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OUR PARTNERS IN LEBANON

With great personal commitment, our partner organisation *NISCVT* and its staff do a great job in the Palestinian refugee camps when it comes to social work. By fighting against hopelessness and despair, our partners aim to strengthen self esteem and self-reliance among the refugees through diverse actions.

NISCVT was founded in 1976 at the beginning of the Lebanese civil war, as an orphanage under the name of "Bait Atfal As-sumoud" (Arabic for "house of the steadfast children"). Today the organisation is looking after 1,400 children and adolescents in almost 700 families. It maintains 10 social centres in the refugee camps of Beirut, Sidon, Tyre, Tripoli and in the Beqaa Valley, in addition to dental practices and psychotherapeutic counselling centres for providing for the refugees. There are social, cultural, sporting and educational activities going on in the social centres of *NISCVT*. Besides, eight kindergartens provide places for 550 children. Literacy courses and vocational training programmes in crafts and handicrafts will help the young women and men lead a life of their own. *NISCVT* finances its activities exclusively with the help of domestic and foreign non-governmental organisations and individuals. Political paternalism is therefore excluded.

Information material

I would like to know more about the work of the association.
Please send me information material on:

- Our sponsorships
- Our projects
- Brochure about our "Nakba"-travelling exhibition, € 3

Please send me leaflets of your association for advertising purposes



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The founding of the state of Israel in May 1948 and the resulting war between Israel and its neighbouring Arab states meant flight and eviction from their home for hundreds of thousands of Palestinians. This traumatic experience has been called Nakba (Arabic for "catastrophe") by Palestinians.

LEBANON - THE SITUATION TODAY

Back then, 100,000 Palestinians took refuge in Lebanon. Down to the present day, the number has grown to more than 400,000 refugees. They represent 11 % of the Lebanese population. The majority of Palestinians still live in refugee camps. Work restrictions, limited education opportunities and growing poverty, lack of perspective and marginalization have shaped their fate as refugees for decades in the past and do so even more so today. So outside the camps, there are just few careers they are free to pursue without a work permit and they are not allowed to purchase real estate. Lebanon is economically weak and politically unstable and is therefore not able or willing to integrate the Palestinians in the foreseeable future. All peace initiatives have even neglected the cause of the refugees so far. Hence, forgotten by the world and their own political leaders, resignation and despair has been growing amongst the refugees in the camps in Lebanon. But peace in the Middle East will only be possible if human rights and international law are enforced for the Palestinian refugees, too.

OUR ASSOCIATION

In the light of the above, the association **Flüchtlingskinder im Libanon e.V.** has been promoting social, medical, educational and sponsorship projects in cooperation with our partner organisation *The National Institution of Social Care and Vocational Training (NISCVT)* since 1996. Besides supporting the neediest cases, we intend to strengthen the social cohesion of the people in the Palestinian refugee camps and contribute to peace in the Middle East. As all our members work on a voluntary basis, 95 % of income through donations flows directly into our projects. Furthermore, our association informs people about the situation of the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon and the background of the Middle East conflict through intense public relations work. This also includes our travelling exhibition "The Nakba - flight and eviction of the Palestinian people 1948" with the accompanying brochure of the same name, which is promoted by the federal state of Baden-Wuerttemberg and the Lutheran Development Service.

OUR PATRONESS

is Felicia Langer, an Israeli human rights lawyer, who has been taking a stand for the rights of the Palestinians in Israel and the occupied territories for decades. Some of her awards include the Alternative Nobel Prize in 1990 and The Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, first class, in 2009 for her commitment.

OUR PROJECTS

In cooperation with the NISCVT, our association supports projects which are beneficial to children, young people and women from especially needy families:

- the construction, equipment and maintenance of social centres and kindergartens
- educational projects such as tutoring courses for primary school pupils remedial courses and vocational training courses educational scholarships (Rosa Wainer Foundation) for young Palestinian women further training seminars for the kindergarten teachers and social workers of NISCVT in Lebanon
- medical projects such as maintenance of dental practices maintenance of psychotherapeutic centres funds for medical emergencies
- an embroidery project for Palestinian refugee women
- a sponsorship programme for children from mostly fatherless families for attending the kindergarten (three years) for financing salaries of NISCVT social workers
- holiday camps for Palestinian children and young people from Lebanon
- emergency projects (e.g. for refugees from Syria)

YES,

I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER

Because I want to support the **long-term project work** and the **independent public relations work** done by "Flüchtlingskinder im Libanon e.V." Annual minimum contribution: € 30 for individuals, € 50 for families and € 15 for students and apprentices.

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