



PROJECT REPORT:

SPONSORSHIP FOR ORPHANS AND FAMILIES IN NEED

1. INTRODUCTION

Lebanon continues to experience a prolonged socioeconomic and humanitarian crisis that has significantly reduced families' ability to afford food, healthcare, education, shelter, and other essential services. According to the United Nations' Lebanon Response Plan 2026, approximately 2.99 million people in Lebanon require humanitarian assistance, with particularly severe effects on children, female-headed households, displaced people, and families without a reliable source of income.

Within this context, the project supported orphans and families who had lost their breadwinner, helping them meet immediate needs while protecting children's longer-term well-being. The intervention contributed directly to the following United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:

SDG 1 – No Poverty

- By providing essential sponsorship assistance to households experiencing severe economic hardship.

SDG 5 – Gender Equality

- By reducing the financial and caregiving burden placed on widowed mothers and female-headed households.

SDG 10 – Reduced Inequalities

- By directing assistance to households facing heightened social and economic vulnerability.

These objectives are consistent with the UN Sustainable Development Agenda, which emphasizes ending poverty and hunger and ensuring access to health, well-being, and inclusive quality education.



2. BENEFICIARIES AND PROJECT COMPONENTS

The project supported Lebanese orphans, widows, and families without a breadwinner in Saida, Beirut, and other vulnerable areas. Support was provided through short-term, monthly, and annual sponsorships for orphans and families.

The assistance contributed to essential needs such as food, education, healthcare, clothing, and basic household expenses.

3. SUCCESS STORIES

- **Ahmad – Orphan from Saida:** Ahmad, a Lebanese orphan from Saida, received sponsorship support that helped cover his school and basic living needs. The assistance reduced pressure on his mother and helped him.
- **Rania – Widow from Beirut:** Rania, a Lebanese widow from Beirut, was struggling to support her children without a stable income. Family sponsorship helped her meet essential household, food, medical, and school-related needs.
- **Social Worker:** the project's social worker, reported that the sponsorships improved family stability and allowed beneficiaries to manage urgent expenses with greater dignity. Regular follow-up also helped identify educational, health, and protection needs.

4. IMPACT

The project improved the stability and well-being of vulnerable orphans and families by helping them meet essential needs. Sponsorship is an important tool for strengthening recovery, resilience, and dignity, especially when combined with the association's other interventions, including food parcel distributions, awareness sessions for widows, recreational activities for orphans, and health screenings.