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FOREWORD **BY THE** **EXECUTIVE** **DIRECTOR**



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FOR CHILDREN

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We present to you this report, a testament to the resilience of citizens in Lebanon and unwavering dedication of our team at **Mouvement Social** amidst the most challenging year of this millennium.

The year 2024 stands as a period of profound crisis, not only for Lebanon but for the wider region and even the world. Marked by devastating wars, mass displacement, and the systematic destruction of Lebanese villages and towns, a year where we witnessed the tragic loss of thousands of lives. This conflict, with its far-reaching consequences, has further intensified the pre-existing economic, financial, and political crises that have gripped Lebanon for over five years. Through it all, we kept moving.

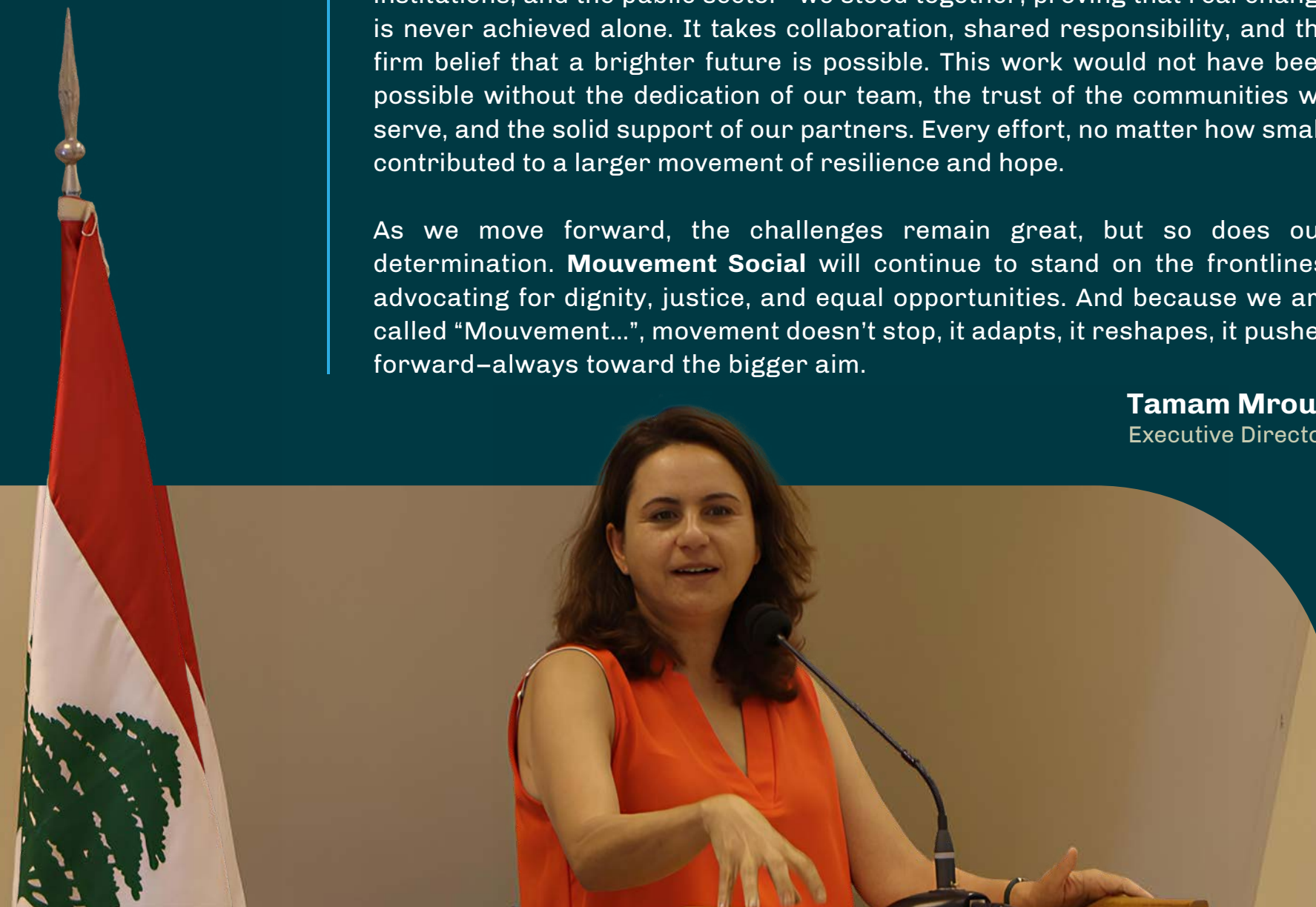
This report documents the activities of our organization in the face of these unprecedented adversities. Education, protection, socio-economic empowerment, and justice for youth and women in conflict with the law—our work never paused. We didn't just hold the line; we expanded our impact, ensuring every initiative strengthened resilience and created opportunities for a better future where social justice won't be just a dream. With every challenge faced and every life impacted, we remain committed to building a society where no one is left behind.

On the other hand, this year also reaffirmed the power of partnerships. Members, friends, volunteers, civil society organizations, municipalities, donor

institutions, and the public sector—we stood together, proving that real change is never achieved alone. It takes collaboration, shared responsibility, and the firm belief that a brighter future is possible. This work would not have been possible without the dedication of our team, the trust of the communities we serve, and the solid support of our partners. Every effort, no matter how small, contributed to a larger movement of resilience and hope.

As we move forward, the challenges remain great, but so does our determination. **Mouvement Social** will continue to stand on the frontlines, advocating for dignity, justice, and equal opportunities. And because we are called “Mouvement...”, movement doesn't stop, it adapts, it reshapes, it pushes forward—always toward the bigger aim.

Tamam Mroue
Executive Director



PILLAR ACTIONS

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Mouvement Social has been a cornerstone of social change in Lebanon since 1960, turning charity into grassroots, sustainable development. Our mission is to empower the most vulnerable to become active citizens, shaping their own futures.

In 1988, amid the challenges of war, our founder penned a letter as a powerful reminder of the values

and principles guiding our work. The letter also shed light on the risks inherent in social work. Such reflections continue to guide us in making decisions while maintaining our focus on holistic, human-centered development.

The projects we implement today reflect both continuity and growth. Many build on the strong foundations we have laid, deepening

impact and sustaining long-standing partnerships. Others, newly introduced, respond to evolving challenges and emerging needs. Together, they form a cumulative process—strengthening, expanding, and reinforcing our strategy.

Our ongoing efforts remain rooted in the fundamental principles of human rights, tactically advancing across four key pillars:

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Socio-Economic Empowerment



Education



Protection



Youth & Women in Conflict with the Law

SOCIO-ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Last year, we continued strengthening local economies, amplifying community voices, and expanding market-driven opportunities. Through local committees, advocacy efforts, and hands-on training, we reinforced long-standing efforts rather than starting anew. In 2024, we built on these foundations, deepening our impact and further aligning our initiatives with community needs. The priorities we advanced—whether in vocational training, business development, job market accessibility, circular economy initiatives, or direct support to MSMEs—yielded tangible results. By providing tailored business development support, financial aid, and start-up kits, we empowered small businesses to grow and sustain themselves. With the latest labor market assessments in hand, we refined our approach to ensure our efforts remained relevant and responsive to local realities.

During 2024, two projects were run simultaneously and continued to deliver:

- **Vocational Training Courses:** Offering market-driven training in new curricula such as Barista, Bartender, and Housekeeping.
- **Internships:** Facilitating practical placements for vocational training graduates to gain hands-on experience.
- **Entrepreneurship and Business Support:** Conducting training on entrepreneurship and digital marketing, providing SEED funding, and supporting MSMEs through tailored business development programs, financial aid, and consultations.
- **Community Engagement Activities:** Organizing town hall meetings, job fairs, and local committee gatherings to strengthen community resilience.
- **Psychosocial Support:** Addressing the psychosocial challenges faced by beneficiaries, through follow-ups and support sessions.

PROJECTS	NUMBER of BENEFICIARIES (Gross # / Activity)	INTERVENTION AREA	FUNDING	PARTNERSHIP
1. Community-Based Approach to Improve the Impact of Technical and Vocational Education & Training	309 / 36% Job secured	Jnah, Zahle	Brot für die Welt (BROT)	
2. Employment Promotion in Lebanon	204 / 47% Job secured	Beirut & Mount Lebanon	German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)	GIZ

This course boosted our confidence.

-A.N., a 25-year-old from Shiyyah, participated in the Assistant Pastry Chef Program.

Curricula Development: Addressing Market Demands For Vocational Training

In 2024, **Mouvement Social** took a step toward tackling unemployment by expanding its vocational training programs to meet the evolving demands of the local job market. Based on a recent labor market assessment in Zahle and Jnah-Beirut, three in-demand job roles—Housekeeping, Barista, and Bartender—were identified, setting the stage for the creation of tailored, market-aligned curricula.

Using the DACUM method, a participatory approach that gets straight to the heart of industry needs, **MS** teamed up with over **20** industry professionals in focused discussions for each role. These insights shaped dynamic, hands-on training that speaks directly to what employers are looking for, giving youth the tools they need to stand out in competitive fields.

This initiative isn't just about skills—it's about futures. By aligning our programs with real-world opportunities, **MS** is bridging the gap between potential and employment, empowering youth to secure sustainable jobs while giving a boost to the local economy in Zahle and Jnah-Beirut.

EDUCATION

In 2024, UNESCO's Global Education Monitoring Report highlighted significant challenges in Lebanon's education sector², including rising dropout rates and limited access to quality education. Many young boys and girls in struggling communities continue to face barriers to education, whether due to early entry into the workforce, disabilities, or displacement. In response, **Mouvement Social** has developed targeted programs that address these critical gaps, providing school retention support and engaging families in the process. These efforts are designed to ensure every child has access to an education that promotes their personal development, even amidst the ongoing challenges faced by the sector.

Throughout the year, eight projects were implemented, targeting vulnerable children and families in Lebanon. The key services provided included:

- **Retention Support Program:** Focused on keeping at-risk children engaged in school by offering academic support and personalized interventions.

- **Basic Literacy and Numeracy Courses:** Delivered to both in-school and out-of-school children, aiming to improve foundational educational skills.
- **Psycho-Social Support (PSS):** Including specialized services such as speech therapy, special education, and mental health support for children and caregivers.
- **Early Childhood Education (ECE):** Providing early learning opportunities for children.
- **Recreational and Expression Activities:** Engaged children in music, theater, sports, and arts to foster emotional development and self-expression.
- **Positive Parenting Sessions:** Offered to caregivers to strengthen family relationships and enhance support for children's education.
- **Support in enrollment** of young people in technical schools and universities.
- **Youth Journalism Group:** Encouraged creative expression through journalism, empowering young people to raise their voices on key issues.
- **Social & Emotional Learning sessions.**
- **Career guidance sessions.**

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PROJECTS	NUMBER of BENEFICIARIES (Gross # / Activity)	INTERVENTION AREA	FUNDING	PARTNERSHIP
1. Around the School, Education & Leisure	47	Beirut & Mount Lebanon (Jnah, Sin EL Fil)	Partage	
2. Lebanon Hyperinflation & Education System Collapse	590	North Lebanon (Akkar, Tripoli)	Norwegian Ministry Of Foreign Affairs (NMFA)	Save the Children International (SCI)
3. Ensuring Education & Protection for Syrian Refugee Children	1,176	North Lebanon (Akkar, Tripoli)	Norwegian Ministry Of Foreign Affairs (NMFA)	Save the Children International (SCI)
4. Increasing Access of Crisis-Affected Girls and Boys to Inclusive, Gender-Responsive, & Relevant Quality Learning	805	North Lebanon (Akkar, Tripoli) South Lebanon (Saida)	Education Cannot Wait (ECW)	Save the Children International (SCI)

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PROJECTS	NUMBER of BENEFICIARIES (Gross # / Activity)	INTERVENTION AREA	FUNDING	PARTNERSHIP
5. Lebanon Phase IV	404	Nabatieh, South Lebanon (Saida), Mount Lebanon & Ras Baalback	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW)	Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)
6. Increasing access and Retention of Crisis-Affected Girls and Boys to Inclusive, Gender-Responsive, & Relevant Quality Learning	825	Zahle & Ras Baalback	Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (BPRM)	International Rescue Committee (IRC)
7. Increasing Access to Specialized Child Protection and Integrated Education Services for the Most at-Risk Girls & Boys in Lebanon	220	Biddawe (Tripoli)	European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)	Save the Children International (SCI)
8. SPACE- Supporting Population Affected by Conflict and Emergencies	Preparation Phase	Nabatieh, South Lebanon (Saida), Beirut, Ras Baalback & Mount Lebanon	LEGO	Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)

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because we learned to read, write, and how to protect ourselves.”

- M.A., a 14-year-old, participated in our BLN Program.

Jnah Kindergarten: Evolving With Purpose

Since its establishment in 1989, the Jnah Kindergarten has been a cornerstone of **Mouvement Social's** commitment to offering comprehensive educational support. Initially catering to children aged 3 to 15, it provides not only academic guidance but also psychological, social, and family support to foster holistic development. As the only kindergarten in the area, it plays a crucial role at the heart of the community, with 47 children currently enrolled.

Over the years, the kindergarten has evolved, consistently adapting to the changing educational needs of the community. A reflection on this evolution took place in 2024, when a shift to English-language education was implemented in response to

parents' preference for Anglophone schools and the limited availability of public French schools in the area. This transition, following a review of the challenges posed by the language shift from French, aligns with **MS's** broader mission of adapting its programs to meet the evolving needs of society.

This evolution of the kindergarten is particularly significant in light of the persistent challenges in Jnah, an area with a complex history and longstanding infrastructural struggles. Historically, Jnah has faced considerable neglect, especially after the Lebanese civil war, and has been burdened by inadequate urban planning and poor infrastructure, including roads that remain in disrepair, a lack of proper sanitation systems, and limited access to essential services like water and healthcare.

The residents of Jnah, many of whom have been displaced from other regions, continue to face these ongoing hardships. Beyond these physical challenges, there is also a pressing need for educational and social programs. The community has long sought initiatives such as adult and child literacy programs, vocational training to increase employability, and mental health support to address the psychological toll of their difficult living conditions.

Despite these challenges, Jnah remains a resilient community, with its local organizations and initiatives, like the Jnah Kindergarten, playing a crucial role in supporting and uplifting families while addressing both immediate needs and long-term development goals.

PROTECTION

At **Mouvement Social**, the protection of vulnerable children and families is at the heart of our mission, and it remains our steadfast commitment, regardless of the challenges.

In 2024, **Mouvement Social** continued its mission to safeguard the well-being of children and families within communities enduring difficult socio-economic conditions. Our child protection programs are designed to provide the necessary resources for individuals to recover, rebuild, and regain stability. Through these ongoing efforts, we address immediate needs while contributing to a foundation for lasting change, in line with our broader mission of empowerment and support.

In 2024, our protection intervention encompassed seven key projects, delivering the following essential services:

- **Case Management Services** for at-risk children, including Emergency Cash Assistance (ECA).

- **Community Awareness Sessions** on child protection and the formation of child-led committees to implement child-led initiatives.
- **Psychosocial Support** for children and caregivers, addressing both emotional and practical needs.
- **Community-Based Psychosocial Support (CBPSS) and Focused Psychosocial Support (FPSS)** for children and caregivers.
- **Emotional Support, Inter-Gender Dialogue and Positive Parenting Sessions** for caregivers.
- **Advocacy and Awareness Sessions** on protection issues.
- **Arts and Crafts Activities** for children to express themselves.
- **External Referrals** for children, caregivers, and the elderly.
- **Drop-In Center offering services** like shower facilities, laundry, and hot meals.
- **Life Skills Development** for children.
- **Psychological Interventions** to address the needs of children and families.

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1. Back to the Future-V	734	South Lebanon (Saida), Marjayon & Ansar	European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)	AVSI Foundation
2. AMANI	3,373	Saida & Akkar	Australian Government - through the Australian Humanitarian Partnership	Plan International IMC
3. Mitigating Protection Risks and Addressing Basic Needs of Vulnerable Refugees, Lebanese and Stateless Persons in Northern Lebanon	3,022	Tripoli & Akkar	European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO)	Concern Worldwide
4. SAFE- Community Based Approach to Enhance the Well-being of Street Connected Children & in Conflict with the Law	1,641	Tripoli, South Lebanon (Saida), Beirut, Mount Lebanon, Zahleh, Ghazieh, & Ras Baalbak	UNICEF	Terre des Hommes - Lausanne

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PROJECTS	NUMBER of BENEFICIARIES (Gross # / Activity)	INTERVENTION AREA	FUNDING	PARTNERSHIP
5. Supporting Locally-Led Humanitarian Action	473	Mount Lebanon	Save the Children International (SCI)	Save the Children
6. Emergency Drop-In Center for Displaced Communities due to War	1,779	Mount Lebanon	Christian Aid	
7. Freedom Fund	128	Mount Lebanon	Freedom Fund	

Emotional Support Exhibition

This year, **MS** proudly introduced emotional support services into our protection projects, marking a significant step forward.

Our team underwent comprehensive training on the emotional support group curriculum, which is designed to enhance the delivery of mental health and emotional care in emergency situations. This curriculum provides valuable tools to support individuals facing psychological distress, fostering resilience and well-being.

As a result, emotional support services will be a core component of our protection initiatives moving forward.

During the “AMANI” project, this service was implemented, and at the project’s conclusion, an exhibition was held showcasing the items created during emotional support activities. The event was honored by the presence of Mr. Andrew Barnes, Ambassador of Australia to Lebanon, emphasizing the importance of this new service and the impact it has had on the community.

Success Story

K.J., a resilient 12-year-old boy from Syria, had to shoulder the responsibilities of his family at an early age. His life was fraught with challenges: impaired vision, stunted growth, premature greying of hair, and the burden of managing finances for his mother and siblings. Despite his tough exterior, K.J. harbored deep emotional scars from his father’s abuse, which sometimes manifested in aggressive behavior. As circumstances worsened, his mother found herself in dire need of assistance.

Recognizing the urgency of K.J.’s situation, the case manager at the Mowasat Center swiftly intervened with a comprehensive action plan.

Over the course of three months, K.J. and his family, bolstered by consistent support, showed significant improvement. K.J. was referred to medical services to address his vision problems and growth issues. He also received emotional support, which helped him cope with his past and reduced his aggressive tendencies.

His mother, through positive parenting sessions, learned effective parenting techniques, which fostered a healthier home environment. She was also referred to Psycho-Social Support (PSS) sessions at Nabaa Organization, aiming to equip her with better

resilience and knowledge to support and help her son process his past traumas.

The impact of these interventions was profound. The home environment transformed into a peaceful haven, with violence ceasing and familial bonds strengthening. K.J. became less aggressive, more focused on his education, and began forging friendly relationships with his peers.

K.J. now exemplifies the strength that can be harnessed with the right support. He is no longer bound by his past and looks forward to the

future with hope, symbolized by his newfound confidence in looking at himself in the mirror after years of avoidance.

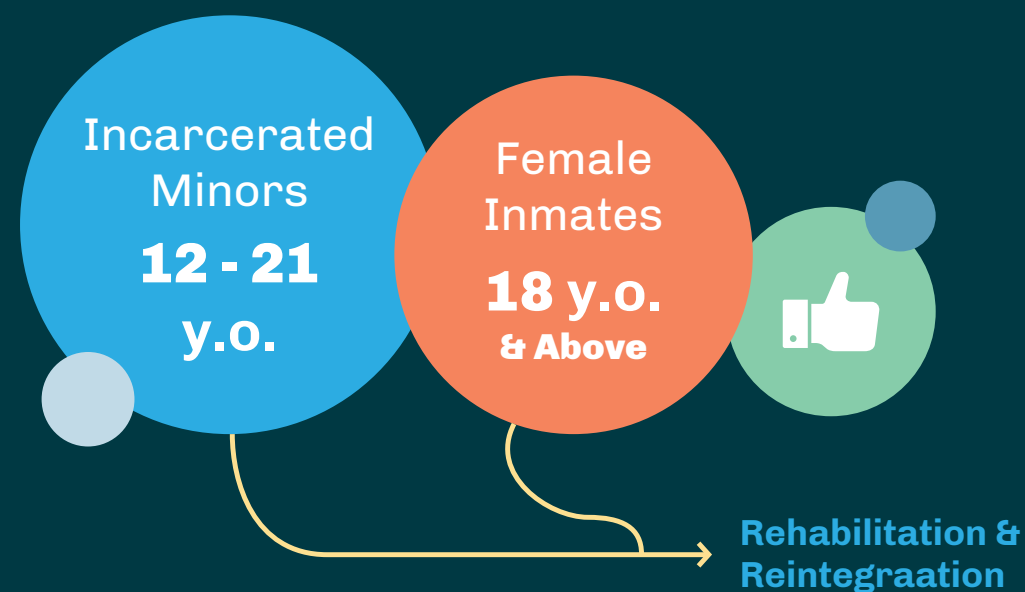
K.J.’s story is a testament to the transformative power of tailored support and strategic interventions. His journey highlights the importance of ongoing commitment to ensure sustained growth and well-being for vulnerable children and their families.

YOUTH & WOMEN IN CONFLICT WITH THE LAW

Our work is rooted in the belief that every individual, especially the most vulnerable, deserves a chance to rebuild, heal, and thrive. **Mouvement Social's** prison programs operate year-round in partnership with local authorities, funding agencies, and international organizations. In a system where rehabilitation for incarcerated individuals – minors included – remains overlooked, our programs strive to fill this critical gap. By focusing on rehabilitation and preparation for future reintegration, we aim to offer hope and alternatives for those often left without support.

Rehabilitation & Integration Of Minors And Women In Conflict With The Law

Working tirelessly with incarcerated minors in Roumieh Prison and female inmates in Barbar El Khazen Prison, **Mouvement Social** provides comprehensive support to **302 individuals** to ensure their rehabilitation and reintegration.



Our services include:

- Individualized Social and Psychological Support.
- Legal Consultations and Case Follow-Ups in courts across Beirut, Mount Lebanon, Bekaa, and Tripoli, including Awareness Sessions, submitting bail applications, scheduling hearings, paying fines, and delegating responsibilities for specific cases.
- Legal Follow-Up as a vital component of the monitoring and rehabilitation process within detention facilities.
- Collective Sessions promoting communication, dialogue, and conflict resolution.
- Programs addressing psychological challenges such as social rejection, shame, and guilt.
- Monitoring Vocational Training Courses for juveniles (e.g., men's grooming, leather crafting, and wood inlay) and productive workshops for women, enabling financial independence and social empowerment.



Additionally, **Mouvement Social** supports the reintegration of newly released juveniles into their communities by offering psychosocial, professional, and legal support services through its centers in Gobeiry, Tripoli, and Zahle.

This vital work is funded by:

- **Christian Aid:** Rehabilitation of minors in conflict with the law.
- **UNICEF:** Reintegration and execution of alternative measures.
- **Mouvement Social:** Rehabilitation of women in conflict with the law.



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If it weren't for your presence by my side

my case wouldn't have progressed, and I wouldn't have been able to return to my family and siblings ...”

-H.Z., a 17-year old detainee in Roumieh prison.



INTERDISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Mouvement Social's approach transcends traditional boundaries, intertwining education, protection, and empowerment to address the multifaceted challenges faced by individuals and communities. Rooted in the vision of our founder, Archbishop Gregoire Haddad, who affirmed, “Development is about every human being and all aspects of the human being,” our interdisciplinary programs reflect this holistic philosophy.

Through initiatives that seamlessly integrate learning opportunities, psychosocial support, and community engagement, we create pathways for individuals to reclaim agency and foster resilience. These programs emphasize inclusion and solidarity, as we believe, “**No one should be left behind or forgotten.**”

By combining direct support with dynamic networking platforms, **Mouvement Social** nurtures active citizenship and strengthens the social fabric. This collective effort not only transforms lives but also contributes to the evolution of society as a whole—one step, one individual, one community at a time.

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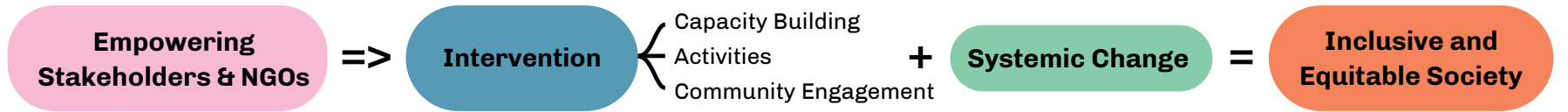
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1. Social & Behavioral Change	404	Jdeidet Al Fekha, Zahle, Akkar, Tripoli, Nabatiyeh, Saida, Bourj Hammoud, Ghobeiry, & Jnah.	European Union	UNICEF
2. Multi-Service Community Centers, MSCC - MAKANI	8,976	Nabatieh, Ansar, Arabsalim, Zebdin, Kosaybe, Kfarsir, Zawtar, El Meri, Borj Rahal, Kharayeb, Masaken, Maarakeh, Siddiquine, Marwanieh, Baisarieh, Kherbet Basal, Ghazieh, Jnah, & Bourj Hammoud.	UNICEF	Terre des Hommes – Lausanne
3. LINK “Lift Obstacles in Kids’ Future”	1,733	Bourj Hammoud, Jnah, & Sin El Fil	French Development Agency (AFD)	Partage

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL CHANGE

Empowering Children with Disabilities: Fostering Inclusion and Equality through Tailored Interventions.

Mouvement Social remains unwavering in its commitment to supporting children with disabilities (CWDs), addressing their unique needs through tailored interventions and fostering an inclusive environment. As one of the most vulnerable groups in society, CWDs face systemic barriers that limit their access to education, healthcare, and protection. Guided by our core values—particularly non-discrimination—we recognize the urgency of working with them to uphold their rights and ensure they are fully included in their communities.

Our commitment to inclusivity is not new; it is an ongoing effort that we continue to expand and strengthen. Today, **Mouvement Social** has taken significant steps to make its centers more accessible, ensuring that all children, regardless of ability, can benefit from our programs. At the same time, we are investing in the capacities of our staff, equipping them with the knowledge and tools to implement inclusive practices. Through continuous training, our teams are becoming more aware of the principles of inclusivity, proper etiquette, and the structural changes needed to foster an environment where every child is treated with dignity and respect.



Beyond direct interventions, we are also amplifying our impact by empowering other stakeholders and NGOs to adopt inclusive approaches. We firmly believe that inclusivity should not be the sole responsibility of organizations working specifically in the field of disability—it is a collective responsibility. Through awareness-raising, training, and advocacy, we are shifting the narrative, ensuring that mainstream NGOs, community organizations, and institutions integrate inclusivity into their work. This broader approach not only enhances our reach but also fosters systemic change, creating a more equitable society for all.

Our Social and Behavioral Change (SBC) initiatives are a key driver of this transformation, creating sustainable shifts in attitudes and behaviors toward the inclusion of CWDs. By addressing stereotypes and fostering awareness, we pave the way for their full participation in society.

Key activities conducted under this program include:

- **Identifying and Assessing CWDs:** Comprehensive evaluations to determine the specific needs of children with disabilities.
- **Referral to Services:** Connecting children to essential services, including child protection, education, healthcare, and rehabilitation.
- **Enrollment in Specialized Schools:** Enrolling children with moderate to severe disabilities ensuring access to quality education.
- **Provision of Therapies and Assistive Devices:** Supporting CWDs in public schools with therapies and tools to enhance their learning experiences.
- **Community Engagement:** Implementing workshops and engagement processes to identify the causes of exclusion of CWDs and take action accordingly.
- **Capacity Building for Stakeholders:** A total of 796 individuals from various stakeholder groups received training on SBC tools and interventions to strengthen their capacity to support children with disabilities.

Mouvement Social's work in this sector embodies its mission of inclusion, equity, and empowerment. By integrating accessibility into our centers, strengthening our staff's expertise, and advocating for a collective approach to inclusivity, we are laying the groundwork for a more inclusive society. The journey toward inclusion does not belong to one organization alone—it requires the commitment of all actors, and we are ensuring that the track is open for all to take part in driving change. Every child, regardless of ability, has the right to thrive—and we remain dedicated to making that a reality.

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There was a lack of understanding

about the concept of an “inclusive club”, maybe because we didn't realize that inclusion means all children playing together in one club, not in separate ones. Through the training, we learned that we can create an inclusive club. We discovered the importance of removing barriers that might prevent children with disabilities from participating. Now, we are in the process of studying costs and figuring out how to adapt the surrounding environment to transform the club into a fully equipped inclusive space. We're planning to train the entire team and the children in the club on proper etiquette for interacting with children with disabilities. Additionally, we're working on modifying the bathrooms to make them accessible for children with disabilities.”

-J.K, a 59-year-old male participant in MS Capacity-Building Training.



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I used to think that people with disabilities

were different from us. I would even bully those who had disabilities. But I've realized that this was completely wrong, and I will never do it again. I will also raise awareness among my friends because people with disabilities are just like us—they are not lacking in any way.”

-F.H., a 12-year-old female participant in the MS Edutainment Event.

MULTI-SERVICE COMMUNITY CENTERS, MSCC - MAKANI

Makani Project: Building Spaces Of Hope And Growth For Children And Youth.

Makani is a vital component of **Mouvement Social's** interventions, dedicated to creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for children, teenagers, and youth aged 3 to 18, along with their caregivers. Operating across 19 Multi-Service Community Centers in South Lebanon, Nabatiyeh,

Beirut, and Mount Lebanon, Makani provides more than just a space—it offers opportunities for young individuals to thrive and reach their full potential.

The project brings together participants, fostering a sense of belonging and solidarity. It builds on **Mouvement Social's** mission to invest in children and youth by addressing the various challenges they face—be it educational gaps, emotional struggles, or social exclusion.

The project fosters belonging and solidarity while advancing **Mouvement Social's** mission to support children and youth facing educational gaps, emotional struggles, or social

exclusion. Committed to evolving with emerging needs, Makani has shown remarkable adaptability, especially in crises. Even before the war escalated in September 2024, Makani centers in the South welcomed displaced individuals from other regions, ensuring continued access to education and support. With the conflict's escalation, the program swiftly transitioned into an emergency response, expanding services to shelters across Lebanon to provide education, protection, and psychosocial support to those most affected.

Beyond its direct impact on children and youth, Makani has become a powerful driver of community empowerment,

particularly in South Lebanon. By operating within municipal premises, the project strengthens the role of local governance structures, fostering a sense of collective responsibility for education and social development. This partnership approach not only enhances the sustainability of the initiative but also ensures that resources and services remain embedded within the community. Additionally, Makani actively contributes to local economic stability by creating job opportunities for youth and residents. By providing employment within their own villages, the program enables individuals to build their livelihoods without the need to migrate elsewhere, reinforcing the cycle of investment in their own communities.

Makani's Comprehensive Services Include:

- **Early Childhood Education & Development:** Setting the foundation for learning and growth in young children.
- **Basic and Adapted Literacy & Numeracy:** Bridging educational gaps, especially for working children and those with interrupted schooling.
- **Youth Functional Skills, life skills & Career Guidance:** Empowering youth with essential skills for their personal and professional development.
- **School Retention Support:** Reducing dropouts and encouraging children to stay engaged in education.
- **Psychosocial Support (PSS):** Offering a safe outlet for children

and youth to process emotions and build resilience.

- **Social and Behavioral Change (SBC) Activities:** Engaging communities to challenge harmful practices against children with disabilities and promote their acceptance, inclusion, and positive attitudes.
- **Health & Nutrition Support:** Providing medical assessments, therapy, and nutritional assistance tailored to the needs of participants.
- **Provision of Assistive Devices:** Ensuring children with disabilities receive the support they need to access education and participate fully in society.

Through its dynamic, needs-driven approach, Makani has proven that inclusive development is most effective when it is deeply rooted in the community. By fostering partnerships with municipalities and institutions, strengthening local capacities, and responding to crises with agility, **MS** is doubling its impact—not only transforming the lives of children and youth but also equipping communities with the tools to sustain this change in the long run.

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The Makani program changed my life.

I couldn't read before, but now I can help my siblings with homework. Learning here has made me excited about school.”

-M.A. is a 15-year-old girl participating in the YBLN Program.



LINK “LIFT OBSTACLES IN KIDS’ FUTURE”

Empowering Vulnerable Children and Youth Through Education, Protection, and Support Services.

“LINK - Lift Obstacles in Kids’ Future” is dedicated to supporting underprivileged children and youth, ages 3 to 18, who are directly impacted by Lebanon’s ongoing crises. With a focus on holistic development, the project

also engages caregivers and local communities to create a supportive environment for growth and well-being.

Leveraging Mouvement Social’s extensive experience, LINK provides a wide range of services tailored to meet the needs of children and their families, including:

- **Psychosocial Support** for children and caregivers.
- **Retention & Educational support**, ensuring children stay in school and succeed.

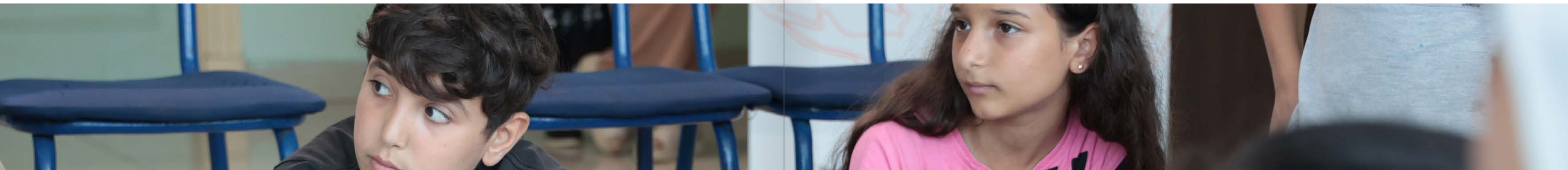
- **Case Management and specialized interventions**, such as speech therapy and special education.
- **Mental Health Services** to address emotional well-being.
- **Recreational Activities** that promote social development.
- **Positive Parenting Sessions** to strengthen family dynamics.
- **Community Awareness campaigns** focused on educational and protection matters.
- **Ongoing Follow-Up** for children at schools to ensure their well-being.

- **Basic Literacy and Numeracy** for out-of-school children.
- **A key initiative under LINK** is the establishment of protection committees that identify children at risk, raise awareness, and advocate for their rights within the community. This initiative reinforces our commitment to safeguarding children while enhancing their educational opportunities and protection.



I learned to read and write,
and it made me really happy! It motivated me to be diligent in class and not miss any sessions. Thanks to the support of the entire team, I was able to make friends in class and better manage my anger. I also learned to respect rules, be more engaged, and express my emotions.”

-I.I. is a 14-year-old boy participating in the BLN Program.





EMERGENCY RESPONSE: MOUVEMENT SOCIAL IN ACTION



ADAPTING TO DISPLACEMENT AND CRISIS

In late September 2024, the war in Lebanon escalated rapidly, spreading across the entire country. After months of violent hostilities in the south, the conflict intensified with forceful attacks on areas like Nabatieh, the southern suburbs of Beirut, and other regions, including a sudden series of unannounced attacks on central Beirut.

These relentless attacks forced thousands of families to flee their homes in search of safety, with many also crossing borders into Iraq or Syria. By November 2024, more than 899,000 people had

been displaced within Lebanon, comprising 51% females and 49% males (IOM³). Many sought refuge in schools, universities, and other institutions converted into emergency shelters, often overcrowded and inadequately equipped to handle the influx.

Having been active in South Lebanon since October 2023, **Mouvement Social (MS)** was already engaged in supporting affected communities when the war escalated in intensity. By this time, a significant number of people were already displaced, including 330 of **MS's** 535 staff members.

The scale of the crisis required **MS** to adapt its projects, broadening its support to address the urgent needs of displaced populations. Despite immense challenges, the

MS team continued interventions across critical sectors, including child protection, education, youth and adolescents, social and behavioral change, and WASH.

For example, the MAKANI project pivoted to focus on shelter interventions, addressing the immediate needs of displaced families, alongside the SPACE project. Originally planned for the South, these initiatives were rapidly restructured to meet the evolving crisis. Additionally, other projects, such as the LINK project, expanded their scope to include displaced individuals.

In response to emerging needs, **MS** also launched new initiatives, such as the drop-in center project, to provide targeted support to those most affected by the conflict.

³<https://dtm.iom.int/reports/mobility-snapshot-round-65-flash-update?close=true>

DRIVING SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL CHANGE FOR INCLUSION AND RESILIENCE

During the emergency response, **Mouvement Social (MS)** was designated by UNICEF as the National Inclusion Focal Point, playing a crucial role in supporting children with disabilities during the war. A dedicated call center was established to manage inquiries and referrals, ensuring timely assistance for children with disabilities.

This component also focused on fostering inclusive environments within shelters and the broader community. Comprehensive assessments were conducted to identify individuals with disabilities and determine their needs. Targeted services, such as rehabilitation

therapy and assistive devices, were provided to children with disabilities, enhancing their development and promoting community inclusion. Adults with disabilities were assessed and referred to other NGOs or service providers as needed.

Inclusive activities were implemented both in shelters and community settings, including edutainment sessions for parents and children. These activities aimed to raise awareness about children's rights, promote inclusive language and behaviors, and encourage positive interactions among diverse groups. Together, these initiatives worked to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all.



THE DROP-IN CENTER PROJECT: COMMUNITY-DRIVEN AND FOCUSED

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We must live with the marginalized, understand their true needs, and collaborate with them so they do not completely lose their vitality, resilience, willpower, faith, and hope for their future and the future of their children.”

- Bishop Gregoire Haddad, from the message to social workers in Lebanon- Beirut, May 6, 1988.

This vision deeply resonates with the mission of the Drop-in Center in Bourj Hammoud, which served as a lifeline for displaced families and individuals living on the streets or in overcrowded homes. The center provided a safe haven where essential services met dignity and compassion. Every day, 11 women gathered in the center's kitchen to prepare hot meals—not only feeding families but also fostering a sense of community, purpose, and connection. These women shared stories, supported one another, and built resilience together in the face of adversity.

The center went beyond providing meals. It offered awareness sessions to promote health and prevent disease, well-equipped laundry facilities for families to wash their clothes—easing one of the many burdens they faced—and shower facilities for individuals to maintain personal hygiene.

For caregivers, Psychosocial support sessions provide tools to navigate the challenges of displacement while strengthening family dynamics.

Displaced children benefit from case management services, ensuring their needs are met in safe and supportive environments. Medical consultations and medications address immediate health concerns, while a trained team of volunteers fosters social cohesion and strengthens community bonds.

The Drop-in Center isn't just a service hub—it's a place of belonging, where lives are rebuilt, and hope is restored.



BREAKING FREE: SUPPORTING YOUTH BEYOND BAR

When the war hit, **MS** didn't back down. We stayed laser-focused on youth caught in the justice system, making sure they weren't forgotten. With families displaced across regions and even into Syria, we recognized how crucial it was to keep these individuals connected and safe.

To ensure their legal needs were met, we shifted from in-person visits to video calls, allowing juveniles to check in on their families despite the chaos. Prioritizing their safety, we worked hand-in-hand with judges, particularly in the North, advocating for the release of minors detained for minor offenses. Thanks to these collective efforts, many juveniles were able to return to their families.

The Warwar Center also stepped up during this critical time, serving as a safe alternative to prison for minors. Together with UNODC and other key partners, we pushed for lasting changes—developing infrastructure, implementing systems for vocational training, and providing psychological support to ensure these young people had the tools to rebuild their futures, even amidst the conflict. **MS** didn't just meet the moment; we laid the groundwork for a better tomorrow.



RESPONSE CUMULATIVE EFFORTS

Response Cumulative Efforts

(1 October - 30 November)

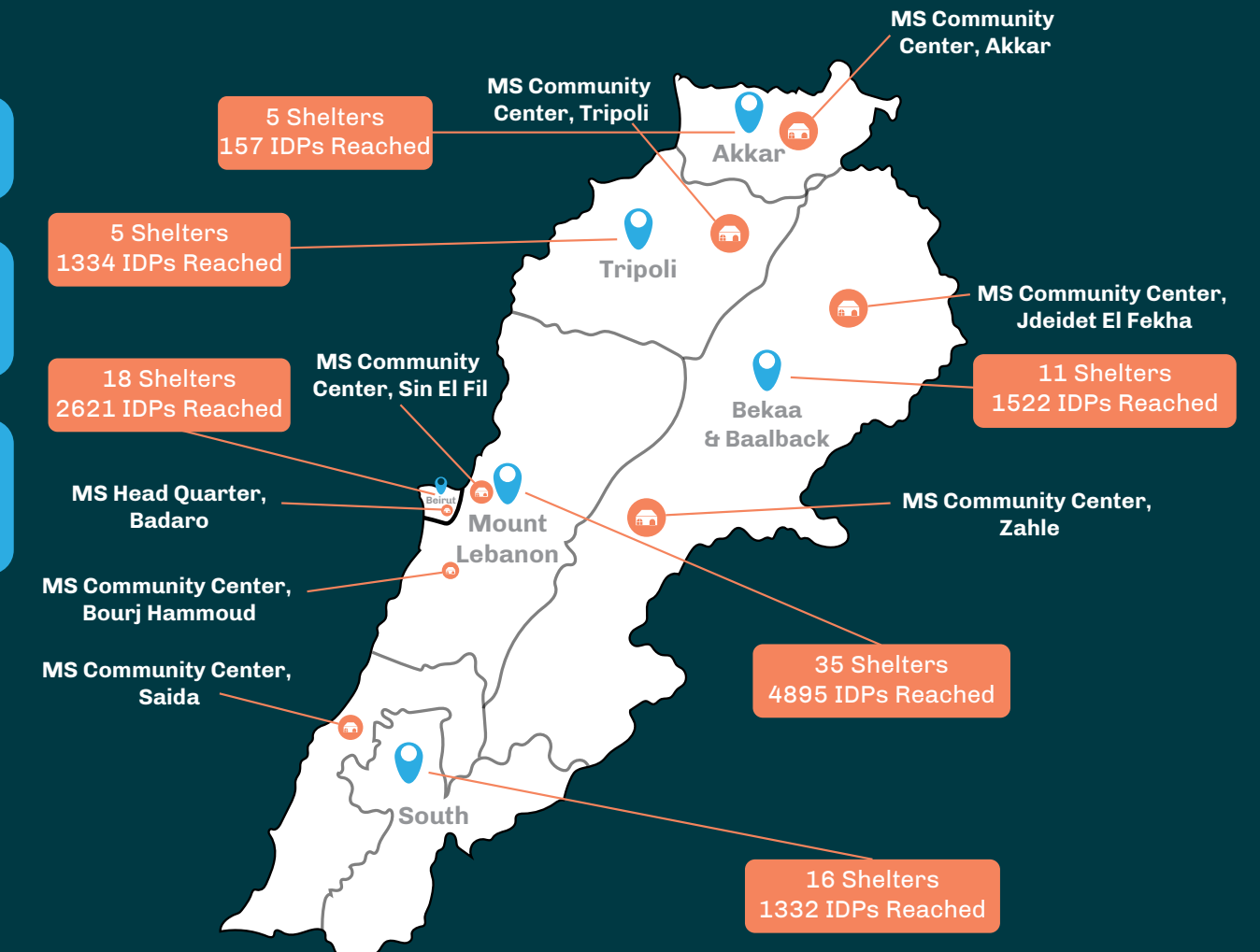
Total Population Reached

11,825

(Excluding SBC component)

84 Shelters 7 MS Community Centers

(Excluding SBC component)



HUMAN CAPITAL & INTERNAL ACTIVITIES



CONTINUOUS LEARNING AND EMPOWERMENT

In 2024, more than **230 Mouvement Social** staff members and volunteers participated in trainings covering a diverse range of topics tailored to the needs and objectives of our projects and programs, including but not limited to:

- Social and Behavior Change (SBC) & Inclusion
- Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
- Security and Protection
- Child Protection Policies
- Project-related Trainings



HUMAN RESOURCES & INTERNSHIPS

In 2024, **Mouvement Social** strengthened its partnership with universities and educational institutions, hosting 33 student interns from various institutions to engage in meaningful hands-on experiences:

121
volunteer
contributed
by volunteering
within **MS**
centers

UNIVERSITY	# OF INTERNS
Lebanese University	26
AUL	1
Haigazian	1
MUBS	1
USJ	4



KEY FINANCIAL FIGURES

TOTAL EXPENSES

	TOTAL EXPENSES IN USD	RATIO %
Socio-Economic Empowerment	487,033.57\$	8%
Education	1,552,372.43\$	24%
Protection	1,426,218.11\$	22%
Youth & Women In Conflict With The Law	103,879.29\$	2%
Multi-Service Community Center- Makani	1,959,407.79\$	30%
Social & Behavioral Change	911,776.36\$	14%
TOTAL IN USD	6,440,687.56\$	100%

TOTAL INCOME

6,440,687.56\$ provided by the following donors and partners:



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