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INTRODUCTION

2022 LEBANON AT A GLANCE

In Lebanon, absence of a supportive national government left the people in increasing levels of poverty. The majority are unable to secure their social and economic rights amid deepening economic crisis. Low income households are completely burdened to provide for the basic needs. Increased political instability and rising costs of living have deprived the people of their right of adequate standard of living, including the right to food, health, and education.

Lebanon's social protection system is highly fragmented, leaving most informal workers, older people, and children without any protection, and reinforcing social and economic inequalities.



Economic burdens and lack of protection fell heavier on the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. In 2022, deepening poverty and the reduction of services provided by the Lebanese state placed increasing limitations on many Palestinian refugees' access to livelihoods, healthcare and education. UNRWA's protection monitoring findings in 2022 stated that the economic hardship is manifested in a range of social problems including family breakdown, serious child protection issues, and mental health and psychosocial problems. Violent incidents are at high levels, with growing petty crime and reduced feelings of safety in some camps and their surrounding areas. Palestinian refugees who came from Syria (PRS) in particular experienced restrictions on mobility and access to services due to barriers to obtaining identity documents and renewing residency. Reports of anxiety among PRS increased while the rhetoric around the return of Syrian refugees sharpened.

Amidst the worsening of the triple crisis, youth are struggling to find hope, support and opportunities amid mounting despair. That led more of the Palestinian youth to take to the sea on the Death Boat trips with all determination to immigrate. Camps were devastated by losing more families in the bottom of the waters. Youth from all backgrounds, and particularly the Palestinians, are forced to take on responsibilities beyond their ages, with damaging impacts on their mental health and on access to opportunities. UNICEF alarmed that more and more of the young people are dropping out of education or any type of learning to engage in ill-paid, irregular and informal work to generate whatever income they can to help their families cope with the increasing challenges.

The unprecedented crisis has left the majority of Lebanese economically vulnerable, 90% of Syrians and more than 93% of the Palestinians, living in extreme poverty. "This is also taking a heavy emotional toll on young people, who often feel their prospects for a better life are looking dimmer by the day," according to UNICEF report.



Who We Are

Locally known as Beit Atfal Assumoud (BAS), The National Institution of Social Care and Vocational Training (NISCVT), is a humanitarian, non-governmental, non-profit, non-political organization that works on the development of the Palestinian refugee communities in Lebanon.

Founded on 12 August 1976, NISCVT provides developmental programs, health, and relief services to Palestinians living in the camps and the Gatherings on the Lebanese territories. Access to these services are enhanced by establishing 13 centers around Lebanon; 10 of which are in ten camps in different districts and governorates.

NISCVT has significant human resources. Indiscriminate of gender, nationality or religion, 259 motivated staff members (142 full-timers & 117 part-timers) are committed to BAS mission and vision, in addition to numerous national and international volunteers and interns.





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Messages from our leaders



Ms. Fatimah Khaizaran
Sponsorship Program
Coordinator

There can hardly pass a year without challenges, big and small. But those we experienced in 2022 were highly complicated. Increased needs were faced with limited support as the world has been busy with its global crises.

Lebanon's multi-layered crisis pressed the need for an increase in the number of our sponsors. Through our continuous home visits and followup to assess the conditions of our people in the camps, more families are found to be matching our set criteria of selecting "the most needy" families. In fact, the current conditions have turned all the Palestinians in the camps deserve the support. More elders, as well as children, are in need for care and financial support.

It was difficult for us and the team of social workers to select from the families, believing that no needy family should be left behind. However, the limited resources controlled our decision. Only 85% of the total number of assessed families were included within our sponsorship program. The other 15% were not left at all: BAS offered them other services, especially that of the health care.

Despite the challenges and limitations, our sponsorship program achieved a great success in 2022. The social workers succeeded in achieving positive change in the behavioral, social and mental aspects of 90% of our sponsored children through structured PSS intervention. They succeeded in raising awareness among beneficiaries and their families (mothers, parents, peers) about child protection and rights.

On behalf of our sponsored families, I'd like to express our sincere gratitude to all sponsors for their generous donation to the Palestinian families. You've been our Ambassadors by making the children's voices heard to the whole world.

Thank you.



Mr. Kassem Aina
General Director

With broken hearts we bid farewell to the year 2022. It was a painful year. In the Palestinian refugee camps, we buried young men and women, children, and whole families who died on their way to find future and dignified life. We mourned those buried under the ground, and those buried in the sea to their eternal freedom, praying for their souls to rest in peace after all the struggle for a better living in their refugee camps.

We stand speechless before the tragedies from which our people are suffering. We blame the youth who attempt to risk their lives for the unknown. But we ask ourselves: What kind of life is left for them in Lebanon?

Lebanon's crisis is increasing the struggling of the families to find hope. The children have lost the joy of play as they gained early awareness of the pressures from which the adults are suffering. The youth have lost their dreams and ambitions. Sunk in responsibilities, they lost the motivation to learn and improve their lives!

Living difficulties have increased the vulnerabilities among our people in the Palestinian refugee camps. They are striving to provide the basic housing needs with little access to social services of food, education and health. Their dilemma preexisted the local crisis, however, it has now intensified reaching the level of calling for a humanitarian emergency intervention for our people in the camps.

We survived another catastrophic year only by the devotion of an amazing working team, carrying a humanitarian message in their hearts, inspired by your support, solidarity, and empathy. With your care, we'll never bury the hope of a better future for our people. We're motivated by your trust in us, our friends, that we move forward to support and empower our children and youth, men and women, so that they lead our way to Palestine. We will proudly follow!



2022 in Numbers

Programs & Beneficiaries

Education

PROGRAMS & BENEFICIARIES	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB
Pre-school/Kindergarten	602	85%	5%	6%	4%
Learning Support Education	831	81%	6%	13%	0%
Special Classes (L.Difficulties, Dropouts, Informal)	44	64%	11%	25%	0%
Vocational Education	161	90%	4%	4%	2%
Scholarships Children with Multiple Needs (MSN)	75	84%	7%	8%	0%
Scholarships (Uni and VET)	88	88%	6%	0%	6%

Family Happiness Project

PROGRAMS & BENEFICIARIES	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB
Sponsored Children	1,039	86%	12%	2%	0%
Sponsored Families	545	86%	12%	1%	1%
Sponsored Elderlies	55	98%	2%	0%	0%
Sponsored KG Children	358	94%	6%	0%	0%

Health

PROGRAMS & BENEFICIARIES	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB
Dental Clinics: Children (3-5 years)	11,775	77%	11%	10%	2%
Dental Clinics: Adults	2,056	77%	11%	6%	6%
Dental Clinics: Children and Youth (6-18 years)	2,247	69%	18%	9%	4%
Pediatric Clinic : Children	4,104	91%	5%	3%	1%
Pediatric Clinic : Mothers' Education	647	85%	15%	0%	0%
Reproductive Health	5,915	81%	7%	9%	3%
Reproductive Health Awareness Sessions	4,594	77%	10%	10%	3%
Mental Health (Children under 18 years)	1,531	70%	5%	17%	8%
Mental Health (Parents & Adults)	354	76%	7%	9%	8%
Psychosocial Support(Children & Youth)	2,959	93%	3%	3%	1%
Psychosocial Support(Parents/Caregivers)	832	91%	4%	4%	1%
Peer Education Program - Parents	475	40%	21%	20%	19%
Peer Education Program - Youth	567	35%	30%	14%	21%

Relief Aid and In-Kind Distributions

PROGRAMS & BENEFICIARIES	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB
Diesel Fuel	1,500	24%	76%	0%	0%
Food Support (porcels, meals, & vouchers)	13,164	78%	20%	2%	0%
Hygiene & Baby essential Kits	5,683	46%	51%	2%	1%
Clothing (Eid and winter clothing, shoes)	1,737	88%	6%	4%	2%
Children's Gifts & KG Stationery	5,589	72%	17%	8%	3%
Cash for Medicine & other needs	2,411	82%	10%	5%	3%
Medical eye-glasses	219	100%	0%	0%	0%
Rehabilitation of Houses	18	100%	0%	0%	0%

Cultural Program & Recreational Activities

PROGRAMS & BENEFICIARIES	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB
Embroidery Production Project - Women	113	96%	4%	0%	0%
Scout Groups - Children & Youth	245	78%	19%	1%	2%
Sports Teams - Children & Youth	291	74%	14%	7%	5%
Dabkeh Groups	110	96%	2%	2%	0%
Musical Bands and Choral Groups	534	84%	9%	3%	4%
Comics	161	73%	13%	9%	5%

PRL = Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon SR = Syrian Refugees
PRS = Palestinian Refugees from Syria LB = Lebanese

EDUCATION

"Children and young people have the right to education no matter who they are: regardless of race, gender or disability; if they're in detention, or if they're a refugee."

Article 28, UNCRC



PRESCHOOL EDUCATION - KINDERGARTENS

The school year of 2021-2022 was not of less challenges than the previous one. The pandemic imposed distant learning and, again, empty classrooms for most of the year. When the Ministry of Education allowed children's attendance through the Blended Learning method, the scholastic year was almost at its end. The gradual return revealed weaknesses in children's learning level despite solving the worksheets and online follow up. Teachers spent time teaching previous concepts, working hard to leverage the children's educational attainment. Expanding the school time until mid-August, the peak of hot weather accompanied by power cut-off, left us unforgettable challenges!

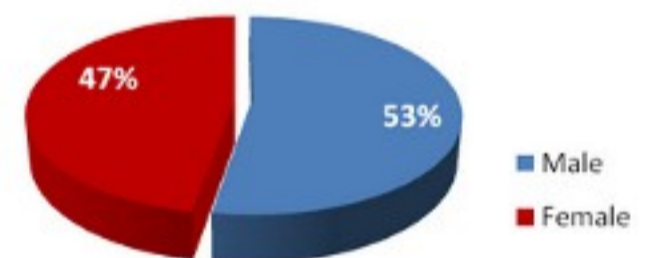
Nevertheless, the more challenges the education sector faces, the harder the staff works and achieves success.



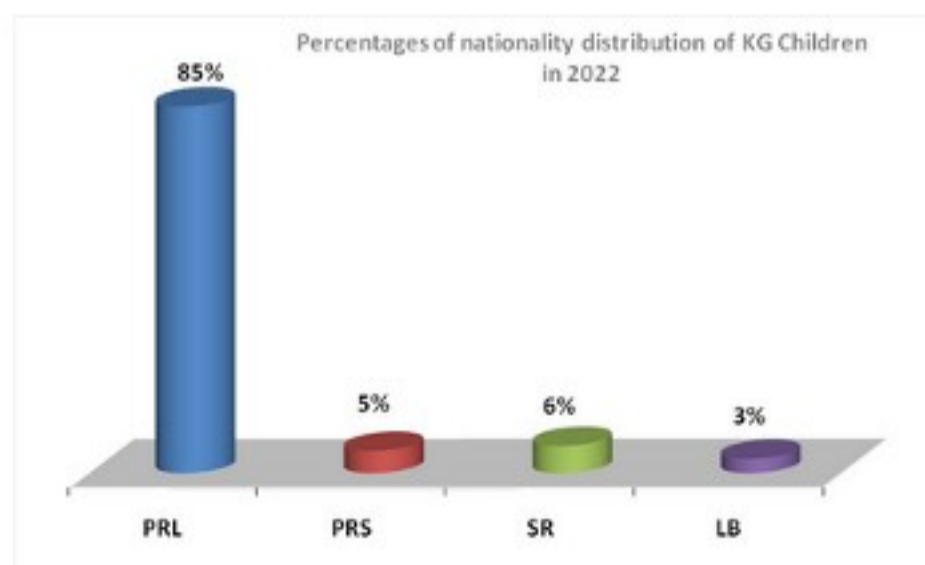
Our Preschoolers:

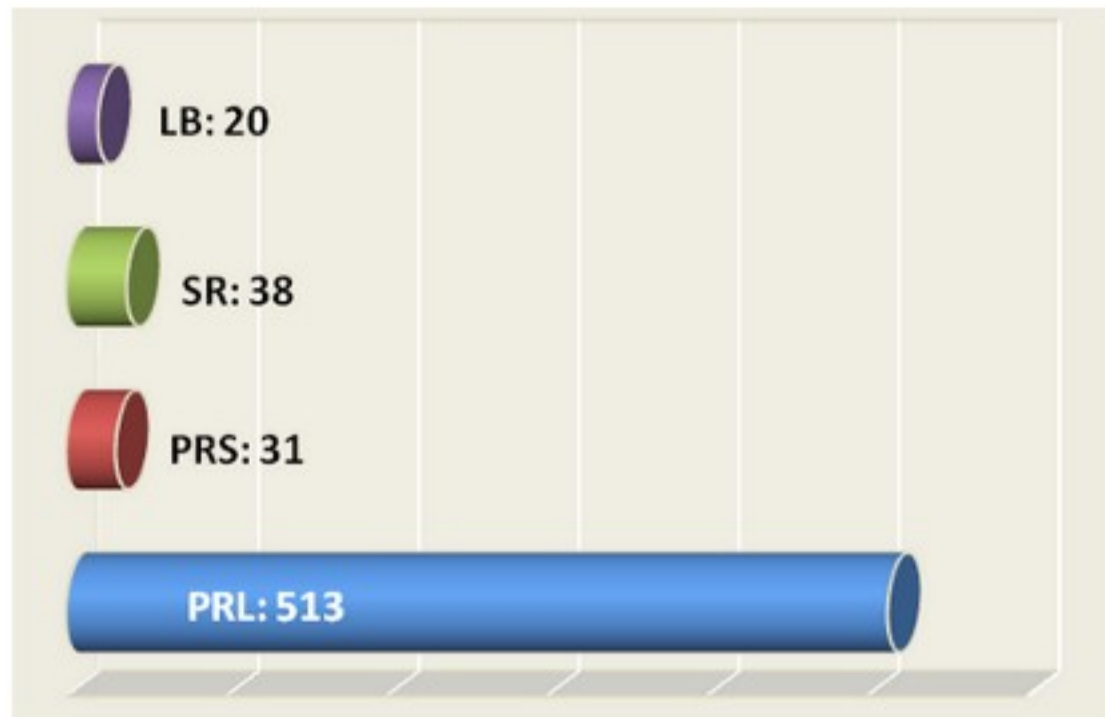
2021-2022 KG classes embraced a total of **602** children, 3-5 years old, in the 7 kindergartens of BAS centers inside the camps in Beirut, south and north Lebanon. The number included 47% female and 53% male children. The figure here illustrates the percentages of KG male and female children.

Percentages Male/Female KG Children in 2022



Without any kind of discrimination in providing all the services, the Palestinian refugee children formed 85% of the total, whereas the local Lebanese formed the least percentage of 3%. Segregation by nationalities and the corresponding percentages are demonstrated in the figures below.





BAS kindergarten program focuses on engaging the parents and caregivers in their child's learning process. By doing so, we ensure the psychological wellbeing of the child which results in a more comfortable sense while in the classroom.

Parents are invited to participate in the curriculum implementation. They are guided by the KG staff and teachers, collaborating among each other, and apply learning activities to their children and their peers.

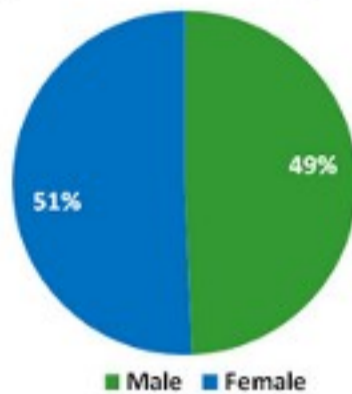


LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAM

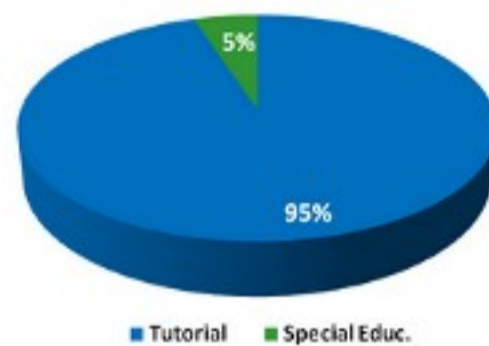
Returning to school after the 2-year distant learning increased the need for tutorial programs. The week-on/week-off approach of class attendance reflected damaging effects particularly to those suffering from learning difficulties. To remedy the gaps, NISCVT LS staff found that it is necessary to increase the involvement of parents in the learning process. As such, parents/caregivers were directly targeted in special PSS activities, enabling them to better support their children's social and educational development. .

The Learning Support Program targets students of the primary cycle in UNRWA schools, school dropouts, children having learning difficulties and other special needs, and Syrian refugee children who do not attend school. The services reached a total of **875** children in 2022, with 51% female, and 81% PRL. The special needs beneficiaries formed 5% of the total. The figures below illustrate the percentages of each.

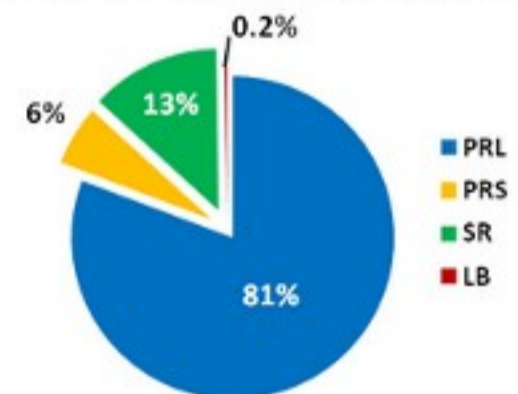
% of M/F Beneficiaries of LS Program in 2022



% of Tutorial & Special Needs Children in 2022



Percentages of Nationalities among LS Students



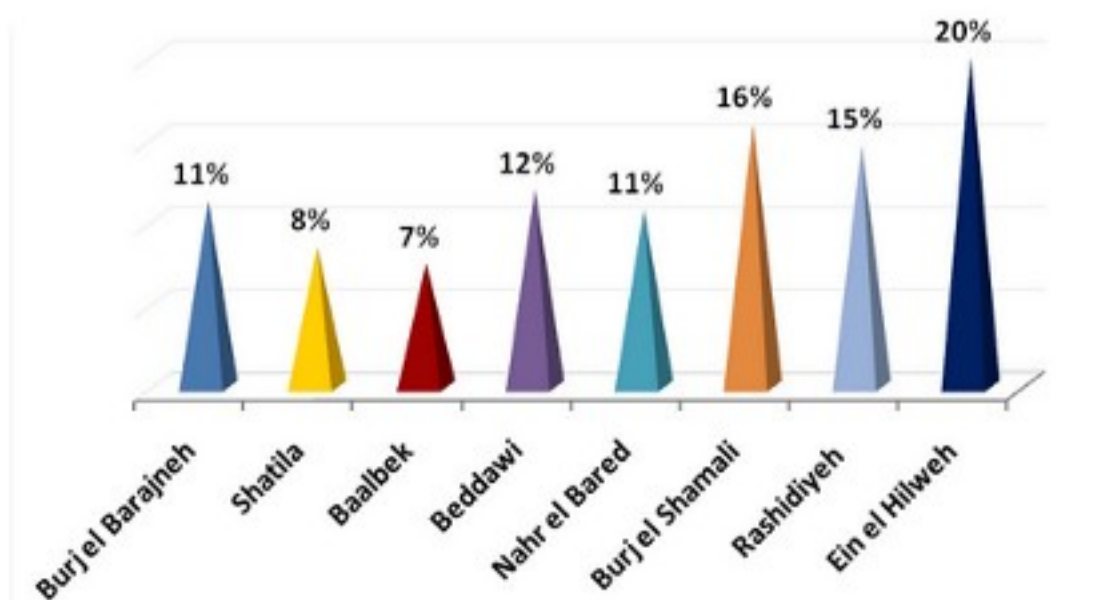
An informal education class is run in NISCVT's el Baddawi center targeting Syrian Refugee children. The class includes 28 children, aged 6-9 years, in regular KG1 and KG2 classes.

NISCVT programs follow a comprehensive approach where various academic and life skills are integrated. Besides the school-based learning to support the community-based retention program, LS activities include:

- Psychosocial Support activities that focus on social skills, such as, respect of one another, respecting others, self-expression, teamwork, and cooperation.
- Extra-curricular activities to engage the children in fun activities that are accomplished in groups. Such activities enhance group work and belonging.
- Co-curricular activities of interactive learning methodologies which reinforce critical thinking and creativity to enhance the learning process.

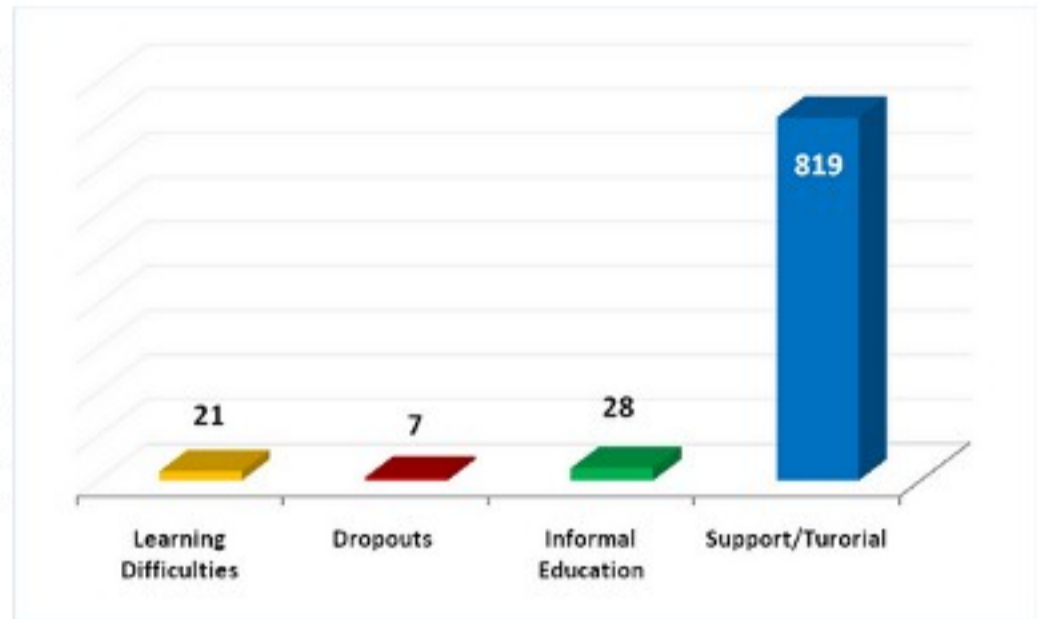


The learning support services are provided in eight NISCVT centers in the different camps around Lebanon. 20% of the total 875 children are in Ein el Hilweh center. The chart below shows the percentage distribution of the LS beneficiaries in the camps.



Special Classes Education

School dropout children and youth are offered a chance to enroll in NISCVT special education classes. The structured program is tailored to meet the needs of those experiencing learning difficulties, in addition to school dropouts who wish to learn new things in a joyful environment. Participants in this program are 28 children, all are female. The chart below shows the overall number of LS beneficiaries per section.



The special education is implemented in two of NISCVT centers, Ein el Hilweh (South) and Burj el Barajneh (Beirut). At the centers, the children are engaged in learning activities that attract their attention. Participants discover their talents and enhanced abilities through becoming involved in different activities including participation in special events.



LS program also engaged children's parents and caregivers in PSS activities. It was needed to involve them in awareness sessions that help them release some of the pressure they live in as result of the socioeconomic conditions. The sessions discussed issues of their concern and provided advice regarding positive parenting.



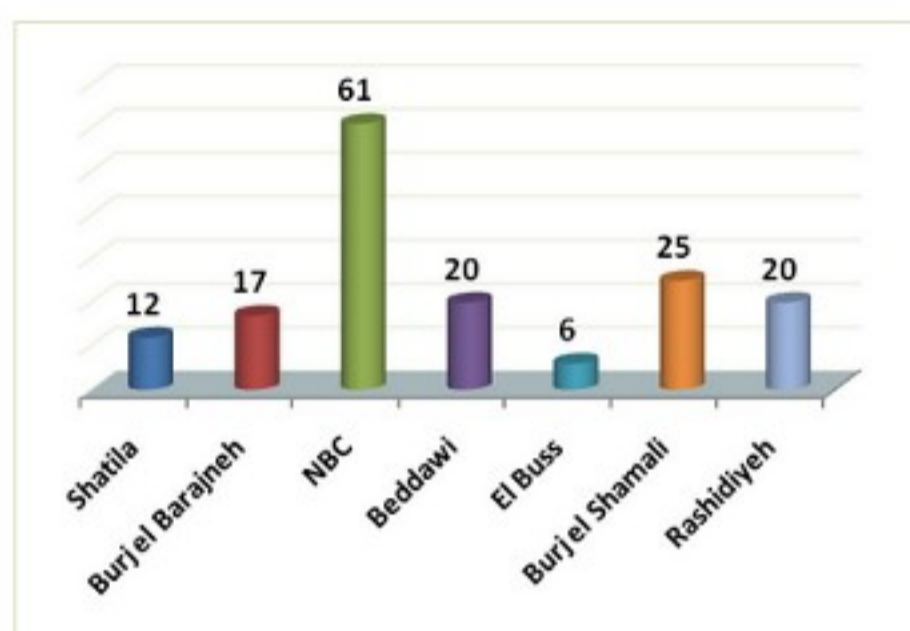
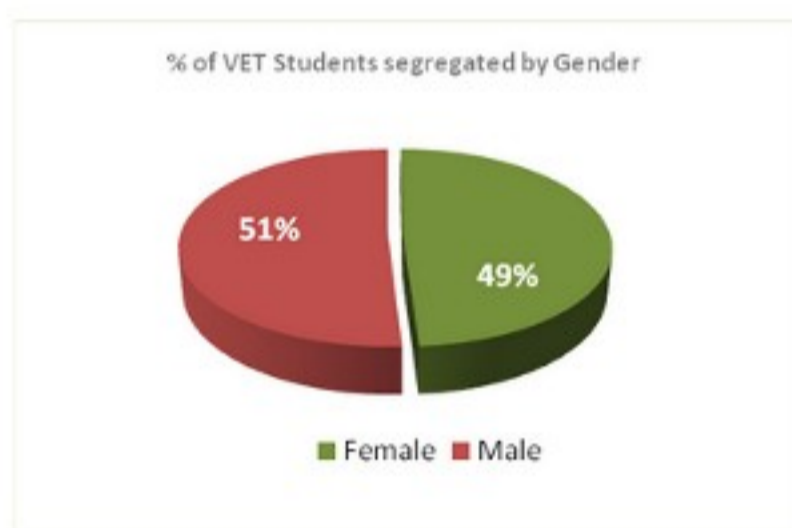
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

With the worsening of the economic conditions and increased inflation, many of the youth have dropped their education to join the labor market. Most of these young people, if not all, sought rapid graduation in order to become productive.

NISCVT's vocational education program contributes to the empowerment of the youth by providing them the proper education. The program offers updated learning of in-demand jobs with modern practical techniques, opening innovative horizons to 15-25 year old girls and boys. The accelerated non-academic courses, accompanied with personal and social skills training, help the youth pave their way into the job market.

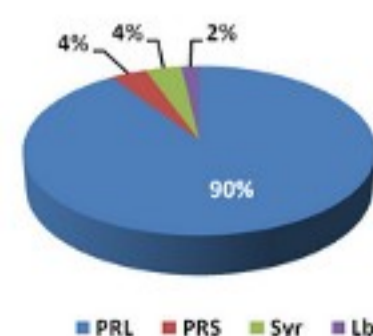
Vocational Education Training Youth:

161 youth (49% female) joined the vocational education program in NISCVT in 2022. The number includes youth from different nationalities living in the camps and the surroundings. The figures below show the percentages of male and female youth, and their numbers each camp.



The figures and the charts below show the percentages and the numbers of the youth segregated by gender and nationalities.

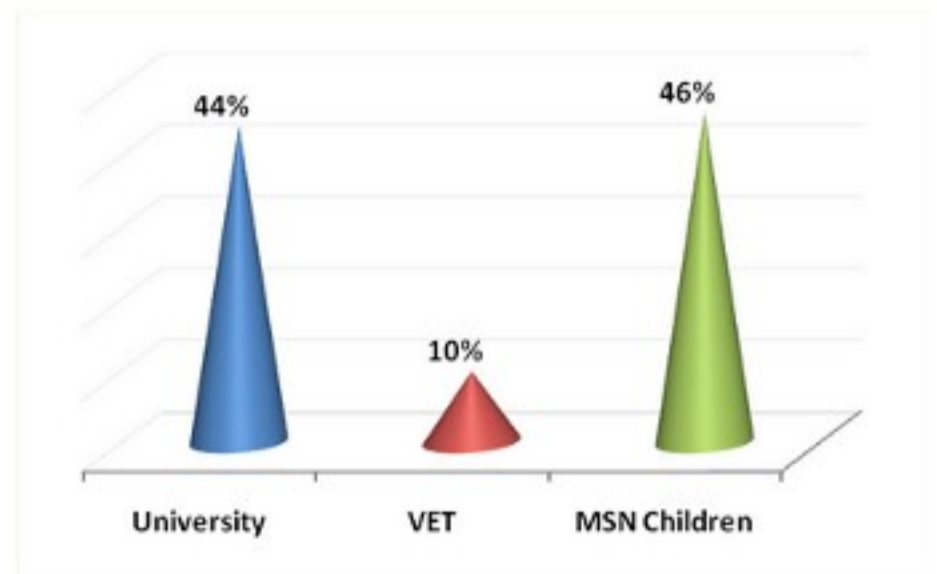
Camp/Center	Female	Male	PRL	PRS	Syr	Lb	Total
Shatila	6	6	12	0	0	0	12
Burjel Barajneh	8	9	14	1	1	1	17
NBC	0	61	54	5	0	2	61
Beddawi	20	0	20	0	0	0	20
El Buss	0	6	6	0	0	0	6
Burjel Shamali	25	0	25	0	0	0	25
Rashidiyeh	20	0	15	0	5	0	20
Grand Total	79	82	146	6	6	3	161



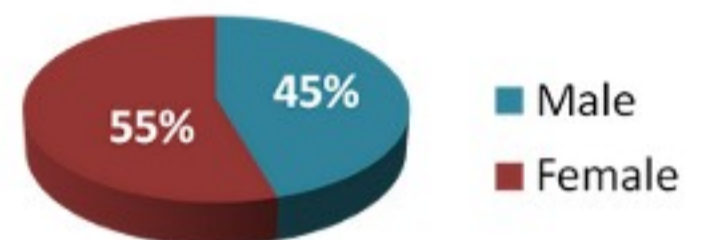
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Through partnerships and donor support, NISCVT provides university and vocational education scholarships for the youth. In 2022, **163** scholarships were provided to students in the various camps **88** of which are university and VET scholarships, whereas the total number of scholarships for Multiple Special Needs (MSN) reached 75 sholarships.

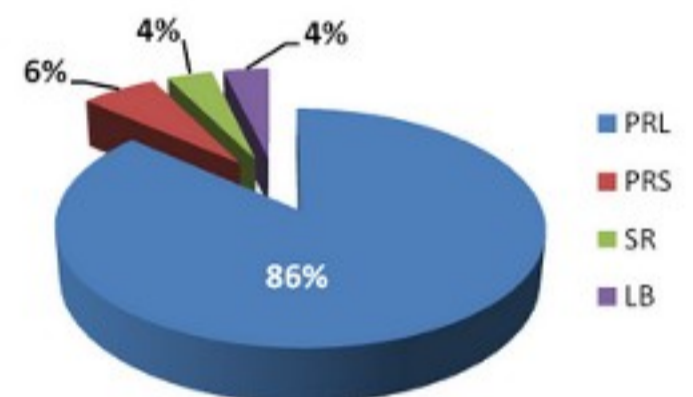
The chart shows the percentage distribution of the scholarships per each section. The below tables and figures show the numbers and the corresponding percentages of the students who received the academic, vocational, and MSN scholarships, segregated by gender and nationality.



Segregation by Gender	Male	Female	Total
University Scholarships	11	61	72
Vocational Education	11	5	16
Multiple Special Needs	52	23	75
Grand Total	74	89	163



Segregation by Nationality	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Total
University Scholarships	64	3	0	5	72
Vocational Education	14	2	0	0	16
Multiple Special Needs	63	5	6	1	75
Grand Total	141	10	6	6	163



MSN project scholarships are distributed through the Family Guidance Centers (FGC) in Beirut, Nahr el Bared and Beddawi camps, Saida, and el Buss camp. The Multiple Special Needs Project (MSN) is supported by the Finnish Psychologists for Social Responsibility (FiPSR) and the Finnish Arab Friendship Society (FAFS). The project enables children living with multiple disabilities to pursue their academic education in specialized institutions.

As the Palestinian refugees are prohibited from practicing medicine in Lebanon, among other professions, most of the youth study nursing instead. Palestinian youth were tempted by facilitating work permits by the Lebanese authorities during the pandemic period, governed by the need for medical staff in emergency. Other youth would go for technical professions, such as, construction and blacksmiths.



NISCVT staff keeps track of the students' performance regularly to ensure successful progress and completion of degrees from the private institutions/universities.

HEALTH

"It is health that is real wealth, and not pieces of gold and silver."
Mahatma Gandhi

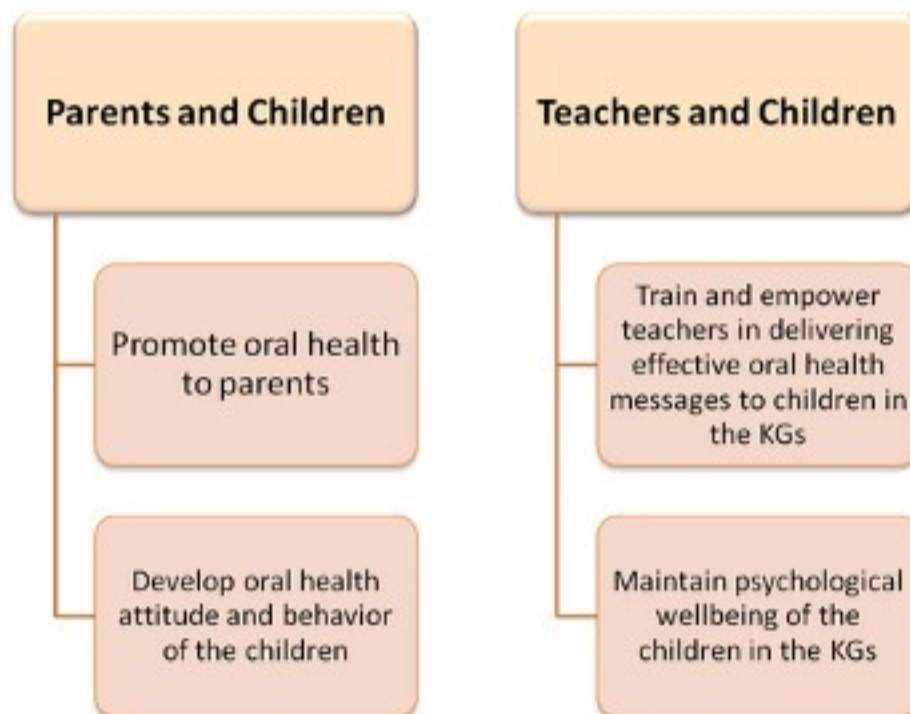


In NISCVT, dental care is a full school-based dental health program. It integrates dental health education for children and their mothers focusing on prevention of oral disease. In addition, NISCVT clinics provide free dental treatment for the preschool children. NISCVT operates 6 dental clinics in different Palestinian refugee camps.

Despite the challenges of the socioeconomic conditions and financial constraints, NISCVT continued reaching the community with the needed services of:

- Treatment,
- Health Education, and
- Prevention (involves regular examination of the children's teeth)

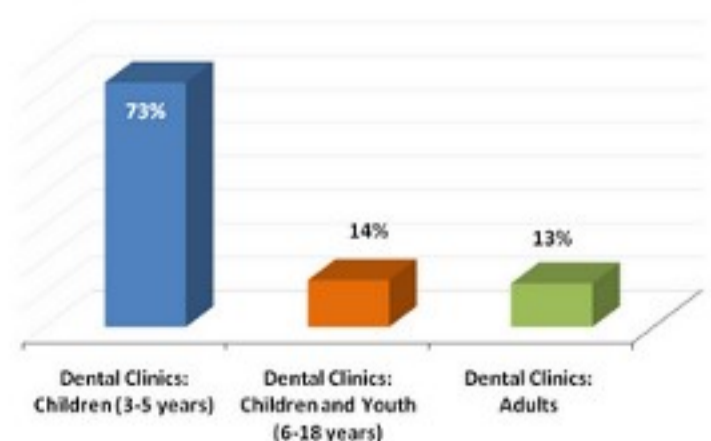
The school-based approach allows effective reach on a large-scale as it allows children to learn and practice healthy habits. To achieve this end, the dental clinics conducts different activities:



Target Beneficiaries & Services

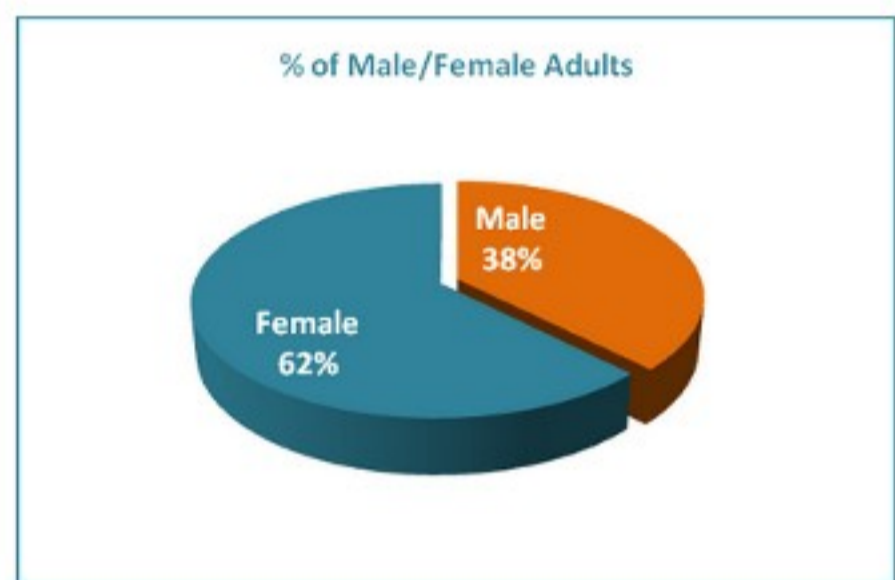
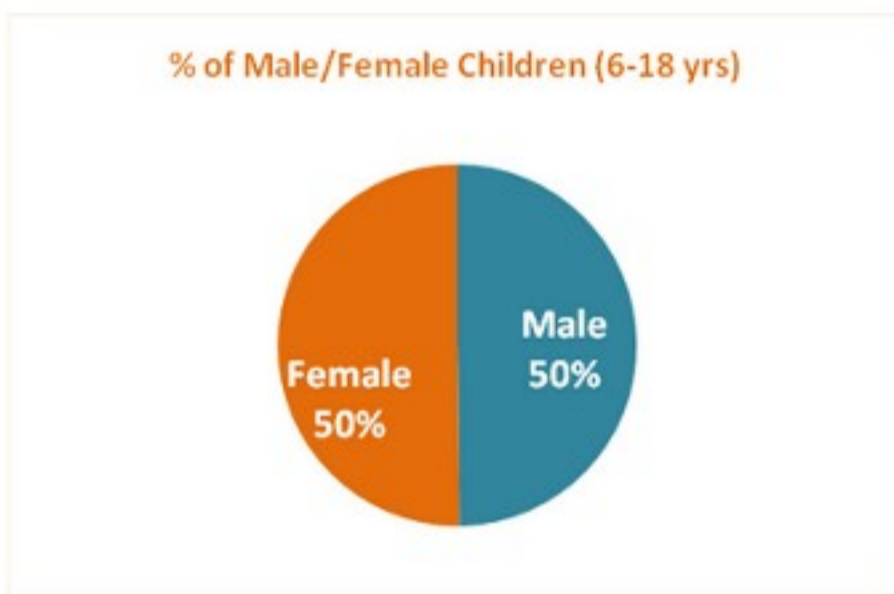
Sponsored children (3-18 years) of the Family Happiness Project and their mothers are the main beneficiaries of this service. Program services are also accessible to staff and to all children participating in the organization's activities. **16,078** beneficiaries of different age groups were reached in 2022, with 73% of the total are 3-5 year old children. The table below shows the numbers reached according to age groups and the corresponding percentages.

Dental Services	Male	Female	Total
Dental Education, Screening, & Treatment (6 clinics) 3-5 years	5,675	6,100	11,775
Dental Screening & Treatment; Children and Youth (6-18 years)	1,309	938	2,247
Dental Screening & Treatment; Mothers, Staff & other Adults	772	1,284	2,056
Grand Total	7,756	8,322	16,078





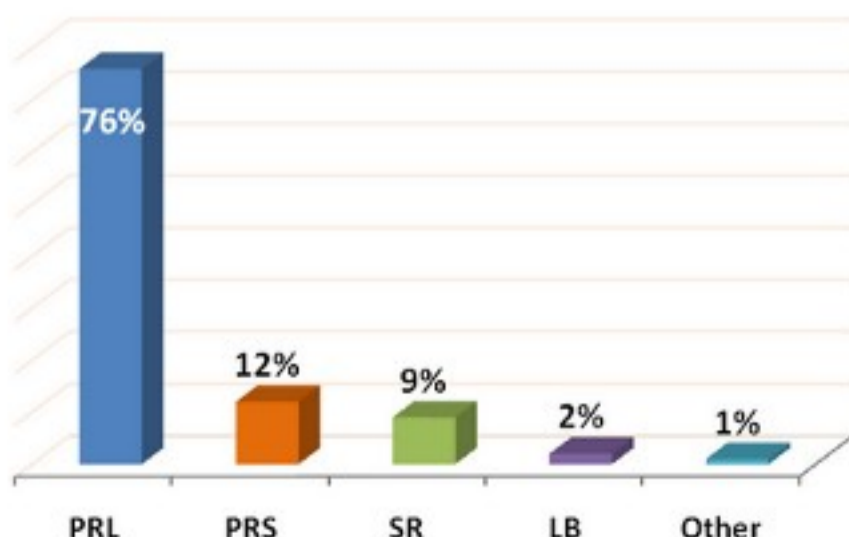
50% of the children (3-18 years) are female; whereas the female percentage reached 62% among the adults. The results are illustrated in the figures below.



To NISCVT, the main target of beneficiaries remains the Palestinian refugees living in the camps. However, NISCVT has never discriminated between the underprivileged communities that needed its support. The table and the figure below show the segregation by nationality in numbers and percentages.

Dental Services	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Other	Total
KG Children (3-5 years)	9,070	1,254	1,176	251	24	11,775
Children and Youth (6-18 years)	1,561	402	1,176	58	69	2,247
Mothers, Staff & other Adults	1,575	225	107	122	27	2,056
Grand Total	12,206	1,881	1,440	431	120	16,078

*Other refers to minorities living in the camps of different nationalities



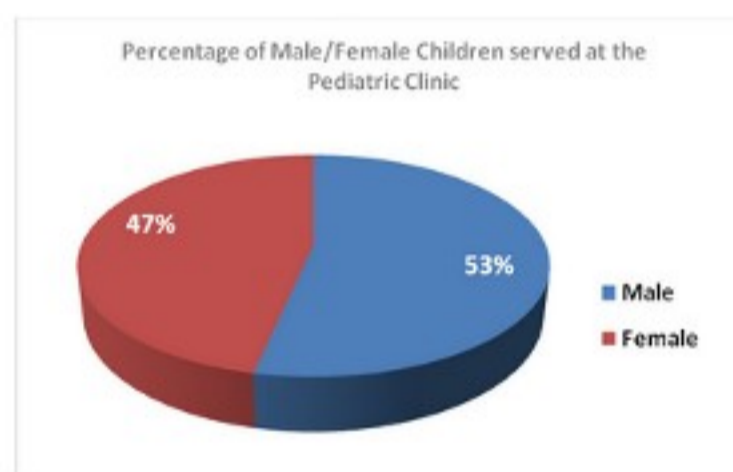
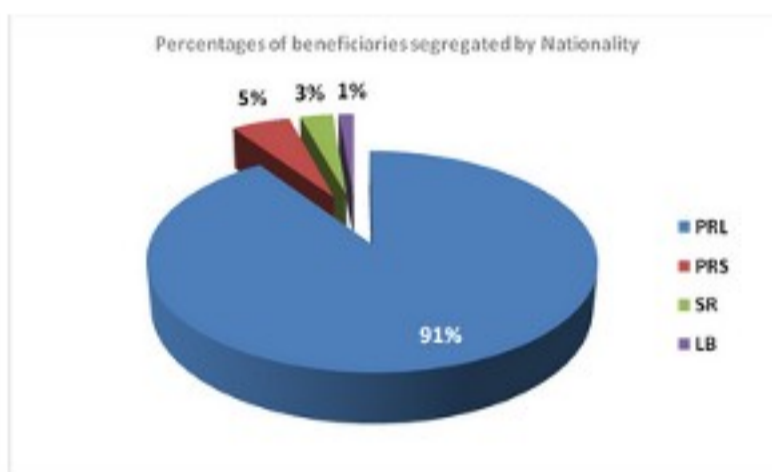
People in Nahr el Bared camp are blessed by the presence of the Pediatric Clinic in their community. Since 2012, the clinic has never closed its doors or stopped providing its services. The clinic not only provides treatment for infants and children, but it also raises awareness about health and shares information on children's health protection and prevention with mothers and caregivers.

Beneficiaries at the Pediatric Clinic

The **4,104** infants and children (up to 13 years old) benefited from the clinic treatment services, with 47% females. The table shows the number of children, segregated according to gender and nationalities, and the figures illustrate the corresponding percentages.



	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Total
Male	1,993	107	66	25	2,191
Female	1,724	107	53	29	1,913
Total	3,717	214	119	54	4,104

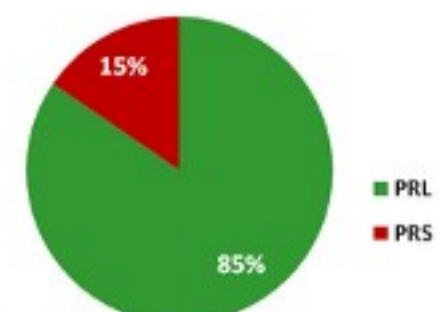


Educational & Awareness Sessions for Mothers

To empower, protect and to ensure prevention, the pediatric clinic in NBC center conducts sessions of knowledge sharing and awareness. Information about infant common diseases, changes associated with child development stages, and the importance of vaccination, were discussed with the mothers in those sessions.

647 refugee mothers/caregivers attended sessions on multiple health subjects, learning about children's common diseases prevention, and finding answers that concern the wellbeing of their children. Of the total number, 100 women/caregivers (15%) are Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS).

% of PRL/PRS mothers participated in awareness sessions in 2022



REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

NISCVT's Reproductive Health (RH) program for the Palestinian refugees is implemented in five centers. Its goal is to improve the physical, psychological, mental, and emotional well-being of the targeted groups, their families, and the community as a whole through a comprehensive approach of prevention and intervention with male and female adolescents and young parents.

RH clinics provide consultations, medical screening and treatment, counseling, sexual education for youth, and at-home awareness-raising sessions. Additionally, it conducts lab tests including infertility tests, and provides medicine.

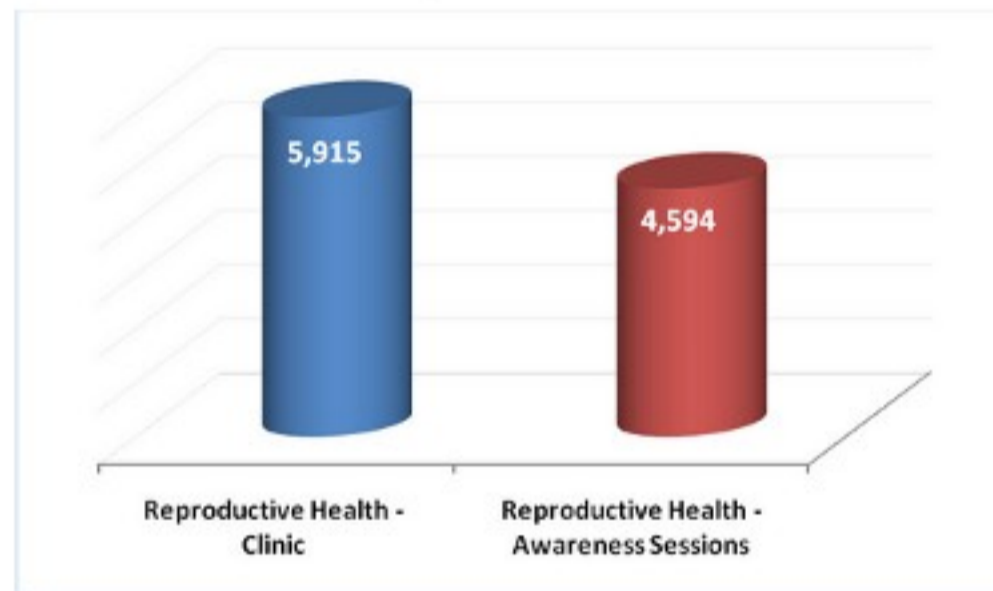
Since 2007, NISCVT's RH clinics have been providing consultations, medical screening, treatment and medicine, counseling, sexual education for youth, and at-home awareness-raising sessions. Additionally, it conducts lab tests including infertility tests.



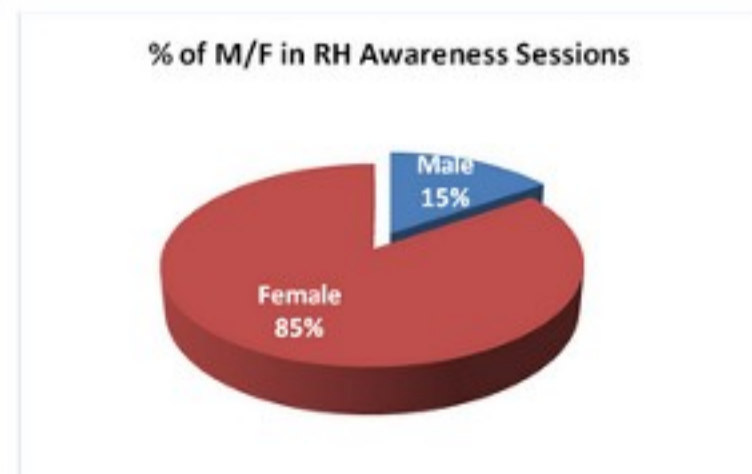
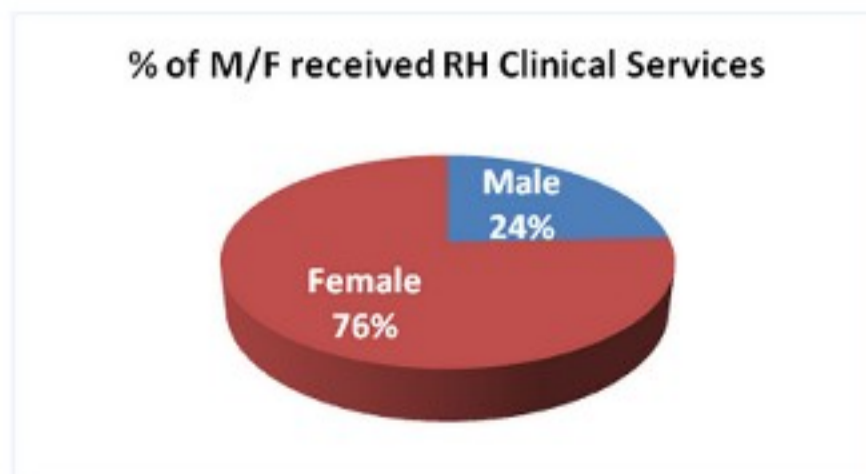
RH clinics, established in Beddawi and Nahr el Bared centers (north), Rashidiyeh and Burj el Shamali (south). The clinic in Burj el Barajneh (Beirut) was relocated into Ein el Hilweh camp (south) two months after the beginning of 2022. The replacement was due to higher community need.

Program Beneficiaries

In these clinics, **10,509** men and women benefited from the various services provided at the clinics in 2022, of 56% received consultations and treatment, and 44% participated in education and awareness sessions. Numbers are shown in the figure below.



With the relentless efforts to increase the number of men in the educative sessions, only 15% of the participants are male. Moreover, men made up 24% of the beneficiaries of the clinical services. The figures below illustrate the percentages of Male/Female beneficiaries in the clinical services and awareness activities.

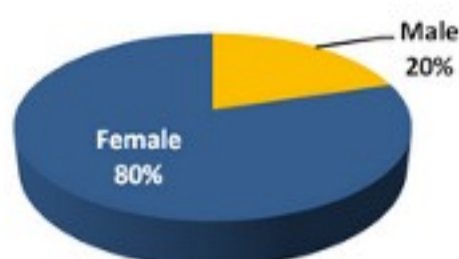


REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

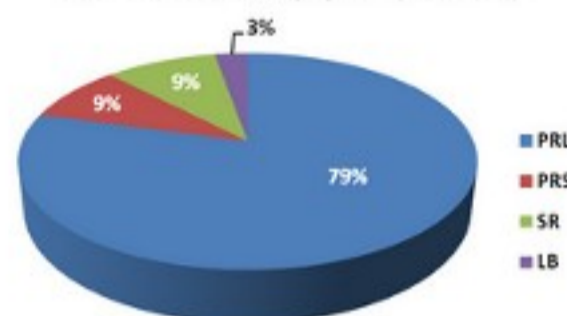
The total numbers of the beneficiaries, segregated by gender and nationality, are shown in the table below. The figure that follows illustrates the percentages of difference in nationalities.

	Male	Female	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Total
RH - Clinic	1,437	4,478	4,796	439	528	152	5,915
RH - Awareness Sessions	704	3,890	3,535	460	460	139	4,594
Grand Total	2,141	8,368	8,331	899	988	291	10,509

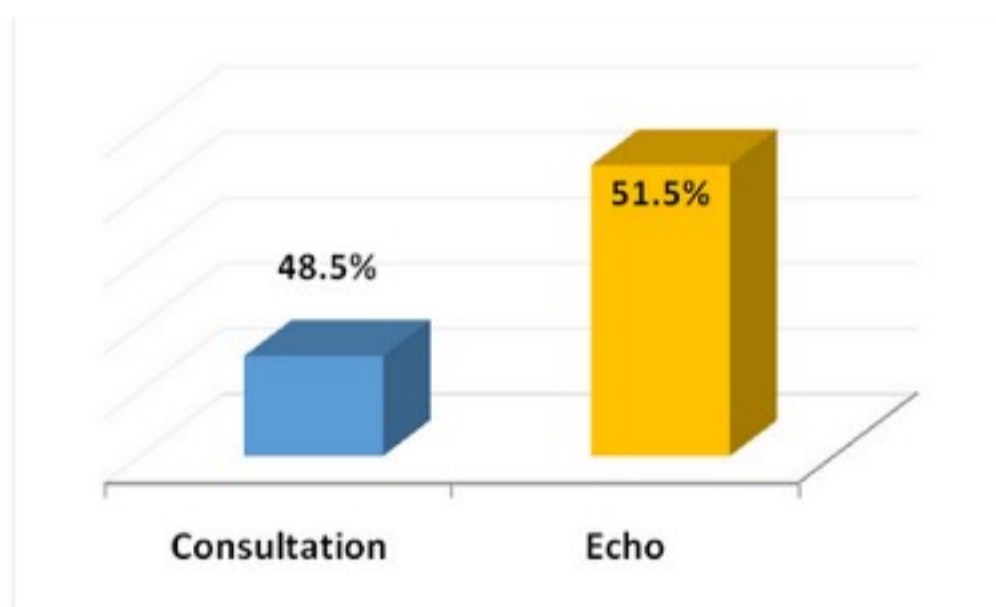
% of RH Total Beneficiaries segregated by Gender



% of RH Beneficiaries segregated by Nationality

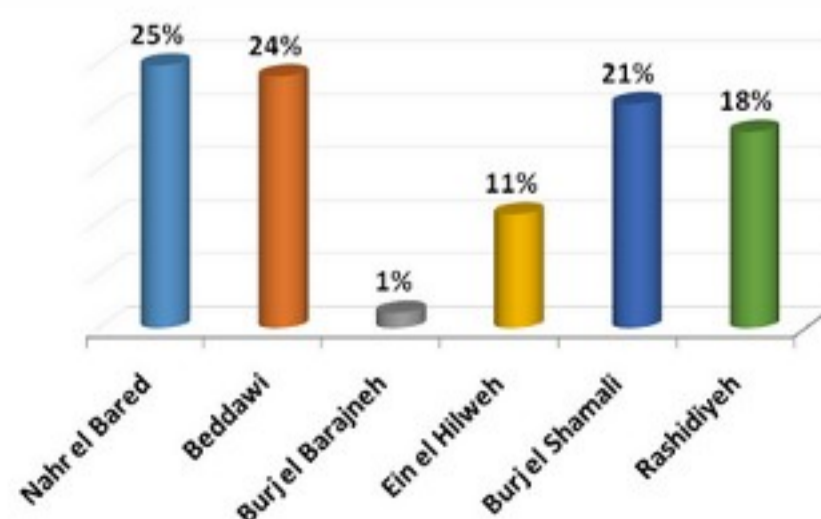


Of the total numbers reached in each of the program services, **2,871** benefited from consultations, and **3,044** were in Echo services. Percentages of beneficiaries per service are illustrated in the following figure.



RH services are provided in six NISCVT centers in six different camps in north and south Lebanon. The RH clinic in Burj el Barajneh camp in Beirut has been closed and moved to Ein el Hilweh camp in Saida, south. The below chart and figure show the numbers and percentages of beneficiaries per each camp/center, noting that services in Burj el Barajneh ended in February (2 months) and launched in Ein el Hilweh in June 2022.

Camp/Center	Consultation	Echo	Total
Nahr el Bared	787	673	1,460
Beddawi	577	822	1,399
Burj el Barajneh	37	49	86
Ein el Hilweh	375	258	633
Burj el Shamali	713	533	1,246
Rashidiyeh	382	709	1,091
Grand Total	2,871	3,044	5,915



MENTAL HEALTH

The socioeconomic conditions and lack of safety in Lebanon have caused mental illnesses of various degrees to most of, if not all, the population. This collapse affected the service receivers highly as the transportation costs became so expensive that the beneficiaries refrained from attending their therapy sessions.

NISCVT's Mental Health (MH) program provides mental health prevention and intervention services. The evidence-based high-quality program targets the Palestinian refugee children and other vulnerable groups. The program directly addresses children Under-18 years and their caregivers.

Adopting a holistic bio-psychosocial framework of analyses and care, it offers a wide-ranging comprehensive and responsive package of care, prevention and intervention programs. This is accomplished in a community-based rehabilitation approach through a multidisciplinary team covering various areas of: psychiatry, psychology, speech-language therapy, psychomotor & occupational therapy, music therapy, special education and social intervention.

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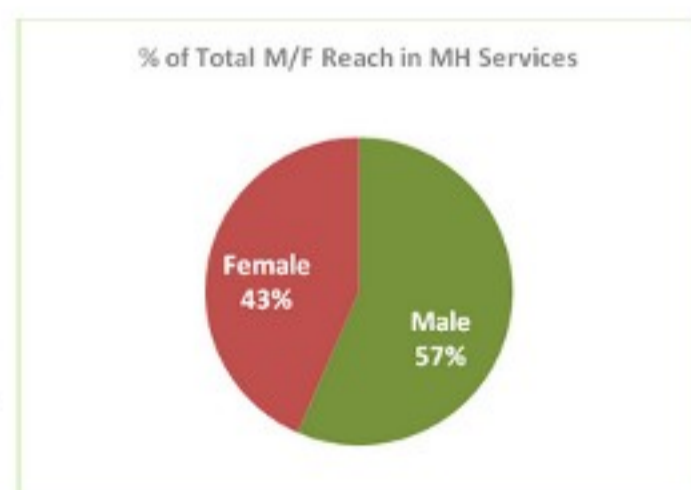
Activities:



Locations & Beneficiaries

With 37 workers (2 male and 35 female) at the five specialized centers, NISCVT reached **1,885** beneficiaries (43% female). The table shows the numbers reached by the mental health services in 2022, segregated by gender, and the figure illustrates the percentages.

Beneficiaries	Male	Female	Total #
Children <18 year	1,000	531	1,531
Beneficiaries >18 years	66	288	354
Total	1,066	819	1,885



One of the major challenges the program is the lack of funding. The increasing need for mental health support is met with limitations which is heavily restricting the services. The number of children on the "waiting list" is constantly growing. The lack of medication and the migration of health professionals are additional challenges.

MENTAL HEALTH

It is noticed that the male percentage among the children Under-18 is higher than that of the girls. This is due to the pressures that the boys in our patriarchal society feel responsible to support the family more than the girls do. Whereas among the adults, the female percentage is higher than that of the men. This can also be explained as responsibilities towards the family members are laid on the women, typical gender roles.

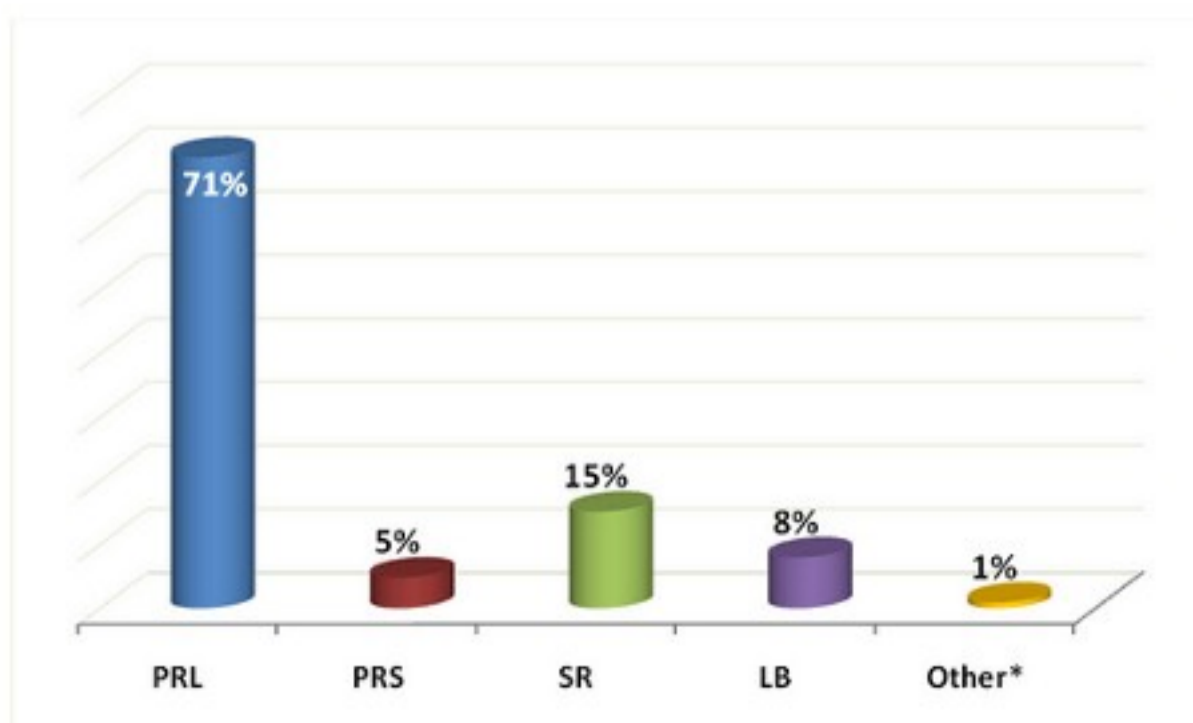


NISCVT's Mental Health program is presently implemented in five Family Guidance Centers (FGCs) around Lebanon: in Beirut, north (Nahr el Bared and Beddawi camps), and south Lebanon (Saida, and Tyre in el Buss camp). The centers serve the population in the Palestinian refugee camps and the gatherings, especially those in Tyre area.

Although the main target of NISCVT are the Palestinian refugees, its services are accessible to all underserved nationalities living in the camps and around. The mental health services reach the Palestinians and Syrian refugees, disadvantaged Lebanese, and other migrants that are in need. The numbers of beneficiaries of the different nationalities and the corresponding percentages are detailed in the following table and figure.

Beneficiaries	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Other*	Total
Children <18 year	1,069	68	256	125	13	1,531
Beneficiaries >18 years	269	24	31	26	4	354
Total	1,338	92	287	151	17	1,885

*Other refers to migrant nationalities living in the Palestinian camps and gatherings



PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

NISCVT's PSS activities aim at strengthening child protection. PSS intervention follows a structured form of implementation that promotes the social wellbeing and mental health for the families in the camps and gatherings in Lebanon. The program focuses on fostering child protection and safeguarding procedures within the community, including gender equality.

PSS program provides specialized services of psychomotor and speech therapy for the children according to the needs. The activities are tailored carefully according to age groups. These include:

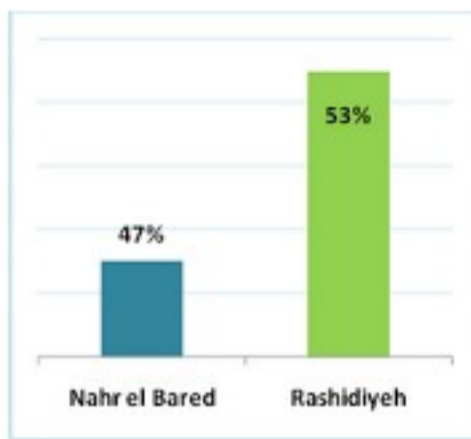
The program is implemented in Nahr el Bared (north) and in Rashidiyeh (south) camps. It targets 3-18 year old children, youth, parents and caregivers. Numbers and percentages of beneficiary distribution are shown below.

Children & Adolescents Activities (protection & gender equality)

- Structured PSS DEAL sessions
- Unstructured PSS sessions (drawing, handicrafts, football, yoga, drama, etc.)
- Life skills training
- Awareness-raising activities

Parents/Caregivers Activities (protection and gender equality)

- Parenting skills training
- Life Skills
- Drama
- Awareness-raising



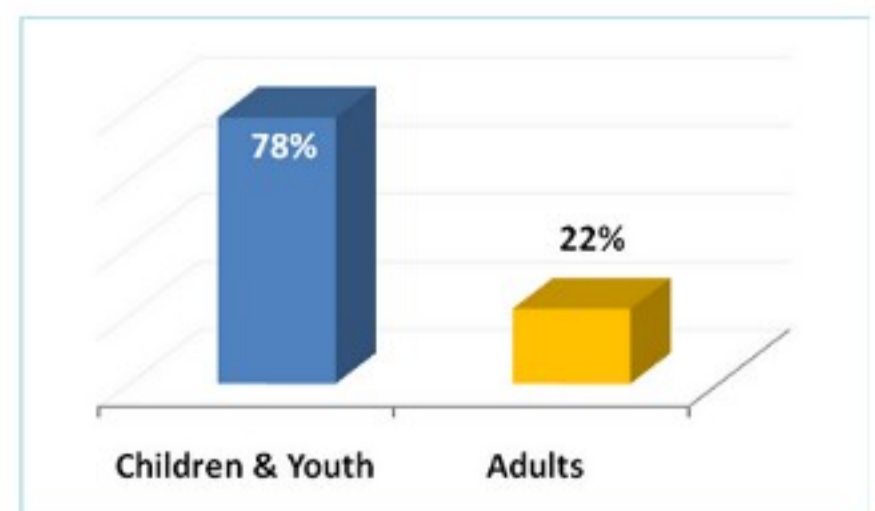
2022 Reach/Location	C&Y	Adults	Total
Nahr el Bared	1,336	446	1,782
Rashidiyeh	1,623	386	2,009
Grand Total	2,959	832	3,791

Program Reach

In 2022, the program reached a total of **3,791** beneficiaries with, 78% children (all ages), through the different activities. Segregated according to gender per each age group, the total numbers are shown in the table below, and the figure illustrates the percentages of the participating groups.



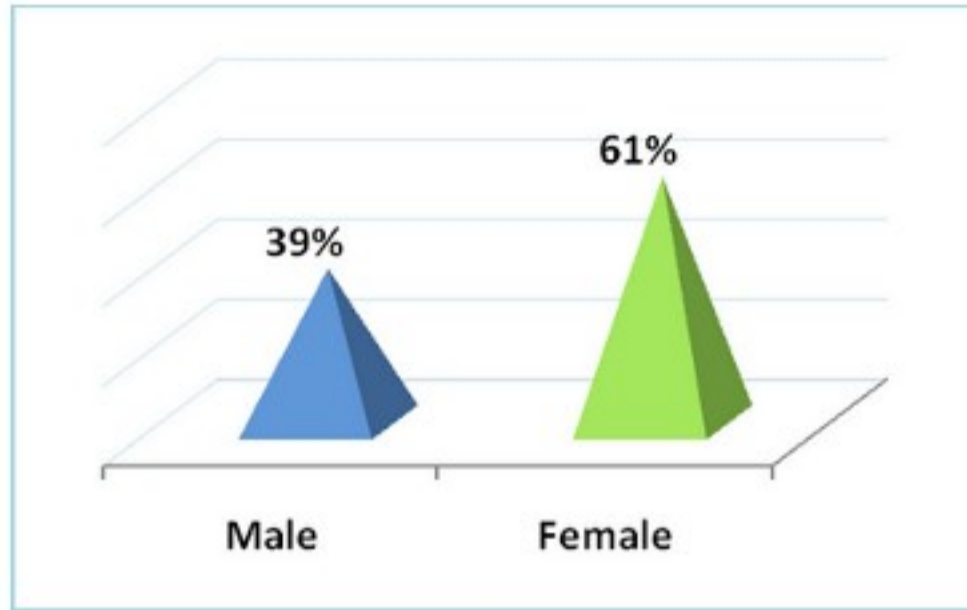
PSS 2022 Reach	Male	Female	Total
Children & Youth	1,455	1,504	2,959
Adults	7	825	832
Grand Total	1,462	2,329	3,791



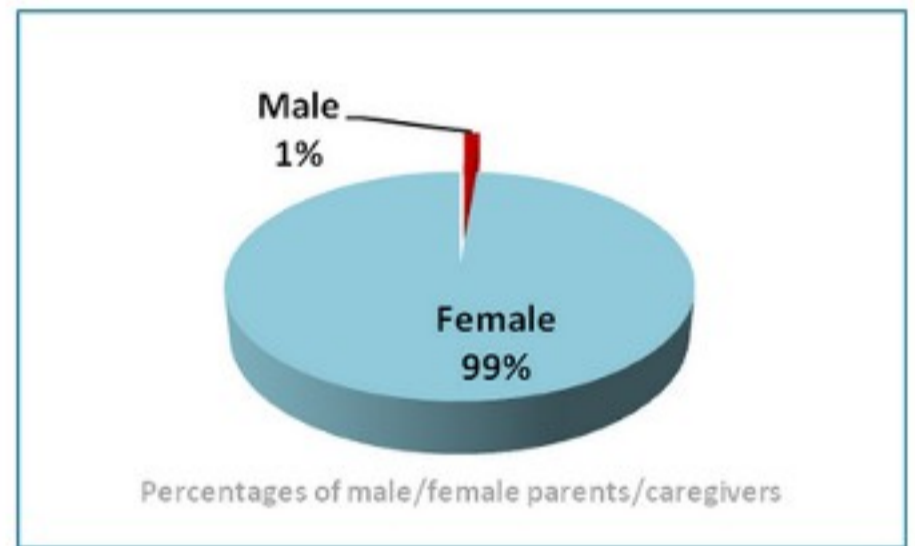
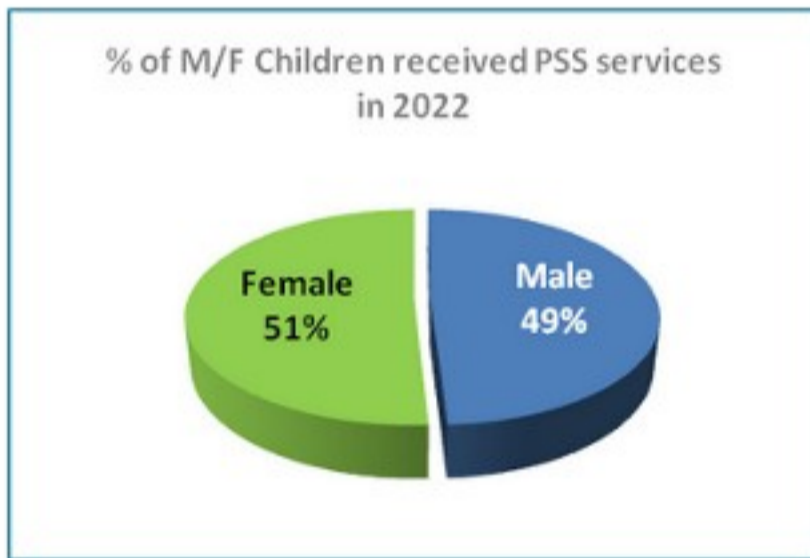
% of total program reach segregated by age-group

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

61% of the participants are girls and women. Whereas the female percentage among the children reached 51% within the age group, the percentage of women among the adults mounted up to 99%. Only 7 men participated in PSS sessions. The figures illustrated these percentages.

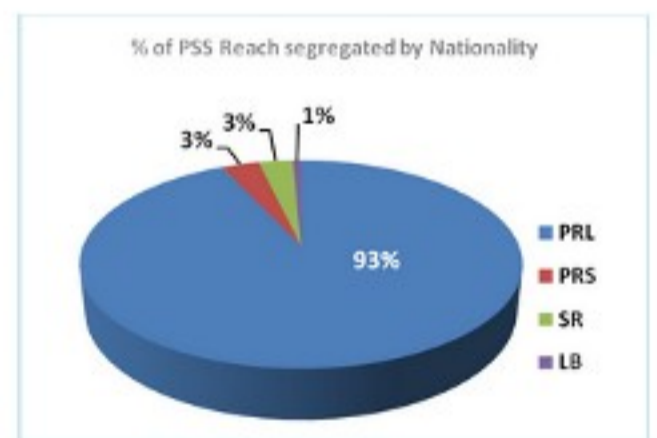


% of total program reach segregated by Gender



PSS activities reached the various population in the aforementioned locations. The table below shows the segregation of the number of participants according to their nationalities, whereas the figure that follows shows the percentages.

PSS 2022 Reach	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Total
Children & Youth	2,769	91	82	17	2,959
Parents/Caregivers	759	33	30	10	832
Grand Total	3,528	124	112	27	3,791



PEER EDUCATION

The Peer Education program prepares male and female youth, ages 14-24 years, to become agents of change within their communities. It focuses on empowering girls and boys with important life skills of leadership, self-esteem, and positive communication while developing their knowledge in their personal reproductive health and rights, providing a safe space to raise awareness on social and domestic issues relating to gender equality, substance abuse, and violence.

The program builds up future leaders of the community. Under the supervision of NISCVT social workers, they lead educating and informing sessions to their peers in subjects of concern to their growth and development.

Peer Education conducts awareness sessions, day workshops, and residential workshops for the male and female youth from the camps. Engaging in group work, theater and role play, the youth gain confidence to express themselves freely.

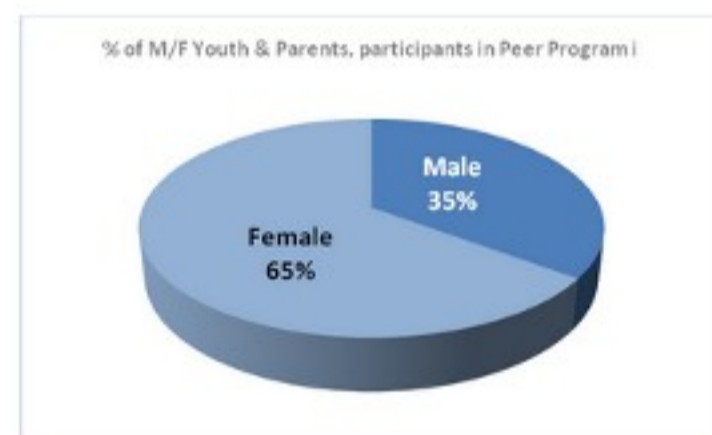


Locations & Beneficiaries

In 2022, Peer Education program involved the parents in the activities. By the support of the National AIDS Program (NAP), parents participated in awareness sessions regarding STDs and AIDS, stress management, violence, parenting skills, and other topics of concern to the family and the community. A total of **475** male and female parents enjoyed the learning and discussions.

Hence, the total reach through this program in 2022 mounted up to **1,042** of both, youth and parents. The number of beneficiaries, segregated by age group and gender, are found in the table and corresponding figure below.

Peer Education Program	Male	Female	Total
Youth (14-25 years)	267	300	567
Parents	100	375	475
Grand Total	367	675	1,042



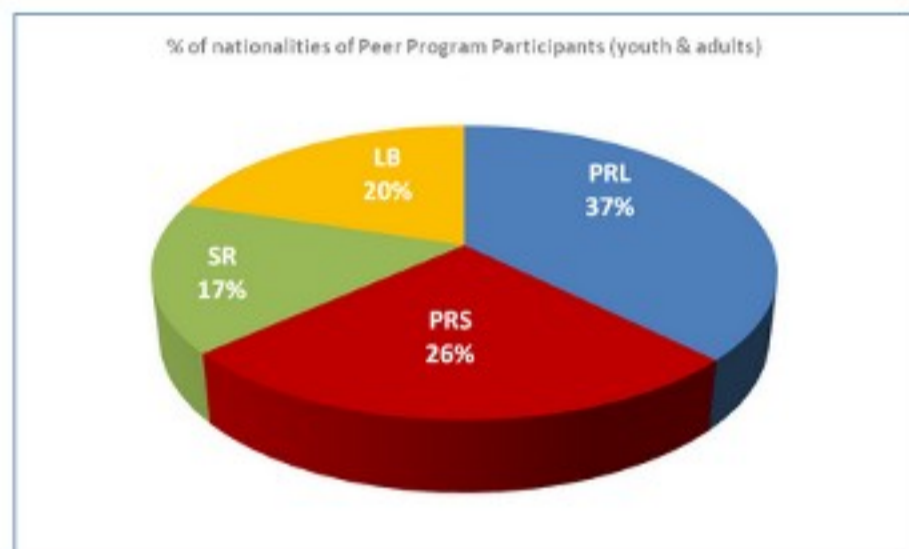
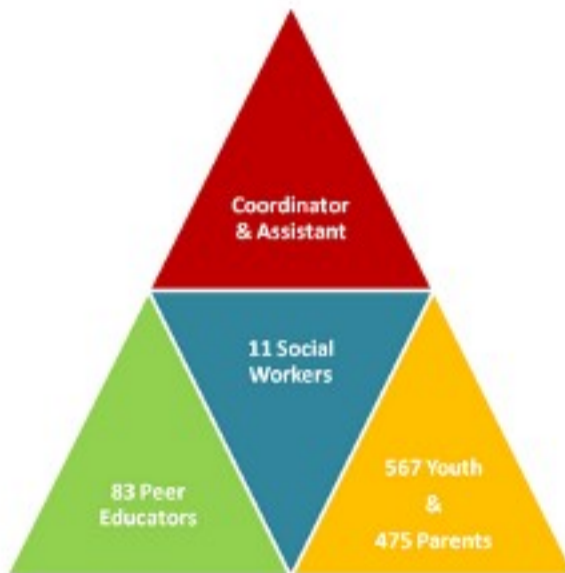
Implemented in eight camps around Lebanon, the program is led by one coordinator, an assistant and **11** social workers. They observed and supervised **83** empowered Peer Educators during planning and implementation of their sessions. Numbers of social workers and peer educators are shown in the table below, as well as segregation by gender and nationality. The figures show the percentages of each category.

Peer Education Program	Male	Female	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Total
Peer Educators (14-25 years)	33	50	83	50	20	5	8	83
Social Workers	4	7	11	10	0	0	1	11
Grand Total	37	57	94	60	20	5	9	94

PEER EDUCATION

The program is open to all youth and adults of the different nationalities and status. Palestinian and Syrian refugees, and local Lebanese, participated in the program in 2022. Numbers are shown in the table below, and are illustrated in percentages in the following figure.

Peer Education Program	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Total
Youth (14-25 years)	200	170	77	120	567
Parents	190	100	95	90	475
Grand Total	390	270	172	210	1,042



The young leaders receive extensive training in positive communication, leadership and essential life skills, in addition to subject-specific education and research. The workshops are conducted in a participatory and interactive methodology where the youth learn how to transmit the knowledge to their peers maintaining the same spirit.



SPONSORSHIP

FAMILY HAPPINESS PROGRAM

"Never miss an opportunity to put a smile on someone's face."
Arabic Proverb



FAMILY HAPPINESS PROJECT

Sponsorship Program is not only about financial support to orphaned children. It's about nurturing humanity in the children's souls through recognizing the goodness in the world and kindness of its people. It's about setting a model of care for others.

Family Happiness Project (FHP) has been implemented to support Palestinian refugee orphans, elderly people not supported by their families, kindergarten children, and most needy families. NISCVT sponsorship provides monthly financial aid, educational support, psychosocial support, and health services including mental health. The sponsored individuals of all ages are engaged in social and national activities.

NISCVT's approach is people-centered. It addresses the needs of all family members with the goal to develop their potentials and capabilities at all levels. Sponsoring a child offers protection and guidance through social, health, and educational services. Heads of families are involved in psychosocial and awareness sessions, parental guidance, and knowledge of other issues and subjects that would support their mental health and the wellbeing of their children.

The program is implemented by one coordinator supported by 20 social workers (19 are females) in the camps.

Many stories of success are recorded in the sponsorship program: Stories of improved behavior among orphaned children shocked by losing the father, such as, 9-year old Hussein. Hussein isolated himself away from the people and refused to go to school or participate in activities. BAS team worked to improve his confidence in the people, helped him feel safe in the environment and integrated him with the center's activities, and hence, attended his school.

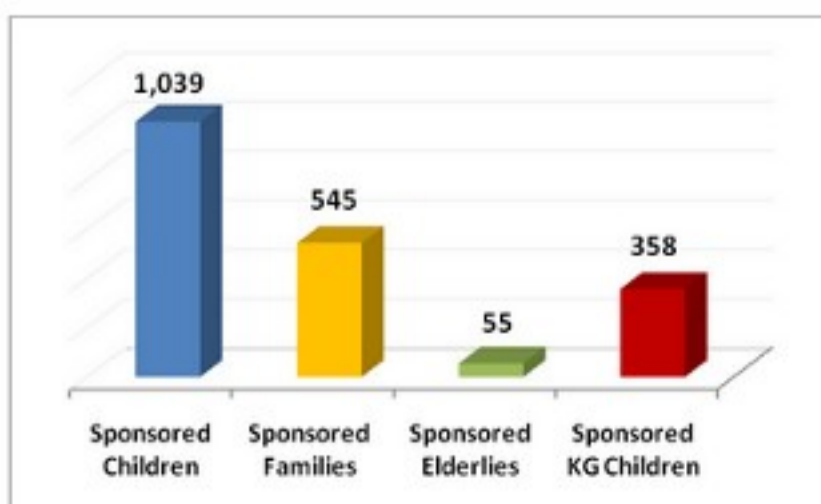


... Stories of sponsored children grew up to build up better future through the care of BAS and the sponsors. Rayan, 23 years, was raised in the care of BAS since her early childhood. It ached her to wake up every morning hearing her sick father's moaning of pain; he suffered from dialysis. The psychosocial as well as the educational support she received from BAS helped her throughout her life since kindergarten years. She gained hope and built dreams with the support of her sponsors. She has recently graduated in Biomedical Science and took a job at BAS center.

Locations & Beneficiaries

Despite the increasing need for support among the Palestinian refugee community, resource limitations restrict extending the support to embrace more families into the sponsorship program.

In 2022, **545** families, **55** elderly persons, and **358** kindergarten children were included in the FHP. The support reached a total of **1,039** children from 0 to 18+ years old (inclusive of the KG children aforementioned). The numbers are shown in the chart below.

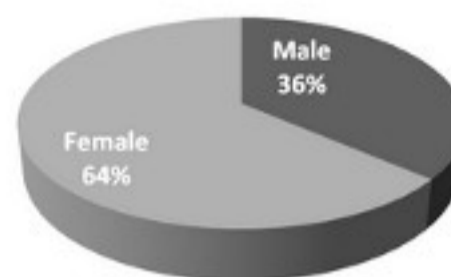


FAMILY HAPPINESS PROJECT

Elderly Sponsorship: NISCVT's social workers visit the elders regularly at their houses to extend the social and material support (food, medicine, etc.). The sponsored elderly are engaged in social and national activities in addition to outings, whenever possible. BAS embraced **54** PRL and **1** PRS elders in 2022; details below.

Elderly Sponsorship	Male	Female	Total	PRL	PRS
50-60 yrs	0	4	4	4	0
61-70 yrs	10	7	17	17	0
71-80 yrs	4	14	18	18	0
81-90 yrs	4	6	10	9	1
90+ yrs	2	4	6	6	0
Grand Total	20	35	55	54	1

% of M/F Elderly Persons in Sponsorship Program

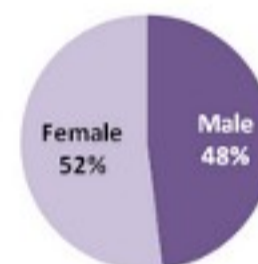


Children Sponsorship: NISCVT facilitates sponsoring of children in two ways: in the KG education, and within their families until attaining university graduation and becoming independent individuals, capable of supporting themselves and their families.

A. Kindergarten Children:

Camp/Center	Male	Female	Total	PRL	PRS
Shatila	29	24	53	52	1
Burj el Barajneh	23	25	48	47	1
Burj el Shamali	27	23	50	49	1
Rashidiyeh	21	25	46	40	6
Ein el Hilweh	24	33	57	54	3
Beddawi	28	27	55	48	7
Nahr el Bared	20	29	49	47	2
Grand Total	172	186	358	337	21

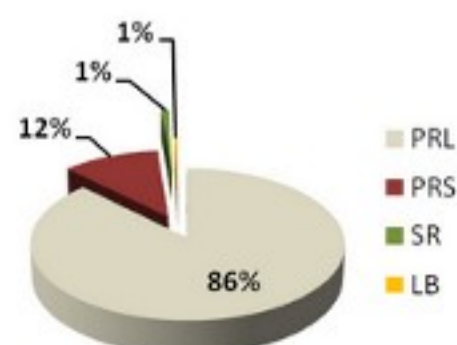
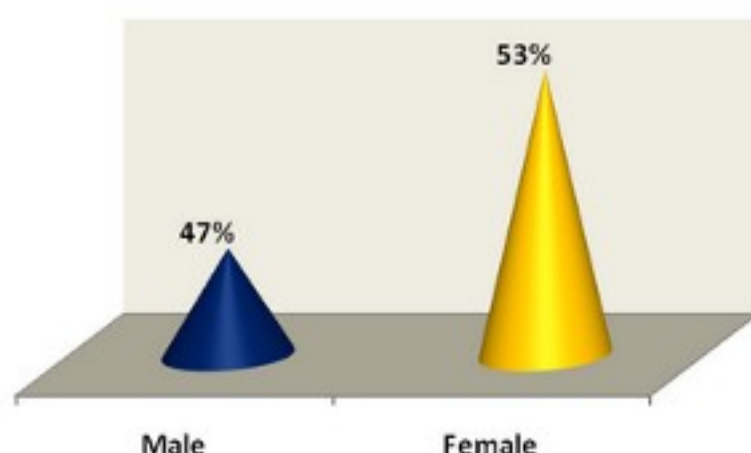
% of M/F Sponsored KG Children



B. Sponsored Children:

The total number of sponsored children (within their families and the KGs), segregated by age groups, gender and nationalities, are detailed in the table below, and their corresponding percentages are illustrated in the figures.

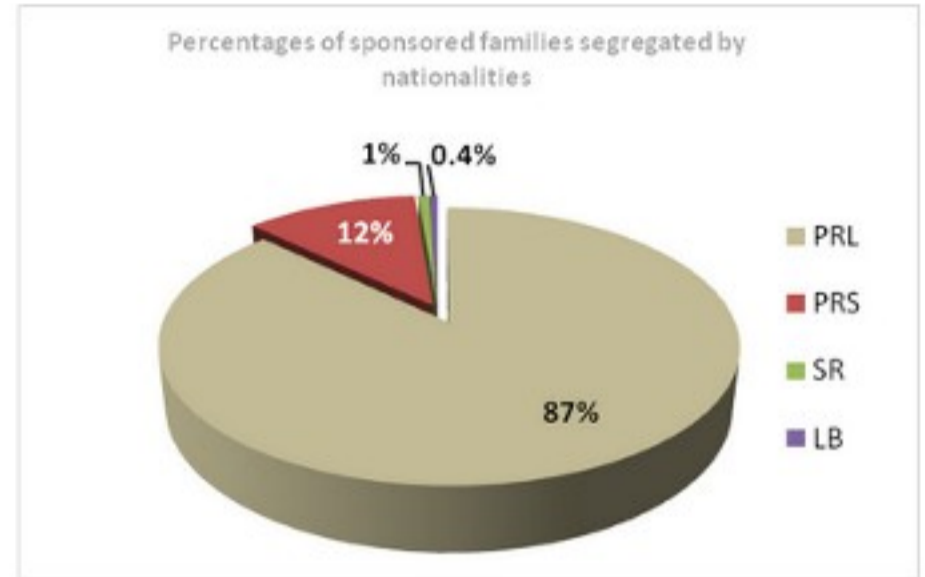
Age Groups	Male	Female	Total #	PRL	PRS	SR	LB
0-6 years	49	48	97	79	17	0	1
7-12 years	218	209	427	371	49	4	3
13-15 years	101	151	252	213	34	3	2
16-18 years	81	83	164	145	16	2	1
Above 18 years	36	63	99	90	6	1	2
Grand Total	485	554	1,039	898	122	10	9



FAMILY HAPPINESS PROJECT

Family Sponsorship: The 553 families reached through this program include 87% PRL and 12% PRS families. The need remains pressing among the various nationalities due to the economic conditions in the camps. The total numbers are described in the charts below.

Numbers of Sponsored Families per nationality and camp					
Camp	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB
Burj el Barajneh	54	37	13	2	2
Shatila	53	50	3	0	0
Mar Elias	18	17	1	0	0
Beddawi	50	43	7	0	0
Nahr el Bared	73	65	6	1	1
Ein el Hilweh	78	74	4	0	0
Saida	3	2	1	0	0
Burjel Shamali	86	71	14	1	0
Rashidiyeh	69	63	5	1	0
El Buss	27	24	3	0	0
Al Galil (Baalbek)	34	27	7	0	0
Grand Total	545	473	64	5	3



ART & CULTURE

'And WE love life if we find a way to it ...

We open the garden gate for the jasmine to step out on the streets as a beautiful day.'

Mahmoud Darwish



PALESTINIAN EMBROIDERY

Palestinian embroidery is not only decoration for clothing; it's a phenomenon of identity and culture. Women pass it on from one generation to another. Patterns of stitching, colors, and shapes indicate the unbreakable link with homeland, and each woven thread tells a story about Palestine.

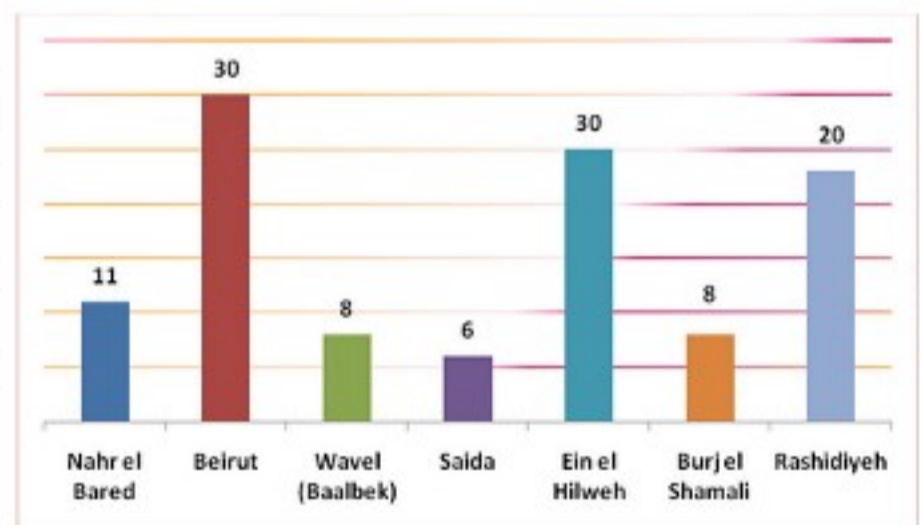
NISCVT strives to protect the Palestinian heritage, culture, and identity as legitimate right of the Palestinians. By maintaining the embroidery art, among other cultural facets, NISCVT advocates for the human rights of its people.

The economic crisis in Lebanon caused high cost of embroidery materials. However, this challenge did not stop BAS from operating the embroidery workshop and production. It is a challenge to encourage women in the camps to generate income to their families. BAS seeks international markets through friends, supporters, and human rights advocates.

Products of cushions, shawls, bags, bookmarks, coasters, greeting cards, traditional thobes and gowns and other items, were produced in high quality. The products are marketed in Canada, USA, Germany, Italy, and Japan, besides Lebanon.



In 2022, **113** women and young girls (**109** PRL and **4** PRS) committed to the Women's Empowerment Project received practiced their embroidery skills. Although they work hard to secure an income, they do it with passion. Women/girls in the camps joined this profession as the demand on Palestinian products increased. The number of women in each camp is illustrated in the chart below.



BAS embroidery workshop participated in the "**Cup of Culture**" Exhibition held in Vienna, Austria. European women were ornamented with the traditional Palestinian Thobes in solidarity with the Palestinian people. BAS products were highly valued at the exhibition with the stories these tell to the world.



Visit our special page on NISCVT website [<https://socialcare.org/portal/embroidery-items/82/>] which displays colorful embroidery designs produced by the women and girls in the camps.

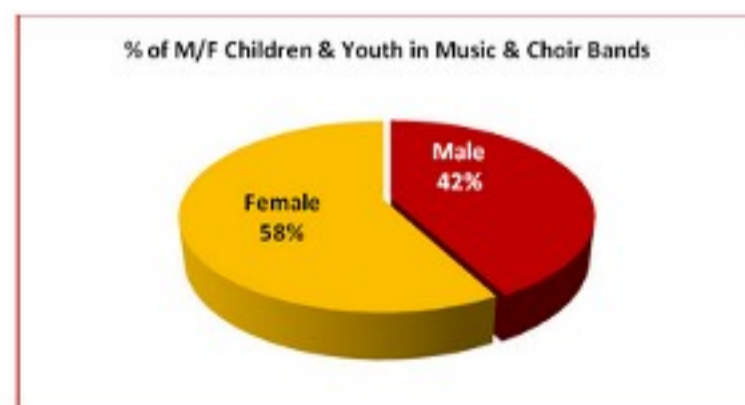
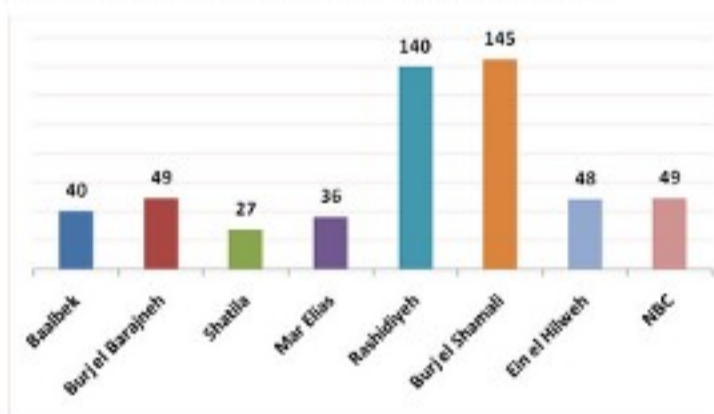
Music

It's used for fun as it is used for therapy. Music is the language that everyone speaks! NISCVT provides easy access to music for the Palestinian refugee children, and others living in the camps, to help them express their emotions and overcome fears and anxieties. Equally important, it opens the doors to the talents that are buried in the narrow alleys of the camps. Through its partners, organized music programs are implemented professionally. A formal well-disciplined orchestra performs high-quality music and holds stage performances around Lebanon. Music & Choir at BAS is a school that teaches the young generations the beauty of Land and life.



Through NISCVT's loyal Italian friends, the OPM Waldensian Church of Italy, BAS provides scholarships in music for extraordinary talents. These youth who wish to pursue professional musical skills join the Lebanese National Conservatoire. The OPM Waldensian Church of Italy have long supported the children in the camps through BAS and formed the Band Without Borders Orchestra of 156 children and youth in the southern camps.

In 2022, **534** children and youth, 7-25 years old passionately played their musical instruments, and chant for the love, hope, and Homeland, commemorating and celebrating national occasions. Of the total music and choir children and youth, **58%** are female. Number of the children & youth per location and gender percentage are shown in the figures below.



BAS also implements *Al Kamandjâti Music Education Program* in *Shatila and Burj el Barajneh Camps*. In 2021, 4 students won the 3rd place in **The Palestine National Music Competition** organized by The Edward Said National Conservatory of Music in Palestine. The award encouraged more children to practice their talents.



Palestinian Dabkeh

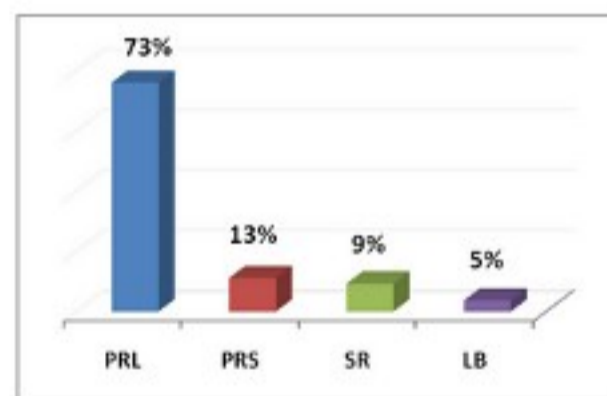
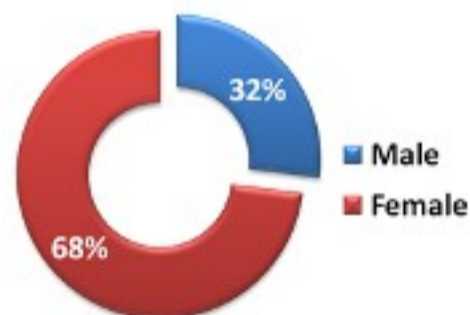
The Dabkeh is another tradition and heritage that the Palestinians employ to connect to Homeland. Children and youth, 7-23 years old, get together for the group folklore dance. **110** dancers (**59%** female) joined the Palestinian folklore dance. They performed the Dabkeh on the special Palestinian occasions celebrating life, and confirming their Right of Return.



Comics

To further enhance the Palestinian children's wellbeing, NISCVT uses the structured art of Comics. It is an additional space that BAS centers provide for the children, youth and adults to express themselves, unlock their creativity, and feel appreciated. Comics support the individual's mental health, provide psychosocial support, and teach messages necessary to both, the individual and the community.

Young children, adolescents, adults, specifically mothers, are targeted in this activity of the various nationalities living in the camps. **108** participants (**73%** female) used comics drawings to express their emotions, identify their problems, and suggest solutions.

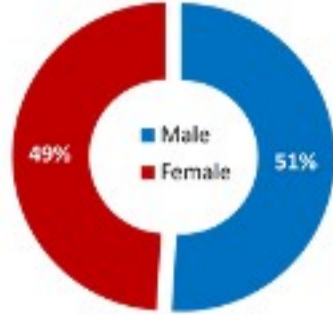


The major theme of the Comics program in 2022 evolved around smoking and drug substance use, problems which community suffers from. Protection and prevention issues were stories that the children and youth developed through the art of Comics. The program is implemented in 8 camps around the country.



Scouts Groups

NISCVT fulfills the scouts' mission in preparing young people to make ethical choices in their lives by adopting the values of the honor oath. **245** children and youth (**49%** female) are committed with the scout groups in Burj el Shamali, Rashidiyeh (south), and Shatila (Beirut) camps. PRL, PRS, SR and Lebanese pledging a common oath, proved their commitment to the ethical values in community service when group activities were halted due to health hazards of COVID. Boys and girls celebrated national days, keeping the collective memory of the Palestinians inspired.



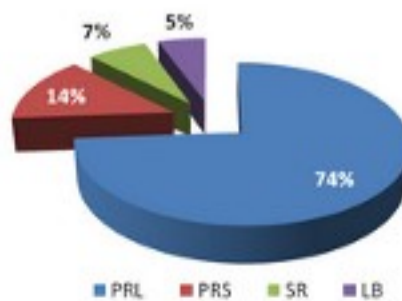
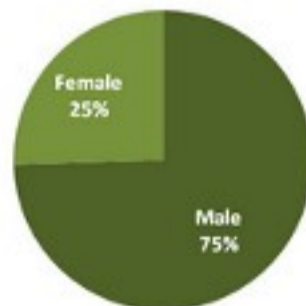
Scouts	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Other
Shatila	35	24	9	2	0	2
Burjel Shamali	160	122	32	3	1	0
Rashidiyeh	150	45	4	1	0	0
Grand Total	245	191	45	6	1	2



Sports

NISCVT believes in the power of sports as a tool for development. Sports activities are used for physical and mental health, for peace building and renouncing violence, and promoting gender equality, as well as for entertainment and recreational purposes. In 2022, a football team of 14 young girls was formed. The girls received professional training, acquired play skills, and were engaged in football tournaments. Sports activities were implemented for boys and girls, aiming at awareness-raising and releasing the stress.

Special tournaments were held celebrating special national occasions. The tournaments integrated Palestinian and Lebanese football teams in friendly games.



Relief & In-Kind Aid

In solidarity with the Palestinian refugees living in the camps and gatherings, NISCVT's friends and supporters extended their generous aid to support the targeted population with necessary relief items. Maintaining the dignity of the people, NISCVT distributed **30,303** portions of various humanitarian needs, including **219** medical eyeglasses. The reach occurred on several rounds to the most needy people in the camps and gatherings. Friends also supported **18** families in rehabilitating their houses.



13,164
Food Parcels & Vouchers



1,500
Diesel Fuel



5,683
Hygiene and Baby Essential Kits



1,737
Children Clothing



5,589
Children's Gifts & Stationery



2,411
Cash Medical Support



219
Eyeglasses

Donors, Partners & Friends

NISCVT expresses its thanks and appreciation to all the volunteers and donors, institutions and individuals, who supported the delivery of quality services and support to the refugees and underserved communities in all the camps and gatherings on the Lebanese territories.



Awal Women Society



Action Development Parrainages Mondiaux (ASBL)



Verein Die Unterst (PalCH)



Association Franco Palestiniene Solidarité (AFPS)
Conseil International De La Musique



A. Abdul Rahim



Fluchtlingskinder im Libanon
Catholic Church of Stuttgart



American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA)
Welfare Association



Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)



Finnish Psychologists for Social
Responsibilities (FiPRS)
Finnish Arab Friendship Society (FAFS)
Global Social Work



Associacio Catalana
Farmamundi
Taller d'Art Cultura i Creacio



The Palestine Committee of Norway
Forum for Culture & International
Cooperation
Norwegian Aid Committee (NORWAC)
Norwegian Embassy in Beirut
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Terre des Hommes Italia
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Arci Empolese Valdelsa
Prima Materia Italy
Not To Forget Sabra and Shatila Committee
Salaam Ragazzi dell'Olivo



Campaign for the Children of Palestine (CCP)
Japanese Committee for the Children of
Palestine (JCCP) / Tokutei Hieiri Katsudou
Rissho Kosei-Kai, Lay-Buddhist (RKK)



Empowerment and Advancement of
Palestinians (LEAP)
United Palestinian Appeal (UPA)
WESPAC Foundation



United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine
Refugees in the Near East --UNRWA
United Nations Development Programme --UNDP
United Nations Children's Fund --UNICEF



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