

2020 ANNUAL REPORT



World
Compassion
Fellowship

A letter from our President and Founder

Dear Friends,

We began 2020 with great anticipation as our Life Centers were experiencing much growth. In addition, we were organizing mobile teams to serve in Africa, the Middle East and the Caribbean. So in early 2020, we took a teaching team to Haiti and then a medical training team to Lebanon. Just days after we returned from Lebanon, the world's airports shut down and we entered the new tragic world of the COVID-19 crisis.

Our global field partners were quickly overwhelmed by the needs of their communities. Many were facing critical needs of food, hygiene products and medical care. Our funding partners responded quickly and very generously. Harold C Smith Foundation, one of our key partners, came through with a very generous grant to allow us to provide a month's supply of Food and Hygiene Care Packages to more than 135,000 people in 7 countries: Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Turkey, Yemen, India and Pakistan.

For our Life Centers, the pandemic brought major challenges. One of our Lebanon Medical LCs had to shut down for several months and while our other LC stayed open, everyone on that staff got COVID at some point.

Our Haiti LC also had to close for several months as Haiti battled twin issues of a political crisis and the COVID crisis.

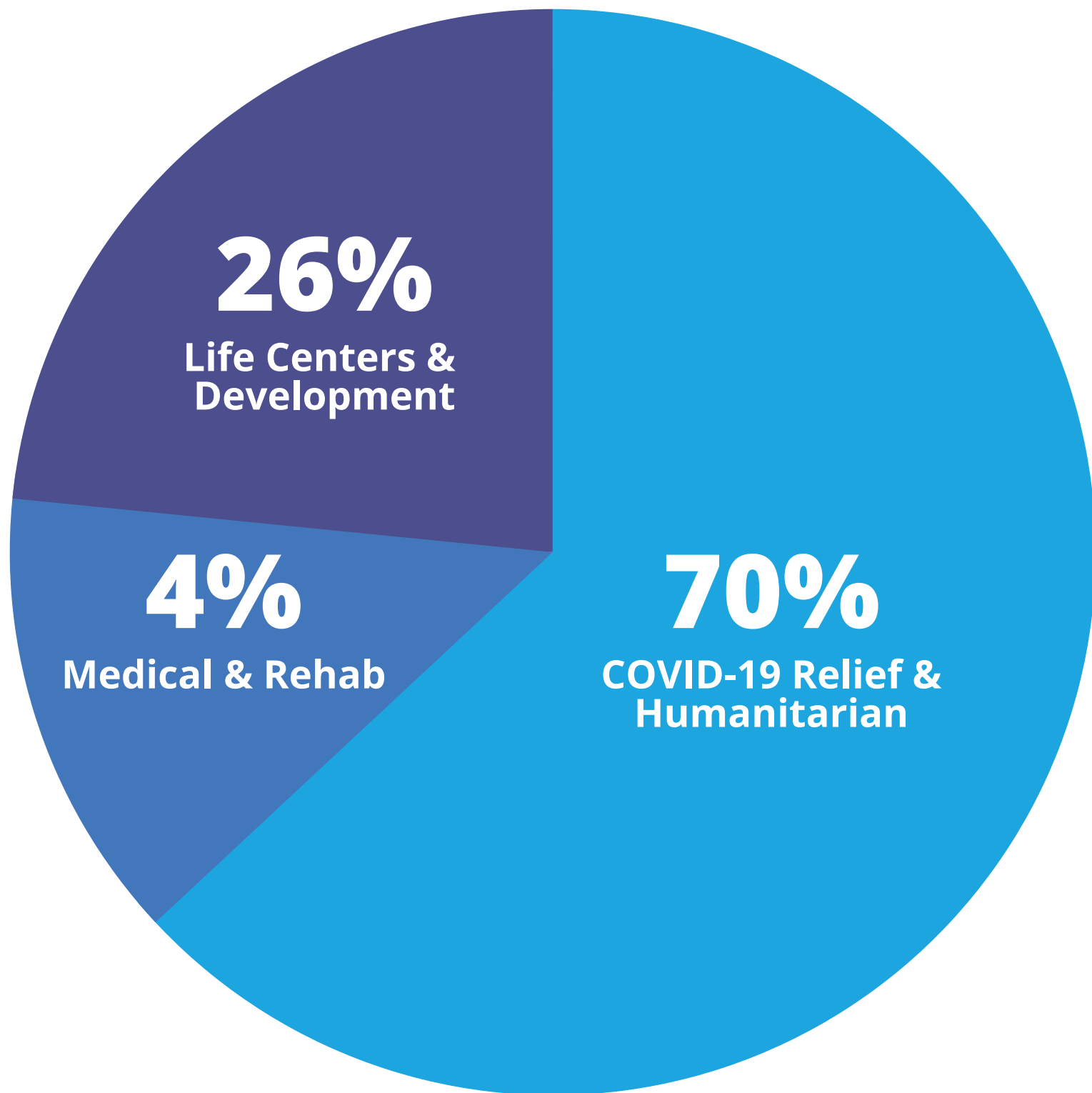
Nevertheless, our Life Centers persevered and made adjustments to our operating procedures such as implementing temperature checks, social distancing and masking rules. This impacted some of our enrollment and class schedules in Haiti as we had to split classes to accommodate the new rules. In Lebanon, our primary care team wasn't equipped to handle COVID cases, so these patients were referred to the main hospitals.

Thank you to our funding partners, donors, volunteers and our staff, both local and on the field. I've been blessed serving with you all.

Jerry Park, President and Founder



2020 Overview



Total Amount Spent

\$1,695,750

Total People Served (Estimate)

147,582

Major Areas Funded

- COVID-19 Relief and Humanitarian
- Life Centers and Development
- Medical and Rehab Programs



2020 Focus: International COVID-19 Relief



Challenge: COVID-19

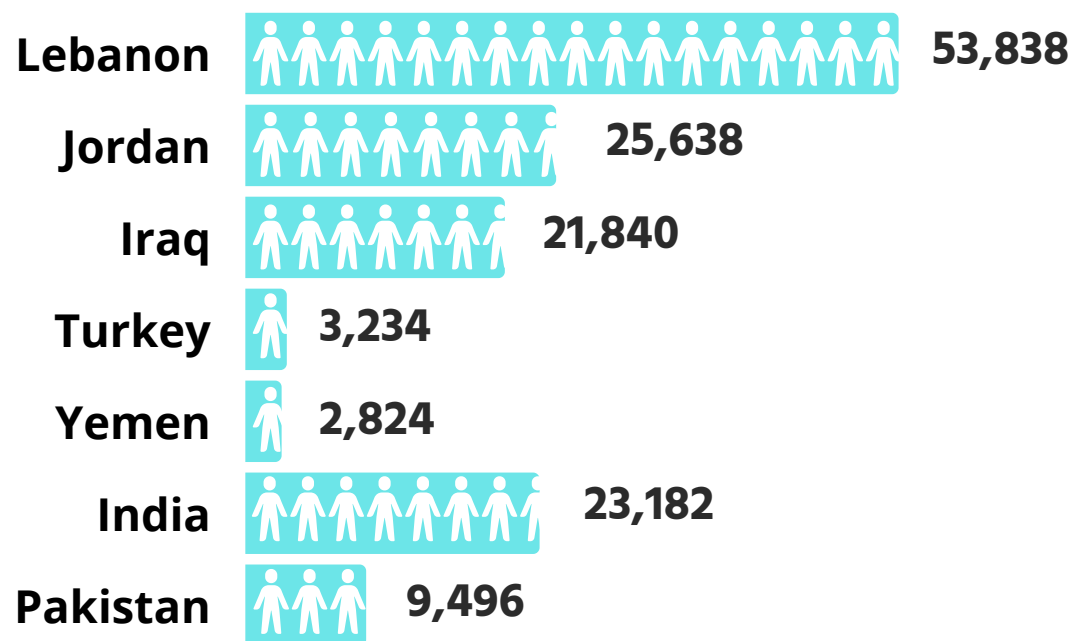
No country in the world has been spared by the effects of this pandemic, but the ones who have been affected the most are the poorest and most marginalized. One report said **one billion jobs were lost**, primarily the lowest paying, daily wage jobs that the vast majority of the world's poor rely on. The number of people heading towards acute starvation spiked to **270 million people**.

The already precarious situation for the **80 million Refugees and Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)** worldwide dramatically worsened over this period. Almost everyone from these groups lost their daily wage jobs, savings were depleted and international support declined.

Our Response

Thanks especially to Harold C Smith Foundation, WCF was able to partner with **22 different ministries** across **8 countries (Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Turkey, Yemen, India, Pakistan and Haiti)** to provide Food/Hygiene Care Packages, Medical Care, and other humanitarian aid to over **28,000 families**, representing over **140,000 people**.

C19 Relief & Humanitarian Aid:



The Impact

140,052 (est)
people were provided with
Food/Hygiene Care Packages and Medical Aid.

Testimonies: Food/Hygiene Care Packages



“ Thank you so much for the help that you sent us. I cried so much when we received it. My girls were so happy. I didn't have enough food for one meal. At 5:30pm today, I was going to call you and ask you as a brother for help. My girls and I are crying declaring that Jesus didn't forget us and that he is faithful! You made us happy! We pray that the joy of God will always be in your heart. ”

— SYRIAN REFUGEES IN LEBANON

“ We thank this humanitarian organization for helping us. We have not been visited by any organization for almost a year, but today we deeply thank this organization for its initiative to help this village because we are deeply stricken and our conditions are really tough. ”

— IRAQ

“ Vilas was deeply grateful when the aid arrived. Her husband had been bed-ridden due to paralysis and their son was the sole provider for the family. He carried on his father's trade as a tailor, but the lockdown made it impossible for him to earn money for his growing family, aged mother, and ill father. They now have supplies and hope. ”

— INDIA

Testimonies: Food/Hygiene Care Packages

“ We helped a family with 7 members where the father/husband lost his sight, so working is impossible for him, but his wife is trying to work cleaning houses. The husband was one of the patients that [WCF Mobile Medical Team] Brother Jerry checked during his last visit to Yalova. Their financial situation is really bad, they eat only one meal per day so the food packages were a very great help for them, and the lady said that the [money] was a really great help for them. They were so happy and blessed by us helping her. ”

— TURKEY

“ Abid was working in a small steel factory before COVID-19. When COVID-19 started, his factory was closed due to the lockdowns and Abid lost his job. He did not even get paid for the month he worked in the factory. Abid told us he and his wife only eat once a day so that they can save the food for their kids and sometimes they don't eat anything at all. He said it has been three months since his young children have had any milk. Abid is still struggling to find a job. He was grateful for the food and hygiene kits, especially the dry milk for his kids. ”

— PAKISTAN



Lebanon Life Centers



Challenges:

- Ongoing Syrian and Iraqi Refugee Crisis with more than 1.5 million refugees in Lebanon.
- Serious political and economic crisis which caused the economy and currency to collapse.
- COVID-19 pandemic led to major job losses.
- Massive explosion at the main Beirut port in August that resulted in hundreds dead, thousands wounded and more than 300,000 left homeless.

Our Response

WCF launched 2 Medical Life Centers in Beirut and North Lebanon in 2018 primarily to serve the overwhelming numbers of Syrian and Iraqi refugees fleeing war from their respective countries. In 2020, the multiple crises caused greater hardships for both the refugees and the local Lebanese. WCF responded by increasing the amount the LC subsidized physician fees, pharmacy, lab and imaging costs.

The Beirut Medical Life Center has seen **1,541 unique patients** with over **2,971 total patient visits** from November 2018 to December 31, 2020. 77% of our

patients were Syrian refugees, 6% were Iraqi and other refugees and the rest were Lebanese or migrant workers. We subsidized **2,846 medications** and **1,510 Labs and Imaging Visits**.

The North Lebanon Medical LC opened in May 2019 has seen **2,185 unique patients** with **3,836 total patient visits** from May 2019 to December 31, 2020. 91% of the patients were Syrian and the rest were other refugees and Lebanese. We subsidized **3,503 medications** and **1,439 Labs and Imaging Visits**.

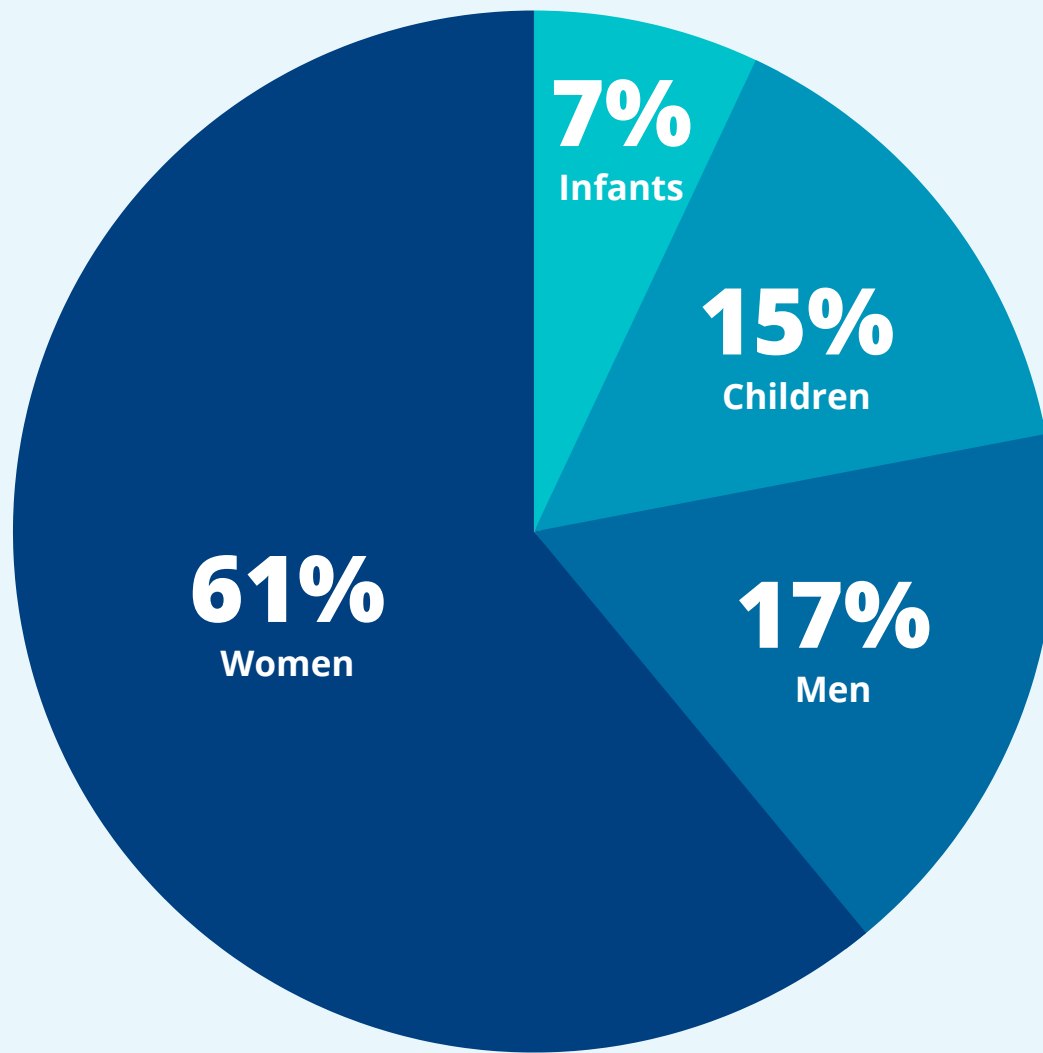
Combined, our two LCs served **3,726 unique patients** with **6,807 patient visits** over the life of our project. We subsidized **6,349 medications** and **2,949 Labs and Imaging Visits**.

The Impact

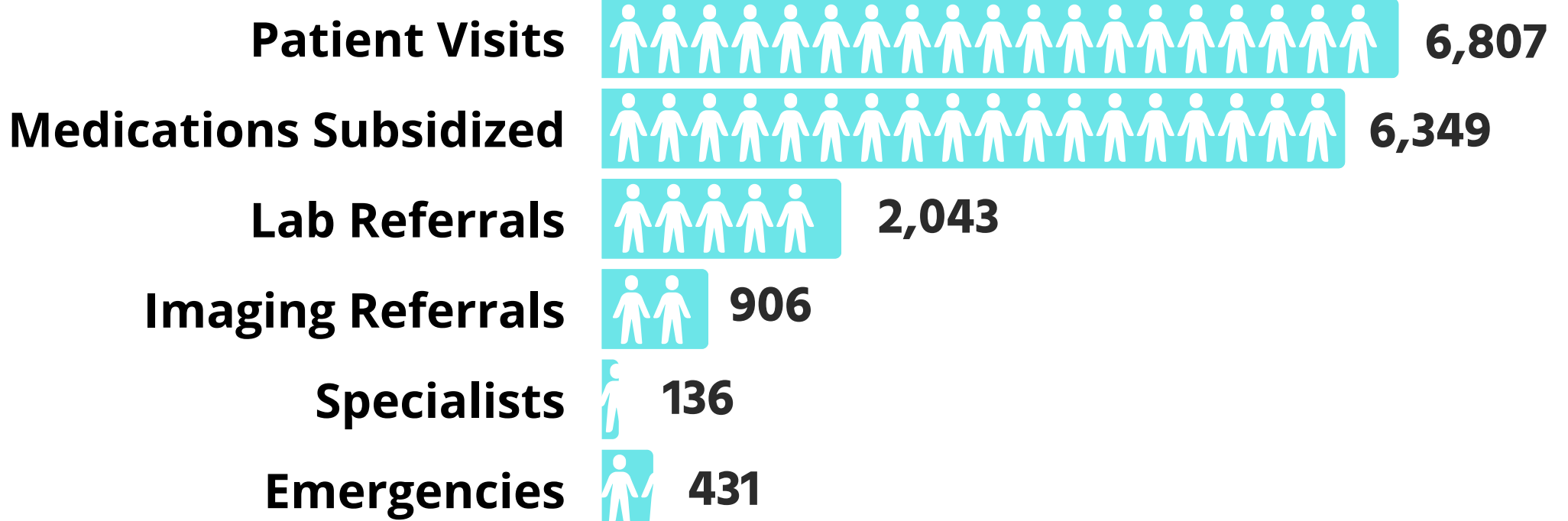
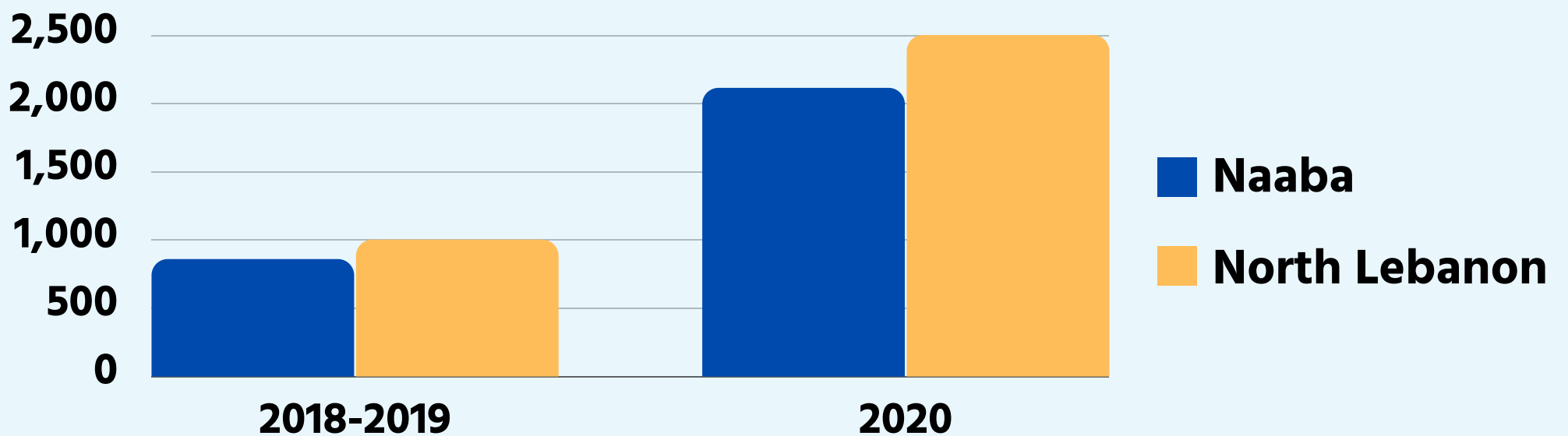
6,807

Lebanon Life Centers

Patient Demographics



Patient Visit Totals For 2 Life Centers



Medical/Rehab Programs (Iraq, Lebanon)

Medical Training Trips

WCF normally organizes mobile medical clinics throughout the year, but most of these were postponed due to COVID. However, we were able to organize a Mental Health training in Lebanon prior to the shutdowns.

After several years of providing free medical clinics for the refugees in Lebanon, we noticed serious mental health issues in many patients. The trauma of witnessing war and death, the insecurity over living as a refugee and untreated mental illnesses are all important issues that we decided to help address by sending a team of our mental health experts to provide training for the refugees and community leaders. A total of **111 people** attended the seminars and trainings that included topics such as PTSD, anxiety, stress, ADHD, depression, abuse, suicide, and coping mechanisms.



Mental Health Seminar

Physical Rehab for the Disabled

IRAQ: WCF provided ongoing financial support for our partner Operation Mercy in Iraq that specializes in Community Based Rehabilitation. This project serves 75 families in Internally Displaced Camps (IDP) in Iraq. Due to COVID, the project was only able to operate for half the year, but in that time, the teams were able to visit and serve their clients in the camps.

LEBANON: WCF also provides extended and emergency care for some patients that have very serious conditions. In one case, we met a 9 year old girl named 'Rana'. She was born in Syria during the Civil War. She was born with a cleft lip and palate. She had health complications shortly after birth resulting in developmental delay in her speech, motor function, and ability to thrive. She had several surgeries in Syria, but they weren't successful. Her family fled to Lebanon and our Partner began to assist the family. Through the consultation of the Life Center medical team and the sponsorship of WCF, she was admitted to a rehabilitation center that has specialists who can take care of her 5 days per week. She is provided for her basic education, as well as occupational and physical therapy. As a result, we have seen great progress over the past few years in her case.



Iraq



Lebanon

Beirut Explosion Disaster



Challenge:

On August 4th, a massive explosion at the main sea port caused extensive damage throughout Beirut with countless homes, schools and churches severely damaged. Two hundred people died, several thousand people were injured and more than 300,000 people were left with damaged homes or completely homeless. It added to the ongoing turmoil for the Lebanese and the more than a million and a half refugees in Lebanon.

Our Response

WCF worked with our field partners such as RCB, ABTS and Heart For Lebanon to help the people in Beirut in multiple ways. We worked with RCB to provide Food, baby diapers and women's feminine products to the hardest hit families as well as some home repairs. We worked with Heart For Lebanon to repair 3 schools, 4 churches and about 5 homes. We worked with ABTS to provide temporary housing for 82 people newly homeless and subsequent repairs of their homes.

The Impact

18

homes Repaired

4

churches Repaired

3

schools Repaired

82

People with Long term housing



Haiti Life Center



Challenges:

Prior to 2020 Haiti had been experiencing country-wide instability, violent protests, school and hospital closures, and food shortages sparked by a major government corruption scandal. Then in March 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic led to Haiti shutting down the airport, schools, businesses and most government services for 5 months until August 2020.

During the lockdowns our Haiti Life Center switched to remote classes for our students, but most of them had no computers or Internet access so we had to make major adjustments such as providing access to our lab or providing printed handouts. Despite all of these challenges, we persevered along with our beneficiaries.

Our Response

At the start of 2020, the LC had served **131 ESL students** and **18 Computer students** for a total of **149 students**. We started 2 more Computer Classes by February 2020 for a total of **42 Computer students**. When Haiti went into lockdown, we conducted Remote Classes with 73 students.

When we re-opened in August, we had to reduce the size of our classes to accommodate social distancing rules. We were pleasantly surprised that 82 students returned to finish the interrupted ESL and Computer classes. In November 2020, we began new ESL sessions and had **102 students** registered with 17 on a wait list. Our Computer Classes had **23 students** who are continuing their classes from before.

Character/Leadership Development

The Character/Leadership Class is an important distinguishing factor for the LC. Corruption is always an ongoing challenge in any country. The Character/Leadership class has been an environment that teaches students the importance of good character and ethical leadership in life and in business.

The Impact

149

total students had served ESL and Computers.

Testimonies: Haiti Life Center Students

“ One of my reasons for coming to HLC to learn English was because I missed an opportunity to get a better job in 2010. I did not get the job because I couldn't speak English at that time. Speaking English is becoming necessary and required everywhere. So I am really grateful that I am learning English from the great teachers at the HLC. The COVID-19 and political crisis were catastrophic for everyone. However, I want to thank the HLC leaders for their concern for the students and for giving us the Food/Hygiene Care Packages. ”

— JEANEL, 35, CRAFTSMAN (PART-TIME) - ESL LEVEL 1

“ Today, I want you to know how you've helped us. We appreciate the work of God you are doing here with your attention and love for HLC students. It is great in our eyes here in HLC, but especially in mine. I want you to know, how amazing is the attention that you pay to us. You think about hiring good teachers for us and providing a warm and comfortable atmosphere for us. ”

— MOROSE, 20, STUDENT
- ESL LEVEL 2

“ In Haiti, our family is poor and my brothers and sisters rely on our parents, but they cannot afford to help all of us so life is difficult for us here. The computer class is a very important class because anywhere you go you have to know how to use a computer. The computer class helps us to use a computer so that I can find a good job and earn money for our family. ”

— COLLEGE STUDENT, 20.



Humanitarian Programs: Haiti, India



Our Response

Our Food Program has been a critical help for the poorest families in our partner communities in Haiti and India. However, the COVID lockdowns caused temporary shutdowns of the regular food programs. In most cases, WCF replaced regular food program funding with emergency COVID Food/Hygiene care packages for the whole family.

During the times our Food Programs were running, our partners in Port-au-Prince and Jacmel in Haiti were providing meals to approximately **160 children** in both partner ministries for 5 days per week. In India, WCF sponsored meals for **70 children** who have been part of our regular program.

The Impact

230

in our non-COVID Food Programs.



Education Programs: Haiti, India, Malawi



Our Response

Regular schooling for children and older youth worldwide was disrupted in an unprecedented way due to the many COVID related shutdowns. Nevertheless, WCF continued to provide scholarship funding to the most at-risk children served by our longstanding partners in Haiti and Malawi. In India, WCF provided salaries for teachers at schools that our children attended.

In Haiti, WCF provided primary, secondary and University Education Scholarship funds for **66 students** (31 students in Port-au-Prince and 35 in Jacmel).

In India, WCF provided teacher and staff salaries, education supplies and other education costs for **130 children**. These children were children of prostitutes and stone workers and some came from slum areas. Another **17 women** were provided vocational training in sewing for a total of **149 students** in India helped by WCF.

In Malawi, WCF continued to provide partial scholarship funding for **21 children and youth**. Six of the children have graduated from High School. Another six children finished college and are starting 3-month internships.

One of our students graduated from medical school and is now serving at a government hospital in Blantyre. He said that he is more excited about being a doctor now than he was pre-pandemic.

Testimony

“After my High School Studies, I didn’t expect to continue with my education, but God used you to help me study at one of the Universities in Haiti. My mother and my father could have never paid the fees. I am lost for words; I can’t thank you enough! ”

— **KETTY (PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL - BUSINESS INSTITUTE OF THE WEST INDIES)**

The Impact

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with education assistance.

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