



Anwar, a new Sudanese student, at New Vision Educational Centre



Supporting the children affected by the Beirut explosion with food packs and hygiene kits



Mounira, an Iraqi refugee in Lebanon, preparing our team some traditional Assyrian tea



Assessing the Beirut-explosion-caused damage

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At New Vision Educational Centre

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New Vision Educational Center- Lebanon

With the Corona pandemic, social cohesion has been a challenge this year for the Lebanese as well as for the world population. Accordingly, New Vision Educational Center was subject to multiple government-imposed lockdowns, nonetheless, our children still had the chance at times to come to the school, learn, play, and enjoy their daily meals.

Success Story

Wael, a 7 year-old-boy, has completed his kindergarten years at our educational centre and then moved to an official school to pursue his education online during the pandemic. After several online classes, Wael's teacher could not believe her ears; Wael was communicating in English and his knowledge far surpassed that of his colleagues. To better check and remove any doubt of an adult communicating with her, she asked his mom to send a picture of Wael.

This story brought abundant joy to the hearts of the teachers at New Vision Educational Center. During the kindergarten years, Wael was among the very challenging children to handle. The teachers had to put in special effort to help Wael adapt to the class atmosphere, develop a listening ear, adopt discipline, and respect his friends. Obviously, the effort and time invested have paid well!



Our students receiving a hair-cut



Screen-time at the centre

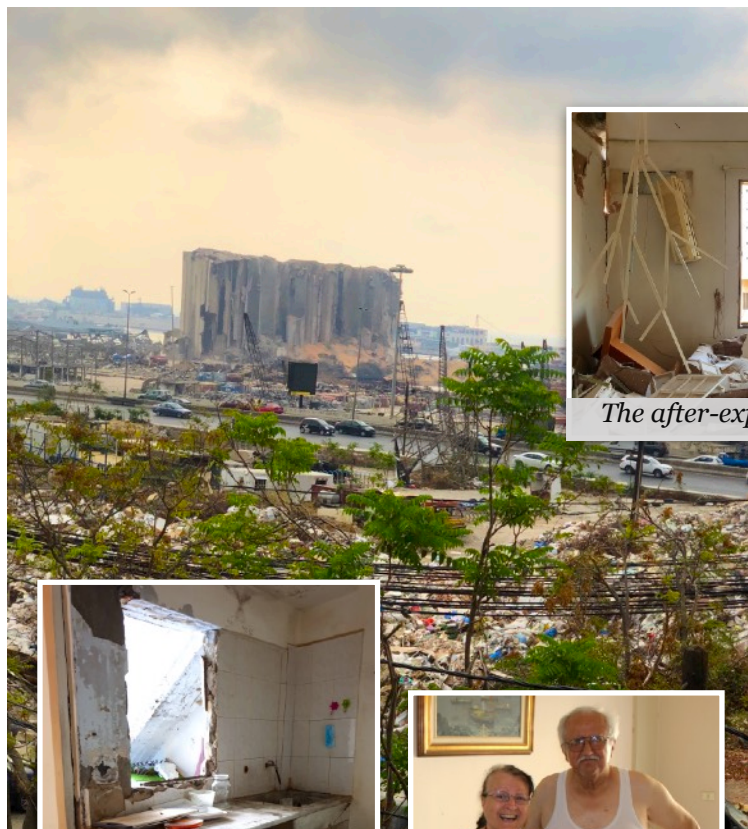


Learning to color and unleash creativity

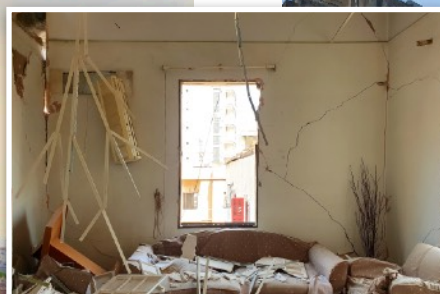


Learning the alphabets

Beirut Explosion: Devastation and Renovation



Lebanese youth taking the lead to clean the streets, following the explosion



The after-explosion living room



The after-explosion kitchen



Beneficiaries- Uncle Elias and his wife



Painting damaged houses

On the 4th of August 2020,

Beirut was shaken by an unprecedented explosion rated as the 3rd in the history in terms of magnitude, following Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The blast rendered thousands of buildings partially or completely destroyed, 300,000 people homeless, and many others jobless. Consumed by the absence of the Lebanese government, the Lebanese people, alongside many humanitarian organizations, girded the loins and took charge of removing the rubble, assessing the damage, launching feeding programs, taking care of the elderly, and organizing world-wide funding campaigns to rebuild Beirut. New Vision was among the first to lend a hand of help; after cleaning the massive explosion-caused rubble, we took charge of renovating more than 200 houses in Ashrafieh area facing the port of Beirut. Our work included:

- renovation of houses- aluminum and glass, wood work, painting, plumbing, tiling, water proofing, etc.
- Furnishing of houses- beds, closets, mattresses, washing machines, ovens, etc.
- Distribution of tablets for online learning
- Fixing damaged cars

Beirut Explosion: Reaching Out to the Children

The Beirut explosion has affected thousands of children, who lost their homes, loved ones, and belongings. New Vision had the privilege to stand by these children and supply them with bedroom furniture and tablets for online learning.

The tablets distribution event was held at *The Slow* coffeshop (pictures below), whose renovation New Vision contributed to following the blast. 40 children received the tablets with inexpressible joy and appreciation, especially that the price of one tablet during the current economic crisis far exceeds the parents' salaries.

As for the bedroom furniture, New Vision chose the finest wood quality possible and made sure to deliver and install each of the 40 bedroom furniture at the house of the child.



Relief Projects During the Pandemic

The severe economic crisis, adding to it the Beirut explosion, has rendered thousands of families in Lebanon on the verge of hunger and homelessness. We have started during the pandemic what we called the CCCC- *Corona Calls for the Courage to Care*- relief project. Through the CCCC project we gave away monthly and daily food packs and hygiene kits. New Vision has found considerable response from the donors and heartwarming appreciation from the beneficiaries. In numbers, we have distributed in 2020 in both Lebanon and Syria:

- 1700 food packs
- 210 hygiene kits
- 8800 daily food packs



Sustainable Income-Generating Projects

Based on our commitment to promote self-reliance and sustainability, we have continued in 2020 and with the support of our like-minded donors to fund income-generating projects. Accordingly, 2 Dairy Cows Farms and one Fruits and Pie Shop have been established in Homs, Syria.

Meet Mahmoud, one of the beneficiaries:

Mahmoud is married and has 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. They are of Kurdish background from Afrin, northern Syria, where they had to leave behind all their possessions to protect the boys from fighting with the Kurdish army and to save the girls from the fanatic Muslim men.



When they moved to Wadi Al Nassara, seeking refuge, Mahmoud was willing to take any job available to provide for his family, nonetheless, his trials were met with failure. Lately, New Vision gave Mahmoud and his family 2 cows. The family will be raising the cows and benefiting from the dairy products.

Meet Bassel and Marla (*pic to the right*): Bassel and his wife, Marla, have one baby girl, Lisa. Bassel has always been active in volunteering his time, money, and energy to help implement New Vision relief projects in the area; many times did he use his car to deliver the food packs to the underprivileged families.

Over the years of war, Bassel tried starting several small income-generating projects, nonetheless, the ever worsening economic collapse constituted a big hurdle.

Lately, Bassel, together with New Vision team, has put a plan to start a cows farm. He has received 2 cows from New Vision and will be investing the coming days in feeding, multiplying and enlarging the cows farm.



Fruits and Pie Shop: New Vision is in the process of preparing a "Fruits and Pie Shop" in Homs, nearby a private university, where two thousand students attend their classes on a daily basis in addition to the area residents and hundreds of workers.

Repatriation of Syrian families



Lana, her husband, and their children leaving to Syria



After suffering the different consequences of the Syrian war, Lana and her family found refuge in Lebanon. The substitute country could not offer Lana's family a secure environment; Leon, her husband lost 2 of his fingers at a coal factory, where no safety measures or life insurance were granted, and Sami, her brother, died in a car accident.

Ultimately, Lana and Leon took a gatekeeper job at one of the villas in Zahli. Nonetheless, the low salary given could not provide for a living or fulfill the needs of their 3 children. This year, and following the severe economic crisis in Lebanon, Lana and her family decided to take the risk and go back to Syria. New Vision offered to build this family a house and help them start an income-generating project, through which they can sustain a living in Syria.

New Vision, with support of our faithful partners, will continue to repatriate more families to Syria and secure them a life of dignity, honor, and self-sustainability.



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