

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024

# INTRODUCTION

In 2024, the Women's Programs Association (WPA) continued its mission to empower Palestinian refugee women, youth, and families across Lebanon through protection, education, livelihood and humanitarian relief programs.

Despite the country's ongoing socio-economic challenges and the growing impact of regional instability and the war in the country, WPA remained steadfast in promoting dignity, resilience, and equal opportunities within Palestinian refugee communities.

In addition to long-term development programs, WPA responded proactively to emergencies by addressing urgent basic needs to families in hardship and those affected by the war.

WPA's achievements in 2024 reflect the organization's continued dedication to building stronger, more supportive communities where every individual can live with dignity.



# PROTECTION

Objective: Women, youth, and other vulnerable community members empowered to protect themselves against the risks of violence, abuse, and discrimination.

The Protection Department continued to safeguard the rights, dignity, and well-being of Palestinian refugees across Lebanon. The department prioritized community-based protection, psychosocial support, and gender equality, with a particular focus on empowering women, youth, and the elderly. Through awareness raising, case management, and mental health support, WPA promoted well-being, safety, resilience, and social cohesion among individuals and within vulnerable communities, fostering supportive and inclusive environments where women and girls can thrive with dignity and confidence.

Promote Protective environment that reduces vulnerability to SGBV

Duration: January – December 2024

Donor: UNRWA

Geographical Focus: Eight Palestinian refugee camps across Lebanon

Target: 2,400 Palestinian refugees

## Project Overview

This project aimed to reduce violence, promote psychosocial well-being, and enhance resilience among vulnerable Palestinian refugee women and families. Through integrated prevention and rehabilitation activities including case management, group support sessions, skill-building, and awareness campaigns WPA worked to build self-confidence in women and girls, foster positive coping mechanisms, strengthen family ties, and enhance community through support network.

## Achievements

- 2,400 girls and women reached across eight camps.
- Case Management: 136 cases followed, 73 closed, 21 referred; 65% reported improved well-being.
- Group Support Sessions: 116 sessions with 951 participants; 70% reported feeling empowered.
- Community Engagement Events: 14 awareness campaigns and events reaching 682 participants; 85% reported a positive shift in attitudes toward solidarity and women's rights.

# PROTECTION

Provision of Protection and Health Services to 720 Elderly Palestinian Refugees in Nahr El-Bared, Beddawi, and Wavel Camps.

Duration: August 2024 – June 2025

Donor: Taawon

Geographical Focus: Beddawi and Wavel Camps

Target: 450 elderly

## Project Overview

This project aimed to enhance the protection, health, and well-being of elderly Palestinian refugees aged over 60 years living in Beddawi and Wavel camps by offering integrated medical, psychosocial, and recreational services. As part of a partnership, WPA supported 450 elderly men and women, while our partner organization covered additional groups within the project. The initiative addressed the increasing health vulnerabilities among elderly individuals and worked to restore their dignity, social engagement, and emotional stability.

## Achievements

- 62 elderly participants received lifesaving surgeries and hospitalization support, addressing critical health conditions.
- 455 elderly participants received assistive devices and physiotherapy, improving mobility and autonomy.
- 4,311 home care visits in Beddawi and 1,214 in Wavel provided consistent medical follow-up and personalized care.
- 499 elderly participants joined 40 recreational and creative activities, improving mental health and social connection.



# LIVELIHOOD

Objective: Women and youth empowered, and their capacity developed for enhanced economic sufficiency and livelihood improvement

Throughout 2024, WPA implemented a range of livelihood programs addressing urgent needs and long-term empowerment for Palestinian refugees and other vulnerable groups in Lebanon. By providing vocational and employability training for youth and women, and business support for female entrepreneurs, WPA enhanced lives and strengthened community resilience in refugee camps and surroundings

Supporting Livelihoods by Fostering Economic Empowerment for 60 Palestinian Refugee Women Entrepreneurs with Home-Based Businesses

Duration: December 2023 – September 2025

Donor: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

Geographical Focus: Beirut and Saida

Target: 60 Palestinian women entrepreneurs

## Project Overview

The aim of the project is to empower and enhance the economic opportunities for 60 Palestinian refugee women who own home-based businesses. This initiative seeks to improve livelihoods, increase resilience, and foster sustainable entrepreneurship through targeted support, training, coaching, and mentoring.

## Achievements

45 women were selected to join the project, and training on business development commenced for this group but was interrupted in September due to the wa, remaining on hold till the end of the year. The project resumed its activities in January 2025.



# LIVELIHOOD

## Youth Employability Through Cash-for-Work

Duration: April 2024 – June 2025

Donor: Norwegian People's Aid (NPA)

Geographical Focus: Ein El-Hilweh Camp

Target: 24 youth with Cash for Work

### Project Overview

The project aims to improve livelihoods among 24 Palestinian youth by building their skills in culinary services and supporting short-term employment opportunities through cash for work program in restaurants and cafés. The food produced by the young trainees during their training was offered to students under another initiative in the Education program, which provided them with daily nutritious meals throughout the project period. This has expanded the project's impact beyond its primary target.

### Achievements

- 24 youth employed through four cash for work cycles, receiving culinary training, soft skills sessions, and employability training, including CV writing and interview skills workshops.
- 100% of participants reported increased income and improved financial security during the project period.
- 40% of participants secured permanent jobs in the local market
- 90 students received 7,657 nutritious meals, contributing to reduced absenteeism to only 8% .

## My Career, My Choice (2024-2025)

Duration: Jan 2024 – June 2025

Donor: Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and Secours Islamique France (SIF)

Geographical Focus: Tripoli, Akkar and Beirut

Target: 158 young women aged 18 to 29 years

### Project Overview

This project empowers young Palestinian women in Beirut and North Lebanon through a comprehensive approach combining life skills training, career guidance, vocational education, and job placement. It supports informed decision-making, enhances employability, and facilitates access to economic opportunities.

### Achievements

- 158 women completed life skills and career counselling sessions.
- A total of 128 women completed vocational training across 17 majors in different sectors such as culinary arts, fashion design, photography, early childhood education, and health care in educational institutions or by experts in WPA's centers , achieving an 81% graduation rate.
- 114 women benefited from job placement support and interviews.
- 25% women secured full-time jobs.

# EDUCATION

Objective: Enhanced literacy for out-of-school and at-risk children and youth in Palestinian refugee camps.

The Education department focused on supporting out-of-school children, preventing school dropouts, and improving literacy, numeracy, and digital skills among vulnerable Palestinian children from Lebanon and Syrian displaced children as wells . By integrating psychosocial support, recreational activities, and caregiver engagement, WPA promoted the right to education family support and learning in safe environments.

## Supporting Tutoring at-Risk Students - STARS

Duration: January 2024- December 2024

Donor: TAAWON

Geographical Focus: Palestinian refugee camps in Saida – Ein El Hilweh and North Lebanon – Beddawi

Target: 140 ( 50 in Beddawi and 90 in Ein El Hilweh) school students enrolled in UNRWA schools aged 13 to 15 Years old in Grades 7, 8 and 9

### Project Overview

The project is a continuous five-year initiative in Beddawi camp and one year in Ein El Hilwe, following 3 cohorts of students through the preparatory and intermediate cycles from grade 6 to grade 9. The aim is to prevent school dropouts by enhancing academic performance and addressing factors that threaten their continuation in school, whether those factors arise at school or at home. . WPA delivers daily after-school tutoring in Arabic, English, Math, and Science, supported by psychosocial and recreational activities. Parents and caregivers are engaged through awareness sessions highlighting the importance of education and emotional support at home. Additionally, school counselors and teachers are consulted to monitor students' progress and behavioral improvements in the classroom and with their peers.

### Achievements

#### Beddawi Camp

- 40 out of 50 students showed improved school performance and attendance.
- 42 students demonstrated enhanced self-esteem and academic confidence
- A 90% retention rate was achieved

#### Ein El Hilwe Camp

- 80 at-risk children (grades 5–7) enrolled and supported
- 93.2% retention in formal education
- 3,110 remedial sessions delivered across core subjects and life skills

# EDUCATION

## Chance to Learn

Duration: January – December 2024

Donor: The Center of Global Education

Geographical Focus: Palestinian refugee camps in Beirut Burj El Barajneh, –and South Lebanon - El Buss and Rashidieh

Target : 100 Palestinian and Syrian children aged 10 to 14 years

## Project Overview

This project aimed to enhance literacy and numeracy skills among out-of-school children , enabling their reintegration into formal education. The program offered structured classes in Arabic, English, and Math following the government's basic and literacy program (BLN), combined with psychosocial and recreational support to foster motivation and self-confidence.

## Achievements

- Out of 100 kids, 85 students showed noticeable improvement in literacy and numeracy performance.
- 88 children demonstrated increased motivation and participation in educational activities.
- 12 children were successfully reintegrated into formal schools, and 8 enrolled in vocational training.



## SOHA

Duration: Marh 2024 till August 2024

Donor: ANERA

Geographical Focus: North – Beddawi Camp

Target: 75 Syrian Girls in Grades 6,8,9,10

## Project Overview

The SOHA project aims to provide comprehensive support to Syrian girls who are facing significant challenges linked to early marriage and school dropout. The project focuses on empowering these girls through educational, psychosocial, and life-skills interventions, ensuring they have the knowledge, confidence, resources and family support to continue their education.

## Achievements

- More than 80% attendance rate.
- All 75 students successfully completed their final exams.

# HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

Objective: The lives of women, youth, and other vulnerable community members positively influenced, and their resilience enhanced during times of crisis.

Emergency Response During Escalation of Violence during the War—Sep to Dec 2024 (War-related activities—WPA emergency support & partners)

- 🗨️ Psychosocial & Protection Support
- 💻 68 virtual PSS sessions – 557 participants
- ☎️ 17 hotline support cases
- 💬 9 empathy circles – 135 participants



Hot Meals Distribution  
Tawwon (Donor)

- 📍 Beddawi Camp
- 🍲 18,570 daily meals
- 👨👩👧 690 displaced families
- 📍 Nahr Al Bared Camp
  - 9,300 daily meals
- 👥 652 displaced families

Collaboration with UNRWA focused on building the kitchen teams' capacity and supporting the establishment of kitchen operations at both STC and NBC.

In collaboration with ANERA, SIF, and the Amal Foundation we distributed:

- 🛏️ Mattresses: 600 | 📍 Ein el Hilweh
- 🛏️ Blankets: 300 | 📍 Ein el Hilweh
- 🧼 Hygiene Kits: 120 | 📍 Ein el Hilweh
- 🛏️ Blankets: 1,000 | 📍 Nahr El Bared & Beddawi
- 🧼 Hygiene Kits: 323 | 📍 El Buss

🌙 Secours Islamique France – SIF (Donor)

Ramadan

202 food vouchers

- 📍 Burj el Barajneh Camp
- 🤝 Vulnerable families supported

🐔 Secours Islamique France

SIF (Donor) Adha

450 meat parcels distributed

- 👥 450 beneficiaries
  - 250 Palestinian
  - 200 Syrian individuals

🍞 Mercy USA (Donor)

Adha

128 food parcels

- 📍 North Lebanon
- 👨👩👧 Families facing food insecurity

🧼 ACTED (Donor)

5,150 hygiene pads

- 📍 Buss, Rashidieh & Ein El Hilweh Camps

👩 860 women & girls reached

❄️ Winter 2024 Taawon (Donor)

1,459 vouchers distributed

- 🔥 680 fuel vouchers – Wavel Camp
- 🍲 629 food vouchers – Burj el Barajneh
- 🍲 150 food vouchers – Beddawi Camp

Hot Meals Distribution - Initiate (Donor)

- 📍 Ein El Hilwe
- 🍲 26,120 daily meals
- 👥 422 displaced families

# EVENTS

## RUN FOR YOUR RIGHTS

In 2024, the Women’s Programs Association (WPA) proudly joined the Right to Run Marathon in partnership with the Beirut Marathon Association to organize a race in Aley, Mount Lebanon. 200 children and families from Burj el Barajneh, Ein El Hilweh, and El Buss Camps participated enthusiastically under the slogan “Run for Your Rights,” receiving medals and goody bags to celebrate their achievements and sharing meals together, fostering friendship and community. The event promoted inclusion, and healthy, active lifestyles. spaces for dialogue and learning.



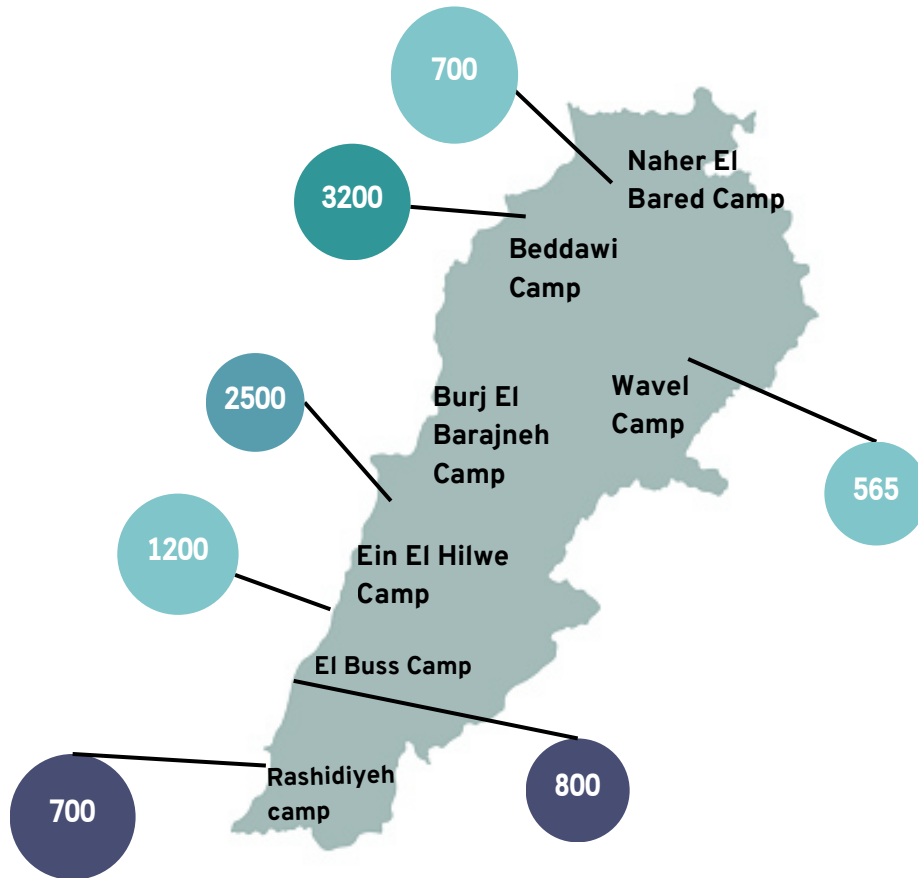
## 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE CAMPAIGN

WPA also actively participated in the global 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign “UNITE to End Violence Against Women and Girls” in partnership with UNRWA and several local NGOs across Lebanon. The campaign included interactive awareness sessions, creative expression workshops, and public events engaging women, youth, and children. These activities raised awareness, promoted gender equality, and advocated for the protection of women and girls from violence, while strengthening community solidarity and providing safe spaces for dialogue and learning.



# NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

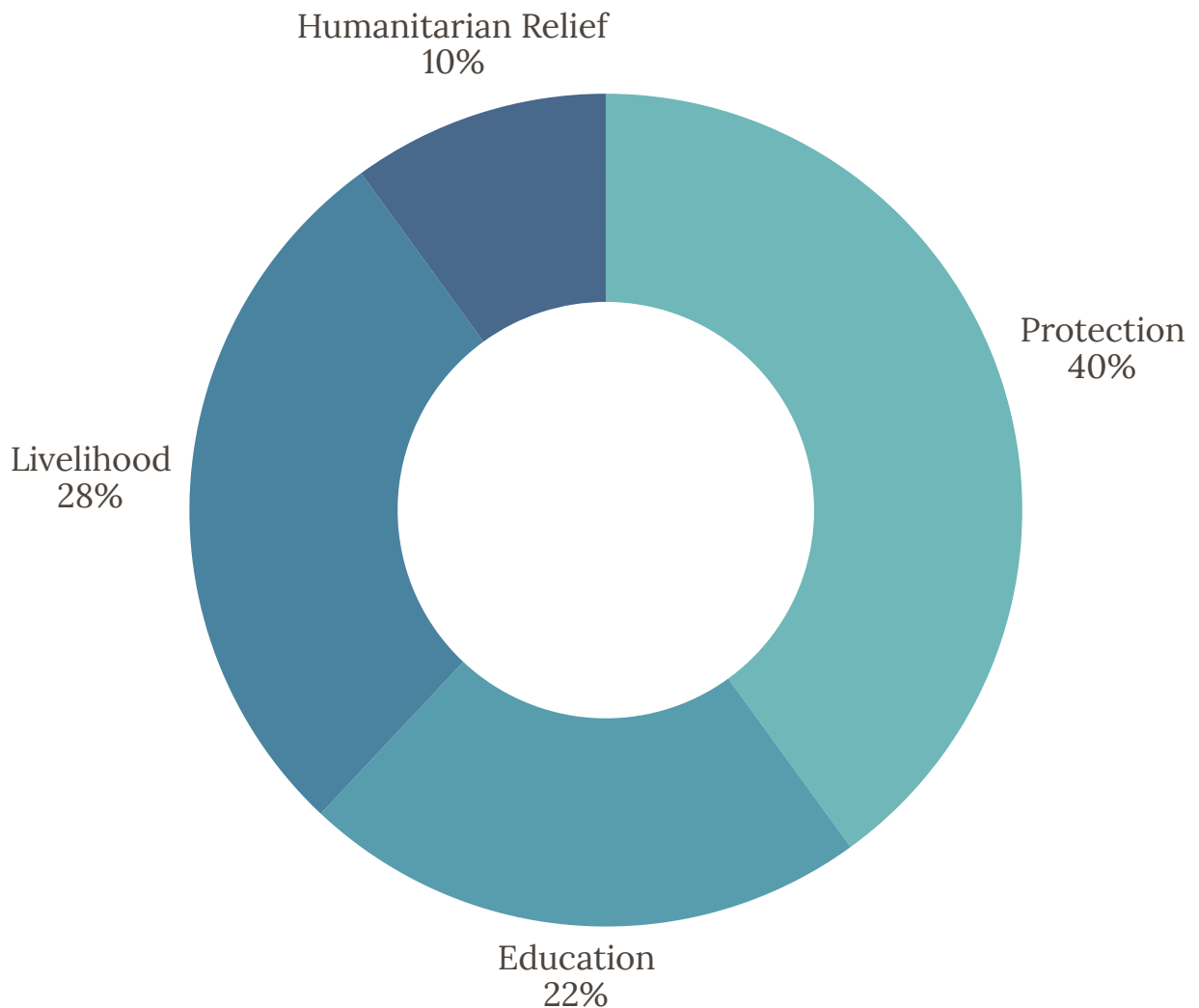
Throughout the year, WPA reached 14,891 beneficiaries, including 9,665 women and girls, 3,275 men, and 1,951 children, through its community-based centers and outreach initiatives. Programs focused on enhancing educational access for vulnerable children, improving psychosocial well-being for girls and women, fostering economic independence, promoting gender equality, and strengthening social cohesion.



# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

## BY PROGRAM

All project funds were carefully planned and utilized in a cost-effective manner, with each expenditure strategically allocated to ensure maximum impact, optimize resources, and achieve the project's objectives efficiently.



Thank you for trusting the Women's Programs Association (WPA) to manage and implement these funds, enabling us to make a meaningful impact in the communities we serve