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جمعية التنمية للحياة و السلام



**DEVELOPMENT FOR LIFE AND PEACE** 

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## Message from the president

Dear Members, Volunteers, and Donors,

As the president of our association Development for Life and Peace, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your hard work and dedication over the past years. Your efforts have helped to make our emergency medical services the most advanced and effective in Chouf area, and we are truly grateful for your support.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the leader board for their hard work and dedication in helping to steer our association towards success. Their guidance and support have been invaluable, and we are truly grateful for their help.

I also want to highlight the importance of volunteering and donations in our work. Without the time and effort of our dedicated volunteers, we would not be able to provide the high-quality medical care that we provide. And without the generous donations of our supporters, we would not be able to purchase the advanced ambulance equipment that is so critical to our success.

In 4 years, we were able to purchase the most advanced ambulance equipment in the Chouf area thanks to the support of our donors. And we are currently working to purchase a new advanced ambulance and the latest monitoring equipment. This will enable us to provide even better medical care to those in need, and we are truly grateful for your help in making this possible.

I want to particularly thank all people from Iklim Al Kharoub for their generous donations. With their support, we are able to provide even more to help those in need. Their kindness and support are truly appreciated, and we are grateful for their generosity.

Thank you all once again for your hard work and dedication. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of those who need our help the most.

Sincerely,

Walid Hajj, President

#### Vision, Mission, Goal, Values, Strategies

I am writing to introduce you our organization: "Development for Life and Peace", a non-profit organization based in Iklim Kharoub dedicated to provide emergency medical services and other health-related services to the community.

Our vision is to create a future in which the residents of Iklim Kharoub have access to the highest-quality emergency medical services and other health-related services. We strive to be a beacon of hope and healing in our community, and to be known for our dedication to provide exceptional care to those in need. We envision a future in which our organization is a shining example of what can be accomplished when we come together to improve the health and wellbeing of our community. We are committed to working tirelessly to make this vision a reality.

In addition to providing emergency medical services, our organization is also dedicated to help those in need in our community, including the vulnerable and underserved. We believe that everyone deserves a chance to live a healthy and fulfilling life, and we are committed to improve the conditions of those who are struggling.

As part of our efforts to build a better future for all members of our community, we also place a strong emphasis on education, particularly in regard to the environment. We believe that it is important to educate children and adults alike about the importance of protecting the environment and the natural world. We are committed to promote environmental awareness and conservation, and to preserve the natural beauty of our community for future generations.

**Our mission** is to create a brighter, healthier future for the residents of Iklim Kharoub. We provide high-quality medical care and health education to all members of our community, and to improve the lives of those who are struggling. We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to live a healthy and fulfilling life, and we are committed to be a flare of hope and healing in our community.

In pursuit of our mission, we will strive continually to improve our services. This will include investing in the latest medical technology and providing our staff with the best training available, so that we can provide the highest-quality care to those who need it most.

We are also committed to reduce our environmental impact and promoting sustainability in our community. We will work to implement renewable energy solutions, such as photovoltaic systems, to light our streets and reduce our reliance on non-renewable energy sources. We will also strive to recycle as much as possible and to clean and protect our local forests, to preserve the natural beauty of our community for future generations.

Our goal is to create a future in which the residents of Iklim Kharoub can thrive, and in which our organization is known for its exceptional care, dedication, and commitment to improving the lives of those we serve. We are driven by a deep passion for our mission and a belief in the power of

collaboration and community action to make a positive impact. Together, we can create a brighter future for all.

#### **Our values**

Our organization is fueled by a deep love for our community and a passion for improving the lives of those we serve. We believe that everyone deserves the opportunity to live a healthy and fulfilling life, and we are dedicated to providing high-quality medical care and health education to all members of our community.

We value the natural beauty of our community and are committed to protecting and preserving it for future generations. We are passionate about promoting environmental awareness and conservation, and about reducing our own environmental impact through sustainable practices.

We also value the importance of working together to achieve our goals. We believe that collaboration and community action are essential for creating a better future for all, and we are dedicated to working with others to improve the lives of those in our community.

At the heart of our organization is a deep commitment to providing exceptional care and to making a positive impact in the lives of those we serve. We are driven by a passion for our mission and a belief in the power of community action to create a brighter future for all.

#### Strategy

To increase our donor base and raise the funds needed to continue our important work, our organization will focus on implementing the following strategies:

- 1. Communicate our mission, vision, and values effectively to potential donors, highlighting the positive impact that their support can have on the lives of those in our community.
- 2. Create compelling content, such as videos, articles, and social media posts, to showcase the work that we do and the difference it makes in the lives of those we serve.
- 3. Develop relationships with potential donors, through regular communication, in-person meetings, and events, to build trust and demonstrate the value of our organization.
- **4.** Seek out partnership and collaboration opportunities with other organizations and businesses, to expand our reach and leverage the resources and networks of others to achieve our goals.
- 5. Utilize digital marketing and outreach strategies, such as email campaigns and online fundraising platforms, to reach a wider audience and make it easy for supporters to donate to our cause.
- 6. Invest in learning about the latest medical technology and training for our staff, to ensure that we are providing the highest-quality care to those we serve.

Through these strategies, we aim to increase our donor base and raise the funds needed to continue and expand our important work in the Iklim Kharoub area. We are committed to providing exceptional care and making a positive impact in the lives of those we serve, and we believe that with the support of our donors, we can achieve our goals.

## **Activities**

#### **Emergency medical services:**

Our emergency medical services were called to assist 545 patients from traffic accidents, transport missions, and other incidents. This demonstrates the critical role that our services play in providing timely and effective medical care to those in need.









#### **Providing in-kind assistance:**

We provided in-kind assistance from donations provided by the State of Slovakia to several hospitals, including Dar Al-Ajaza Islamic Hospital in Beirut, St. Charles de Foucauld in Dbayeh, Sisters of the Cross Hospital in Deir El Qamar, Central Hospital, and Dar Al Salam Hospital for Social Welfare in Sidon. This support has helped these hospitals to continue providing high-quality medical care to those in need.









#### Distributing clothes and shoes:

A distribution of clothes and shoes to 88 Lebanese families in Iqlim Al-Kharoub. This support helped these families to obtain essential items and improve their quality of life.



#### Distribution of clothes and shoes in Beirut:

In February, we distributed clothes and shoes to 24 families in the city of Beirut as part of a donation provided by the State of Slovakia. This support helped these families to obtain essential items and improve their quality of life.



#### Distribution of clothes and shoes in Al-Firdous camp in the Bekaa:

In June, we were able to provide clothing and shoes to families in Al-Firdous camp in the Bekaa thanks to a generous donation from the State of Slovakia. This assistance helped these families to meet their basic needs and improve their quality of life.



#### Organizing a hiking trail:

A hiking trail was organized as part of a series of activities aimed at spreading environmental awareness. Hiking is a great way to improve both physical and mental health, as it allows people to get exercise, fresh air, and exposure to nature. Research has shown that hiking can help to reduce stress and improve mood, as well as provide other physical benefits such as improved cardiovascular health and stronger muscles. Additionally, spending time in nature has been shown to have a positive impact on mental health and well-being. Overall, hiking is a valuable activity that can help people to improve their health and well-being, while also promoting environmental awareness and conservation.



#### Distribution of clothes and shoes in a Syrian refugee camp in Aanout:

Distribution of clothes and shoes to families of Syrian refugees in a camp in the town of Aanout as part of a grant provided by the State of Slovakia. The assistance provided by this donation is critically important for these families, who have suffered from the effects of war and displacement. Every donation helps to make their lives a little bit easier and provides them with essential items that they would otherwise struggle to afford. These donations can help to improve their quality of life and provide them with a sense of dignity and hope for the future. Furthermore, by providing assistance to refugee families, we are also helping to support the broader community in which they live, as these donations can help to stimulate economic activity and create a positive impact on the local economy."



#### Organizing a hiking trail on the occasion of World Environment Day:

In the occasion of World Environment Day, a hiking trail was organized. This event was designed to promote sustainable practices. By organizing a hiking trail, we were able to provide a fun and engaging way for people to learn about the environment and the natural world, while also enjoying the benefits of outdoor exercise and exposure to nature. This event was part of our ongoing efforts to encourage environmental awareness and conservation, and we hope that it will inspire others to take action to protect the environment and preserve our natural resources for future generations."



#### Organizing a free medical examination campaign:

Our organization was proud to partner with the Italian "Charitable Association Second Generation Aid" to organize a free medical examination campaign for the people and residents of the towns of Hasrut, Zaarouriya, Daraya, and Aanout. The campaign took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 and was a great success, benefiting 90 people in need.



#### Organizing Karmas:

Karmas has taken place the first and second days of Eid Al-Adha, on July 10 and 11, 2022. This was a great day where both children and families had a wonderful time together, enjoying a fun day of games and activities.

Our team worked hard to plan and execute this event, and we were thrilled to see it come to fruition. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring people together and celebrate this important holiday. The children's faces were filled with joy and excitement as they played and laughed together. It was truly heartwarming to see.



#### Health coverage:

The participation in the Great Region Festival organized by the Region Festivals Committee in support of the Civil Defense Center in Chehim. We provided health coverage and ambulance services during the festival, which took place on August 12, 13 and 14, 2022. In addition, we were proud to provide health coverage and first aid during the Al-Sindiana Festival, which was organized by the Daraya Youth Gathering in the Municipal Garden on 8/19/2022.

Our team worked hard to ensure that the festival attendees had access to high-quality health services and that any medical emergencies were promptly and effectively dealt with. We are proud to have played a role in making the festival a safe and enjoyable event for all.



#### Free medical day:

Free medical examination campaign was organized on 21/08/2022, in cooperation with the Lebanese Diabetes Association (International Diabetes Federation), and the Iklim Medical Diagnostic Center in Aanout Public School. The campaign included examinations, free blood sugar examination, examination of the eye and nerves, arterial mapping and medications distribution. More than 174 patients from various villages and towns of Iqlim al-Kharoub benefited from this medical day.

Our team worked hard to plan and execute this event, and we were thrilled to see it come to fruition. It was a wonderful opportunity to provide vital medical services to those in need. We are grateful to our partners for their support and look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.



#### Securing health coverage for the recreational and educational day for children:

Health coverage for the recreational and educational day for children organized by the DPNA Association in partnership with UNICEF in Iqlim al-Kharoub for Care and Development Orphanage Center on 10/13/2022.

Our team worked hard to ensure that the children who attended the event had access to high-quality health services and that any medical emergencies were promptly and effectively dealt with. We are proud to have played a role in making the event a safe and enjoyable experience for the children.

We would like to thank the DPNA Association and UNICEF for inviting us to participate in the event and for their support. We look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.



#### Holding an awareness lecture on breast cancer:

An awareness lecture on breast cancer in cooperation with Dr. Hanan Yassin. The lecture included a 25% discount on Mammography's photo from the IDMC Center, and took place on 10/23/2022 in the cell of the Aanout Mosque.



#### Securing health coverage in the second Istiklal Marathon:

Health coverage for the second Istiklal Marathon, which was organized by the Hasrut Women's Association on 10/30/2022.

Our team worked hard to ensure that the marathon participants had access to high-quality health services and that any medical emergencies were promptly and effectively dealt with. We are proud to have played a role in making the event a safe and enjoyable experience for all involved.

We would like to thank the Hasrut Women's Association for inviting us to participate in the event and for their support. We look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.



# Accompanying civil defense personnel during firefighting operations in various villages and towns of the Chouf:

We assisted the civil defense personnel during firefighting operations in various villages and towns of the Chouf. We provided EMS support to the firefighters, who often face the risk of burns, smoke inhalation, and carbon monoxide poisoning while on the job.

Our team worked hard to ensure that the firefighters had access to high-quality medical services and that any injuries or medical emergencies were promptly and effectively dealt with. We are proud to have played a role in helping to protect the communities of the Chouf region from the dangers of fire.

We would like to thank the civil defense personnel for their hard work and dedication. Without them, our communities would be at greater risk of fire-related disasters. We are grateful for the opportunity to support their efforts and look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.



#### Distributing 1,754 free medicine boxes:

This year, our organization was proud to distribute 1,754 free medicine boxes until September. The financial situation in Lebanon has been challenging, and many people have been unable to afford or access the medications they need. Thanks to the generous donations of medicine from Lebanon and other countries, we have been able to provide free medication to those in need.

Our team worked hard to plan and execute this initiative, and we were thrilled to see it come to fruition. It was a wonderful opportunity to provide vital medical services to those who might otherwise have gone without. The gratitude and relief on the faces of those who received their medication was truly heartwarming. We are grateful to our partners and donors for their support and look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.



#### **Educational activity:**

The Development Association for Life and Peace at Jadra Center for Care and Development held an educational activity to teach students the essential principles of first aid. A team of highly trained paramedics were on hand to guide the students through practical exercises, including how to properly deal with different types of injuries and how to effectively use the ambulance and its equipment. The students were not only engaged but also had a great time learning with the paramedics. The association felt blessed to have had the opportunity to interact with such special children and were grateful to the Jadra Center for Care and Development for their support and dedication in making the activity possible.



#### **Environmental activities:**

In December, we planted oak trees in our village as part of our effort to improve the local environment. Trees play an essential role in maintaining the balance of our ecosystems by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen, providing habitats for wildlife, and regulating the climate. Planting trees also helps to prevent soil erosion, improve air quality, and provide shade and beauty. Additionally, trees can also have economic benefits, such as through the production of timber, fruit, and nuts. Overall, the planting of trees is a crucial step in preserving and enhancing the natural environment for future generations



#### Loaning various medical tools (wheelchair, medical bed, crutches, O2 Gen. O2 Oxy.)

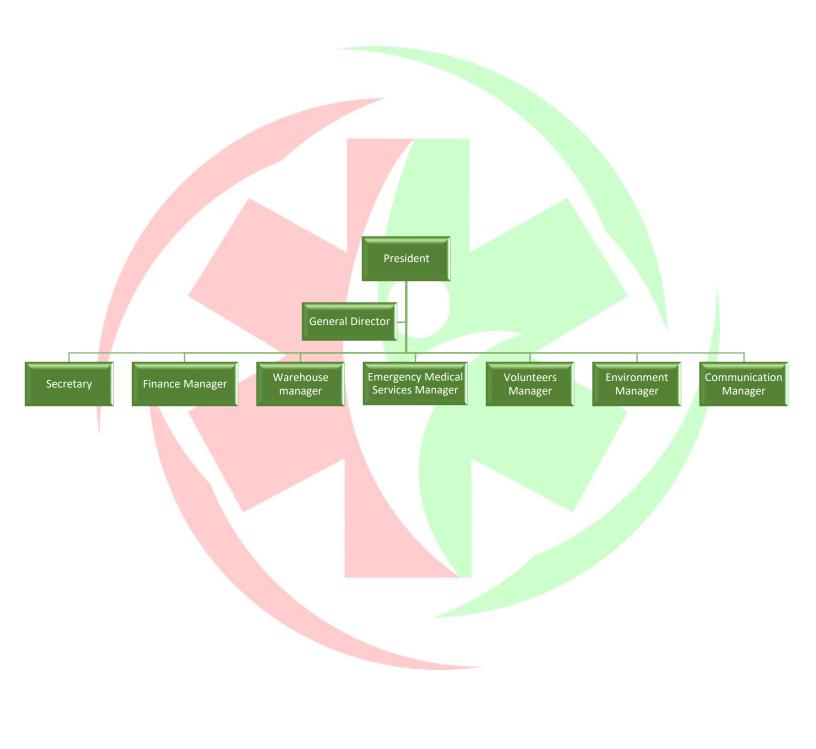
The of loan various medical tools, including wheelchairs, medical beds, crutches, O2 concentrators, and O2 cylinders, to those in need. As of November 2022, we have loaned out 81 pieces of equipment.

The financial situation in Lebanon has been challenging, and many people have been unable to afford the medical equipment they need. Our free loan service has been a valuable resource for those who might otherwise have gone without. We are grateful to be able to provide this support to our communities.

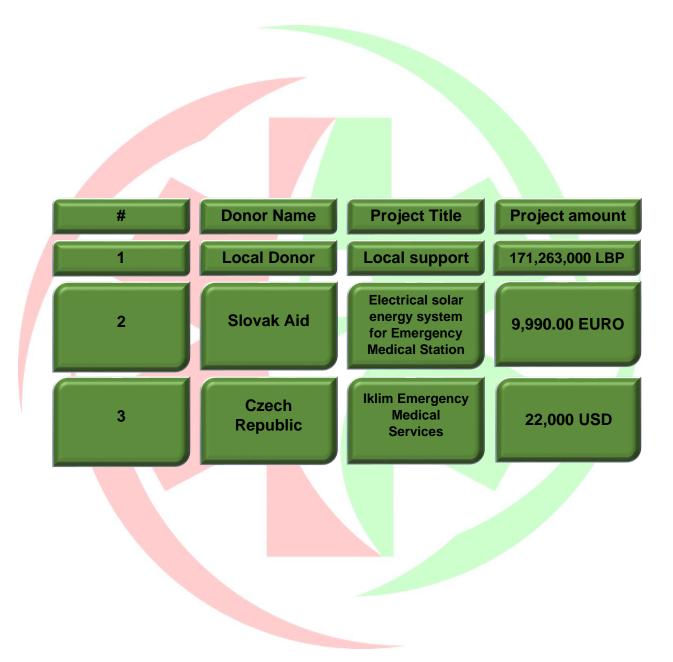
Our team worked hard to plan and execute this initiative, and we are proud of the difference it has made in the lives of those in need. We look forward to continuing to provide this service in the future.



# **Organizational chart**



# **Fundings**



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