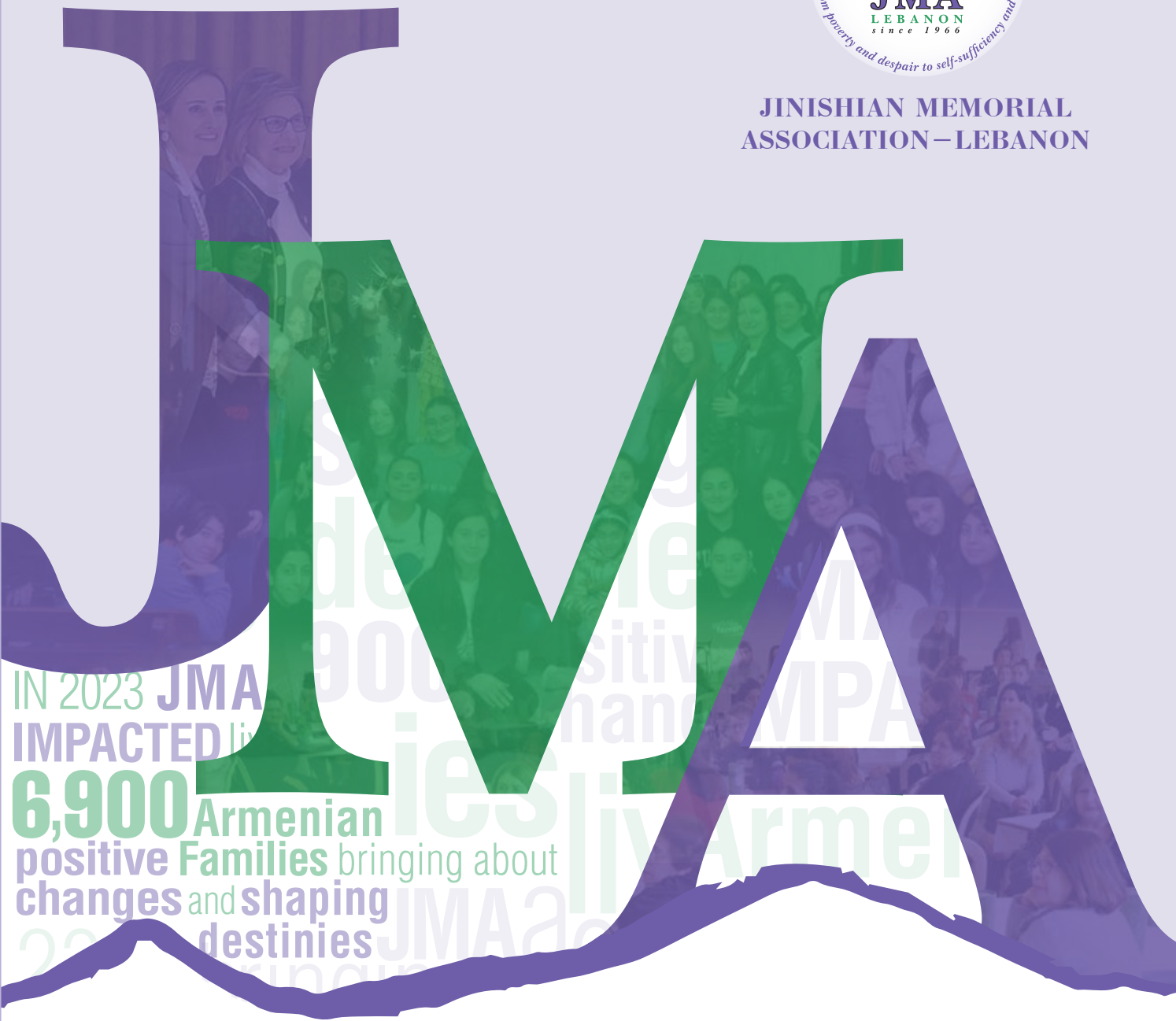




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# **ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

**Christine Tanielian** – *Country Director*  
*Jinishian Memorial Association – Lebanon*



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“ I wish it to be clearly understood that the income from the fund which I have created in my will in memory of my parents is to be used only for poor and needy Armenians and in places and in the manner provided for in that will.”

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VARTAN JINISHIAN, 1966

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“ The Jinishian Memorial Program enables Armenians in need to move from poverty and despair to self-sufficiency and hope—through relief, development, and spiritual uplift.”

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# INTRODUCTION

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Lebanon is in its fourth year of a deep economic, political, and social crisis. Marginalized communities, including refugees, people with disabilities, children, older people, and migrant workers, have been disproportionately impacted. The situation has had a devastating impact on the provision of public services, and in particular, education, security, and health.

After nine months of a presidential vacuum, Lebanon is facing another leadership vacuum as the Governor of Banque du Liban (BDL) terms ended in July 2023. The lack of political agreement to appoint a successor raises uncertainties over an already fragile system and further delays the implementation of an economic recovery plan.

In June 2023, Lebanon recorded the second-highest food price inflation in the world, with a nominal food price inflation rate of 280 percent (YoY), as reported by the World Bank.

The ongoing economic and political instability continues to have a detrimental impact on the food security of both Lebanese and Syrian households. The second Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) for Lebanon conducted in May 2023 estimates that 25 percent of the analyzed population (1,411,000 individuals) is experiencing acute food insecurity.

According to the World Bank, the Lebanese crisis ranks among the most severe global crises

since the mid-nineteenth century. It is the product of three decades of deliberate, reckless fiscal and monetary policy.

The full Survival Minimum Expenditure Basket (SMEB) cost for a monitored family of five reached LBP 27.7 million (US\$ 302) in June, registering an 11 percent monthly increase and a 240 percent annual increase.

The cost of the food basket alone increased by 12 percent between May and June 2023 to reach LBP 2.8 million (US\$ 30.5) per person/month. The cost of the non-food basket also increased by 9 percent for the same period.

The consumer price index (CPI) increased by 7 percent between May and June 2023 and 254 percent since June 2022, while yearly food inflation reached 280 percent.

The crisis has had a devastating impact on the provision of public services. Schools have struggled to operate amid teacher resignations, strikes, electricity and internet cuts, and inflation. Public schools for hundreds of thousands of Lebanese and Syrian students have primarily been closed for the last three years.

The healthcare sector is crumbling amid the migration of thousands of doctors and nurses from Lebanon, a shortage in medicines and medical supplies, and electricity cuts. The National Social Security Fund (NSSF), the largest

employment-based provider of social services, is almost bankrupt and has not been reimbursing subscribers for their medical bills.

Decades of corruption and mismanagement have crippled the electricity sector, with the state unable to provide more than two to three hours of electricity daily. While widespread blackouts affect everyone living in Lebanon, the crises have had exacerbated inequality in the country.

A Human Rights Watch survey found that the average household had generator bills that accounted for 44 percent of monthly income. The disparities between income levels are enormous. For those in the bottom quintile who accessed a generator, their utility bills consumed 88 percent of their monthly income, compared to 21 percent for the top quintile.

The lack of reliable and continuous electricity has impacted people's right to electricity, an adequate standard of living, including food, medical care, and water, and access to education, health, and livelihoods.

Amid this chaos, primary healthcare centers, social organizations, social workers, churches, and communities, including JMA-Lebanon, networked and collaborated. All shared the economic and moral burden of individuals and families for their medical and basic needs, counseling, and other support in the absence of government.

## JMA-LEBANON WITHIN THE PHENICS PLATFORM OF MoPH

JMA-Lebanon works alongside the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) and YMCA to ensure that essential chronic medications are readily available to vulnerable individuals. This collaborative effort involves leveraging the PHENICS program initiated by the MoPH.

Beginning in June 2016, the Primary Health Care (PHC) department and the IT Department of MoPH developed a national health information system, PHENICS. This system serves as a cohesive platform connecting Primary Health Care Centers (PHCCs) and the MoPH. PHENICS, an acronym for Primary Health Care Network Information Communication System, acts as a unified electronic medical record system utilized by various entities, notably dispensary and PHCC staff collaborating with MoPH.

Through PHENICS, healthcare centers can conveniently order medical supplies and medications while efficiently managing in-house stocks. This integrated approach streamlines the process and significantly improves the coordination and delivery of essential healthcare resources. As a result, it ensures that those in need, particularly vulnerable individuals, receive their essential chronic medications promptly and efficiently.

## WHO WAS *Vartan H. Jinishian?*

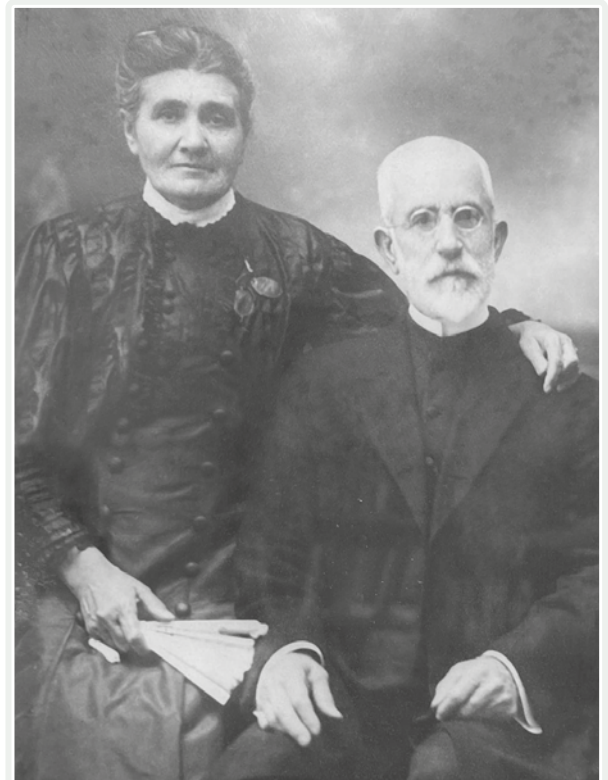
Vartan H. Jinishian, born in 1870 in Marash, Western Armenia, was the eldest child of Reverend Haroutyun Jinishian and Mrs. Catherine Jinishian. In homage to his immigrant parents, who settled in America in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, he later established an endowment fund named after them. In the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, he relocated to France before eventually settling in the United States. Upon his arrival in New York, he embarked on his career as an English teacher. Subsequently, he partnered with fellow Armenian entrepreneur Mihran Karagheusian in a pioneering venture in oriental rug and carpet manufacturing. Jinishian expanded his investments into New York City real estate as his business flourished, particularly in Manhattan. Alongside his professional pursuits, he was an avid collector of fine art and imported oriental carpets. He maintained active membership in the Armenian Evangelical Church and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

## HOW AND WHEN *Was The Jinishian Memorial Program Founded?*

In 1966, at 95, Vartan H. Jinishian partnered with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to establish an endowment fund. Though administered by the church, this fund was governed by a joint advisory committee of five individuals representing the Armenian community and Presbyterian officials. The fund aimed to utilize only the interest and dividends generated to support impoverished Armenians outside the United States. The inaugural initiatives of the Jinishian Memorial Program began in Aleppo–Syria and Beirut–Lebanon.



*Mr. Vartan Jinishian*



*Rev. Haroutyun and Mrs. Catherine Jinishian*

## **WHY *Is The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Involved?***

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Vartan H. Jinishian's final testament designated the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as the primary beneficiary of his estate, establishing a legal obligation for the church to fulfill his expressed wishes. This agreement was formalized in 1966 before Jinishian's passing and remains enforceable today. The alignment between the social and religious objectives outlined in Jinishian's will and the overarching ecumenical and mission goals of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ensures the continued feasibility of this arrangement. The fund covers expenses associated with realizing Vartan H. Jinishian's specified purposes as outlined in his will.

## **WHERE *Is The Jinishian Memorial Program Active Today?***

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The Jinishian Memorial Program (JMP) actively fulfills its mission across six nations: the Republic of Armenia, Lebanon, Syria, Georgia, Jerusalem, and Istanbul. Operating where governmental social services are inadequate or absent, JMP provides crucial support to impoverished individuals through medical, social, and employment aid. Additionally, it implements comprehensive programs tailored to meet the needs of vulnerable segments within the local Armenian communities. The impact of these programs has been significant, improving the lives of many Armenians and contributing to the development of these communities.





**Eliza Minassyan**  
JMP Executive Director – NYC

## JMP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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### Relief • Development • Faith

*Since 1966, Jinishian has reached more than 100,000 Armenians annually in Syria, Lebanon, Armenia, Istanbul, Jerusalem, and Georgia. In a spirit of Christian unity, we partner with Apostolic, Catholic, and Evangelical churches to serve the Armenian community—socially, economically, and spiritually.*

*Through a comprehensive approach, JMA–Lebanon offers social and medical services, provides economic and spiritual assistance, and increasingly implements development programs.*

*Together, we stand at the intersection of compassion and development, confronting the stark realities of poverty, conflict, wars, and natural disasters, driven by an unwavering commitment to serve those in need.*

*It's been a privilege to work with dedicated local teams to alleviate suffering, build community resilience, and forge partnerships to deliver life-saving aid and empower individuals to rebuild their lives with dignity and hope.*





**Christine Tanielian**  
JMA Director – Lebanon

## JMA-LEBANON COUNTRY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

*Assuming the role of leadership within the Jinishian Memorial Association in Lebanon is both a privilege and an honor for me. Established by Vartan Jinishian, a survivor of the Armenian genocide, this organization boasts a rich history spanning 58 years, significantly impacting the lives of thousands of Armenian families. The profound legacy of the association imposes upon me a great responsibility to manage the organization with wisdom and precision.*

*Drawing from a wealth of experience acquired during my two decades of service with the Karagheusian Association, I bring a comprehensive understanding and a skill set essential for effective leadership. My career path has been significantly shaped by the guidance of the late Reverend Robert Sarkissian, whose prudence, diligence, and humility served as a cornerstone for my professional development. Under his mentorship, I excelled in my social work profession, imbibing virtues of charity, compassion, and a profound love for humanity. Continuing my journey at the Karagheusian Association with Mr. Serop Ohaninan, I fine-tuned my management skills and learned new dimensions of leadership.*

*Now, having spent a year at the helm of the Jinishian Association, I express gratitude to the Almighty God for the myriad ways He has guided us in addressing the needs of our community in our efforts to make a lasting positive impact.*

*The challenges faced by our community in Lebanon are profound, with thousands of families grappling with hardships exacerbated by economic, health, and social crises. Despite the adversity, the initiative started by Vartan Jinishian in 1966 continues to stand as a beacon of hope.*

*The Jinishian Memorial Association is dedicated to comprehensive medical and social interventions, impacting over two thousand lives monthly.*

*Our unwavering commitment revolves around transforming Armenian families from poverty and despair to self-sufficiency and hope. Through relief efforts, development initiatives, and spiritual uplift, we tirelessly work towards providing holistic support.*

*This steadfast dedication remains our driving force as we extend a helping hand to our fellow needy brothers and sisters, aiming to alleviate their pain and suffering and empower them to lead dignified lives.*



## BEIRUT ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

**Aline Deyirmenjian**  
Chairperson of the  
Beirut Advisory Committee

***“Each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in various forms.” (1 Peter 4:10)***

*As Lebanese Armenians, we are no strangers to change. While some changes yield positive outcomes, others bring about undesirable challenges. Over the past year, Lebanon has grappled with numerous hardships, resulting in significant shifts in its citizens' accustomed living standards. Once accustomed to well-provided necessities, many now struggle to meet their daily needs.*

*Amidst these adversities, JMP has remained steadfast in fulfilling its mission: "Empowering Armenians in need to transition from poverty and despair to self-sufficiency and hope through relief, development, and spiritual upliftment."*

*For any organization to thrive, it requires dedicated administrators who uphold its mission statement, embrace change, uphold ethical values, and possess a genuine commitment to serving others regardless of their role.*

*I express my profound gratitude to Ms. Pauline Sagherian for her nearly three decades of dedicated service to JMP, first as an assistant director and later as director. Her unwavering commitment, kindness, integrity, and genuine concern for the well-being of others set a commendable example. May she continue to utilize her God-given gifts in the next chapter of her life.*

*In January 2023, we welcomed our new director, Mrs. Christine Tanielian Sarkissian. With her passion, vision, diligent work ethic, and heartfelt dedication to serving while upholding personal integrity, we are confident that she will continue to steer our organization toward its mission of empowering Armenians in need. We are grateful to God for her courageous decision to assume such a significant role during these challenging times.*

*To the entire JMP family, I extend my sincere appreciation to every individual who has contributed to the advancement of our services. May God bless you all abundantly.*



*Jinishian Memorial Association*



**JMA**  
LEBANON  
*since 1966*

*...from poverty and despair to self-sufficiency and hope*



# I. JINISHIAN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION LEBANON

The year 2023 posed significant challenges for the Middle East and the Lebanese population, marked by economic and social insecurities, soaring unemployment rates, a deteriorating health sector, rising inflation, and minimum wages falling short of covering basic needs. Furthermore, the Lebanese had to confront additional hardships, including earthquakes and escalating border conflicts. The disappointment following the Artsakh loss in particular led to a prevailing sense of hopelessness and despair among Armenian households.

Amidst these dreadful challenges, JMA-Lebanon remained steadfast in its commitment and mission to support the most vulnerable Armenians, providing assistance and fostering hope. Building upon the strategic planning conducted in 2015 and with the allocated budget for 2023, the organization continued supporting Armenian families through medical and social programs, gradually transitioning towards community development initiatives. Particular emphasis was placed on enhancing the Teenagers' Program, expanding employment services, improving the elderly care project, and empowering women.

Collaboration with national and international NGOs was pivotal in successfully implementing developmental projects. Partnerships with universities were forged to enhance healthcare services and facil-

itate home visits. Promoting volunteerism among women from the community and university students further enriched project initiatives.

In 2023, JMP-USA engaged Grant Thornton to conduct a comprehensive review. While the organization experienced staff changes, including adding a newly graduated social worker, a director's assistant, and a receptionist for the pharmacy unit, the core health care services remained consistent.

The pharmacy team collaborated with suppliers to ensure the availability of medications for chronic patients, supplementing their efforts with in-kind donations. In response to decreasing government subsidies and a paralyzed national social security system, the pharmacy unit focused on awareness and prevention of diseases, providing additional services such as diabetes testing, hypertension control, and awareness sessions.

Significant achievements were realized through collaborations with the Ministry of Public Health, Karagheusian Association, Lions International, and prestigious nursing schools, contributing to general checkups, hypertension and diabetes management, cardiac problem treatments, and mammography services.

Social services and family interventions were executed through home visits, catering to the needs of disadvantaged families.

The Teenagers' Program continued to be a cornerstone project. Partnering with Mesrobian College, the program positively impacted the lives of twenty participating teens, with three graduating students achieving satisfactory grades.

Community development initiatives gained momentum, involving more than 250 women in group projects and providing skills training to 57 others for future employment.

Collaborations with local and international NGOs paved the way for productive partnerships, while nursing and social work students from various universities added substantial value to healthcare programs.

Throughout the year, the staff actively participated in seminars, training, and workshops organized by local and international organizations.

With all the challenges, many families grapple with poverty, unemployment, and health crises. JMA-Lebanon, through its administrative committees, advisory committee, dedicated staff, and collaborations with the Municipality of Bourj Hammoud and various NGOs, has made remarkable strides in bringing positive changes to the community and instilling hope among those facing adversity.

For detailed information on the number of clients financially assisted in the **HEALTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**, please refer to **APPENDIX 1**.

The **ANNUAL COSTS OF THE HEALTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS** can be found in **APPENDIX 2**.

The percentages of actual program expenses over total program expenses for the year were as follows:

- 58% on Health Programs, 38% of which used on Medication & Dispensary Services
- 20% on Hospitalization, Medical Diagnostic tests and Institutional Care
- 28% on Social Services for Families and Seniors
- 14% on Community Development

Specifically, the Pharmacy Unit provided consultations and medication aid **11,332** times, the Social Unit assisted **7,477** times with family support and medical needs, and the Community Development Unit served **54** teenagers, provided **359** employment services, reached out to **974** women, **556** elderlies, and **200** children.

**IN 2023, JMA Impacted The Lives OF AROUND 6,900 Armenian Families, BRINGING ABOUT positive changes AND shaping destinies.**



## HISTORY

The inception of the Jinishian Memorial Association (JMA) in Lebanon dates back to 1966, when it commenced operations under the auspices of the three Armenian Church denominations in the country.

JMA derives its primary financial support from the Jinishian Memorial Program of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Established in May 1966, this program operates as an endowment fund and was initiated through the generous legacy of Armenian businessman and philanthropist Vartan H. Jinishian from New York. Mr. Jinishian established the fund in memory of his parents, Rev. Haroutyun and Mrs. Catherine Jinishian.

In recognition of its mission and commitment, JMA attained official registration in Lebanon as a Nonprofit Local Association and Non-Governmental Organization in February 2006, holding registration number 47/AD.

## MISSION STATEMENT

“The Jinishian Memorial Association enables Armenians to move from poverty and despair to self-sufficiency and hope-through relief, development, and spiritual uplift. We commit ourselves to working ecumenically in the fulfillment of this mission.”

## VISION STATEMENT

“JMA-Lebanon gives hope and support to the Armenian Community by implementing sustainable, compassionate developmental projects and relief through a holistic, individualized approach as it strengthens its network and grows its resources.”

## CORE VALUES

### I. Stewardship of the Will and Funds

JMA is committed to being the responsible caretaker of the Jinishian will and program funds to fulfill benefactors' and donors' wishes in the best way possible.

### II. Accountability

JMA is committed to honesty and integrity in reporting its achievements, organizational goals, budgets, and financial statements, seeking stakeholder input on programs and services, and determining mutual responsibilities.

### III. Inclusiveness

JMA is committed to working in unity to achieve its organizational goals and respecting its beneficiaries' diversity and opinions when making decisions and designing and implementing programs.

### IV. Compassion

JMA is committed to recognizing and serving the diverse needs of its beneficiaries, staff, and volunteers with compassion and justice.

### V. Transparency

JMA is committed to communicating openly with internal and external stakeholders while respecting confidentiality.

### VI. Competency

JMA is committed to the professional development of its staff and to striving to maintain an environment that encourages creative and productive ways to improve our program, services, knowledge, and skills.

## PRIORITY ISSUES

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- A. Meet the current emergency needs of Armenian families.
- B. Retain and equip the best-qualified staff.
- C. Expand communication and networking.
- D. Work on fundraising to expand the scope of our services.
- E. Maintain effective governance.
- F. Achieve long-term financial stability and growth.

## PRIORITY AREAS

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- Community Health Development
- Strengthen families through support and follow-up.
- Maintain a supportive system for the vulnerable and marginalized elderly individuals.
- Expand Community Development Initiatives to impact the community at large.

## PROGRAM MECHANISMS

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- JMA-Lebanon develops and implements its projects.
- JMA-Lebanon collaborates with local and international organizations and governmental and non-governmental bodies to fund and implement projects.

## ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE ASSOCIATION REGISTERED IN 2006

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The term of the Administrative Body, re-elected on October 1, 2021, is in effect until October 11, 2024.

- **Ms. Pauline Sagherian**  
*President & Chairperson of the Association & Representative Towards the Government*
- **Mrs. Zvart Telian Nadjarian**  
*Vice Chairman*
- **Ms. Maritza Ani Boudjikianian**  
*Secretary*
- **Ms. Josephine (Jackine) Abounayan**  
*Treasurer*
- **Mr. Vazken Chekidjian**  
*Accountant*
- **Lawyer Laura Merdckhanian Kattan**
- **Ms. Eliza Minassyan**  
*Representing PC (USA)*

Other members of the General Assembly presented to the Ministry in January 2022.

- **Mr. Raphael Oumoudian**
- **Mr. Raffi Gevoghlianian**
- **Mr. Raffi Habibian**
- **Mr. Jacques Ekmekji**

The 2023 annual certificate of the association was issued on March 22, 2023.

## BEIRUT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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- **Mrs. Aline Deirmendjian**  
*Chairperson*
- **Ms. Sarine Khatchigian**  
*Vice Chairperson*
- **Mr. Serouj Tchamichian**  
*Recording Secretary*
- **Ms. Josephine (Jackine) Abounayan**
- **Mr. Jacques Ekmekji**
- **Dr. Philippe Baraghassian**
- **Mr. Albert Momdjian**

- Mrs. Vartine Ohanian
- Mrs. Silva Sailian
- Mrs. Taline Terzian

## STAFF ADMINISTRATION

1. Christine Tanielian  
*Country Director*
2. Christine Aznavourian  
*Secretary and Assistant*

### Finance

3. Lena Nazigian  
*Accountant, Financial Manager*
4. Zepure Sdepanian  
*Cashier*

### Social Services

5. Lucie Khatchadourian  
*Senior Social Worker*
6. Ani Aznavourian  
*Senior Social Worker*
7. Maria Cherbetjian  
*Social Worker*

### Community Health Development– Dispensary Services

8. Nanor Tashdjian  
*Pharmacist and Unit Manager*

9. Vosgui Demirdjian  
*Registered Nurse and Health Consultant*

10. Simoneh Khatchadourian  
*Unit Coordinator*

11. Hamesdouhi Keshishian  
*Assistant in Medication  
Dispensing Services*

12. Rita Seropian  
*Pharmacy Unit Receptionist*

### Doctors

- Dr. Elie Tashdjian  
*General Physician*
- Dr. Raffi Elmajian  
*Cardiologist*
- Dr. Mireille Der Yeghiayan  
*Endocrinologist*

### Support Service

13. Maral Zadirian  
*Receptionist of the Social Unit*

### Support Staff

14. Sarkis Varjabedian  
*General Assistant*
15. Rita Vartanian  
*Kitchen Support*
16. Nora Kodjaoghlanian  
*Cleaning Personnel*







## Internship and Volunteers Engaged in Community Service

In 2023, JMA-Lebanon welcomed diverse university students participating in internships and community service. The dedicated individuals contributing to our mission were:

- 1. Marian Kalindjian**  
*Social Work – Haigazian University*
- 2. Tsoler Stepanian**  
*Social Work – Haigazian University*
- 3. Tina Kurdian**  
*Social Work – Haigazian University*
- 4. Arpy Soulian**  
*Psychology – Lebanese University*
- 5. Miriam Abou Diwan**  
*Psychology – Lebanese University*
- 6. Lory Maldjian**  
*High School Student – Shamlan Tatigian*
- 7. Mikael Raslan**  
*High School Student – Mesrobian School*
- 8. Karine Marrash**  
*Nursing – University of Balamand (UOB)*
- 9. Michelle Nahas**  
*Nursing – University of Balamand (UOB)*
- 10. Sara Hagopian**  
*Nursing – University of Balamand (UOB)*
- 11. Sumaya Fayed**  
*Nursing – University of Balamand (UOB)*
- 12. Daniel Mata**  
*Nursing – University of Balamand (UOB)*

## 13. Aliag Megerian

*Nutrition – Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK)*

## 14. Fifteen nursing students from the American University of Beirut on a weekly rotation.

These enthusiastic interns and volunteers played a crucial role in supporting our initiatives and contributing to the positive impact we strive to make in the community.

In the face of numerous challenges, JMA-Lebanon persevered in its commitment to uplift Armenian families from poverty and despair, guiding them towards self-sufficiency and fostering a sense of hope. Through our modest and compassionate approach, we dedicated ourselves to addressing the specific needs of our community, effecting incremental yet meaningful improvements in their lives.

### Roster of Individuals Engaged in Advancing the Jinishian Initiative in 2023

Employees	15
Doctors	3
Volunteer Nurses	21
Volunteer Social Workers/ Psychologists	5
Volunteer Women	6
Volunteer Youth	21
Volunteer Lecturers	12
Volunteer Skills Tutors	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86</b>

# MEMBERSHIPS

## 1. Union of the Armenian Social Workers in Lebanon

*Presented by:*

**Christine Tanielian**

*Country Director*

**Ani Aznavourian**

*Senior Social worker*

**Lucy Khatchadourian**

*Senior Social Worker*

**Maria Cherbetjian**

*Social worker*

## 2. AFHIL (Armenian Fund for Health Insurance in Lebanon)

*Presented by:*

**Christine Tanielian**

*Country Director*

## 3. AFED (Armenian Fund for Economic Development)

*Presented by:*

**Christine Tanielian**

*Country Director*

## 4. Union of the Coordination Committee of the NGOs in Bourj Hammoud and Sin el Fil

*Presented by:*

**Ani Aznavourian**

*Senior Social worker*

## 5. Lebanese Union for Child Welfare

*Presented by:*

**Christine Tanielian**

*Country Director*

**Ani Aznavourian**

*Senior Social worker*

## 6. Syndicate of Social Workers in Lebanon

*Presented by:*

**Christine Tanielian**

*Country Director*

# SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

In 2023, the social department of JMA-Lebanon assisted 2,343 underprivileged families that met specific criteria:

1. Widows with school-aged children.

2. Large families with members with physical or mental special needs.

3. Families lacking a breadwinner.

4. Elderly citizens vulnerable and marginalized.

5. Schoolchildren requiring support with uniforms and school supplies.

## SERVICES OFFERED BY THE JINISHIAN MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION IN LEBANON

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- COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY MEDICINE SERVICES
- SPECIALIZED CHRONIC CARE IN CARDIOLOGY & ENDOCRINOLOGY
- PSYCHIATRY AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
- DISPENSING CHRONIC MEDICATIONS/PHARMACY UNIT
- NUTRITION AND HEALTH EDUCATION
- HOME HEALTH CARE FOR ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED MOBILITY
- PREVENTIVE AND EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS ON HEALTH
- ELDERLY CARE PROGRAM TAILORED TO THEIR UNIQUE REQUIREMENTS
- EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
- SKILL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING FOR YOUTH
- PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN
- INSTITUTIONAL CARE FACILITIES
- EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVES FOR DROPOUT TEENAGE GIRLS
- SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND CASE WORK SUPPORT SERVICES

## II. PASSING OF THE TORCH

*On January 19, 2023, an event initiated by JMP–USA marked a transition in leadership for JMA-Lebanon. In the presence of Ms. Eliza Minassyan, the Executive Director, and Ms. Sona Haroutyunian, Vice Chair of the New York Advisory Committee, the torch of leadership passed from the former director, Ms. Pauline Sagherian, to the newly appointed director, Ms. Christine Tanielian.*

*The ceremony was a momentous occasion, attended by former and current General Assembly members, Beirut Advisory Committee members, staff, and representatives from sister NGOs. Ms. Eliza Minassyan commenced the proceedings by expressing gratitude to Ms. Pauline Sagherian for her 27 years of unwavering dedication, and she warmly welcomed the new director.*

*As a token of appreciation and recognition, Ms. Minassyan, on behalf of the New York Advisory Committee, announced a generous allocation of \$5,000 US for a summer program in honor of Ms. Pauline Sagherian.*





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### III. ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN RESPONDING TO PRIORITY ISSUES

JMA-Lebanon endeavored to broaden its links and enhance assistance for underprivileged Armenian families by fostering partnerships with national and international NGOs. The administration adeptly augmented budgets for relief services by leveraging contributions from individual donors' and organizations' support. This strategic approach facilitated additional relief for needy families, comforting those facing hardship.

#### A. Adaptation to Meet the Current Needs of Armenian Communities

Refer to the tables on page 34 and 58 for the number of beneficiaries assisted and the number of times assistance was given.

##### 1. Implementing Developmental Approach to Programs and Projects

JMA-Lebanon unwaveringly adhered to the principles outlined in the Jinishian will, mission, and core values, which necessitate a compassionate and just response to immediate needs and emergencies and establish a safety net in areas lacking such support. Recognizing the ongoing necessity for relief, particularly for families with disabilities and vulnerable elderly members, as well as addressing medical needs, the administration is poised to transition gradually from relief efforts to development initiatives, mainly focusing on families with young mothers. Emphasizing awareness, counseling, and the activation of the employ-

ment office became pivotal, specifically bolstering women's self-esteem, fostering self-reliance, and encouraging acquiring skills for entry into startup jobs. This marks the initial phase of our commitment to instigate enduring positive changes within our community.

Emerging members within the community reached out to JMA for support, seeking assistance through social services or participation in community development initiatives. The medical and social units handled new cases, attentively listening to their concerns and providing advice, counseling, or referrals to other organizations when direct assistance wasn't feasible.

JMA-Lebanon actively executed developmental projects in key priority areas to enhance the community's living conditions. This encompassed community health development, social development, and skills advancement initiatives.

#### 2. Priority Areas

##### 2.1. Community Health Development (CHD)

Professional health consultants (pharmacists/nurses and doctors), along with social workers and interns, carried out Community Health development services by guiding, counseling, providing preventive initiatives, educating, organizing health campaigns, and referring to other public or private social and medical institutions.



### **2.1.1. Dispensary Services and Medication for People with Chronic Illnesses**

JMA-Lebanon's CHD department plays a vital role within our community, particularly given the challenging economic climate and the inability of vulnerable individuals to afford essential chronic medications. Our services promote health and prevent the worsening of diseases. They also serve as a beacon of hope for those silently suffering.

Under the Ministry of Public Health permit #40681/3/2015, the JMA-Lebanon dispensary successfully acquired chronic medications from suppliers. It received additional medicines from the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) through the YMCA. Individual donations have proven to help significantly in meeting the needs of the most vulnerable individuals, playing a crucial role in promoting their health and well-being.

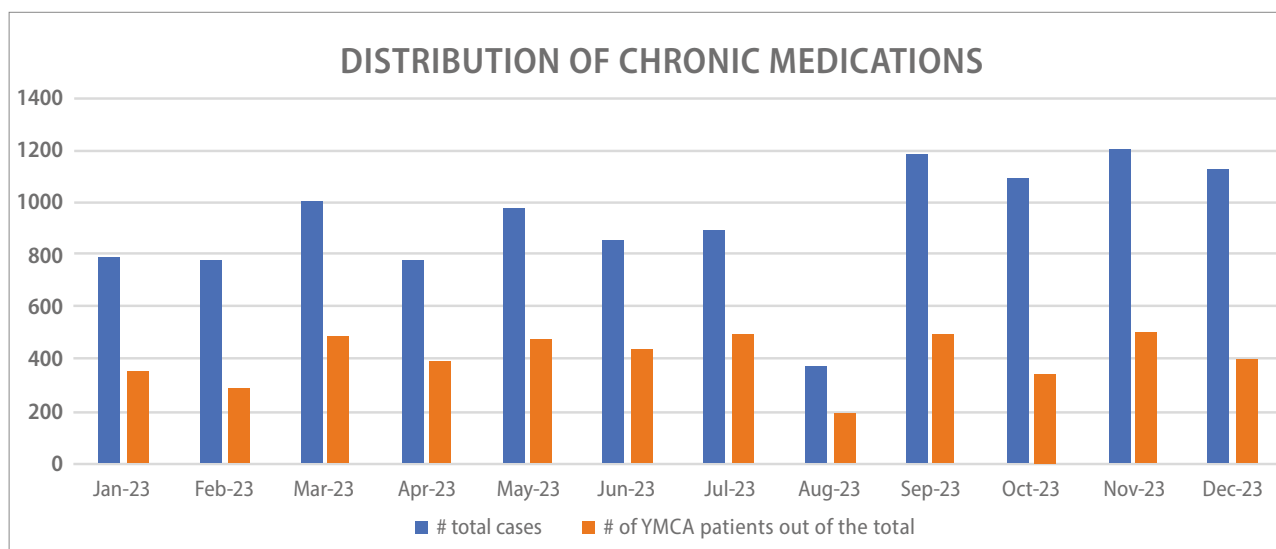
This distinctive service goes beyond merely providing medications. It includes offering medical counseling, guidance, and ongoing

follow-up on medication usage. The program aims to raise awareness for health improvement, delivering educational and relief services that temporarily alleviate the burdens imposed by challenging social and economic conditions.

A developmental approach is ingrained in our daily operations during the medication delivery process. We not only provide medicines but also conduct follow-up to ensure proper usage. Through client interviews, clear instructions are given, aiding individuals in stabilizing their health and preventing potential complications. This comprehensive service enhances individual awareness and development, thereby contributing to the overall health development of the community.

Encouraging client participation through a symbolic payment is a crucial aspect of our approach, aimed at minimizing dependency and fostering a sense of self-worth within the community.

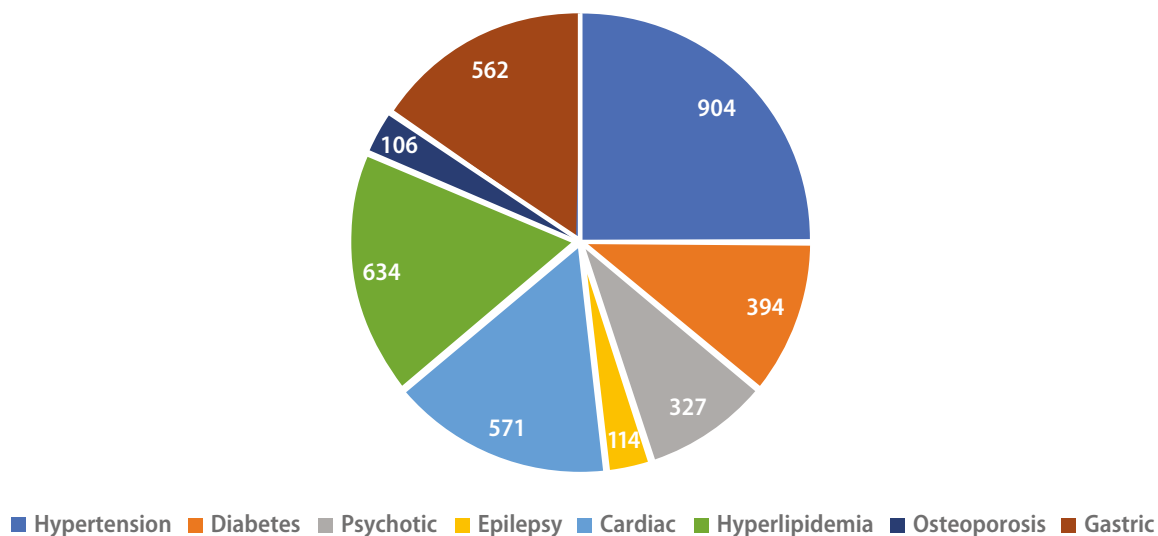




2,352 patients benefited from the pharmacy unit a total of 11,220 times throughout the year.

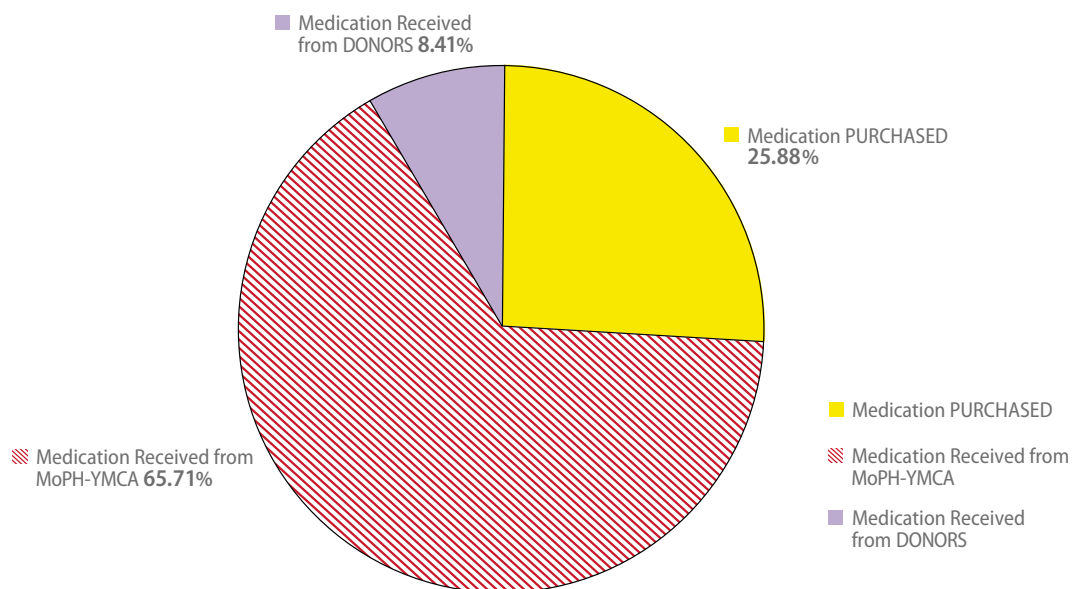


## CHRONIC PATIENTS



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## MEDICATION 2023



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### 2.1.2. Improving Healthcare for Women through Educational Projects

In our dedicated pursuit of maximizing community well-being, JMA has undertaken proactive measures in collaboration with sister NGOs and international organizations, focusing on preventive healthcare initiatives throughout the year. Here are some key endeavors:

#### a. Collaborative Hypertension and Diabetes Awareness Campaign with the Karagheusian Association

In July and August 2023, our organization partnered with the Karagheusian Association to initiate an extensive awareness campaign focused on hypertension and diabetes. Specifically tailored for our pharmacy patients, totaling 400 individuals managing chronic conditions, the campaign included comprehensive screenings and laboratory tests at our center. This initiative exemplified our dedication to proactive healthcare management and community-wide disease prevention.



#### b. Mammography and Echography Screening for Breast Cancer Prevention in Women Aged 40-70 in Collaboration with Lions International

Along with Lions International, we facilitated free mammography screenings for 80 women aged 40-70. Prioritizing early detection and intervention, this collaboration aimed to empower women in our community through preventive healthcare measures.

#### c. Partnership for Mental Health Care with Embrace – Lebanon

In November 2023, a collaborative initiative was established with Embrace Lebanon to address the diagnosis and ongoing monitoring of individuals receiving psychotropic medications from our pharmacy. Embrace deploys a mobile clinic, visiting our center on the first Monday of each month. Through medical consultations, Embrace ensures the renewal of prescriptions. The impact of this intervention has been notably positive, as attested by the observed improvements in the medical cases.

#### d. Educational Sessions in Partnership with the University of Balamand and the American University of Beirut

a. Teaming up with the nursing students from the University of Balamand and AUB, we organized educational sessions covering 12 key health-related topics for 20 women. The sessions included discussions on preventive measures, treatment options, follow-up protocols, and personalized nutritional guidance.

Here is the list of educational subjects presented:

- **General Health, Mental Health, and Sports**  
*Presented by UOB*
- **Diabetes (Hyperglycemia and Hypoglycemia)**  
*Presented by UOB*

- **Hypertension and Hypotension**  
*Presented by UOB*
- **Vitamins and Minerals**  
*Presented by UOB*
- **Liver and Kidney Diseases (detection, prevention and follow-up)**  
*Presented by AUB*
- **Healthy Skin and Hair**  
*Presented by AUB*
- **Cardiac Arrest, Stroke, DVT and Varicose**  
*Presented by AUB*
- **Menstruation and Menopause**  
*Presented by AUB*
- **Alzheimer's and Parkinson's Diseases**  
*Presented by AUB*

- **Epilepsy, Anemia/Iron Deficiency**  
*Presented by AUB*

- **Emergency First Aid Tips**  
*Presented by Lebanese Red Cross*

b. Instituting a dedicated "Diabetes Testing Day" every Friday, we provided free diabetes testing and a 15-minute awareness session for individuals interested in monitoring their diabetes levels. 250 participants actively engaged in this weekly initiative.

c. Collaborating with the nursing students at the University of Balamand, we organized a health awareness campaign involving 220 women. The students shared insights into various cancer types, emphasizing prevention, treatment methods, and ongoing support for







individuals affected by these conditions. This multifaceted educational approach aimed to empower our community with knowledge and resources for a healthier life.

### ***2.1.3. Social Intervention in Health Related Aspects, Mainly Hospitalization, Medical Screening, and Laboratory Tests***

Due to the country's severe socio-economic challenges, hospitals grapple with overwhelming patient numbers, inadequate staffing, and shortages of essential medical supplies and equipment. Consequently, accessing necessary medical care has become increasingly challenging for ordinary people. The exorbitant admission fees, far surpassing the financial capacity of many families, force them into the distressing cycle of taking out loans and entering a burdensome cycle of mortgages. To provide some relief to affected families, JMA endeavors to alleviate a fraction of their expenses as a symbolic gesture of support.

### **a. Home Visits to Bedridden Elderly Patients**

In partnership with nursing students from the American University of Beirut (AUB) and the University of Balamand, home visits were conducted to bedridden elderly patients. These visits aimed to offer advice and support to enhance the well-being of elderly individuals.

### **b. Hospitalization and Other Medical Services**

In light of the families' overwhelming challenges and excessive hospital bills, our social department successfully assisted **1,817** individuals with hospitalization expenses and minor medical costs. The predominant cases requiring hospitalization were related to cancer, cardiac arrest, and pulmonary complications.

Recognizing the significance of prevention over cure, we deemed it essential to address people's laboratory requirements. In fostering partnerships for minor medical and laboratory





services, our social department collaborated seamlessly with St. Marc Laboratory and the Karagheusian Center's laboratory. Through positive cooperation, vulnerable individuals accessed necessary laboratory services, sometimes without incurring any financial burden.

### c. Institutional Placement and Care

In 2023, the social department of JMA-Lebanon forged partnerships with several Institutional Care Centers, extending comprehensive support to 49 patients. This encompassed monthly allowances, provision of medications, and timely intervention during emergencies. The collaborating institutions include:

- CAHL 34 cases
- Armenian Sanatorium of Azounieh 10 cases
- Dar El-Rahme 2 cases
- Deir El-Salib 3 cases

## 2.2. Social Development

### 2.2.1. Social Services with Families

Social work is about integrating practical application with academic principles. It is about fostering positive societal transformations and cultural advancements, ensuring everyone experiences empowerment. Guided by social justice, human rights, and shared responsibility, efforts create a more inclusive and equitable world.

Here are the universally accepted objectives of Social Work.



- a. To enhance the social functioning and interactions of individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities by involving them in accomplishing goals, developing resources, and preventing and alleviating distress.
- b. To solve psychosocial problems. Problems that cause stress, inferiority, depression, and excessive anger all affect the mental realm and are examples of psychological problems.
- c. To fulfill humanitarian needs such as love, affection, care, security, empathy, independence, etc.
- d. To solve adjustment problems.
- e. To enhance human well-being and alleviate poverty, oppression, and other forms of social injustice.
- f. To create self-sufficiency and help clients to help themselves.
- g. To make and strengthen harmonious social relations. There must not be a feeling of inferiority in people's minds, and nothing should stop them from making harmonious relations.
- h. To make provision of corrective and recreational services.
- i. To formulate and implement social policies, services, and programs that meet

basic human needs and support the development of human capacities.

- j. To develop democratic values among the people. The feeling of fraternity, liberty, empathy, and equality should be taught to the client. This will improve not only the client but also the atmosphere of society.
- k. To provide opportunities for development and social progress.
- l. To conscientise the community.
- m. To change the environment to favor an individual's growth and development.
- n. To bring change in the defective social system for social development.
- o. To pursue policies, services, and resources through advocacy and social or political actions that promote social and economic justice.
- p. To provide socio-legal aid to the needy who cannot afford to meet them.
- q. To develop and use research, knowledge, and skills that advance social work practice.
- r. To provide rehabilitative services to the client so that he/she can do well even without guidance from the social worker.
- s. To develop and apply practice in the context of diverse cultures.

**In our commitment to easing the challenges faced by vulnerable Armenian families, our social department worked diligently with 614 families, extending financial support 7,477 times over the year. Beyond the financial aid, our social workers offered comprehensive assistance, including guidance, support, counseling, and spiritual uplift-**

**ment. These holistic efforts empowered the families and catalyzed significant positive life changes.**

### ***2.2.2. Care for the Elderly***

Nurturing the well-being of our seniors stands as a paramount duty within our community. Unfortunately, marginalized elderly individuals often find themselves grappling with the absence of essential provisions like proper hygiene, adequate nutrition, and the fundamental requisites for survival. This predicament encompasses their critical needs for medication, healthcare, and a sense of belonging.

In a dedicated initiative to alleviate the anguish experienced by our older citizens, the Jinishian Association has extended its support to 556 vulnerable elderly individuals in our community who lack any income. Many of them face the challenges of solitude without familial support or financial resources.

Our service primarily focuses on elderly individuals living alone, offering relief and comprehensive assistance to address their diverse needs, ranging from medication and hospitalization to spiritual upliftment and recreation. Throughout the year, our elders were provided opportunities to break free from their daily routines, engaging in recreational activities and outings that not only rejuvenated their spirits but also afforded them a sense of reverence.





	Number of Elderly Beneficiaries
January 2023	68
February 2023	92
March 2023	107
April 2023	89
May 2023	119
June 2023	135
July 2023	148
August 2023	82
September 2023	157
October 2023	160
November 2023	157
December 2023	154
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,468</b>

1,468 times, cash assistance was given to 557 elderlies throughout the year.





Here are some of the engaging activities our senior community took part in:

### 1. Easter Celebration (April 4, 2023)

In partnership with Lions International, 160 seniors from our support program joined a festive Easter gathering in April 2023. The event was filled with joy, featuring delightful food generously provided by Lions International.





## 2. Brunch Gathering (July 27, 2023)

Eighty seniors were invited to a brunch gathering hosted at Lions International premises on July 27, 2023.

## 3. Social Gathering (October 5, 2023)

On October 5, 2023, sixty-five seniors enjoyed a wonderful social gathering organized by Lions International.



## 4. Christmas Luncheon by the Order of Malta (December 15, 2023)

Seniors actively participated in a heartwarming Christmas event organized by the Order of Malta on December 15, 2023, for a special celebration known as the Lebanese Day, joining Ecole Secondaire des Filles de la Charité-Achrafieh students. The objective of this event was to create an enjoyable experience for the elderly, offering them quality time and an abundance of joy.



## 5. Lions International Christmas Gathering “Aging with Dignity” (December 16, 2023)

On December 16, 2023, a grand Christmas gathering dedicated to the elderly, named "Aging with Dignity," brought together 180 seniors for a memorable celebration, thanks to Rifaq Al Darb Association.

### ADOPT AN ELDERLY PROJECT:

Recognizing the modest nature of the bi-monthly allowance provided to our elderly beneficiaries, we have inaugurated a groundbreaking initiative that, upon observing its success, is slated to become a permanent endeavor under the moniker "Adopt an Elderly."



This pioneering project allows any community member inclined to support an elderly individual to contribute an annual sum of \$250. The allocated funds, disbursed at \$20 per month, are designed to ensure the fulfillment of the elderly person's basic needs.

In the year 2023, this innovative program saw the adoption of five elderly individuals. Building on this initial success, we are poised to launch the "Adopt an Elderly" project on a

broader scale in 2024 to make a more substantial and lasting impact on the lives of our elderly community members.

*Diaper Assistance for Bedridden Elderly:* In March 2023, our organization launched a new project dedicated to providing essential diaper supplies to bedridden elderly individuals. The primary aim of this initiative is to contribute to reducing financial strains experienced by families caring for their bedridden elderly members.

Throughout this project, which extended through August 2023, we successfully distributed 428 diaper packs. This assistance not only eases these families' economic challenges but also ensures the comfort and well-being of the bedridden elderly individuals under their care.

*Winter Blanket Distribution in Partnership with JEBID NGO:* A heartwarming collaboration with JEBID NGO resulted in the distribution of winter blankets to 100 deserving elderly individuals. These cozy blankets, generously donated, aimed to bring comfort and warmth to those in need.

*Medical Home Visits for Bedridden Elderly:* In a joint effort involving nursing students from Balamand University and AUB, a dedicated team of doctors and nursing students conducted home visits to 16 bedridden families. These visits went beyond routine check-ups, encompassing a holistic approach to their well-being. The team assessed their overall health, provided necessary medications, and played a vital role in diagnosing illnesses among patients receiving diapers from our center. This initiative served as a lifeline, extending healthcare assistance to those without access to medical services.



### 2.2.3. Distribution of Donated and In-Kind Assistance

#### Collaboration with IDRAAC

One hundred families were referred to the IDRAAC organization to receive hygiene kits.

#### Rent Assistance in Partnership with NCA

Collaborating with the Norwegian Church Aid (NCA), we implemented a critical rent support program. This initiative extended financial aid to forty families, spanning a six-month duration, with the primary objective of alleviating their housing-related financial burdens. Through this partnership, NCA made a significant impact on the lives of these families by providing them with vital financial assistance for their home rent, ensuring their continued housing stability and security.

#### Clothing Support for Community Members

In response to the prevailing economic challenges of inflation and rising clothing prices, we launched a series of five clothing bazaars featuring second-hand garments. The primary objective of these events was to provide vital support to families facing financial constraints and struggling to afford clothing for their households.

Two of these clothing bazaars were organized in partnership with the Order of Malta organization, while the other three were made possible through the generous contributions of individual donors. These initiatives collectively aimed to address the pressing need for affordable clothing options within our community, offering practical assistance to families in need.

Towards the year's close, JMA-Lebanon's social department took the initiative to transform an underutilized space within JMA's

premises. This neglected shop has been revitalized into a clothing corner, where community members generously contribute second-hand, clean clothing. Families in need have the opportunity to benefit from this thoughtful service, creating a space that fosters community support and resourceful collaboration.



In partnership with FabricAID, we efficiently distributed 150 clothing vouchers to deserving families as the year drew close. This collaboration provided immediate assistance and laid the foundation for more sustainable partnerships, which will be elaborated upon in the community development section.

#### Provision of Food Boxes

Throughout 2023, our organization undertook a critical initiative to distribute essential food boxes to support vulnerable families within our community. These families were carefully identified and selected for assistance by our dedicated social workers, considering their level of financial vulnerability.

- In collaboration with the Order of Malta, 200 families received hot meals and food boxes in January 2023.

- In collaboration with JEBID NGO, 100 food boxes were given to deserving families.
- During Easter, 100 families received food vouchers to ensure they could at least have Easter eggs and cookies for their families, while eighty others received Easter cookies.
- In collaboration with Right To Play, 2,100 meal boxes were given to deserving families over one month.



- In collaboration with the Semaan Foundation, 50 families received cash assistance, and another 60 received food boxes.
- Through personal donations, 25 families received food boxes during December 2023.

During this period, we extended assistance to 2,585 deserving families, ensuring they had access to much-needed sustenance and alleviating their food insecurity burden.

### Home Visits

In social work, a crucial aspect involves assessing and responding to the challenges faced by vulnerable families, a task that often requires conducting home visits. Over the past year, we have undertaken one hundred and fifty two home visits. Through the dedicated involvement of the social workers in family care planning, the home visits played a pivotal role in shaping our approach. Looking ahead, our strategic emphasis for the upcoming year will be on further refining and amplifying the effectiveness of our home visitation initiatives.

### Engaging University Students in Case Work and Family Support

In collaboration with Haigazian University, the American University of Beirut (AUB), and the University of Balamand, the JMA facilitated impactful casework and family support initiatives through the involvement of university students. The outcomes of these collaborations are highlighted below:

- Haigazian University Collaboration:** Three senior social work students engaged with eleven needy families. Significant positive changes were brought about in the lives of these families through meticulous home visits and the implementation of intervention plans.



b. **University of Balamand Nursing Students:** Nursing students from the University of Balamand conducted home visits, selecting families for comprehensive follow-up. Their contributions went beyond medical care, encompassing social support and referrals to psychiatrists and physiotherapists. Through daily follow-up, these students provided education on medical and hygiene-related issues and garnered high appreciation from the families and our social department.

c. **AUB Nursing Students Involvement:** Nursing students from the American University of Beirut conducted home visits to address medical cases identified by our pharmacy unit. Their interventions, consisting of medical consultations and social support, instilled a sense of hope in vulnerable families.

These collaborative efforts with university students underscore our commitment to providing holistic care and support to those in need.



### Community Service Orientation Day with the Students of Holy Cross Harboyan

During the Community Service Orientation Day, students from Holy Cross Harboyan had the opportunity to engage in meaningful community service initiatives and home visits at JMA. For two days, upper-class students

participated, gaining firsthand experience in community service and social work. The impactful situations they encountered and the organization's interventions left a profound impression on the students, fostering a deep sense of connection and empathy.

## Summary of the number of beneficiaries and cases over the past twelve months

Services Provided	Number of Times Assisted
Pharmacy Unit	11,220
Hypertension and Diabetes Awareness Campaign	400
Support for Hospitalization	535
Laboratory Assistance	1,282
Institutional Care	52
Rent Assistance	40
Family Support	4,499
Elderly Support	1,468
Diaper Supply	428
Food Boxes and Easter Coupons	780
Clothing	317
Home Rent	40
Home Visits	152
Teenagers' Program/Summer Camp	54
Women Outing	682
YMCA and Other Workshops	551
Vocational Skills	45
Employment Office	388

### 2.3. Community Development Initiatives

Engaging in community development entails the active participation of individuals in addressing the challenges that impact their daily lives. This collaborative process revolves around the equitable sharing of power, skills, knowledge, and experiences. Emphasizing fundamental moral codes and values is a robust defense mechanism against life's most formidable obstacles.

Building a resilient community necessitates the well-being of each member, recognizing that health encompasses the state of mind, soul,

and body. Among the cornerstones of family life are children, teenagers, and women. Therefore, fostering their well-being is crucial in promoting health and equilibrium within the family and community.

Here are the major Community Development Initiatives that we carried out in 2023.

#### 2.3.1. Strengthening and Empowering Dropout Teenagers

The Teenagers' Program stands out as one of JMA's most successful and impactful initiatives, dating back to 2005. With a track record of over one hundred and fifty participants, many have completed high school and gained admission to universities. Notably, in 2023, twenty teenagers were accepted into Mesrobian Technical College, and an additional 15 girls joined, totaling 35 teenagers for the academic year 2023-2024.

Teenagers specialize in Childcare, Hospitality Management, and Accounting within the program. Those who haven't completed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade enter a two-year BP program, progressing to the BT program until they achieve their technical baccalaureate degree.

Originating from families with meager socioeconomic status, these teenagers face life's dark realities. However, through our program, they now dream, and inspire others not to succumb to life's challenges. Guided by weekly gatherings and personalized psychosocial support sessions with a dedicated social worker, they've learned to navigate and overcome life's hurdles.

Since 2005, over one hundred and fifty teens have participated in this transformative program. Many now hold respected positions in the community, a testament to JMA's commitment to offering a helping hand, instilling hope, and providing genuine love.

## Highlights of the year:

### *Educational Pursuit and Fellowship Sessions*

- Empowering Fellowship Sessions: Twenty-eight fellowship sessions provided young girls with empowering educational themes, discussions on intimate relationships, and moments of celebration for birthdays and personal successes. These sessions provided a secure space for open discussions about challenges, fostering collective problem-solving.
- Annual Mountain Trip (March 9, 2023): The teens enjoyed their annual mountain trip, followed by a lunch gathering at a nearby restaurant.
- Mother's Day Gathering (March 21, 2021): A heartwarming event where twenty-eight teenagers and their mothers participated. After a quality social time, each teen received a generous 4,000,000 LBP Easter gift from an anonymous donor.

### *Psychosocial Support Sessions*

- Session for Teens' Parents (May 2023): In collaboration with SIDC NGO, a psychosocial support session was organized for 32 teenagers' parents. The focus was on imparting parenting skills and stress relief techniques through an interactive and informative approach.
- Workshop for Teens by SIDC NGO: Our teenagers benefited from a two-day workshop addressing bullying, stigma, risky behaviors, and peer pressure.

### *Annual Outing to Alley EquiClub (June 2023)*

Teenagers, accompanied by their mothers and the dedicated social worker, enjoyed a delight-

ful day immersed in nature, engaging in adventurous activities and relishing the natural surroundings.

### *Notable Achievements*

- Three teenagers successfully obtained their BT diplomas (Bac Technique).
- One teenager earned a BP diploma (Brevet Professionnel).
- All remaining participants excelled and passed their classes, marking significant academic accomplishments for the year.

### *Summer Camp (July 2023)*

At the recommendation of the executive director of JMP USAC, Ms. Minassyan, and executed by JMA-Lebanon in recognition of the enduring contributions of the former director, Ms. Pauline Sagherian, a summer camp was organized for the teenagers of JMA, in the Anjar Catholic Boarding School premises.

In a vibrant six-day summer camp, 52 enthusiastic teenagers immersed themselves in a transformative experience. The program featured self-help lectures, educational sessions exploring the role of women in the community, and discussions on friendship, intimacy, love, and emotional intelligence. Addressing challenges faced by teenagers was a central theme.

Spiritual sessions, led by clergy members, added depth to the camp experience. The teenagers prepared a heartwarming presentation shared with JMA staff, the advisory committee and Anjar's leadership.

A dedicated leadership team of six educators skillfully guided the camp, ensuring cohesion and creating a memorable and enjoyable experience. The teenagers enjoyed a series of ad-







venturous outings, including visits to natural landscapes, swimming pools, resorts, and nature reserves.

Here is the list of the leadership team:

- **Ms. Lucy Khatchadourian**  
*Teenagers' Program Manager and Social Worker*
- **Mr. Zaven Teghelian**  
*General Responsible*
- **Ms. Laura Momdjian**  
*Manager of activities.*
- **Ms. Christine Alexanian**  
*Assistant*
- **Ms. Sevan Cherbetjian**  
*Assistant*
- **Ms. Sevan Momdjian**  
*Assistant*

#### *Contributions from Organizations and Individuals*

1. Anjar Catholic Boarding School: Provided the venue for the summer camp.
2. Father Mesrob Ashdjian: Delivered two spiritual lectures to the teenagers.
3. Armenian Evangelical Boarding School: Generously provided essential resources during the stay.
4. Pastor Hagop and Nanor Akbasharian: Actively provided sessions and hosted students for activities on their premises.
5. Municipality of Anjar: Supported with transportation resources, including fuel and a dedicated employee and truck.
6. HMEM Anjar: Made a meaningful contribution by hosting teenagers for one of their scout gatherings and providing coaching.
7. Arev Restaurant: Offered significant discounts, access to their pool, and complimentary meals for participants.
8. Karagheusian Association: Financial contributions.
9. Individual Donors: Financial contributions.

The collaborative efforts of these organizations and individuals have made our program successful and set the stage for continuing and expanding these initiatives as a cherished tradition every summer.

#### *Engagement in the Armenian Community Protest Against the Artsakh Blockade*

On September 1, 2023, a group of passionate teenagers actively participated in a protest opposing the Azerbaijani authorities' blockade of Artsakh. The gathering occurred at JMA, where the teens engaged in a profound dialogue with Armenian journalist Arsho Balian. During this insightful conversation, Balian shed light on the challenges faced by Armenians in Artsakh.

Following the discussion, the group proceeded to the Municipality Square of Bourj Hammoud, where a large assembly of Armenians had gathered. Amidst the gathering, the teenagers showcased their solidarity by presenting Armenian national songs. They also symbolically affirmed their support for Artsakh by signing a tricolored flag, conveying unity and determination in the face of adversity.





### *Commencement of the Academic Year of 2023-2024 and Program Highlights*

On October 26, 2023, a group of existing and newly enrolled teenagers assembled at JMA to inaugurate the 2023-2024 academic year. Our program welcomed 35 teenagers all currently enrolled in Mesrobian Technical School and participating in weekly group sessions at JMA. These sessions provide a platform for the girls to discuss various teenage challenges and concerns.

### *Christmas Celebrations and Outing*

On December 28, 2023, sixty teenagers, accompanied by our dedicated social workers and the summer camp leadership team, embarked on a Christmas outing. The day began with a visit to Jbeil, where the Birds' Nest Armenian Orphanage and the Armenian Genocide Orphans' "Aram Be-

zikian" Museum are located. Following a tour that reconnected the girls with their grandparents' history, they explored the beautifully decorated streets of Jbeil and enjoyed a boat tour at sea. The outing concluded with a festive lunch at McDonald's, where Santa made a special appearance, spreading Christmas joy and distributing gifts.

### *Christmas Concert at Monot*

On December 27, 2023, the girls and their parents were privileged to attend a prestigious Christmas concert at Monot, courtesy of the Rifaq Al Darb Association. The event provided a fantastic opportunity for participants to immerse themselves in the festive Christmas spirit.









### **2.3.2. Awareness Sessions for Women in the Community**

Community development embodies active participation in addressing life's challenges. It is a collaborative process that shares power, skills, knowledge and experiences. The principles of fundamental moral codes and values are robust defenses against life's most daunting difficulties.

Fostering a robust community requires the well-being of each member, acknowledging that health encompasses the mind, soul, and body. Recognizing women as integral pillars of the family institution, we consider working with women a strategic asset for ensuring family health and balance.

Through group work, we delve into understanding our community, identifying people's needs, and empowering women to be active decision-makers in their families and the broader community. In 2023, our efforts were channeled into creating both large and small groups, each serving distinct purposes.

The large group, comprising two hundred and fifty women, actively participated in significant events, lectures, and celebrations. On the other hand, the small focus groups, consisting of 15-20 women each, aimed to foster interaction, discussion of common problems, and collaborative problem-solving.

Our members found acceptance, belonging, and support within these groups. They shared experiences and knowledge, fostering com-

munity among those facing similar challenges. This sense of belonging allowed them to evaluate themselves, feeling respected and valued as integral members of our community.

The Awareness sessions were designed to:

- Increase women's awareness of legal issues, roles, and family relations.
- Encourage women to participate in the community and prevent abuse or violence actively.
- Enhance women's positive self-image and self-worth, motivating them to engage in activities that can positively impact their lives.
- Inform women about health-related and social behavioral issues to prevent diseases and psychological problems among their family members and children.
- Facilitate women's entry into the workforce through our employment office, empowering them with economic opportunities.

Here are the highlights of the awareness sessions carried out in 2023:

Two hundred and fifty women participated in fifteen awareness sessions throughout the year. During the sessions, the following subjects were discussed:



Date	Subject Discussed	Lecturer	Number of Participants
February 1, 2023	Osteoporosis	Talar Khatchadourian <i>Registered Nurse</i>	23
February 15, 2023	Earthquake Awareness	Dr. Anthony Bader	22
March 1, 2023	Cholesterol and Risk Factors for Heart Disease	Dr. Elie Tashdjian	18
March 15, 2023	Personal Hygiene	Hera Artinian <i>Registered Nurse</i>	22
March 29, 2023	Nutrition	Nany Kaloustian	16
April 12, 2023	Home Safety and First Aid Tips	Osanie Nazikian <i>Registered Nurse</i>	18
April 26-27, 2023	Self-Care, Stress Relief, Anger Management	Sevan Chorekdjian & IDRAAC Organization	45
May 10, 2023	Parenting Skills	Alicia Avakian <i>Psychologist</i>	20
June 9, 2023	Self-Care, Stress Relief, Anger Management	Sevan Chorekdjian & IDRAAC Organization	18
June 16 & 30, 2023	Self-Care, Stress Relief, Anger Management	Sevan Chorekdjian & IDRAAC Organization	18
October 25, 2023	Breast Cancer Awareness Day	Nursing Students from the University of Balamand	120
November 1, 2023	Seasonal Flu and Viruses: Prevention and Treatment	Dr. Elie Tashdjian	120
November 8, 2023	Diabetes and Nutrition	Houry Babahekian	180
November 15, 2023	Empowering Women for Startup Businesses & Fashion Design	Sarkis Assadourian <i>Fashion Designer</i>	200
November 29, 2023	Usage of Daily Medications: Side Effects and Preserving Methods	Vosgui Demirdjian <i>JMA Registered Nurse</i>	200





## Event Highlights

### 1. International Women's Day Celebration

Women's Day was celebrated in the presence of 160 women from the community. The event was carried out in collaboration with Lions International.



### 2. Commemoration of April 24

In the presence of almost 150 attendees, the Armenian Genocide commemoration was held. Mr. Vicken Avakian, former Armenian school principal and the managing director of the Armenian Radio station Voice of Van, was invited to deliver a speech. At the end of the event, each participant received a tricolor Armenian flag with the JMA logo.







### 3. Social Outing in Collaboration with the Karagheusian Center

On May 24, 2023 and 27 July 2023, we organized an outing for 120 women from our social support programs. The excursion took them to Anjar, providing an excellent opportunity for these women to connect, unwind, and temporarily escape the daily demands of their lives.



### 4. Brunch Gathering with Lions International

In partnership with Lions International, we hosted a brunch gathering for women from our social support programs. This event allowed these women to enjoy quality time together and strengthen their bonds within a supportive community.

### 5. Social Gathering with Lions International

on Saturday, November 25, 2023, 60 women from our social department participated in a social gathering organized by Lions International. The event brought together insights from social organizations, and all had a great social time while enjoying delicious food.

### 6. Christmas Celebration

Over 250 women participating in awareness sessions and skills training classes came together for a festive Christmas gathering at the









Yercho Samuelian-Yerakuyn Hall of the Armenian Prelacy. The event, graced by the leaders of the three Armenian church denominations, advisory committee members, and staff, provided a joyous occasion for the women. Amidst the celebration, the spirit of Christmas was shared with them. The program featured lively folkloric dances performed by a group of girls from JMA Teen's Program, and two talented young Armenian singers captivated the audience with their melodious songs.

## 7. Christmas Concert at Monot

A group of 120 beneficiaries from JMA received an exclusive invitation from the Rifaq Al Darb Association to attend a prestigious three-day Christmas concert. Surrounded by the enchanting performances of renowned Lebanese singers, our beneficiaries immersed themselves in a festive atmosphere, providing them with a valuable opportunity to unwind and escape from the pressures of their everyday routines.

These initiatives reflect our ongoing dedication to empowering and uplifting the community through meaningful engagement and support for its members. We eagerly anticipate further expansion of these programs to continue positively impacting our community.



## a. Empowerment Workshops in Collaboration with YMCA

In partnership with the YMCA, we conducted a seven-day workshop on life skills, employability, and digital literacy. Fifteen women actively participated in this workshop, which proved highly beneficial. Participants acquired new skills and were motivated to pursue employment opportunities.



## b. Alternative Dispute Resolution Sessions with National Consultant Zeina Kesrouani

A renowned expert in mediation, Zeina Kesrouani conducted three interactive sessions on alternative dispute resolution methods. 107 women actively engaged in these sessions, gaining valuable insights into conflict resolution techniques.





#### c. Psychosocial Support Sessions in Collaboration with IDRAAC and HelpAge International

Collaborating with IDRAAC and HelpAge International, we organized three psychosocial support sessions for 75 women throughout the year. These sessions provided a platform to discuss mental health issues and offered vital emotional support.

#### d. Elderly Care Workshop

A two-day workshop on Alzheimer's and Elderly Care was organized in collaboration with the IDRAAC organization in November 2023. Ten women from the community actively participated in this insightful event held at the Hotel Citea. The workshop provided valuable knowledge on Elderly Care and Alzheimer's, leaving the participants highly satisfied. They gained a solid understanding of the fundamentals of elderly care and are now equipped to excel in home care settings.

#### 2.3.3. Vocational Skills for Young Women

In May 2023, we launched a pilot project to enhance young women's vocational skills within our community. This initiative involved an intensive eight-session training program focused on Facial Care. Remarkably, 15 enthusiastic women actively participated in these weekly sessions, demonstrating a keen interest in acquiring specialized skills.

The positive feedback received, coupled with the strong desire expressed by the women to delve deeper into makeup-related lessons, has propelled us to expand our vocational offerings.

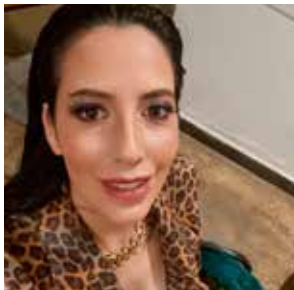
In September 2023, we resumed the Facial Care and Makeup class, and based on the demand from the community, we also started Nail Care and Sewing classes.

Forty-five women enthusiastically followed and are still following the sessions. After completing sixty sessions, they will receive a certificate and would be able to start working.



Here is the division of classes:

Vocational Skill	Number of Sessions Till December 2023	Number of Women Following the Sessions
Sewing Class	16 sessions	15 women
Facial Care and Makeup	16 sessions	15 women
Nail Care	16 sessions	15 women
General Health & Well-being	12 sessions	12 women



*Joice Jelekian*



*Suzy Nadjarian*



*Vicky Boyadjian*





### **Promoting Women's Involvement through Chocolate Making as Christmas Gifts**

As part of our ongoing initiatives to enhance the participation of community women in our programs and to explore viable income-generating projects, we embarked on a venture into chocolate making. The objective was to create pilot projects contributing to community engagement.

The initial phase involved producing 40 meticulously crafted chocolate boxes, which were distributed to leaders within the Armenian community and esteemed friends and partners of JMA. The project demonstrated notable success, receiving positive feedback from recipients.

Notably, this endeavor saw the active involvement of four women who played a key role in the chocolate making process. Their dedication and contribution underscore the potential of such projects to empower and engage community members.

### **2.3.4. Employment Office**

The Employment Office serves as a vital component of our community empowerment initiatives, mainly aimed at bolstering women's economic standing within our locality, thereby contributing to the overall well-being of our community.

Our office has successfully facilitated employment opportunities extended by individuals and corporate entities during the preceding year. The predominant job openings revolved around roles in elderly care and cleaning services. Remarkably, we received 150 applicants and 84 job offers, resulting in 106 successful job referrals.

### **2.3.5. Psychosocial Support Sessions for Children**

In collaboration with the Right To Play International and the active participation of 10 university students specializing in Social Work and Psychology, the RAISE Project was launched and executed over two months. The initiative's primary objective was to enhance the communication skills of children aged 8-12, fostering improvement in their English and Arabic language proficiency. Utilizing games, sports, and various activities, the project aimed to promote self-awareness and emotional management skills.

A total of 200 children were engaged in the project, spanning the months of November and December. Sessions were scheduled on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings, with children organized into ten groups for two-hour sessions each day. The Forty Martyr's Sunday School and the United Armenian College provided the venues for project implementation.

Two festive events were organized to culminate the project, coinciding with the Christmas season. On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at the invitation of Bourj Hammoud's Mayor Mr. Mardig Boghossian, the children enjoyed a delightful time at Fun Zone, a special gaming venue for children. Subsequently, on December 26, 2023, the children gathered for a Christmas celebration at the Bourj Hammoud basketball stadium, where they were treated to an enjoyable experience with the Lousig Land entertainment group. The celebration's conclusion featured the distribution of gifts, including stationery and school bags generously donated by the Right To Play International.



### 3. Number of Client Beneficiaries and Visits (January 1 to December 31, 2023)

	Number of Beneficiaries	Number of Times Assisted
<b>Medication</b>	2,352	9,847
<b>Dispensary</b>		1,485
Doctors' Consultation 1,347		
Follow-up 310		
EKG 138		
<b>Hospitalization</b>	399	448
<b>Minor Medical</b>	188	1,277
<b>Institutional Placement Care</b>	52	591
Medical Assistance 42		
Financial Assistance 10		
<b>Social Service</b> (families and teens, families with a handicapped member)	1,614	2,243
<b>Care for Elderly Allowance</b>	557	1,453
Diapers	60	428
<b>Employment</b>		
Job Offer	84	
Job Seekers	150	
Referrals	106	
<b>Vocations</b>		
Sewing Class	15	16
Make Up and Facial Care	15	16
Nail Care	15	16



## B. Retain and Equip Highly Qualified Staff

The staff composition remains unchanged, with the addition of

- a. **Christine Aznavourian**  
*Director's Assistant*
- b. **Maria Cherbetjian**  
*Joined the Social Department in June 2023.*
- c. **Rita Mahagian**  
*Pharmacy Unit Receptionist*

Monthly staff meetings were held throughout the year for brainstorming, planning changes and procedures, and informing the staff about the latest initiatives undertaken by each department.

In February 2023, in the presence of Rev. Raffi Messerlian and Father Sarkis Sarkissian, a prayer day was held in JMA-Lebanon, along with staff members and some beneficiaries.



## VISIT TO THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS



*With His Holiness Aram I, Catholicos of the Holy see of Cilicia of the Armenian Apostolic Church*



*With His Beatitude Raphaël Bedros XXI Minassian, Patriarch of the Armenian Catholic Church*



*With Rev. Dr. Paul Haidostian, President of the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East, and President of Haigazian University*



# OF THE ARMENIAN COMMUNITY



*With His Eminence Archbishop Shahe Panossian, Prelate of the Armenian Orthodox Church in Lebanon*



*With Rev. Raffi Messerlian Chairman of the central committee of the Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East*



*With Monseigneur Kapriel Mouradian, Auxiliary Bishop of the Armenian Catholic Church in Beirut*



# COLLABORATION WITH BOURJ HAMMOUD MUNICIPALITY

Our organization proudly maintains a robust and fruitful collaboration with the Bourj Ham-moud Municipality, a partnership built on shared goals and dedication. The unwavering support and commitment extended by the mayor have been instrumental in the success of various initiatives. Notably, the mayor has assigned four dedicated policewomen under our supervision, contributing significantly to maintaining safety and orderliness in our neighborhood. Their presence during working hours has proven invaluable, exemplifying our joint commitment to enhancing the overall well-being of our community and fostering a secure and harmonious environment for all residents.



Here are some events and celebrations we held with the staff.

- On January 25 2023, the JMA staff participated in the solidarity gathering for Art-sakh organized by the three Armenian political parties in Lebanon.
- In February 2023, we organized a staff outing to a Lebanese restaurant to honor the former director, Ms. Pauline Sagherian, for her dedicated years of service.
- In May 2023, we celebrated Nurses Day, a heartfelt occasion where we expressed gratitude for our staff's unwavering dedication.
- Mother's Day was also a special event at our center, where we shared joy by distributing cookies and meaningful gifts to staff and beneficiaries.
- During May 2023, we organized a staff outing, allowing everyone to enjoy quality time together and break away from the routine of demanding workdays.
- In December 2023, the staff gathered at Rouh Beirut restaurant for a meaningful occasion to commemorate the conclusion of a highly productive year. The event served as a platform to express gratitude for the team's unwavering dedication and exceptional service throughout the year. Moreover, it presented an excellent opportunity to celebrate and honor Mr. Sarkis Varjabedian, acknowledging his remarkable 25 years of selfless commitment. In recognition of his outstanding service, Mr. Varjabedian was presented with a symbolic golden coin and a commemorative plaque by JMA, underscoring the organization's deep appreciation for his long-standing contributions.





## C. Expand Communication and Networking

### 1. External Collaborations and Community Involvement

#### 1.1. Coordinating Committee of Social Welfare Organizations in Bourj Hammoud and Sin el Fil

The Coordinating Committee plays a pivotal role in fostering collaboration among social welfare organizations for the betterment of communities. Throughout 2023, Ms. Ani Aznavourian represented JMA, actively participating in six committee meetings. Noteworthy collaborative projects include:

- a. **Earthquake Awareness Sessions:** In response to the seismic impact on Syria affecting Lebanon, JMA conducted earthquake awareness sessions in partnership with the Coordination Committee and the Lebanese Red Cross. The aim was to mitigate potential damages through education.
- b. **Teen Workshop by SIDC:** The Coordination Committee facilitated a two-day workshop for teenagers, organized with the support of JMA. This initiative provided valuable insights and opportunities for youth development.
- c. **Hygiene Kit Distribution:** In collaboration with the Coordination Committee, JMA received and distributed fifty hygiene kits to teenagers during Christmas. In partnership with SIDC, this effort aimed to enhance the community's well-being during the festive season.
- d. **War preparedness Survey:** In anticipation of potential conflict following the Gaza war, the Coordination Committee, in collaboration with JMA and the NGOs operating in the area, conducted a needs assessment survey. This initiative sought to establish a network for referrals and co-operation in an emergency.
- e. **Report Writing Workshop with YMCA:** Collaborating with YMCA, the Coordination Committee organized a workshop on report writing. Social workers and representatives from various organizations participated, contributing to skill development within the community.

#### 1.2. Union of Armenian Social Workers in Lebanon

The Union, comprising Armenian social workers and organization representatives, oversees the Center for Children with Special Needs, Zvartnots, and coordinates projects and events across Armenian organizations. JMA has consistently been part of the administrative body, with Ani Aznavourian holding a committee position and the director chairing the union for the past two years. In the September 2023 elections, Ms. Ani Boudjikian assumed the chair, with Lucy Khatchadourian from JMA joining the committee.

In June 2023, through a collaborative effort with the Union and with active participation from JMA, an outing for the elderly residents of Armenian Sanatorium of Azounieh was organized. Eighty seniors in the sanatorium were treated to a delightful experience at Arev restaurant. The outing provided them with a joyful and enriching time.

The event was graced by the presence of the mayor of Anjar and religious leaders representing the three Armenian church denominations. This gathering not only brought joy to the elderly participants but also fostered a sense of community and connection, emphasizing the importance of shared experiences and collective support.

#### 1.3. Lebanese Union for Child Welfare (LUCW)

Established in 1949, the LUCW collaborates with 54 NGOs nationwide to implement child-focused programs. In 2023, JMA became a member, representing Mount Lebanon through its



## Seminars, workshops, trainings and meetings

Participated by	Date/ Location	Number of Sessions	Seminar/ Workshop/ Meeting	Organized by
JMA Staff	July 2023 Mesrobian Technical College	Eight Sessions	Computer Literacy: Word, Excel, PowerPoint	JMA Administration
Ani Aznavourian Christine Aznavourian Nanor Tashdjian Maria Cherbetjian	July 25 & 26, 2023 Hotel Citea	Two-days Comprehensive Workshop	Mental Health, Communication Skills and Addressing Challenges	The Ministry of Public Health, International Rescue Commit- tee and World Bank Group
Maria Cherbetjian	September 19, 20, 21, 22, 2023 AGBU School Premises	Four-days	A Comprehensive Workshop About Working with Teenagers	AGBU Lebanon
JMA Staff	February 21, 2023 Jinishian Premises	One day	Earthquake Awareness Session	Lebanese Red Cross
Ani Aznavourian	December 7, 2023	One day	Launching of Community Network	IDRAAC
Ani Aznavourian	November 2023	One day	Report Writing Skills	YMCA
Maria Cherbetjian	December 6, 2023	One day	University of Balamand Nursing Students' Presentation About their Involvement in Family Interventions	University of Balamand

director. This affiliation reinforces JMA's commitment to child welfare on a broader scale.

### 1.4. Radio Voice of Van Collaboration

In a beneficial partnership with the Armenian Radio Station, Voice of Van, JMA's initiatives and announcements were broadcast through the radio station. Additionally, the director was invited to participate in talk programs, providing an opportunity to showcase the organization's activities.

### 1.5. Partnership with Aztag Daily, Ararad and Zartonk Newspapers

In a closely-knit collaboration with Aztag Daily Newspaper, Ararad and Zartonk JMA's significant events and celebrations were featured in the newspapers. This collaboration highlighted and shared JMA's critical activities with a broader audience through print media.

## 2. Networking and Partnership

In a world increasingly interwoven by shared challenges, JMA-Lebanon recognizes the profound impact that can be achieved through strategic alliances. Over the past year, we have tirelessly expanded our network, forging partnerships that amplified our reach, deepened our impact, and cultivated a collective force for positive change. Through building bridges, creating connections, and fostering partnerships, JMA-Lebanon succeeded in orchestrating projects that resonated across thousands of lives, instigating profound positive changes on both personal and community levels.

Each partnership and connection has played a vital role in realizing projects that rippled through the very fabric of society, leaving an indelible mark on the lives we touch.

- **Sister NGO's Collaboration:** In our continuous efforts to support the most vulnerable in our community, JMA collaborated with sister NGOs. Daily collaboration with organizations such as the Karagheusian Association, Armenian Red Cross, Social Action Committee, AGBU, Armenian Prelacy Social Unit, CAHL, AFHIL, Caritas Nareg dispensary, Armenian schools, Hamazkayin Cultural Center, Churches, and others facilitated referrals and joint initiatives for those in need.
- **Mesrobian Technical College Partnership:** Our collaboration with Mesrobian Technical College persisted, contributing to developing and empowering twenty teenage girls who excelled academically throughout the year.
- **St. Savior Armenian Catholic Church Collaboration:** Utilizing the large hall of St. Savior Armenian Catholic Church, JMA conducted awareness sessions and social gatherings. We thank Father Mesrob Topalian and Father Sahag Keshishian for their smooth and positive collaboration.
- **St. Marc Laboratory Collaboration:** The collaboration with St. Marc Laboratory continued, providing financial support to needy patients.
- **Lions International Collaboration:** Deep collaboration with Lions International resulted in the successful implementation of various projects, including mammography campaigns, social gatherings, elderly events, and Christmas celebrations.
- **Rifaq Al Darb Partnership:** Collaboration with Rifaq Al Darb Association, facilitated by Mr. Joe Taoutal, played a pivotal role in our success throughout the year.
- **IDRAAC and HelpAge Partnership:** Educational and psychosocial support sessions for women in the community were delivered through partnerships with IDRAAC and HelpAge, fostering positive changes.
- **University of Balamand Collaboration:** Hosting six senior Nursing students from the University of Balamand brought significant value to our organization. Their contributions included awareness sessions, diabetes patient education, home visits, and support for vulnerable families.
- **AUB Nursing Department Collaboration:** Twelve students from the American University of Beirut Nursing department conducted community service at JMA, providing valuable one-to-one consultations, NCD screenings, vital sign assessments, and educational sessions to young women and home visits to elderly patients.
- **Haigazian University Partnership:** Hosting three social work students from Haigazian University for three months enhanced our casework, group work, and community engagement capacity.
- **Ministry of Public Health and YMCA Collaboration:** Collaboration with the Ministry of Public Health and YMCA included receiving monthly medications and implementing developmental projects for young women.
- **Fresno Medical Mission Collaboration:** Through collaboration with Fresno Medical Mission, we received medication distributed to the patients of our Pharmacy unit.
- **Right To Play Collaboration:** The RAISE project positively impacted the lives of 150 children through collaboration with Right To Play.
- **Norwegian Church Aid Partnership:** Collaboration with Norwegian Church Aid provided rent assistance to forty families for six months.





With Reverend Raffi Messerlian and Reverend Father Sarkis Sarkissian



Father Michel Abboud Al-Karmeli, President of Caritas Lebanon



Venerable Father Sahag Rev. Keshishian, Deputy People's President of the Armenian Catholic Saint Savior Church



Venerable Father Gorune Rev. Djenanian Vice-Chancellor of the Mkhitarian Congregation of Lebanon







- Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Collaboration: As part of the Gulbenkian Foundation's emergency scholarship aid, JMA hosted social workers and 80 students for scholarship interviews, fostering a positive experience and paving the way for deeper collaboration.
- Order of Malta Collaboration: Under the Order of Malta, JMA was able to provide food boxes and Christmas meals to 100 families in January 2023.
- Deputy Office of Armenian Deputies Collaboration: Grateful for collaborating with the Deputy Office, especially during the Aleppo earthquake, where assistance safely reached the JMP Aleppo office through their facilitation.
- Municipality of Anjar Collaboration: Thanks for collaborating with the Municipality of Anjar, especially during the Teenager Summer Camp, with Mayor Vartkes Khoshian facilitating our stay.
- Anjar Boarding School Collaboration: Thankful for the positive collaboration with the Boarding School of Anjar, particularly during our summer camp.
- AABC Collaboration: Collaboration with AABC, led by Mr. Albert Tchoukadarian, resulted in receiving medications throughout the year, deepening our gratitude and anticipation for further collaboration.
- FabricAid Collaboration: Collaboration with FabricAid added value to our community work, providing clothing vouchers and supporting 150 needy families during Christmas celebrations.
- JEBID Collaboration: Gratitude was extended to the JEBID organization for providing food boxes to needy families in collaboration with JMA.
- Embrace Lebanon Partnership: JMA is grateful for the collaboration with Embrace Lebanon through which our patients on psychiatric medications received free consultations and medications.
- Collaboration with Waznat: JMA expresses sincere gratitude for the partnership with Waznat, a highly esteemed counseling and consulting agency. This collaboration will facilitate workshops on emotional intelligence and fostering a positive mindset for JMA staff and targeted groups of women.
- CAHL: As part of our ongoing efforts to alleviate the suffering of marginalized elderly individuals, JMA diligently follows up by providing vital medication and essential healthcare items to nine residents within CAHL.
- Armenian Sanatorium of Azounieh: We extend medical and in-kind support to 34 elderly residents at the Armenian Sanatorium of Azounieh, ensuring they receive the care and assistance they require for a dignified life.
- Deir el Qamar Collaboration: JMA collaborates with Deir El Qamar, offering vital support to Armenian individuals with disabilities residing there. Through this partnership, we aim to enhance their quality of life and foster inclusivity within the community.

### **Dynamic Collaborations and Milestone Celebrations**

#### **Remembrance day for Vartan Jinishian and his parents, Rev. Haroutyun and Catherine Jinishian**

On Sunday, October 15, 2023, the Jinishian Memorial Association-Lebanon gathered at the Armenian Evangelical Church of Nor Marash to pay homage to its visionary founder, Vartan Jinishian, and his parents, the esteemed Reverend Haroutyun and Catherine Jinishian.







The occasion also honored the departed directors who had dedicated their unwavering service to the organization.

The ceremony was marked by a poignant keynote address delivered by the Reverend Dr. Paul Haidostian, emphasizing the profound significance of serving our community with the same dedication and reverence as if we were serving our Lord Jesus in person. Representatives and leaders from the Armenian community, along with friends and beneficiaries of JMA, were in attendance, collectively participating in the prayer.

Following the prayer service, the congregation convened in the church hall, where the esteemed Prelate Archbishop Shahe Panosian and Patriarchal Vicar Bishop Kapriel Mouradian joined to share in the collective remembrance. The event stood as a testament to the enduring legacy of Vartan Jinishian and his parents, underscoring the organization's commitment to preserving their memory and continuing their impactful work within the community.

### **Collaborative Endeavors with the Union of Armenian Social Workers and Gulbenkian Foundation**

In a synergistic partnership with the Union of Armenian Social Workers and the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, JMA orchestrated a series of impactful events. Our premises served as the venue for Union Committee meetings and interviews with 80 university students. This collaboration provided a conducive space for these gatherings and served as a platform to introduce the youth to our mission and diverse services. Furthermore, JMA became a central hub for social worker meetings, solidifying our pivotal role as an essential community resource.

### **Inauguration of the Mental Health Unit of JMA's Lot 935 to be Operated by Karagheusian Association (June 29, 2023)**

A momentous occasion unfolded on June 29, 2023, as we celebrated the inauguration of the Mental Health Unit, which the Karagheusian Center will operate. Distinguished guests graced the event, including religious leaders, the Mayor of Bourj Hammoud, Karagheusian members, and friends. The significance of this milestone was captured in a video presentation by Hay Horizon, a prominent Armenian online platform, garnering media attention. This ceremony underscored our commitment to mental health services and marked a pivotal step in our ongoing mission to support the well-being of our community.





### Earthquake Relief Initiative for Support to JMP Aleppo

In a compassionate response to the devastating earthquake that struck Aleppo in February 2023, JMA launched a relief project aimed at aiding our sisters and brothers affected by the calamity. The initiative focused on collecting second-hand clothing, cash donations, and supplements for children, symbolizing our solidarity with the afflicted community.

Within days, the community rallied together, contributing a substantial amount of clothing, packs of milk, generous cash donations, 120 pairs of high-quality children's shoes, and blankets and underwear. The collaborative efforts of volunteer women from the community and teenagers participating in JMA's Teens' Program played a crucial role in organizing and packaging the collected donations.

With the assistance of the Armenian Deputy Office, the relief items were efficiently delivered to the JMP Aleppo office. This initiative demonstrated our commitment to supporting those in need during times of crisis and showcased the power of collective action and compassion within our community.







### Celebrating Social Workers' Day and Honoring Distinguished Members

On February 3, 2023, in commemoration of Social Workers' Day, a special event was organized by the Committee of the Union of Armenian Social Workers in Lebanon, headed by the director of JMA as the chairperson of the Union. Held under the auspices of three Armenian religious leaders, the occasion served as a platform to pay tribute to three exceptional members of the Union. The honorees included Miss Maro Tontian, a dedicated social worker at JMA, alongside Ms. Ani Kalousd and Miss Ani Boudjikanian, who also served as a JMA's General Assembly member.

The event witnessed active participation from the JMA administration and staff members, underscoring the organization's commitment to recognizing and celebrating its members' invaluable contributions to the social work field. The acknowledgment of these distinguished individuals highlighted their dedication and emphasized the importance of their role in shaping and enriching the community.





# COLLABORATIONS



## D. Achieve Long-term Financial Stability and Growth

The CHD Medication Dispensing Services received a considerable number of medications

Donated Medications	LBP
From Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) through Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) for Lebanese Citizens	10,162,560,900
Donations from Individuals and Organizations	1,300,882,500
<b>TOTAL VALUE</b>	<b>11,463,443,400 LBP</b>

Donations Received In-Kind	LBP	USD
Fixed Assets		\$1,382
Lunch and Boxes Parcels	216,500,000	\$11,856
Other	104,116,000	\$25,865
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>320,616,000 LBP</b>	<b>\$39,103</b>

## E. Maintain Effective Governance

### 1. Advisory Committee Meetings

Throughout 2023, the Advisory Committee convened eight times to deliberate on critical matters related to staff, programs, and upcoming events. These meetings served as a platform for decision-making, with comprehensive discussions on program and service reports. Members actively contributed valuable suggestions and recommendations.

### 2. General Staff Meetings

Periodic general staff meetings were organized throughout the year, typically scheduled at the month's end to coincide with the medication inventory assessments. In emergencies, early morning meetings were conducted to address urgent cases promptly.

### 3. Monthly Medication Inventory

Each month concluded with a thorough medication inventory process, consistently yielding precise and accurate results.

### 4. JMP General Meeting

In May 2023, the Advisory Committee members of the United States Jinishian Memorial Program, along with Country Directors from Armenia, Lebanon, and Syria, convened in Yerevan, Armenia, for a comprehensive week-long progress reporting session.

### 5. Grant Thornton Audit

For the sixth consecutive year, JMP-USA enlisted the services of Grant Thornton for an audit spanning from April to November 2023.

### 6. Reporting and Payments

Regular reporting and timely payments to government and public offices were diligently carried out. Financial reports were submitted to the Ministry of Interior and municipalities by the end of January each year, National Social Security Fund by month-end, Income Tax by the 15<sup>th</sup> following each quarter, and



VAT by the 20<sup>th</sup> following each quarter. Some reports, including Property Tax, were filed on-line. Due to occasional government office unavailability, payments experienced delays with corresponding deadlines being adjusted.

## 7. Certification and Mandate

The Ministry of Interior and Municipalities issued the Jinishian Association Certificate in March 2023, valid until January 2024. The Administrative Body's mandate extends until October 2024. These annual certificates empower JMA to conduct transactions, interface with government offices and banks, and carry out its programs and services.





## IV. CONCLUSION

In the face of the myriad challenges that beset Lebanon throughout 2023, JMA-Lebanon steadfastly pursued its commitment to addressing the community's pressing needs. Our tireless efforts aimed at expanding services, fostering engagement among the youth, and collaborating with university students underscored our dedication to advancing the mission of uplifting Armenian families from the grip of poverty and despair to a future defined by self-sufficiency and hope.

Our objectives were realized through strategic partnerships, fruitful collaborations, active involvement of the youth and volunteers, and the invaluable input of the community. Amidst challenges and threats, we successfully implemented initiatives that brought about positive transformations in the lives of thousands of Armenians, aligning seamlessly with the vision of our founder, Vartan Jinishian.

Our gratitude extends to the Almighty God for providing the strength, opportunities, and means to serve our community. His blessings were palpable in our daily endeavors, evident in every step we took, each challenge we faced, and every project we brought to fruition.

We sincerely thank the Presbyterian Church of the USA for faithfully stewarding Vartan's legacy. Special acknowledgment is extended to the JMP United States Advisory Committee for their unwavering support and encouragement.

A profound thank you goes to Mrs. Eliza Minassyan, our Executive Director, for her continuous support, understanding, encouragement, and endorsement of all our initiatives.

The Beirut Advisory Committee merits special recognition for its availability and unwavering support. Their invaluable insights and advice significantly contributed to the efficiency of our work.

Our deepest thanks are reserved for the dedicated doctors, employees, and volunteers who, without expectation or complaint, worked diligently throughout the year. Their service-oriented spirit was the linchpin of our success in bringing health, confidence, and positivity to the lives of all we serve.

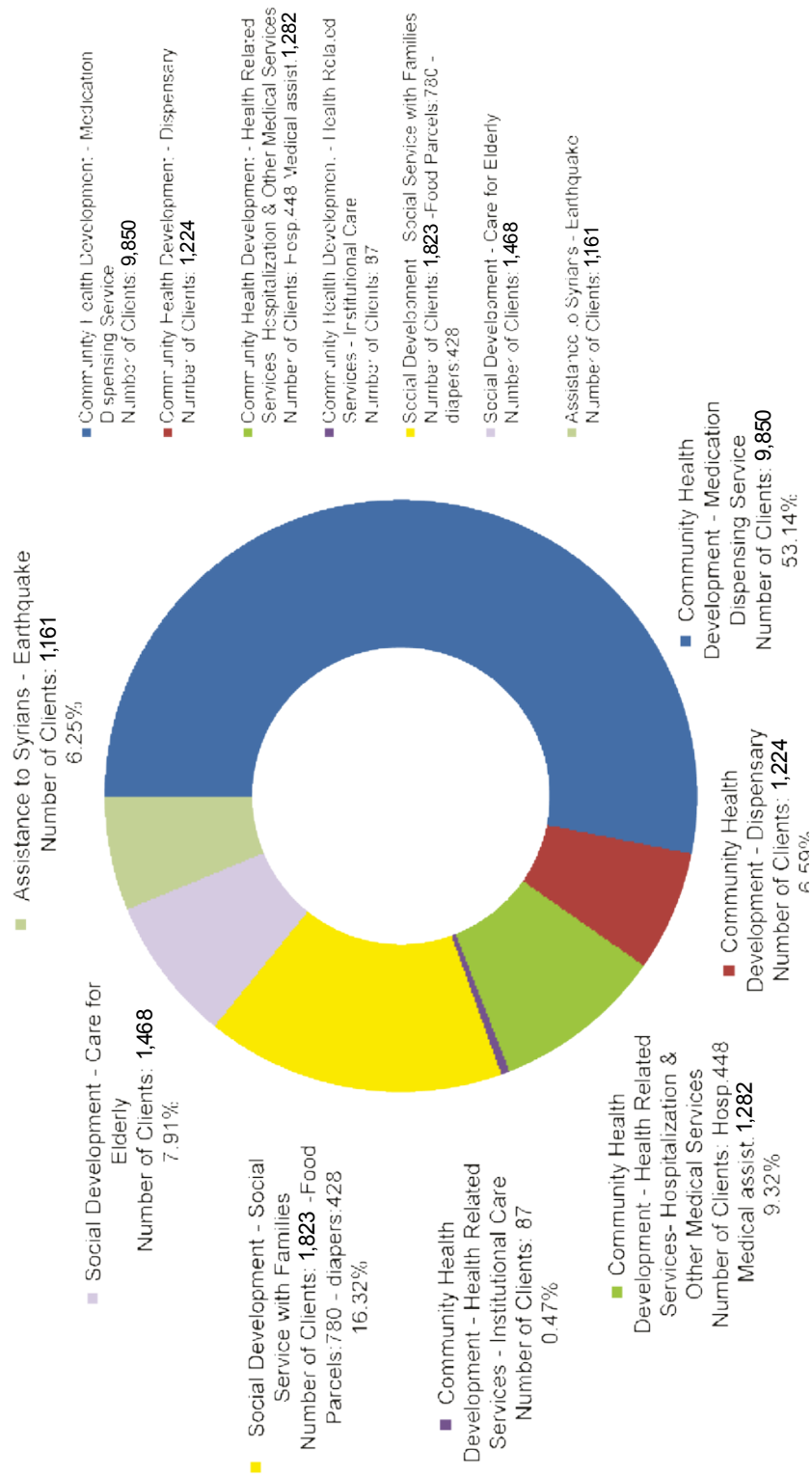
Special gratitude is extended to our donors, who, inspired by the biblical principle of the widow's offering, gave generously from their hearts, sometimes from the little they had.

It is through the grace of our heavenly father and the collective efforts of our dedicated staff, volunteers, and donors that the Jinishian Memorial Association stands as a beacon of hope for those who have lost it and a bridge to a brighter tomorrow for those disheartened by the tumultuous trials of life.

# APPENDICES

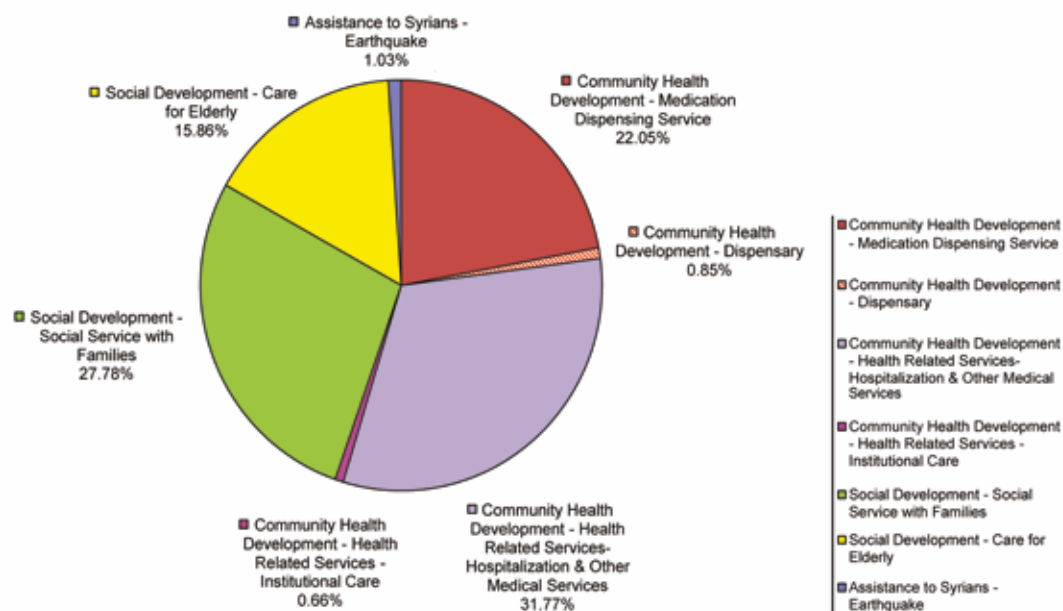
## HEALTH & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

### Number Of Clients Financially Assisted



## HEALTH &amp; SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

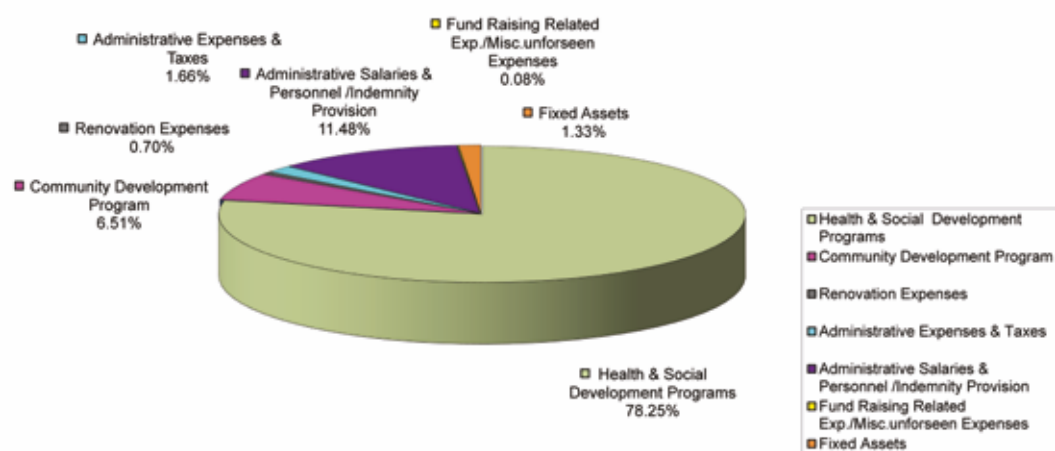
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APPENDIX 2

## TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSES

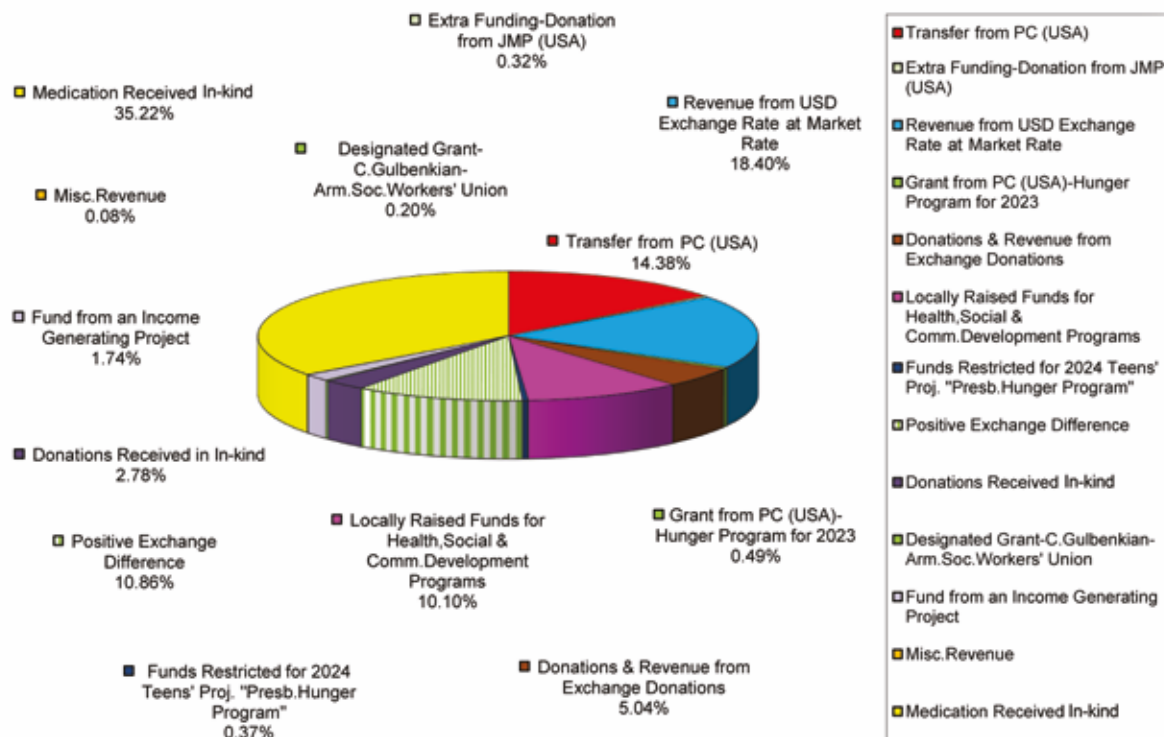


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APPENDIX 3



## TOTAL ANNUAL FUNDS AND RESOURCES



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



# VISUALS FOR THE EVENTS

**JMP Lebanon**  
—from poverty and despair to self-sufficiency and hope—

Կազմակերպութիւն՝  
Ճինիշեան Յիշատակի Ձեռնարկի

**Կենտրոն – Միջազգային Օր**

Տեղի կ'ունենայ Չորեքշաբթի, 8 Մարտ 2023-ին,  
առասուրբեան ժամը 11:00-ին, Մ. Փրկիչ եկեղեցոյ սրահին մէջ:

Հրաւեր

For teen girls

**Summer CAMP**

**July 13-19, 2023**

AGE RANGE:  
**13-17 YEARS OLD**

LOCATION:  
**ANJAR CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT AND REGISTER NOW!**  
as availability is limited

For information:  
Please call: 01-261 008  
or pass by: Jirishian Association  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm

**JMA**

Ճինիշեան  
Հասարակութիւն

**ԳԵՂԱԳԻՏՈՒԹԵԱՆ  
ԵՒ ԿԱՐԻ  
ԴԱՍԸՆՔԱԳՆԵՐ**

Ներկուշաբթի օրերը  
Ժամը 11:00-12:30  
Հոկտեմբեր 2 էն սկսեալ:

Դիմքի խնամք  
և Շարքի  
Դասընթաց

Հինգշաբթի օրերը  
Ժամը 10:00-11:30  
Հոկտեմբեր 5 էն սկսեալ:

Ի.Ջ. Յ.Գ. Բնագործողները կրնան կապ հաստատել 01-261008 թիւին  
կամ անմաք հանդիպել հաստատութիւն:



# AND WORKSHOPS

 **Կազմակերպություն՝**  
**Ճինիշեան Հաստատություն**

**« ՅԻՇԱՏԱԿԻ ԱՂՕՔԻ ՕՐ »**

**Նուիրուած Ճինիշեան ընտանիքի**  
**անդամներուն եւ հաստատութեանս մէջ**  
**ծառայած տնօրէններուն:**

Տեղի կ'ունենայ՝ Կիրակի, 15 Հոկտեմբեր 2023ին,  
առաւօտեան ժամը 10:30ին Նոր Մարաշի Հայ  
Աւետարանական Եկեղեցւոյ մէջ, Պուրճ Համուտ:

 **ԿԱԶՄԱԿԵՐՊՈՒԹԵԱՄԲ ԾԻՆԻՇԵԱՆ ՀԱՍՏԱՏՈՒԹԵԱՆ**

**Համակարգիչի, Անգլերէն**  
**Լեզուի եւ Գործի Ձեռնարկման**  
**Անվճար Դասընթացքներ:**



 **Մասնակցութեան տարիք:**  
**18-30**

**Մանրամասնութեանց համար կապ**  
**հաստատել Ճինիշեան Հաստատութեան**  
**Հնկերային Բաժանմունք:**



 **Հեռ: 01261008 / 70170558**

 **EASTER COUPON**  
**LBP 1,000,000**

**Name** .....

**Date** .....

**Social worker** .....



 **Կազմակերպութեամբ Ճինիշեան հաստատութեան**

**ՀԱՌԱՏԱՐԻՄ ՍԵՐ**  
**ՆԱՀԱՏԱԿՆԵՐՈՒ ՈՒՌՏԻՆ**

**ՀԱՅՈՑ ՅԵՂԱՍՊԱՆՈՒԹԵԱՆ**  
**108 ԱՄԵԱԿ**

**Հիր Դասախօս՝**  
**ՊՐՆ. ՎԻԳԷՆ ԱՒԱԳԵԱՆ**



Տեղի կ'ունենայ հինգշաբթի՝ 20 Ապրիլ 2023ի առաւօտեան  
ժամը 11:00ին Ս. Փրկիչ եկեղեցւոյ սրահին մէջ:

**Հրաւեր**

We are profoundly grateful to each of our donors whose generous contributions have fueled our efforts throughout the past year.

Your unwavering support has sustained our mission and empowered us to expand our reach and deepen our impact in the community. Every donation, big or small, is a powerful affirmation of our commitment to making a meaningful difference.

Your dedication and trust inspire us in our work, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being such a vital part of our journey. Your generosity is the cornerstone of our success and the hope that drives us forward.

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**Dr. Carlo & Aurora Bayrakdarian**

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**Mr. Ara Barsoumian**

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**Dr. Varoujan Altebarmakian**

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**Ms. Cynthia Tavoukdjian**

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**Mr. & Mrs. Steven & Diana Hox**

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**Mr. Harout Aydjian**

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& Kayane Shirozian**

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**Asadour and Marina Yeranossian**

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**Father Kapriel & Debra Nazarian**

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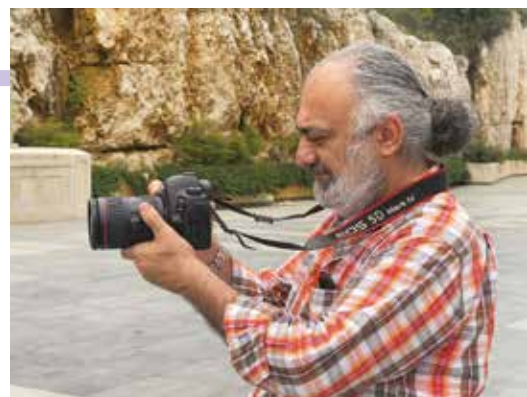
**Ms. Jackine Abounayan**

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**Ms. Sona Haroutyunian**

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JMA-Lebanon extends its sincere gratitude to the talented photographer, Henry Yoksulkal, whose exceptional work has vividly captured the essence of our mission and projects. Through his lens, moments of resilience and hope have been immortalized, enriching our report and advocating for our cause.



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