



**SHEILD**  
—ASSOCIATION—

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# ABOUT SHEILD ASSOCIATION

**SHEILD Association** is a civil company, national humanitarian nongovernmental association that promotes economic development by supporting livelihood and capacity building of the marginalized community groups and offering protection initiatives to vulnerable community categories with women and children as the main focus.

**SHEILD Association** is registered as a Civil Society Organization in Lebanon, Syria and Spain.

# OUR MISSION

SHEILD Association aims at bringing relief to the population in general and to those who suffered, and still suffer, from war as well as from the absence of governmental health services, social care, economic assistance and protection in particular.

In order to achieve its mission, SHEILD Association provides direct assistance and community-based interventions to enhance human rights, social awareness, economic conditions, access to food and services and protection for all Lebanese community categories as well as for other inhabitants living in the same intervention areas. In addition, the organization works through a participatory approach involving coordination between local stakeholders and authorities to assess the needs and implement programs responding to such needs while focusing on the most vulnerable and deprived communities.



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# OUR VISION

To build long-term development strategy for increased diversity and extensive fundraising capacity; including further progress of funded projects & enhanced partnership opportunities with local and international donors; To better position the organization to meet the future needs of the communities the organization serves in Lebanon and other countries.



# ABOUT SHEILD GROUP

**SHEILD Group** is a management civil company, founded in 2019 as a development plan to achieve wider national and international influence through managing and directing several of its units, in addition to created - adopted - operating programs, that are being supported under SHEILD Group umbrella, to provide greater network and wide-ranging activities of Humanitarian Aid on an International level.

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# PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED & ACHIEVEMENTS

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## EMERGENCY & PROTECTION

**Protection:** “Basic Assistance, Social Cohesion and Protection for Syrian Refugees in South Lebanon”. Throughout this project, SHEILD Association, in partnership with UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees) aims to increase refugees' access to basic assistance and protection, as well as strengthen social cohesion.

This project was initiated in 2013 and still ongoing. It covers all seven districts in the South and Nabatiyeh Governorates.

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# ACTIVITIES IN 2019

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- > SHEILD Association / UNHCR staff were in charge of distributing the common card PINS (Red Card) for Syrian refugees in the seven districts (Sour, Saida, Nabatiyeh, Hasbaya, Bintjball, Marjayoun and Jezzine). A total of 11142 pins were distributed along the year by SHEILD Association /UNHCR Staff.
- > The HH teams conducted 688 Phone PDM (Post distribution monitoring) in order to support UNHCR response in providing cash assistances to the most vulnerable families.
- > SHEILD Association supported in the data collection of VASyR and VARON exercises in all South Lebanon districts (Tyre, Bintjball, Hasbaya, Marjayoun, Jezzine and Saida). The Nation VASyR questionnaire was used to collect the data (1124 questionnaires were filled out)
- > SHEILD Association supported the distribution activity of 2990 MEDCO fuel cards in seven unions of municipalities and 18 municipalities in South Lebanon targeting vulnerable Lebanese communities residing in localities 600 meters or above sea level. Distribution was carried out in a method similar to that of other distribution activities included in this project. During this exercise, SHEILD Association /UNHCR cooperated and distributed winterization card assistance for most vulnerable Lebanese families in south Lebanon for an amount of 200\$ per card.

- > SHEILD Association continued to implement activities in the six SDC (Tyre, Bintjbaail, Kfartebnit, Nabatiyeh, Chebaa and Marjayoun). The activities are listed below.
  - 34 Informal skills trainings on Etamine, wool, sewing, desserts, barber training (for men), accessories, soap training, flower arrangement, literacy, accounting, mobile maintenance and English literacy. (the target was 718 PoCs)
  - 229 Awareness sessions on the topics of early marriage, human rights, health, GBV, family conflicts, mental health, and environment related topics, and child protection.
  - 167 Life skills sessions on: Gender equality and respecting relationships, communication skills, bullying and peer pressure, coping with stress, conflict resolution, and decision-making skills.
  - 18 Community Days: Non-violence international days, Human Rights Day, World Mental health day, International day for older persons and international day of persons with disabilities. (The target was 1639)
  - 3 out of 16 days of activism against GBV (Disaggregated by age and sex) (the target was 304)
  - 34 recreational activities for children (the target was 340)
  - Info desk in the SDC/beneficiaries who approached the info desks (the target was 1317)
  - 15 computer trainings in the SDCs (the target was 150 PoCs)
  - 18 community groups supported/persons benefitting from information sessions, awareness sessions and individual consultations on how to access services (The target of individuals trained and engaged in community-based protection was 141)

- > Protection Monitoring: SHEILD Association field monitoring team identified persons in needs, trends, situations, weather situations, protection concerns and reported to UNHCR as well as doing the suitable referrals. (The target was 27743 PoCs)
- > Participatory assessment: 3 participatory assessments were implemented during 2019.
- > Six proposals for Solidarity initiatives were approved by UNHCR and implemented which are Healthy teeth in Marjayoun, Book time in Chebaa, Aging and Care in Bintjbaail, standing together will create a better community in Tyre, Environmental days in Kfartebnit and Environmental days in Nabatiyeh. (the target was 645 PoCs)



> 11 proposals of CSPs (Community Support Projects) were approved by UNHCR for seven municipalities, one union and two SDC:

- Kawtareyet El Seyyed municipality (Equipping a Team of Fire-fighters)
- Abra municipality (Bobcat)
- Saida Zahrani Union (Site Dumper Truck)
- Saida Municipality (Site Dumper Truck)
- Barish municipality (Garbage Pickup Truck)
- Safad Al Batikh municipality (Street Waste Bins & Garbage Containers)
- Siddikine municipality (Backhoe Loader)
- Kafra municipality (Bobcat Sweeper)
- Aita Chaab municipality (Jackhammer Backhoe Loader)
- Marjayoun SDC (SDC Office Supplies (Laptops, Fax Printer, LCD Projector, Screens))
- Bint Jbeil SDC (SDC Office/Room Supplies + Trainer (Laptops, Trainer, Curtains, Sound System & Wall Coverage))

- **Staff:** 30 including management and finance.
- **Budget:** 1,915,875,448 LBP



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# DETENTION MONITORING

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“Detention Monitoring and Provision of Legal Aid and other services to Persons of Concern in Detention”, is a new initiative and project started in 2019 in partnership with UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees). Depending on its extensive expertise in the sector of prisons and juridical sector, SHEILD Association decided to go for a full-scale project in terms of coverage and activities based on a partnership opportunity in this field with UNHCR and on good relations with ISF (Internal Security Forces) and expertise built over the years. The project started in April 2019 and continues during 2020.

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# ACTIVITIES IN 2019

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- > Detention monitoring: regular visits on a daily basis are conducted to prisons and detention centers which belong to palaces of justice and police stations to monitor and survey the imprisonment and detention conditions for prisoners and detainees focusing on refugees but also paying attention to Lebanese and others. 1,045 visits were made.
- > Legal aid: and this is of two kinds: legal representation and legal services.
  - In the legal representation the following categories are prioritized: LGBTI and persons charged under art. 534, Individuals detained for immigration-related offences, Victims of human trafficking, Individuals in prolonged detention, Persons with disabilities, Persons with a severe medical condition, Self-defense cases, Women with children in detention, Individuals already being processed for resettlement if not already represented, All children held in detention facilities will benefit from legal aid, starting as early as possible.
  - Legal services include but not limited to: Legal advice (counseling), Follow up the judicial file, Submit a release request, Submission of a bail reduction request, Submit an objection concerning an appeal in absentia, Submit a judicial bulletin request, Submit a request for sanctions combining, Lawsuit reference, Obtain a summary of judgment, Review the request for sanctions reduction, Correction of error existing in a legal file...etc. 847 cases got legal services and/or representation.

> Medical aid: the project offers medications and general medical assistance beside mental health interventions. 11 received general medical services.

> Psychological support: the project also offers psychological support and intervention through highly skilled psychologists.

7 received psychological support.

> Social assistance: the teams follow up with the families for social assistance and referrals where needed. 1016 received social assistance and support.

> CRIs: core relief items which includes Hygiene kits, mattresses, blankets, and food kits for strictly in need prisoners and detainees. 141 received CRIs.

- **Staff:** 30 including management and finance.
- **Budget:** 1,915,875,448 LBP



# III

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## FOOD SECURITY

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### **DFA (Direct Food Assistance)**

“Direct food and basic assistance for vulnerable Groups in Lebanon” continued during 2019 (started in 2013). SHEILD Association in 2019 continued to partner with WFP (World Food Program) to ensure smooth and monitored monthly food assistance in all its forms (in-kind, cash or both) for Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese in the entire south of Lebanon. Different kinds of monitoring and evaluation activities were done on a monthly basis beside distributions and validations and other related activities. The project continues during 2020-2021 with covering BML (Beirut and mount Lebanon area) with same activities.

- > Estimated number of beneficiaries: 25,324 individuals
- > Estimated Cards and Pins distributed: 11,000
- > FSOM (food security outcome monitoring): Food Security Outcome Monitoring is a Household survey conducted with beneficiaries and non-beneficiaries to capture outcome of assistance. 360 surveys were done.
- > PDM visits to HHs assisted with cash: Household Process monitoring surveys are household level surveys conducted on a monthly basis with Cash for food and cash for food and top up groups. 96 visits done.
- > FGDs (focus group discussions): Part of the Food Security Outcome monitoring tool includes a qualitative tool where it is required to conduct a group of Focus Group Discussions to compliment the quantitative data collection.40 done.
- > Shops monitoring: Shop monitoring is a survey to be conducted with a sample of WFP contracted shops every month to monitor the process of redemption and possible issues at the shops. 120 monitoring visits done.
- > Validation monitoring: The validation exercise in 2019 was conducted through a private service provider in LibanPost offices and Cash United outlets. SHEILD Association monitored and supported 33 centers in the south for self-validation on a daily basis.

- **Number of staff:** 18 including management and finance
- **Budget:** 550,750 USD



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## LIVELIHOODS AND DEVELOPMENT

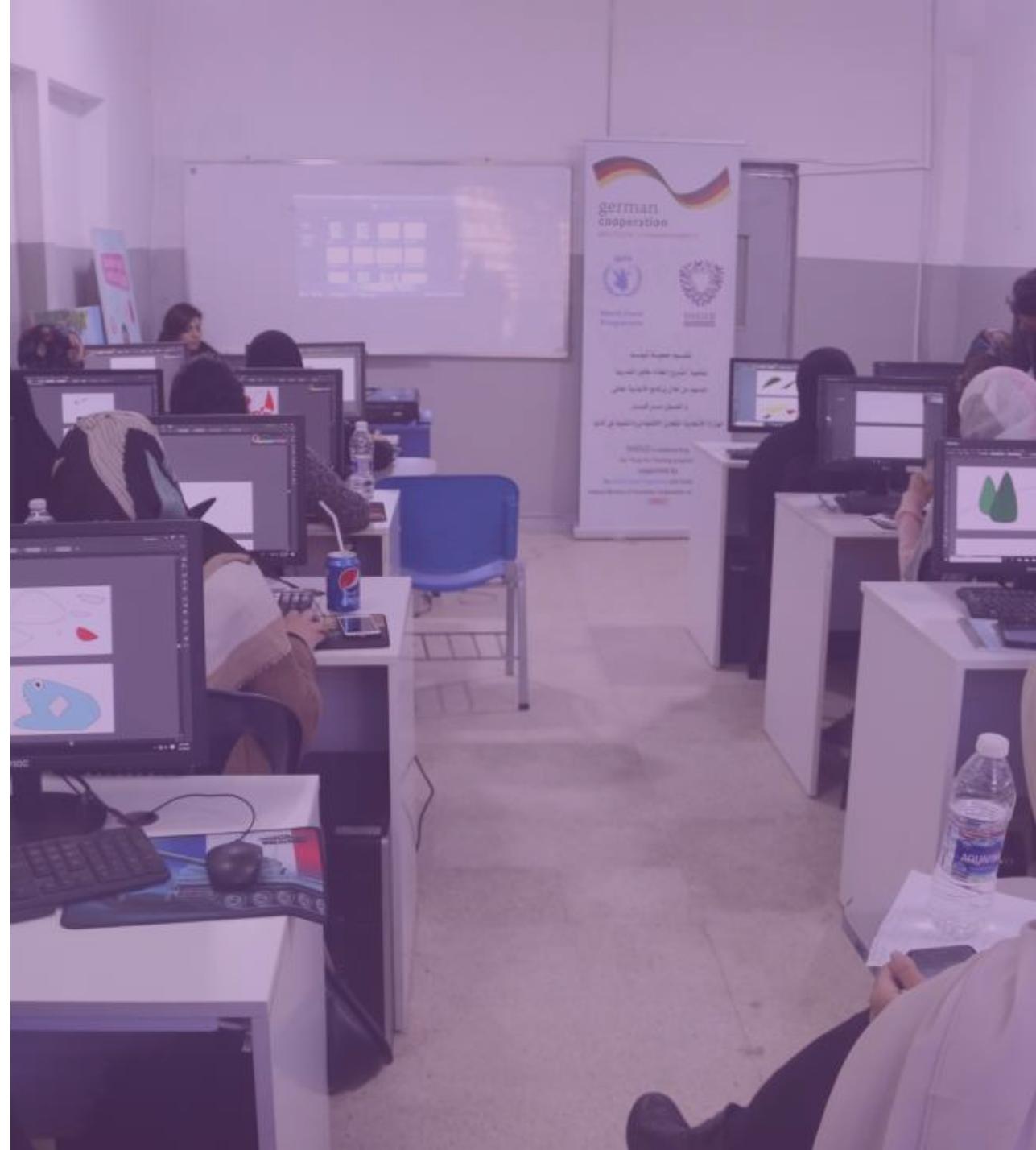
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### **FFT (Food For Training)**

within the livelihood's strategy for WFP (World Food Program) and funding from the German federal ministry for economic cooperation and development (BMZ), SHEILD Association implemented the FFT project from August 2018 to July 2019. The main concept of the project was raising the level of employability for vulnerable Lebanese and Syrian refugees among males and females through tailored capacity building activities and trainings. These trainings were done based on a rapid key informants interviews assessment done for vocational needs. VTs were followed by complimentary activities such as toolkits and internships aiming at raising income for enhancing food security of beneficiaries. Project ended in 2019.

- > Number of vocational trainings: 15
- > Number of beneficiaries: 375  
(50% Lebanese and 50% Syrians with 30% females)
- > Number of toolkits distributed: 150
- > Number of paid internships secured (for two months): 150

- **Area covered:** South Lebanon, in the districts of Tyre, Nabatiyeh, Bintjail, Marjayoun, Hasbaya and Saida.
- **Number of staff:** 10 including management and finance
- **Budget:** 397,184 USD





## FFA (Food for Asset)

within the livelihood's strategy for WFP (World Food Program) and funding from the German federal ministry for economic cooperation and development (BMZ), SHEILD Association implemented during 2018-2019 the FFA program which aims to support vulnerable Syrian refugees and Lebanese HHs with temporary monthly fees for work in creation of community assets of public benefit. From April 2018 to April 2019, 10 forestation sites were forested in 10 villages in the south and resulted in the below achievements:

- The period of the project was 13 months from 1st April 2018 to 30th April 2019
- The total number of unique participants was 802 (113 in phase one and 689 in phase two). The total number included 592 males (73.8%) and 210 females (26.2%) as well as 487 Syrian (60.7%) and 315 Lebanese (39.3%).
- Two phases were completed with a total planted area of 82.7 hectares (16.5 in phase one and 66.2 in phase two).
- 58,150 seedlings were planted (11,600 in phase one and 46,550 in phase two).
- 38,311 square meters of fencing were installed including 6,292 iron bars (14,758 square meters with 1,058 bars in phase one and 23,553 square meters and 5,234 bars in phase two).
- 10 full irrigation networks installed including 90 water tanks and 4 water pumps.

- **Area covered:** Tyre, Bintjbaïl, Jezzin and Nabatiyeh districts
- **Number of staff:** 20 including management and finance
- **Budget:** 1,115,313 USD





## SALMA

in 2018 SHEILD Association partnered with FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) in the SALMA project (Smart Adaptation for Landscapes in Mountain Areas), this project is funded by GEF and is aimed at increasing the green coverage in rural mountain areas through a community based approach and in a harmonized manner and methodology with the needs and the ecosystem in the mountain areas in Lebanon. The project aims at planting 78,000 seedlings in 156 hectares in two phases. In 2019 was the first phase with 136 participants and in which 72 hectares were planted with 36,000 seedlings.



# LIFE PROGRAM

SHEILD Association started in 2018 new partnership with the LIFE (Livelihoods and Inclusive Finance Expansion) program within the Palladium Group and funded by USAID. “Building Skills, Creating Opportunities for the most Vulnerable Youth and Women in south Lebanon” is a program that aims at raising capacities and support small entrepreneurs focusing on Lebanese women and youth. The project started in May 2018 and ended in May 2019. A second phase is being implemented during 2019-2020.

- **Area:** Taybeh, Marjayoun
- **Number of staff:** 4
- **Budget:** 257,803 USD

- Assessment: 300 cases were assessed.
- Trainings: 4 trainings done about business and financial management.
- Beneficiaries: 101 beneficiaries benefitted from trainings.
- 96 grants for MSMEs were delivered.

- **Area:** entire south Lebanon
- **Number of staff:** 5 including management and finance
- **Budget:** 198,000 USD





## **“HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN LEBANON”**

is a program SHEILD Association is implementing in partnership with NPA (Norwegian People’s Aid) since 2015 and continued in 2019. The program aims at supporting the livelihoods and income generation for vulnerable groups among Lebanese, Palestinian refugees and Syrian refugees through capacity building, kits for income generation, paid internships and employment. The program continues until mid-2020.

- Assessment: 376 were assessed.
- Trainings: 6 VT trainings for 132 beneficiaries and 3 soft skills trainings for 91 beneficiaries.
- 8 grants for business startups were disbursed.
- 27 toolkits for income generation were handed over.
- 30 paid internships for two months were conducted.
- 16 jobs were created.

- **Staff:** 5 including management and finance.
- **Budget:** 225,000 USD.
- **Coverage:** District of Tyre and Saida including Palestinian camps in Tyre area.





## Ta'cir project (11CUO)

in partnership with ACTED and funded by EuropeAid since 2017 and until end of 2019, SHEILD Association implemented a pilot project aiming at supporting local development through supporting local CSOs (civil society organizations) and municipalities to develop dialogue platforms leading to creation of municipal policies and plans for addressing development needs in the villages in a participatory approach after raising skills and capacities of targeted municipalities and CSOs through a series of well-tailored and interlinked activities and approaches.

- Beneficiaries: 20 municipalities and 20 CSOs.
- 20 developmental projects were designed and implemented by Municipalities and CSOs.
- Capacity building program was done for 20 CSOs including financial, legal, administrative and other needed skills.
- Capacity building program was made to 20 municipalities revolving around GIS, finance and administration and waste management.

- **Number of staff:** 5 including management and finance
- **Area:** districts of Tyre, Nabatiyeh and Saida





# 11CTM

“Support to Olive and Bee Keeping Cooperatives in Lebanon as key civil society stakeholders in promoting inclusive and sustainable growth” is a project aiming at supporting the agricultural sector in north and south of Lebanon which included assessing this sector and offering a capacity building program and grants for production development in addition to creation of CoPs (communities of practice) aiming at exchanging expertise and challenges among cooperatives working in the bee keeping and olive sectors. 42 cooperatives benefitted from capacity building program and grants for production development.

- **Area:** Tyre, Marjayoun and Hasbaya districts
- **Number of staff:** 5 including management and finance.



## **WASH IN PRISON**

This project was implemented in partnership with ACTED during 2018-2019 in which 19 prisons and detention facilities were assessed in North and BML and 6 were rehabilitated in terms of their WASH facilities (one in the north and 5 in BML).

# OUR PARTNERS

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## GOVERNMENT ENTITIES



Municipalities and Unions of Municipalities in Beirut



Mount Lebanon and South



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