SEAL is a 501(c)3 non-profit, non-political organization founded in 1997 in New York City in order to take action against the severe social and economic problems facing post-war Lebanon. We focus on community-driven economic development by providing grants and business support directly to local groups to help them jumpstart or expand an economic venture.

**Social and Economic Action for Lebanon**

**Empowering Communities with Sustainable Economic Opportunities**

A water deficit is predicted within 14 years

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The need in Lebanon (2017)

Since the start of the war in Syria

Unemployment among Lebanese has more than doubled

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SEEAL since inception

$2,516,067 invested in 116 projects

13% or $336,842 administrative expenses paid entirely by board members

25,000+ families reached

Projects by region

- Beirut: 3
- North: 29
- Mount Lebanon: 15
- South: 23
- Bekaa: 36

Projects completed 1997 - 2017: 116

Average number of unlocked economic opportunities per project: 230

Why giving to SEAL is different

- We create new jobs and economic opportunities
- We drive long lasting change in the living standards of Lebanese families
- We restore dignity to individuals, families and communities – a key to peace building

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