



SESOBEL

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ANNUAL REPORT

2018 - 2019



EDITORIAL

Thank you for your support over the years for SESOBEL, especially in recent times. SESOBEL just completed the most challenging year in its 43-year history. Without your support, we could not have survived the challenges. Allow me to give you an update on recent events and the path ahead.

The hardest day for me was June 30, 2019 – the final day of the last year – when we said goodbye to the children and youths with disability.

I had to inform the children that day that, for the first time ever, SESOBEL would not be open during the Summer, and we did not know whether we would be able to re-open in the Fall. After years of governmental irresponsibility and broken promises, SESOBEL had reached the end of the line in its funding.

What could I tell the children?

- That our national government, which is elected to serve the people, had not paid their promised support for over a year?
- That the State Ministries of Social Affairs-MoSA and Defense didn't sign contracts with SESOBEL, but expected SESOBEL to somehow keep serving the children of MoSA, military veterans and others?
- That our committed staff at SESOBEL had worked without receiving their full pay for the past year, out of love for them, but could not survive on no pay in the future.

We had to do something!

We could not let SESOBEL fail the children. So we began an unprecedented campaign, knocking on all doors to ask for support.

With other associations that work in the field of disability, we met with the President, the heads of various parliamentary blocs, ministers and deputies. We visited the Ministry of Social Affairs every week to beg them to pay what they had promised SESOBEL, and to sign the contract for the services they asked us to provide.

Individual staff members reached out to everyone around them to support SESOBEL.

The parents of the children were asked to help as much as they could within their means, and to make their voices, their fears, their sorrow heard.

Our friends from Australia, France, the United States and Lebanon stretched themselves to give whatever they could.

Media reported our story throughout the Summer and questioned ministers, deputies and even the President.

Our supporters and parents conducted press conferences, sit-ins, letter-writing campaigns and other actions.

Despite the challenges, and against all odds, our effort continues.

The following report gives you an overview of our activities over the past year. It tells a story of the dynamism of our team, the children, the friends, the members of the Council, the committees of ladies, the volunteers, young people, groups of parents and others.



What keeps us going? It is our faith in our children, our passion to help them, and our authentic love for them. We are inspired by the captivating smiles of the children... the pride on their faces as they welcome our friends and serve meals at our events... the courage displayed by our youths at local and international sporting competitions... and seeing Elissa, Sarah and Lourdes waving SESOBEL pennant on the awards stand!

And so we persist, out of love for the children. We continue to accompany the children, hand in hand with their tender little hands that we hold and caress during rehabilitation sessions, physical therapy, and hydrotherapy. We continue to listen to the families of the children, at any time and in any place, with empathy – the sacred key for all of our staff. And when we see the thanks on the children's faces, or expressed through their words, we feel so gratified and feel the love of God emanating through them.

Every initiative taken by a child, parent, staff member, volunteer, donor, supporter and journalist combined like individual ripples of water to create a wave that allowed SESOBEL to reopen in September 2019. Behind every individual ripple was a brave and courageous individual who decided to take a STAND for SESOBEL. Thank you!

As I write this letter to you, ***I am overwhelmed with a sense of gratitude for God's grace shown to us through the beautiful children – God's children – whom we are given the opportunity to care for.*** I am grateful to so many for the support and help they provide to SESOBEL that made this possible.

The struggle is not over, but I have faith that SESOBEL will persevere under the gaze of Our Lady, Set El Beit, who has never ceased to watch over us, and who will certainly watch over our future and the children.

May our joy remain!

Fadia Safi

President and Chief Executive Officer

OUR MISSION

SESOBEL's mission is focused around the child with disability within and with the help of his family, without any form of political, ethnic, or religious discrimination.

The foundations of our action are based on the human, existential, and spiritual dimensions conceived and established by Yvonne Chami, our founder.

SESOBEL seeks to improve the situation of children with disability by meeting their basic needs, ensuring the unity of their families, and working closely with them.

SESOBEL works with all parts of society to help recognize the role of the child, his value, and his right to a life with dignity.

«This is why we believe that everyone's life, even with disability, is worth being lived as a celebration, because Love is enduring and because you are my brother.» Sesobel's Creed

OUR ACTION

DURING 2018 - 2019

OUR BENEFICIARIES



1,404 children and Youth with disability

from **1,296 families**, have been covered by the various SESOBEL programs : Social, Rehabilitation, Education and Vocational.

Distributed as follows:

- * Motor disability: **270** * Intellectual disability: **263**
- * Autistic spectrum disorders: **81**
- * Other (Learning difficulties, non-criteria): **790**

OUR PROGRAMS

FAMILY RECEPTION SERVICE



203 new families

Reception and Interviews with 203 new families.



136 Children

Orientation of 136 children to appropriate structures: specialized structures, host programs and/or outpatient services of SESOBEL.



163 Children

Follow-up of 163 children: diagnosis, consultations, assessments, medical and rehabilitation care.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Family is the main partner in the child's journey. For a better family life and for the child's well-being, SESOBEL's social intervention takes a holistic approach and aims to develop parenting skills, strengthen family autonomy, and raise awareness within the community.

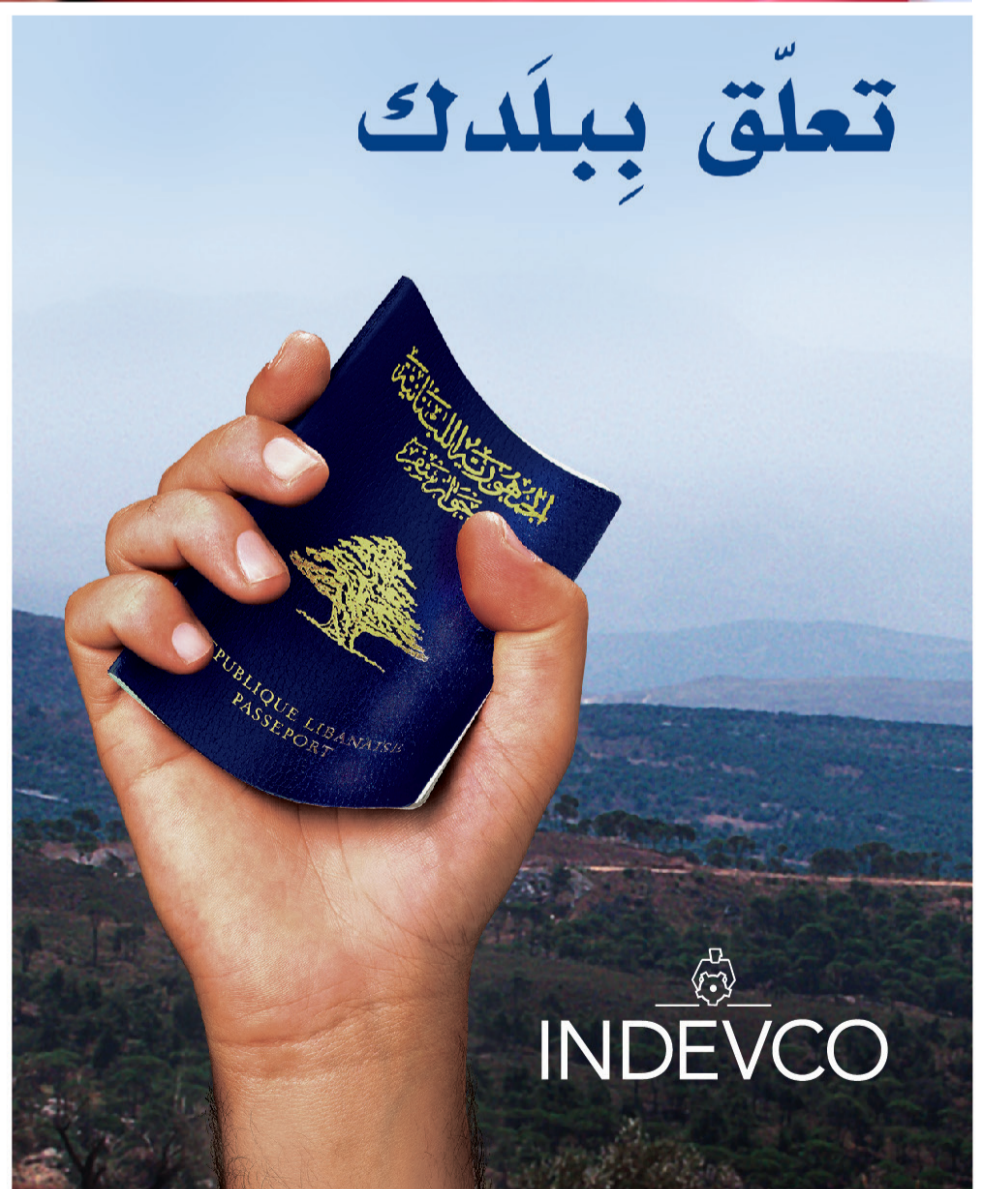
Beneficiaries : 73 families of children enrolled in SESOBEL's programs.

Group intervention :

- ▶ Family guidance (164 participants): foster the development of parenting skills to maintain parents' abilities, overcome difficulties, and raise awareness of different disability issues.



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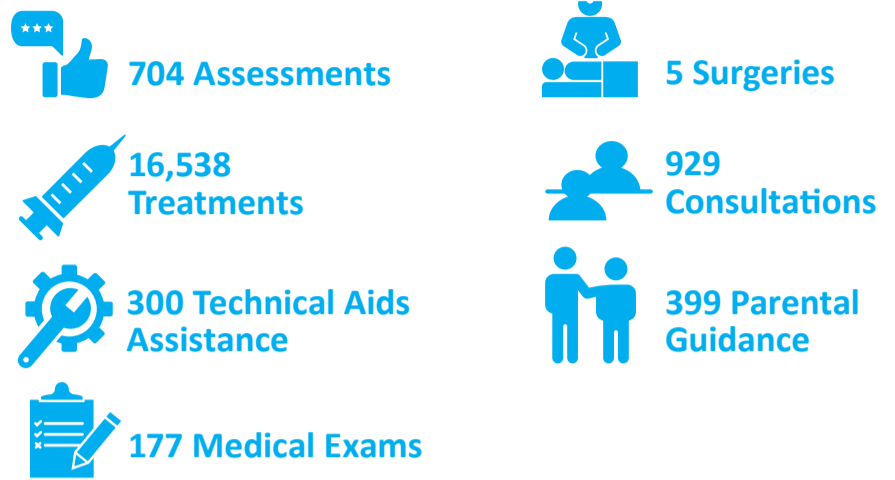


- ▶ Action with the siblings (44 members): mobilize the siblings to defend their cause, act as an agent of change in the society, acknowledge their role, and live in harmony.
- ▶ Action with the parents' committee (11 members): provide support networks with parents and mobilize them to become a mutual support group and advocate for SESOBEL.



MEDICAL AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM

services provided: 19,052 acts



55 physicians, 35 paramedical centers, 10 hospitals, 8 universities and 155 trainees were involved in the development and implementation of the therapeutic plan of the child.



BECAUSE OUR CHILDREN DESERVE A SUSTAINABLE WORLD THAT EMBRACES THEIR DREAMS

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VOCATIONAL AND REHABILITATION PROGRAM - VRP



Beneficiaries

44 Youths between the ages of 20 and 54, work at the various SESOBEL workshops

- Sewing: 3 youths
- 3Hearts Lodge: 6 youths
- Laundry: 4 youths
- Copy Center: 2 youths
- Prepress: 5 youths
- Technical aids: 3 youths
- Secretarial services: 2 youths
- Photography: 1 youth
- Educational assistant: 4 youths
- Kitchen: 1 youth
- Recycling: 10 youths
- Agriculture: 10 youths
- Packaging: 10 youths
- Land products: 9 youths
- Chocolate/ biscuits: 7 youths
- Stock : 1 youth

PS: One youth can work in several workshops

FLASH INFO

Clients' testimony – 3hearts lodge

"During the few hours spent at SESOBEL, my husband and I have noticed the smile shining on everyone's face! This smile of faith, love and hope ...

You imagine yourself in a parcel of paradise, where you feel good, extremely good. You feel ashamed for once believing that you were better or higher: here you learn quickly that the smallest is the biggest and the weaker is the stronger [...] you will not miss us long ; we will be back very soon for a longer stay. Thank you SESOBEL, source of love."

BOOK YOUR ROOM : booking.com // tripadvisor.com // 3heartslodge@sesobel.org

OUTPATIENT SERVICES

Our goal is to serve more people with disability and to meet their specific needs in order to ensure a better quality of life. we collaborated with 302 therapists of different specializations distributed in all regions of Lebanon.

Beneficiaries: 1,113 children and youth

services provided: 54,261 acts



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INNOVATIONS

- Implementation of the Halliwick Method (Technique to teach swimming for children with disability)
- Implementation of the Assistive Technology devices in rehabilitation sessions and classes to enhance the quality of life of children and youth in terms of communication and learning.
- Implementation of the PECS method (Technique for communication rehabilitation) to help children communicate their needs via pictograms.
- Teaching "Wheelchair service training package" - basic and intermediate level according to international standards established by the WHO (World Health Organization) in order to enhance the seating knowledge and quality in Lebanon and follow the international procedures.
- Proposing to polyhandicap and severe intellectual disability children alternative behavior to express adequately their emotions: recognition and management of specific emotions in order to modify the behavior.
- Introduction to disability and Grief management to small groups of children in class sessions



► The art of «LIVING TOGETHER»

The International Training Association held its 8th congress, «*la Recherche et l'Intervention Sociale (Aifris)*» for three days on July 2nd at the St. Joseph University – Beirut. Our social department presented SESOBEL's specific *art of living together*.

► EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF CHILDHOOD DISABILITY - Seminar

SESOBEL participated at the Seminar of the European Academy of Childhood Disability (EACD 2019) held in Paris from May 23rd to May 25th, 2019. This seminar brought together more than 1200 specialists and researchers in the field of comprehensive care for children with disability. Two Posters presented by SESOBEL's team were accepted by the seminar committee along with an oral presentation:

Posters:

- The effect of an added weight on gait and cardiopulmonary adaptations in children with cerebral palsy (CP).
- How does standing postural alignment differ in spastic diplegia walking with different gait patterns?

Oral Presentation:

- Chewing training in children with cerebral palsy: combining motor and functional exercises.

NEW TECHNOLOGY: EYE TRACKER

Joe, a 7 years old child, has a severe motor disability with a good cognitive level. He has difficulties speaking. He says few words, says yes and no, not enough for him to express all his needs. He is frustrated for not being able to communicate easily and not being able to control the movement of his hands. Therefore, an eye tracker with special adaptation enabled him to interact with the outside world and express his wishes.

Currently, Joe is able to formulate sentences by designating pictograms on computer. He can answer questions using his eyes and can follow the educational program adapted to his age and capacities.

Joe is now happier and more confident.



CONTINUOUS TRAINING CENTER / RESEARCH & DEVELOPEMENT

Our mission is to promote the quality of care for people with disability, allowing them a better integration into their family and social environment.

Action taken:

Intra-Muros: From July 2018 till June 2019, the training center organized **25 training modules** divided into 162 sessions for **269 participants**. The training modules were led by 13 professionals from SESOBEL, 3 foreign experts, 4 Lebanese experts, and 5 AUB groups-42 people (American University of Beirut). The modules consisted of 23 technical trainings and 2 administrative trainings.

Extra-Muros: From July 2018 till June 2019, SESOBEL was asked by the association Himaya, ITFL and Caritas to teach their team about disability. The training module was facilitated by 12 professionals from SESOBEL, **166 people** participated and **88 hours** of teaching were assured.

16 Interventions in 13 seminars were given by 11 professionals of SESOBEL including 6 in Lebanon (USJ, UL, OPTL, HTF and Islamic university) and 7 abroad (United States, Brussels, Paris, Dubai and Alexandria).



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The core of our mission is to accompany each child in his difference and his particularity. Whatever the disability, we believe that every child is important and has value and a message of love to share.

To implement this mission, educational programs adopt a comprehensive, specialized, interdisciplinary and individualized approach, taking into account each child's pace, needs and abilities. This approach is primarily based on the sensory-motor stimulation program, the preschool and school program, the functional learning program, sports, music and artistic activities while enjoying events and outings.

Together, we build relationships with children in a climate of mutual respect, trust and love.

Children in the educational programs:

The educational programs welcome children and youth with disability aged 18 months to 20 years. Five units regroup them according to their age and needs.



SCHOOL INCLUSION PROGRAM

The School Inclusion Program welcomed **12 children** at the Jezzine Public School in southern Lebanon:

8 children in Partial Inclusion

4 children in Total Inclusion

The children follow an adapted curriculum based on the school curriculum of the State, accompanied by an academic reinforcement and a re-educative speech and psychomotor approach. The overall goal is to ensure a healthy development of the child in an inclusive context by working with families, schools and the environment.

Responding to the skills of each child, the activities were varied: personal autonomy, adapted didactics, socialization, expression activities, and human & spiritual animation



ACHIEVEMENT

From March 8th till 22nd 2019, UAE hosted the International Special Olympics Games during which 190 countries competed with 7500 athletes with disability. Yes, SESOBEL participated!!



Elissa Harik

ranked 1st in brass swimming 25m.



Sarah Khalifeh

ranked 2nd in freestyle swimming 100m.
ranked 4th in freestyle swimming 50m.

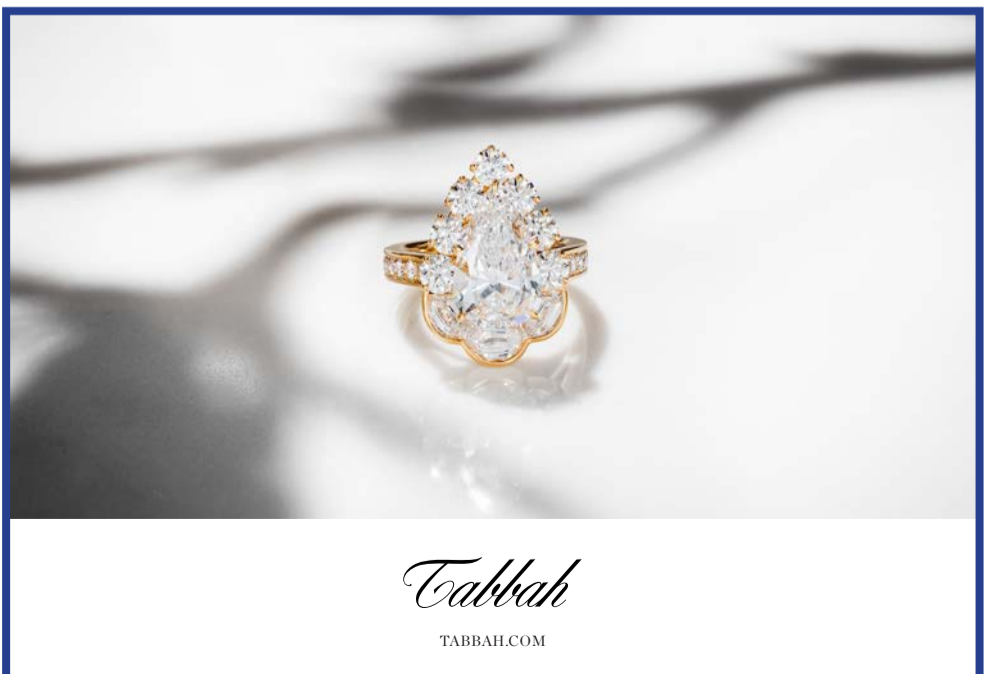


Lourdes Bou Sleiman

ranked 4th in bowling.

SESOBEL also won many gold and bronze prizes at the Lebanese Special Olympics games.

Congrats!!



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PANORAMA OF OUR ACTIVITIES



DISCOVERING ASIA

This year, our pedagogic department discovered Asia. Children learned about the culture and the traditions of Jordan, Russia, China, Japan and Indonesia.



SCOUTS : TOURNESOL GROUP

The theme of this year was *"The value of being useful"* based on the main goals of SESOBEL's scouts : Answering all kind of calls that help develop the sense of devotion, while being at the service of the country especially when in environmental crisis (sorting & recycling).



AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH - TESTIMONY

"April is internationally recognized as Autism Awareness Month.

Autism awareness begins the moment you become aware of a new definition of Amazing....

Toufic and Jason have taught me and Alain that sometimes, the things we cannot see with our eyes, are the things we really need to use our hearts to understand. We are their voices, and they are our hearts. Autism does not end in April, it's every day of the year..."

Carine Fahim - Autism Program

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HIKING FOR CHANGE

Haigazian University X-treme Team assembled a group of 15 students and a supervisor to hike in Armenia for 4 days under the title of "Hiking For Change" as part of their commitment to social responsibility towards the community: Supporting SESOBEL.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

SESOBEL's staff gathered on November 21st, 2019 to celebrate Lebanon 75th Independence Day. The difference this year was: a prayer to our beloved Lebanon, the land of Saints. Our children and youth were happy and reflected their sense of belonging and patriotism while singing the national anthem and many other songs.



CHRISTMAS AT SESOBEL



CINEMA FOR ALL



To better accommodate the needs of the children with autism, SESOBEL and Grand Cinemas (in ABC Dbayeh) offer the opportunity to watch a kid's movie in a sensory friendly environment adapted to them:

- Dimmed lights are kept on at all times
- Volume is reduced.

These movies take place every last Saturday of each month at noon (12pm) in Grand Cinemas ABC-Dbayeh.

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When you reach SESOBEL Kfarhouna, you find out right away that it is not only an institution doing its job, it is a home to Pierre, Joe, Joseph.....It is the second home to more than 11 young boys and girls.

When you arrive, you feel the blessing of the faith and the prayers on our youth; you see their devotion to help in putting the labels on our Mouneh and you will know how much love there is in every jar. It is true, they don't make the Mouneh but their presence in the institution makes all the difference, much love that reflects the face of GOD.



TO A SPECIAL TEACHER

Thank you AUDI BANK for helping our special educators celebrate Teacher's Day. It takes a special person to love and believe in the capacity of every child with disability.



MUCH MORE THAN A LOGO ...

Throughout the years, there have been many stories about our logo but our story is different:

43 years ago, 2 candles decided to bond to become one candle... No! two candles with one flame.

Whatever is the form of the candle, the most important is that it lights up.

Many believe that in our logo, the bowed candle represents the person with disability but this is not true: the «leaning candle» could be the «healthy person» bending to support and carry the person with disability represented as the «standing candle», brightening together in one flame.

Let us today meditate on this and understand the message the candle is conveying. Is it just a symbol or a mission we should keep and cherish? Many people are still waiting for the light in their life, that is why this candle is our responsibility and its mission will not last unless each one of us decides to light up someone else's life.



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VOWS OF LOVE

Candlemas

On February 2nd, SESOBEL celebrated Candlemas, Jesus first entry into the temple during which the sacred prayer candles were burned to radiate light and hope in difficult times.

Pilgrimage to Harissa

SESOBEL and Anta Akhi made a pilgrimage to Harissa to renew to the Virgin Mary, our Lady of Lebanon the commitment vows in supporting people with disability and their families, on May 11th, 2019 as a Glimpse of Love, Time for Hope & Gratitude.



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BACKSTAGE EXPERIENCE

MBC Amal, part of MBC group, gave a chance to Arab youth with disability to participate at the semifinals Arabs Got Talents show and to assist the production crew. Elissa Harik, Raphael Rahal and Roudy Kassis joined from SESOBEL as assistant camera man, assistant presenter and assistant floor manager. It was indeed an enriching experience during which our youth had the opportunity to live the TV backstage and meet people from different Arab countries!

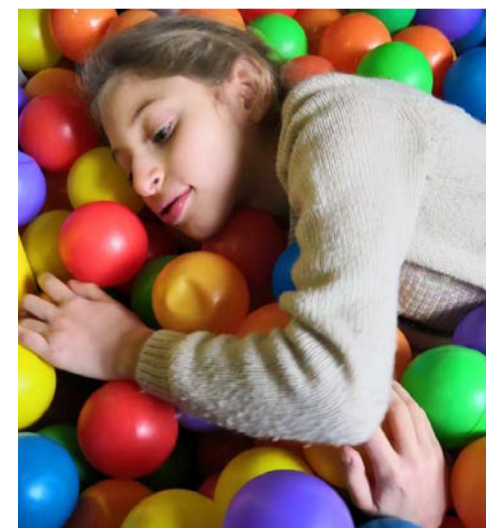


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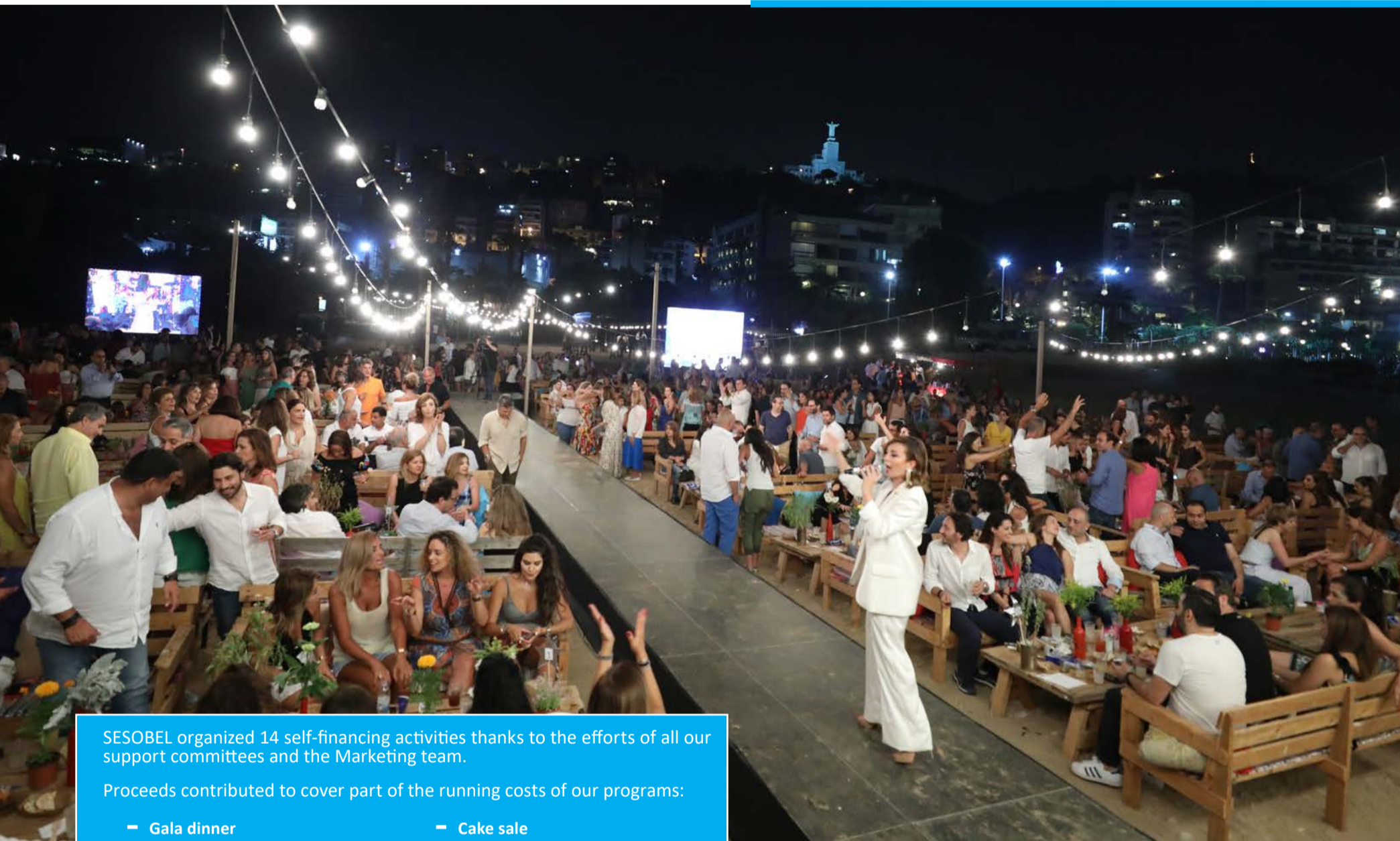
A CHAIN OF FRIENDSHIP IN TOUGH TIMES

Your precious support, interactions and initiatives made the whole difference... A heart felt Thank you ... it meant the world to us!



What we are facing is indeed very difficult but we are deeply touched whenever we read a message, a comment, a supporting text from each one of you which proves that Humanity still exists !!

SELF-FINANCING ACTIVITIES



SESOBEL organized 14 self-financing activities thanks to the efforts of all our support committees and the Marketing team.

Proceeds contributed to cover part of the running costs of our programs:

- Gala dinner
- Beirut Marathon
- Christmas Exhibitions (Le Royal & Lisa)
- Easter Brunch & Exhibitions (La Marina Dbayeh & The Gathering)
- Parents Committee Brunch
- Volunteers Committee Brunch
- Dinner supporting neuromuscular program
- Cake sale
- Santa piggy banks
- Happy treat
- Piggy banks in different locations
- Summer event
- Quests in schools
- Tombola

For the third consecutive year, SESOBEL's staff organized its annual dinner to cover the needs of children with neuromuscular diseases.



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A special thank you for all SESOBEL's committees (ladies, youth, parents & volunteers) for their commitment and involvement throughout the years! Your support makes the whole difference!!



Easter Brunch



Parents' Committee Brunch

FLASH INFO

SESOBEL celebrated the mass and organized a gathering on October 9th 2018, to honor its esteemed supporting members (General assembly, Board of directors and the Committees) for their precious and continuous dedication to the cause of the child with disability and his family.



MAIN PROJECTS

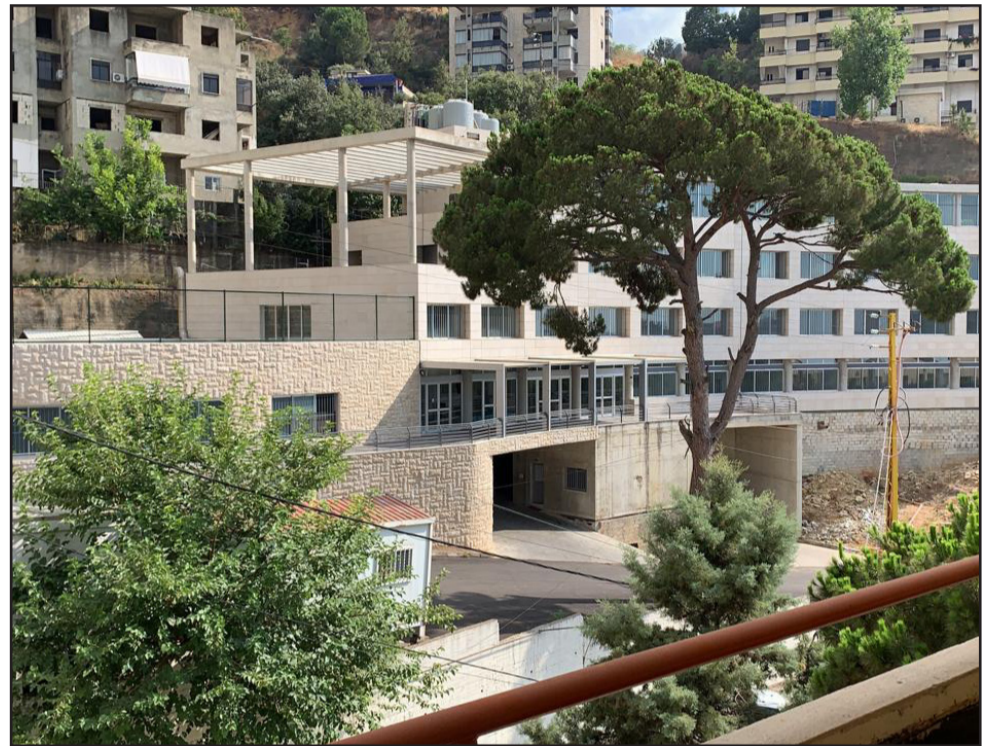
Thanks to the help of YMCA, 25 youths at the 3 hearts lodge at SESOBEL were able to benefit from a hospitality and food service training held by the well-known Chef Richard El Khoury. This training was held 2 times per week throughout the year and offered theoretical and practical approaches.

A hygiene training was also given by Boecker.

Youth were very excited and happy to have achieved this training with success. They proved to be capable of serving guests professionally.

YMCA supported us as well in purchasing the needed equipment for the 3 hearts lodge and provided sports equipment for the physical workout of the children and youth, in addition to covering the supervision fees of the singing instructor of SESOBEL's choir.

Autism Center



Vocational Center
in memory of Yvonne Safi

Sensory Room
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FRIENDS AND VISITORS

WELCOME FRIENDS

We want to thank you for visiting our association, for hosting us in yours and mostly for your willingness to meet with our children and youth.

Your ideas and suggestions contributed immensely to SESOBEL's cause and the time spent to speak and unite with us all was proof of a great bond that we hope shall last forever.

In the name of children and youth with disability we thank you for believing in them

1,412
VISITORS

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OUTREACH



OUR ROLE

To welcome new families, to understand their expectations and provide the necessary information guidance and orientation.



To seek a diagnosis, establish a global plan of rehabilitation and provide specialized therapeutic care, educational support and orientation towards the appropriate structure.



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SESOBEL IN THE MEDIA

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SOCIAL

Sesobel, institution emblématique, suspend ses inscriptions fin juin

Les impayés de l'État à cette association pour 2018 s'élèvent à 2,6 milliards de livres.

Fady NOUN

Emblématique des grandes institutions qui prennent en charge des enfants à handicap mental, Sesobel, à Ain Rihané, est désormais « dans le rouge » et ne pourra plus fonctionner normalement passé fin juin. Sa présidente, Fadia Safi, a adressé une circulaire aux parents des 350 enfants dont elle s'occupe, pour leur annoncer qu'ils ne seront plus reçus que quatre jours par semaine, au lieu de cinq et que les menus de leurs repas seront « allégés » dans les limites d'une saine alimentation. Parallèlement, Sesobel a démarré un plan d'austérité « à l'interne » où ceux parmi les 450 membres du personnel qui ne sont pas indispensables à ce fonctionnement au ralenti de l'institution ont été remerciés... et renvoyés à leur pauvreté.

Comme les 103 autres institutions à vocation sociale, Sesobel s'est heurtée au mur de silence et d'indifférence que le ministre des Finances a érigé autour de « son » budget. Mais personne n'est dupe. L'État doit à cette institution 2,6 milliards de livres pour les deux derniers trimestres de 2018, et c'est ce défaut de paiement qui place l'établissement dans cette situation critique.

Pourquoi ce retard inexplicable ?



Le ministre des Affaires sociales, Richard Kouyoumjian, en tournée à Jezzine dont il cherche à encourager les artisans. Photo ANS

Pour des besoins comptables ? Sesobel et les organisations qui lui ressemblent seront payés une fois que le budget sera voté, promet-on. Sachant que ce paiement est largement en-dessous de ce que Sesobel a réellement payé, puisque les barèmes des indemnités journalières sont établis en fonction d'un indice des prix qui remonte à... 2011. Mais là où l'État peut se payer le luxe de prendre son temps, l'institution ne le peut pas : elle a des salaires à payer, même quand ces salaires sont réduits.

Du reste, il n'y a pas que les arriérés de 2018. À la fin du mois en cours, Sesobel et les organismes comme elles auront travaillé six bons mois sans aucune garantie que le contrat

qu'ils avaient passés avec l'État en 2018 sera renouvelé. Et beaucoup redoutent que l'État n'honore pas ses engagements à ce sujet sous divers prétextes, notamment s'il a besoin de vérifier que l'argent ne va pas à des « institutions fictives ». Mais cet alibi ne tient pas aux yeux des responsables d'établissements de notoriété publique comme Sesobel.

Énième appel au secours

Très au fait de la situation catastrophique des organisations sociales, le ministre des Affaires sociales Richard Kouyoumjian a lancé hier un énième appel au secours, lors d'une tournée effectuée à Jezzine. « Depuis Jezzine, aujourd'hui, j'adjure mes col-

lègues ministres, mes frères de l'Assemblée nationale, les trois présidents et tous les responsables : sauvez les associations et institutions qui sont arrivées dans le rouge et sont au seuil de la faillite. » L'ancien ministre des Affaires sociales Pierre Abou Assi et le député Neemat Frem ont joint leur indignation à la sienne. « L'austérité ne peut se faire aux dépens des plus vulnérables », a fait valoir M. Frem.

Mais ce cri, on peut en être sûr, tombera dans l'oreille d'un ministre des Finances et d'un gouvernement sourds à toute autre considération que celle de faire bonne figure aux yeux des bailleurs de fonds réunis à Paris, en avril dernier. M. Kouyoumjian a dû adjurer le chef de l'État et d'autres hauts responsables, pour obtenir que les deux premiers trimestres de 2018 soient payés aux ayants droit, assure Fadia Safi. Sachant par ailleurs que les scolarités payées par les enfants ne couvrent pas plus de 10 % des frais de fonctionnement de l'institution. Et que le budget du ministère des Affaires sociales ne dépasse pas les 1 % du budget général.

« Résister, oui, mais combien de temps et à quelles conditions ? » s'interroge Mme Safi. Si la situation reste en l'état, Sesobel sera obligée de fermer ses portes. « Dès fin juin, de nouvelles réductions d'activités seront décidées. Nous ne prendrons plus d'enfants et il n'y aura pas cette année de colonies », souligne la responsable. Certes, il restera à Sesobel, et aux autres associations à vocation sociale, à multiplier les activités d'autofinancement. Mais les soirées de bienfaisance, les brunchs, les avant-premières et les tombolas font-ils une politique sociale ?

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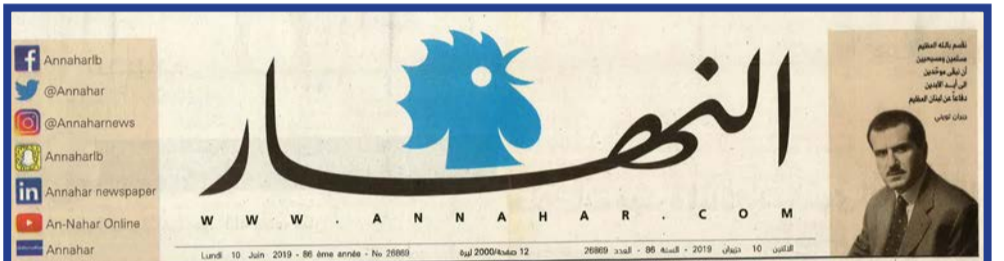


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استطاعت السباحة اللبنانية، سارة خليفة، أن تتحول إلى أيقونة في الرياضة وقوة الإرادة، بعدما شاركت وتوجت في مسابقات دولية لذوي الاحتياجات الخاصة طيلة عقد من الزمن.



PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN



TESTIMONY

SESOBEL is one of the best experiences that ever happened to my life because it added a lot of meaning to my journey.

I found joy in helping the kids because through sharing and helping others, one can find genuine happiness. I'm overwhelmed by communicating with such beautiful souls, which in return also elevate my own soul. Their smile brightens my heart and this is very therapeutic. No words can ever explain the successful and professional efforts you've provided to these kids.

In addition, I admire the team work and passion of all the SESOBEL staff that spread unconditional love to the kids.

I hope my mission with SESOBEL will never end, the community is priceless, and especially now when I had an insight on how much the parents suffer and SESOBEL is backing them up in their tough journey.

[...] You have my full respect.

Lulwa Bou Abboud
Volunteer in the educational programs



TESTIMONY

"My time at SESOBEL has been inspirational. It has afforded me the wonderful opportunity of working with children with disability and their loving caretakers.

I am a volunteer English Teacher to the staff of SESOBEL and copywriter and editor in their communications unit. I have seen, firsthand, the dedication and enthusiasm that their staff brings to work each day.

I was a part of a similar organization in the United States and it is nice to experience the same environment of commitment and joy to the cause of children with disability, here in Lebanon. I hope that my small part in helping the staff of SESOBEL further enables children with disability to prosper in our society."

Cloe Zeidan - Volunteer

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We give Glory to SESOBEL volunteers, whose big team of 285 local and international volunteers, managed to cover 404 missions in one full year.

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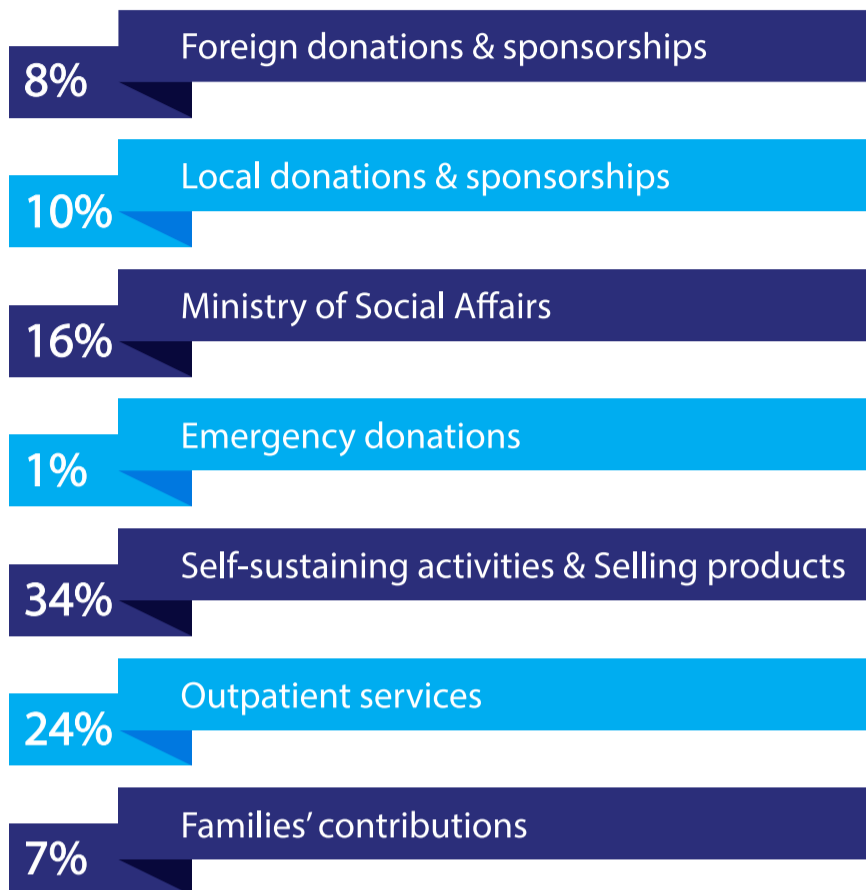
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On behalf of our children and their families, we would like to thank you dear members of Partage – France, Terre de vie - France, Australian friends of SESOBEL – AuSF , American friends of SESOBEL – AFS and Liban Canada Fonds – LCF, for all the love and dedication that you showed for our cause. We hope that Sett El beyt- Virgin Mary will protect you and your families. She will definitely thank you in her own way. May your life be always full of blessings and hope.



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SESOBEL treasures its autonomy and is not affiliated to any religious nor political entity.

SESOBEL is engaged to abide by rigorous and transparent management practices: the finances of SESOBEL are regularly monitored by two auditing firms, the international Ernst & Young and the Cabinet Antoine Haddad-Lebanon.

61 % of SESOBEL's funds come from self-sustaining activities and private donations.

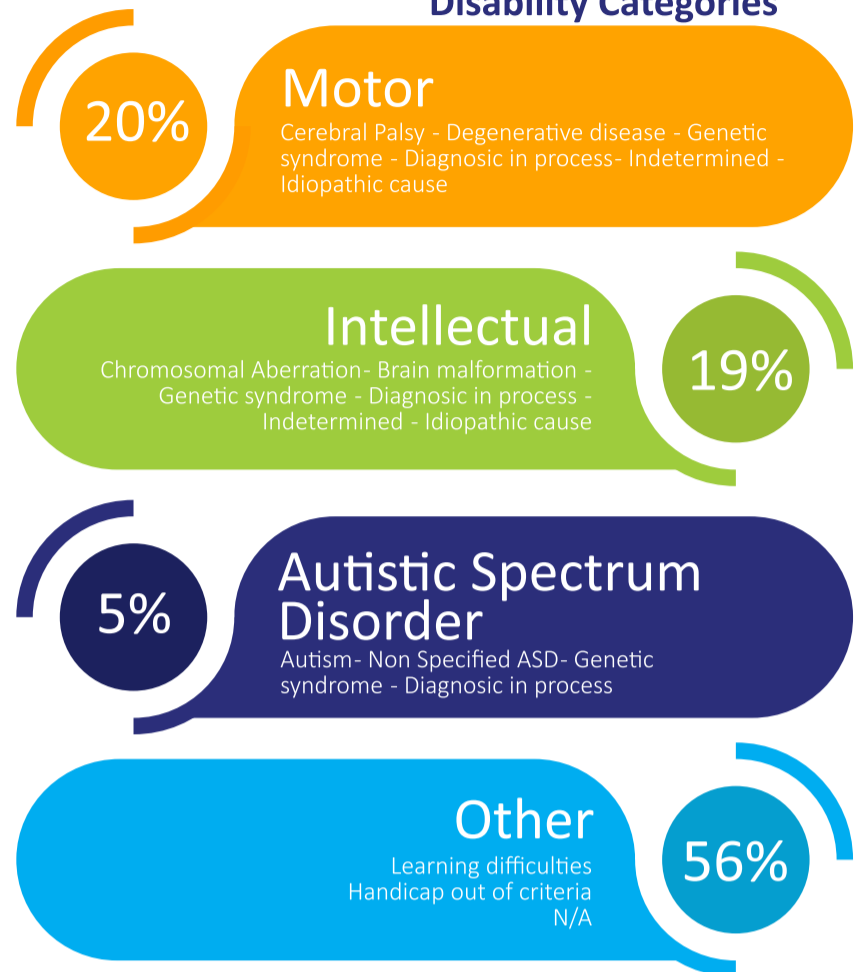


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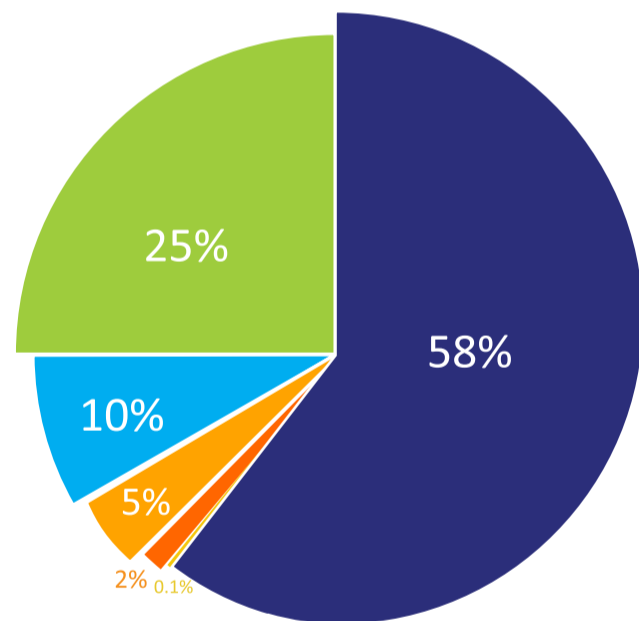


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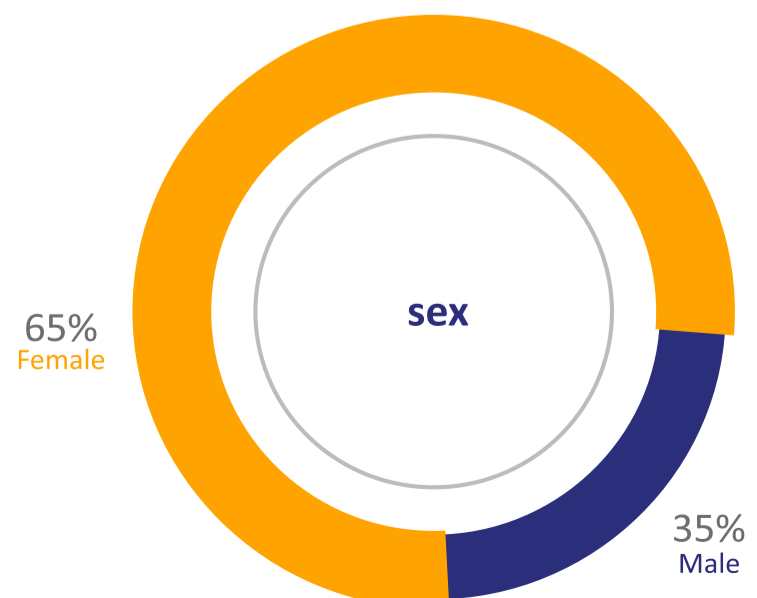
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Region



- Mount Lebanon
- Bekaa
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