LEBANON & CRC
30 years of progress for children
1990 - 2019

CRC: Convention on the Rights of the Child

Lebanon ratified the 1993 Hague Convention.

SDG 3: Ensure peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.


CRC 36: Protection from Exploitation.

SDG 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

SDG 6: Ensure availability and equitable distribution of water and sanitation for all.

SDG 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

SDG 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

SDG 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.
A seven year-old girl visits her grand-mother in East Beirut.

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A girl stands at the doorway of her home in the village of Akroum, in northern Lebanon.

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Lebanon established the Higher Council for Childhood

Law 220/2000 gave children with disability, specific rights
A girl and her younger brother return home on a donkey after fetching water from the local pipeline outlet in the mountains of Akkar, in northern Lebanon.

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Enactment of Law 422/2002 titled “Protection of Children in Violation of the Law or Exposed to Danger”.

The Department for Juveniles was established as part of the Ministry of Justice.
An instructor teaches a class to young women and men during a ten-day training session for “social/cultural animators” or peace counsellors, at the Mishmish Education for Peace camp in northern Lebanon.

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Lebanon signed the Optional Protocol to the CRC on the involvement of children in Armed Conflict (OPAC).

Lebanon amended its legislation, including article 186 of the Penal Code, to prohibit explicitly corporal punishment.
Living in a formerly abandoned building, a mother reads an Arabic book to her two children in Wadi-Bou-Jamil in West Beirut. They are part of a displaced family from southern Lebanon.

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A girl helps with household chores, washing dishes outside the kitchen, in the village of Akroum, in northern Lebanon.

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Lebanon established the National Committee to Combat Child Labor.

Lebanon established the National Plan to Safeguard Children and Women in Lebanon.
A boy sits on his bed during the rest period at the Abaye Education for Peace camp in the mountains of the Chouf region, south-east of Beirut.
Lebanon issued a law No. 13 (2011) to protect the right of the child to freedom from all forms of violence.

Lebanon issued a law No. 15 (2013) on the right of the child to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health.
A girl holds a UNICEF Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS) packet at the Quarantine health centre in East Beirut.

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Law 293/2014 on “the protection of women and family members from domestic violence.”

Lebanon issued a law A law 422/2002 on the Protection of Children in Conflict with the Law or in Danger to protect children from violence, exploitation, abuse and neglect with child protection services, systems and policies.
Disabled children participate in an Education for Peace camp run by “Iman wa Nour” ("Faith and Light") a Lebanese NGO, in the village of Achkout, in the Kesrouan region north-east of Beirut.

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HEALTH
Lebanon was certified as a country free of poliomyelitis by the Regional Commission for Certification of Poliomyelitis Eradication.

Lebanon issued a circular (#136) to mandatory present the vaccination card when registering students in schools.
A girl drinks water the traditional way from a clay pitcher at the Abaye Educational for Peace camp in the mountains of the Chouf, north-east of Beirut.

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The ministry of Public health committed to free vaccination in all primary health centers and dispensaries circular no. 38.

The ministry of Public Health launched of the National Infant and Young Child Feeding Policy in Lebanon.
A girl and a boy sit together at the Abaye Education for Peace camp in the mountains of the Chouf region, south-east of Beirut.

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The Government of Lebanon launched the Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) National Strategic Framework (NSF)
A volunteer nurse gives a polio vaccine to a baby girl at the Quarantine health centre in East Beirut.
WASH
The Ministry of Education endorsed the WASH in School guidelines in 2012.

The Ministry of Education in Lebanon established the SDG baseline for WASH in public schools and public health centres in 2017.
A volunteer nurse examines the health card of a baby girl at the Quarantine health centre in East Beirut, one of 560 dispensaries where UNICEF provides medicine and medical equipments.

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Lebanon integrated wash standards in Primary Health center and standards in protocols.
In downtown Beirut, four displaced children stand in front of a destroyed building holding the UNICEF magazine “SAWA” (“TOGETHER”) designed to promote the themes of unity, hope and peace among its young readers.

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Lebanon issued a law No. 2 on the role of independent national human rights institutions in the promotion and protection of the rights of the child.

The National Poverty Targeting Programme was initiated.

The Lebanese Government established The National Human Rights Plan.

The “Children’s Parliament” was organized.
Two sisters help with the household chores, washing dishes outside their kitchen, in the village of Akroum, in northern Lebanon.
The Ministry of Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Higher Relief Commission and UNHCR, was tasked with the coordination of relief work needed to address the needs of the Syrian citizens compelled to come to Lebanon.

The Lebanese Government Established the National Human Rights Commission Law No. 62/16
At the “Terre des Hommes” Peace camp in West Beirut, run by the international NGO of the same name, three girls sit with their arms around each other.
Lebanon issued Law 220 recognizing the rights of persons with disabilities on their rights to education and sports.

Article 41 stipulates: Employees in the education sector are prohibited to inflict any physical punishment on pupils, nor to address verbal retribution that is humiliating and is against the principle of education and personal dignity.
Students, several of whom are smiling, gather at Timnin EI-Tahta, a public school in the northeast Bekaa Valley region. The school is part of the UNICEF-supported Adopt-a-School programme, which encourages private-sector entrepreneurs, foundations and development organizations to help finance the nation’s neediest public schools.

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Lebanon issued decree No.16417 on 24/2/2006 which determines conditions/cases to exempt students with learning difficulties from the official exams.

The Ministry of Education and Higher Education developed the National Education Strategy.
Boys participate in a vocational training programme in auto mechanics in the city of Sidon, capital of the district of South Lebanon. The project is run by a local NGO that offers minors already working in the auto repair business a free education to become certified technicians, as well as access to remedial education and social workers.

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The Council of Ministers approved the Education Sector Development Plan (ESDP)

Lebanon issued Law No. 150 making school compulsory at the basic education level
A girl with Down’s Syndrome holds up eight fingers to indicate her age at a UNICEF-sponsored fair in the city of Baalback in the north-eastern Bekaa Valley Region. Some 150 children attended the fair, which offered a day of creative play, art, sports and other psychosocial activities for children affected by the recent conflict.

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A baby receives polio drops during a polio vaccination campaign.

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The RACE Plan was developed ensuring the rights to education to all vulnerable children (both Lebanese and non-Lebanese) affected by the Syria Crisis.

Lebanon adopted the Education 2030 Framework for Action.
On 10 December, two Syrian child refugees stand barefoot in the Haisa informal tented settlement in Akkar District in North Lebanon. Over 232,000 refugees are being hosted in North Lebanon.

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MEHE developed the Framework for Regularization of Non-Formal Education in Lebanon.

MEHE reaffirmed its commitment to improve vulnerable children’s access to education by developing RACE II

Lebanon’s national Child Protection policy in schools was approved

MEHE launched the inclusive education pilot programme to integrate children with physical and learning disabilities into public schools
Ali, construction worker/plumber since the age of 9.

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PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE

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Play-based learning through the Early Childhood Education programme.