

HOPE

Hope Center Lebanon

Newsletter



4 years of hope in action
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4 years of Hope



Over the past four years, Hope Center Lebanon has shown that hope can become a true engine of transformation.

Together, we have supported hundreds of micro-entrepreneurs across the country, providing them with financing, training, and personalized coaching.

I proudly salute the remarkable work of our team, whose daily commitment has built a solid and transparent model.

I warmly thank our beneficiaries, who have turned every opportunity into success, as well as our partners and donors, whose trust and support have made this human and economic journey possible.

As we open a new chapter, we carry a message of hope: to continue multiplying success stories, expanding our impact and strengthening the most vulnerable communities.

Together, we will keep the flame of HOPE alive and build a future where every project becomes a source of dignity and prosperity.

~ Maurice El Beaino
General Director of Hope Center
Lebanon

4 Years of HOPE Against all Odds

Since 2022, Hope Center Lebanon has turned resilience into results.

Despite operating in crisis zones, we have processed over **1,000** applications and funded **519** projects.

With **\$2,000,000** deployed, **85%** of these micro-businesses remain fully operating, with a remarkable reimbursement rate of **65%**.

Our commitment to inclusive growth is reflected in our **27%** women entrepreneurs and **45%** youth participation. Beyond capital, we provided **324** online learning modules and **130** thematic workshops to **471** participants, ensuring skills grow alongside funding.



Anchored in HOPE and Driven by Action

In response to the compounding challenges facing our communities, our organization is driven by a clear and urgent purpose.

We work to empower vulnerable individuals for sustainable and dignified livelihoods by providing micro-enterprise financial support and capacity-building programs.



This approach goes beyond simple aid, it is about restoring agency and stability through comprehensive support that combines funding with essential skills training.

Every step we take is guided by a long-term aspiration for our country's future: *A Lebanon where every vulnerable entrepreneur has access to meaningful economic opportunities to build self-reliant livelihood.*

Success Story Highlight

Dorothy El Khazen, supported by Hope Center Lebanon, transformed her entrepreneurial dream into a powerful mission of dignity and compassion. Leaving behind a stable 9-to-5 job, she partnered with Lamitta to launch a mobile convenience van offering artisanal coffee, accessories, and homemade sweets.

Beyond business, Dorothy uses her professional skills as a men's barber to serve Lebanon's most underserved communities, providing free haircuts to those in need. Guided by the belief that "everybody deserves a beautiful haircut," she helps restore confidence and self-worth through simple acts of care.

With Lamitta distributing ice cream, toys, and donations during these trips, their initiative has become more than a service: it's a celebration of community and unconditional love.

Utilizing her entrepreneurship skills and the support of HCL, Dorothy proves that business can be a powerful vehicle for social impact driving not only income but hope and human dignity.



Stronger Together: The HOPE Community Card

At Hope Center Lebanon, we believe true impact goes beyond supporting individual businesses. It thrives on building a family. That vision gave birth to the Hope Center Community Card.

Designed to connect our stakeholders, suppliers, and inspiring entrepreneurs, the card transforms individual success stories into a shared ecosystem of support. It serves as a passport to our growing community, unlocking exclusive discounts and special offers: from restaurants and taxis to hair salons and even paragliding experiences.

But the Community Card is more than a benefit program. Every time it is used, it strengthens our local economy and reinforces a powerful truth: when we support one another, everyone thrives.



A New Chapter for a Greener Community

We were so proud to officially launch the **Hope Center Recycling Community**, a movement that stretched all the way **from Batroun to Tripoli!**

This wasn't just a project, it was a powerful partnership. We teamed up with incredible local business owners and the Tripoli Recycling Initiative, led by our very own community member, Mr. Firas Wehbe.

Together, we set out on a mission to collect recyclables from our micro-entrepreneurs and turn waste into opportunity.

By coming together, we took real steps toward building the greener, brighter Lebanon we all dream of.



Re-defining Entrepreneurship Through HCL Communities



At Hope Center Lebanon, we've grown a family of thirteen vibrant communities.

We built these communities so our entrepreneurs can lean on each other and grow through shared wisdom.

By grouping these talents, we deliver specialized training that truly speaks their language.

In these circles, networking isn't just business; it's a family rising together.

Empowering Women Through Changes



At Hope Center Lebanon, we believe that empowering a woman transforms a generation. We are immensely proud to celebrate the second anniversary of our Women Empowerment Community, an initiative that has grown into a powerhouse of 123 pioneers.

Since its inception, this community has become one of our most active communities, defined by unwavering cohesion and mutual support. These women don't just share a group; they uplift one another, proving that collective strength is the key to overcoming any challenge.



The Hearts of Hope



Well, there are no words to fully describe what I want to say but I want to thank you all for everything. Every single person was so friendly, cooperative and understanding and these are rare qualities to find nowadays, the service was amazing and the timing was fast and punctual from the application to delivery. And what I love the most is the follow up; they keep such a friendly contact with you to see how you're doing and how they can help further, and if you need anything they're always there to help.
I want to thank you all for everything. May God bless you all, keep up the good work ! 10/5 stars.

Beyond HOPE Real Revenues

22'680\$

Average net income per project **per phase** (3 years)



11'770'920\$

Our success is measured by the financial independence of our beneficiaries. With an average investment of **\$3,855**, our 519 projects generated a total net income of **\$11,770,920** during the first phase. This isn't just aid; it's sustainable revenue.

On average, each project earned **\$22,680** over three years, translating to roughly \$630 per month. In a challenging economy, an annual net income of **\$7,560** provides critical stability. These figures confirm that our entrepreneurs are moving beyond survival to generate real wealth.

The Multiplier Effect of HOPE

Funding a single entrepreneur activates a powerful multiplier effect. Our impact assessment reveals a staggering **303% valuation growth** across supported businesses over the last four years. This growth creates real jobs: **employment** rose from 335 pre-fund to **452 post-fund**. Consequently, the number of families supported jumped from 1,678 to 2,762. The total valuation of these micro-projects surged from roughly \$2 million to over \$6 million. The HOPE model works—restoring dignity and stabilizing households beyond the initial beneficiary.

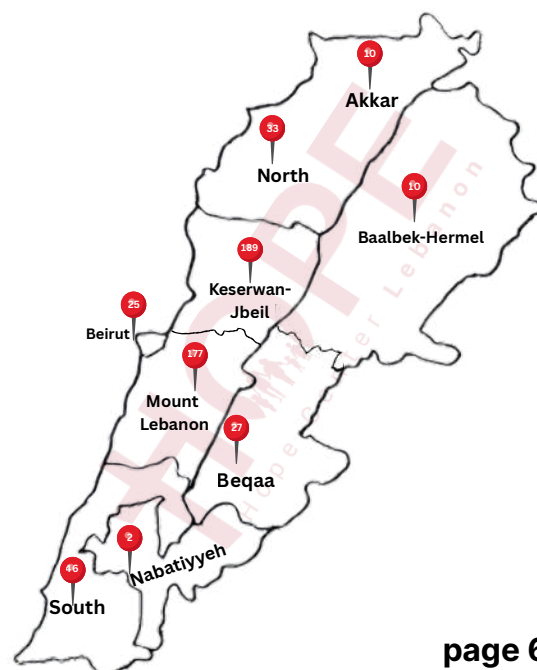
Hope Has NO Borders

Over the past four years, Hope Center Lebanon has built a strong nationwide presence, implementing projects across nearly every district in the country.

Our commitment to inclusive growth is reflected in the scale of our outreach: **189** projects in **Baalbek-Hermel**, **177** in **Mount Lebanon**, 43 across the **North** and **Akkar**, and **48** combined in the **South** and **Nabatiyeh**.

In response to recent conflicts, we strengthened our presence in the South to ensure faster support for vulnerable households.

From the most remote regions to the most affected communities, we remain committed to turning hope into income and resilience where it is needed most.



"For it is in giving that we receive"

~St. Francis of Assisi

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for **hundreds of entrepreneurs**



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