

# SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACTION FOR LEBANON 2012 AT A GLANCE

We take pride in sharing with you exciting news about the tremendous impact that your donations have had throughout Lebanon in 2012. We completed 8 projects and funded 6 new ones for a total of \$113,894.

**The completed projects benefited over 2,000 families and resulted in the proper irrigation of over 3,500,000m<sup>2</sup> of land.**

We would like to acknowledge our donors for their generous support and our volunteers for their unwavering commitment, without whom none of our endeavors would have been possible.

## Completed projects

- 1. Water Pipes and Cement Canals in Kfarzebian, Keserwan** This project involved the installation of 100 meters of water pipes and 220 meters of cement canals from the springs of "Ellaban" and "El Assal", which irrigated 250,000 m<sup>2</sup> of new land for agriculture. It is estimated that over 500 families benefited from this project.
- 2. Water Pipes in Aynata, Bekaa Valley** After digging a water well in Aynata in 2008, SEAL recently completed the installation of 2,000 meters of water pipes originating from the well. Installing these pipes resulted in the irrigation of 250,000 m<sup>2</sup> of land for agricultural production, with approximately 80 families benefiting from this endeavor.
- 3. Kiosks in Bkessine, South Lebanon** SEAL funded the purchase and installation of 6 kiosks in the Bkessine natural reserve pine forest area, a recently rehabilitated tourist attraction. The kiosks now allow local craftsmen from the Bkessine area to generate much-needed income through the sale of their locally-produced merchandise.
- 4. Cement Canals in Al-Menieh, Tripoli Area** This project involved the construction of 300 meters of cement canals used to channel rainwater properly, so as to prevent flooding and the ensuing destruction of the agricultural land of Al Menieh. Farming conditions improved significantly as part of this initiative.
- 5. Fishing Nets in Al-Mina, Tripoli** SEAL sponsored the distribution of 1,444 fishing nets to 722 fishermen of Al-Mina, Tripoli in July 2012. As large nets with wider mesh holes, these distributed fishnets conform to the regulations put in place by the Ministry of Agriculture, which aim to contribute to the sustainability of the fish population.
- 6. Biocoal from Olive Pits in Tanbourit, Saida** SEAL funded the purchase of specialized equipment that allows olive farmers to recycle the olive pits, compressing them into biocoal. This biocoal is then used for heating as an alternative, affordable and efficient source. Over 500 olive farmers/families are the direct beneficiaries of this project.

*To honor the memory of Dr. Nabil Husami for his tremendous dedication to our organization, we have created a special seal which will be "stamped" on projects carefully selected by his family according to various criteria which include innovation, sustainability and impact.*

*This year, "A Project in Memory of Dr. Nabil Husami" goes to the equipment which transforms olive pits into coal. "We feel that this is a very modern and green initiative that somehow integrates a very lebanese staple, the olive", stated the Husami family about their selection.*



- 7. Water Pipes in Deir-El Ahmar, Bekaa Valley** In order to complement an earlier project in Deir Al Ahmar involving the construction of an artificial lake and the installation of 600m of water pipes (completed with the help of the United Nations), SEAL purchased and installed 1,000 meters of 5" water pipes. The installation of these pipes increased arable land by 3,000,000m<sup>2</sup> and benefited approximately 600 farmers in the area.
- 8. Water Pipes in Wata-Houb, North Lebanon** SEAL installed 600 meters of 6" water pipes originating from the Al Kersi spring to the main "Mahkan" reservoir of the village. This resulted in the much-needed irrigation of 300,000m<sup>2</sup> of land for agriculture, which the farmers of Wata Houb use to grow apple, pear and cherry trees as well as many kinds of vegetables. Installation of the pipes was undertaken by the farmers themselves.
- 9. Water Well in Memneh, North Lebanon** After the Cooperative Society for Rural Development funded the drilling of a well where water was found at a depth of 71 meters, SEAL offered to finance the pumping of the water as well as the installation of 1,000 meters of water pipes to bring the water to the land that needs irrigation. This project will result in an increase in arable land of 250,000m<sup>2</sup>, thus benefiting 135 farmers.
- 10. Water Pipes in Bkarsouna, Dennyeh** SEAL funded the purchase of 1,400 meters of water pipes originating from the Al Kesseim and the Al Sukkar springs. This new irrigation system will replace the current antiquated and inefficient system, and will result in the proper irrigation of 1,500,000m<sup>2</sup> of land for agriculture production. The farmers themselves will be handling the installation of pipes, with this project expected to be completed in the spring of 2013.

## Annual Gala Dinner with the "Devilishly Funny" Maz Jobrani

On March 9, SEAL raised a little over \$145,000 during its annual dinner at the Metropolitan Club in NYC. The evening was a big success thanks to the generosity of our donors and that of our guest of honor, Mr. Maz Jobrani, whose funny lines made everyone laugh out loud throughout the whole evening.

*SEAL's mission is to assist low-income individuals in Lebanon to increase their income and develop successful businesses, thereby creating jobs and lifting the standard of living for themselves, their families, and their communities.*

## Quick Facts:

- › Non-profit organization, founded in NY by a group of Lebanese-Americans interested in taking action against the severe social and economic problems facing post-war Lebanon
- › Assistance provided to people, irrespective of background, religion, political affiliation or geographic location
- › Full transparency
- › Tax deductible donations
- › 100% of contributions used to sponsor projects

## PLEASE CONTRIBUTE

As always, what we most need is your continued financial support. With all of SEAL's operating expenses covered by Board Members and Officers, **every single dollar that you donate is spent on projects.**

## CONTRIBUTIONS & FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

used entirely towards funding SEAL projects

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

paid for 100% by SEAL Officers and Directors



*We wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year and hope you will be able to join us at our next fundraising-dinner on April 12, 2013. Stay tuned for the details! Sincerely, The SEAL Team*

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