

Report
Christmas Activities Funded by Caritas Lodigiana
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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The organization	
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2. PRESENTATION OF CARITAS LEBANON (CL)

- **History:** Caritas Lebanon (CL) is an organization founded in 1972 in Lebanon, and officially authorized in 1976.
- **Vision:** CL strives for an environmentally sustainable economically inclusive developed world in which all people lead peaceful, just, and dignified lives in harmony and intergenerational solidarity. To achieve our vision, we strive for an overall human, social, economic and environmental development, to improve the quality of life of all people in need. We are committed to helping every person in need regardless of race, creed, identity or beliefs.
- **Mission:** CL, the common official socio-pastoral arm of the local Catholic Church in service of the poor and the promotion of love, charity and justice, provides economic development, livelihoods, health and social care, education, services for migrants, emergency and crisis intervention, human and humanitarian relief and aid, environmental stewardship, as well as advocacy and protection for all individuals and groups of people in need.
- **Geographic coverage:** CL is active in 36 sectors nationwide. CL operates 10 Primary Health Care Centers (PHCCs), 9 Mobile Medical Clinics (MMUs), 11 community centers, 7 Lebanese centers and 5 shelters for migrants and refugees.
- **Youth Department:** CL's Youth Department aims to involve young people in social life as useful and responsible actors. CL is active in the field of youth since 2005. Currently, CL gathers more than 700 youth between 14 and 34, from all the regions in Lebanon. Youth department conducts different activities such as trainings and workshops, environmental activities (beaches and rivers cleaning, reforestation), sports activities (football and basketball tournaments), houses restorations, creation of green spaces, music bands, organization of outings for elderly, organization of fairs for children, and summer camps.
- **Centers for the social and professional integration of children and youth suffering from learning disabilities (Humanitarian Centers):** Since 2005, CL operates 4 centers for the social and professional integration of children and youth suffering from learning disabilities. In these centers, children are given the chance to receive adapted quality education and to learn a trade in order to become active citizens. Different workshops are proposed to children, mainly: culinary workshops, gardening workshops, hairdressing workshops, cosmetic workshops, candle production, mosaic, etc.; according to the labor market. After trying the different workshops, they choose a trade and start a more specialized training, before being integrated in the professional world under the supervision of CL's team.

3. DETAILS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT

The project was divided into 2 parts: Christmas Play and Christmas Recital.

A- Christmas Play:

The Christmas Play was under the title “You are the Light”. The play main idea was to focus on the importance of helping others and not just on occasions such as Christmas. Giving is not a season and should be done all year round.

The play was done in 6 locations for around 1500 children.

The feedback was extremely positive and the children interacted a lot with the actors on stage.

In addition, 8 students from Caritas center for children with special needs at Fghal-Jbeil were part of the play. They did all the dancing and singing part in the play.

B- Christmas Recital:

The Christmas Recital was implemented in 2 locations, St. Coeur School Qornet Chehwan and in Antelias, Church of St. Elias.

In Antelias, the choir was made of 80 students from across 4 centers of children with special needs. They sang Christmas carols and other songs. More than 700 persons attended the recital. It was an amazing event where both the participants and the attendees lived the Christmas spirit for a full hour.

In St. Coeur School, 45 children with special needs sung Christmas carols for around 350 students.

The total number of beneficiaries that the activities targeted is 2550.

Those activities were a huge success and would not have been achievable without the generous donation of Caritas Lodigiana.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

TRANSPORTATION	2,552.2 USD
MATERIAL	1,706.5 USD
FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS	422.9 USD
OTHER	155.9 USD
TOTAL budget spent in USD	4,837.5 USD
TOTAL budget left in USD	854 USD

5. PICTURES

PICTURES OF CHRISTMAS PLAY



PICTURES OF CHRISTMAS RECITAL

