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Introduction

The spirit of giving in URDA shines bright during the month of Ramadan.

The magnificence of giving becomes apparent during the blessed month of Ramadan, where our hearts open to experience the spirituality of this holy month. It's a period that reflects the highest human values and embodies goodness in all its forms, extending to every individual in society.

As we entered the month of March, we welcomed three celebrations that added a special joy to our days, mingled with the essence of appreciation and gratitude. Our celebrations of Mother's Day, Children's Day, and Teacher's Day emphasized the importance of valuing others in building strong human relationships and interconnected communities.

The Union of Relief and Development Associations in Lebanon embraces the spirit of giving, especially during these blessed days, as our efforts intensify to provide support, assistance, and healing hearts. Through our sectors and activities, we strive to meet the basic needs of the needy and support them.

Despite the consecutive assaults hitting southern Lebanon and the deteriorating economic situation affecting all segments of society, our field teams continue to be vibrant in various Lebanese regions, remaining on the front lines to heal hearts in these challenging times.

Together, we move forward on the journey of humanity, aiming to give this noble month a special touch, blending with the spirit of giving and healing.



Healing Hearts” Campaign: Relief Support”

The "Healing Hearts" campaign kicked off at the beginning of the blessed month of Ramadan, reflecting earnest efforts to provide food support to the most needy families during this holy month. The campaign aims to alleviate the suffering of families and meet their basic needs during Ramadan by providing food parcels and assistance to ensure sufficient food for beneficiary families, enabling them to break their fast and have suhoor during Ramadan. The "Healing Hearts" campaign achieved tangible accomplishments during March 2024. Distribution operations were organized and executed professionally and systematically, with food parcels and assistance distributed to many needy families efficiently and transparently. These accomplishments are the result of the joint efforts of volunteers and donors who contributed to supporting the "Healing Hearts" campaign, and URDA looks forward to continuing collaboration and enhancing partnerships between associations in the future.



Key Achievements of the "Healing Hearts" Campaign:

Food Parcels	Dates	Hot Meals	Candies
11958	3400	6854	581

Bread	Ready to Eat Meal	Potato Bags	Iftar	Clothes Voucher
930	380	2010	600	300

URDA Launches Joint Project with Saida Municipality to Address Waste Management and Environmental Burden

As part of its ongoing efforts to enhance the environment and improve living conditions in Lebanon, the Union of Relief and Development Associations (URDA) has announced the launch of a joint project with the Saida Municipality aimed at waste removal from certain streets of the city to alleviate the burden on the municipality.

This project comes in response to the environmental challenges facing municipalities in Lebanon, as they work tirelessly to find solutions to the waste problem, which is among the most pressing challenges facing the local community.

In support of this initiative, the Mayor of Saida, Dr. Hazem Badee, expressed his support for this exceptional project, reflecting his commitment to improving living conditions in Saida.

It is expected that this project will pave the way for larger projects to be funded by donors, given the expected positive impact on the social and environmental levels, and support sustainable development for the city and its residents.



URDA Celebrates Teacher's Day and Children's Day: Inspirational Educational Initiatives

Affirming its leading role in the field of education and community development, URDA launched a series of celebratory events marking Teacher's Day and Children's Day under the slogan "Building a Bright Future." These events carried positive messages and educational initiatives that promote the values of learning and solidarity.

URDA celebrated its teaching staff in its educational projects by organizing celebratory events and distributing appreciation gifts, expressing gratitude for the tremendous efforts exerted by teachers in guiding and educating the upcoming generations.

The celebrations also took place in various regions of Lebanon, where Akkar, Bekaa, and Mount Lebanon witnessed diverse events targeting 1000 participating children in education sector programs. These events were characterized by the participation of mothers, adding a familial and warm atmosphere.

The events also included a collective iftar at Aman School, where URDA promotes solidarity and love among the educational community members, including teachers and students.

In Arsal, URDA made tangible contributions by delivering fuel to three schools serving 870 students, aiming to alleviate the burden on families and ensure the continuity of the educational process during the winter season.



Efforts of the Sponsorship Sector to Support Orphans and Needy Families

In the context of its humanitarian commitment and care for the most vulnerable groups, the Sponsorship Sector organized a series of purposeful initiatives in the Bekaa Al-Qaroun region to provide support and care for orphans and needy families.

These efforts began with organizing an iftar for 500 orphans, in a special activity titled "Orphan Fun Day," which contributed to bringing joy and happiness to the lives of orphaned children and providing them with psychological and social support.

On the field follow-up level, the team visited 193 families in the North and 178 families in the Bekaa in their camps and homes, to monitor and follow up on their situations and provide them with sufficient care, in addition to offering appropriate support.

The efforts also included distributing 1025 sponsorships to orphans and 143 family sponsorships for widows and families, along with relocating two families to new housing, reflecting the Sponsorship Sector's commitment to improving living conditions for needy groups and providing necessary support for them.



"Joint Study between URDA and the University of Illinois in Chicago: 'Challenges Faced by Foreign Workers in Lebanon and Their Adaptation to the Work Environment'"

The Union of Relief and Development Associations (URDA), in collaboration with the University of Illinois in Chicago, conducted a comprehensive study on the challenges faced by foreign workers in Lebanon and their ability to adapt to the work environment.

The study included the participation of 62 individuals from foreign workers employed in various sectors. Personal interviews were also conducted with 20 of them to obtain detailed insights into the obstacles they face and their adaptation abilities.

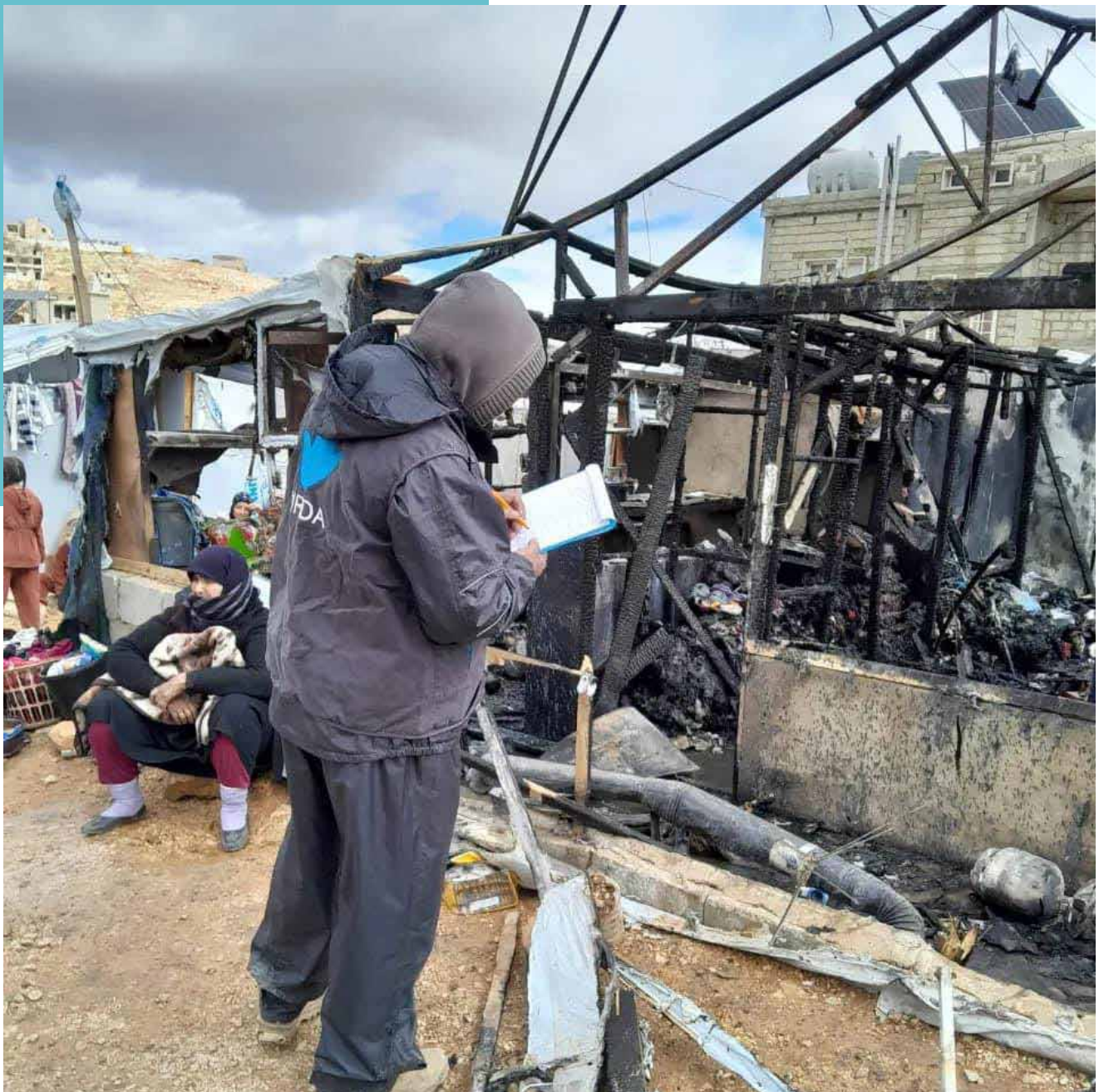
This study reflects the commitment of the Union of Relief and Development Associations and the University of Illinois to understanding the current situation and challenges faced by foreign workers in Lebanon. Through obtaining comprehensive information from participants, they are able to direct efforts towards improving the work environment and providing better opportunities for foreign workers to adapt and thrive in the Lebanese job market."

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These meetings aim to provide necessary support and gather missing legal information and documents related to the fire, in order to facilitate the process of compensation and rebuilding the lives of the affected individuals. This step comes within URDA's commitment to providing comprehensive support to communities affected by disasters and accidents.

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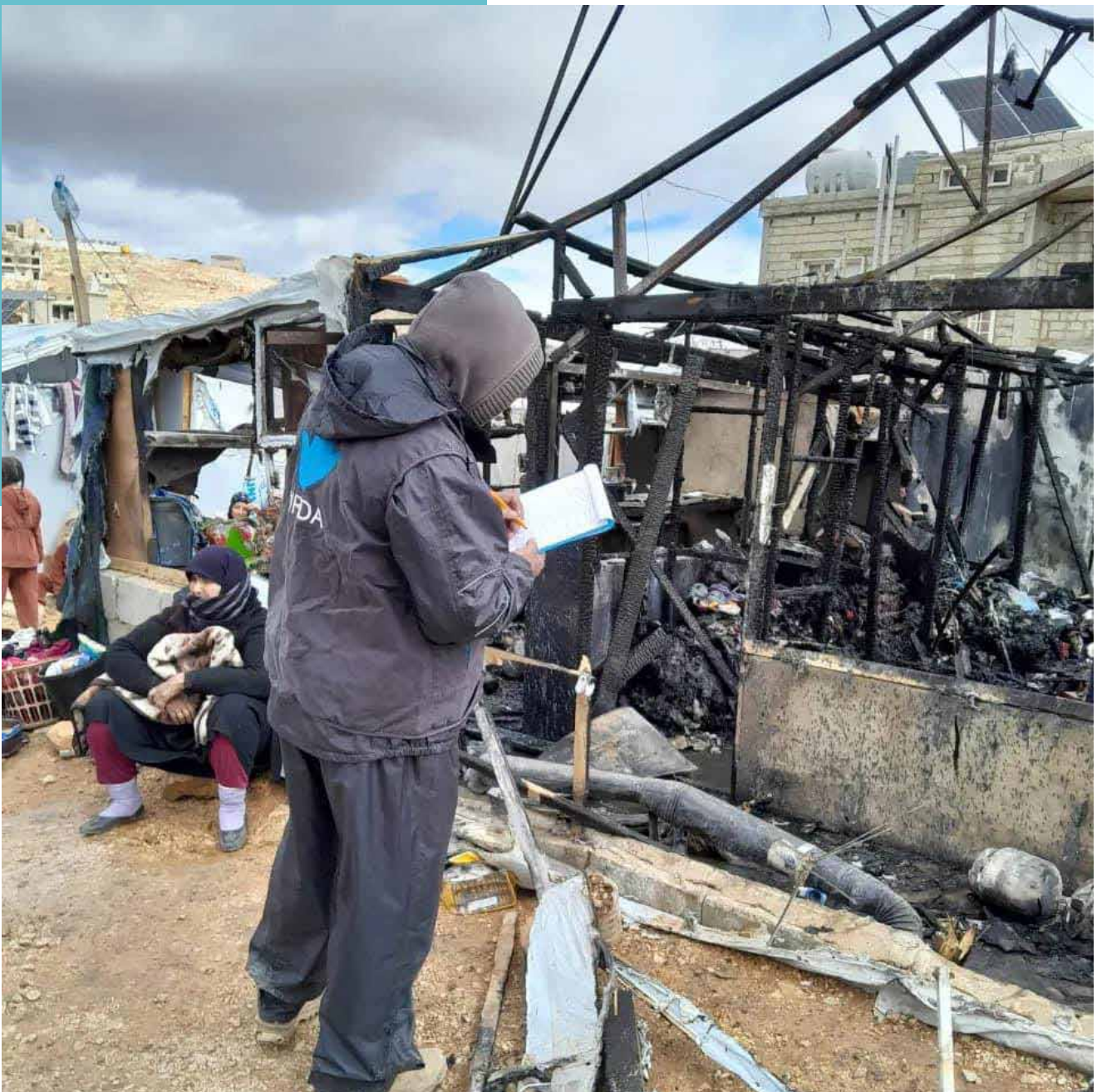


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May her heart heal soon

