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# ABOUT AMEL

Amel Association International (Amel) is a non-sectarian civil society association established in 1979.

Across Lebanon, through its 30 centers, 6 Mobile Medical Units, 2 Education Mobile Units, 1 Protection Mobile Unit, and 1400 workers and volunteers, Amel provides access to quality health, education, protection, livelihood and food security activities. Amel also implements development programs targeting underprivileged communities, regardless of their nationality, political or religious affiliations.

Additionally, Amel aims to strengthen the culture of rights among all populations without discrimination; to promote access to their rights and their involvement in society.

With its dedicated team, Amel continues to lead the fight against sectarianism in our region, and countering religious conflicts, working to promote human rights for all, regardless of their background, under the slogan of **"Positive Thinking and Permanent Optimism"**. Amel thus seeks to strengthen team spirit through collective practices instead of the individualistic behavior that is prevalent in our societies. Amel also upholds its **"3Ps Approach"**: **Principles** defining a **Position** that we put into **Practice**.

Amel Association International's vision consists of the following **six pillars**:

1. All humanitarian actions should focus on development and empowerment, ultimately leading to democracy.
2. Support fair causes of the people around the world, primarily focusing on the fair cause of the Palestinian people.
3. Refuse the double standards of "First" versus "Third" world societies.
4. Work committedly towards a fair distribution of global wealth and goods equally between all humans and societies.
5. Encourage welfare systems and social justice approach among all countries.
6. Act on the impacts of Climate change that is threatening humanity as a whole.



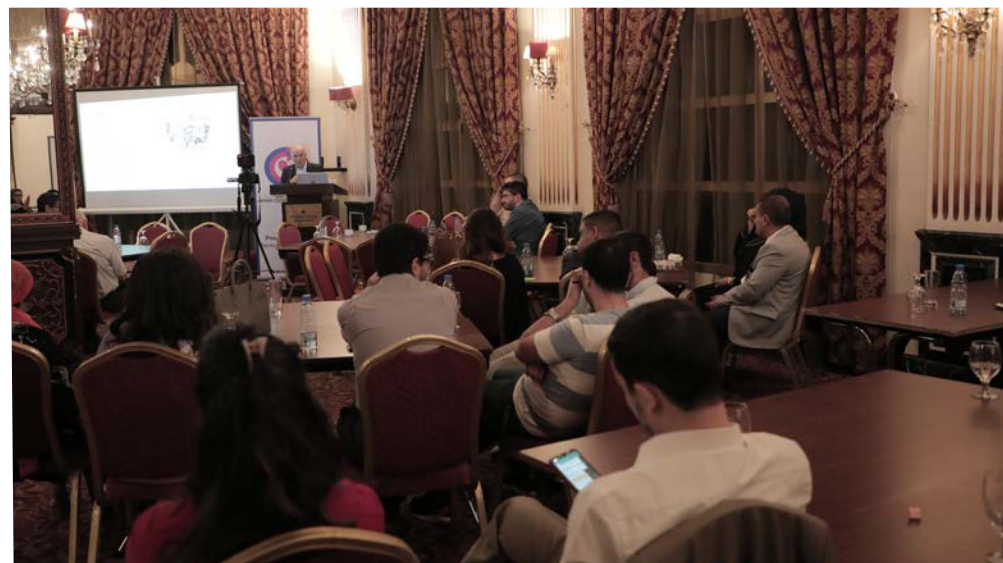
# AMEL International Mouvement

**Amel Association International**, a global Movement including:

- Amel France
- Amel USA
- Amel Switzerland
- Amel Italy
- Amel Belgium

Amel was elected as the MENA regional representative of the People's Health Movement Steering Council during a regional meeting entitled "Health for all", co-organized in Beirut by Amel.

Amel advocates for the right to health on a universal level, aiming to build a unified healthcare model to be implemented by health actors, taking into consideration preventive and curative aspects, paving the way towards UHC (LPSP being piloted), in line with adapting a sustainable health financing model by the states.



## Awareness and Vaccination against Cholera

In October 2022, Lebanon witnessed its first cholera case since 1993. This event led Amel Association International to raise the organization's level of alert while conducting an awareness campaign in all its centers and mobile clinics throughout the country. In addition, Amel took preventive measures by examining samples from water reservoirs, in towns and villages in addition to taking part in the cholera vaccination campaign, in collaboration with international and local organizations and

under the supervision of the Ministry of Public health. Amel trained its field teams, which already specialized in responding to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, in order to properly deal with cholera cases in Lebanon through home based care, in cooperation with the municipalities and local communities. This approach is based on the lessons and experiences accumulated since 2020 in response to Covid-19 pandemic.



## The SRHR and SGBV program

The Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights (SRHR) and protection from Sexual & Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) program of Amel works on three intervention layers: prevention and capacity building, response and services, as well as advocacy.

3 projects were implemented in 2022:

1- Champions of Change: implemented in 5 safe spaces (Bourj Hammoud, Doures, Mashghara, Kfrahmam, Nabatieh), the project worked with 17665 girls and women aiming to reduce GBV through awareness-raising sessions, psychosocial support, life skills, case management and psychological support in addition to drama and art therapy.

2- New HERizons: worked with 7857 women and girls from the host community and migrant workers in Beirut on the prevention from GBV through psychosocial support sessions and awareness-raising sessions, in addition to intervention through case management cash assistance and psychological support.

3- She Leads: a gender-transformative project implemented in South Lebanon, aiming at including girls and young women in gender-responsive laws & policies as well as societal norms & practices through mentorship program and peer-to-peer mentorship, parents awareness sessions, youth-led, the project reached 2137 persons in 2022.



# The Ideas Box Project

In response to the growing gap in Lebanon's educational sector, due to the economic collapse, the "Ideas Box" project implemented by Amel Association International in partnership with Bibliothèques Sans Frontières BSF, funded by AFD, has continued its activities in 2022 within 3 of Amel centers at Haret Hreik, Kamed el Loz and Khiyam.

Aiming at empowering children, youth and adults, the project collaborated with different sectors such as GBV, SRH, CP, Livelihood, Health and Protection and conducted various sessions with 8000 participants from different regions, nationalities and age groups.

The Ideas Box is an inclusive tool, designed for humanitarian purposes on a global level, aiming to ensure access to information, cultural resources, and education for all, and encourages children and adults to explore their inner potential.



# Support to Migrants and Human Trafficking Victims

Since the Lebanese Labour Law does not protect migrant domestic workers, migrants are subject to the Kafala System, which makes them especially prone to abuse, violence, and exploitation.

Amel, in light of the struggle to protect human dignity and provide basic rights, launched in 2011 the "Support to Migrant Workers" program, which works under 6 pillars and aims to guarantee their access to social, economic, and human rights:

1. Sustainable service provision (social, legal, health, psychosocial);
2. Capacity building and economic empowerment;

3. National and international advocacy coordination;
4. Awareness raising;
5. Action-based research;
6. Coordination with countries of origin.

Amel is also involved in the fight against human trafficking and modern slavery through advocacy for policy change, training frontliners and authorities on the identification of victims, as well as raising awareness on trafficking factors and indicators among vulnerable communities.



# Volunteering and Community Engagement

This program focuses on empowering society's youth at the intellectual and skill levels in order for them to actively positively transform their societies. In order to achieve this goal the program presents its targeted audience with free vocational and skill empowerment courses within several centers of the Association, in addition to music classes, puppet theater, and others. On top of that, these young men and women receive training through workshops related to multiple skills such as leadership, communication, advocacy or social and political issues, in addition to conflict resolution. Within every project it implements Amel creates tasks that must be carried out by young volunteers. These tasks purpose is to help these youths develop multiple skills in the fields of agriculture, caring for the elderly, carrying out recreational activities for children, distributing and preparing food rations, collecting and packing clothes in addition to other in-kind assistance which will help them better integrate in society.





## “MENNA” Initiative

“Menna” is an initiative launched by Amel in 2012, which seeks to liberate women, especially in marginalized communities, by empowering them and enabling them to be financially independent.

“MENNA” provides a space to promote the products and handicrafts made by our women. Training and vocational courses are provided in both Amel's Ain El-Remmaneh and Haret Hreik centers, where women are taught how to work with embroidery, sewing, bamboo, etc.

The financial profits generated by selling their handicrafts are then given to the beneficiaries participating in these programs.

In 2022, hundreds of women participated in the provided classes in addition to the several training conducted on leadership and other skills they need, to participate in decision making.



## Amel House of Human Rights

Amel's House of Human Rights (AHHR) was established in 2011, aiming at developing advanced advocacy programs in addition to systematic training on human rights and International Humanitarian Law in Lebanon and the Arab world, in collaboration with La Sagesse University.

AHHR organizes a yearly summer school focusing on the "law of armed conflicts", gathering around 70 participants from all around the world. Moreover, AHHR regularly implements Video Advocacy Action Training, which provides youths with technical skills to promote their rights. Other trainings include a course on Palestinians' rights.



# Climate Change Program

Amel Association International places the fight to protect the environment at the heart of the human struggle. Indeed, climate change threatens not only Lebanon, but the planet as a whole. Climate change is an issue that concerns every human being and society and represents the greatest threat to human rights.

Through its humanitarian philosophy Amel realizes the importance of preserving the environment. It is in this perspective that the association integrates the environmental concept in all its programs especially in light of Lebanon's exposure to environmental disasters such as fires, pollution, diseases, and damage to water sources. By beginning to implement in certain centers numerous environmental policies such as the usage of clean water and renewable energy, Amel plays a leading role in responding to climate change and its harmful effects. Finally, one of the Association's main goal is to raise awareness among people and lobby for environmentally friendly policies in Lebanon.



## Equal Partnerships and Solidarity

In 2022, Amel Association International launched a number of new community centers, in partnership with local organizations, specifically tailored to people's needs.

Two centers in Bourj Hammoud began implementing programs in the fields of health and women empowerment, another one in the Zarif area provides healthcare services to the people of the region. A fourth center in Al-Arqoub is dedicated to the medical needs of 14 villages and towns. Finally, in Ain El-Remmaneh where Amel already has a social center, a new wing was built, specialized in primary health care.

The opening of these centers was the result of cooperation with local humanitarian associations. They were opened with the intention of preserving the dignity of people in the aforementioned areas, most of which have suffered immensely due to the economic crisis hitting the country and are in dire need of support when it comes to accessing their basic Human Rights.



## Sabra and Chatila permanent solidarity exhibition

The permanent Sabra & Shatila solidarity exhibition has been launched in September 2022 by Amel Association International, in partnership with the Palestinian NGO "Beit Atfal Assomoud" and the Italian-based Committee "Not to Forget Sabra and Shatila".

The purpose of the exhibition is to research and document the massacre and its victims, by tracing detailed trajectories of the events through the voices of the survivors and their grandchildren, collecting belongings, stories, and information that are still largely missing.

Through this initiative, Amel and its partners aim at empowering youths from the Palestinian refugee camps and the neighboring areas, by engaging them in various activities and training that are designed to enable them to find new means to seek justice for the victims of the Sabra and Shatila massacre and the Palestinian cause as a whole.

On the international level, there will be networking and cooperation with several international campaigns and organizations in Europe and around the world to initiate a permanent exhibition in memory of the Sabra and Shatila massacre.



## Mental Health Program

Given the recurrent crisis and the global pandemic which hit Lebanon, Amel has found necessary to expand its Mental Health activities to respond to the growing needs of people.

Throughout 2022, Amel continued to integrate mental health interventions in all its programs and projects. Amel provides psychological and social services in its centers, mobile clinics, and educational units. In parallel, as part of Amel's response plan to the outbreak of Covid19-, the association launched a mental health and psychosocial support program that provides

psychiatric, psychotherapeutic consultations and mental health medications.

This constitutes a permanent component that aims at providing appropriate treatment for people suffering from mental health disorders, reducing the stigma that accompanies mental health and raising awareness on mental health topics in local communities. This program is addressed to Lebanese, refugees and migrants and is implemented in several centers, in cooperation with international partners.



## Education

Throughout 2022, Amel's teams have provided learning support along with recreational and psychosocial support activities to more than 3660 children, youths and adults. With tailored-made approaches centered on the learners' needs, the education program aims at ensuring the right to quality education for the most vulnerable populations in Beirut, Mount Lebanon, the Bekaa valley and South Lebanon. Thanks to the constant adaptation efforts of the 175 education team members, the program has been offering quality education services that respond to challenges posed by the economic situation. The multi-disciplinary teams are ensuring holistic support through their work in the Amel's community centers, in the Mobile Education Units (MEUs) and in the public schools (Nataf3al project).



## Sexual Reproductive Health Program

Under the SRHR program, four projects were implemented across Lebanon by the program's teams in 2022 and provided the following activities for 29647 women, young women and girls:

- Awareness-raising sessions in persons or groups (17554 persons)
- Midwifery, gynecological and nursing care (7654 persons)
- Subsidized tests (1486 persons)

In addition to the above activities, some additional elements were implemented in partnership with TdH and ABAAD as well as with Nabad and other partners, reaching out to 2963 persons in need.



## Women Empowerment

The program aims at empowering women to achieve social equality and protection through economic emancipation.

During the year 2022, the program continued its various activities in line with the standards of Covid19- prevention, through an integrated training curriculum, in-person and remote, using distance learning tools. The activities included the following:

- Empowering women by supporting them in launching small projects.
- Training more than 1,000 women in Amel's various centers on leadership, communication and social skills.
- Providing psychosocial support for women to overcome social and economic obstacles.



## Mobile Medical Units

The six (6) Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) allow Amel to ensure the right to health for the most marginalized and impoverished communities and in difficult areas across Lebanon. Throughout 2022 our MMU teams provided a range of free-of-charge services, including primary healthcare consultations, emergency medical support, acute essential medications, delivered free vaccines, health education awareness sessions, psycho-social support, and referrals when needed, in addition to distributing awareness materials.

The MMUs serve local communities and refugees in Sour, Khyam, Mashghara, Kamed el Loz, and El Ain and have provided around 67,272 services during 2022.



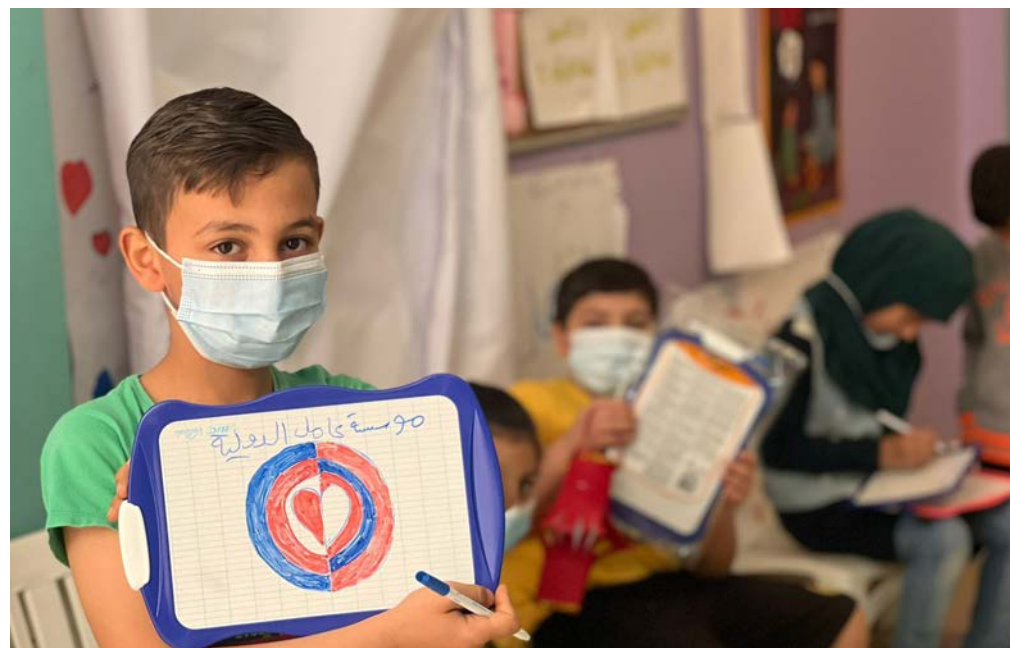


## Child Protection

Amel Association International has been providing Psycho-social support to vulnerable children and their caregivers since 1990, in order to provide a protective environment for future generations.

In 2022, the following activities were implemented:

- Community-based psychosocial support: 2,919 boys and girls.
- Positive Parenting Skills Programme: 1,072 caregivers.
- Case management: 174 boys and girls.
- Focused psychosocial support: 1,689 boys, girls, women and men.
- Awareness sessions tackling issues related to the Coronavirus: 7,948 children and caregivers.
- Qudwa community activities: 80 caregivers, local leaders, and activists.



## Support to Elderly

The program targets older people (60+) at risk and older people with disability while focusing on human dignity, defending basic human rights, and advocating for the voice of the elderly.

The program's activities include:

- Comprehensive primary healthcare packages
- Mental health and Psychosocial support
- In-kind assistance of food and non-food items, including hot meals
- Provision of mobility and cognition assistive products

During 2022, the program's activities reached 2667 persons, and 27869 hot meals were distributed to at least 180 older persons



# Support To Migrants

In response to the socioeconomic crisis in Lebanon, Amel has adapted assistance to migrant workers to the new needs identified by adopting an emergency protection and health based approach. In 2022 Amel team was able to support:

- 165 migrants with assisted voluntary return to their countries of origin;
- 600 migrants were supported with rental fees;
- 1400 were provided with food and non-food items according to their needs
- 150 were supported with legal services;
- More than 1100 migrants were supported with primary health care consultations, medication and diagnosis. Moreover, Amel team supported Covid19- vaccination with weekly efforts.

Amel worked on the awareness of frontliners for human trafficking indicators identification. Accordingly, in 2022, the team was able to identify and support 20 victims and help them break the trafficking chain and their links with the trafficking network.



## Primary Healthcare

Amel Association International aims to ensure the right to health for all through its 20 health centers across Lebanon.

During 2022, Amel, with the support of its partners and in cooperation with the relevant municipalities and ministries, was able to implement the following actions:

- 267,272 primary healthcare consultations within its health program
- Launching and rehabilitating several health centers
- Training of six (6) MMUs In South and Bekaa, Two (2) Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) in the South and Mount Lebanon
- Providing a medical homecare team for Covid19- and Cholera response.
- Providing Reproductive health (RH) education through 14 peer educators in Beirut and Bekaa.
- Recruiting registered pharmacists in all Amel primary healthcare centers all over Lebanon

## Youth Empowerment

This project aims at increasing the employability of around 300 youths aged between 16 and 29 in BML and South Lebanon. In order to increase their job opportunities and elevate their social capacities, participants attend vocational training in different sectors:

- Home appliance maintenance
- Sewing
- Catering
- Food safety and producing natural products (soaps, candles, etc.)
- "Introduction to business management" sessions
- Linguistic and IT training
- PSS sessions
- Life and soft skills

The curricula were developed after conducting a value chain assessment to identify key economic sectors where youths could find job opportunities and be enrolled in income generating schemes.



## Mobile Protection Unit

The project aims at providing medical and psychosocial support for street connected children and their families by the Mobile Protection Unit, which is carrying out daytime street rounds in targeted areas and referring them to Amel's PHCCs and partner structures when necessary, through the following activities:

- Social support and health care.
- Educational support.
- Life skills and referrals for the purpose of specialized psychological support .
- Awareness sessions.
- Distribution of in-kind assistance.

The MPU is working according to humanitarian standards in technical partnership with SSI, and funded by DCI Monaco and CDCS.

The unit has been reaching 628 individuals in 2022.



## Social Cohesion

Amel implements the "SAQIRH" project, in partnership with PUI and MdM, in its primary health care centers. This project also contributes to strengthening dialogue between host communities and refugees, with the aim of achieving social stability and preventing conflicts.

The project provides health consultations to all individuals, regardless of their political, religious, and geographical affiliations.

In 2022, the project enabled Amel to implement 75 598 medical consultations, reaching out to 62% women and 38% men.



## Mobile Education Unit

During 2022, the education program continued providing all possible forms of support to the most vulnerable children. The two Mobile Education Units were able to provide education and other forms of support for children, youths and adults. The mobile activities were complemented with center-based activities in Kamed el Loz and Khiam. These Units provide a wide range of activities such as:

- Educational and Recreational activities
- Psychosocial activities
- Awareness Campaigns
- Social Cohesion and peace building activities

The MEU's teams are working in close collaboration with other education projects, in particular with the Ideas Boxes and the Basic Literacy and Numeracy projects.



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