



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 LEBANON (2017)

PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE IN NEED



30%
POVERTY

among population



34%
UNEMPLOYMENT

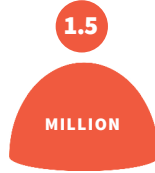
among youth



ONLY 24%
WOMEN

in the workforce

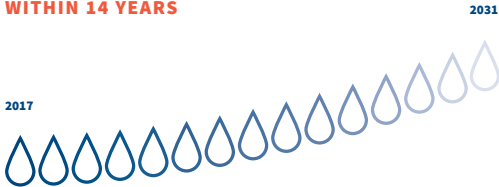
VULNERABLE LEBANESE PEOPLE



“
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



SINCE THE START OF THE WAR IN SYRIA

Unemployment among Lebanese has more than **doubled**



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



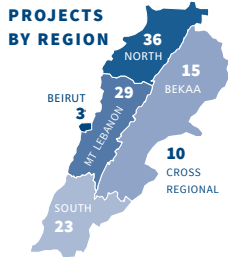
SEAL SINCE INCEPTION

\$2,516,067
INVESTED IN
116 PROJECTS



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

PROJECTS BY REGION



25,000+
FAMILIES REACHED

116 PROJECTS
COMPLETED
1997 - 2017

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

Farming
Embroidery
Fishing
Sea salt production
Industrial tools
Business education

New jobs
Increased income
Enterprises launched
Women joining the workforce

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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