

Education

The Safadi Foundation's work in the educational field aims at improving the educational system in Lebanon, particularly in the North. As part of the Foundation's vision for education, there is a need to develop the sector and provide the necessary skills and qualifications to enable young people meet the requirements of the job market.

Goals

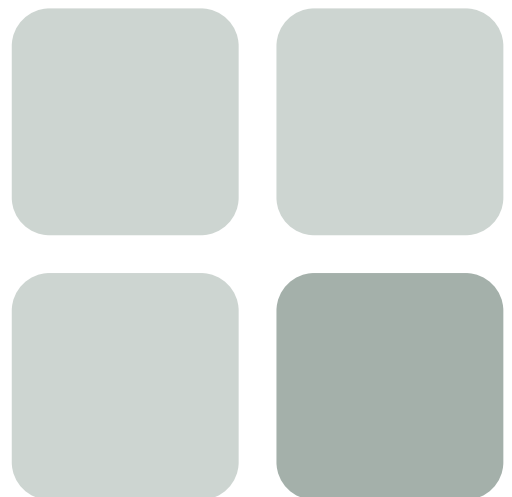
- Supporting public schools, universities and vocational institutes;
- Building the capacities of children and young people and providing the necessary services to support education;
- Decreasing school drop out rates; and
- Orienting students toward higher university and vocational specializations that meet the requirements of the job market.

Programs and Projects

Support sessions

This program, which provides courses for students preparing for intermediate and high school examinations, involves two types of activities:

1. Support for students preparing for final degrees.
2. Ongoing support for "alternative schooling."



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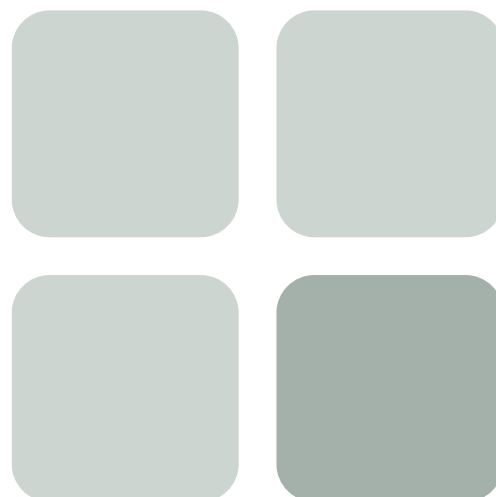
This activity involves conducting courses for school aged students preparing for final degrees. In four areas of study: Science of life, General Sciences, Sociology - economy and literature - humanities. A total of 200 students benefited from these courses, as the percentage of those who passed public school examinations reached 95% of the total beneficiaries of this program.

High School	Nbr. of beneficiaries
Zahiriya Girls High School	25
Ma'ab Boys High School	25
Hadadin Girls High School	25
Hadadin Boys High School	25
Mina Boys High School	25
Mina Girls High School	25
Anaya High School	25
Gharba Girls High School	25
Total	200



2. Ongoing support for "alternative schooling"

This activity follows students studying for the intermediate certificate (brevet) and those in various high school and final degree classes for a period of four months (six hours a week) in order to close the gaps they have in basic courses, especially math, biology, physics, chemistry, economics and sociology.



School	Nbr. of beneficiaries
Public schools	
Malaab (boys)	15
Zahiriya (girls)	15
Gharba (girls)	15
Hadadin (boys)	15
Hadadin (girls)	15
Mina (boys)	15
Mina (girls)	15
Qibbeh	10
Bahsas	10
Gebran Khalil Gebran (girls)	15
Private schools	
Anaya	10
Protestant (al-Americain)	20
Sisters of the Holy Family (Abrin)	10
Total	170

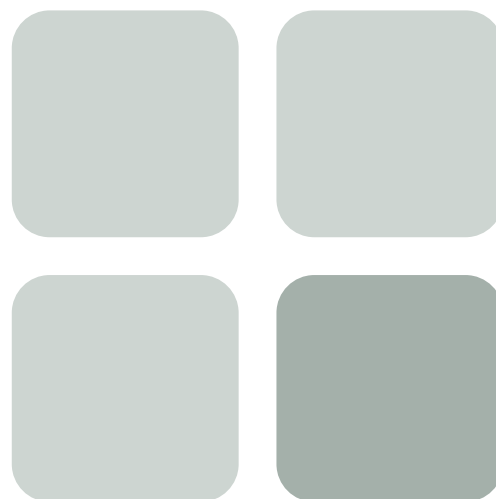
During 2005, 170 students from all of Tripoli's ten public schools and three private schools benefited from the program.

School support: The "Students Helping Students" program

The Safadi Foundation offers support courses every year for students in public schools. During 2005, two training courses were conducted at two public schools, with 100 students benefiting from the activity.

Support for vocational and technical education

The Safadi Foundation, in cooperation with the Deir Ammar Public Vocational School, conducted support courses for accounting students. Forty students benefited from the activity, as the percentage of those who passed public school examinations reached 85% of the total beneficiaries of this program.



French Language Training Courses

For the fourth consecutive year, the Safadi Foundation is carrying out French language training courses, which targets public high school students as well as first-year university students at the Lebanese University (North Lebanon branches). The Foundation, in cooperation with the French Cultural Mission, implements this 2-month training courses, with three sessions a week.

In 2005, six training courses were completed, benefiting a total of 133 high school and university students, distributed as follows:

Lebanese University	Nbr.	Public high schools	Nbr.
Lebanese University		Faculties	
French literature	64	Hadadin (boys)	69
Arabic literature		Hadadin (girls)	
Geography		Mina (boys)	
		Mina (girls)	
Total 133			

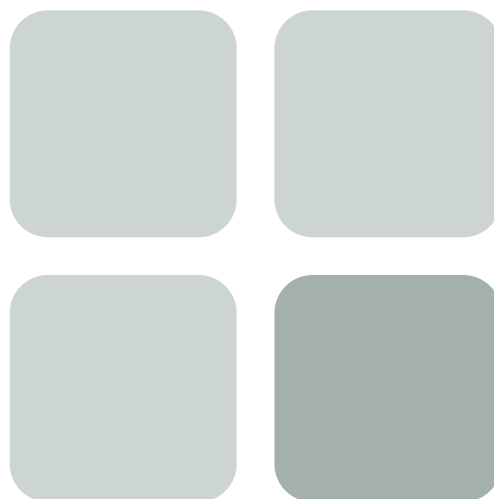
English Language Training to Bridge the Digital Gap

The Safadi Foundation began this program in 2004 with funding from the US Embassy, as part of the Middle East Partnership Initiative. During its initial phase, the program covered four centers, located in Mina, Zahiriya, Abi Samra and Qibbeh.

This program seeks to provide graduates of courses in the use of the internet and computers with the fundamentals of English grammar. This will help strengthen their computer skills and develop internet search techniques, since English is the world's "digital language."

The training program is based on a curriculum for a 12-week course (four hours a week) and is based on two teaching methods:

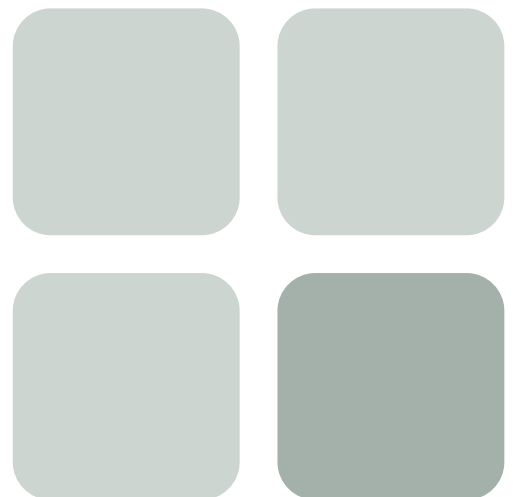
- the use of books and educational tools, and practical exercises; and
- learning through using a computer educational program based on audiovisual methods, through the use of CDs viewed on computers.



For the second consecutive year, the Foundation is carrying out this program, which has expanded to include Batroun. A total of 1,286 people took part in 13 training courses held in five centers, distributed as follows:

Caza	Center	Number of courses	Number of beneficiaries
Tripoli	Zahiriya	3	358
	Qibbeh	3	215
	Abi Samra	3	298
	Mina	3	335
Batroun	Batroun	1	90
Total		12	1,286

This program enables participants to learn English-language speaking, writing and reading skills, while allowing many of them to find job opportunities, particularly in the services sector.



**Graduates from EL Training Courses during 2005
English Learning Center**

Center	Session	Course level	# of graduates
Mina	One	1	83
		0	89
	Two	1	26
		0	78
		1	29
Total			305
Abi Samra	One	1	117
		0	72
	Two	1	27
		0	41
		1	25
Total			282
Qibbeh	One	1	48
		0	67
	Two	1	16
		0	63
		1	18
Total			212
Zahiriya	One	1	77
		0	142
	Two	1	23
		0	77
		1	32
Total			351
Batroun	One	0	55
		1	14
Total			69
Grand Total			1,219

