

UTOPIA

a challenging step toward social justice

Rehabilitation, empowering and safety are the highlights of Utopia organization's recent activities for the past 3 months.

Volunteers to rehabilitate Beirut



Lebanon has a highly active civil society, with thousands of NGOs registered with the state alongside other informal initiatives working to bridge the gaps in the community on all scales whether it is social, economic, livelihood, or any other. Utopia organization is a part of these active entities since 2012, aiming to achieve social justice through working with vulnerable people and marginalized groups in five different programs; women empowerment, youth empowerment, advocacy, community service, and child development.

In the hours after the port blast that

destroyed large swathes of the capital, leaving more than 220 people dead and 6,000 wounded, Lebanese volunteers rushed to pull people from collapsed homes, carry the injured to hospitals, and set up makeshift clinics to take the burden off overwhelmed emergency rooms.

A few days later, volunteers established rehabilitation and rubble removing interventions in the affected areas, in addition to the relief and donation campaigns.

As a response to the huge blast that happened in Beirut on the 4th of August, and starting from its mission of enhancing the quality of people's lives wherever they are, Under the campaign "Beirut is calling you" the voluntary team at Utopia organization was ready to contribute cleaning up campaigns, rubble removing,



and houses rehabilitation, since the blast has affected constructions up to 10 kilometers (6 miles) away.

Until this moment the team is on the field and has repaired about 10 residency units, rehabilitate 10 stores, and cleaned rubble from about 80 houses, to faster the return of its vulnerable owners in the Karantina and Gemayzeh before winter's rains.

In the same context, the moral damages are greater than the material ones thusly, and based on the experience in psychosocial support; the experts at Utopia are launching soon the post-crisis mental health program to support people suffering from trauma and loss as a result of the explosion.



vulnerable neighborhoods, use each year. Its programs stimulate the social, and cultural vitality of the area.

The activities of ABJAD Shabab are basically in two categories (done by utopia's team or by Utopia's partners), both are free of charge, and targeting Tabbaneh and surroundings' children, youth, men, and women from all nationalities without discrimination.

The center was founded in Tripoli - Al-Tabbaneh region, as part of the "Peace Building through Cooperation - a Community-Led Project" implemented by the International Organization for Migration, funded by the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center and in partnership with the Utopia Association.

About abjad shabab: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=826891561465030&extid=osAUhld55sugvhTn>



Youth Empowerment is always a priority

On another level, Youth empowerment is always on the Utopia organization priorities list; thusly, we happily launched ABJAD Shabab a couple of weeks ago, to be an extra-curricular activities club and an extension to the ABJAD center in Tebbaneh.

the newly opened center will act as a safe and public space for youth, aiming at creating social opportunities, reducing tension and stress, spreading culture, and promoting social cohesion and community building.

Especially that ABJAD Shabab is a welcoming, attractive, and functional space that thousands of community members, residents, and visitors, from

Safety comes first



Back to school season is back, in order to preserve public safety and particularly schoolchildren safety and preparing for the new academic year, UTOPIA installed guide panels, speed bumps, and bus shelters for two schools.

This initiative is part of the project “Respond to the Sudden and Urgent Multi-Dimensional Humanitarian Crisis in Tripoli through the Human Security Approach” implemented by UN-Habitat and Utopia, and funded by the UN Trust Fund



The financial aid program

Under the TCA program (the temporary cash assistance program) Utopia is committed to financially supporting the most vulnerable from the Lebanese and the Syrian refugees who are facing financial shocks and obstacles.

The registration process is taking a place at the ABJAD center and the local STC.

Youth Resolve 2

Youth RESOLVE II is the continuation of a project funded by the European Union, through the European Union’s Regional Trust Fund, the “EU MADAD” fund, and carried out by World Vision, UTOPIA, DPNA and Game. The goal of the consortium is to empower youth by providing them with the tools to become leading actors in their communities.

JUST HELP X UTOPIA

To provide the essential items to 500 family in the affected areas in Beirut, Utopia launched a donation campaign with Just Help on the link below:

<https://www.just-help.org/c/utopia?fbclid=IwAR2fd0i8rnkV3ZDxHJqtQSC0aaMFiQdVB-lbkOrK5CMgeZi6wekwAMKcD9c>

About Us

UTOPIA Organization is a non-governmental, non-profit organization dedicated to abolishing all types of social discrepancies through specialized projects and programs that rely on voluntary work, in hopes of acquiring social justice among people within the same society regardless of their political or religious beliefs.