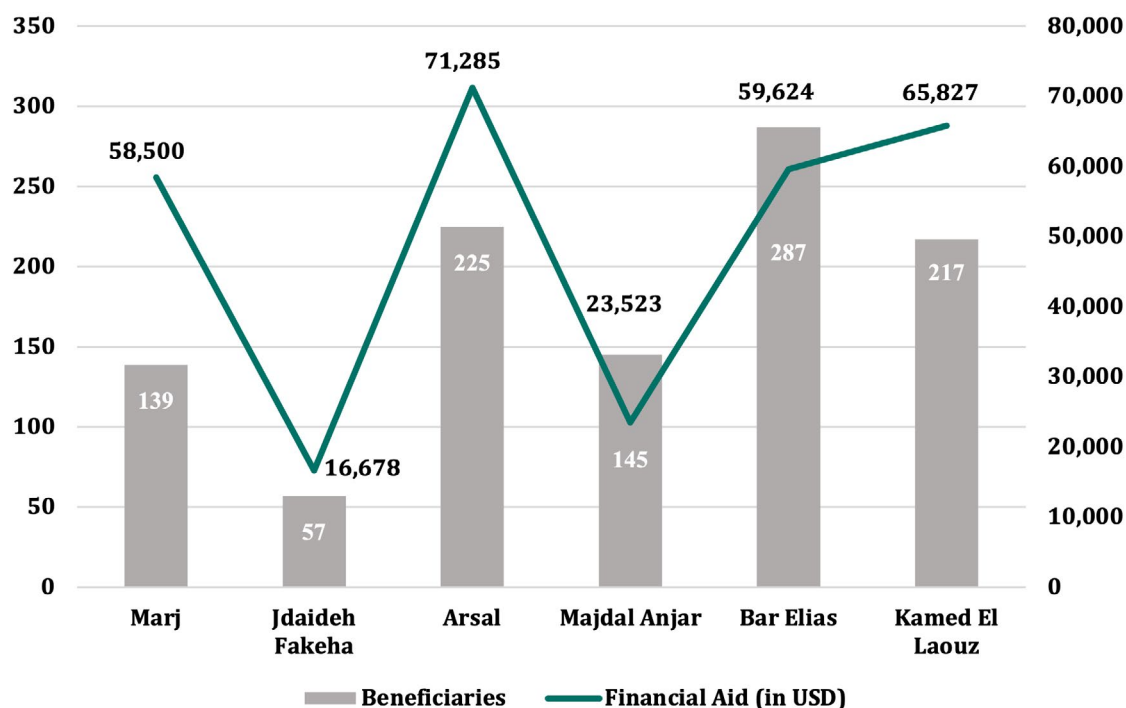
Financial Aid and Beneficiaries in Makassed Schools Based in Beirut



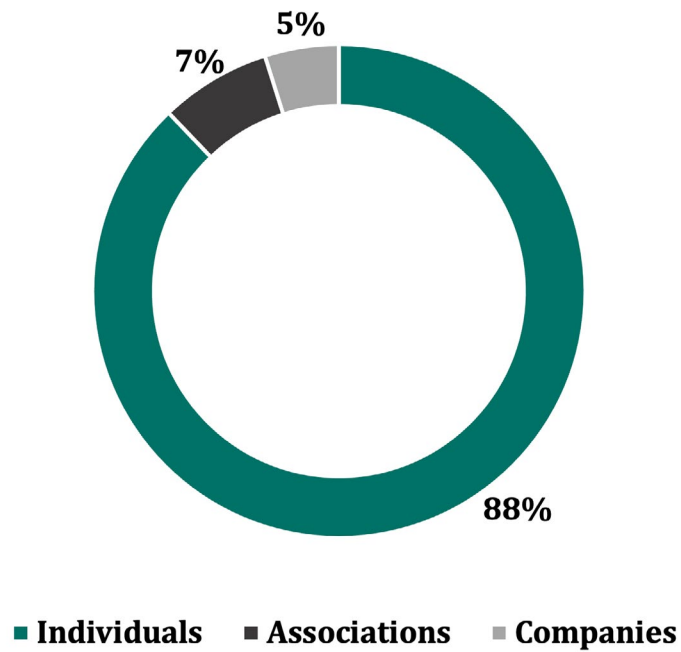
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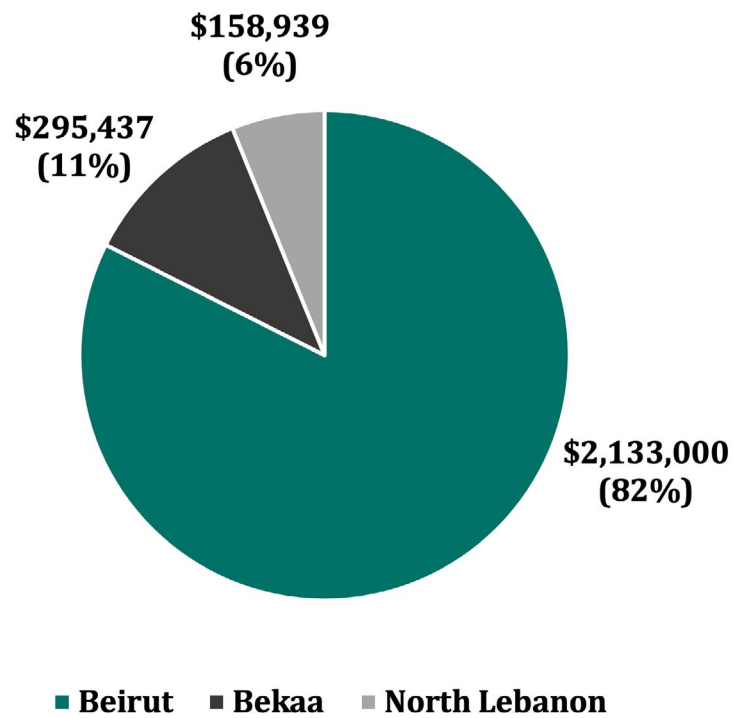
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Scholarship Fund by Source of Donation

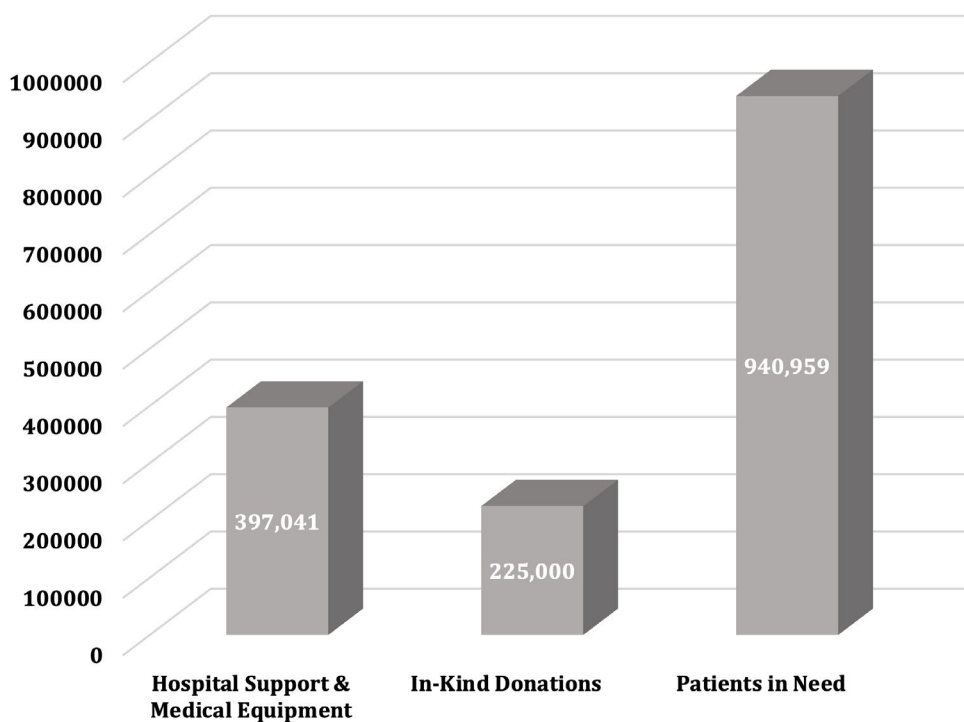


Scholarship Fund Distribution by Region (in USD)



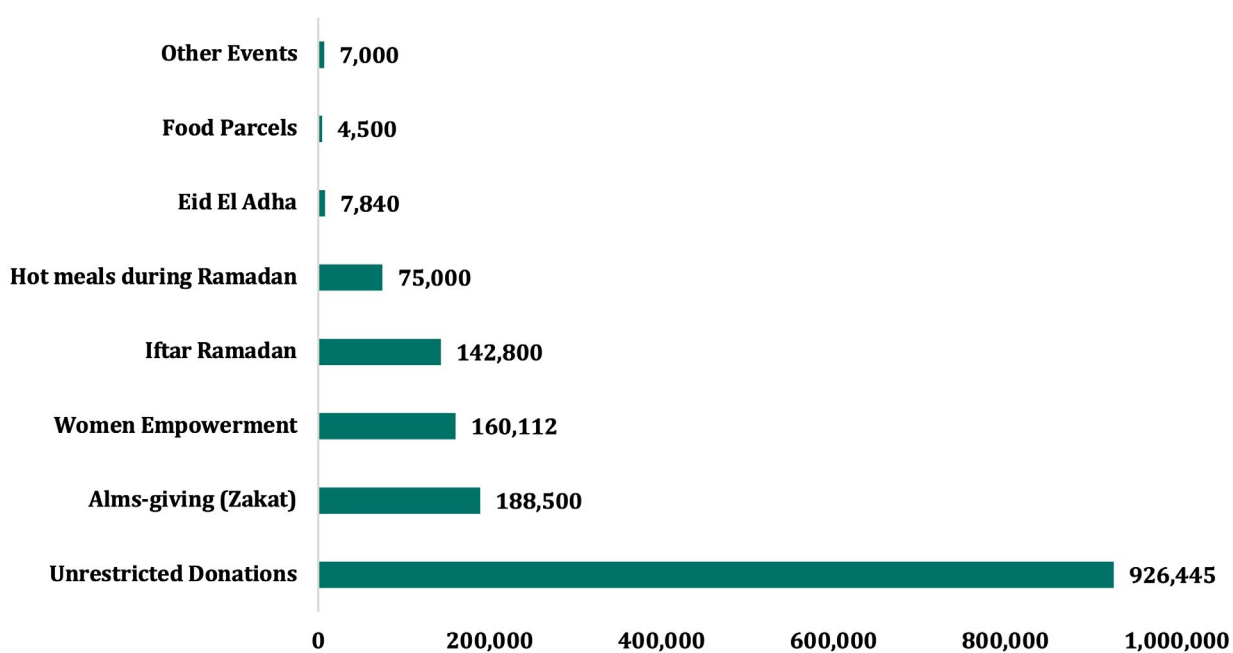
Health Sector

Health Sector Donations Breakdown (in USD)



Social Sector

Social Sector Donations Breakdown (in USD)





B. Projects

Makassed consistently works on projects designed to improve income generation and promote the growth of sustainable community centers. These efforts aim to provide individuals with the skills and opportunities needed to secure suitable employment.

Project	Partner	Duration in Months	Region	Payment Received (Euro)	Payment Received (Dollar)
Youth Skilling and Employment	UNICEF	24	Beirut & Bekaa	-	\$491,893.00
PCL 1	GIZ / Dorsch Impact	18	North Lebanon	€460,791.97	-
PCL 2	GIZ / Dorsch Impact	10	North Lebanon	€234,033.44	-
BERYT	UN-Habitat	32	Beirut	-	\$33,661.62
Shabake 2	Expertise France	12	Beirut	-	\$99,473.52
Total				€694,825.41	\$625,028.14

C. Marketing and Communication (MARCOM)

To raise awareness about its current and future programs and to broaden its donor base, Makassed has strengthened the capacity of its marketing and advertising teams. Additionally, it has broadened its communication strategies and increased the channels for receiving grants and donations.

These measures are designed to promote greater transparency, engagement, and support for Makassed's essential initiatives, ensuring its lasting impact and sustainability in serving the community.



Marketing and Communication Achievements

Website Modernization and Responsiveness

Over the past year, all Makassed-affiliated websites were fully modernized to ensure responsive design across desktop, tablet, and mobile devices. This upgrade guarantees a consistent and user-friendly experience for all visitors, regardless of the platform used, and reflects Makassed's commitment to accessibility and digital inclusion.

Centralized Hosting and Domain Management

To improve operational efficiency and reduce technical complexity, all websites were consolidated under a single hosting provider, while domain management was streamlined under two trusted providers only. This consolidation strengthened administrative control, reduced operational costs, and minimized technical risks associated with fragmented infrastructure.

Data Analytics and Performance Tracking

All websites were successfully integrated with Google Analytics, enabling accurate tracking of visitor behavior, performance metrics, and engagement trends. This data-driven approach supports informed decision-making and continuous digital improvement.

Multilingual Access and Search Engine Visibility

Most websites now offer multi-language support, enhancing accessibility for diverse audiences and expanding Makassed's reach locally and internationally. In parallel, search engine optimization (SEO) measures were implemented, significantly improving visibility on Google search results and increasing organic traffic.

Security Enhancement and Speed Optimization

Comprehensive security measures were deployed across all websites to safeguard user data and online interactions, reinforcing trust among users and donors. Additionally, website load speeds were optimized, resulting in improved user satisfaction and stronger SEO performance.

Ongoing Digital Transformation Projects

Interactive Communication Tools

Work is underway to develop chatbots for the main Makassed website, aimed at providing instant responses and improved visitor support. In parallel, live chat functionality is being integrated to enable real-time communication and enhance user engagement.

Donor Engagement and Digital Fundraising Systems

To strengthen donor relations, Zoho CRM is being implemented to manage donor data, mailing lists, and engagement campaigns. Complementing this effort, a dedicated donor portal is under development, allowing supporters to register accounts, select specific cases for donation, track their contributions, and monitor impact transparently.

Impact of Digital Achievements

These digital advancements have had a measurable impact across multiple areas. Improved responsiveness, speed, and live interaction tools have enhanced the overall user experience. Infrastructure consolidation has increased operational efficiency and cost control. SEO optimization and multilingual content have expanded digital reach and visibility, while enhanced security measures have strengthened trust and confidence among users and donors. Collectively, the donor portal and CRM implementation are expected to support sustainable fundraising growth and stronger donor engagement.

Next Steps and Future Plans

Looking ahead, priorities include finalizing chatbot and live chat deployment, completing the donor portal launch with secure payment integration, and expanding Zoho CRM capabilities for automated donor communications. Continued SEO optimization will aim to improve keyword rankings, while regular reviews of hosting and domain management will ensure ongoing cost-effectiveness and system reliability.

Response During Times of Crisis



Our Efforts in Response to the Late-2024 Crisis

During the winter 2024 crisis in Lebanon, Makassed mobilized its full institutional capacity to address urgent humanitarian and medical needs. Through a coordinated response encompassing healthcare services, shelter provision, food assistance, and psychosocial support, Makassed played a critical role in supporting injured individuals, displaced families, and vulnerable communities.

1) Emergency Care at Makassed General Hospital (MGH)

Throughout the crisis, Makassed General Hospital (MGH) provided medical care to 111 injured individuals and 109 displaced persons, delivering emergency and critical care and performing 29 surgical procedures. Moreover, the Emergency Department treated hundreds of casualties, serving as a central pillar of humanitarian response to wounded patients and their families.

2) Makassed Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCCs) and Mobile Medical Support

Makassed's four Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCCs) and mobile medical clinics supported 439 individuals in Beirut and Akkar, extending essential healthcare services to communities affected by displacement and limited access to care.





3) Shelters for Displaced People and Ward El Makassed Center Services

Makassed provided shelter to internally displaced people affected by the war through four centers, accommodating nearly 1,000 individuals and delivering essential services to meet their immediate needs. These included psychological and social support through the Makassed Volunteers Unit, as well as recreational, educational, and psychosocial activities for displaced children. Furthermore, during the peak of the crisis in October 2024, Ward El Makassed Center was converted into a relief hub, coordinating food and non-food assistance for displaced populations. Between September and December 2024, the Center distributed approximately 11,800 hot meals to shelter centers and provided 2,000 blankets.

This integrated and timely response reaffirmed Makassed's longstanding commitment to humanitarian action, social responsibility, and community support. Even under pressure, medical services continued, relief efforts expanded, and displaced families received essential services. These efforts highlight Makassed not only as a service provider in times of crisis, but as a trusted national institution with a central role in Lebanon's emergency response.



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