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## MISSION & VISION

Our mission is to provide free secular quality education to the most vulnerable Syrian refugee children and youth in Lebanon.

Our vision is to **SAVE A GENERATION THROUGH EDUCATION.**







## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Syrian Civil War has brought about the biggest humanitarian and refugee crisis of our time and is a continuing cause of suffering for millions of Syrians. More than 5 million people have fled Syria since 2011, seeking safety in Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan, and beyond. The crisis has impacted Lebanon more than any other of Syria's neighbors. This small country of 4.5 million people is now home to 1.5 million refugees; one out of every four people in Lebanon is a refugee, giving the country the highest number of refugees per capita in the world. More than **500,000 refugee children** have been officially registered with the UN Refugee Agency, but there are many more without registration and new babies are born into refugee families all the time.

*Education is a every child's fundamental human right.*

Education is lifesaving for these children. Its benefits are not as immediate as those of food and shelter, but these children will be able to uplift themselves and their families if they learn certain basic skills of the mind, such as reading and writing, which should be guaranteed to every person on earth as fundamental human rights. Going to school also provides them with a sense of stability and normality.

A school is a space for structured and safe socialization and a protective barrier against violence and conflict. It is an oasis of hope and caring in a desert of indifference and despair.

**KAYANY** Foundation has a proven track record of providing Syrian refugee children and youth with the quality education they deserve.



Kayany is a Lebanese non-governmental organization founded in 2013 to assist and educate the most vulnerable Syrian refugee children and youth.

We provide free, secular schooling to more than 3,000 refugee children between the ages of 6 to 14, and to more than 600 refugee youth between the ages of 14 to 18. Our clean and comfortable learning environments offer students one meal a day and an escape from the difficulties of settlement life.

We teach the official Lebanese curriculum, which includes science, mathematics, Arabic and English, and provide basic numeracy and literacy when necessary. Our schools are accredited by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

Our goal: To save a generation through education.



KAYANY operates educational programs for Syrian refugee children and youth living in Informal Tented Settlements (ITS). They face serious challenges in their daily lives such as the need for healthcare, safe water, adequate sanitation, proper hygiene, and substantial shelter.

Kayany has partnered with the American University of Beirut's (AUB) Center for Civic Engagement and Community Service (CCECS) and the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) in constructing our school campuses. We use a portable unit model that is easily assembled and disassembled, endures severe weather conditions, and is built by refugees from low-cost locally found material. This "GHATA" unit design has proven highly efficient for direct intervention in the Informal Tented Settlements and has allowed us to build within or alongside their camps. It is the only model approved by the Ministry of Social Affairs in Lebanon.

We have established 9 accredited schools, including two all-girls secondary schools, in four locations throughout the Bekaa governorate which is where the majority of Syrian refugees have settled in Lebanon. In addition to creating a welcoming and child-friendly spaces, we also offer child protection programs and distribute uniforms, backpacks, hygiene kits, and winterization kits.



## ESTABLISHED SCHOOLS







## TELYANI AND NAHREYA SCHOOLS



STUDENTS  
1,000



TEACHERS  
37



STAFF  
18



SNACKS/  
MONTH  
22,000



STUDENTS  
KITS  
1,000



WINTERISATION  
KIT  
1,000

COST  
PER  
STUDENT  
**\$650/yr**

In 2014, Kayany established two schools: Teach for Hope-Syria School and the Kuzbari & Rotary Germany School. Combined, these two schools educate a total of 1,000 Syrian refugee children in two shifts.

In 2015, Kayany formed a partnership with Jesuit Refugee Service to coordinate the administration of two of the schools in the Bar Elias area.



## PROGRAM STRUCTURE FOR ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- **The Lebanese official curriculum** is given to students from grades 1 to 6.
- **Child Protection and Psychosocial Support** services are provided at each school by a full-time social worker.
- **Capacity Building** by providing regular teacher training with experts from AUB and UNESCO.





## KAYANY PRIMARY AND UNESCO MIDDLE SCHOOLS



STUDENTS  
1,200



TEACHERS  
49



STAFF  
14



SNACKS/  
MONTH  
26,400



STUDENTS  
KITS  
1,200



WINTERISATION  
KIT  
1,200

COST  
PER  
STUDENT  
**\$650/yr**

Following a successful partnership with the American University of Beirut, Kayany Foundation established two new schools in partnership with Friends of Kayany, Inc., a US nonprofit organization that shares the charitable mission of educating Syrian refugee children in Lebanon. The project is divided into four components: education, child protection, nutrition, and food safety. Education experts from AUB train the teachers on classroom management and child-centered teaching methods.

Additionally, professors from AUB create a nutrition curriculum that is incorporated in the weekly academic program and the teachers are trained on providing sessions on the importance of healthy nutrition.



Observational visits follow each training to ensure best practices.

In just two years, the two locations have impacted more than 1,200 children between the ages of 6 and 14 years.

The schools are divided into two shifts. The morning shift is in partnership with Friends of Kayany and Amanat Trust for children between 11 to 6, and the afternoon shift is funded by UNESCO for children between 12 to 18, providing middle education within the framework of the UNESCO's project "Supporting the Completion of Basic Education for Syrian Refugees in Lebanon".



## KAYANY MAPS ALL GIRLS SCHOOL



STUDENTS  
155



TEACHERS  
8



STAFF  
16



SNACKS/  
MONTH  
3,410



STUDENTS  
KITS  
155



WINTERISATION  
KIT  
155

COST  
PER  
STUDENT  
**\$1,400/yr**

Nobel Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai, established her first all-girls school in Lebanon in partnership with Kayany during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on her 18th birthday.

The school teaches the official Lebanese curriculum, and offers vocational skills trainings.

They also receive important youth and women protection programs to strengthen resilience against various kinds of exploitation, increase job opportunities, and help them avoid forced early marriage.

A second school was established through Malala Fund in 2016, which is now being funded by the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS).

The girls are provided with accredited education from grade 6 to 9, along vocational trainings in computer literacy, nurse's aide, sewing, embroidery, hairdressing and cosmetics.

Upon graduation students receive a certificate of accreditation from the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

The first Malala school is now being supported by UNESCO.

In 2022, Kayany formed a partnership with MAPS to coordinate the administration of the second Malala school in Saadnayel.





# BOGHOSSIAN FOUNDATION ROTARY GERMANY SCHOOL



STUDENTS  
500



TEACHERS  
17



STAFF  
9



SNACKS/  
MONTH  
11,000



STUDENTS  
KITS  
500



WINTERISATION  
KIT  
500

COST  
PER  
STUDENT  
**\$650/yr**

In January 2017, Kayany established a new school: The Boghossian Foundation – Rotary Germany school in Meksi village in the Bekaa governorate.

It provides education to (will add the number later) Syrian refugee children between the ages 6 and 14. The school was built with funds provided by the Boghossian Foundation and Rotary Germany.

Kayany formed a partnership with JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE to coordinate and operate in the administration of the school.





## UNESCO KFAS MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR GIRLS IN BAR ELIAS



STUDENTS  
180



TEACHERS  
10



STAFF  
7



SNACKS/  
MONTH  
3,960



STUDENTS  
KITS  
180



WINTERISATION  
KIT  
180

COST  
PER  
STUDENT  
\$650/yr

In October 2017, Kayany Foundation established the UNWFPA School for Syrian Refugee Girls.

The school is now funded by UNESCO within the framework of the UNESCO's project "Supporting the Completion of Basic Education for Syrian Refugees in Lebanon".

It is an educational and vocational school for 180 adolescent girls who had been missing their education as a result of the conflict in Syria.







# UNESCO MIDDLE SCHOOLS SAADNAYEL AND MEKSEH



STUDENTS  
390



TEACHERS  
30



STAFF  
13



SNACKS/  
MONTH  
8,580



STUDENTS  
KITS  
390



WINTERISATION  
KIT  
390

COST  
PER  
STUDENT  
\$650/yr

Within the framework of the UNESCO's project "Supporting the Completion of Basic Education for Syrian Refugees in Lebanon" – funded by King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center, we have established two new UNESCO Middle Schools in Saadnayel and in Mekseh.

The schools teach the official Lebanese curriculum to 390 Syrian refugees ages 11 to 18.





## OTHER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

**HUMANITARIAN INNOVATION LAB (HIL)** is a UNHCR-funded project that seeks to create a field-based innovation lab and platform that assists UNHCR in streamlining the rollout, testing, and scaling of technologies used to improve communication with communities in need of humanitarian services and assistance. At HIL, a full-time product development and software engineering team works in partnership with refugees, host communities, and the UNHCR to develop and scale new technological innovations that solve key communication challenges. The project will run from June until December 2017.

### **PADILEIA: PARTNERSHIP FOR DIGITAL LEARNING AND INCREASED ACCESS**

Kayany Foundation is the local implementing partner for an AUB project funded by King's College London. The project will provide digital skills and pre-university support courses to encourage Syrian and Lebanese high-school graduates with the university application process. The program is being implemented in one of Kayany's schools in Bar Elias, Bekaa governorate.



**THE INNOVATION LIVELIHOOD PROJECT** is a UN World Food Program project, also in partnership with AUB. The project will create livelihood opportunities by building digital skills through vocational training programs. These programs aim to develop sustainable and transferable capacities for the most vulnerable communities of both Syrian refugees and their hosts. The program is being implemented in the Aley governorate.

**YOUTH EMPOWERMENT THROUGH BASIC LITERACY AND NUMERACY AND INNOVATION SKILLS** is a UNICEF funded project. It is a 6 month long partnership that started in September 2017 and will last until the end of January 2018. The goal of this project is to provide basic literacy and numeracy skills and life-skill sessions to more than 480 direct beneficiaries, as well as awareness sessions to 3000 Syrian families and community members in three locations in the Bekaa governorate. In addition to all of this, the project will provide digital and entrepreneurship skills to 250 Lebanese and Syrian youth in the surrounding villages of Bar Elias while also renovating spaces to hold these courses.



# AWARDS



## LENNON ONO GRANT FOR PEACE AWARD

Kayany Foundation received the 2016 Lennon Ono Grant For Peace, announced by Yoko Ono on John Lennon's birthday October 9th. This international peace prize was established by Yoko Ono in the memory of her late husband. The grant was referred to Kayany foundation by iconic international artist Ai Wei Wei, emphasizing the importance of providing educational systems to Syrian refugee youth in spite of the crises created by the Syrian civil war. Ai Wei Wei visited 7 Kayany schools in central Bekaa Lebanon while filming a documentary about refugees in the summer of 2016. The foundation is honored to have been chosen for such a distinguishable award; this achievement reflects Kayany Foundation's dedication and efforts in combating illiteracy and providing education to a disenfranchised generation of Syrian refugees.

## CMA-CGM AWARD

The CMA CGM Corporate Foundation presented its 2016 Award on the 22nd of December to Kayany Foundation in appreciation of its humanitarian efforts and educational support for the Syrian refugee children in presence of the Lebanese Minister of Education and Higher Education, Mr. Marwan Hamadé, and the president of the foundation, Mrs. Naila Saade.

## RECOGNITION & PRAISE FROM PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Princeton University's Freshmen seminar FRSISI was very impressed with Kayany Foundation's efforts in Bekaa, Lebanon. During a 12 week analysis, FRSISI developed criteria for choosing NGO's to donate to, including factors such as the urgency, sustainability, effectiveness and impact of donations among others. FRSISI determined that Kayany matches their criteria and aligns with their mission of improving quality-of-life and providing opportunities for marginalized youth and women. As such 5,000\$, was pledged (provided by the Palette Fund on behalf of Terrance Meck) to our psychological support programs. FRSISI commended our foundation for "incredible work in providing education and psychotherapy support" to children in the area, and the funds were allocated in January 2016. Kayany Foundation is most grateful for the acknowledgement of its educational and psychosocial efforts. Our thanks to Mr. Terrance Meck, Dr. Stanley Katz, Evan Lee, Andie Ayala and FRSISI.

## MACJANNET PRIZE FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

Our partners at the American University of Beirut, CCECS, won first place in the 2016 MacJannet Prize for Global Citizenship in recognition of championed interventions engaging refugees and their Lebanese

host communities, which primarily includes the Ghata project that is being implemented by Kayany Foundation.

## AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS 2020 COLLABORATIVE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The American Institute of Architects announced the winner of its 2020 Collaborative Achievement Award, recognizing the Boston – based Global Design Initiative for Refugee Children (GDI) that established a playground in our primary school in Majdal Anjar, creating a communal area from modular, easily manipulated wood frames. The Collaborative Achievement Award recognizes and encourages distinguished achievements of design professionals, clients, organizations, architect teams, knowledge communities and others who have had a beneficial influence on or advanced the architectural profession.

## GUIDE START GOLD SEAL OF TRANSPARENCY 2020

**Friends of Kayany** earned the **Gold Seal of Transparency** from GuideStar, the world's largest database of nonprofit organizations. Less than five percent of non-profits registered with GuideStar are recognized with a Gold Seal. A Gold Seal status is the leading symbol of non-profit transparency and accountability.



## PARTNERS & FRIENDS

## GRATITUDE

The world is a better place because there is always someone out there helping others.

We would like to express our words of thanks and appreciations to all our Friends and Partners for their generosity and support.

