

SWISS4LEBANON

Association S4L (formerly S4S)

2021 Annual Report

Dear Swiss4Lebanon Donors, Members and Friends,

We no longer speak about the Syrian conflict it seems like a distant memory. Today we speak of the calamitous situation of Lebanon, a failed state. Since the port explosion which rocked Beirut in summer 2020, the Lebanese state and banking system have collapsed. Lebanon was also heavily affected by Corona. And despite civil unrest, fuel rationing and nationwide demonstrations, the political landscape has not changed much with the 2022 elections.

While we always strived to maintain a balance between helping the refugees and supporting the host nation struggling under the burden of doing so, as Lebanon's suffering grew, our programs began already in 2019 to reorientate towards helped in the growing class of struggling Lebanese.

Today, after strategic workshops with Board Members, members and our local operating partners in Lebanon Beti Bil Jnoub, we have clarified and redefined our missions. "Der Verein bezweckt humanitäre sowie langfristige Hilfe für unterprivilegierte Menschen im Nahen Osten, hauptsächlich innerhalb vom Libanon.»

This incorporates the core work we do with Syrian refugees, while bringing fully into focus the work we have been doing with underprivileged Lebanese. As before, our focus is on our work in Lebanon, attending to those most in need. As such in April 2022 we changed the name of the association from S4S to S4L – Swiss for Lebanon, to better reflect the work and mission we see as being ours.

The School

- Our staffing level remains at 7, including our program director and driver
- Warm meal with local seasonal fruit and vegetables provided daily
- We averaged 120 students, with our peak capacity remaining at 140.

The Programs

Mourjian4Children: the fashion designer Mourjian currently runs 3 workshops per year teaching valuable life skills through the medium of artistic exploration which has led to creation of products sold for the sole benefit of the school

Women's Literacy: Our women's literacy program continues to provide adult literacy services at the camps for Syrian refugee mothers, teaching 80 Women annually.

Vocational Training: We repurpose our classrooms in the afternoons for teenagers to develop digital skills on laptops which we have received as donations and refurbished. In 2021 we had on average 120, predominately female, students

School for Special Needs Students: Oberwallis für Kinder unserer Welt: This program has allowed us to hire and train teachers for special needs children, particularly those suffering from PTSD as well as more standard learning disabilities.. We currently have 1 teacher, 1 social worker, and 1 speech therapist with 15 students attending.

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Music Program: After a successful pilot project we now offer twice a month music classes with 2 teachers and in total 30 students participating. Around 10 students take advanced classes. Alongside our Mourjjan program, these are precious joyful hours for those so inclined to participate, and are outlets of creative energy.

The Tamina4Education Project: As a separate fundraising initiative, Tamina supports 30 needy Lebanese students to pursue college level studies or advanced vocational training programs and amounted to some \$35'000 for the year.

Finances

Our 2021 audited financials are attached. The Association raised a total of CHF 405'267 during the year, and dispersed CHF 256,929, leaving us with an operating surplus. In part this was due to the all Lebanese schools being closed by decree for many months due to Corona.

Of the total 256k in expenses, 190k were disbursed in Lebanon, while some of the project management work was directed from Switzerland, making for a total of 60k of project management and administrative costs disbursed here. The key project costs in Lebanon were:

- Nour Community Centre School	CHF 75'000
- Help4Beirut Apartment Renovations	CHF 65'000
- Food4Life Food Boxes	CHF 22'000
- Special Needs Program	CHF 16'000
- Vocational Training	CHF 15'000

Our fundraising sources continued to be split about 50% from institutional support (foundations, churches, local govt.) and 50% from private individuals and events.

End Note:

Lebanon is in a more dire state than at any time in the past fifty years with bread lines, fuel lines, bank accounts blocked and many of the most educated having fled the country to make their lives elsewhere. And until the central bank crisis is resolved, with the Lebanese Pound jumping from 1'500 to the dollar to 30'000 to the dollar, the country cannot even begin to rebuild.

Let us hope that a way forward can be found, and that people can begin to rebuild their lives.

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