

# Bridges to Safety



**EMERGENCY APPEAL**  
**Lebanon emergency**

AFEL started its mission in 1976, caring for children who lost their parents during the war by sheltering them at our center in Bikfaya.

Since the conflict escalated in October 2023, hundreds of thousands of families have been forced to flee their homes. Many families are now at heightened risk of violence, exploitation, and severe deprivation.

At AFEL, we are committed to protecting these vulnerable groups, providing immediate safety, care, and comprehensive support.

We are currently sheltering 250 displaced people, including 100 children, at our school in Bourj Hammoud, while increasing efforts to prevent violence against women and children.

AFEL is currently caring for over 400 children and supporting 225 families through educational, psychosocial, and protection services.

However, the crisis goes beyond displacement. We are continuing to support children and families who have long been living in extreme poverty and social instability.

The ongoing conflict has exacerbated these vulnerabilities, particularly increasing the risks of violence, abuse, and exploitation for both women and children. This makes our work to prevent violence and provide protection more critical than ever.

## YOUR SUPPORT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

AFEL is launching an Emergency Appeal to expand our child protection and violence prevention efforts for displaced and vulnerable families. Your donation will directly contribute to:

### **Comprehensive Child Protection and Violence Prevention Case Management**

Ensure individualized support, referral, and follow-up services for children and their families at risk, using a holistic, trauma-informed approach in line with global protection standards.

### **Prevention of Violence Against Women and Children**

Implement safeguarding mechanisms and support systems to prevent violence, abuse, and exploitation, particularly in displaced and vulnerable families.

### **Nutritious Food**

Provide essential food aid to displaced children, women, and families, addressing their physical and nutritional needs.

### **Safe Shelter and Sleeping Arrangements**

Offer secure shelter, mattresses, and bedding for displaced families, ensuring that they have a safe place to rest.

## **Hygiene Kits**

Distribute hygiene essentials to maintain health and dignity, preventing the spread of disease, particularly among displaced children and their families.

## **Infant and Child Nutritional Support**

Deliver critical nutritional assistance for infants and young children, ensuring their healthy development.

## **Continued Education for Vulnerable Children**

Maintain access to education, including for children with learning disabilities, to prevent disruption and ensure continued learning.

## **Child and Families Safeguarding**

Implement monitoring and safeguarding practices to protect women and children from violence, abuse, and exploitation, in line with global standards.



## ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH AND LONG-TERM PROTECTION NEEDS

Beyond meeting immediate needs, AFEL will continue to prioritize psychosocial support and specialized mental health services for displaced people. These efforts are aimed at helping them recover from trauma and regain emotional stability.

### Psychosocial Support (PSS)

Provide structured activities to help children and their families cope with stress, anxiety, and trauma caused by displacement and violence, guided by international best practices.



### Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Support

Offer specialized care for children and their families suffering from the deep psychological impacts of violence and displacement, using trauma-informed approaches.



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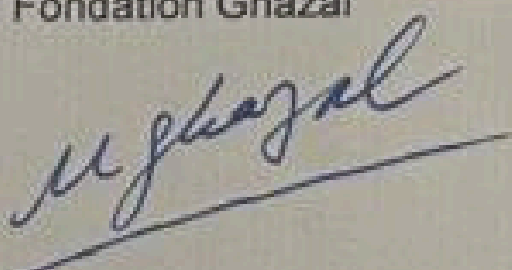
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## WHY YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS NOW

Your contribution will enable AFEL to provide life-saving interventions to prevent violence, protect, and care for women and children during this unprecedented crisis. By donating today, you will be directly contributing to the safety, dignity, and emotional recovery of Lebanon's most vulnerable individuals.

Every donation makes an immediate and meaningful impact on a life helping to prevent violence, provide safety, nutrition, protection, and emotional healing.

**DONATE NOW**

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