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LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER



RANDA AJAMI

Founder

As we reflect on this past year, we are proud of the impact we have made together at Borderless NGO. Through resilience and dedication, we have reached thousands, providing education, protection, and empowerment to those who need it most. Every initiative we undertake is a step toward a more just and inclusive future.

None of this would have been possible without our dedicated team, passionate volunteers, and generous supporters. Your belief in our mission fuels our determination to expand our reach and deepen our impact. We have witnessed firsthand how collective action transforms lives, proving that when compassion meets commitment, meaningful change follows.

Looking ahead, we remain steadfast in our commitment to sustainable and innovative programs that foster resilience within the communities we serve. The highlight of 2024 is Borderless Art Therapy Program. Through art work, we were able to unveil hidden emotions helping young people to transcend to a peaceful state of mind. By integrating creative expression into our support programs, we provide individuals—especially children—with a safe space to process experiences, build confidence, and reclaim their voices.

While challenges remain, our vision for a borderless world, where opportunity is accessible to all, continues to drive us forward.

With your continued support, we can build a future where no one is left behind.

Thank you for standing with us, believing in our freedom to dream, and our power of change.

Randa Ajami
Founder, Borderless NGO



ABOUT BORDERLESS

VISION

Borderless NGO envisions a Lebanon where communities coexist harmoniously, with equitable access to opportunities and support for all—especially vulnerable refugees and underserved populations. By fostering social cohesion and creating opportunities for integration, the NGO aspires to help vulnerable groups, particularly refugees, find their place in society. We aim for a future where no one is left behind, and every individual has the opportunity to thrive.

MISSION

Our mission is to foster dignity, empowerment, and resilience by bridging gaps in education, advocacy, and community support. We provide a comprehensive approach to addressing the needs of refugees and underserved populations through tailored educational programs, psychosocial support, vocational training, and advocacy efforts. Borderless seeks to create lasting change by empowering individuals with the tools, knowledge, and confidence they need to improve their lives and integrate into society.

REACH HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024, Borderless NGO strengthened its commitment to supporting vulnerable communities through education, mental health, humanitarian relief, and community development. Thousands of individuals benefited from vocational training, academic retention support, and community-based learning programs, equipping them with essential skills for a brighter future. Mental health and psychosocial support remained a priority, with individuals accessing counseling services, art therapy sessions, and parental engagement initiatives to promote emotional well-being. In response to ongoing challenges, humanitarian aid efforts provided families with emergency relief, psychological first aid, and food assistance, ensuring stability for those affected by crises. Community engagement initiatives fostered social cohesion and advocacy, bringing together partners, volunteers, and beneficiaries to strengthen collective impact. Additionally, sustainability efforts encouraged environmental awareness and innovative recycling projects, reinforcing a commitment to long-term resilience. Through a holistic, community-driven approach, Borderless NGO continues to create meaningful change, empowering individuals and fostering a future of dignity, opportunity, and inclusion.



150 CHILDREN



256 STUDENTS



58,000 TOTAL BENEFICIARIES



**56,000 INDIVIDUALS
REACHED DURING
THE WAR**



40% LEBANESE



50% SYRIANS

EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING



Throughout 2024, Borderless NGO has remained committed to equipping youth with essential skills through vocational training and educational support programs. The Digital Citizenship Youth Vocational Training Program, supported by the Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair Refugee Education Fund, successfully progressed into its third and fourth cycles, offering specialized training in IT, Digital Marketing, Graphic Design, Data Management, Programming, and Administration. As a highlight, a Graphic Design Contest was launched to recognize the exceptional creativity and technical proficiency of participants. Graduates of the program were celebrated for their dedication and achievements, marking an important step toward professional growth.



256 STUDENTS



**2 CYCLES
IN 2024**



6 TOPICS

EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING



Furthering engagement, Borderless NGO participated in Haigazian University's Job Fair, introducing students to vocational training opportunities and industry networks. The organization also collaborated in the Nahno Volunteers Platform's 2-Day Capacity Building Training, alongside UNICEF, Anera, and LiveLove Beirut, to enhance youth participation and volunteerism in Lebanon.



To support young learners in school, a new initiative backed by the Lebanon Humanitarian Fund (LHF) - United Nations OCHA Lebanon was launched. 150 students received academic retention support, including remedial assistance in English, Arabic, Science, and Mathematics, with additional focus areas in Chemistry and Biology for older students. This initiative aimed to bridge learning gaps and provide structured educational reinforcement.

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

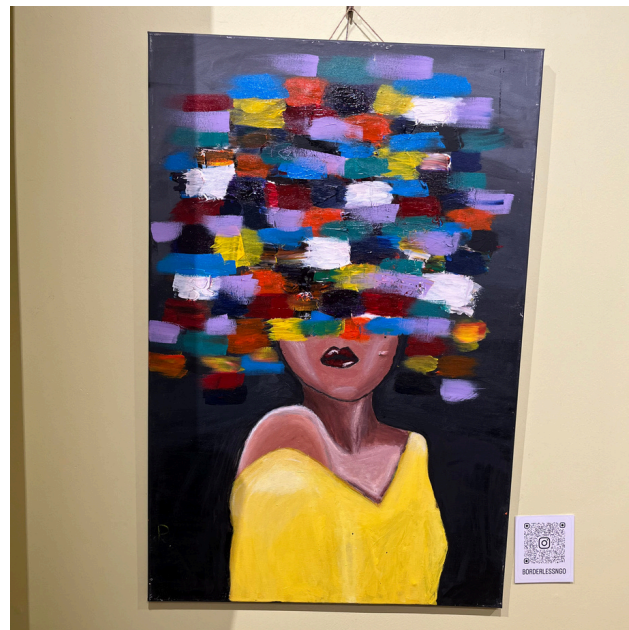


Recognizing the importance of mental well-being, Borderless NGO dedicated significant efforts to mental health awareness and psychosocial support. May was marked as Mental Health Awareness Month, during which the organization provided free psychological counseling sessions, encouraging individuals to seek support and break the stigma surrounding mental health.

In collaboration with USAID's Catalyst Fund for Relief and Response (CFRR) grant from the Lebanon Civic Action Accelerator Program (LEB-CAAP), art therapy sessions were conducted for 30 vulnerable children and youth in Ouzai. These sessions provided a safe space for self-expression, emotional healing, and creativity, culminating in an art exhibition showcasing the artwork of participating children and youth.

Additionally, 150 students enrolled in the retention program participated in community-based psychosocial support sessions to enhance resilience and coping strategies. These efforts, supported by the Lebanon Humanitarian Fund (LHF) - United Nations OCHA Lebanon, aimed to create a nurturing environment for children to heal and thrive.

MENTAL HEALTH AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT



Our students, who participated in art therapy sessions, showcased their artwork at the Art Exhibition held at Maison des Artistes.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY



Borderless NGO strengthened its community engagement efforts through meaningful partnerships and awareness initiatives. The organization played a key role in "Unity in Action: Integration Day", an event hosted in collaboration with himaya, The Rotary Club of Beirut Pax Potentia, and the Municipality of Beirut. The event provided families, youth, and children access to various services and interactive activities.

Additionally, the organization conducted Parental Engagement Awareness Sessions in collaboration with Mouvement Social, offering caregivers guidance on fostering positive relationships with their children.

This initiative was further enriched by a generous donation from Oloa the Brand, providing healthy snacks to families participating in the sessions.

A significant milestone for the organization was its participation in the LEB-CAAP Partners Meeting on June 27th, where collaboration, knowledge exchange, and strategic planning were at the forefront. Borderless NGO also observed World Youth Skills Day, advocating for youth empowerment through vocational training and skill-building, and World Humanitarian Day, honoring those who dedicate their lives to supporting vulnerable communities.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE



In response to the displacement crisis in Lebanon, Borderless NGO launched a rapid emergency response campaign to support affected families seeking refuge in schools and collective shelters. The campaign mobilized resources to provide hot meals, hygiene kits, sleeping gear, clothing, and psychological first aid, ensuring that displaced individuals, particularly children and vulnerable families, received immediate relief. Through community kitchens, thousands of hot meals were distributed daily, while hygiene and winterization kits helped maintain dignity and well-being in difficult conditions. Recognizing the mental and emotional toll of displacement, Borderless also prioritized psychosocial support, organizing recreational activities for children to restore a sense of normalcy and providing counseling sessions to help families navigate their trauma. This response was made possible through collaborations with local partners, volunteers, and donors, demonstrating the organization's commitment to acting swiftly and efficiently in times of crisis. Borderless NGO continues to stand by communities in need, ensuring that no one is left behind in the face of adversity.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

As the number of displaced individuals grows in Lebanon, Borderless NGO was dedicated to providing vital support to those facing this challenging reality. We have established shelter initiatives in 10 locations across Beirut and 5 in Mount Lebanon, working tirelessly to improve the lives of displaced families. Our mission goes beyond just offering immediate relief; we strive to foster long-term resilience and hope within these communities. Together, we are committed to making a meaningful difference in their lives during these difficult times.



56,000
individuals



15 shelters



Beirut and
Mount Lebanon

Reach and Achievements



56,000
individuals



15 shelters



Beirut and
Mount Lebanon



30,000
Hot Meals



1,050
Ready To Eat Parcels



4,064
Hygiene Kits



60% Females



40% Males



7% PWD



1,300
Sleeping Kits



120
Hours of Recreational
activities and Group PSS
sessions

SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS



As part of its commitment to sustainability, Borderless NGO encouraged environmental awareness and waste reduction. Art students participated in hands-on projects that involved repurposing recyclable materials into decorative household objects, reinforcing the importance of sustainable practices and fostering environmental responsibility among youth.

BENEFICIARIES FEEDBACK



KHALDOUN MLAAEB

Digital Marketing Course

* Borderless gave me the tools and confidence to pursue my dreams. It's rewarding to see my success enable others to grow and thrive in their own careers.

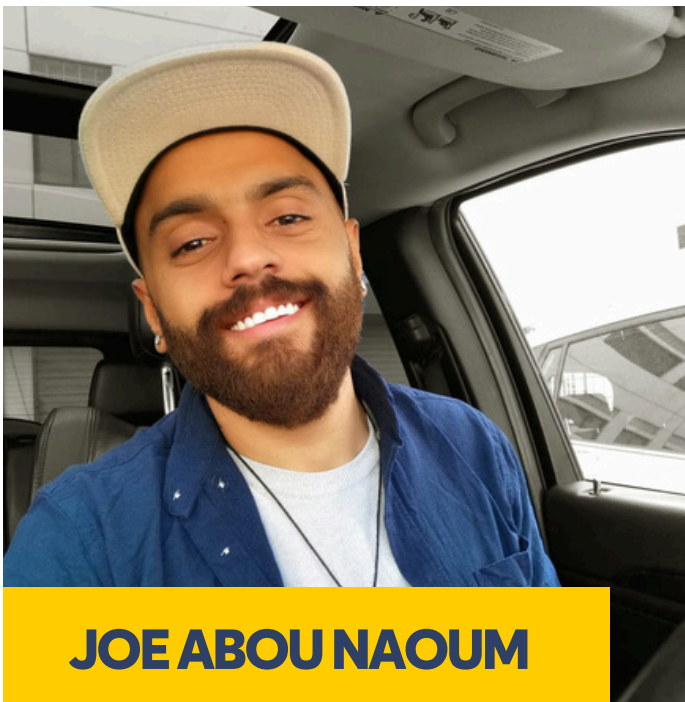


NARJES ALLOUFI

Art Therapy

* Art therapy helped me express emotions I didn't even know I had. Through colors and creativity, I found a way to heal and communicate my feelings. Borderless NGO gave me the confidence to embrace my story and see the beauty in my journey.

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



JOE ABOU NAOUM

Managing Director

At Borderless NGO, we are committed to creating lasting change by addressing the complex challenges facing Lebanon today. Through a systemic approach rooted in Bronfenbrenner's Ecological Systems Theory, we recognize that sustainable impact requires understanding the intricate relationships between individuals, their communities, and broader societal influences.

Guided by this vision, we integrate education, protection, and livelihood support, ensuring that individuals and families receive comprehensive, holistic care.

Our programs prioritize mental well-being, economic empowerment, and social inclusion, with special emphasis on initiatives like art therapy, skill-building, and advocacy. These efforts extend beyond immediate relief, fostering resilience and long-term transformation.

Collaboration is key to our work. By partnering with local and international organizations, we continue to develop innovative solutions that address emerging challenges. As we look ahead, our focus remains on expanding our reach, fostering inclusivity, and advocating for policies that uphold dignity and human rights for all.

Your trust and support drive our mission forward. Together, we are shaping a future where barriers are broken, opportunities are accessible, and communities thrive.

Joe Abou Naoum

Managing Director, Borderless NGO

FUTURE OUTLOOK

As the year progressed, Borderless NGO celebrated the return of children to school, ensuring they were equipped with educational resources and psychosocial support. Through its diverse programs, the organization continues to serve as a pillar of support, advocating for education, mental health awareness, humanitarian relief, and sustainable development.

With each project and partnership, Borderless NGO reaffirms its mission to empower communities, foster resilience, and create opportunities for a brighter future in Lebanon.





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