

## Association Najdeh

### Emergency Program

#### Activities Report January – December 2007

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### Introduction

Najdeh started its Emergency and relief actions during July 2006 war in Lebanon and continued in the post war recovery period till mid May 2007. Starting from May 2007 the program shifted its efforts towards working with the Nahr El Bared camp displaced population. The total number of displaced Palestinian families from NBC reached 6174, of those 5109 families stayed in UNRWA and Lebanese Public schools, NGOs and relatives houses in Baddawi camp, Baddawi town, Tripoli city and some villages in the outskirts of NBC. The remaining 1065 families went to the other camps in Beirut, Beqa'a, Sidon and Tyre to stay with relatives.

Before all the inhabitants of NBC were evacuated Najdeh managed to send food and non-food items to around 1500 families who were still there. Najdeh was one of few NGOs that were able to send in-kind aid to inside the camps due to its good communication with the Lebanese Red Cross, the Palestinian Red Crescent and the Lebanese Army.

The program also worked to secure uncovered needs of the displaced refugees in Baddawi camp and the villages around it as well as 1053 families in other camps in Beirut, Beqa'a, Tyre and Sidon. In October 2007 Najdeh accompanied the returnees to the new part of NBC after the armed clashes were over. The program started working with 1734 families who returned to that part of the camp distributing food and non-food items over them. In 2007, 105 of Najdeh staff worked in the emergency activities and were assisted by 81 volunteers as follows:

**Table 1: Emergency program: Najdeh's staff & volunteers by region Jan – Dec 2007**

Region	Tripoli	Beirut	Sidon	Tyre	Beqa'a	Total
<b>Staff</b>	43	22	15	15	10	105
<b>Volunteers</b>	50	20	2	2	7	81
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>186</b>

### Achievements

The program started with surveying the situation at the following levels:

- Conducting statistics: the program conducted registering the displaced families, displacement locations, needs assessment, available resources of other NGOs and its work perspectives.
- Forming work-teams: Najdeh identified tasks and distributed them among the staff and volunteers of the program.
- Monitoring resources: regarding what centers and staff available in Baddawi camp and what possibilities to make the best use of these material and human resources.

It is important to mention that conducting statistics and following up and updating them was challenging due to the continuing movement of the displaced populations from one region to another.

The program prepared case studies and registered 6174 displaced families (see table 2), of those, number of families headed by women: 550 family headed by widows, 83 by divorced women, 187 by sisters, grandmothers, etc.), number of displaced refugees who run/own small businesses (127 women and 1018 men), number of workers specialized in the reconstruction field (22 electricians, 14 sanitarians, 90 building constructions), number of university students at Beirut Arab University -BAU (40 females and 68 males).

**Table 2. Emergency program: Statistic of Nahr El Bared displaced families – Jan-Dec 2007 No.= 6147**

		NO. Family	Nationality			Persons	Children	Women's status				Disable	Chronic Illness	UNRWA HC
			P	L	O			M	W	D	S			
Beirut	Schools	30	29	0	1	154	19	28	2	0	0	2	15	11
	Shatila	235	231	3	1	1216	116	197	18	4	7	27	95	59
	B. Brajneh	252	252	0	0	1295	120	218	22	3	5	27	125	95
	<b>Total</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2665</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>165</b>
Tyre	Rashidieh	56	56	0	0	293	26	51	0	1	1	4	20	9
	Buss	34	34	0	0	171	10	27	4	1	2	5	24	4
	B. Shemali	38	38	0	0	181	12	30	6	1	1	10	19	9
	Gatherings	54	53	1	0	270	16	48	6	0	0	0	19	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>28</b>	
Tripoli	Baddawi	3231	3163	46	11	16913	1871	2492	281	48	113	327	1113	1250
	Gatherings	1878	1738	117	7	9766	1076	1404	168	19	51	187	575	501
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5109</b>	<b>4901</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26679</b>	<b>2947</b>	<b>3896</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>1688</b>	<b>1751</b>
Sidon	E. Helweh	64	64	0	0	296	39	51	9	2	2	8	29	21
	Mieh Wmieh	12	12	0	0	54	9	11	1	0	0	1	6	2
	W. Zeineh	102	102	0	0	7	35	86	12	2	1	5	22	18
	Gatherings	15	15	0	0	73	7	12	2	1	0	3	5	5
	Sidon	24	24	0	0	112	10	19	5	1	0	3	10	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>50</b>	
Beqata	Sa'adnayel	69	69	0	0	344	26	48	9	0	1	3	13	19
	Wavel	50	50	0	0	188	17	38	4	0	2	3	12	6
	Bar Elias	3	3	0	0	166	36	24	1	0	1	0	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>698</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>General Total</b>	<b>6147</b>	<b>5933</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>31499</b>	<b>3445</b>	<b>4784</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>2106</b>	<b>2023</b>	

### Distribution of food and non-food items

From January to May the program continued the distribution of the 2006 plan as follows: plastic materials (from SDC-Switzerland) for 2641 families including 479 family in the Lebanese towns of Majdel Zewen and Qlaileh southern Lebanon. Medicine, cloth, heaters and blankets (from Rescate-Spain) for 946 Palestinian and 507 Lebanese families.

**Table 3. Emergency program: Distribution of Plastic tools & neon lamps**

**Jan-May 2007**

Location	Family	Pal	Leb	Other	Person	Child	Plastic tools	Lamp
Majdel Zewen (South)	250	0	250	0	1224	129	1000	0
Qlaileh (South)	229	0	229	0	823	64	916	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2047</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>1916</b>	<b>0</b>
Borj Brajneh (Beirut)	286	271	0	15	1381	56	1055	0
Neighborhood of BBC-Beirut	50	47	1	2	236	17	276	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1617</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1331</b>	<b>48</b>
Buss (Tyre)	147	140	4	3	620	17	585	0
Rashidieh (Tyre)	170	170	0	0	932	61	673	0
Borj Shemali (Tyre)	163	138	20	5	877	56	652	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>448</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2429</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>1910</b>	<b>0</b>
Wavel (Beqa'a)	225	218	7	0	1064	89	900	0
Gatherings (Beqa'a)	355	301	54	0	1655	337	1420	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2719</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>2320</b>	<b>0</b>
Nahr El Bared (North)	442	441	1	0	2704	118	1709	0
Baddawi (North)	324	322	0	2	1777	64	1296	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4481</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>3005</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>General Total</b>	<b>2641</b>	<b>2048</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13293</b>	<b>1008</b>	<b>10482</b>	<b>48</b>

Table 4. Emergency program: Distribution of Blankets, Heaters and Cloth

Jan-May 2007

Location	No. Family	Pal	Leb	Other	No. Person	No. Child	Blanket	Heater	Child Cloth 2-3 years	Child Cloth 4-15 years
Majdel Zewen	168	0	168	0	799	48	100	100	0	150
Qlaileh	339	4	334	1	1415	258	100	100	0	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2214</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>300</b>
Ein El Helweh	376	365	0	0	2083	129	123	124	50	240
Mieh Wmieh	16	16	0	0	79	2	2	4	0	10
Sidon	59	59	0	0	306	22	25	22	0	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2468</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>300</b>
Buss	192	181	5	6	952	48	40	40	0	100
Rashidieh	152	120	27	5	641	31	55	55	0	125
Borj Shemali	151	151	0	0	869	50	55	55	0	125
<b>Total</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2462</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>350</b>
<b>General Total</b>	<b>1453</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7144</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>950</b>

From May to December 2007 the program distributed canned food as well as non-food items to the Nahr El Bared displaced refugees and other affected families in many regions as follows: 754 food rations, 989 women kits, 8 new born baby kit, 327 cloth, 595 mattress, pillow & sheets, 585 covers, 601 towels, 541 cleaning kits, 660 kitchen kits, 562 winter blankets, 562 winter quilts, 10 shoes and 206 lamps for 1248 displaced families staying in the camps of Beirut (536 family), Sidon (295 family), Tyre (243 family) and Beqa'a (174 family) regions.

It is important to note that the results of the previously conducted need assessments were used as guidelines in what items the affected families need.

Table 5. Emergency program: Distribution of aid in Beirut, Tyre, Sidon & Beqa'a regions Jan-Dec 2007

	Beirut			Sidon				Tyre				Beqa'a		Total
	Borj El Brajneh	Shatila	Gathering	City	Ein El Helweh	Mieh W Mieh	Gathering	Buss	Borj El Shemali	Rashidieh	Gathering	Wavel	Gathering	
<b>No. Family</b>	249	209	78	25	90	13	167	64	56	72	51	52	122	<b>1248</b>
<b>No. Person</b>	1168	1130	395	115	441	61	806	307	312	346	230	229	576	<b>6116</b>
<b>No. Children</b>	95	79	32	10	56	9	48	23	29	30	12	16	68	<b>507</b>
<b>Palestinian</b>	248	207	78	25	90	13	166	64	56	72	48	52	122	<b>1241</b>
<b>Lebanese</b>	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	<b>6</b>
<b>Canned Food</b>	201	145	71	0	0	0	0	80	71	90	84	0	12	<b>754</b>
<b>Women kit</b>	200	134	66	25	68	12	120	49	53	65	47	50	100	<b>989</b>
<b>Baby diaper</b>	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	<b>5</b>
<b>Baby kit</b>	0	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	<b>8</b>
<b>Cloth</b>	80	115	0	10	16	8	1	49	2	0	0	8	38	<b>327</b>
<b>Mattress</b>	240	345	0	4	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	<b>595</b>
<b>Pillow</b>	240	345	0	4	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	<b>595</b>
<b>Sheet</b>	240	345	0	4	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	<b>596</b>
<b>Cover</b>	240	345	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>585</b>
<b>Towel</b>	240	345	0	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>601</b>
<b>Cleaning kit</b>	127	188	0	0	0	0	0	39	47	90	50	0	0	<b>541</b>
<b>Kitchen kit</b>	127	188	0	0	50	7	72	32	17	79	29	18	41	<b>660</b>
<b>Shoes</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	<b>10</b>
<b>Blanket</b>	259	303	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>562</b>
<b>Sweater</b>	318	375	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>693</b>
<b>Quilt</b>	259	303	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>562</b>
<b>Lamp</b>	92	114	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>206</b>

## Distribution of Aid in the North

### First phase

In Nahr El Bared before all the civilians were evacuated we entered the following to 1500 families: 1500 food rations, 1500 water rations, 3750 bags of bread, and 200 diapers bags. In addition, the program distributed 10 food rations for 10 students from Nahr El Bared camp staying in Beirut, 18 women kits and 594\$ (33\$ per person) for 18 female students from Nahr El Bared staying in Sidon, 723\$ distributed for the 150 displaced families from Nahr El Bared camp who were staying in Wavel camp, Beqa'a region.

After the evacuation of the NBC inhabitants Najdeh's emergency program distributed the following for the displaced families in Baddawi camp and its surrounding as well as for the NBC families in NBC after the returnee of the refugees to the new part of the camp: 3749 food rations, 5509 women kits, 496 sheets, 580 towels, 200 baby diaper, 13 men kits, 291 children cloth, 52 elderly cloth, 4 new born baby kits, 1809 gas bottles, 161 winter jackets, 162 student stationary and 2825 winter blankets.

Table 6. Emergency program: Distribution of aid in the north Jan-Dec 2007 No. Family = 3124

In NBC	In Baddawi	Total	In NBC	In NBC	Total	General
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	School /center	Home	School /center	Home		before evacuation	after returning		Total
Family	545	2840	270	1735	<b>5390</b>	1500	1624	Same families who received aid in NBC & Baddawi	
Person	2946	15219	1458	9297	<b>28920</b>	7500	8696		
Children	281	1260	134	912	<b>2587</b>	0	690		
Palestinian	544	2818	269	1596	<b>5227</b>	1500	1547		
Lebanese	1	20	1	139	<b>161</b>	0	77		
Other	0	2	0	0	<b>2</b>	0	0		
Women Kit	570	2863	280	1796	<b>5509</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>5509</b>
Food	114	1204	54	428	<b>1800</b>	1500	449	<b>1949</b>	<b>3749</b>
Baby kit	1	1	0	2	<b>4</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
Baby diaper	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	200	0	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>
Sheet	92	334	10	60	<b>496</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>496</b>
Towel	46	499	5	30	<b>580</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>580</b>
Men Kit	0	13	0	0	<b>13</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>
Child cloth	0	291	0	0	<b>291</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>291</b>
Adult cloth	0	52	0	0	<b>52</b>	0	0	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>
Gas bottle	500	0	0	0	<b>500</b>	0	1309	<b>1309</b>	<b>1809</b>
Blanket	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	2825	<b>2825</b>	<b>2825</b>
Jacket	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	161	<b>161</b>	<b>161</b>
Stationary	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0	162	<b>162</b>	<b>162</b>

### Focus Groups

Following Najdeh's policies the program conducted 18 focus groups with NBC displaced families and hardships in the camps in order to plan for emergency aid according to the real needs of the displaced people. Najdeh included 3 INGOs in most of these focus groups as a part of its coordination to provide emergency aid during the crisis and post-war recovery aid.

**Table 7: Emergency program: Focus Groups by Region & Aim Jan – Dec 2007 No.=18**

Camp	NGO	No. Group	Aim	No. Person	F	M	Notes
Baddawi	DRC & AN	2	Tool Kits for IGPs	19	2	17	
N. Bared		2	Tool Kits for IGPs	32	7	25	
N. Bared	MC & AN	3	IGPs	29	10	19	
Baddawi	WA & AN	3	Need Assessment	24	16	8	1 group of 8 pregnant women
	AN	2	Need Assessment	40	10	30	Elderly groups
Shatila	DRC & AN	1	Tool Kits for IGPs	21	7	14	2 women & 24 men took grants
		2	Need Assessment	41	33	8	Group/displaced & group/host
B. Brajneeh		1	Tool Kits for IGPs	25	7	18	5 women & 23 men took grants
		2	Need Assessment	25	14	11	Displaced group & host group
<b>Total</b>		<b>18</b>		<b>256</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>150</b>	

The three international NGOs Merci Corps, Welfare Association and Danish Refugee Council assisted Najdeh in the providing and distribution of the food and non-food items to the displaced and hardships. At another level each one of those three INGOs are planning to use the conducted needs assessments in order to assist the displaced and returnees in addition to the hosting families by financing IGPs in the post-war recovery period.

### Second phase

In October 2007 the refugees of NBC and some Lebanese families were allowed to return back to the new camp. Association Najdeh started working there providing in addition to

emergency its regular programs. Other NGOs like UNRWA, UNCIEF, Naba'a, CBR, NPA, PARD and UPW were working there as well through their centers. Najdeh participated in enabling the returnees to settle in the new camp by assisting in providing suitable relating conditions and basic needs. With 200 volunteers and staff Najdeh assisted in cleaning the rubbles around 800 houses in the new camp. Najdeh also organized several social activities with the children and their families there in addition to facilitating weddings and festivals.

Due to its organized data and strong presence in the camps in addition to close ties with the refugees, UN organizations and Lebanese official bodies, Association Najdeh became a reference for the INGOs, LNGOs as well as the returnees themselves.

Till end of 2007 about 1734 families returned to the new camp as follows: 105 families living in prefabricated units, 224 families living in 9 gatherings of UNRWA units, 93 families living with other families and 1312 families living in the new camp's sections. Association Najdeh distributed aid to 1624 families out of the total 1734. The table below provides information of the returnees and the aid distributed to them.

**Table 8: Emergency program: Distribution of aid in new camp of Nahr El Bared Oct – Dec 2007**

		Prefabricated house	Section A	Section B	Section C	Section D	Section E	Outside NBC	Total
<b>Family Info</b>	<b>Family</b>	105	235	249	679	96	260		<b>1624</b>
	<b>Person</b>	532	1242	1332	3650	555	1385		<b>8696</b>
	<b>Children 6-14</b>	114	310	276	866	136	266		<b>1968</b>
	<b>Children -3</b>	49	97	119	288	39	98		<b>690</b>
<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Palestinian</b>	105	218	229	645	93	257		<b>1547</b>
	<b>Lebanese</b>	0	17	20	34	3	3		<b>77</b>
<b>House condition</b>	<b>Destroyed</b>	0	5	3	40	13	25		<b>86</b>
	<b>Burnt</b>	0	34	34	122	20	64		<b>274</b>
	<b>Fixable</b>	0	198	181	444	84	219		<b>1126</b>
	<b>Inhabitable</b>	0	198	183	435	82	166		<b>1064</b>
<b>House Status</b>	<b>Free</b>	105	26	36	135	7	13		<b>322</b>
	<b>Rented</b>	0	9	17	104	4	16		<b>150</b>
	<b>Owned</b>	0	198	180	432	81	229		<b>1120</b>
<b>UNRWA paying rent</b>		0	9	17	87	3	8		<b>124</b>
<b>UNRWA providing house</b>		105	11	24	110	0	1		<b>251</b>
<b>Aid distributed</b>	<b>Gas bottle</b>	27	207	202	539	90	244		<b>1309</b>
	<b>Blanket</b>	182	401	428	1197	168	449		<b>2825</b>
	<b>Food</b>	91	196	103	59	0	0		<b>449</b>
	<b>Child- cloth</b>	0	30	34	71	14	3	9	<b>161</b>
	<b>Stationary</b>	0	30	34	71	14	3	9	<b>161</b>

### Coordination

- Meetings were held up with UNRWA, NPA and Welfare Association in addition to other NGOs to follow-up and coordinate emergency work. Agreement was reached to exchange information and statistics to avoid duplications and to ensure covering all needs of the displaced population. Also, we formed committees inside Baddawi camp to run the collective work and the distributions. Eight committees were formed and met regularly at Najdeh's center in Baddawi camp. Najdeh was responsible for the Statistics and data base committee

(running by 6 Najdeh staff, 3 staff of other NGOs and tens of Najdeh's volunteers who conducted filling the questionnaires).

- Regular meetings with UNRWA to discuss distributions, needs, planning etc.
- Regular meetings with Lebanon Support to discuss exchanging of data and information of distribution especially in Beirut camps and Baddawi camp.
- Caritas Lebanon gave Association Najdeh 1256 food rations and 580 towels and 496 sheets and we distributed them as follows: food rations: 206 in Beirut, 800 in Baddawi, and 250 in Tyre.
- The Baptist Churches in Far East – Lebanon gave AN 75 food rations that we distributed in Tyre camps.
- The Arab Women Union gave Najdeh 52 cleaning kits that the emergency program distributed in Rashidieh camp, Tyre region.
- Najdeh participated through 14 volunteers in the distribution of water provided by the ACTED.
- Three of Najdeh's staff participated at ANERA's training workshops on breast feeding followed with the same 3 staff giving awareness raising workshops on breast feeding to the displaced mothers in Baddawi, Beirut and Sidon regions.

### **Media and Documentation**

One of Najdeh's staff was responsible of documenting and contacting media with reports, photos and press releases in addition to documentation. Thus the following achievements were reached:

- Establishing data base in relating to media
- Connections with local, regional and international newspapers, TV channels, radio stations
- Providing interviews, photos and reports covering the emergency and psychosocial activities of Najdeh
- Reactivating Nahr El Bared website
- Distributing T. Shirts with Najdeh's logos for the staff and volunteers as follows: 500 t shirts for the staff, 1000 caps for the staff, volunteers and children attending the activities

### **Other Activities**

- The emergency program organized several trips and entertainment activities for the staff and volunteers of Beirut and Tripoli branches.
- Najdeh facilitated haircutting days run by 6 hairdressers (2 women and 4 men) volunteered who cut hair of 324 men and boys and 137 women and girls in the displacement centers in Baddawi camp.
- Four of Najdeh's staff ran awareness raising workshops on violence for 18 volunteers, on social issues for 7 volunteers, and on cluster bombs for 994 participants: staff, volunteers, children, families.
- The Emergency program staff and volunteers attended awareness raising workshops on RH, DV, Psychosocial support etc. and psychosocial support group sessions for a week away from the camp.