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Introduction

Continuous Relief Efforts Amid Crises and the Successful Eid El-Adha Campaign 2024

Amid the circumstances Lebanon has faced over the past five decades, the country continues to struggle for survival and resilience in the face of economic, political, financial, and social crises. These crises have led Lebanon to a state of financial bankruptcy and economic collapse, in addition to an ongoing war in the south and hostile aerial attacks on the borders. According to reports, as of June 5th, there are over 95,000 displaced people from the south, with more than 5,000 attacks executed on southern Lebanon, resulting in over 400 martyrs and more than 1,500 injured. Phosphorus bombs have caused fires that destroyed 1,682 hectares of Lebanese land, including a significant portion of agricultural areas.

Despite these challenges, the Union of Relief and Development Associations (URDA) in Lebanon concluded the Eid El-Adha campaign for the year 1445 AH / 2024 AD under the title "Granting More," targeting the most vulnerable families of various Lebanese, Syrian, and Palestinian nationalities across all Lebanese regions. The campaign included the slaughter of 576 sacrifices consisting of calves, sheep, and goats, distributed to approximately 25,828 families, benefiting around 100,000 individuals in Arsal, Bekaa, the North, Beirut, Mount Lebanon, Saida, and Tyre.

URDA continues to mobilize all its resources to serve the citizens and residents on Lebanese soil, striving to break through the darkness and light a beacon that may illuminate part of the way. URDA works hand in hand with other international organizations and local associations, hoping to one day emerge from this dark tunnel.



Relief Sector:

Achievements of the "Granting More" Campaign by the Numbers

More than 100,000 Beneficiaries from Qurbani Projects for the Year 1445 AH / 2024 AD

The Union of Relief and Development Associations (URDA) in Lebanon concluded the Eid El-Adha campaign for the year 1445 AH / 2024 AD under the title "Granting More," targeting the most vulnerable families of various Lebanese, Syrian, and Palestinian nationalities across different Lebanese regions. This year's Qurbani included 576 sacrifices consisting of calves, sheep, and goats, distributed to approximately 25,828 families, equating to about 100,000 beneficiaries. These distributions were carried out by field teams deployed across Lebanese territories (Akkar, Mount Lebanon, Saida, Bekaa, Aarsal, and Sidon) for Lebanese beneficiaries, as well as in Palestinian refugee camps (Nahr al-Bared and Beddawi camps) and numerous Syrian refugee camps. A number of these shares were also allocated to beneficiaries with people with disabilities and families of orphans sponsored within the sponsorship sector.

During the four days of Eid, URDA's field teams were fully prepared around the clock to provide Qurbani shares to those in need according to religious and health standards, ensuring the meat's safety and the fulfillment of health conditions, especially amid rising temperatures and security tensions in border areas.



This year, more than 100 individuals were involved in the Qurbani season, with volunteers making up the majority. They chose to spend the Eid serving those in need, reviving the tradition of Qurbani eagerly in an atmosphere of giving and goodwill.

In connection with fostering the spirit of giving, URDA also provided Eid clothing, toys, and sweets for children by distributing shopping vouchers to more than 250 children, alongside organizing recreational activities for 1,000 children in the Bekaa region.



Education Sector:

URDA's Education Sector: Excellence and Success Despite Challenges

In the face of challenges confronting educational systems in Lebanon, students have demonstrated a determination to succeed, thanks to the diligent efforts of teachers and the management of the education sector. Despite the tensions arising from the threat of escalating war, the intensified efforts to acquire essential educational skills underscore the critical role of education in building a bright future for students.

The fruits of these sacrifices are evident in the increase in the number of outstanding students at Aman School in Bekaa, reaching 1,035 students who have shown significant progress in their academic performance. Additionally, we have witnessed the graduation of 200 kindergarten students.



In response to technological advancements, 50 teachers participated in training on artificial intelligence techniques, aiming to improve the learning experience and facilitate the educational process for both students and teachers. These techniques included analyzing student performance data, identifying each student's strengths and weaknesses, enhancing educational curricula, and delivering scientific information more effectively.

Moreover, another 25 teachers participated in a course focused on mental health in collaboration with TFL (Teach for Lebanon), addressing the exceptional challenges faced by teachers amid the deteriorating economic and social conditions in Lebanon. This course enhances strategies for managing stress and tension, improves teachers' performance in the classroom, and promotes effective interaction with students.



Sponsorship Sector:

Outstanding Humanitarian Engagement Amidst Lebanese Crises Revives the Spirit of Eid El-Adha

The Sponsorship Sector team conducted field visits to 1,653 families across various Lebanese regions, updating the files of families and orphans and providing necessary consultations to improve their economic, health, and psychological conditions according to established standards. Sponsorships were delivered to 1,239 orphans and sponsored families, significantly supporting and helping them adapt to the difficult circumstances they face.

Additionally, 1,716 children from refugee camps in Bekaa participated in Eid El-Adha festivals, which lasted for three days. These festivals provided an opportunity for celebration, boosting the children's morale and improving their mental health amidst the challenging conditions they experience daily in the camps.

These efforts reflect URDA's commitment to providing comprehensive support and care to affected families in Lebanon, ensuring a positive and sustainable impact on the lives of the beneficiaries.



Collaboration with Local and International Organizations Exchange of Expertise and Information:

Participation in USAID Workshop: Livelihood Sector Manager, Mr. Mohammed Ahmed, and Public Relations Coordinator, Mr. Abdulrahman Darwish, attended a workshop organized by USAID focused on food security assessment in Akkar. The workshop aimed to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and potential within the agricultural sector. It also aimed to determine high-potential food baskets in plain and rugged areas, study agricultural production, and analyze market systems and marketing strategies. Participants concluded with recommendations to strengthen the local food system and enhance food security.

World Vision Invitation: URDA, represented by External Relations Manager Mr. Zaf Osman and Public Relations Coordinator Mr. Abdulrahman Darwish, participated in the launch event of the "Enough" campaign organized by World Vision. This campaign addresses food insecurity and malnutrition through a strategy aimed at combating malnutrition, asserting that every child deserves the necessary nutrition for a healthy body and mind, and that every family has the right to sufficient and nutritious food.

Abdulrahman Darwish, PR Manager, participated in a workshop organized by Mada Association ("Transition to Organic Agriculture"), which focuses on ecological principles in designing and managing agricultural systems based on interactions between plants, animals, soil, and climate, implemented by Expertise France.

URDA, invited by Oxfam, participated in an extended workshop held at the Movenpick Hotel in Beirut on Thursday, June 6, 2024, to launch the second phase of the "WE'AM" project (For Engagement, Acceptance, and Mediation). The workshop was attended by a representative from the European Union-funded entity, along with many civil society organizations, municipalities, and influential local entities.

