

MAKASSED COMMUNAL HEALTHCARE BUREAU



Makassed Bureau Update

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Overview

As part of its Primary Health Care services offered through its 7 health care centers, School Health Program and Literacy and Vocational Training Program, Makassed Health Care Bureau has expanded humanitarian assistance for Syrian refugees since their arrival to Lebanon in April 2011, through Wadi Khaled Health Care Center. Major efforts are done in collaboration with humanitarian partners to improve the health situation, by providing medical services, safe food and drinking water and enhance healthy environment for Syrian refugees.



A word from the Head of Bureau

Our strong commitment to serve people allows us to effectively anticipate and meet the needs of the community. All our activities are accomplished by trained administrators and health care workers who do tremendous efforts to spread positive values. Every member of our team constitutes a part of Makassed Bureau ongoing development.

Polio Vaccination Campaign

There are fears of a Polio epidemic since Syria officials discovered a cluster of paralyzed young children in Deir El Zour in South Syria. The resulting move to vaccinate all children aged 0 to 5 years in Lebanon is launched on 25/10/2013 by the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health and WHO. Makassed Bureau is participating in this national campaign through its health care centers and schools. Trained teams will cover Tarik El Jadida and Bachoura sectors from 8/11/2013 to 12/11/2013 in "house to House" visits and nurses will vaccinate children inside Makassed Schools all over Lebanon.

Polio is a highly contagious viral infection that can lead to paralysis and death. There is no cure for Polio once the person becomes infected but the disease is prevented by vaccination.

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Makassed MMUs

Two Mobile Medical Units operating in Wadi Khaled and Central Bekaa provide medical services to Syrian refugees and Lebanese host communities.

Services through the Mobile Medical Units are provided through planned schedule of visits to reach persons who do not have access to medical care in their communities.

Statistical information received from the IT department in Makassed Association reveals that almost 40% of refugees receive their services through the Mobile Medical Unit, and this may be due either to their inability to afford transportation fees or reluctance and lack of awareness on the importance of receiving primary care. *"Sometimes I am scared to get sick because my parents will not be able to take me to the hospital or pay for medicine"* as Inaam from the Bekaa said.



Refugees testimony

"I like to draw things that happened in Syria because I can let out what is in my heart," she says. "I enjoy it because it reminds me of home."



Emergency Preparedness

Syrian humanitarian crisis demands several perspectives on emergency response. According to United Nations reports, more than 1 million moved to Lebanon. More than half of them are children. Most of them depend on help from NGO's.

To be able to respond in case of emergent situations, Makassed health care centers in North, South and Beirut equipped themselves with all the necessary emergency kits, medical equipments and human resources.

○ **Recruitment of staff to serve the expected increase in the number of patients.**

○ **Equipping of an ambulance that will be sent to the border in case it is needed to serve injured comers.**

○ **Backing up of Health-care centers and dispensaries with all essential medicines, suture sets and para-medical items needed for emergencies.**

○ **Increased distribution of food and non-food items in schools and shelters.**





The new Panoramic / Cephalometric imaging machine is installed at Bachoura Health care Center in Beirut at competitive prices.

The dental and nursing teams are ready to receive patients.

Non-Communicable Diseases Program

According to studies, Non-communicable diseases such as cardiovascular diseases (CVD), cancer and diabetes are a major cause of death in Lebanon. Those conditions are estimated to account for 71% of all death, with CVD ranking top cause of death in Lebanon.



However, death from NCD can be preventable with the ***NCD program*** that is implemented routinely at Horj and Bachoura healthcare centers in Beirut and Wadi Khaled. Newly diagnosed patients are monitored and chronic medications are provided at a pre-defined cost with continuous follow up.

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