

## The National Institution of Social Care & Vocational Training



# LEBANON

## 2024



*Photo: Raid on Burjel Shamali village in south Lebanon. Credit of AFP*



## Security Situation: Airstrikes and Displacement

In 2024, Lebanon faced an escalation of armed conflict, described as the largest since the 2006 July War. Israel launched a military operation against the country claiming to secure its northern settlements. The intensity of the fighting escalated in September, leading to two months of relentless bombardment, wherein war jets, land artillery, naval ships, and military drones targeted buildings, apartments, hospitals, medical bodies, and vehicles in mobility, rendering all the Lebanese territories unsafe. Many neighborhoods were completely destroyed; others dilapidated turning the spaces unlivable. The hostilities resulted in significant damage, mass displacement, and loss of civilian lives. The UNHCR reported that 1.3 million people were displaced internally and more than 562,000 fleeing to, or across, Syria despite danger on the borders.

Following a ceasefire that came to effect on November 27, the Ministry of Health (MoH) reported that 4,047 people have been killed and 16,638 injured, mostly of women and children. However, MoH declared, the final death toll has far exceeded the initial number as emergency workers began retrieving bodies from beneath the rubble in various parts of the country; and it continues while preparing this report.



## Living Conditions and Safety

The escalation in hostilities added another layer of complexity to the profound economic and financial crisis that Lebanon has been already struggling with. Disruption of trade routes and supply chains, direct shelling, and reduced consumer demand has forced a significant mass of business activities to close or suspend operations, thus increasing unemployment rate. These developments, along with the structural challenges facing Lebanon, “will increase poverty and vulnerability rates,” UNDP reported. In addition, economic hardships, job losses, cuts of humanitarian assistance, and political instability, exacerbate tensions between host communities and refugees.

This conflict has particularly affected the Palestinian refugee population living in the camps across Lebanon. In the 2006 war, these camps were sought by the displaced Lebanese. The camps were considered safe at that time. However, in 2024, no place in Lebanon was safe. Yet, many of the displaced families from the south villages and southern suburbs of Beirut sought refuge inside the camps.

Safety did not last long. Israeli airstrikes directly targeted the camps in south Lebanon, and the Beddawi in the north. Several Palestinians were martyred and others injured.



## Emergency Response & Humanitarian Assistance

International organizations, including UNRWA, have been closely monitoring the situation and providing humanitarian assistance where possible. However, resource availability became increasingly strained as conflicts escalated and needs grew within the refugee community. Many refugees found themselves marginalized, with access to basic services dwindling, making every day more challenging. Furthermore, historical patterns of displacement for Palestinians in Lebanon have left them with fewer options and limited resources to respond to the current crisis.

Amid the conflict, exactly 15 days before the ceasefire agreement was reached on Nov. 27, the Lebanese government announced disbursing funds in humanitarian aid to the NGOs supporting the displaced population. However, that funding amount represented only 13.9% of the nearly \$775 million pledged by the international community at the October 24 Paris conference held in support of Lebanon.

According to the government, more than 1.4 million people have been displaced from their homes in southern Lebanon, the Bekaa, and Beirut's southern suburbs.

## The Palestinian Refugee Camps during the Crisis

Many of the 12 refugee camps in Lebanon, specifically those in the south and near Beirut, were noted to be unsafe and in dire condition prior to the escalations. The expansion of warfare significantly raised the stress levels among residents, many of whom reported living in constant fear as the violence intensified. UNRWA reports indicated a notable exodus of residents fleeing the south to escape the strikes, causing many camps to become sparsely populated due to the urgency of safety. Simultaneously, other camps, especially in the north, became overcrowded.

Following October 7 in 2023, as violence erupted on the southern borders the population was alarmed. Beit Atfal Assumoud (BAS) responded promptly and decisively to the increasing threats of violence escalation. Under the guidance of its resilient leadership, BAS staff actively mobilized the community organizations in the camps to develop a comprehensive contingency plan, preparing for the potential expansion of violence. Hence, the staff coordinated structured meetings inclusive of all the active associations and the camps' Popular Committees.

By the time the hostilities neared the camps in south Lebanon and Beirut early in January 2024, activists (institutions and individuals) had already completed the preparedness activities. Focusing foremost on welcoming the displaced families into the camps as happened in the 2006-War, preparedness included:

- Utilizing available resources for sharing relief aid items.
- Training parents and children on how to react in emergencies, and how to avoid harms of the toxic dust of the phosphorus bombs.
- Stress management, release of anxiety and fear were also conducted to support the camp residents.
- Engaging in medical First-Aid trainings and evacuation tactics.
- And preparing the youth and encouraging them to volunteer and engage in community service.



As months rolled by, the aggression intensified increasing people's psychological stress and the economic pressure. Like all other people, a number of BAS staff had to flee their homes in south Lebanon and Beirut's southern suburbs. Nevertheless, they were relocated and worked in their places of displacement. BAS centers in all the camps did not close their doors. BAS remained present in the semi-deserted camps as it was heavily present in the other camps with the displaced. In all locations, BAS staff provided food, mental, and physical support.

Before Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, BAS ran its program activities normally. On the very day violence escalated, BAS crisis management teams at the centers rapidly assessed needs and allocated resources, as planned. The teams identified the most vulnerable groups: the elderly, children, orphans, and displaced families. Efforts were directed toward their protection and care.

BAS staff engaged directly with the affected communities, gathering feedback to inform the organization's response and ensure service delivery.



Flexible decision-making was carried out on a day-to-day basis, adapting to the evolving security situation and emerging needs.

Despite the emergency situation, BAS team took all efforts to provide the essential services to its people in the camps and the displaced centers. Closure of shops and roads did not hinder the teams' work: necessary medications were delivered to the beneficiaries who remained in the camps; meals and food items were delivered to those in the camps and outside in the displacement shelters; the monthly financial support to the sponsored families was sent via money-transfer agencies, educational and PSS sessions were conducted to those in the camps and outside.





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

### Specialized and Expertise Human Resources

BAS has significant human resource capacity dedicated to serve the community. The operational team at BAS consists of **449** motivated staff members and volunteers, where the management team forms less than 8% of the total. With the various fields of community services provided professionally, BAS attracts volunteers and interns, national and international, who support the team in providing the specialized services and, simultaneously, gain first-hand learning and practical experiences.

**In 2024, the operational team at BAS reached 249 staff and 200 volunteers.**



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# A Note of Appreciation

Dear Friends, Partners, and Supporters,

I address you today with a heart full of both reflection and hope. This year has tested our collective resilience in ways we could never have anticipated, yet it has also revealed the extraordinary strength of our community and the unwavering commitment of those who stand with us.

The specter of aggressive war has cast long shadows across our world, bringing with it immeasurable suffering and grief of losing friends and beloved. Violence is merciless; it tears at the fabric of society, displacing families, destroying livelihoods, and leaving deep wounds that will take generations to heal.

Despite these overwhelming challenges, or perhaps because of them, we have persevered in our commitment to provide essential services to those who need them most. This has not been without significant risk to our organization and our people. Our teams have operated in environments where safety cannot be guaranteed, where every day brings new uncertainties, and where the very act of extending a helping hand requires extraordinary courage. The risks we face are real and ever-present, yet our resolve to serve remains unshaken.

In these moments of adversity, I've been amazed by the dedication, bravery, and compassion of our incredible team. They have worked tirelessly under most challenging conditions, often at great personal cost. Their commitment to our mission, even when faced with danger and uncertainty, exemplifies the very best of human nature. At times we argued and nearly fought because we wanted to provide the best.

Dear donors and supporters, your generosity and faith in our work have been nothing short of remarkable. During times when resources are scarce and needs are overwhelming, you have stepped forward with both financial support and moral encouragement. Your contributions have provided hope to countless individuals and families who might otherwise have been forgotten. Your belief in our mission has sustained us through the darkest hours and reminded us that we are not alone in this fight.

As we look toward the future, we do so with cautious optimism and renewed determination. While we cannot predict what challenges lie ahead, we know that together we possess the strength to overcome them. The partnerships we've built on trust and shared commitment to human dignity will guide us forward. We will continue to adapt, to innovate, and to find new ways to serve those who depend on us.

Kassem Aina  
Executive Director



# 2024 in Numbers

PROGRAMS AND BENEFICIARIES	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	O
<b>Family Happiness Project</b>						
Sponsored Children	1,035	83%	14%	1%	2%	0%
Sponsored Families	554	83%	14%	1%	2%	0%
Sponsored Elderlies	57	95%	3%	0%	2%	0%
Sponsored KG Children	367	94%	4%	1%	1%	0%

<b>Education</b>						
Kindergarten	709	82%	7%	6%	5%	0%
Learning Support Education	1,175	86%	10%	2%	1%	1%
Special Classes (L.Difficulties, Dropouts, Informal Ed.)	55	64%	13%	23%	0%	0%
Vocational Education	374	76%	12%	8%	4%	0%
Scholarships (Uni, VET, & Music)	16	81%	13%	6%	0%	0%
Scholarships - Children with Multiple Needs (MSN)	37	95%	0%	0%	0%	5%

<b>Cultural Program &amp; Recreational Activities</b>						
Embroidery Production Project - Women	82	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Dabkeh Groups	13	87%	11%	1%	0%	1%
Musical Bands and Choral Groups	441	84%	8%	4%	3%	1%
Comics	114	64%	26%	4%	5%	1%
Scout Groups - Children & Youth	135	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%
Sports Teams - Children & Youth	57	96%	0%	4%	0%	0%

**PRL** = Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon  
**PRS** = Palestinian Refugees from Syria  
**O** = minorities of Arab and other nationalities residing in the camps  
**SR** = Syrian Refugees  
**LB** = Lebanese

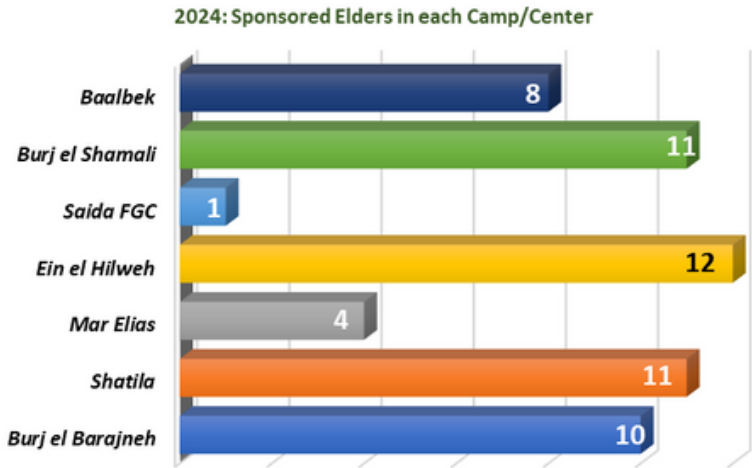
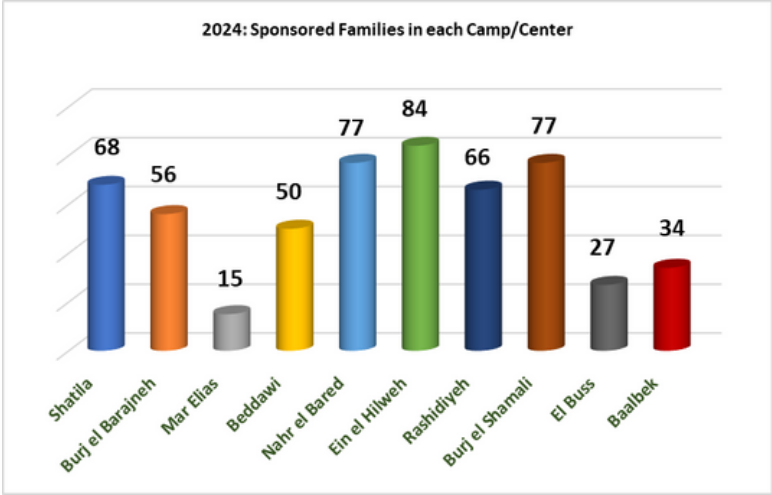
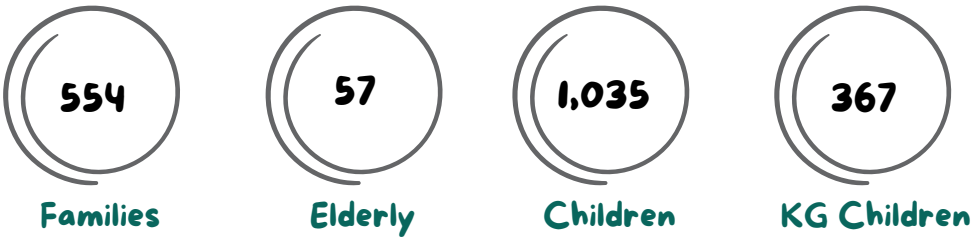
PROGRAMS AND BENEFICIARIES	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	O
<b>Health</b>						
Dental Clinics: Children (3-5 years)	8,466	69%	7%	20%	3%	1%
Dental Clinics: Children and Youth (6-18 years)	1,471	90%	6%	1%	3%	0%
Dental Clinics: Adults	8,355	69%	5%	18%	7%	1%
Pediatric Clinic - Nahr el Bared: Children	2,481	95%	3%	1%	1%	0%
Pediatric Clinic - Nahr el Bared: Mothers' Education	241	86%	7%	2%	0%	5%
Reproductive Health - Medical Services, Specialist Doctors	5,910	72%	12%	10%	6%	0%
Reproductive Health - Awareness Sessions	4,474	81%	8%	9%	2%	0%
Mental Health (Children under 18 years)	1,667	75%	5%	9%	11%	0%
Mental Health (Parents)	392	67%	4%	10%	17%	2%
Mental Health (Support Groups - Parents)	28	61%	39%	0%	0%	0%
Psychosocial Support for Children & Youth	4,974	93%	3%	3%	1%	0%
Psychosocial Support for Parents/Caregivers	2,152	88%	6%	3%	2%	1%
Peer Education Program - Parents	220	64%	23%	4%	9%	0%
Peer Education Program - Youth (14-25 yrs)	453	75%	16%	4%	5%	0%

<b>Relief &amp; In-kind Aid</b>						
Food Support (parcels, & meals)	12,094	65%	29%	2%	3%	1%
Diesel Fuel (Bekaa and Baalbek)	1,500	24%	76%	0%	0%	0%
Hygiene & Baby essential Kits	8,021	55%	35%	3%	6%	1%
Clothing (Eid and winter clothing, shoes)	468	76%	19%	2%	3%	0%
Stationery, PSS Kits, Toys & Gifts	1,143	93%	5%	1%	1%	0%
Cash for Medicine & other needs	1,645	89%	8%	2%	1%	0%
Medical treatment devices (nebulizer) & other in-kind items	155	67%	13%	10%	10%	0%

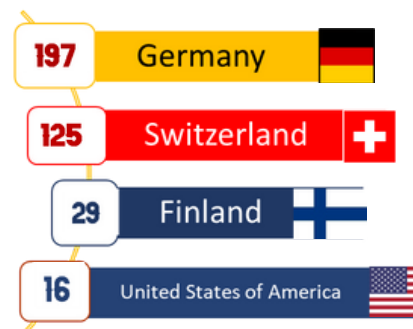
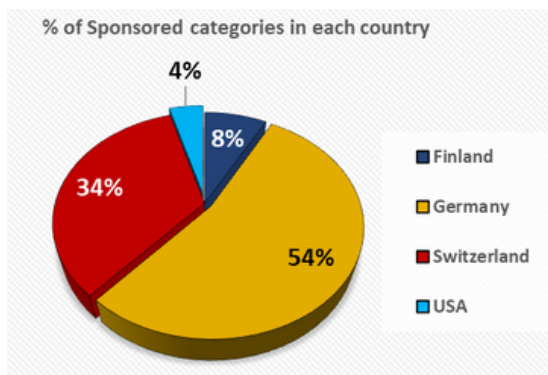
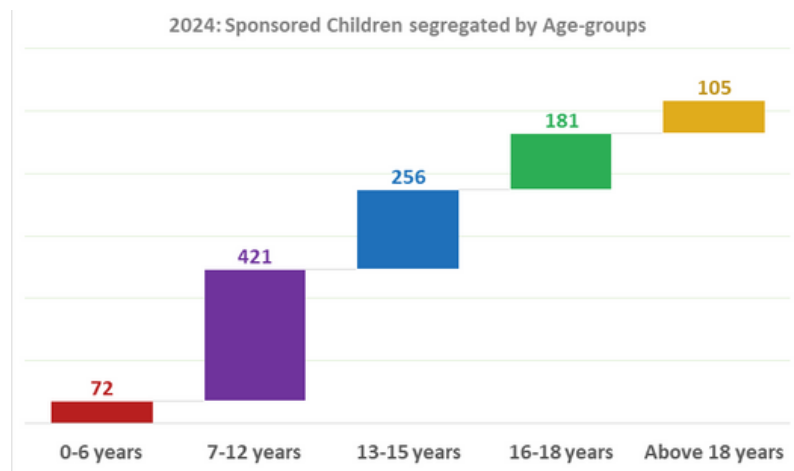
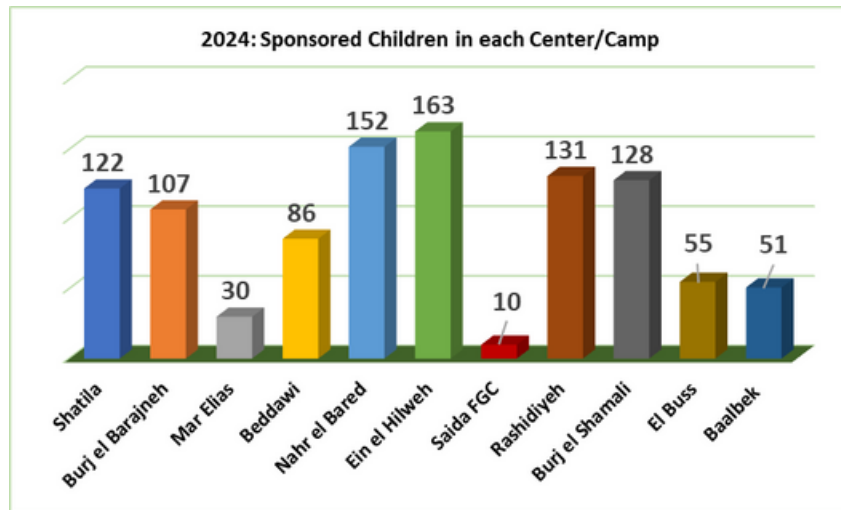


# FAMILY HAPPINESS PROGRAM

Despite war and displacement, BAS ensured the services were timely reached in full to the sponsored families, elderlies, and children.









## Preschool Education

Inspirational early years of learning through play and celebrating successful graduation.



## Learning Support Program

Educational skills to succeed associated with emotional, social & physical support.



## Vocational Education

Education, Empowerment, and Employment; the **3 E's** Dimensions



## Scholarships Program

University, VET, Music, and Education for Children with Multiple Special Needs

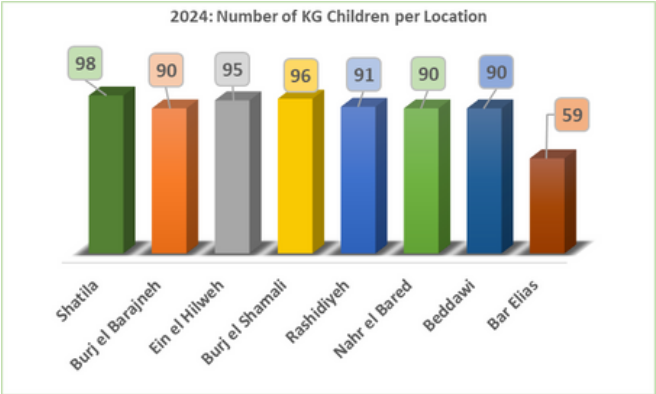
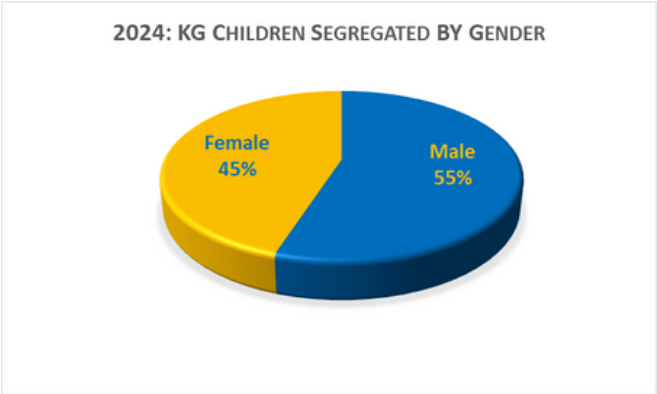
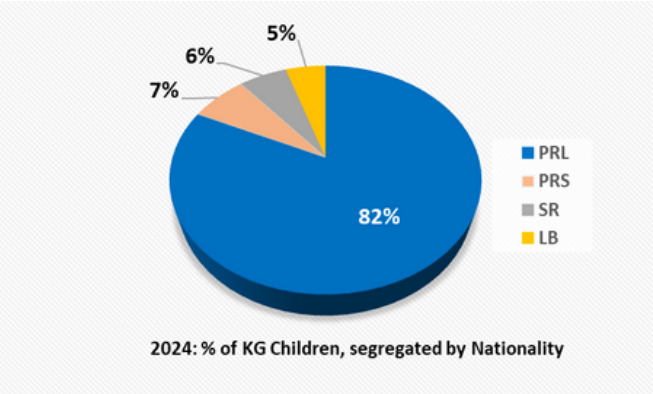




# PRESCHOOL EDUCATION - KINDERGARTENS

Escalation of violence coincided with the beginning of the scholastic year in October. BAS KG children were scattered around. Those who moved up north to Beddawi and Nahr el Bared camps were integrated into the regular classrooms. Others displaced in different areas, or those who stayed in the camp, attended remote education via virtual-learning sessions. In small groups and with the support of caregivers, teachers provided the lessons using the WhatsApp platform, and engaged them in PSS sessions.

**709** children of the various nationalities, constituents of the Palestinian camps and the surroundings social fabric, were reached through the preschool program in 2024.



**NEW** 2024 witnessed the birth of a new kindergarten in the Palestinian Gathering of Bar Elias, Bekaa, to serve our community living in the area.



Every year, BAS graduates well-prepared groups of children from its kindergartens, ready to start school learning.





# LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAM



The Learning Support Program (LSP) focuses on active learning strategies, using play and engaging students with fun activities to enhance their utmost potential. It targets grades 1-6 students, within the ages of 6-12 years.

In 2024, a total of **1,175** boys and girls were reached in LS activities, both at BAS centers and in the displacement centers.

During the two-month aggression, LSP staff tracked its students in their places of displacement and continued providing the children the support lessons, with greater emphasis on PSS activities.

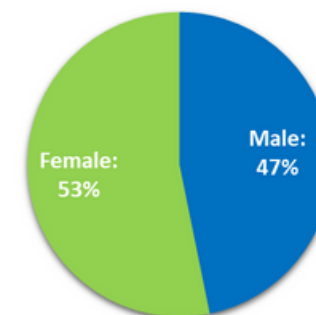
LSP caters to children of different educational levels, recognizing the importance of individualized learning. It also takes into account students' varying learning styles and multiple intelligences. LSP incorporates mainly play-based methods and interactive activities.



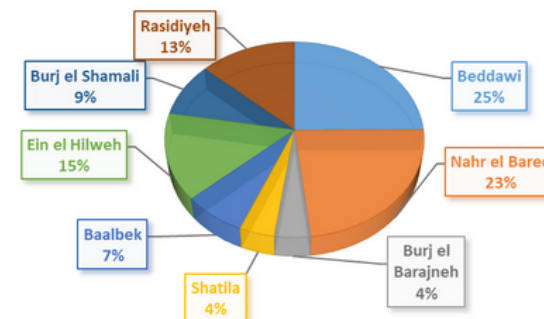
In addition to the school-support lessons, BAS continues its special education program for school dropout children. **55** girls were enrolled in the special classes in 2024. Distributed in Burj el Barajneh, Shatila, and Ein el Hilweh camps, 64% of them are PRLs, 13% PRS, and 23% are Syrian refugee children.



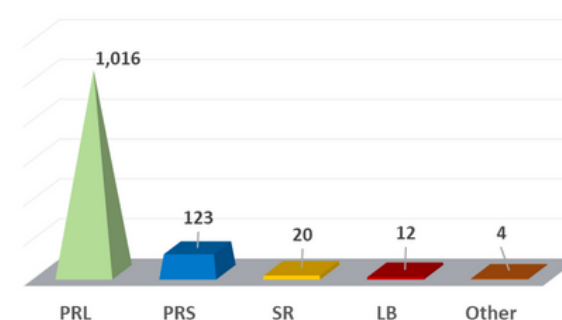
2024: % of male/female LS Program Children



2024: % OF LS CHILDREN PER LOCATION



2024: Number of LS Children per Nationality



# VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Tens of reasons drive the Palestinian youth towards vocational education. On top is the right to work, then the prolonged economic crisis which rendered university tuition fees hugely expensive. To some, an income generating job is made a priority over attaining academic degrees.

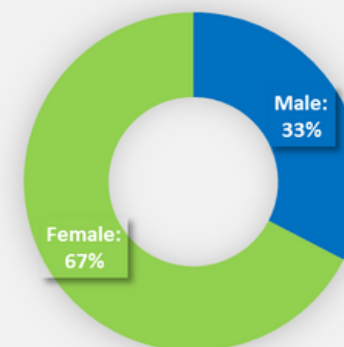
BAS vocational training program targets male and female school dropouts, ages 15-25 years old, offering learning of in-demand professions. The courses provide technical as well as personal and social skills training, in hope that the youth will have job opportunities that enable them to support their families.

**374** youth, mostly females (67%), participated in the VET program in 2024. A special project of sewing and embroidery was introduced in Burj el Shamali and Rashidiyeh camps in the south where **59** women and girls gained practical skills in the profession.

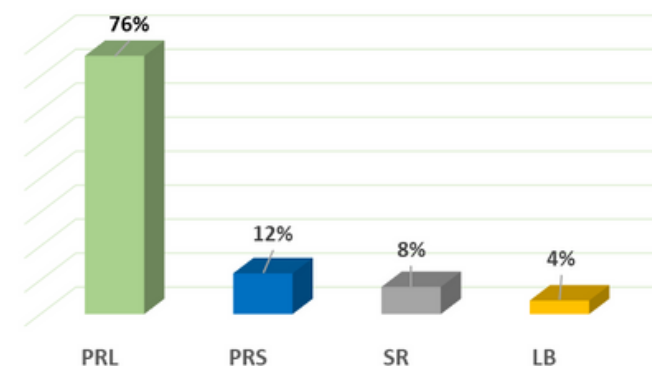


The vocational training is offered in-house where available, and in the form of scholarships in collaboration with VET centers. The program is implemented in Rashidiyeh and Burj el Shamali camps in the south, Shatila in Beirut, al Jalil camp in Baalbek, and in Beddawi and Nahr el Bared in north Lebanon.

2024 VET: Percentage of male/female Youth



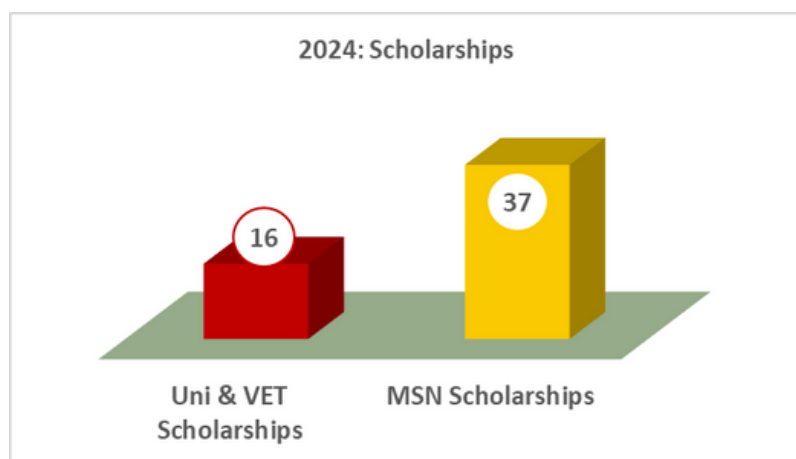
2024 VET: Percentage of Nationality



Vocational Course	Total	Male	Female
Digital Literacy	167	45	122
Graphic Design	40	18	22
Sewing & Embroidery	59	0	59
Hairdressing	49	0	49
Solar System Installation	40	40	0
Plumbing	19	19	0
Grand Total	274	122	252

# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

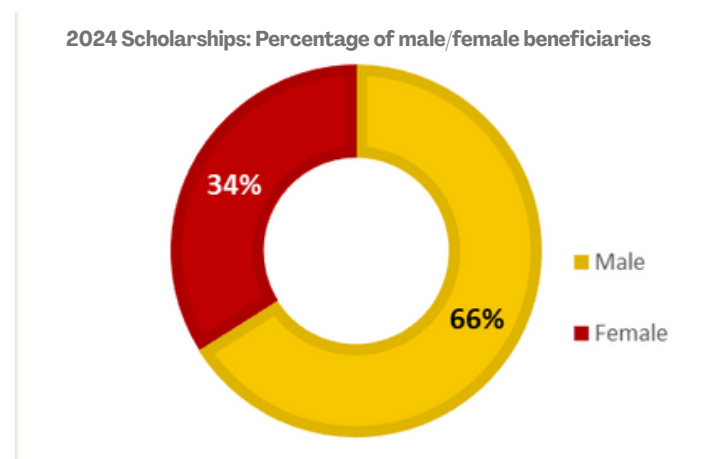
In collaboration with friends and donors, NISCVT provides a number of scholarships for university studies and vocational education. In 2024, only **16** scholarships for university and VET education were provided to the youth in the camps, including one for a music student to be accredited from the national conservatoire.



The scholarships are received through NISCVT/BAS centers in Burj el Shamali, el Buss, Burj el Barajneh, Beddawi, and Nahr el Bared camps.

Scholarship Type / Camp	El Buss	Burj el Shamali	Burj el Barajneh	Beddawi	Nahr el Bared
University	0	3	0	2	0
Vocational	0	0	2	2	1
Music	0	1	0	0	0
Specialized Courses	0	0	0	5	0
Multiple Special Needs	37	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	37	4	2	9	1

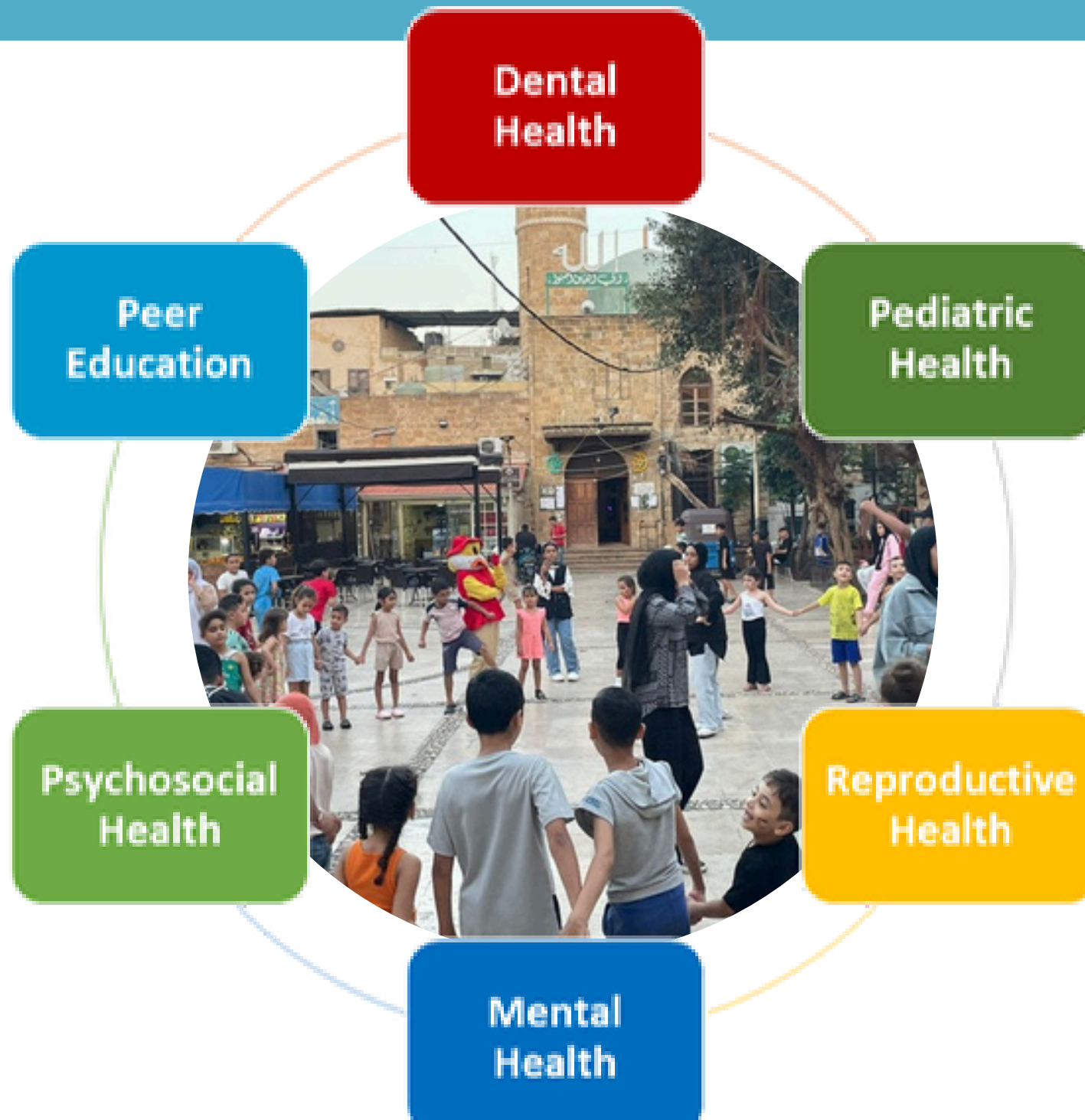
In al Buss center, **37** scholarships were provided to children living with Multiple Special Needs (MSN). These scholarships are crucial for children with multiple special needs because they are not able to enroll in regular schools. The learning provided at the special centers helps them integrate within the family and the community as well.



Some of the professions that most attract the youth are:







# DENTAL HEALTH

The 60-day war Lebanon presented an extraordinary array of challenges for the Palestinians living in the camps. The turmoil led to displacement amid straining already limited resources and intensifying the need for essential healthcare services, including dental care. NISCVT dental clinics endeavored to meet the urgent needs of vulnerable families, while steadfastly committing to their health and well-being.

In the north, our clinics in Beddawi and Nahr el Bared continued their operations diligently, focusing on delivering critical dental services and education to displaced families.

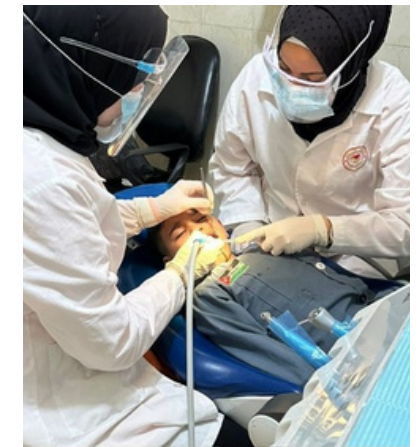
Meanwhile, Shatila Clinic continued to serve the community and integrating dental awareness sessions into the children's educational support programs.



As the situation in the southern region was critically dangerous, the situational dynamics in Rashidiyeh camp did not allow operating the clinics regularly during the war. However, it resumed its operations directly after the ceasefire and families returned home.

The Burj el Shamali Clinic was temporarily closed due to the displacement of the dentist and assistant to Ein el Hilweh camp, serving in the clinic there. In this challenging situation, we have ensured that critical dental services are redirected to the Ein el Hilweh Clinic, which remained fully operational and is pivotal in addressing the needs of displaced families.

Concluding the 2024 reach, NISCVT dental clinics reached a total of **18,292** persons of all ages and categories. Amongst all, 51% are females. Providing the services with no discrimination, 70% of the total are Palestinians (PRL).

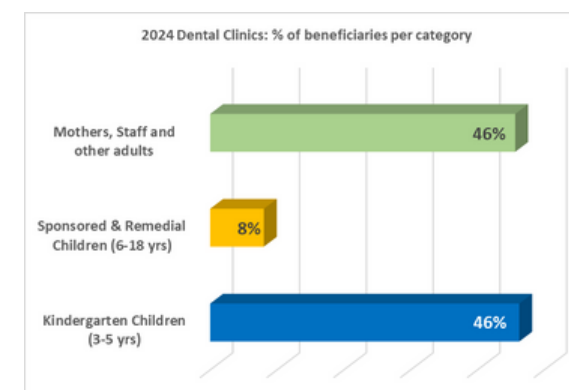
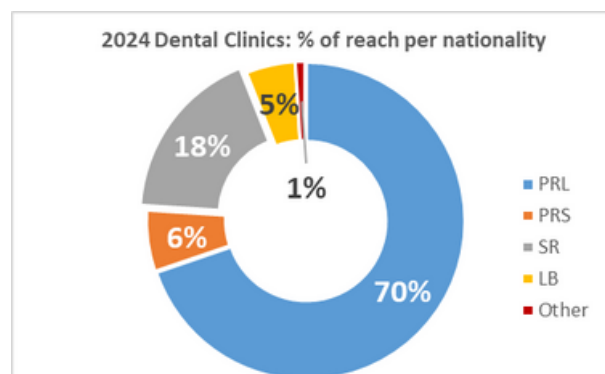
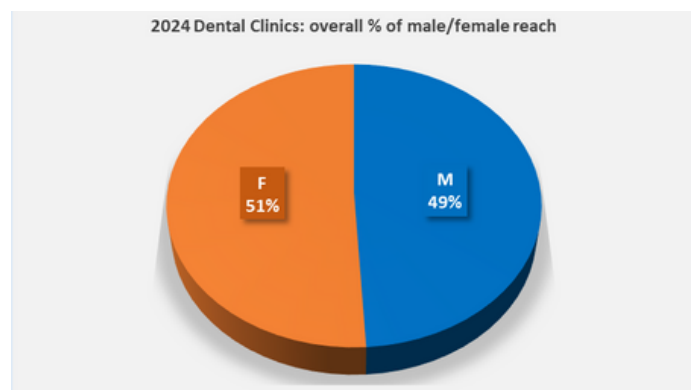


# DENTAL HEALTH

Beneficiaries of the 6 dental clinics operated by NISCVT are described in the tables and charts below.

Category / Age-group	Male	Female	Total
Kindergarten Children (3-5 yrs)	4,414	4,052	8,466
Sponsored & Remedial Children (6-18 yrs)	710	761	1,471
Mothers & Staff	270	610	880
Other (community individuals)	3,579	3,896	7,475
Grand Total	8,973	9,319	18,292

Category / Age-group	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Other
Kindergarten Children (3-5 yrs)	8,466	5,861	600	1,685	295	25
Sponsored & Remedial Children (6-18 yrs)	1,471	1,332	87	11	41	0
Mothers & Staff	880	686	37	45	110	2
Other (community individuals)	7,475	5,083	424	1,465	480	23
Grand Total	18,292	12,962	1,148	3,206	926	50



NISCVT's six Dental Clinics are located in the following provinces across Lebanon, inside the Palestinian refugee camps::





# PEDIATRIC CARE

NISCVT operates one Pediatric Clinic that is located in Nahr el Bared camp. Established in 2012 to support the returnees to the camp after its destruction in 2007, the clinic provides treatment to infants and children. Additionally, it works on raising awareness about common and seasonal diseases that affect the children, sharing knowledge with mothers/caregivers about health protection and prevention.

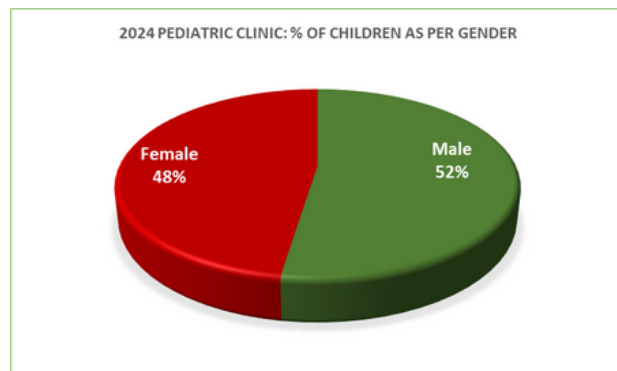
The clinic is open to serve all the residents of the camp as well as those in the surroundings and neighboring areas.

As UNRWA identified Nahr el Bared camp as one of the safe zones during the 60-day war, it was soon overcrowded with the displaced from the southern and Beirut camps. With its limited resources, the clinic did not save any effort the displaced children and infants.

## Children at the Pediatric Clinic

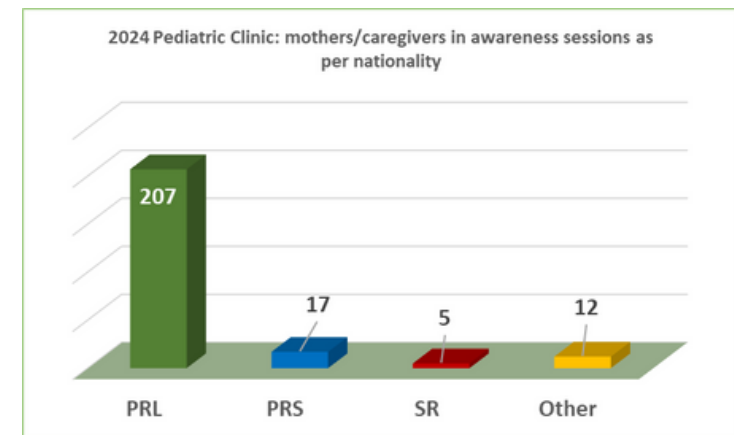
**2,481** infants and children (0-13 years) benefited from the clinic services in 2024. Of the total, 96% are PRL beneficiaries, with 2% PRS and 1% each of the Syrian refugees and local Lebanese. The table shows the number of children, segregated according to gender and nationalities, and the figure illustrates the corresponding percentages of gender.

Infants & Children	PRL	PRS	LB	SR	Total
Male	1,252	28	17	4	1,301
Female	1,139	21	12	8	1,180
Grand Total	2,391	49	29	12	2,481



## Educational & Awareness Sessions for Mothers & Caregivers

**241** refugee mothers/caregivers and underprivileged Lebanese attended sessions on multiple health subjects at NISCVT's pediatric clinic. The attending pediatrician and assistant provided sessions to reinforce health protection and prevention within the community, especially with the crowded displacement shelters.



# REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Reproductive Health (RH) is one of the key elements of public health and national development. This is why NISCVT ensured that this health sector is accessible to the people in the camps. Five RH clinics are established in NISCVT centers in Beddawi and Nahr el Bared (north), Ein el Hilweh (south, Saida), Rashidiyeh and Burj el Shamali (south, Tyre).

Like all the sectors and aspects of life, RH work was deeply affected by the conflict that emerged amidst Lebanon's multiple crisis. The clinics in the southern camps were closed due to the displacement of the social workers who had to flee the area with their families. However, they joined their workmates in the other clinics in Ein el Hilweh, Beddawi and Nahr el Bared.

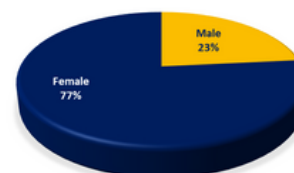
The conditions of displacement had been crucially challenging for RH safety. The crowded rooms, the hygiene standards, and above all, the lack of privacy had negative impacts on both, the physical and mental wellbeing of the whole members of the family.

Other challenges faced by program implementation were the shortages of medical drugs and equipment. The quantities available were hardly sufficient to regular conditions rather than overcrowding centers. RH social workers took risks traveling to carry the supplies from the clinics of the less populated camps in the south to the overcrowded ones in the north.



Since 2007, RH clinics have been providing consultations, medical screening and treatment, counseling, sexual education for youth, and at-home awareness-raising sessions. Services also include lab tests and free-of-charge medicines, as available.

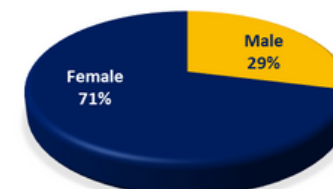
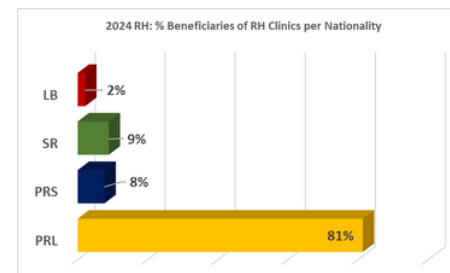
Huge pressures were placed upon the social workers who focused on holding awareness sessions to the crowds. Respecting diversity of needs among the various family categories, and furnishing comfortable environment for better results, awareness sessions were held privately to teenagers, mothers, and fathers separately. These sessions reached **5,910** individuals, 77% female, in 2024.



2024 RH: % M/F participants in awareness sessions

Awareness Raising Sessions	Male	Female	Total #
Teenagers	350	690	1,040
Mothers	0	3,835	3,835
Fathers	1,035	0	1,035
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>4,525</b>	<b>5,910</b>

The other services of clinical services, RH reached a total of **4,474** male and female beneficiaries. Of the total 71% are female.



2024 RH: % M/F beneficiaries of RH Clinical services

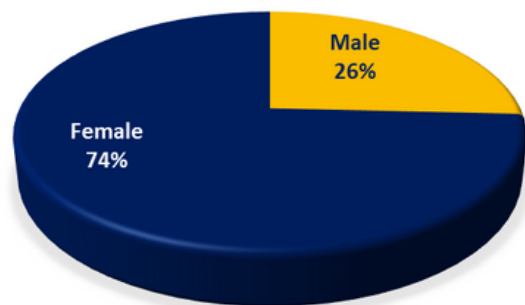




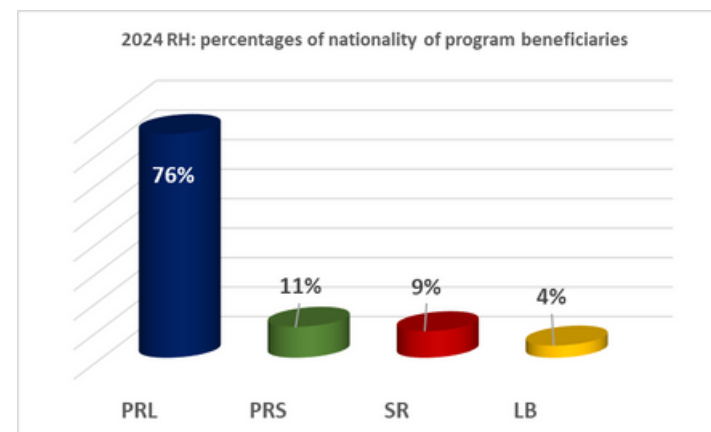
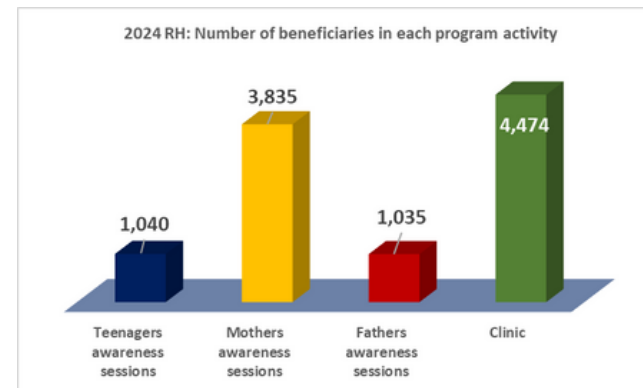
# REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

In all, and despite the economic and conflict impact challenges, RH program reached the total of **10,384** beneficiaries throughout the year 2024. Reaching out to the refugees and the displaced indiscriminately, Palestinians, Syrian and Lebanese participated in the program activities. Details of the reach is listed below in numbers and percentages of both, gender and nationalities.

RH Services	Male	Female	Total #	PRL	PRS	SR	LB
Teenagers (awareness)	350	690	1,040	670	160	135	75
Mothers (awareness)	0	3,835	3,835	x	x	x	x
Fathers (awareness)	1,035	0	1,035	3,565	590	456	259
Clinical services	1,291	3,183	4,474	3,641	342	396	95
Grand Total	2,676	7,708	10,384	7,876	1,092	987	429



2024 RH: % M/F beneficiaries of RH program services



Operated by 9 staff members and 75 volunteers, Peer Education has become one of the core programs implemented by NISCVT/BAS since 2007. Implemented in eight BAS centers, it targets male and female youth, ages 14-24 years, living in the camps. Parents and caregivers are engaged in the program activities to allow understanding of their teenage children's development stages and related needs.

At the time of the conflict, the program proved successful flexibility in facing the challenges. In response, the program plan was swiftly adapted to the emergency situation. Working with the team, direct interventions at the displacement centers were taken, ensuring that psychosocial support was provided to children and families.

Psychosocial support activities, along with awareness sessions for adolescents, children, and parents on self-care, and personal hygiene were delivered. The aim had been to reduce the personal and social disturbances that arise due to displacement.

The Peer Education program has been enriched by this past experience. It is about adaptability to changing situations and modifying the approach based on the needs of the displaced people. The effective coordination between program staff, managers, and other stakeholders was vital to ensure the timely and appropriate delivery of services. Teamwork helped overcome many challenges.

Nevertheless, some gaps appeared during implementation under those circumstances. However, it's been a chance to identify these gaps and seize the learning opportunity to develop and improve. Above all, it is important to build up the resilience of the staff and volunteers as well as the affected communities through providing empathy and emotional support. The team consists of:

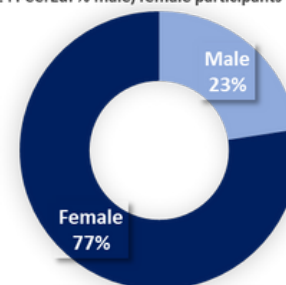
Peer Ed. Team	Male	Female	Total #
Staff	1	8	9
Volunteers	19	56	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>84</b>

Peer Ed. Team	Total #	PRL	PRS	SR	LB
Staff	9	7	0	0	2
Volunteers	75	50	11	5	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>

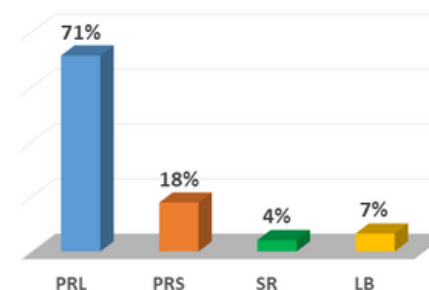
In 2024, **673** participants (77% female) were reached through the regular program implementation prior to eruption of violence. Numbers and percentages of the participants are detailed in the table and figures below.

Peer Educ. Participants	Male	Female	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB
Youth (14-25 yrs)	141	312	453	341	70	20	22
Parents	11	209	220	140	50	8	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>44</b>

2024 PeerEd: % male/female participants in program



2024 Peer Ed: % nationalities of participants





# MENTAL HEALTH

Before the escalation of conflict, south Lebanon faced daily attacks and threats due to the armed activities on the southern borders. That situation had already impacted the psychological wellbeing of children, youth, and adults. Many families were forced to flee their homes to safer areas which disrupted daily life and created a chaotic and stressful environment.

Children and youth showed signs of acute stress and trauma, such as anxiety, fear, and difficulty sleeping. In contrast, parents struggled with their stress as they tried to provide safety for their families.

Displaced staff promptly connected with BAS centers in their areas, taking on responsibilities for activities related to their projects. This approach ensured a swift and effective response to the needs of displaced people.

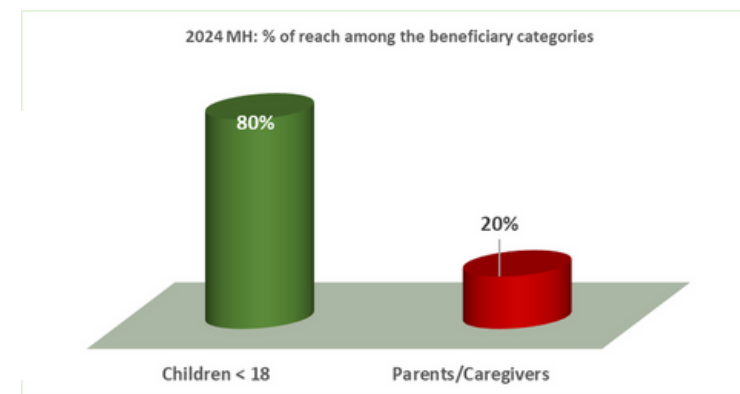
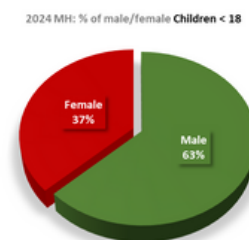
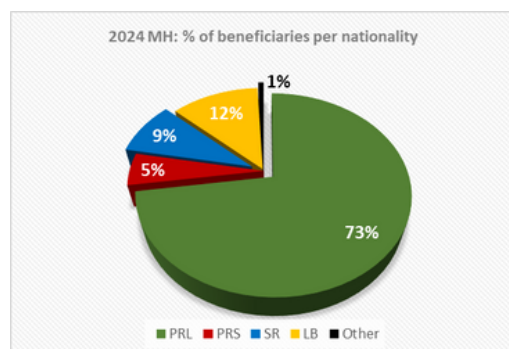
Social workers remained in close cooperation with therapists and conducted daily follow-ups with affected families, providing support,

MH program reached a total of **2,087** beneficiaries, of which **80%** are youth. Parents and youth are of various nationalities, as shown in the table below. Corresponding percentages of the details are illustrated in the figures.

guidance, and essential services during this crisis.

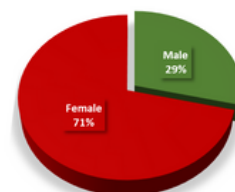
Despite the challenges of mobility and safety, BAS Family Guidance Centers in Beddawi and Nahr el Bared were able to remain fully operational, providing critical psychosocial support as a lifesaving to both the local community and displaced families. One of the most meaningful successes came from the coordinated efforts of the team to ensure that families had access to food, shelter, and essential medical care.

A key adaptation in BAS mental health program is the ability to modify activities, such as offering **remote therapy sessions**, providing treatments, and ensuring beneficiaries have access to medication, to maintain the continuity of services during times of war or other crises. This approach helps prevent any disruption or reduction in the support to individuals and communities, even in the most challenging circumstances



MH Beneficiaries	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Other
Children < 18	1,667	1,239	84	148	189	7
Parents/Caregivers	420	278	26	38	69	9
Grand Total	2,087	1,517	110	186	258	16

2024 MH: % of male/female Parents & Caregivers



MH Beneficiaries	Male	Female	Total
Children < 18	1,050	617	1,667
Parents/Caregivers	121	299	420
Grand Total	1,171	916	2,087

# PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

“Strengthening community-based child protection, GBV interventions and psychosocial support (PSS) in Palestinian camps and gatherings in Lebanon” project is implemented in Rashidiyeh camp in the south, and Nahr el Bared camp in the north. During the conflict period, most of the population in Rashidiyeh was displaced into Nahr el Bared. But wherever the destination was, or the population came from, the components of this project were needed most.

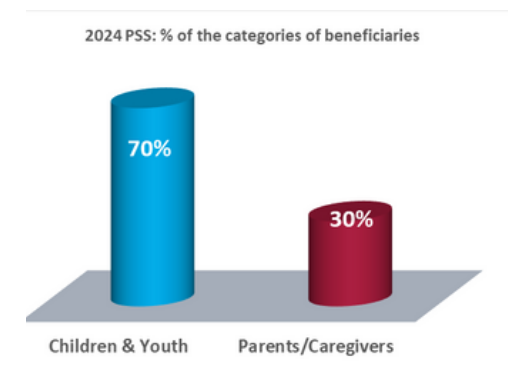
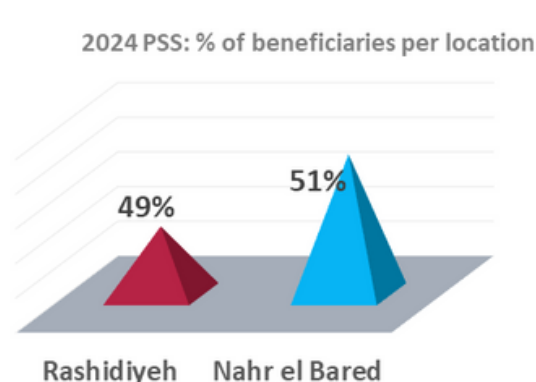
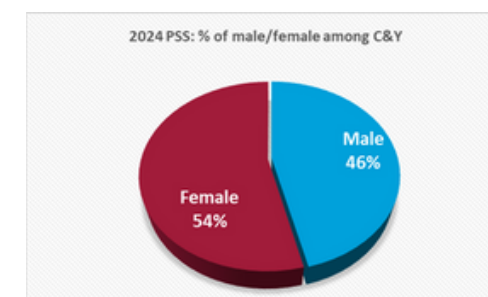
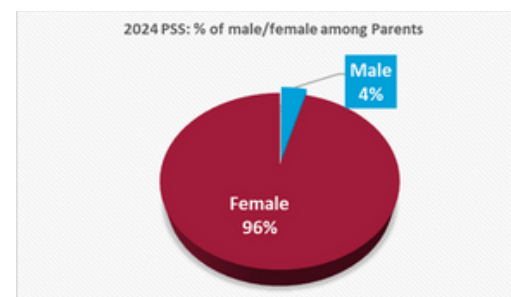
Displacement of the staff did not interrupt the implementation of PSS activities; just relocated it. Both, inside and outside the camps, the direct interventions were those of protection, GBV, and PSS.



In 2024, numerous numbers of people were engaged in PSS various activities. Despite the assessments that were carried out regarding statistical count of the displaced people, the hosting local residents were also included.

As a program, the PSS project reached a total of **7,126** children, youth, and parents/caregivers. Description of the beneficiaries are found in the tables, charts and figures below.

PSS Beneficiaries	Male	Female	Total #	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Other
Children & Youth	2,296	2,678	4,974	4,582	171	173	48	0
Parents/Caregivers	90	2,062	2,152	1,897	129	74	50	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,386</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>7,126</b>	<b>6,479</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>2</b>





# ART & CULTURE

*BAS Palestinian embroidery production decorating pillars in the hall of the German Research Institute in Lebanon*



Palestinian  
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# PALESTINIAN EMBROIDERY

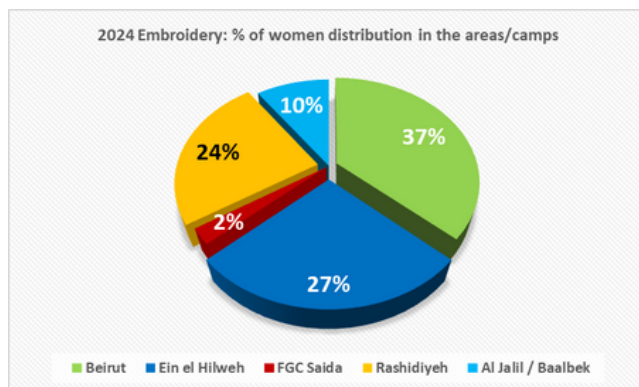
In December 2021, the UNESCO inscribed the Palestinian Embroidery on World Heritage List. By definition, UNECO's listing selects what has an "outstanding universal value" that is important for the present and future generations.

This is highly significant because it acknowledges the Palestinians existence as an entity, especially at this time of genocidal war led against the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank.

NISCVT/BAS insists on preserving the identity of Palestine through numerous activities and projects, embroidery is one of these. Whereas the main goal is to empower Palestinian women, BAS passes on the heritage from one generation to another. By investing in physical and material efforts for this project, BAS has provided Palestinian and non-Palestinian women with income generating opportunities that they can work at home while taking care of their families.

BAS embroidery workshop continued to operate in 2024 with a non-stop beat despite the security crisis. Some of the workers were displaced, particularly those living in the southern camps. However, they resumed their work from the displacement shelters. That was one way to financially support their families financially and it was "a form of psychological therapy that helped them overcome the pressures of war and displacement," as the women said.

The Palestinian Embroidery of BAS is proudly Made in the Camps (al Jalil (Baalbek), Rashidiyeh (south) and Ein el Hilweh, and FGC Saida) by the hands of 82 Palestinian women. The figure below shows their presence in the different areas and camps.



2024 was rich in activities for the embroidery project, in spite of the security concerns. Delegations from different parts of the world visited BAS embroidery workshop; the German Research Institute in Lebanon requested to decorate its walls with embroidered Palestinian works and three large pieces were hung on the walls of the institute; and BAS workshop participated in the Week of Solidarity with the Palestinian People in cooperation with the Lebanese American University (LAU) in Byblos and Beirut.



A training workshop was held to 12 girls from Burj el Barajneh camp. The training focused not only on teaching the basics skills of embroidery, but also on the value and significance of the Palestinian embroidery art in particular. In another project, 59 women were trained in sewing and embroidery in Rashidiyeh and Burj el Shamali.



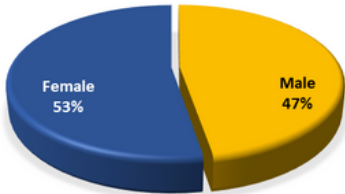
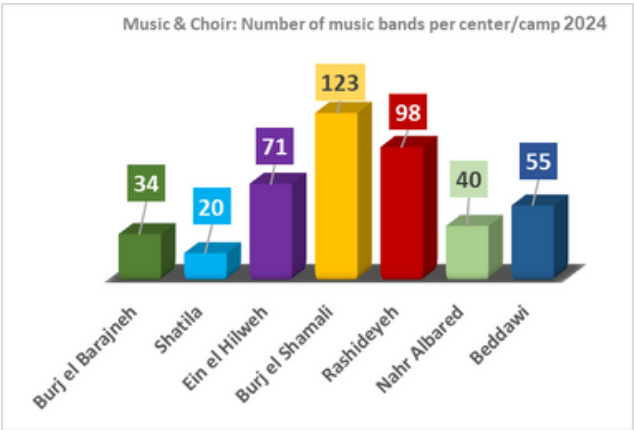


# Music & Songs

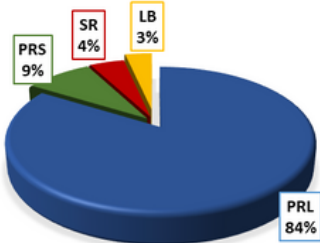
At NISCVT/BAS where children, youth, and adults are empowered with different skills, the music & choir program is a school that teaches the love of Land, freedom and resilience. It's the harmony between Land and life. It is the tool to help children and youth in the refugee camps to express themselves, overcome fears and anxieties, along with developing the sense of belonging to the community and homeland. The music and choir bands always participate in events and national occasions.



**441** children and youth, ages 7- 24, engaged in learning and playing music at BAS centers during 2024. Music programs continued to be implemented in seven camps, as indicated in the chart. Corresponding percentages of gender and nationality are shown in the figures below.



2024 Music & Choir: % of male/female participants



2024 Music & Choir: % of participants per nationality



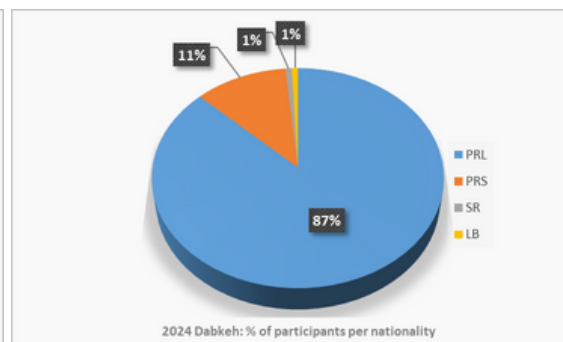
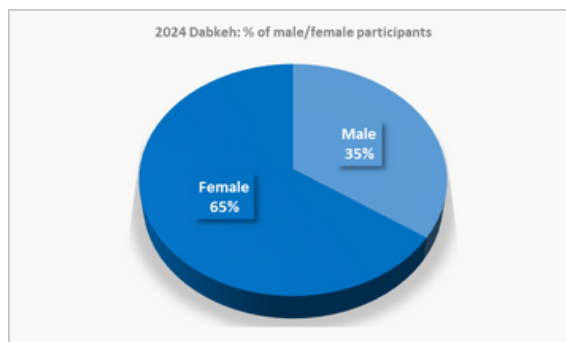
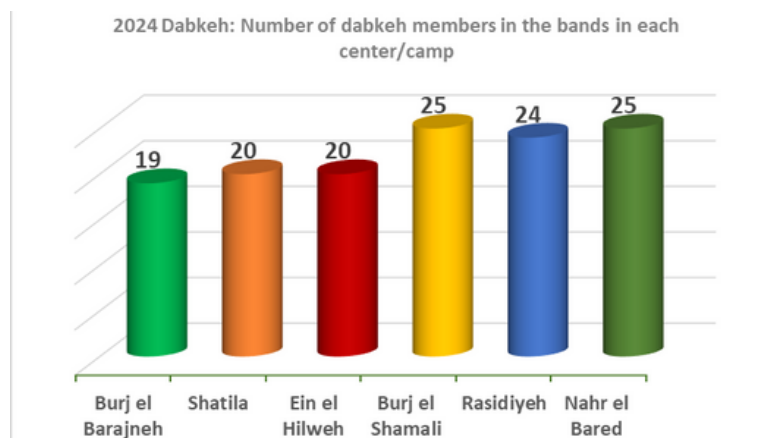
# Folklore Dabkeh

## Palestinian Dabkeh

Like other cultural arts and activities, practicing the Palestinian folklore Dabkeh promotes the sense of belonging to homeland. BAS has always ensured that children and youth learn about the history of Palestine from all aspects of life. The beauty of the traditional Dabkeh lies in assuring unity and solidarity of the dancers through the rhythmic steps while the hand in hand and shoulder to shoulder.

Each of BAS centers has its own Dabkeh band making up in total **133** dancers (65% female). On every national occasion, children and youth perform their dancing artwork, dressed up in the authentic Palestinian costume.

The chart shows the number of Dabkeh dancers in each center/camp; and the figures illustrate the percentages of gender and nationality.





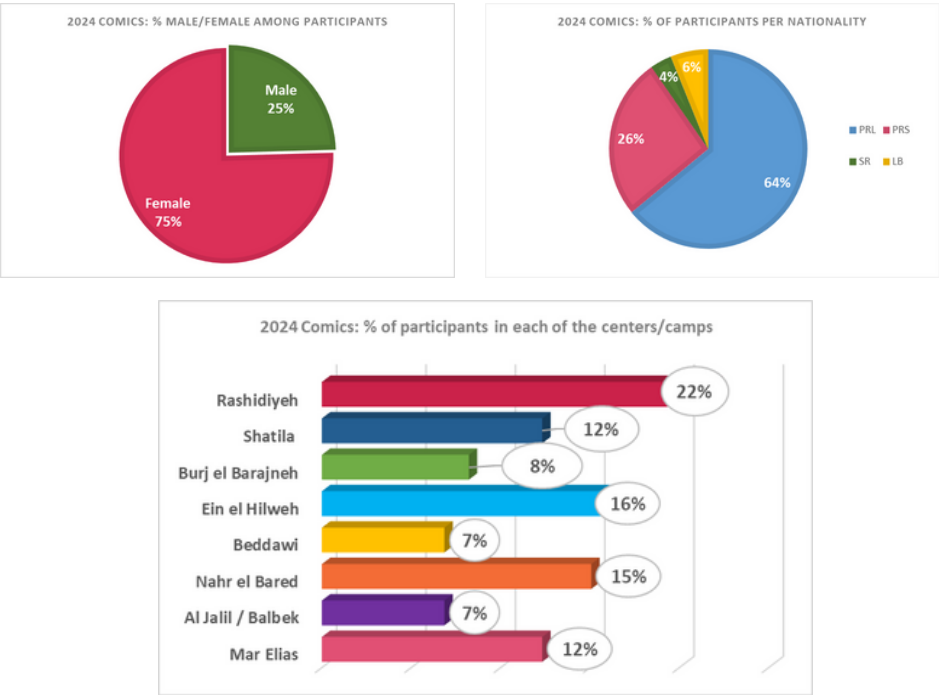
# Drawing & Comics

Comics is the visual art that combines drawing and script that weave a story to express an idea in an entertaining, satirical, or purposeful way. It supports the individual's mental health, provides psychosocial support, and teaches messages necessary to both, the individual and the community.

During the war months, comics was used to alleviate the sufferings of the displaced, especially in Mar Elias camp. The camp didn't have a specific prepared shelter to host the displaced; families were hosted by their relatives and friends. This situation created increased frustration and tension among the residents.

It was crucial to initiate psychosocial support, as happened in other places of displacement, besides the necessary relief aid. Comics proved a very effective method for to help the people vent their distress and overcome their disagreements. Sessions for children, youth, and mothers were held at BAS center in the camp.

Comics creative talents reached 114 in 2024 in BAS centers in the camps. The numbers per camp, and the total percentages' segregation of nationalities and gender are shown below.





# Scouts

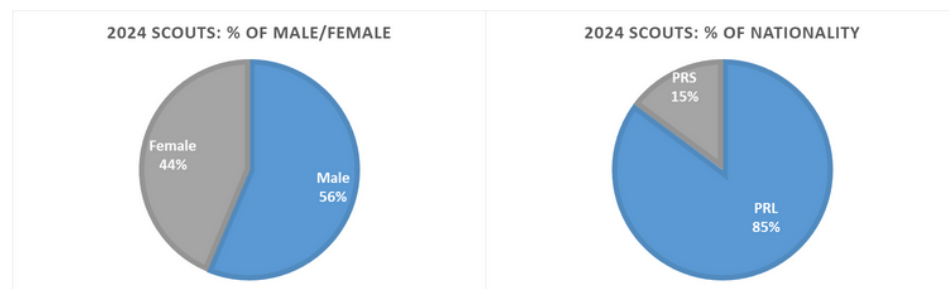
The Scouts are the “ever ready” group for serving the community. Based on solid principles of discipline, respect, and honor, BAS scouts groups proved their oath to supporting the community is true. The youth scouts volunteered to help the displaced and ease the anxiety of the scared people.

In 2024, BAS scouts haven’t had the chance to go on exploration voyages as planned, because of the security situation. However, they did not spare a national occasion in which they did not participate.

BAS scouts groups are active in the southern camps of Burj el Shamali and Rashidiyeh. While the Rashidiyeh center has one scouts group, Burj el Shamali has been raising four groups: The "Akela", the “BALOO,” the “Brownsea” and the “Baden Powell” bands. Each includes different age-groups.

BAS Scouts are always present on celebrating and/or commemorating national occasions. They march in the streets of the camps to share the occasions with the community, spreading positive vibes within the alleys. In 2024, the active members of the scouts bands reached **135** children and youth. They are all Palestinians, PRLs and PRSs. Details below.

Center/Camp	Male	Female	Total	PRL	PRS
Burj el Shamali	67	52	119	100	19
Rashidiyeh	9	7	16	15	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>20</b>





# Sports

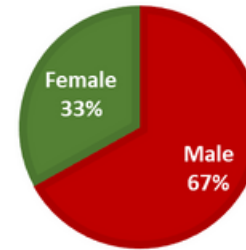
More female children and youth are getting into football playing in the camps. Although sports activities are implemented in almost all the camps where BAS operates, teams of football, girls and boys, have been formed and maintained in Nahr el Bared, Shatila, and Burj el Barajneh camps. Details are found below.

Center/Camp	Male	Female	Total	PRL	PRS	SR
Burj el Barajneh	14	18	32	32	0	0
Shatila	13	0	13	13	0	0
Nahr el Bared	50	20	70	56	4	10
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>

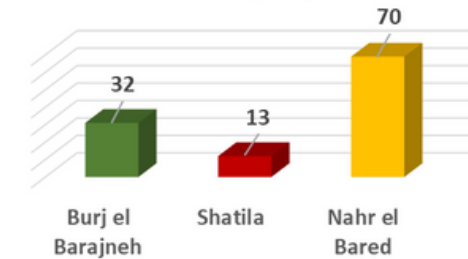
Other sports that combine girls and boys in competition are: running (racing), ping pong, and chess. These types of sports are open to all age groups and both genders.

The girls' football teams have gained sophisticated skills of playing and have participated in football matches against Lebanese girls' teams. To their pride and confidence, BAS team won the game, which encouraged other girls to join the football trainings.

2024 FOOTBALL: % OF MALE/FEMALE BAS FOOTBALL PLAYERS



2024 Football: Number of players per each center/camp



# Relief & In-Kind Aid

The recent hostilities against Lebanon have added the deteriorating socioeconomic situation in the country. It is becoming heavier on the population in general, and on the Palestinians living in the camps, in particular.

With the challenging circumstances, increased inflation and limited resources, NISCVT was able to distribute **23,381** portions of various humanitarian needs and children's stationery and gifts, and **1,645** cash assistance for medication and other needs.

Many thanks and sincere gratitude to BAS friends and supporters who responded to the emergency calls during the conflict, and extended their generous aid to the Palestinian refugees and the people in Lebanon.



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