



Child of Lebanon

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Facts about Lebanon

- Under French Protectorate until independence in 1943
- Borders with Israel, Syria and the Mediterranean
- Area: 10,455 km² - Population 4m.
- 18 officially recognized confessions, split roughly 30% Christian, 30% Sunnite, 30% Shiite and 10% Druze
- Since 1975, Lebanon has suffered from regional and internal armed conflicts and constant political instability
- Withdrawal of Israeli troops in 2000 and Syrian troops in 2005
- “Barometer” for a troubled region

MIDDLE EAST





Background

- Those conflicts have claimed more than 180,000 deaths in addition to massive destructions of physical infrastructures. Those who suffered the most through these wars are the children. Many have been marked for life by these traumatic experiences which are bringing havoc to the fabric of the society. It is estimated that over 40,000 children are currently being assisted by child caring NGOs, with over 85% suffering from social problems (poverty, broken families etc...)
- The Lebanese authorities have from always delegated the task of assisting children in need to over 500 NGOs, some of which receive minimal financial support.
- Child of Lebanon (CoL) was established in 1996 following different visits to NGOs across the country. It was decided that CoL will assist selected NGOs in their task after having developed the needed level of trust and transparency with those NGOs. The latter would preferably be small to medium sized institutions and have no political or ideological affiliation or pronounced religious bias.
- CoL was registered as a UK Charity in 2002 and accepted as a charity in the US by CAFAmerica in 2003.
- CoL's Object in its Declaration of Trust is to “apply its income for the relief of poverty, distress or suffering and the protection of the good health and the advancement of education of those children in need in Lebanon”.



Transparency and communication

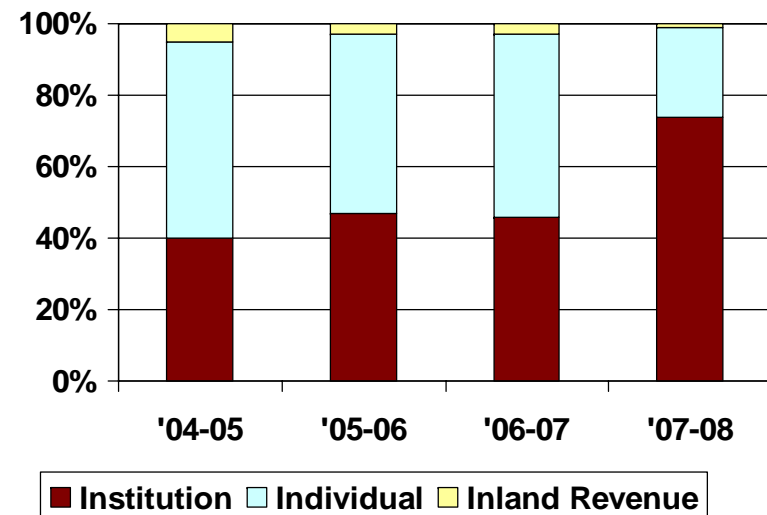
We are committed to keeping the donor informed on a timely, detailed and transparent fashion on the progress of the effort. Information is communicated in the following manner:

- From January to June, the donors are informed once a month by e-mail about the level of donation amount raised to date,
- A two-page progress report is issued in December, March and July. The July report will summarize what was achieved the preceding financial year,
- Brief reports may be issued during the year to keep the donors informed on specific developments,
- The annual report is distributed in November, reviewing in detail what was achieved in the previous year and giving a thorough description of each of the assisted institutions, CoL's financial statements audited by Deloitte & Touche as well as other relevant information,
- Face to face meetings with the donor are held whenever possible.



Donors to Child of Lebanon

- in 2007 / 2008, \$719,000 was raised, split 28% from individual donors and 72% from institutional donors, some of whom allocated their donation to fund specific projects.
- The institutional donors were: Merrill Lynch, Deutsche Bank, ING, ABN, Calyon, BNP Paribas, Aspect Capital, Permal Investment Services, Libertas Capital, ICAP, Vitol Foundation, Barclays, The Olayan Group and the Global Fund for Children. Besides, funds were received as matching donations from Merrill Lynch, UBS, Deutsche Bank, Goldman Sachs and SVG Capital.
- Child of Lebanon was selected in October 2007 by the Merrill Lynch Foundation as one of six “Charities of the Year” for 07-08. The nomination was renewed for 08-09.
- The split of donations amongst types of donors since 04-05 is shown in the bar chart



Geographical location of the recipient NGOs

- CoL aims is to efficiently cover all regions in Lebanon.
- Since 1996, \$1.89 m. was allocated to 22 NGOs across Lebanon and over 105 projects were funded
- Last year, \$568,000 funded 25 projects at 16 NGOs
- CoL will further expand its geographical coverage depending on its ability to raise funds and to screen NGOs.





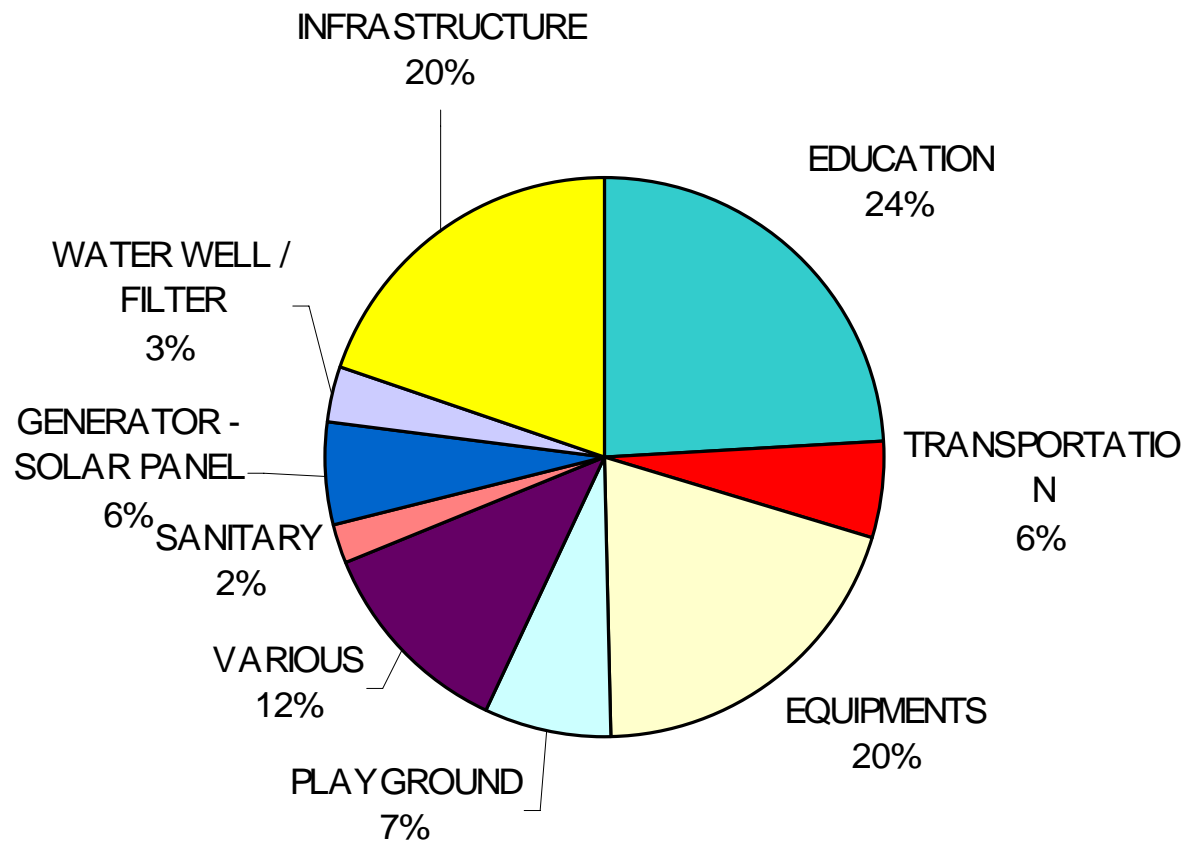
Allocation of donations (in \$000's)

Total	in \$	07 - 08	06 - 07	05 - 06	04 - 05	03 - 04	02 - 03	01 - 02	00 - 01	99 - 00	98 - 99	97 - 98
2,046,275	Donations raised	719,718	282,538	210,676	200,792	171,922	150,787	127,256	81,056	51,300	25,000	14,200
1,886,622	Donations allocated	568,200	281,977	206,270	204,843	170,292	147,645	124,950	80,915	51,300	25,000	14,200
1,602,547	Value of funded projects	568,200	281,977	198,470	187,800	137,800	118,000	72,900	37,400	-	-	-
85%	in % of donation allocated	100%	100%	96%	92%	81%	80%	58%	46%	-	-	-
284,075	Allocation in cash	0	0	7,800	17,043	32,492	29,645	52,050	43,515	51,300	25,000	14,200

- Since 2000, CoL has allocated an increasing percent of the donations to fund specific projects. It is expected in coming years that most if not all the allocation will be for such purpose. Since inception, over 105 projects have been funded
- Priority projects needing funding are presented to CoL by the NGOs on an on-going basis. Those are discussed with them at length. Once a project is selected, it is often the case that CoL settles its cost directly with the supplier of services, while monitoring the progress of its implementation and follows up on its use thereafter through regular visits
- *The allocated donation to the NGOs is made without any deduction. The running expenses are covered by an Expense Fund to which CoL members contribute on a regular basis*

Types of projects funded

Projects worth a total of \$1.602 m. were funded split as follows:



Types of projects funded: infrastructure - playgrounds

The premises at the “Maison Notre Dame” were designed in the late 80’s for 60 children. In later years, the set up became very tight as the number of children grew to now 110. A large dining space and 2 leisure rooms were added by enclosing an existing playground area. 7 bedrooms and toilets for boys above the age of 13 are planned to be added also. A total of 400m² of new livable space was created.



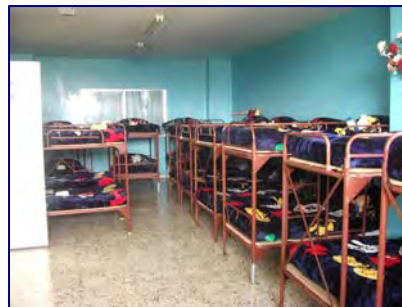
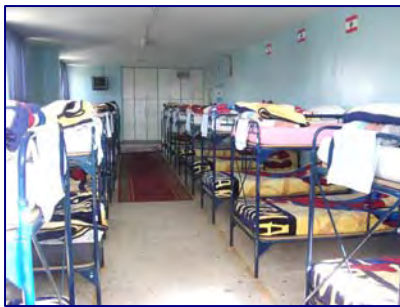
The 420 children of Dr. Khaled Foundation have been deprived of quality play time. A plot of land adjacent to its building was used as an asphalted car parking. An area of that land (120m²) was converted into a playground equipped with swings, seesaw etc. A covered playground (270m²) was later added which allows them to play ball games and engage in other indoor activities especially during rain or hot sunshine.

The playground of the SOS Village at Ksarnaba was fully equipped and an indoor gym area for was set up for the 90 children residing in the 10 homes at the SOS Villages at Ksarnaba. The kindergarten also receives 80 children during the day from neighboring villages.

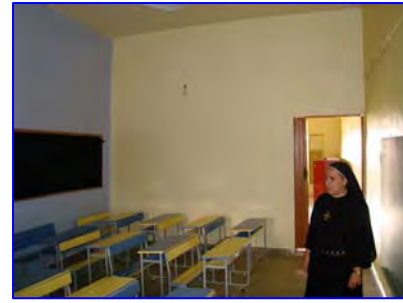


Types of projects funded: dormitories - infrastructure

The 30year old metal beds and closets were a hazard for the children. They needed constant repairs caused accidents. The mattresses also need to be replaced. The dormitories were redesigned, bunker wooden beds with cupboards were installed, children decorative element added, the lighting was improved and the walls painted in smooth colors (pictures before and after)



The school at this NGO is attended by 210 children. The building had been restored since it was built in 1959. Its roof and walls had numerous water leaks and cracks rendering the classrooms humid and putting the children at health risk (pictures before and after)



Types of projects funded: transportation – water – power generation

For Dar al Hassad, a 29 seat 2nd hand bus was purchased for the 47 children to replace two old small vans which needed constant maintenance as they are sent for repair very frequently. The bus will also allow the transport of many more children in one go to their schools and families.



The old minivan at the Orphanage of Jabboule which was used to transport the children to school and for outings was constantly being sent for repairs and was not safe for its passengers. A new Toyota Hyace was purchased and donated to the orphanage which shelters 100 children.

Since the water at Dr. Khaled Foundation was not suitable for drinking or cooking, it was carried from a nearby hospital belonging to the orphanage or bought from local suppliers. The plant allowed the orphanage to be self sufficient in water and not incur the cost of purchase. The project was funded by Libertas Capital (UK).



A 150 KVA generator was purchased for Sayda Zeinab to adequately address the low outage it receive from the power grid and repeated power cuts. The orphanage shelters 375 children

Types of projects funded: various – solar panels - sanitary

50 beehives were donated to Dar al Hassad. They are expected to produce about 850kg of honey, of which some will be consumed by the 47 children, others kept for the bees and the rest sold to generate an estimated \$2,500 p.a. The project was funded by LebUnited (UK).



A sewing and embroidery machine will be used by the staff and the 70 children of ACSAUVEL who suffer from light to medium mental handicaps. Some of the products will be sold to generate income.



Orphanage Jabboule which shelters 100 children did not have a heating system and relied on rudimentary heating tools in cold days. 28 solar panels and related equipments were installed to provide hot water and save on heating bills.



The run down sanitary of the playground and the dormitories for the 290 children at Dar al Yateem al Arabi were rehabilitated. In total all the 60 toilets, 12 shower rooms and 16 basins were renovated.



Types of projects funded: kitchen - security - school

The refurbishment of the kitchen serving meals for over 400 children at Sayda Zeinab included the purchase of a large walk-in freezer (300x380x260cm) and various kitchenware (mixer, tables and storage racks)



A fire protection system for each of the 4 floors was installed. Dr. Khaled Foundation which shelters 420 children did not have any protection against fire hazards.

100 pupil tables were donated to Beit al Yateem al Durzi for a newly opened wing which will accommodate about 100 children. The orphanage has over 800 children residing in its premises.



Types of projects funded: education

A 60m² area was dedicated for the set up of a chemistry and biology laboratory for the children at Dar al Hanane. 230 children (grades 6 to 9) attend daily courses in the laboratory, and a further 130 (grades 4 & 5) use the laboratory to attend occasional courses. Courses are taught by three teachers (biology, chemistry and nutrition).



Noting that many young girls of the region had their schooling interrupted at an early age by their parents wanting them to work in the fields, the Maison Notre Dame decided to offer free vocational training for those who could manage to attend the courses by setting up a sewing & PC workshop. Both are also extensively used by the 150 residents children of the Maison and the products from the sewing workshop are sold to raise funds.



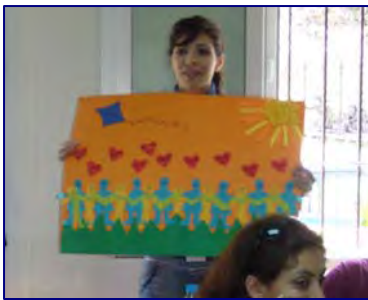
In light of the deficient level of education at the public schools in Tripoli, Dar Tarablos has been sending 21 of their 40 children to a reputable private school because of their good academic performance. The school had agreed to reduce the fees for Dar Tarablos by 50%. Their school results over the years have been very good. The school fees have been settled for the last 3 years

Types of projects funded: education

Financed in 2003 / 2004 a new program to educate and assist at AFEL's premises 20 difficult school drop outs with social or psychological problems between 14:00 and 18:00. Those children, with no parental guidance, already attend AFEL's morning classes but would be left prey to juvenile delinquency if not professionally assisted in the afternoon. Financing was renewed in 2004 / 2005 / 2006 / 2007 for 27, 35 then 45 children with the financial support of a US charity (The Global Fund for Children). The program has proven to be highly needed and successful.



Professional teams have trained over 2 or 3 months, and monitored thereafter, teachers at a number of schools and NGOs on the topics of "Conflict Resolution Education" and "Active Learning". The end beneficiaries are the 1,200 children those teachers educate. "Conflict Resolution Education" and "Active Learning" are important components of social intervention and violence prevention in schools and communities. It includes problem solving in which all children participate, express their points of view, and voice their interests. It builds the capacity of children to manage and resolve conflict on their own. The courses provided the attendees with the knowledge and tools to teach a wide range of students with different learning styles and special needs. They acquired a thorough understanding of such learning difficulties, how they manifest themselves, diagnose them and efficiently address them. The sessions included topics such as (a) assessment of dyslexia and phonological awareness, (b) spelling strategies and handwriting and written expression, (c) remedial programs, (d) discussion on recent brain research discoveries and their impact on devising appropriate teaching strategies.





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