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# SHORT BUT RICH FEB!



Beit Atfal Assumoud newsletter is published monthly by the National Institution of social Care and Vocational Training. Each letter is issued for publishing the works and activities of the institution and its centers over the course of the month. We have been working on providing services for Palestinian refugees living in the camps of Lebanon for 38 years.

## FAMILY HAPPINESS PROJECT

23 sponsored children from Burj Barajneh center attended the theatrical show "The Princess and the Music" on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the Palestinian Arab Center under the support of the Welfare association-Lebanon. 34 children from Burj Shemali participated in the common knowledge competition organized on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This competition included educational, cultural and national questions etc...



Baalbeck center invited a group of mothers and gave them a lecture about how to use the detergents and their effects on health in coordination with an environmental specialist from UNRWA. This was performed on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Moreover, the sponsored children prepared cards for mother's day occasion, and received woolen clothes on February 6<sup>th</sup>, donated by the Solidarity Stitches group from Finland.



## EDUCATION ENLIGHTENS YOUR WAY

Education enlightens people's way; it is a national responsibility for Palestinians! It directs them to climb the ladder and reach their ambition step by step. Achieving that needs commitment, precise and persistence to attain the goal and have an influential role in the society. BAS aims at lightening the children's ways towards a bright future. Thus, the centers of BAS provide educational services for the children and their parents to strengthen the parents' role in the educational program.

### Kindergartens and Remedial Classes

During February, there were common activities between the kindergarten children and the remedial children especially in Shatila center. Story crafting was the first activity achieved by them. This aimed at letting the children tell stories they want without changing its contents. The activity was performed on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 by the social worker Ms. Hanan Dabdoub in the presence of the Finnish friend Mrs. Anno Pilpo.

100 kindergarten children and 52 remedial children from Shatila center enjoyed the theatrical show performed by a center's staff under the title "The Rabbit and Turtle" on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015. This was as a recreational activity to enjoy their time far from education. The show ended by distributing cake and banana under the support of the Finnish friend Mrs. Anno Pilpo.



Another common activity was teaching 18 mothers about lice and how to avoid and treat them. This session was held on February 19<sup>th</sup> and ended by distributing Shampoos and the special combs for each child.

## Remedial Classes

45 remedial children from Shatila center participated in the memorial event of the Italian journalist Stephano Chiarini on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. They designed flowers by themselves and visited Sabra and Shatila cemetery. They decorated the lemon tree planted by him with the flowers they designed. In addition, they wrote a letter to the family of the journalist under the supervision of Mrs. Anno Pilpo.



On February 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, Burj Barajneh remedial children learned how to make a robot as an intellectual activity. This activity aims at developing the intellectual skills of children. It also encourages them to be independent and creative.



39 remedial children's mothers attended the meeting organized by Rashidieh center on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The meeting aimed at discussing the educational situation of the children and the results of the mid-year exams along with a session about the personal hygiene.

## Kindergartens

In coordination with the Welfare association-Lebanon, Burj Barajneh drama team performed a theatrical show for the Beddawi kindergarten children under the title "Good Health". This activity was accompanied by making puppets using socks.



On February 18<sup>th</sup>, a meeting was conducted with the mother's committee to discuss the educational issues and to participate in setting a plan for the coming activities.

During February, BAS assigned appointments for the parents to distribute the report cards. Each child accompanied his/her mother and had the chance to skim through his portfolio and share his work with the mother.



### Drop-Outs

The prominent activity of the drop-outs class was in Burj Shemali center. 30 drop-out students graduated from the glass, pottery and porcelain painting course under the support of the Italian association ULAIA and the Association Internationale pour la Sauvegard de Tyr on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The graduation included speeches for Mrs. Olga from ULAIA and for the Italian contingent in UNIFIL, and for the Association Internationale pour la Sauvegard de Tyr. At the end of the ceremony, all the students received their certificates, and the outstanding students received honoring gifts. In addition, the attendants made a tour in the exhibition and had a look at the students' works.



## Special Needs

- The students with special needs in Burj Barajneh center were accompanied to a picnic in Jiyi area to enjoy their time on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. They also enjoyed preparing cards and gifts for their mothers on the mother's day occasion on February 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.
- On February 25<sup>th</sup>, an awareness session was given to the students with special needs in Ein El Hillweh center about the healthy nutrition, by the nutritionist Ms. Suzan Rifai. In addition, the children celebrated the birthday of their friends born during this month.



## Vocational Training

- The vocational training students in Burj Shemali center received different awareness sessions about communication and success by the psychologist Mr. Mohammad Arrabi on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- The vocational training trainers also received a session about conflict resolution by the United Lebanon Youth Project in Saida Rest House on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- The Vocational Training students who received scholarships and started studying in Al Amilieh Technical Institute went on a trip with Burj Barajneh center to Rawshe and enjoyed their time on February 15<sup>th</sup>.



## BEAUTIFUL SMILE WITH BAS DENTAL CARE

BAS understands the importance of healthy teeth and continues providing dental care and advice on all aspects of oral hygiene. The dentists of BAS give dental treatments, awareness sessions and different activities concerning the dental hygiene in the six camps. BAS children, children of the other kindergartens in the camps, sponsored families and families from the camps are all benefit from BAS dental clinics.

As a common activity, the infection control specialist Mrs. Leila Awali visited BAS and gave the staff information about sterilization during February.

During February, 1155 beneficiaries received treatments from the six dental clinics of BAS (Shatila, Rashidieh, Burj Shemali, Ein El Hillweh, Beddawi and Nahr El-Bared). Some of the beneficiaries were children from the center; others were from the kindergartens in the camp, in addition to mothers and people living in the camps.

Awareness sessions were another activities performed within the dental care program in BAS. 440 children from BAS and from other kindergartens in Shatila, Ein El Hillweh and Nahr El-Bared camps received sessions about dental hygiene; some of the sessions were accompanied by presenting a film. 124 mothers received sessions about dental hygiene and tooth eruption.

Burj Shemali dental clinic staff performed an oral health activity with Al Najdah Association's kindergarten children on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



## MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

Within the project "Improving Interventions towards Vulnerable Children inside the Palestinian Refugee Camps in Lebanon", the family guidance center in Beirut "FGC" welcomed Ms. Sara Cheaib on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 who is responsible for the project in Lebanon from Santé Sud to follow up the project's activities and implement them. Ms. Sara visited Shatila and Burj Barajneh center and visited sponsored families with the social workers to follow up their life situation on February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>.



10 mothers of children from FGC Beirut received an awareness session about the Language and Psycho-motor development of children by the psychomotor therapist Ms. Pauline Bresse and the speech therapist Ms. Nahia Sleiman, on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Dr. Aziza Khalidi visited the FGCs in Beirut, Beddawi, Nahr El-Bared and Saida and met the staff on February 25<sup>th</sup> to follow up and evaluate the Mental Health Project. She also visited FGC Saida and met some of the mental Health program beneficiaries for evaluation on February 10<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

8 social workers and 2 psychologists participated in the Music Therapy intervention meeting conducted by the coordinator of the Mental Health Program Ms. Lilian Younes on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

FGC El Buss performed special activities with the mother's committee of autistic children and the children within the mental health program. These activities were performed on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Aiming to support the children psychologically, the specialists of the FGC in Beddawi center performed different activities with the children during February, including drawing, music, reading and recreational activities. Comics drawing was another activity performed with the children of the FGC Saida.



# PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

## Recreational trip

Thanks to MAP/UNICEF support, BAS southern area centers organized two recreational trips for the workers within the psychosocial support program. The first snowy trip was on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 where the team visited Farayya, Jetta Grotto, and the Hall of Fame. The second trip was to Saida on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. During this day, the team visited the Soap museum, Debbana Castle, Khan Al Ifranj. After that they went a tour in the sea, and then they visited Saida old market. Both trips included a visit to the funfair.



## Activities with the mothers

Al Rashidieh center organized a free drawing activity for 31 mothers from Syria to reduce their daily stress. The activity was organized within the psychosocial support program supported by MAP/UNICEF on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.



During February, a series of awareness sessions were organized in Burj Shemali, Rashidieh, and El Buss centers for 165 mothers of newborns by social workers. The mothers received lectures about normal lactation, child growth stages, parents' responsibilities and child rights. All the participants received baby kits.

Other awareness sessions were given by the clinical psychologist Ms. Arda Kashkeshian in Nahr El-Bared center for the Palestinian mothers in Lebanon and from Syria living in the camp on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



## REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & PEER EDUCATION

During February, different awareness sessions were given to the mothers of Burj Shemali center about lactation, stages of child growth, rights and duties, and adolescence. Others were given to the sponsored youth of Burj Barajneh center about conflict resolution, self-esteem, anger management and gender. They also had the opportunity to play the game "Moving Forward" regarding health issues.



### Open Day

The prominent activity of this project was the open day organized on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Nahr El-Bared center, on the theme of child protection, under a slogan "You protect me when my Rights you give me". Around 100 participants enjoyed the theatrical show and the different games tackling the child protection issues.



### Awareness Sessions

The open day was not the only activity performed during February; however, different awareness sessions were given to the youth by Al Rashidieh center.

An awareness session was given to the youth about conflict resolution on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. Another session was given to another group about self-esteem on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Moreover, two awareness sessions were given to youth on February 20<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



## CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Al Rashidieh center is running the cultural exchange program with Norway. Mr. Vegar Storsve visited the center and conducted workshops and trainings with the music band and trainers as an exchange between the Palestinian folks and the Norwegian ones.

Mr. Vegar Storsve attended the center on February 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> to follow the cultural exchange program with the children and trainers. On February 21<sup>st</sup>, the fourth music workshop "How to Deal with Music" was performed under his supervision. This workshop was for all the workers and volunteers in Burj Shemali, Rashidieh and El Buss centers within the psychosocial support program supported by MAP-UNICEF.



On February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 another workshop gathered the music trainers and trainees from Burj Shemali, Rashidieh and El Buss centers under the supervision of Mr. Vegar Storsve. This workshop aimed at exchanging musical experiences and acquiring additional music training.



## EVENTS

### Wash Awareness Campaign Project

Within the wash awareness campaign, thanks to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) support, different common environmental, health and recreational activities were performed in both Nahr El-Bared and Beddawi centers.

- The puppet theatrical show performed on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Yasser Arafat Hall in Beddawi was an activity that aimed at delivering a health message for the children "Increasing their awareness towards Health Issues". This show was attended by 200 children from both centers and camps.
- Two environmental Hygiene campaigns were other activities integrated within the wash awareness campaign project. The two centers organized these activities in the two camps on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. 100 volunteers participated in these activities including NGOs, Sportive Clubs, and parents. The two campaigns delivered messages for the people in the camps and the neighborhood to take care of the environment which is the source of health and safety.
- A common health recreational activity was performed in Beddawi center on February 20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. Different issues were addressed during these days such as: the behaviors, cultural awareness activities regarding personal and environmental hygiene, clean water, healthy food, lice and scabies. Around 200 children enjoyed the activities, games and competitions performed by a group of activators from BAS trained by UNDP. The days ended by distributing presents to all participants.



- This project included a series of awareness sessions during February. Some of them were organized for the women, some for Female youth and others for children, by a group of activators from BAS, trained by UNDP. The sessions tackled reproductive health issues and other health topics that targeted 60 women from the centers and the camps and 60 female youth as well. 200 children received sessions about personal and environmental hygiene, clean water, healthy food, lice and scabies along with activities and competitions that ended by distributing sweet and gifts on all children including soap, towel, toothbrush and toothpaste.



### **Memorial event of Maarouf Saad Marty Anniversary**

Burj Shemali, El Buss and Rashidieh centers celebrated the memorial of the martyr Maarouf Saad in collaboration with Al Houla organization on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the center. The commemoration was attended by representatives of the Lebanese and Palestinian parties, and representatives of NGOs, and popular committees. The scouts of the centers played the Lebanese and Palestinian anthems. Dr. Jawad Najm who is the member of the General Secretariat in Popular party and the coordinator of the South centers Mr. Mahmoud Jomaa made speeches concerning the event.



## Scout

- Burj Shemali honored a group of old scout members and a group of journalists on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- The scout members participated in the Clothes gathering campaign for the displaced Syrian in the northern area on February 18<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



## Donation

In coordination with BAS/ Shatila center, Mrs. Shadia Akbar donated money for 14 Palestinian Syrian families and 2 Palestinian families from Lebanon with hardship cases, thanks to her generosity.

## A Dinner by the Popular Leagues and Committees

A staff from the administration and the directors of Nahr El-Bared & Burj Shemali centers and a staff from the Japanese organization CCP, in addition to Mrs. Olga from ULAIA association attended the dinner organized by the Popular Leagues and Committees as a support for their social, cultural and youth activities and organizations. The president of Al Mayadeen TV and the previous American Minister of Justice Mr. William Ramsey Clark and the mayor captain of the press syndicate Mr. Mohammad Baalbaki were the prominent guests of the dinner.



## The International Conference by Al Kham Center

The General Director of BAS, Mr. Kassem Aina attended the 12<sup>th</sup> international conference against isolation and victims of torture in UNESCO Palace from February 26<sup>th</sup> till March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 by an invitation from Al Kham Center. In addition, 2 workers from Shatila center participated in a conference about the same theme in the press syndicate on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 by an invitation from Al Kham Center.

### **ILO & UNICEF farewell**

Mr. Kassem Aina participated in the cocktail reception to bid farewell to the ILO Regional Director for Arab States Mrs. Nada Al Nashif and the UNICEF representative in Lebanon Mrs. Annamaria Laurini on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Villa Linda Sursock, Ashrafieh.

### **The Justice of the Palestinian cause conference**

BAS President Dr. Najla Bashour, Mr. Kassem Aina, Mr. Mahmoud Jomaa and the coordinator of the North centers Mr. Abdullah Barake attended the Justice of the Palestinian cause conference organized in Ramada Plaza Hotel in Beirut by the International Forum for Justice to Palestine on February 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

### **Cultural Seminar**

Mr. Kassem Aina attended the literary seminar that included certificate distribution as honoring for the memory of Dr. Radwa Ashour. This seminar was held in UNESCO Palace on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 under the invitation of the Cultural Council of South Lebanon.

### **A Seminar by the Communication Arab Youth Forum**

Two social workers from Burj Barajneh center attended the fifth seminar organized by the Communication Arab Youth Forum. This seminar was held in Le Commodore Hotel in Beirut on February 20<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

### **Commemoration of the World Day of Social Justice Event**

Mr. Kassem Aina participated in the special event organized to observe the World Day of Social Justice at ESCWA headquarters in Beirut on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

### **Press Conference by Al Safir Newspaper**

A press conference and photo exhibition was attended by Mr. Kassem Aina about presenting the international campaign project under the title "Gazza in All Letters" in UNESCO Palace on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 under the invitation and organization of Al Safir Newspaper in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture.

## WORKSHOPS

70 females and males youth from Shatila, Mar Elias and Burj Barajneh centers participated in the workshop organized by the United Lebanon Youth Project (ULYP). These were attended on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, and there are still 5 sessions that will be accomplished in March. The workshop included different environmental and social activities regarding the usage of wind energies, conflict and discrimination, testing the raining and domestic water.



El Buss center's director participated in the workshop organized by the Handicap International on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 within the project "Touching Minds, Raising Dignity". The workshop was about working on the recommendations of partners, and setting a plan for the activities that help the organization to provide better support for partners for better production.

FGC Saida social workers attended the five day workshop about Child Protection and psychological support provision by Terre Des Hommes organization in Al Rahma center in Saida from February 16<sup>th</sup> till February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



Remedial teachers from Ein El Hillweh and Rashidieh centers continued attending the English Language course organized by Child War organization in Nablus UNRWA School.

Active learning was a workshop attended by two KG teachers and an assistant from Beddawi center under the organization of Right to Play organization in Abu Ammar Hall on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The kindergarten teachers of Beddawi center are still attending the workshop organized by the Welfare Association-Lebanon in Saint Joseph University. This month, it was about child growth and active learning, and the workshop was held on 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February.



On February 18<sup>th</sup>, Burj Barajneh kindergarten teachers continued attending the workshop organized by Institute European de Cooperation et de Developpment organization (IECD) shedding light on children's speech problems.

3 social workers from Burj Shemali and El Buss centers participated in the Big Deal training (Structure activities) organized by MAP under the training of a trainee from the War Child Holland organization. The training was held in the head office of MAP in Saida on February 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>.

## MEETINGS & INTERVIEWS

### Mr. Kassem Aina Meetings

- A meeting with Mrs. Kristil Harldstat and the professor of medicine and President of NORWAC Dr. Erik Torgeir Fosse on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 for future collaboration.
- A meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 with Mrs. Sophie Rodin and Ms. Gro Gjestrud from FORUM-NORWAY to sign the new agreement for the year 2015.
- Another meeting with Mrs. Tina Jarvi from the Finnish Institute in the Middle East on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 to get information about the right of return and the Palestinian refugees in order to conduct a study.
- Meeting with Mr. Juha Reine from the Finnish Embassy to follow the educational project on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- Mr. Aina participated in the ANND board meeting and managed it on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. He also attended the meeting on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
- Mr. Aina also attended the meeting organized by the Lebanese Palestinian Dialogue Committee on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The meeting was about presenting the achievements of the second study concerning the fact of integrating the Palestinians in the free professions and enrollment in the syndicates.
- Meeting with Mrs. Masakokimuro from CCP Japan on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to evaluate the common project.
- A meeting with Mrs. Mona Kayyali and two friends from Palestine for discussing common work on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- As preparation for SHINE project held in summer for learning English language, a meeting was conducted on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 between the coordinator of the project Ms. Mariam Zohny in the main office, Mr. Kassem Aina, Mr. Mahmoud Jomaa and Al Rashidieh center's director Mr. Mahmoud Zeidan.

### Shatila Center

- A meeting was conducted by a social worker with four members from the scout on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 in order to set a plan for the scout's activities that will be performed in March including trips, games etc...
- A social worker from the center participated in the Arab Network NGOs' for Development meeting about the woman's rights on February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- A delegation from The National Authority for supporting the Arab resistance and anti-Zionism and normalization civilians Branch from Tunis visited the cemetery of Sabra and Shatila massacre and conducted an interview with the center's director Ms. Jamila Shehadeh concerning the massacre on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



### Mar Elias Center

- The comics group of BAS met in Mar Elias center with the Art coordinator Mrs. Jamal Abu Saleh and set a plan on the occasion of the land's day on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



### Burj Shemali Center

- The center's director attended the meeting organized by the popular committee and UNRWA on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for the purpose of discussing the camp's problems and solving them.

### Rashidieh Center

- The center's director attended the meeting organized by the Al Rashidieh Camp Improvement Committee and met the donors from the German organizations KFW and GIZ on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



### Ein El Hillweh Center & the Embroidery Center

- Al Quds TV invited the center's director Ms. Bahaa Tayyar and the worker responsible for BAS embroidery center Mrs. Hanan Zaaroura to an interview to talk about the Palestinian embroidery.

### FGC Beirut

- On February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Mr. Kassem Aina and the coordinator of the Mental Health Program in BAS Ms. Lilian Younes met the Project Manager Mr. Mohammad Hourani from the Welfare association to discuss the project "Promoting Music Therapy and Community Music Resources in the Palestinian Camps of Lebanon" in the presence of the project manager and development Ms. Julie Vautard from Al Kamandjati-Lebanon organization.



- Another meeting was conducted on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 by Mr. Kassem, Ms. Lilian Younes and Dr. Madeleine Badaro Taha with Ms. Amber Gray and Mr. Neal Proter from the Center for Victims of Torture-Minesota to discuss the possibility of cooperation through a common project.
- A meeting was also conducted with the Communication officer Ms. Sahar Omran from UNRWA on February 27<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the possibility of cooperation for the EU funded project.

### **FGC Saida**

- NPA organized a meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 within the project "Women Can Do It" in order to evaluate the project for the year 2014 and to set a plan for the year 2015, in participation with the partners including FGC Saida.
- Basma center of Sama organization conducted a meeting with a worker from the FGC. The meeting was conducted on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to ask for the possibility of giving awareness sessions to the mothers and teenagers by the social worker of FGC Saida.
- Terre Des Hommes was another organization that held a meeting with a staff and a volunteer from the FGC on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in order to refer children from their organization to BAS FGC.

### **FGC El Buss**

- On February 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the center's director Ms. Khawla Khalaf and the coordinator Ms. Rita Darbasani attended the meeting organized by the Handicap International in their office to set a plan for the recommendations that was mentioned in the previous evaluation of the project "Touching Mind, Raising Dignity".
- A continuous technical meeting with the social workers and Handicap International on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- El Buss center welcomed the Handicap International organization who met the parents' committees in BAS, Woman's Humanitarian Organization and the Unit Early Intervention, to establish a reference committee and applying it on the mentioned committees. In addition, the meeting included a discussion about the works of each committee.



## VISITORS

The journey of Mrs. Anno Pilpo started on January 16th, and ended on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015. During her visit she visited Shatila center, followed the Kindergarten, visited sponsored children and followed the center's activities. She paid a visit to Al Rashidieh center to visit sponsored families on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 along with a visit to Burj Shemali center. She also visited a sponsored family in Burj Barajneh camp on February 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. In addition, FGC Saida was another station that Mrs. Anno Pilpo attended to follow the workflow.



### Shatila Center

- Ms. Nisreen Abu Shulleih and Ms. Kamilia Morojti from Doctors without Borders visited Shatila center to get an idea about the center's services and activities on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- A Finnish friend from Finland Mrs. Lisa Lima Tinem was accompanied by Mrs. Anno Pilpo on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to recognize the center's services and activities.
- On February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the two singers Ms. Amal Kaawash and Ms. Ghada Ghanem visited the music band of Shatila center with the coordinator Ms. Julie Vautard from Al Kamandjati organization, and got an idea about their activities for future collaboration.
- Two friends from CCP Mrs. Masakokimuro were accompanied with Ms. Yuca Heya to get an idea about the center's activities. They attended the awareness session given to the mothers about personal hygiene on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- Mrs. Tina Jarvi from the Finnish Institute in the Middle East visited the center on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and got an idea about the center's activities and the situation of Shatila camp.
- Two visitors from Palestine accompanied to the center by Mrs. Mona Kayyali from The Palestine Children's Relief Fund and followed a kindergarten child situation. They also visited the camp and the cemetery of Sabra and Shatila Massacre, and then they paid a visit to the embroidery center.



### Mar Elias Center

- Mar Elias opened the doors to the students from Youth for Development organization for a two days awareness sessions.
- The center also opened the door for 22 kindergarten teachers from BAS, Al Najdeh Association and Refugee's Dreams center on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 to attend the workshop organized by IECD.
- Mrs. Sophie Rodin and Ms. Gro Gjestrud visited the center on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 and had a look at the drawings of the center; in addition, they gave the Art coordinator of BAS new drawing books for drawings.

### Burj Barajneh Center

- The center welcomed a delegation from the Communication Arab Youth Forum From different Arab countries accompanied by Mr. Maan Bashour on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015. The delegation visited the grave of a unknown soldier considered as a symbol of the Palestinian revolution martyrs in the camp. They put corona on it, and then made a tour in the camp. After that, the center invited the delegation to lunch and the dancing band performed folkloric dance / Dabke.
- Mr. Mohammad Al Hajj from The Palestine Children's Relief Fund visited the center and took photos for the kindergarten children while drinking milk on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.
- Ms. Rashel Al Ashkar and Ms. Yara Shaheed from ANERA-Lebanon visited the center and distributed soap on the kindergarten children on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.
- Mrs. Eiko Minami and Mrs. Masakokimuro from CCP Japan visited the remedial classes in the center and followed their workflow on February 13<sup>th</sup> & 23, 2015.
- Mr. Tarek Al Rantisi from Al Kamandjati organization visited the center and gave a training day for the music band on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- A staff from ANERA Ms. Jennifer and Mr. Samer Kamakh visited the center and followed the renovation and maintenance of the kindergarten on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



### Ein El Hillweh Center

- The center received a visit from Step organization who gave information about their organization on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- A visit from War Child organization to get an idea about the center's activities on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Burj Shemali Center

- For coordination and acquaintance between BAS/ Burj Shemali center and Mercy Corps, members from the organization visited the center on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

## FGC Saida

- Mrs. Eiko Minami and Mrs. Masakokimuro from CCP Japan visited the center and attended the mothers' workshop by the psychologist Ms. Dima Saade.
- Mr. Stein Omar from NORWAC was accompanied to the center by Mr. Kassem Aina and got an idea about the center on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



*These are the activities that the short February welcomed in Beit Atfal Assumoud.*

*We kindly share them with our appreciated partners, friends and colleagues. Enjoy discovering what new at BAS.*

*Thank You!*

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