



# The National Institution of Social Care & Vocational Training

## Beit Afal Assumoud

*"... O Enemy of the Sun, You may deprive my children of a smile and of life's necessities ...  
But for her sake, and his sake, I swear I shall not compromise;  
And to the last pulse in my veins, I shall Resist, and Resist."*

*Samih Al-Qasim  
Palestinian Poet*



# Annual Report 2021

# INTRODUCTION

2021 brought more misery to Lebanon's population. The economy came to almost a total collapse as the currency lost more than 80% of its value. Protests and road blockage failed to change the situation, and the socioeconomic situation has drastically deteriorated affecting the hosted refugees more than others. 9 out of 10 refugees were living in extreme poverty (UN reports).

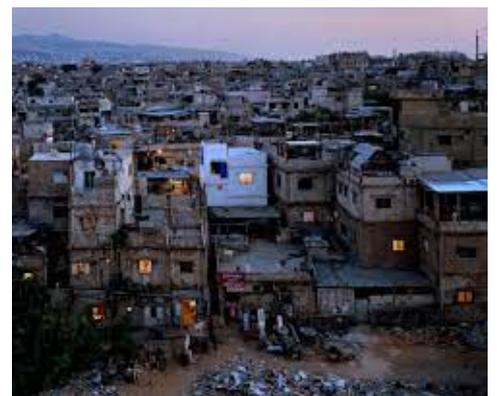
The financial crisis reached importation of fuel products essential to all economic sectors. The Lebanese government imposed an increase in fuel prices to solve its staggering shortage. However, this increase impacted public transportation within the country, and services became more expensive. The crisis further affected the power and increased electricity rationing. Attempts by the government to obviate a total blackout failed, leaving the country reach a total blackout during summer. The blackout paralyzed all services and healthcare sectors. As private generators are alternatives to the major power plants, monopoly, soaring prices and fuel shortages have deepened the crisis. The people living in poverty couldn't afford spend on generators, including those in Palestinian refugee camps.

The pandemic had been particularly detrimental on Lebanon in 2021. Vaccination campaigns gradually achieved immunization within the local society. However, densely populated areas, such as refugee camps, had been at high risk of vast outbreaks of the corona delta variant due to lack of preventive measures. A UN study established that Palestinian refugees in Lebanon are three times more likely to die of COVID-19 than the rest of the population. The majority of refugees who die after contracting the virus suffer from health conditions aggravated by the conditions in the camps. Nevertheless, it had been difficult to convince the people inside the camps of the vaccine effectiveness.

Simultaneously, the unprecedented inflation in the prices resulted in shortage of essential medicines in pharmacies, including baby formula or chronic disease pills. These factors have rendered minor sickness a disaster.

Lebanon's difficult conditions escalated social instability leading to increase in violent actions. Violence is particularly common in underprivileged regions in Lebanon, including refugee camps where the Lebanese security forces have little to no authority.

The Palestinian community in Lebanon has been among the most affected by the overall conditions. The pandemic had been the latest in a series of recent devastating blows to a community that has suffered marginalization and uncertainty for decades. Before the financial meltdown of Lebanon, the Palestinian refugees lived in poverty and faced systemic restrictions that limited their employment, property ownership and, at times, movement. Unemployment has been high in the camps for many years, shooting up from 65 to 90 percent, increasing the extreme poverty rate to 80% as result of the pandemic. Soaring prices of food items are affecting the nutrition of the population, especially the children and the elderly persons, leading to death in some cases.



The conditions of the refugees have been best described by the rhetoric question imposed by UNRWA Commissioner-General, Philippe Lazzarini, after his visit to Lebanon camps:

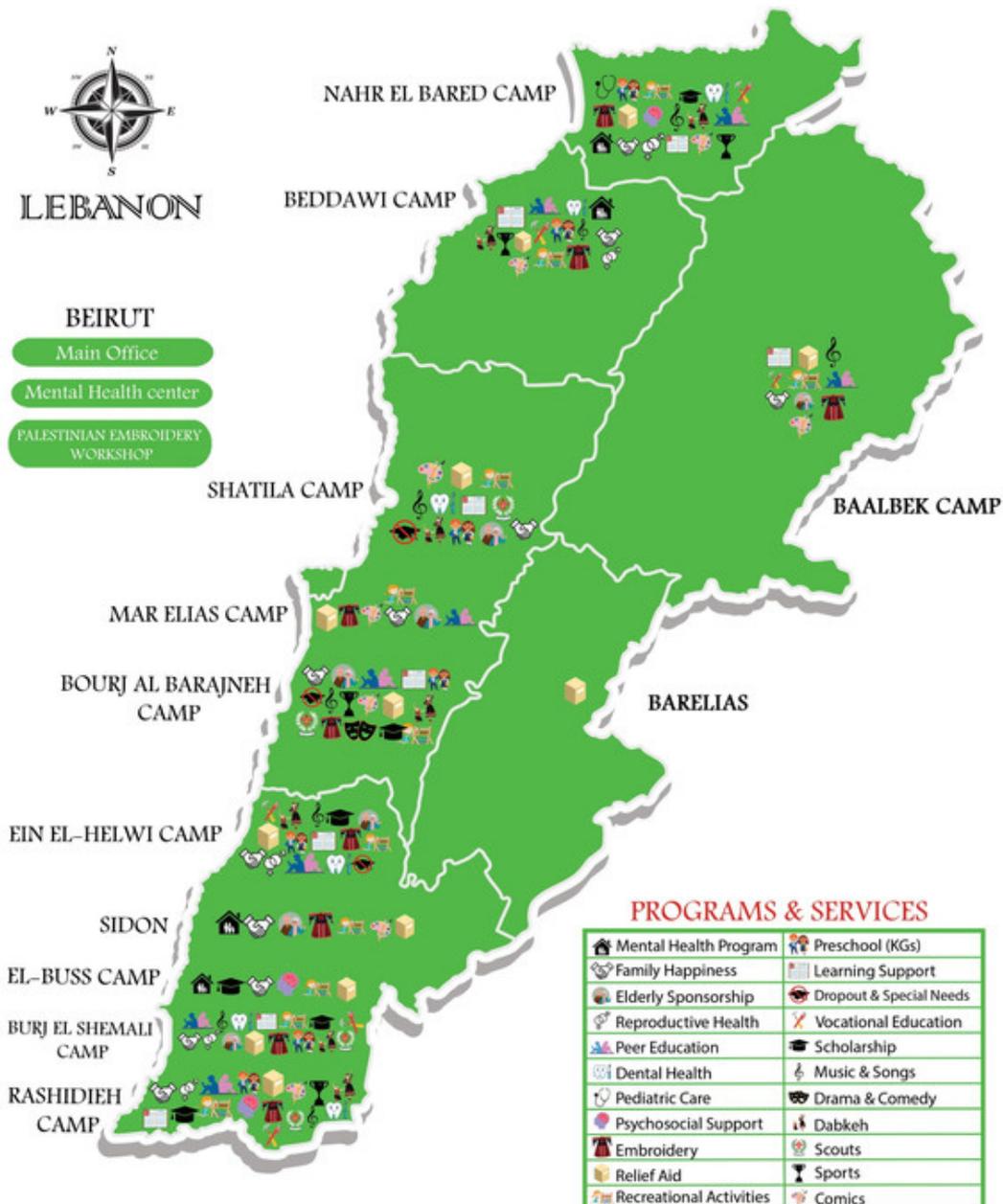
*“What do you answer someone who says that they have three options: die from COVID-19, die from hunger, or take to the sea?”*

## Who We Are

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

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

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





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# Messages from our leaders



**Ms. Khawla Khalaf**  
El Buss Center Manager

A year passed with increasing challenges and crises of COVID-19 spread and collapse of Lebanon's economy. Social, educational, and health sectors were all affected significantly, especially the mental health.

Our mental health (MH) program faced several challenges this year due to lack of funding and immigration of several doctors and specialists. This came at a time when society, and especially children, are facing psychological difficulties and poor living conditions never experienced before. However, we've managed to continue providing high quality MH services, and financial and in-kind assistance to families in need.

In line with our strategic plan, we have integrated community-based rehabilitation into the MH program to raise community awareness and ensure social integration of children suffering from mental disorders with other community members, and also transforming families and individuals from beneficiaries to partners in improving the MH of our community.

With a commitment to providing evidence-based guidance, reliable interventions and improving access to MH services, we continue to work with our partners towards a healthier Palestinian community.

We owe thanks to parents whose incredible resilience and devotion to improve the psychological condition of their children have been remarkable.

We're grateful to the children who have inspired us to expand our work in the MH field.

Our sincere gratitude goes to all the partners, individuals and organizations, for their solidarity, believing in our cause and supporting our programs, children and families.

Thanks to NISCVT management and work team for their roles in improving the realities of the Palestinians in Lebanon.



**Mr. Kassem Aina**  
General Director

73 years have passed and the Palestinians are still refugees, living in confined camps scattered on the Lebanese territories in worse living conditions than ever before!

2021 also marks the 45th year since the establishment of Beit Atfal Assumoud. As you may all know, it was founded to embrace the children orphaned as a result of the massacre committed on our people in Tel al Zaatar refugee camp in 1976.

But Tel al Zaatar wasn't the first or the last massacre that orphaned our children, nor did it end the injustice against our people. Oppression and injustice enforced miserable conditions in the camps where resources are scarce, services are over-stretched, and civil and legal rights remain limited.

For 45 years now, BAS has been diligently working to improve the living conditions of the Palestinians in the camps and gatherings. Working to build up a Palestinian individual full of dignity, loyalty, integrity, and independent of charity, the present crisis keeps fighting back against our endeavor at times where the family basic needs are hard to attain.

The repercussions of Lebanon's crisis on our people are severe, leading to social problems, and threatening their mental and physical wellbeing, affecting the future of the children and, simultaneously, the community. This multilayered crisis makes Palestinian refugee camps unlivable, witnessing violence, poverty, and confinement.

Yet, generations have graduated from this institution, which couldn't have outlived the atrocities of various wars and multi-crises hardships without the solidarity of true friends and generous donors. These generations, and others until the Right of Return is achieved, are grateful for your support as we all in BAS are.



# 2021 in Numbers

PROGRAMS AND BENEFICIARIES	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB
<b>Education</b>					
Pre-school/Kindergarten	580	84%	6%	5%	5%
Learning Support Classes (LS)	713	63%	16%	21%	0%
LS: Special Classes (Learning difficulties, Dropouts, Informal)	76	43%	3%	54%	0%
Vocational Education	131	85%	13%	1%	1%
Scholarships (Unl. and VET)	77	82%	4%	13%	1%
Scholarships - Children with Multiple Needs (MSN)	114	90%	1%	9%	0%
<b>Health</b>					
Dental Education, Screening & Treatment (3-6 years)	8,445	80%	8%	9%	3%
Dental Screening & Treatment (7-18 Children + Adults)	5,623	74%	14%	9%	3%
Pediatric Clinic: Children	4,104	91%	5%	3%	1%
Pediatric Health Education: Mothers' Sessions	647	85%	15%	0%	0%
Reproductive Health: Clinical Services	4,976	69%	9%	19%	3%
Reproductive Health: Awareness	2,656	63%	17%	17%	3%
COVID-19: Health prevention and Vaccination	2,500	35%	63%	1%	1%
Mental Health (Parents & Children <18)	1,218	69%	5%	16%	10%
Psychosocial Support for Children & Youth	1,987	91%	5%	3%	1%
Psychosocial Support for Parents/Caregivers	1,275	93%	5%	1%	1%
Peer Education Program	503	72%	20%	3%	5%
<b>Sponsorship (Family Happiness Project)</b>					
Sponsored Children	1,087	88%	11%	1%	0%
Sponsored Families	553	87%	11%	1%	1%
Sponsored Elderlies	51	98%	2%	0%	0%
Sponsored KG Children	364	92%	5%	2%	1%
<b>Cultur, Art, &amp; Recreational Activities</b>					
Embroidery Production Project - Women	111	93%	7%	0%	0%
Scouts	311	84%	15%	0%	1%
Sports Teams - Children & Youth	406	81%	12%	5%	2%
Dabkeh Groups	117	89%	5%	1%	5%
Musical Bands & Choir Groups	495	81%	11%	3%	5%
Drawing & Comics	108	76%	11%	9%	4%
<b>Relief Aid and In-Kind Distributions</b>					
Diesel Fuel	618	26%	74%	0%	0%
Food Support (parcels, meals& vouchers)	17,395	67%	29%	3%	1%
Hygiene Kits	13,255	42%	55%	2%	1%
Women's Dignity Kits	818	73%	11%	8%	8%
Baby essentials (diapers, & milk)	1,778	27%	72%	1%	0%
Clothing (Eid & winter clothing, shoes)	3,836	80%	12%	6%	2%
Children's Gifts & KG Stationery	3,324	82%	9%	5%	4%
Cash for Medicine & Medical Treatment	1,747	87%	10%	2%	1%

PRL = Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon  
PRS = Palestinian Refugees from Syria

SR = Syrian Refugees  
LB = Lebanese

# EDUCATION

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

Article 28, UNCRG



# PRESCHOOL EDUCATION - KINDERGARTENS

*"Our task is to help preschoolers find the proper path to climb up their own mountains, a path that leads to achieve the Right of Return to our Homeland."*

*Rania Khartabil; KG Coordinator*



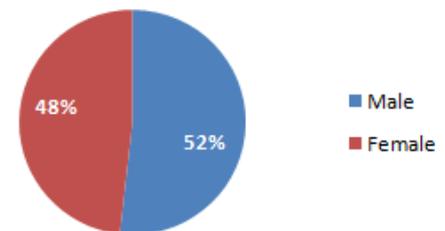
The 2020-2021 scholastic year was not of less challenges than the previous one. The pandemic imposed distant learning and, again, empty classrooms for most of the year. When the Ministry of Education allowed children's attendance through the Blended Learning method, the scholastic year was almost at its end. The gradual return revealed weaknesses in children's learning level despite solving the worksheets and online follow up. Teachers spent time repeating previous concepts, working hard to leverage the children's educational attainment. The school year ended in mid-August, at the peak of hot weather accompanied by power cut-off. Unforgettable challenges!

Health, safety, and MoE decisions did not convince some parents of the virtual class learning. Those who found serious difficulty to engage in their children's learning last year, preferred to go to other local KGs offering in-class education. Thus, BAS faced an additional challenge of losing about 40 of its registered preschoolers as a result.

## Our Preschoolers:

2021 KG classes embraced a total of **580** children, 3-5 years old, in the 7 kindergartens of BAS centers inside the camps in Beirut, south and north Lebanon. The number included 48% female children, whereas 84% of the total are PRL. The figure here shows the percentages of KG male and female children.

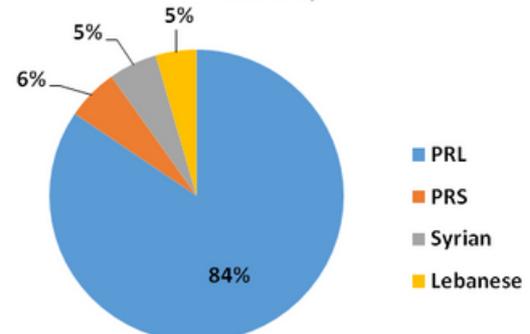
Percentage of Male/Female KG Children



Segregation by nationalities and the corresponding percentages are illustrated below. The table shows the numbers in nationality and gender.

Nationality	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
PRL	253	237	490
PRS	17	16	33
SR	18	13	31
LB	15	11	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>580</b>

Percentages of KG Children segregated by Nationality



## PRESCHOOL EDUCATION - KINDERGARTENS

To eliminate technical obstacles facing the teaching-learning process, friends and donors made laptops available for the teachers' use. In addition, a series of workshops were held for teachers aiming at empowering them with computer literacy that facilitates the virtual learning process.

Besides the support to teachers, the children also received their share of the Dream Bags, stationery, storybooks, educational toys, and above all, they participated in educational play-days and recreational activities.



The children and their families benefited from the generous care of BAS supporters. Distribution of hygiene kits, food parcels, and winter clothing were distributed to all kindergarten children from the various donors. This has been of great assistance to the families living in the camps, who are severely suffering of the economic crisis in Lebanon.



# LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAM



"In the Learning Support Program, we focus on making the learning an enjoyable experience. Our children need support not because they lack cleverness, but because they need care, love, and mostly fun in these difficult times. We provide this opportunity."

Hind Maraqa; LS Coordinator



NISCVT's eight learning support centers spread in the Palestinian camps across Lebanon. This program is built to ensure quality education is reached to all children with the proper support. It aims at reducing the dropout student rate through increasing their engagement in the learning process. Using the student-centered approach and active learning methodologies, the children participate in psychosocial activities that supports their social development. LS children also participate in summer activities that enhance their commitment to education.

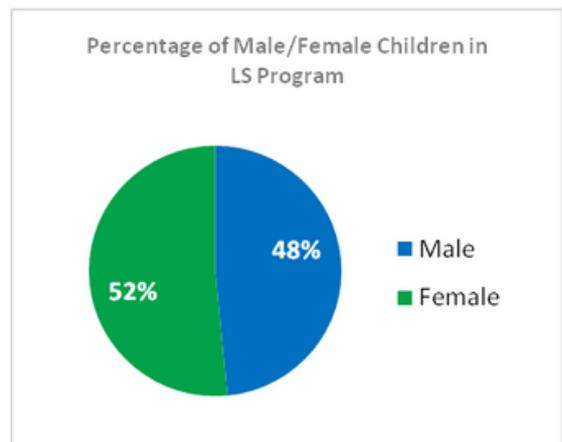
The Learning Support Program targets:

- Students of the primary cycle in UNRWA schools with the objective to improve their school performance;
- School dropouts;
- Children having learning difficulties and other special needs; and
- Syrian refugee children who do not attend school.

## Learning Support Children:

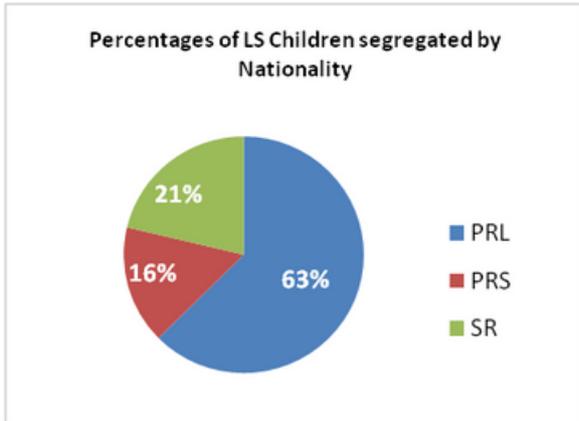
In 2021, BAS reached a total of **714** children through the learning support services, of which 52% are girls. As with all programs, BAS provides equal opportunities to all children regardless of gender, race, or nationality. Description of the children reached is seen below, by numbers and percentages.

Center/Camp	Gender		Total
	Male	Female	
Rashidiyeh	48	35	83
Ain el Hilweh	34	61	95
Burjel Shamali	27	33	60
Shatila	30	27	57
Burjel Barajneh	58	57	115
Beddawi	41	51	92
Nahr el Bared	48	31	79
Wavel (Baalbek)	60	73	133
<b>Total</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>714</b>



# LEARNING SUPPORT PROGRAM

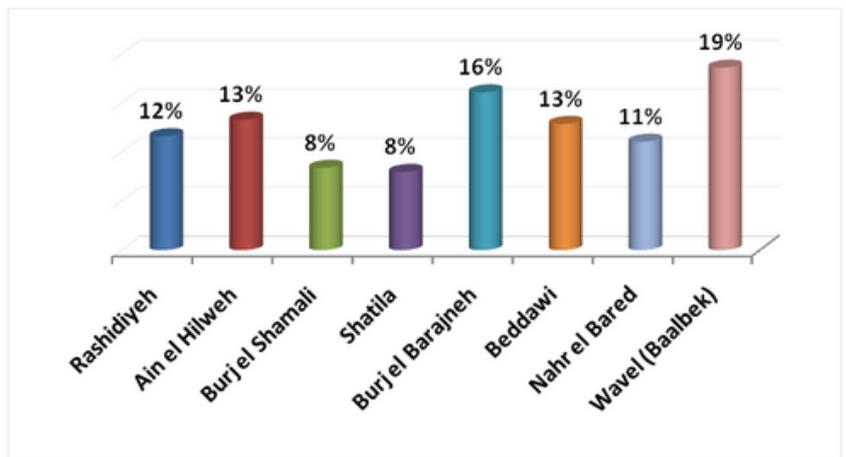
Led by NISCVT values, LS program works towards fulfilling the vision of providing every child with the opportunity to learn and receive the needed education and decision-making skills. Hence, the program reaches the underprivileged children living in the camps and the surroundings without any discrimination of nationality or ability.



Center/Camp	Nationalities			Total
	PRL	PRS	SR	
Rashidiyeh	63	20	0	83
Ain el Hilweh	82	9	4	95
Burjel Shamali	46	12	2	60
Shatila	46	11	0	57
Burjel Barajneh	0	0	115	115
Beddawi	45	17	30	92
Nahr el Bared	75	3	1	79
Wavel (Baalbek)	90	43	0	133
<b>Total</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>714</b>

In 2021, the number of children in LS program has shown an increase of 97 children from last year (617 in 2020). The COVID-imposed online learning used in the previous year has weakened the students' education levels, a result alarming to teachers, parents, and children alike.

Moreover, among the 8 NISCVT centers providing the LS service, the highest capacity of children is seen in Wavel camp, Baalbek. It serves 19% of the total number of LS students, as shown in the chart. Though a relatively small camp compared to others, Wavel camp is one of the most underprivileged, and suffers of extreme poverty and harsh weather, especially in winter.



Percentages of LS students distribution in the 8 NISCVT centers



## LEARNING SUPPORT: Special Classes Education

A structured program of special education classes are offered to school dropout children and youth, and those experiencing learning difficulties. The special education is implemented in two of NISCVT centers, Ein el Hilweh (South) and Burj el Barajneh (Beirut). At the centers, the children (all girls) engage in the learning process which depends on Action-Through-Play methodology. Participants discover their talents and enhanced abilities through becoming involved in an ongoing learning track.

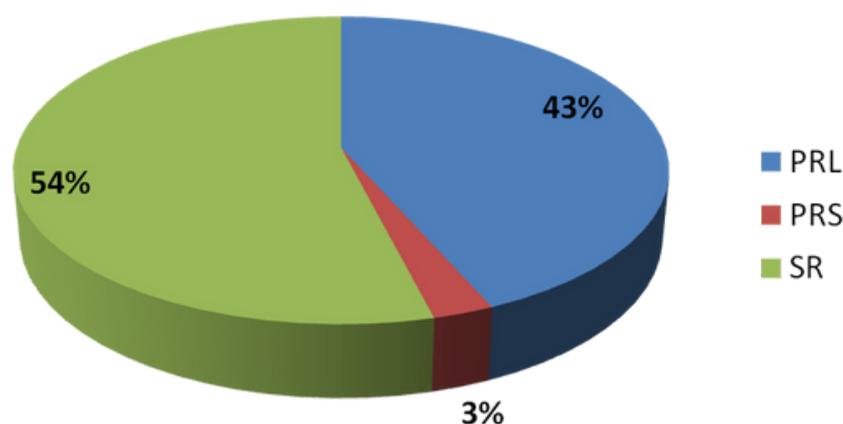


### Learning Support - Special Education Children:

A total of 22 school dropouts and 54 students with learning difficulties attended BAS classes in 2021. The table below shows the number of children-students in each of the centers.

Center/Camp	Drop-out Students	Learning Difficulties Students	Total
Burj el Barajneh	0	33	33
Ein el Hilweh	22	21	43
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>76</b>

The girls come from different nationalities of the refugees living in the camps. The figures below show the percentages of the children segregated according to the nationalities in both camps.



# VOCATIONAL EDUCATION



*"With the economic crisis and increase of poverty, more youth choose to find jobs. To them, the circumstances do not allow time to get proper education; they prefer to gain the relevant skills while getting paid. Their choices are limited to the permitted job practices for the Palestinians in Lebanon."*

*Assaad Abdul Al; VET Coordinator*

Despite the rare employment opportunities in a country facing multiple crises, NISCVT carries on its mission of empowering the youth, and the community as a whole. The vocational education program offered by the institution provides updated learning of conventional jobs and modern practical techniques, opening innovative horizons to 15-25 year old girls and boys. The accelerated non-academic courses, accompanied with personal and social skills training, help the youth pave their way into the job market.

Upon completing the courses, students receive their certificates and a tool kit necessary to start up own career within the specialty. In 2021, solar energy installation technicians have been in high demand as the basic electricity sources are not available in the country. 20 students at Nahr el Bared center graduated with this skill and have been able to find jobs directly.

## Vocational Education Training Youth:

**132** youth (45% female) graduated in 2021 from the vocational education program in NISCVT. Although the total number of graduates is less than that of last year, it is significant to note the increase in the number of girls enrolled in the program, an increase marked at 16 percentage points, regardless of the choice of profession. This indicates major changes within the Palestinian community in the camps:

a) The difficult economic conditions are leading more girls to seek jobs; and

b) In the conservative community in the camps, more families are allowing their girls to become empowered with jobs in hand, unlike the known traditions. This reflects a changed perception towards gender equality.



According to the VET Coordinator, "Girls have shown strong abilities and resilience that ensure sustainability at any task they'd take." He added, "Girls can simply compete with boys on various levels. Most likely, they win!"

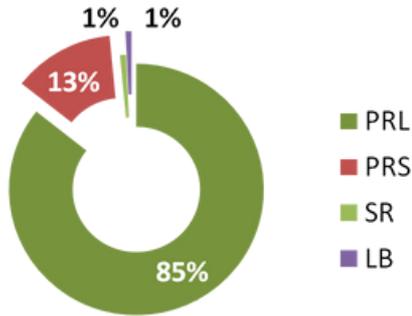
VET program is offered in two forms: In-house training conducted within the centers' premises, and outside-the-center courses in partnership with private Lebanese VET centers. In both forms, studying involves theory and practical sessions, and certification is received. Some of the common vocations are:



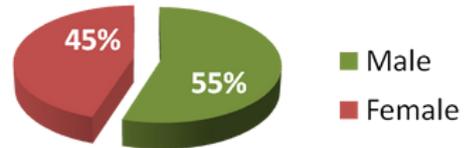
# VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Of the 132 graduates, 113 are Palestinian refugees originally living in Lebanon, representing 85% of the students. The figures and the charts below show the percentages and the numbers of the youth segregated by gender and nationalities.

	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Male	Female	Total
<b>In-House VET Courses</b>	82	16	1	1	57	43	100
<b>Partner VET Centers</b>	31	1	0	0	16	16	32
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>132</b>



Percentages of VET students segregated by nationalities



Percentages of VET students segregated by gender

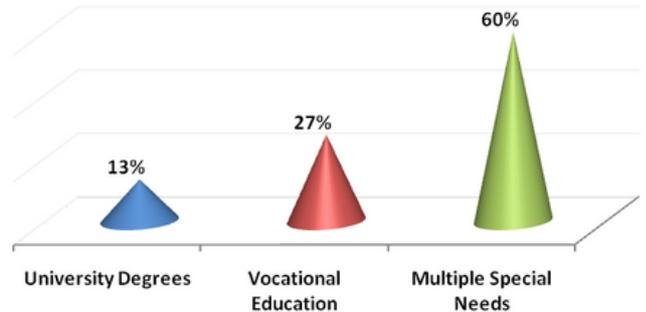
NISCVT provides vocational education in Nahr el Bared and Beddawi camps in the north, Wavel camp in Baalbek, Rashidiyeh and Burj el Shamali camps in the south, and Burj el Barajneh and Shatila camps in Beirut.



# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

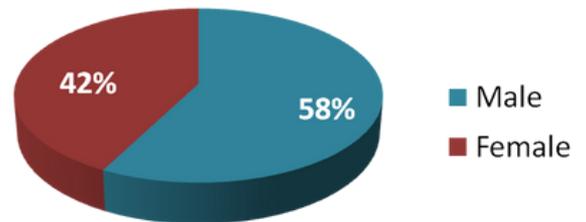
Through partnerships and donor support, NISCVT provides university and vocational education scholarships for the youth. Specialized fields of study, such as, Nursing, Dental Assistance, Graphic Design, are wider opportunities to meet the youth's ambitions and future career development. Special scholarships also are offered to children living with special abilities in the camps.

In 2021, a total of **191** scholarships were provided to students in the various camps, **77** of which are university and VET scholarships. The chart shows the percentage distribution of the scholarships per fields.

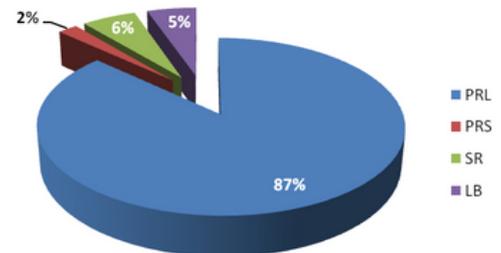


The scholarship program male and female youth living in the Palestinian refugee camps, of the present nationalities. The below tables and figures show the numbers and the corresponding percentages of the students who received the academic and vocational scholarships, segregated by gender and nationality.

Segregation by Gender	Male	Female	Total
University Degrees	3	22	25
Vocational Education	29	23	52
Multiple Special Needs	78	36	114
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>191</b>



Segregation by Nationality	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Total
University Degrees	20	1	0	4	25
Vocational Education	43	2	1	6	52
Multiple Special Needs	103	1	10	0	114
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>191</b>



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



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

# HEALTH

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

Mahatma Gandhi



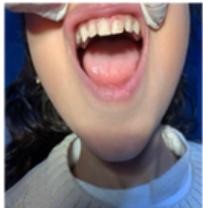


*“If it weren’t for the collaborative efforts of all stakeholders --doctors, nurses, teachers, parents, administration, and donors-- the dental health clinics wouldn’t have survived the economic crisis which Lebanon is experiencing.”*

*Dr. Faizah Masri; Dental Health Coordinator*

Not only to provide accessible dental treatment, NISCVT's dental health program aims at spreading knowledge and awareness towards the importance of maintaining healthy practices among the various age-groups of the community. Despite the challenges of COVID and financial constraints, the program continued reaching the community with the needed services of:

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



The school-based dental health program integrates free dental care into the school routine as part of the comprehensive services offered. This approach favors reach on a large-scale and allows children to learn and practice healthy habits as part of their daily life system. When dental treatment is needed, school clinics are a less threatening alternative for the young children than private clinics. Children feel safer in a familiar environment and staff they trust.

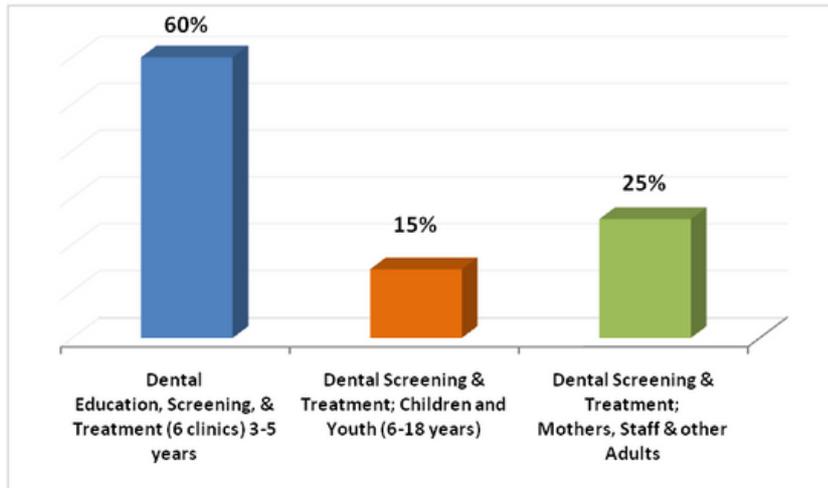
## Target Beneficiaries & Services

Sponsored children (3-18 years) of the Family Happiness Project and their mothers are the main beneficiaries of this service. However, the program encompasses NISCVT staff and extends the services to children of all ages participating in the organization's activities, such as those involved in educational programs, scouts, and music, with the needed treatments.

**14,089** beneficiaries of different age groups were reached in 2021, with about 10% increase from last year's (12,686). The alleviation of the pandemic danger resulted in less frequent closures, thus giving space and time for more treatments. The table below shows the numbers reached by the various sectors of the program, segregated by gender and age groups.

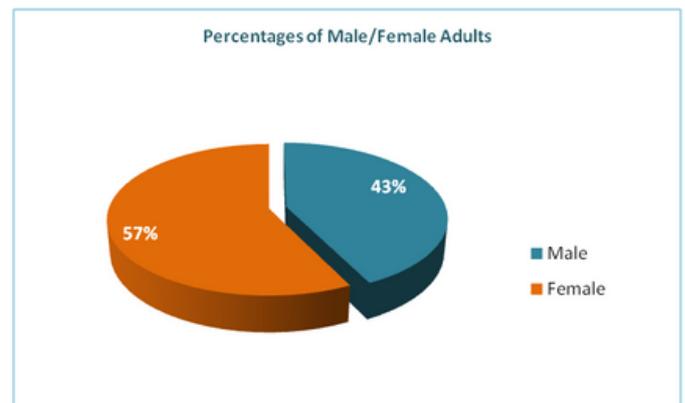
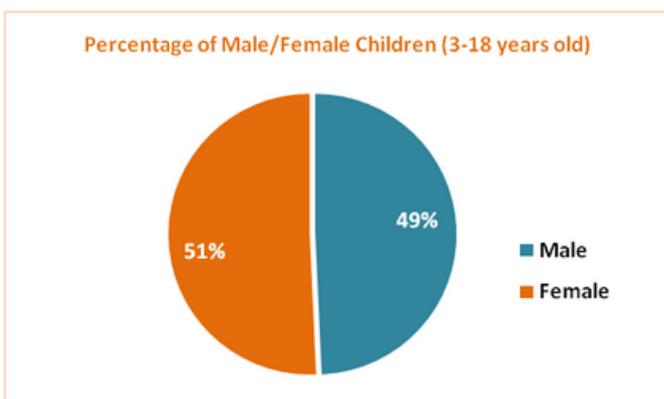
Dental Services	Male	Female	Total
Dental Education, Screening, & Treatment (6 clinics) 3-5 years	4,250	4,195	8,445
Dental Screening & Treatment; Children and Youth (6-18 years)	931	1,137	2,068
Dental Screening & Treatment; Mothers, Staff & other Adults	1,529	2,047	3,576
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6,710</b>	<b>7,379</b>	<b>14,089</b>

The corresponding percentages are seen in the following figures .



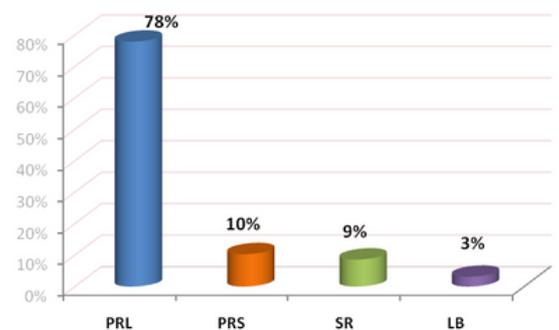
Percentage distribution of dental services segregated by age groups

The results show that 51% of the children (3-18 years) are female, whereas the female percentage reached 57% among the adults. The results are illustrated in the figures below.



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

Dental Services	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Other	Total
KG Children (3-5 years)	6,744	689	725	280	7	8,445
Children and Youth (6-18 years)	1,659	237	153	19	0	2,068
Mothers, Staff & other Adults	2,575	526	333	142	0	3,576
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10,978</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14,089</b>





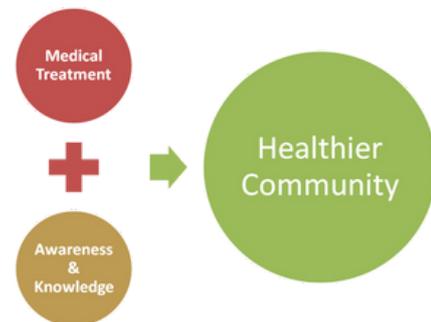
*Child rearing is not only about feeding. It's about understanding what the infant needs to ensure a child's wellbeing. The information provide for the mothers has enriched the type of care they give to their children.*

*Dr. Sameh al Jaber  
Pediatrician*

Since 2012, the clinic has never closed its doors or stopped providing the services to the community. People in Nahr el Bared camp and the surroundings know the opening hours of the clinic, and the schedule for the awareness and informative sessions.

NISCVT's Pediatric Clinic provides treatment for infants and children, and health education for mothers.

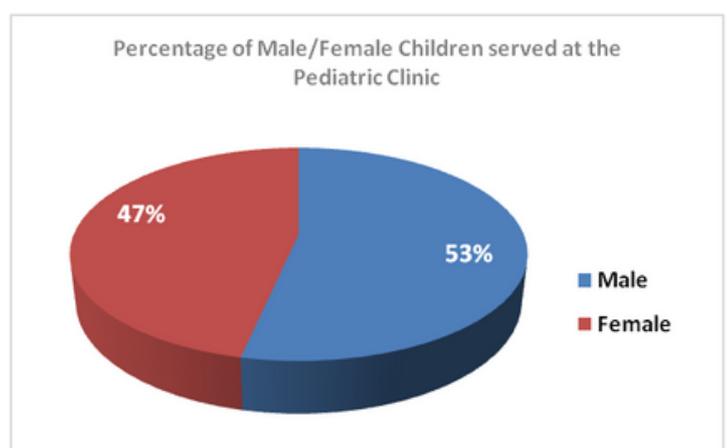
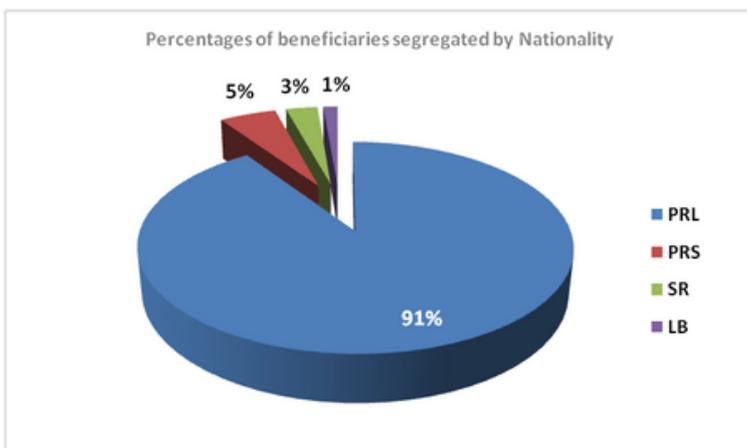
Indiscriminately of nationality or place of residence (inside or outside the camp, a total of **4,104** children and **647** female adults were reached in and around NBC.



## Beneficiaries at the Pediatric Clinic

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

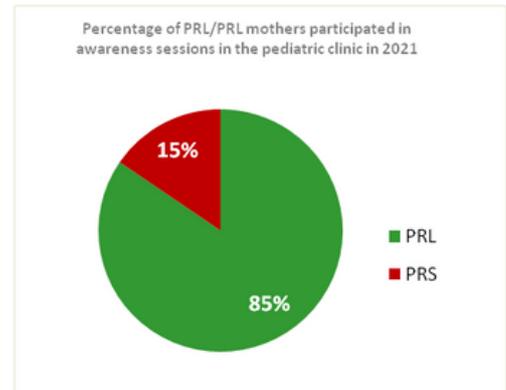
	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Total
Male	1,993	107	66	25	2,191
Female	1,724	107	53	29	1,913
Total	3,717	214	119	54	4,104



## Educational & Awareness Sessions for Mothers

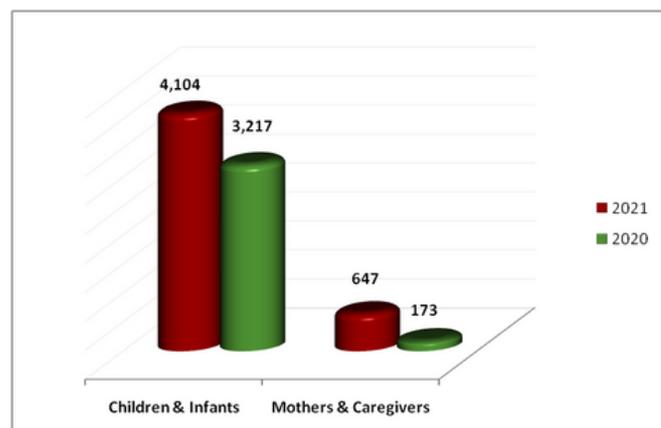
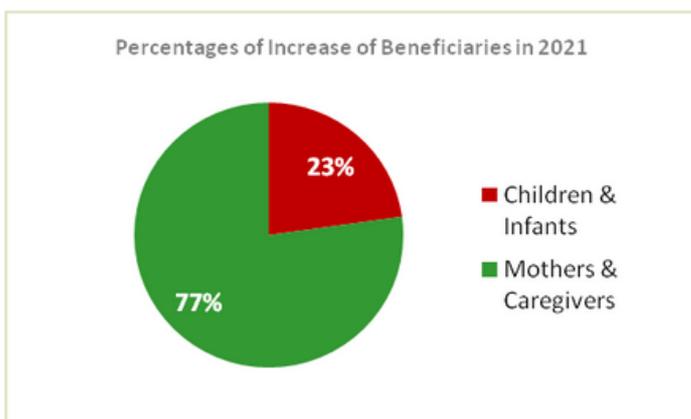
To empower, to protect, and to ensure prevention, the pediatric clinic in NBC center continued holding sessions of knowledge sharing and awareness. Information about infant common diseases, changes associated with child development stages, and the importance of vaccination, have been discussed with the mothers during these sessions.

In 2021, **647** refugee women attended sessions on multiple health subjects, learning about the nature of common diseases and ways of prevention, and asking questions that concern the wellbeing of their children. Of the total number, 100 women/caregivers (15%) are Palestinian refugees from Syria (PRS).



It is worth noting that the total number of beneficiaries (children and mothers) has increased in 2021 by 29% than the number reached in 2020. This result can be interpreted as having more mothers are seeking increased knowledge. The table and the figures below show the difference by numbers and percentages.

	2021	2020	Increase
Children & Infants	4,104	3,217	887
Mothers & Caregivers	647	173	474
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,751</b>	<b>3,390</b>	<b>1,361</b>



# REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

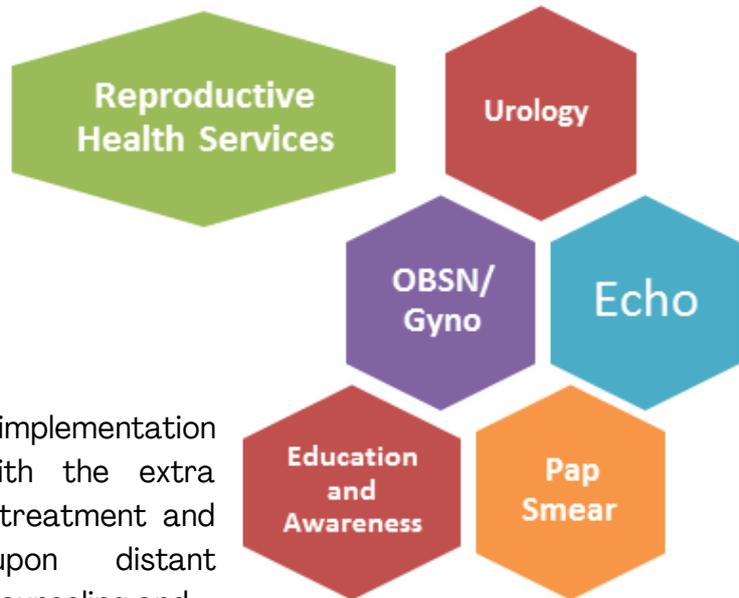


*The awareness sessions uncovered the people's dire need for RH clinics. We thus established the clinics and gradually increased the services by contracting doctors, to providing medicines, then lab tests. What I'm saying is that we work in response to people's needs; and the needs are increasing under this economic crisis.*

*Fadia Hamzeh; RH Coordinator*

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

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

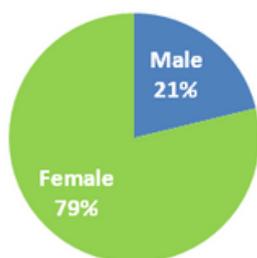


Still affected by the corona virus, the implementation of RH activities are conducted with the extra precautions. Patients seeking medical treatment and consultations were attended upon distant appointments to avoid crowding; some counseling and consultations were conducted on-line via WhatsApp video calls; home-visits for awareness and education conducted at the centers with very little number of room-capacity.

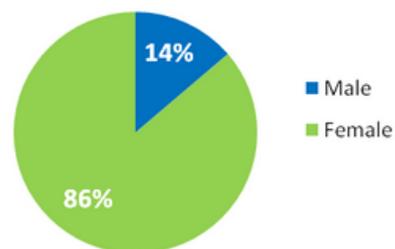
## Program Beneficiaries

RH clinics, established in Rashidiyeh and Burj el Shamali (south), Burj el Barajneh (Beirut), and Beddawi and Nahr el Bared centers (north)

**7,632** benefited from the various services provided at the clinics in 2021, of which 34% participated in education and awareness sessions. Despite the efforts to include more men in the educative sessions, only 14% of the participants are male. The figures below illustrate the percentages of Male/Female beneficiaries in the clinic services and awareness activities.



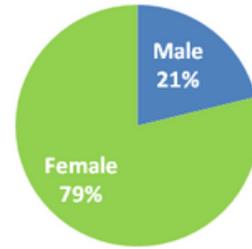
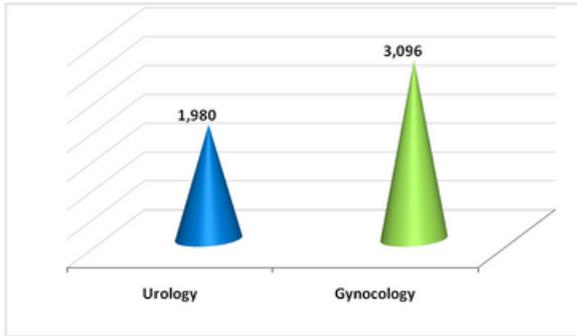
Percentage of m/f Beneficiaries in the RH Clinics



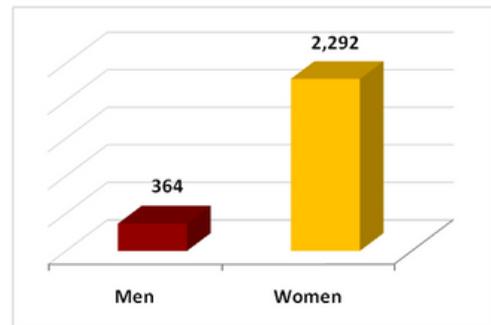
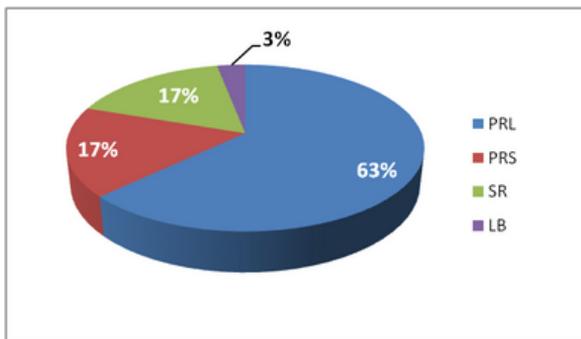
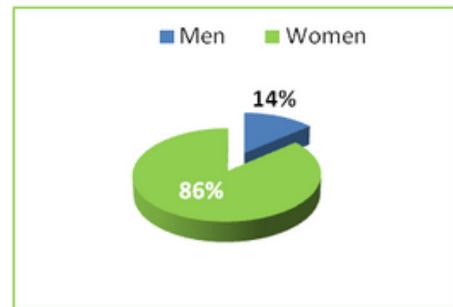
Percentage of m/f Participants in Awareness Sessions in 2021

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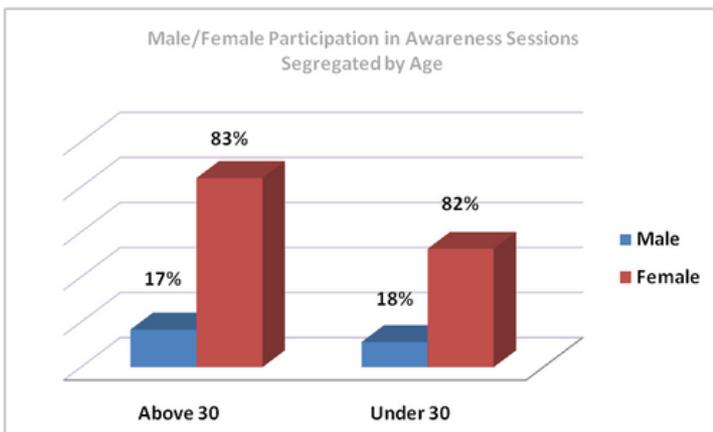
A total of **4,976** people (79% female) received counseling, consultations, treatments and lab test services. The figures below show the numbers of the beneficiaries and the corresponding percentages of gender segregation.



The RH education and awareness sessions included **2,656** participants, 364 of the total are males representing 14% of the participants, with an increase of 4 percentage points from last year's. The adjacent figure and the ones below show the numbers of men and women, segregated by gender and nationalities with the corresponding percentages.



Youth and adults who attended the informative sessions, are categorized as "Under 30" and "Above 30". Percentages are shown in the chart below.



# COVID-19: Protection, Prevention, Immunity



"Our most challenging task was to convince our people in the camps, especially the elderly, to take the vaccine. But we succeeded greatly. Through this project, about 5,000 people took the vaccine, and many more signed up for it!"

Abdullah Barakeh,  
COVID Program Coordinator

By the support of the Campaign for the Children of Palestine (CCP), NISCVT is implementing a COVID-focused program. The project aims at increasing knowledge regarding the pandemic, and teaching ways of protection and prevention from getting infected. It targets Palestinian refugee families, PRL and PRS, and a number of Syrian refugees and Lebanese families in:

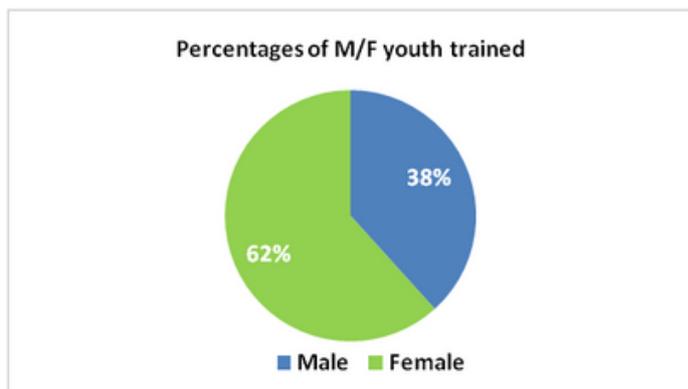
- Increasing knowledge and awareness about COVID and the ways of protection and prevention from receiving and/or transmitting it;
- Dealing with a COVID-infected member in the family;
- Mitigating violence emerging from lockdowns at home;
- Providing the COVID-19 vaccine;
- Supporting the families with hygiene kits and food parcels;
- Providing a source of income to 60 male and female youth who received ample training and conducted the activities.

The project started on June 1st, 2021, and will continue until end of March 2022, and is implemented in six refugee camps around Lebanon: Nahr el Bared and Beddawi (north), Shatila and Burj el Barajneh (Beirut), Barr Elias gathering and Wavel camp in Baalbek area.

## Project Activities and Beneficiaries

### Training:

Intensive workshops were held for 60 youth in the camps. They received training in topics that enable them to communicate proper information to the people while providing emotional and psychosocial support. The 23 male and 37 female youth trainees not only gained knowledge and experience in this field, but they also were able to support themselves and their families with an income . Percentage of male/female trainees is shown in the figure below.



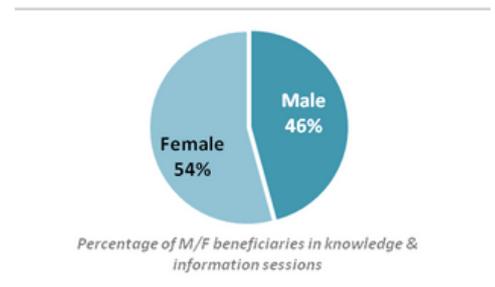
## Knowledge and Awareness:

At least, **1,184** persons participated in the knowledge and awareness sessions in the different areas. The sessions tackled, besides the health information, the increase of domestic violence that resulted from the pressure of lockdowns accompanied with the deteriorating economic situation. These practical sessions included:



Description of the participants in each of the areas is detailed in the table below and the adjacent figure illustrates the percentages of the total segregated by gender.

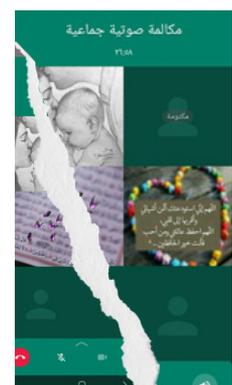
Beneficiaries in the areas	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Total	Male	Female
Barr Elias	8	14	0	6	28	12	16
Wavel	96	96	0	2	194	70	124
Nahr el Bared	59	81	5	2	147	38	109
Beddawi	80	35	0	5	120	15	105
Shatila	313	189	0	0	502	355	147
Burjel Barajneh	35	158	0	0	193	52	141
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>642</b>



## Vaccination:

It took time and effort convincing people in the camps to accept the COVID vaccine. Despite the illness and death of relatives and beloved by the virus, rumors about the side effects the vaccine causes made them reject it.

BAS team visited the families, rectifying the common misinformation by providing medical expertise evidence. Cautious about the epidemic spread, sessions were held at home for the elders, sometimes held at the center; other times on group Whatsapp calls.



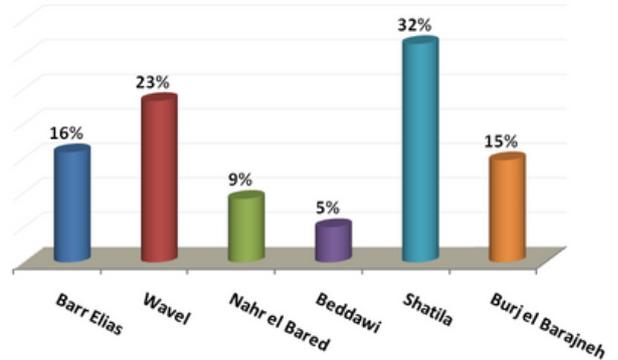
# COVID-19: Protection, Prevention, Immunity

Being a trusted source for the community, the project staff helped the people register at the government COVID platform and, therefore, take the vaccine. In their turn, those registered encouraged their relatives and friends by the same logic BAS team.

As a result, **4,950** persons in the six locations became vaccinated. Among these are elderly persons, adults, and 12-18 year old children. The total vaccinated people are unevenly distributed in the locations, as the chart details the percentages, and the table shows the numbers.

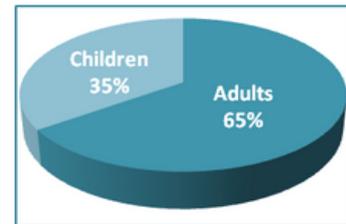
Number of persons vaccinated	Male Parent	Female Parent	Children	Relatives & Friends	Total
Barr Elias	186	208	342	53	789
Wavel	325	300	276	256	1,157
Nahr el Bared	82	125	64	184	455
Beddawi	58	131	52	11	252
Shatila	160	247	314	844	1,565
Burjel Barajneh	219	279	192	42	732
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,030</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>4,950</b>

Number of people vaccinated in the six camps



Percentages of the people vaccinated in each of the six locations

Of the total number of people vaccinated, the children formed 35%. The figure here shows the percentages among the adults and children rates.



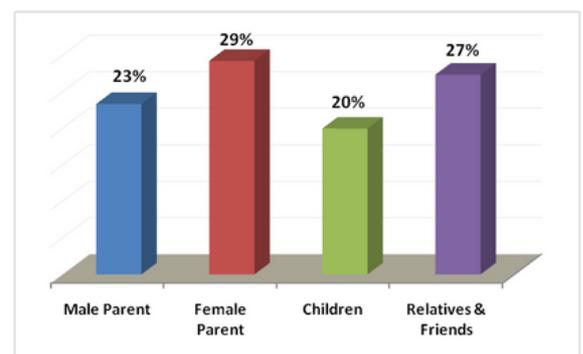
Percentages of the children and adults vaccinated

Upon completing the two jabs of the vaccine, the beneficiaries shared a photo of the certificate.



In addition, **2,791** people of different age groups have registered on the official platform and are waiting for their turn to take the vaccine in 2022. By numbers, these are detailed in the below table according to age groups and locations. The corresponding figure reflects the percentages of each of the categories.

# of persons registered for vaccine	Male Parent	Female Parent	Children	Relatives & Friends	Total
Barr Elias	174	209	191	86	660
Wavel	45	43	64	47	199
Nahr el Bared	110	148	84	11	353
Beddawi	70	100	20	54	244
Shatila	136	173	145	562	1,016
Burjel Barajneh	117	144	54	4	319
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>2,791</b>



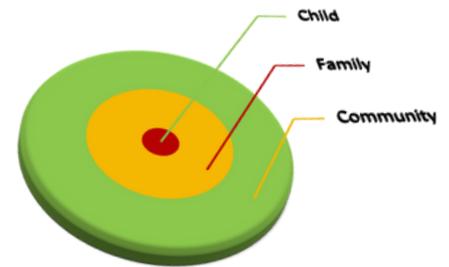


*We are working in a hard and gloomy context. Yet, we must spread hope and transform tragedy to opportunity to rebuild the lives of our children and their families, to empower them to reach their rights with dignity.*

*Khawla Khalaf, M.H Coordinator*

Since 1997, NISCVT Mental health program has been in continuous advancement to provide evidence-based high quality mental health prevention and intervention services. The program targets Palestinian refugee children Under-18 years and their caregivers, and other refugees and hosting community who live in the camps and the surrounding areas.

The mental health program is implemented in a focused rehabilitation approach through a multidisciplinary team of Psychiatrists, therapists, and community workers. Activities are community-based encompassing all the family members: children and youth, parents and caregivers, and the surrounding community as a whole.



Mental Health program adopts a holistic bio-psycho-social framework of analyses and care, offering a wide-ranging comprehensive and responsive package of intervention techniques. In addition to campaigns celebrating national and international world days, services and activities are:

### Services:

Psychiatry	Psychotherapy	Psychological Evaluation
Speech & Language Therapy	Occupational Therapy	Psychomotor Therapy
Music Therapy	Special Education	Social Intervention

### Activities:

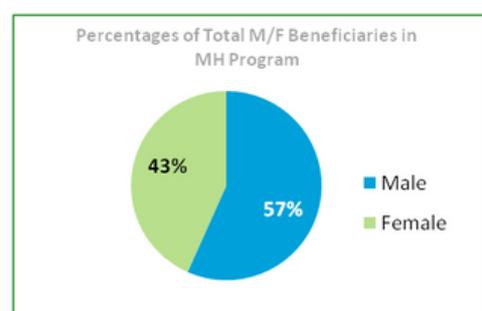
Treatment
Referrals (Internal & External )
Educational Scholarships for Children with Multiple Special Needs
Psycho Education
Parent Support Groups
Parental Guidance & Training

Unfortunately, COVID-19 challenges extended in 2021. Increased stress and mental disturbances, especially among the refugee camp inhabitants, were drastic. Mental health disorders were monitored among the community and the need for mental health treatment became urgent.

### Locations & Beneficiaries

With 38 workers (3 male and 35 female) at the five specialized centers, NISCVT reached **1,807** beneficiaries (43% female) despite the lockdowns and COVID measures, with an increase of 8 percentage points from the previous year. The table shows the numbers reached by the mental health services in 2021.

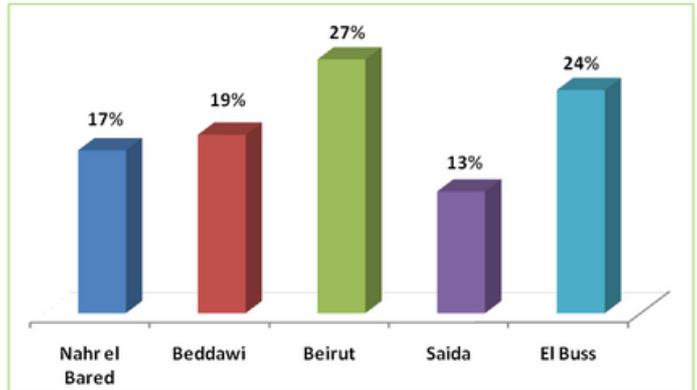
Age Group	Male	Female	Total
Parents	14	64	78
Children & Youth	1,010	719	1,729
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>783</b>	<b>1,807</b>



## MENTAL HEALTH

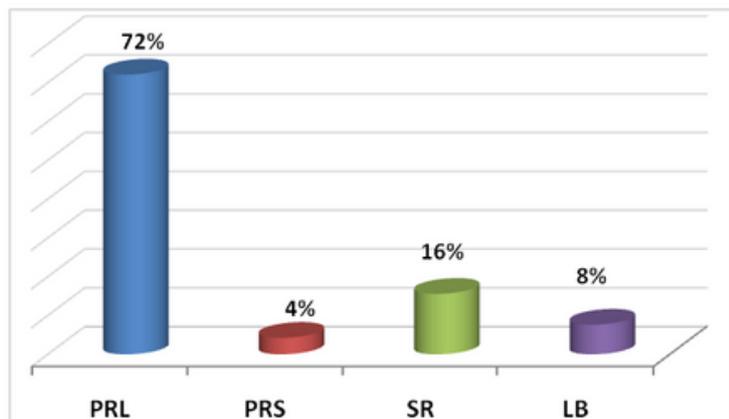
NISCVT's Mental Health program is presently implemented in five Family Guidance Centers (FGCs) around Lebanon: in Beirut, north (Nahr el Bared and Beddawi camps), and south Lebanon (Saida, and el Buss camp). The numbers of beneficiaries in each of the centers, segregated by age groups, are shown in the table below. Percentages in each of the locations are described in the figure.

Center/Location	Parents	Children	Total
Nahr el Bared	10	303	313
Beddawi	0	343	343
Beirut	0	488	488
Saida	5	229	234
El Buss	63	366	429
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>1,729</b>	<b>1,807</b>



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

Center/Location	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Other	Total
Nahr el Bared	278	16	0	18	1	313
Beddawi	270	11	41	18	3	343
Beirut	214	12	198	62	2	488
Saida	165	14	33	22	0	234
El Buss	376	24	10	18	1	429
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1,807</b>



*"The mental health center gives us the power to move on with our life; and gives me the strength to face the community."*

One of the beneficiaries said.

## PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT



"There's no doubt that the face-to-face communication brings people closer and tightens human relationships. But I'm proud of what we, the psychosocial support team, have achieved in maintaining parents' and children's engagement in our activities while implemented remotely."

Esraa Al Daher  
Psychosocial Support Coordinator

"Strengthening Community-Based Child Protection, Gender-Based Violence Interventions and Psychosocial Support in Palestinian Camps and Gatherings in Lebanon" program continued to be implemented in 2021. Started in 2014, NISCVT's PSS activities aim at strengthening protection with structured interventions, promoting the social wellbeing and mental health for the families in the camps and gatherings in Lebanon. The program focuses on promoting child protection and safeguarding procedures within the community, and gender equality concerns. PSS program also provides specialized services of psychomotor and speech therapy for the children according to the needs.

PSS activities are age-appropriate activities that are carefully designed according to the age groups dealt with. The activities include:

### Children & Adolescents Activities (protection & gender equality)

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

### Parents/Caregivers Activities (protection and gender equality)

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



The program is implemented in the north (Nahr el Bared and Beddawi) and south (Rashidiyeh and el Buss) camps and gatherings.

### Program Reach

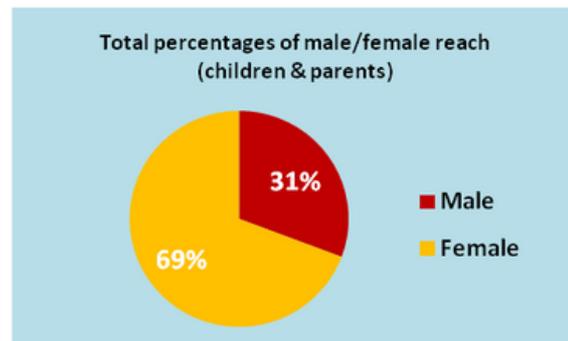
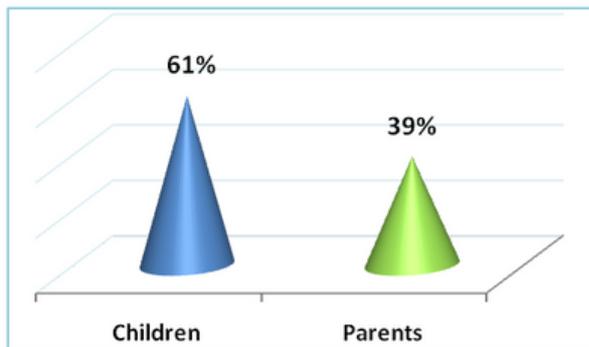
PSS program targets children (3-18 years old) and their parents/caregivers. In 2021, the program reached a total of **3,262** children and parents through the different activities. **260** were engaged in focused PSS activities and received specialized therapy. Segregated according to gender, the total beneficiaries can be classified according to the services, as the table shows:

Total Reach	Male	Female	Total
Regular PSS	1,001	2,261	3,262
Focused PSS	113	68	181
Specialized Therapy	53	26	79
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,167</b>	<b>2,355</b>	<b>3,522</b>

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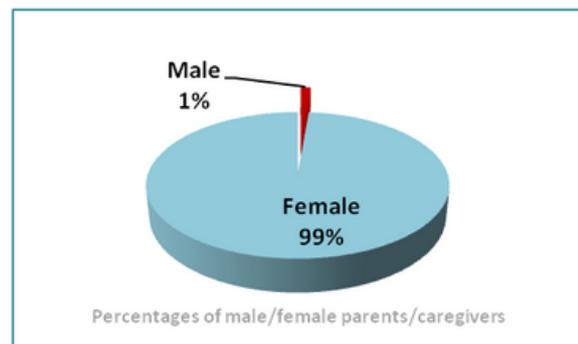
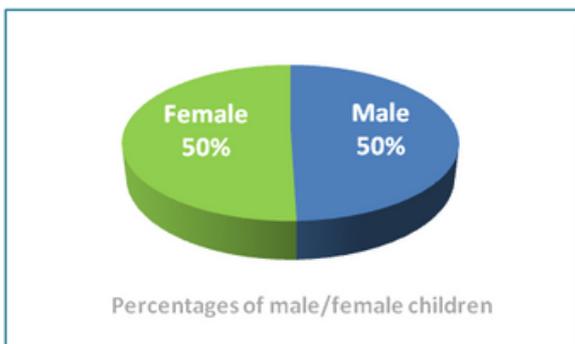
Of the total people reached, 61% are children (3-18 years) with 69% female among all. The table below identifies the numbers. The following figures show the percentages.

PSS 2021 Reach	Male	Female	Total
<b>Children</b>	984	1,003	<b>1,987</b>
<b>Parents</b>	17	1,258	<b>1,275</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>2,261</b>	<b>3,262</b>



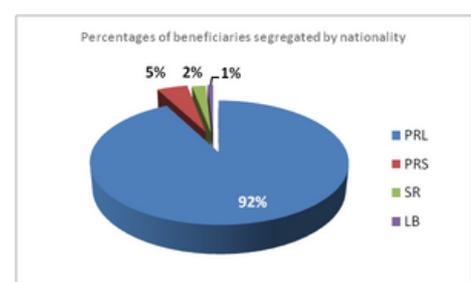
Working to ensure gender equality among the beneficiaries, NISCVT achieved a 50% female participation among the children. However, the parents/caregivers showed only 1% male participation; a result unsatisfying to BAS social workers. Despite the necessity of PSS for all the refugees in the camps, the male parent prioritizes providing food on the table for his family.

The figures below illustrate the percentages mentioned.



With 92% PRL, PSS activities reached the various population in the aforementioned locations. The table below shows the segregation of the number of participants according to their nationalities, whereas the figure that follows shows the percentages.

PSS 2021 Reach	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Total
<b>Children &amp; Youth</b>	1,832	94	50	11	<b>1,987</b>
<b>Parents/Caregivers</b>	1,180	59	19	17	<b>1,275</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3,012</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>3,262</b>





*"Because we aim at raising awareness and promoting influential life skills for the youth, we've become adaptive to face any emergency that may occur. We are motivated by the contribution we provide to the youth, to their dreams and ambitions in building up a better future for themselves and their community, to become stronger in facing the different challenges that life brings."*

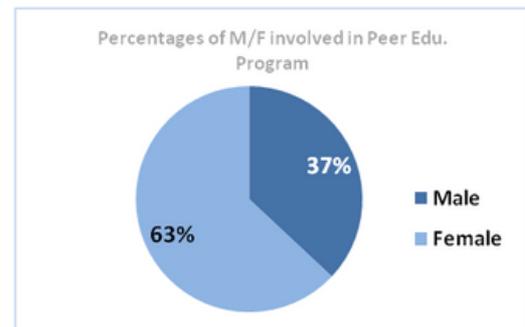
*Dunia Fatayri,  
Peer Education Program Coordinator*

The Peer Education program prepares male and female youth (aged 14–24 years) to become agents of change within their communities. Under the supervision of NISCVT social workers, they lead educating and informing sessions to their peers, in subjects of concern to their growth and development. It focuses on empowering girls and boys with important life skills of leadership, self-esteem, and positive communication. It also develops their knowledge in their personal reproductive health and rights, providing a safe space to raise awareness on social and domestic issues relating to gender equality, substance abuse, and violence.

## Locations & Beneficiaries

Implemented in eight camps around Lebanon, **503** youth participated in the sessions provided by **51** Peer Educators. Lead by one coordinator and an assistant, **11** social workers supervised the youth's implementation of the sessions. 63% of the total participants involved in the program implementation are females, as the figure below show.

Peer Education Program	Male	Female	Total
Participants (14-25 years)	185	318	503
Peer Educators (14-25 years)	20	31	51
Social Workers	4	7	11
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>565</b>



NISCVT works to reinforce gender equality and promote girls' leadership roles and decision-making within their communities. It does so by ensuring gender balance among its employees and beneficiaries. However, results show that the female involvement in programs is higher. As seen in the adjacent chart, the percentages of female participation at each role in this program implementation is higher than that of the males'.

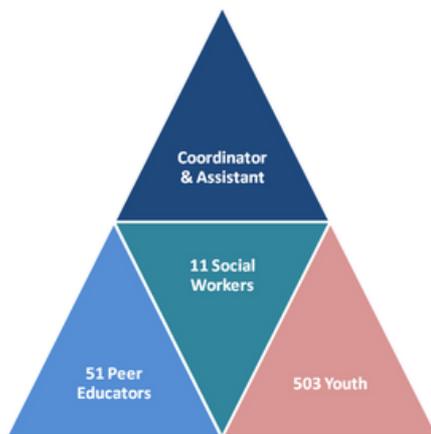
*"It's been my greatest joy when I joined the peer education group. I've been participating in different activities at BAS center which taught me a lot. But the peer education program has given me knowledge about issues I did not know about before. I was so excited that I started to transmit what I learn to my friends and siblings."*

15-year old Douaa (female); a Syrian refugee living in Mar Elias Camp (Beirut)

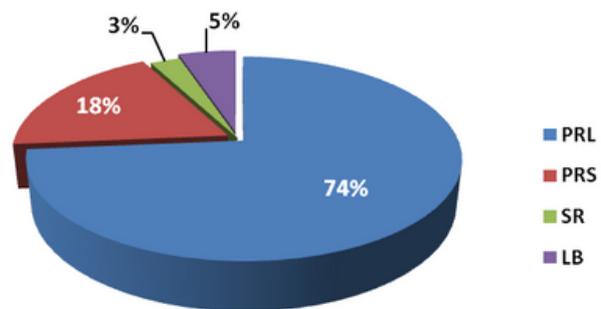


The groups of youth integrate the different nationalities in the learning and implementation. The numbers of the youth refugees and local Lebanese are shown in the table below, and illustrated in percentages in the following figure.

Peer Education Program	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Total
Participants (14-25 years)	362	101	15	25	503
Peer Educators (14-25 years)	44	4	0	3	51
Social Workers	10	0	0	1	11
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>565</b>



Percentages of all involved in the program segregated by nationality



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



# SPONSORSHIP

## FAMILY HAPPINESS PROGRAM

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



# FAMILY HAPPINESS PROJECT



*"It is so rewarding to help people! True sponsorship is not only the financial giving. It has proved to be the love, kindness, and care that people extend to each others. It's a joy to watch the moments when the supporters meet with their sponsored families and children after long time of travel ban; a bond that never breaks."*

*Fatimah Khaizaran, FHP Coordinator*



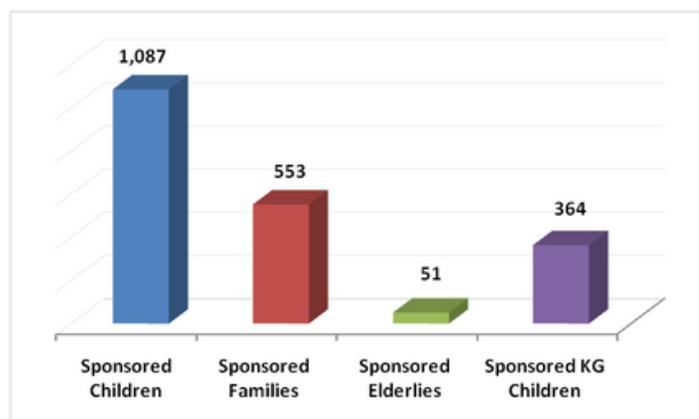
Since 1983, the Family Happiness Project (FHP) has been implemented to support orphans and hardship cases of the Palestinian refugees. The flagship of NISCVT programs, sponsorship provides monthly financial aid, educational support, psychosocial support, and health services including mental health. The sponsored individuals of all ages are engaged in social activities and participate in celebrating national days.

The sponsorship program of the FHP encompasses sponsoring of elderly people who do not have support from their families, kindergarten children, and most needy families.



Due to the incessant crises and increase of unemployment among the Palestinian refugees, more families and individuals met BAS criteria for sponsorship. However, resource limitations restricted the increase revealing an 18% increase of elders, 4% of children, and 3% of families from last year's total.

In 2021, **553** families, **51** elderly persons, and **364** kindergarten children were included in the FHP. The support reached a total of 1,087 children from 0 to 18+ years old (inclusive of the KG children aforementioned).

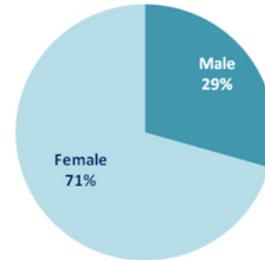


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**Elderly Sponsorship:** NISCVT's social workers visit the elders regularly at their houses to extend the social and material support (food, medicine, etc.). With COVID restrictions, extra cautions of protection were taken. The elders needed mental support during the period of lockdowns. BAS embraced 50 PRL and 1 PRS elders in 2021; details below.

Number of Sponsored Elderly, segregated by age and gender			
Sponsored Elderly	Male	Female	Total
50-60 yrs	0	3	3
61-70 yrs	7	6	13
71-80 yrs	3	17	20
81-90 yrs	4	7	11
Above 90	1	3	4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>51</b>

Percentage of M/F Elderly Persons

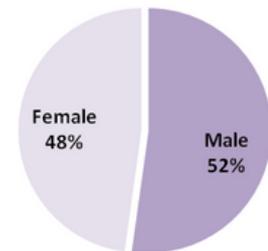


**Children Sponsorship:** NISCVT facilitates sponsoring of children in two ways: in the KG education, and within their families until graduation and becoming independent individuals, capable of supporting themselves and their families.

## A. Kindergarten Children:

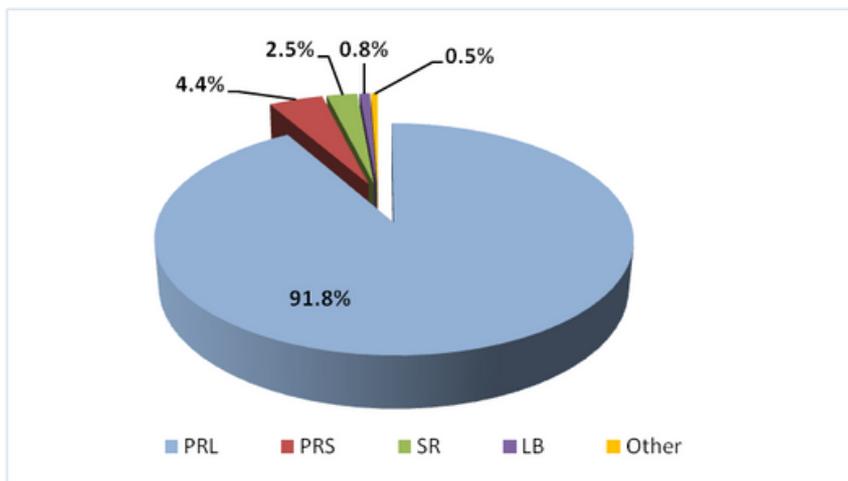
Camp/Center	Male	Female	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Other*
Shatila	24	24	48	46	1	0	0	1
Burjel Barajneh	25	22	47	44	1	1	1	0
Burjel Shamali	27	23	50	46	0	2	1	1
Rashidiyeh	27	26	53	47	6	0	0	0
Ein el Hilweh	31	26	57	54	3	0	0	0
Beddawi	22	26	48	39	3	6	0	0
Nahr el Bared	34	27	61	58	2	0	1	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>

Percentages of M/F KG children sponsored in 2021



\*Other migrants living in the camp

The figure below shows the percentages of the different nationalities of the KG sponsored children:

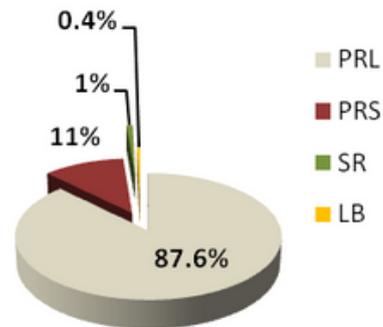
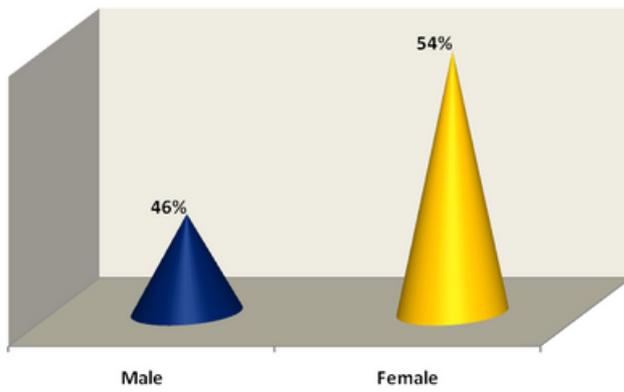


# FAMILY HAPPINESS PROJECT

## B. Sponsored Children:

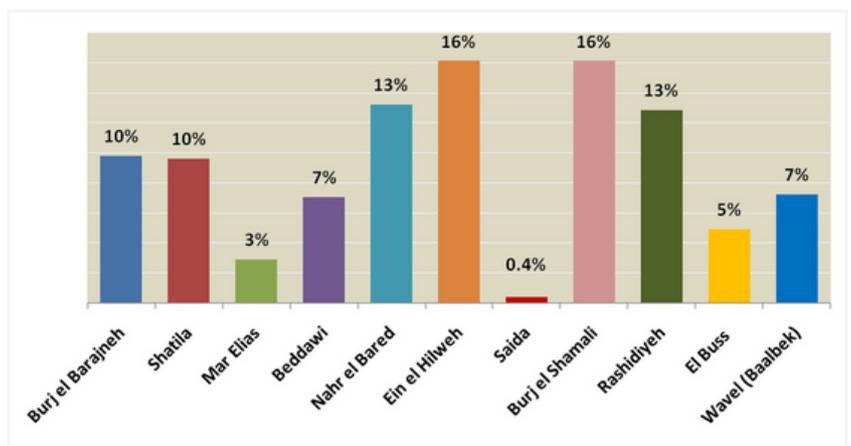
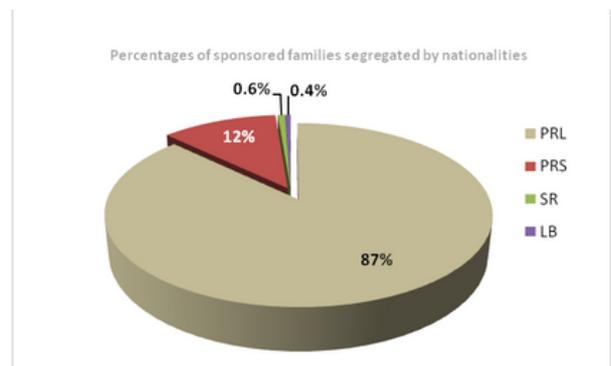
The total number of sponsored children (within their families and the KGs), segregated by age groups, gender and nationalities, are detailed in the table below, and their corresponding percentages are illustrated in the figures.

Number of Sponsored Children, segregated by age, gender, and nationality							
Age groups	Male	Female	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB
0-6 years	54	57	111	105	5	1	0
7-12 years	203	207	410	337	64	6	3
13-15 years	118	162	280	246	32	2	0
16-18 years	77	91	168	152	14	1	1
Above 18 years	52	66	118	112	6		0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>



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

Numbers of Sponsored Families per nationality and camp					
Camp	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB
Burjel Barajneh	54	41	9	2	2
Shatila	53	49	3	0	1
Mar Elias	16	15	1	0	0
Beddawi	39	35	4	0	0
Nahr el Bared	73	66	6	1	0
Ein el Hilweh	89	80	9	0	0
Saida	2	1	1	0	0
Burjel Shamali	89	72	16	1	0
Rashidiyeh	71	66	5	0	0
El Buss	27	24	3	0	0
Wavel (Baalbek)	40	33	7	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>



# ART & CULTURE

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

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

Mahmoud Darwish



# PALESTINIAN EMBROIDERY



*"More girls and women are demanding to learn the art of the Palestinian embroidery. Not only because they hope to find an income generating opportunity in these deteriorating conditions, but also because they want to be attached to Palestine and its heritage. We are working hard to create some opportunities for those people in the camps because the family basic needs have become harder to get."*

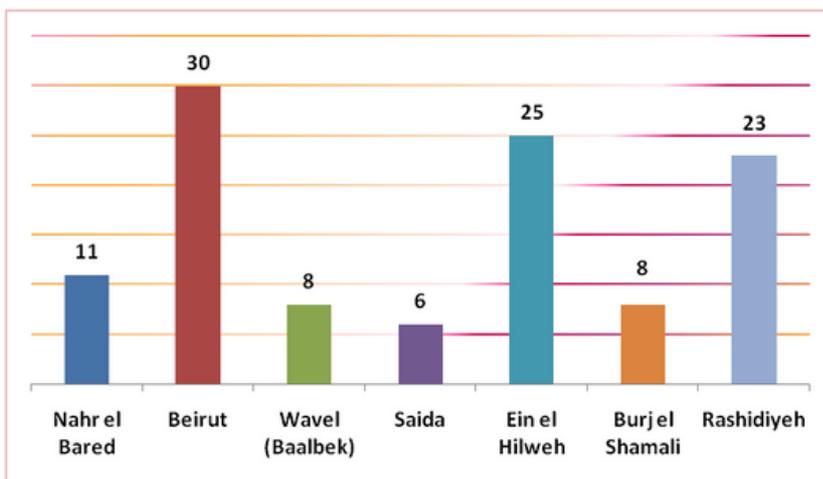
*Sara Saleh,  
Women's Embroidery Project Coordinator*

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



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

In 2021, 111 women and young girls (103 PRL and 8 PRS) committed with the Women's Empowerment Project received training in embroidery skills and secured an income. Women/girls in Burj el Shamali joined this profession as the demand on Palestinian products increased. The number of women in each camp is illustrated in the chart below.



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



## Music

It's used for fun as it is used for therapy. Music is the language that everyone speaks! NISCVT provides easy access to music for the Palestinian refugee children, and others living in the camps, to help them express their emotions and overcome fears and anxieties. Equally important, it opens the doors to the talents that are buried in the narrow alleys of the camps. Through its partners, organized music programs are implemented professionally.

Before the spread of the pandemic, Beit Atfal Assumoud's musical bands and choir groups organized and participated in public performances in different cities around Lebanon. In 2021, the imposed lockdowns lessened the concerts but could not stop music. With the necessary health precautions taken, few performances were held. **495** children and youth, 7-25 years old passionately play their musical instruments, and chant for the love, hope, and Homeland, commemorating and celebrating national occasions. Of the total music and choir children and youth, 47% are female.



By the support and encouragement of NISCVT's Italian friends, the OPM Waldensian Church of Italy, scholarships are provided to a number of female musical talents. Started in 2020, three girls study music at the Lebanese National Conservatoire, gaining an academic and formal learning of music. The OPM Waldensian Church of Italy have long supported the children in the camps through BAS and formed the Band Without Borders Orchestra of 156 children and youth in the southern camps.



*"At BAS, we provide a music appreciation program with an introduction to music that aims at developing audio perception skills. We do this by teaching students to recognize natural sounds, the sounds of their surrounding environment, human voices, and the timbres of musical instruments."*

*Nour Abou Raya  
Al Kamandjâti Coordinator*

Through *Al Kamandjâti Music Education Program in Shatila and Burj el Barajneh Camps*, four students won the third place in **The Palestine National Music Competition** organized by The Edward Said National Conservatory of Music in Palestine after getting qualified to the final level. They presented their performance via zoom in front of a jury of professional Palestinian musicians.



## Palestinian Dabkeh

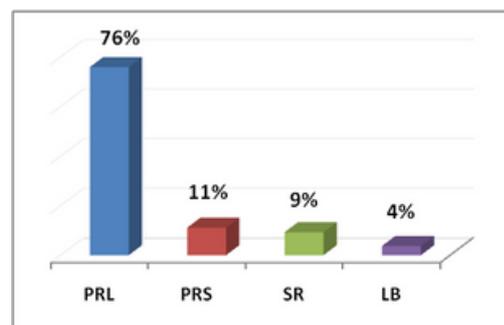
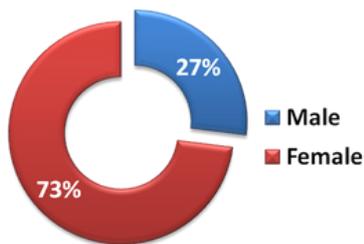
The Dabkeh is another tradition and heritage that the Palestinians employ to connect to Homeland. Children and youth, 7-23 years old, get together for the group folklore dance. **117** dancers (53% female) practiced the steps sometimes at home during lockdowns. They performed the Dabkeh on the special Palestinian occasions celebrating life, and confirming their Right of Return.



## Comics

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

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



The major theme of the Comics program in 2021 evolved around COVID-19. Health, protection and prevention dominated the children and youth concerns.

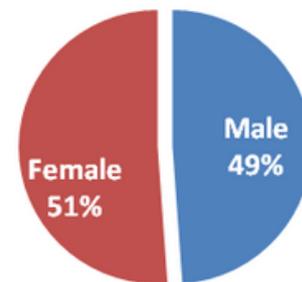


## Scouts Groups

NISCVT fulfills the scouts' mission in preparing young people to make ethical choices in their life by adopting the values of the oath. **311** children and youth (51% female) are committed with the scout groups in Burj el Shamali, Rashidiyeh (south), and Shatila (Beirut) camps. PRL, PRS, SR and Lebanese pledging a common oath, proved their commitment to the ethical values in community service when group activities were halted due to health hazards of COVID. Boys and girls alike participated in the centers' humanitarian and awareness-raising activities. They also celebrated national days, keeping the collective memory of the Palestinians inspired.



Scouts	Total	PRL	PRS	SR	LB	Other
Shatila	40	25	10	0	3	2
Burjel Shamali	176	152	24	0	0	0
Rashidiyeh	95	83	12	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>



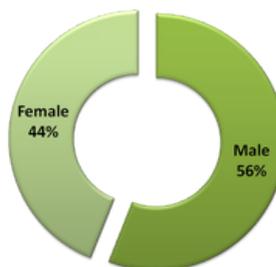
## Sports

NISCVT believes in the power of sports as a tool for development. Sports activities are used for physical and mental health, for peace building and renouncing violence, and promoting gender equality, as well as for entertainment and recreational purposes. Again in 2021, the usually implemented summer camps were replaced by special sports activities, in consideration to the pandemic situation. Special sports programs were conducted specifically to 12-18 year old girls aiming at awareness-raising and releasing the stress of the lockdowns.

Special tournaments were held after the lockdowns commemorating special occasions. The tournaments integrated Palestinian and Lebanese football teams in friendly games.



**406** children and youth (44% female) participated in different sports activities at seven of NISCVT centers.



## Relief & In-Kind Aid

In solidarity with the Palestinian refugees living in the camps and gatherings, NISCVT's friends and supporters extended their generous aid to support the targeted population with necessary relief items. Maintaining the dignity of the people, NISCVT distributed 42,771 portions of various humanitarian needs, reaching about 25,000 people in the camps and gatherings in several rounds during 2021.



**17,359**  
**Food Parcels & Vouchers**



**618**  
**Diesel Fuel**



**13,255**  
**Hygiene Kits**



**818**  
**Women's Dignity Kits**



**1,778**  
**Babies' Kits**



**3,836**  
**Children Clothing**



**3,324**  
**Children's Gifts & Stationery**



**1,747**  
**Medical Support**

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