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PROJECTS	PARTNERS	BENEFICIARIES	COUNTRIES	COMMUNITIES
9	13	168,380	4	24

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Management Message

On August 4, 2020, Beirut was hit by a massive blast. Initially, we did not acknowledge that not only the directly traumatized by the explosion needed psychological therapy, but also those who were indirectly impacted. With eyes full of tears, hand in hand, DPNA team listened closely to the wounded community while remembering the catastrophic event accompanied by the question "Why did this happen?".

While working together, from simple chores as cleaning to larger projects of reconstruction, culture, hope, and dream revival we realized that we were healing together for the sake of our dearest residents in our beloved city "Beirut". How not, and they are the most vulnerable and require various assistance, mixed between sacrifice, persistence, belief in life and process of reconstruction.

Each one of Civil defense, firemen, cultural organizations, social and health institutions, parents, children, and employees of the National Music Institute, restaurants, and institutions, felt the pain and acted for the recovery and survival of Beirut.

All eyes are welled up with stories of suffering, pain, and proposed righteous questions, Why? For whom? For whose sake? Whereas the culture of "Life" responded: "Let's rise together".

Let's rise together for our city, its culture and civilization in contentment to Beirut, its residents, martyrs, injured and disabled. Let's work together to advocate for accountability on one hand and achieve justice in the other.

رسالة الإدارة

لم نعرف أننا كنا بحاجة للمعالجة النفسية، كنا نظن أن أهلنا في منطقة الانفجار الأليم بعد آب هم وحدهم بحاجة للعلاج من الصدمة الكبرى بالعمل المشترك بالاستماع الجيد مع الدموع المشتركة بينهم وهم يتذكرون مرارة الحدث والانصات المصحوب بالسؤال الكبير: لماذا حصل ذلك؟

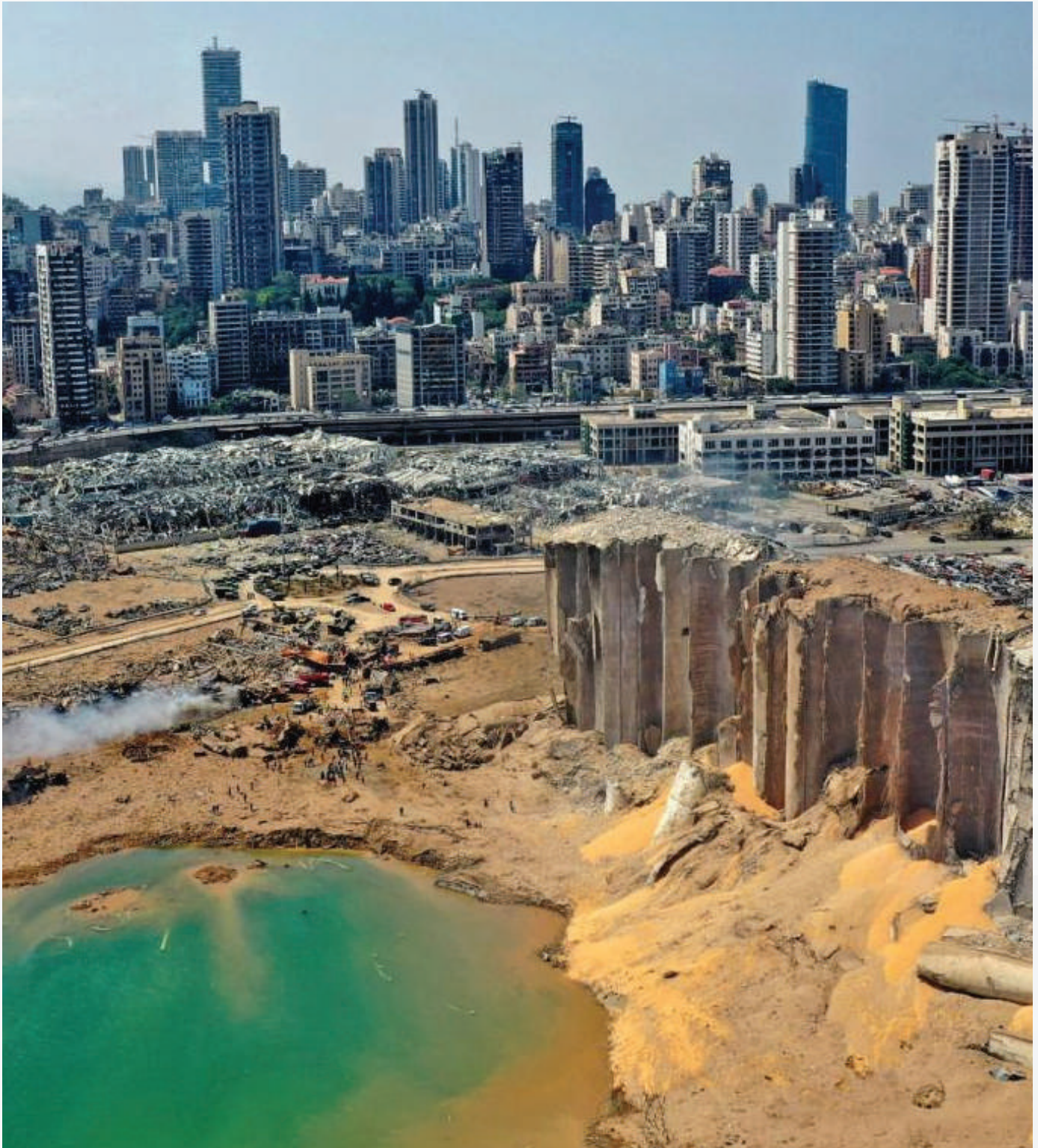
وبالعمل المشترك من التنظيف الى الترميم الأولي ثم النهائي مع استعادة الحياة وثقافتها والأمل والحلم أيقنا أننا كنا نتعالج سويا من أجل عاصمتنا الجريحة بيروت وأهلها فهم بألمس الحاجة المختلطة ما بين التضحية والعناد والايمان بثقافة الحياة وعملية اعادة البناء كانت عيون أهل الدفاع المدني والاطفائية والعاملين في الكونسرفتوار الوطني والمؤسسات الثقافية والاجتماعية والصحية وكل عيون الأهالي والأمهات والأطفال وعمال المطاعم والمؤسسات تتشارك الهم والألم والعمل من أجل استعادة عافية العاصمة وبقاؤها

كل العيون ملأة بقصص من المعاناة والألم والاستغراب وتسأل، لماذا؟ ومن أجل من؟ ولمصلحة من؟ وحدها ثقافة "الحياة ردت بالفعل" لننهض معا

لننهض بعاصمتنا وثقافتنا وحضارتنا وفاء لبيروت وأهلها وشهداءها وجرحاها ومعوقينا، نعمل بيد ونطالب بالمحاسبة والمساءلة وتحقيق العدالة باليد الأخرى

Beirut Blast Emergency Intervention Report

A preliminary report on the contribution of DPNA to rescue and relief operations for the people of the affected areas following the explosion that occurred in the port of Beirut on the evening of August 4, 2020. In cooperation with Saida NGOs platform, Saida Municipality, Beirut Municipality, and the Governor of Beirut - Judge Marwan Abboud. In addition to cooperating in the execution and planning with National Bloc.



Targeted Areas: several effected districts from which: Geitawi, Gemmayze, Karantina... – in addition to further small interventions in the targeted areas suburbs.

Below are approximate numbers of the executed services:

1. 200 volunteers participated in all provided services

The presence of the volunteers all through the emergency intervention has been an addition since day one. The volunteers started in cleaning the roads, houses, schools, churches, and mosques that has been affected from the blast. In support to that, trucks and bob-cats were also provided to facilitate the execution. After the cleaning, the volunteers assisted in the assessment/survey targeting more than 4000 HH. After the assessment, the volunteers aided in the distribution of more than 5000 Hygiene and Food Kit.

2. 500 finalized Surveys in the targeted areas

The survey targeted HH's residing in more than 4,000 buildings – in the survey the questions were mainly about the HH's personal information (# of individuals living in the house, ages...), medical information (In case an medication is required), and a list of the affected house parts that need rehabilitation;

3. 30 Skilled workers participated

Based on the executed survey, the selected skilled workers has been selected to provide rehabilitation services for the affected houses. The main professions of the selected workers: Carpenter, Plumper, Aluminum...

4. 204 houses rehabilitated – First intervention

The listed above skilled workers completed the rehabilitation of 204 houses. The executed rehabilitation mainly targeted the following activities: Closing the windows, fixing the door-lock, checking on the water connection... (Basic rehabilitation)

5. Beirut Fire Center – Solar Energy System

Restoration and rehabilitation of an affected section of the Beirut Fire Center + integrating solar energy system to aid in lightening the main square surrounding

6. Installation of water tanks and WaSH structure rehabilitation – UNICEF

With the support of UNICEF, DPNA team responded to the WaSH needs of families affected by the Beirut Blast in Gemmayzeh, Mar Mikhael, Karantina and Geitawi areas

7. 2650 Hygiene kits distributed;

Knowing that we are executing the emergency response in a health situation where COVID-19 cases is increasing fast, hygiene kits with basic hygiene supplements were distributed to the affected families in the affected areas.

8. 3250 Food kits distributed;

The blast occurred in a sensitive economic situation that the country is facing. For that, and in order to provide the basic needs of the affected HH's, 3250 food kits has been distributed to the affected families.

9. Psychosocial Support – 360 children and youth

Funded by Arche Nova, this project aims to provide 360 children and adolescents with psychosocial support sessions to attune the effects of the Beirut blast.

Meanwhile, DPNA's intervention in the affected areas is ongoing whereas building on the first basic rehabilitation intervention 110 houses are selected for a second rehabilitation intervention. Through this, rehabilitation is done for: Aluminum, Wood, and Glass... This project is implemented with SPF and Centre De Crise.

In addition to the above listed interventions, DPNA and in each targeted area formulated a reference sheet for the HHs that are requesting additional services that are not yet covered.

This work has been done under the funding and partnership of:



Further needed emergency support:

In parallel to implementing the listed above emergency interventions, DPNA team collected all the needs of the families affected from Beirut Blast for two main causes:

- Refer it to other organizations functioning consequently to the need (Psychological, Medical...);
- Use the collected data in fundraising and proposal writing.

Additional needed interventions:

Primary needs:

1- Medical Support for 10 dispensaries: DPNA received a request letter from Saida NGOs Platform requesting the support for 10 dispensaries that rapidly responded on the same day of the Blast and aided the affected individuals in Beirut (provided medication). For the moment, these dispensaries depleted all the available medical equipment, medications, COVID-19 hygiene kit and are in desperate need for medical re-equipment especially in the sensitive health situation that the country is passing through (2500 USD -3000 USD per dispensary)


2- Basic School Kit for affected children: Knowing that the majority of the schools will have their educational year online, and based on the poor economic situation that the parents are confronting, school kit for children is one of the suggested activities. The school kit will include: tablets, internet bundles pencil case, pens, ruler, eraser, copybook...


3- Home Appliances and houses rehabilitation: One of the most urgent requests that the affected HHs asked for is to purchase new home appliances compensating for the ones that has been damaged due to the blast. Appliances varied between fridge, oven, washing machine...


4- Psychosocial support activities: The psychological impact of such a crisis is massive. Children are particularly vulnerable during this time, having witnessed destruction of their homes, family members injured and panic across their community. Addressing children's immediate psychological needs is essential as well as their longer term mental health and that of their caregivers. In crisis situations, providing a sense of normalcy and hope for the future is a key. Psychosocial support activities will be built based on PSA and Trauma Healing module.

5- Winter Kit – Blankets: Knowing that winter season is on the door, and referring to that many HHs are still in need for safe space for residence after the Blast, winter kit/winter blankets is one of the main requests collected from the affected HHs.

Referring to that DPNA team (Staff and Volunteers) field work is ongoing, the above listed needs are constantly updated.

 **Project Title:** Communication for Development, Saida

 **Partner:** UNDP

 **Donor:** UKAID

 **Duration:** October 1, 2020 until February 15, 2021




Overall Description


The main objective is to develop and organize community outreach activities (utilizing communication for development approaches) in saida between the municipal police, civil society actors and community members with the aim of:

- Enhancing the relationship of Municipal police with the community.
- Ensure communities are engaged on the implementation of the municipal police reform in Saida.


Target Groups

- 45 Municipal Police members participated in capacity building sessions
- 35 participants from the municipality, CSO's, and community participated in roundtables with the municipal police

 **Project Title:** Psychosocial Support for Beirut Blast-affected Children, Youth, and Families.

 **Starting Date:** October 15, 2020 **Duration:** 7 months

Donor & Partner Name

 **Donor(s):** Aktion Deutschland Hilft

 **Partner(s):** arche noVa



 **Overall Objective:**

To provide emergency psychosocial support by providing safe spaces and psychosocial activities for children and adults to begin recovery and for community members to access information and assistance about available social services.

 **Target**

Target Audience: Youth of both genders, from all nationalities, aged 12-18, and affected by the Beirut blast

Target Areas: Blast-affected areas in Beirut

More Than
80%

of interviewed families
reported improved
behavior of children/youth
attending sessions



50%

of interviewed families
reported good quality of
social and health
information
received/provided by the
center





2

Family centers fully equipped and staffed and provided information about social services

353

children/youth participated in psychosocial group sessions

206

of group sessions for children/youth

72

of children/youth who participated in individual counselling sessions

121

of families who participated in psychosocial workshops

393

of families who received information regarding social services through the established center



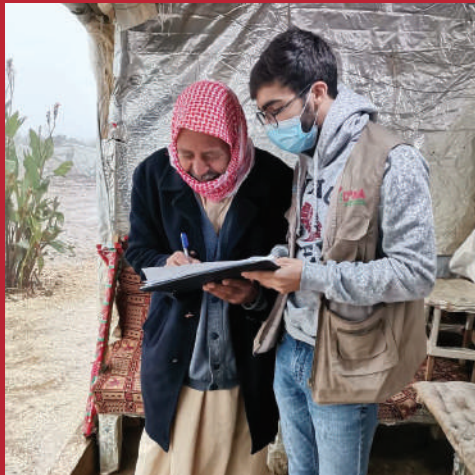
Project Title: Constructing 275 latrines with hand-washing stations for at-risk profile of Syrian refugees and providing them with 550 disinfection kits in South, Nabatiyeh and Mount Lebanon areas.



Donor: LHF – Lebanon Humanitarian Fund – UNOCHA



Duration: 8 months (Sept 2020-April 2021)



Objective

The project objective is to have more vulnerable people in Lebanon using safely managed drinking water and sanitation services whilst reducing health and environmental risks and improving water quality by increasing the proportion of wastewater that is safely treated. This would be achieved through working with the most vulnerable Syrian refugee households (in ITS and Collective Shelters) at risk of COVID-19 to have access to safe WASH facilities and healthy sanitized environment. This set of objectives are attained by the following activity: construct adapted latrines to PWSN, elderly and people with medical conditions as a result of LHF support.





Target Groups


Target group: Syrian Refugees


Total beneficiaries: 2068 individuals


Total PWD: 139


 **Project Title:** PRTMU – Promoting Religious Tolerance and Mutual Understanding

 **Partner:** Mennonite Central Committee - MCC


 **Donor:** Europe Aid

 **Duration:** December 2018 - November 2021

 **Targeted Countries:** Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Iraq

 **Objective:** The overall objective of the project, keeping in mind the needs of the target groups and beneficiaries, is to combat religious intolerance and discrimination among target communities in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Iraq through enhancing mutual understanding and re-respect between different faiths, sects or none



 **Target Groups:** 17 CSOs who receive sub-grants and implement sub-projects:

Total of 39,706 individuals, 23,152 laypeople, of which 7958 are females, 7312 males and 7882 N/A, 15,584 youth of which 8360 are females, 6394 are males and 830 N/A, 672 religious leaders of which 408 are females, 260 are males and 4 N/A and 298 youth religious leaders of which 58 are females, 222 are males and 18 N/A.



17 CBO
funded to
implement
peacebuilding
projects in 4
different
countries

1

Monthly
newsletters
shared with
the different
networks


2


Capacity
Building on
peacebuilding,
project
management
and M&E


3


Peacebuilding
webinars

4

 **Project Title:** Rehabilitation of Housing for victims of the explosion in Beirut

 **Partner:** Secours Populaire Français

 **Donor:** Centre de Crise et de Soutien – Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs

 **Duration:** September 8th 2020 until December 8th 2020 (3 Months)

Objective

This project supports 100 vulnerable families who live in the areas worst affected by the explosion. The support is being offered in the form of home refurbishments. This project will also help to motivate and involve other members of the community, because the work will be done by volunteers as well as technicians trained by DPNA during a previous project>

Target Groups


-500 vulnerable people affected by the explosion (100 families, average of 5 people each).

-20 technicians from the “Cash for Work” programme. 100 DPNA volunteers (mainly young people).

-Laypeople, prioritizing women and youth, who participate in the subgrant funded projects: 8,250 laypeople (4000 male, 4250 female)


- Youth: 4,500 youth (2,500 female, 2,000 male)



 **Project Title:** Enhancing the Socio-Economic Aspect in Old City of Saida and Grand Saida

 **Partner:** Palladium Group

 **Donor:** USAID

 **Duration:** September 24, 2019 - September 23, 2020 (Extension until November 23, 2020)

Objective

The project objective is to meet the needs of the NMSMEs in Saida especially in the improvement and upscaling of the businesses and ensuring the creation of new job opportunities.



Target Groups

Lebanese, 50% Women 50% Lebanese living in Saida (Grand Saida, Old Saida, Saida Souks)



Project Title: Youth RESOLVE: Youth Empowerment, Participation, and Advocacy for Social Stability in Lebanon– Phase 2



Partner: World Vision



Donor: EU MADAD Fund



Duration: 34 months (August 2020 – May 2023) **Year:** 2020



Overall Objective: To strengthen social stability among youth by empowering them to become leading actors in their communities.



Specific Objectives:

Refugees and host communities' youth interact for the benefit of their communities-
Municipal/community decision makers implement refugee and host community youth-led propositions for change



Target Areas: Saida, Bqusta, Mghayrieh, Barja.



Target Audience and number of beneficiaries:

Segregation of sex, nationalities, and ages for the beneficiaries (directly target 151,000 community members 15 through improved municipal services and social stability, including 50% females 16 , 29% children (below 18 years) 17 , 4% of People with Disabilities, as well as 704 female and male youth 18 aged 1630- years old, capacitated and interacting for the benefit of their communities (of at least 30% non-Lebanese, in-cluding Syrians and Palestinian Refugees)





Achievements:

- YC meetings for establishment, orientation, and planning
- Capacity assessment for YC members – DPNA (Development For People and Nature Association)
- Youth-led community needs assessments – DPNA
- Quick Impact Project – DPNA
- Youth committees' community campaigns and events – DPNA
- Local governance training
- Advocacy Campaigns
- Learning and reflection YC Meetings
- Exchange visit between participating youth





Project Title: Women Empowerment



Partner: Mondo



Donor: Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Estonia Humanitarian Aid



Objective

To empower marginalized and vulnerable women in Old City of Saida to build and reveal their life visions.



Specific Objective

status of 30 Lebanese, Palestinian, and Syrian women.

1. To increase the well-being and psycho-social
2. To empower 30 Lebanese, Palestinian, and Syrian women with hard skills to conduct income-generating activities
3. To support 30 Lebanese, Palestinian, and Syrian women with in-kind grants"



Target Groups

30 women from Old City of Saida aged 18 to 40 years old from different nationalities (Lebanese, Palestinians, and Syrians) where 50% of the targeted women are Lebanese, 25% are Palestinians, and 25% are Syrians.



Target Area: Old City of Saida



Duration: September 24, 2019 - September 23, 2020 (Extension until November 23, 2020)

Success Story "Lina, Lebanese, 40 years old:

“ I’ve been facing a lot of obstacles and problems for the past years and I couldn’t stand and bear with anything no more. So back at the time, I decided to see a psychologist, and it’s been 5 years since then. However, this 5-day workshop was worth those past five years. With the help of the amazing team, the amazing colleagues, and the family we have created, I feel stronger than ever and I feel like I’m through with my psychologist thanks to all of you and this project ”

Quote: Blockqoute Rola, Palestinian, 40 years old:

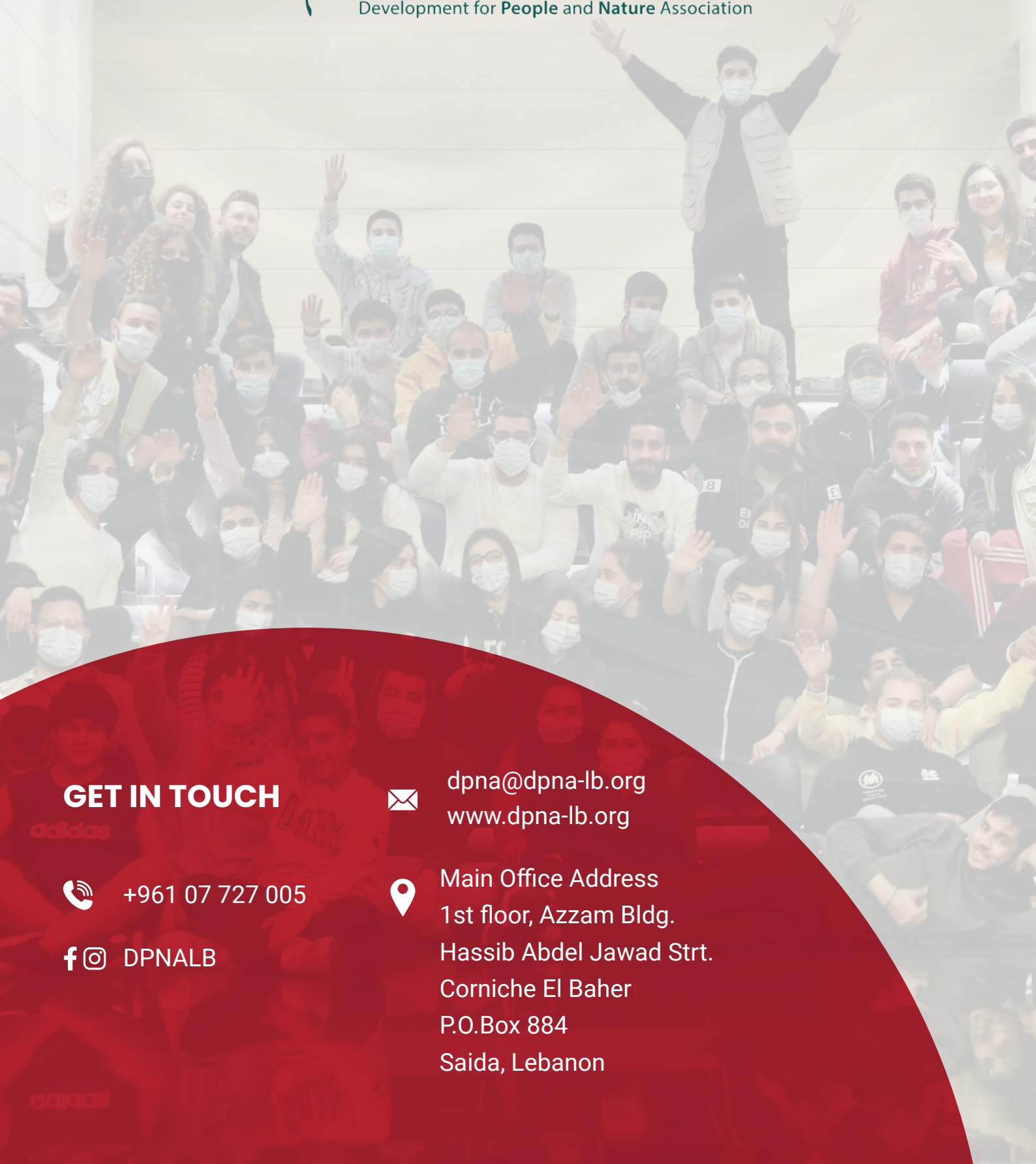
“ This project has been useful to us and me personally in many differ-ent ways; socially, economically, psychologically, and personally. This type of project should be implemented more often to help the women in our society to overcome their fears and every obstacle that comes our way ”





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