



#### **SOLIDARITY HEBRON**

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## **ACTIVITY REPORT 2022**

The year 2022 witnessed the resumption of activities at an almost normal pace, despite the fact that the majority of the employees work only part-time, due to a lack of financial means... During Ramadan we suspended, as we do every year, our activities.

## **OUR BENEFICIARIES**

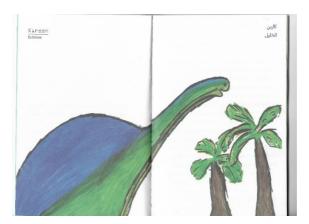
# Children (6 to 13)

From February to May, the school period, the **library** received many readers and weekly reading workshops were held by our animators. Encouraging oral expression and developing the imagination are the objectives of the animator, who has noticed a growing number of loyal readers.

The Tamer Institute continued to intervene regularly in our premises in the old town, both for training and for specific activities, including the project "Papa lis-moi une histoire" ("Dad, tell me a Story"), aimed at encouraging fathers to share moments with their children. Books were donated by this institute which publishes and promotes public reading.

During the summer, writing and drawing workshops for 10 children aged of 10 to 14 took place in Hebron at the initiative of the **e-Hikaye association**, in parallel with children from Al Rowwad in Aida camp. At the end of the activity, the joint product "Jeunes Pousses dans la ville" was printed.





In terms of **manual activities**, we focus on the creation of objects made from inexpensive, recycled or donated materials: kites, cotton sheep, Ramadan lanterns, pottery painting, mini-books, envelopes, small jewelry, etc.



The **summer camp** on the theme of Jerusalem brought together 164 children, divided into various groups, during two weeks. Games aimed at reducing the psychological discomfort of the children were proposed.

**The Yes Theatre** also provided 75 children with activities along the same lines.

At the end of the year, the artist **Nicole Pfund** led a three-day painting workshop with some fifteen young people aged 7 to 14, whose work was exhibited on our walls in the old town.

Clowns without Borders had planned to perform its show in Hebron and in a refugee camp in November. Only the second one could take place in front of a good hundred children. Indeed, negative reactions from some ultra-conservative clan leaders, even threats, discouraged the members of the troupe from performing in two schools in the city.

The remedial classes (totally free of charge but provided by certified teachers that we pay) for 30 students ended before the summer and resumed at the end of the year. The teachers of the schools from which the beneficiaries come note real progress in their pupils.



#### YOUTH

With the support of the **Anna Lindh Foundation**, we implemented a month-long programme entitled "Engaging Youth in Environmental Protection". 160 young people aged 14 to 29 from Hebron University, Palestine Polytechnic University, as well as sports clubs and schools participated in awareness-raising workshops on global warming, greenhouse gases, biodiversity and pollution.

These young people, along with 200 other volunteers of all ages, took part in two days of **cleaning up the Wadi El Qouf forest**, a protected area near Hebron, in March and May.



#### WEMEN

The social workers held **142 individual sessions** with women from the old city who were facing problems of intra-family violence, financial problems preventing them from seeking medical care, dealing with teenagers, the presence of drugs etc...

The Palestinian Ministry of Health as well as the Family Welfare Association, the Union of Women's Committees, the Social Welfare Centre, Ma'an, the Women psychological counseling Centre, as well as Médecins Sans Frontières, the Palestinian Medical Relief Society and the Union of Social Workers intervened on these occasions. These sessions have provided **awareness**, **information and support** on issues unfortunately common to the female population of the Old City, but also recently on the valuation of unpaid work.



In addition, training courses in embroidery and crochet were organized at the request of our female audience

#### **ALL PEOPLE**

The **French courses** are not really popular, as the young people feel that there are not enough opportunities in Palestine. Nevertheless, 3 levels were opened from January to June (except April), thanks to Mariam, then Marian and Charlotte. Conversation sessions have been implemented as well in the autumn with Chantal.

The **Francophone Club** organized two film screenings, a hike around Hebron and a board game session. One of the objectives of the association for the year to come is to improve the activity of this club.

Two quality exhibitions attracted a large audience, one by Huzaima Hamed and one by Azzam Abu Saud.





# **Heritage and alternative Tourism**

**Travellers and visitors** have finally returned during this year. Nearly 600 people were cared for by our guides.

Lubna, a member of the board and a guide, took part in the tourism training of the students of the University of Hebron.

We had the pleasure to welcome again, after 2 years of absence, the French archaeological mission of the oak of Mambré. Beautiful discoveries were made...

#### **MEETINGS**

In June, the association received a **delegation from the French municipality of Arcueil**, which came to study cooperation projects in the fields of health, youth and culture.

We were also associated with the reception of a **delegation from the French municipality of Belfort**, with which the city of Hebron has signed a cooperation agreement. A delegation from Hebron will visit Belfort in November 2022. The main themes were tourism and green spaces.

Exchanges also took place in Hebron with the delegate for the external action of local authorities, J.P. Guihaumé and **Remarkable Sites and Cities**.

## **SASH et TOPOLY**

SASH continues to sell the **Topoly** game which was presented to various French associations (CCFD, CEMAE, Secours Catholique, Ritimo, Platform of the NGO for the Palestine...).

SASH was present at the **Fête de l'Humanité** on the stand "Solidarity Hebron" where ceramics and glassware from Hebron were presented by Fares Natsheh.

At the **Christmas market** of the Institut Français-Jérusalem, SASH and Solidarité Hébron were able to exhibit and sell guides, games, ceramics and keffiyehs.

#### **TO SEE**

Destination Francophonie on TV5 at <u>Naplouse and Bethléem</u> and <u>Hebron, Ramallah, Bir Zeit and Gaza</u>.