



# SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTION FOR LEBANON

## EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES WITH SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

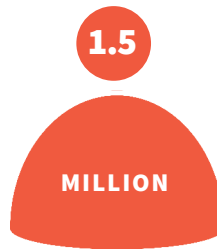
SEAL is a 501(c)3 non-profit, non-political organization founded in 1997 in New York City in order to take action against the severe social and economic problems facing post-war Lebanon. We focus on community-driven economic development by providing grants and business support directly to local groups to help them jumpstart or expand an economic venture.

### THE NEED IN 2017

#### PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE IN NEED



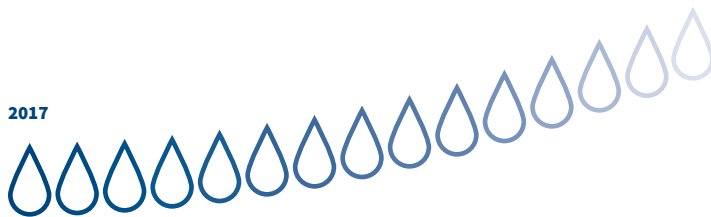
#### VULNERABLE PEOPLE



“  
SEAL has returned the spirit of the village completely. There were 10 or 15 years when all the young people left. Now, they are all coming back! ”  
Jean, farmer, Wata Houb

#### A WATER DEFICIT IS PREDICTED WITHIN 14 YEARS

2031



#### SINCE THE START OF THE WAR IN SYRIA

Unemployment among Lebanese has more than **doubled**



Poverty among Lebanese has increased by **one third**



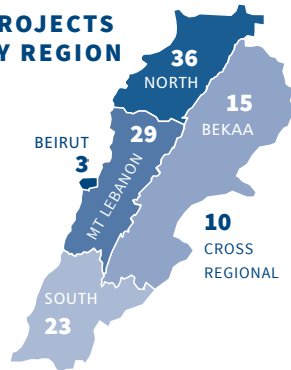
### SEAL SINCE INCEPTION

**\$2,516,067** INVESTED IN **116** PROJECTS



**13% OR \$336,842** ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES PAID ENTIRELY BY BOARD MEMBERS

#### PROJECTS BY REGION



**27,000+** FAMILIES REACHED

**116** PROJECTS COMPLETED 1997 - 2017

- Farming
- Embroidery
- Fishing
- Sea salt production
- Industrial tools
- Business education

- New jobs
- Increased income
- Enterprises launched
- Women joining the workforce

**230** AVERAGE NUMBER OF **UNLOCKED ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES** PER PROJECT

### WHY GIVING TO SEAL IS DIFFERENT

“  
If SEAL had not helped, half of our employees would not be here today. ”  
Fouad, dairy farmer, Moghraka



We create **NEW JOBS** and **ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES**



We drive long lasting change in the **LIVING STANDARDS** of Lebanese families



We restore **DIGNITY** to individuals, families and communities – a key to peace building

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