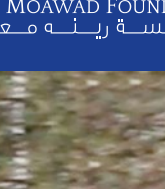


Providing Essential Medical Care and Chronic Medication to Vulnerable Population in North-Lebanon (MEDCHRONIC)



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LOCAL CONTEXT

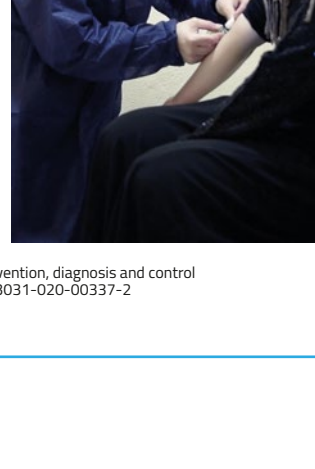
Since 2019, Lebanon has been facing an unprecedented economic, financial, health, political and humanitarian crisis. **Over 86% of Lebanese are living in poverty, impacting their access to healthcare.**

As per a joint UN report, the inability to afford healthcare costs was the main reason people did not have access to proper healthcare. 73% were unable to bear the costs of treatment, 67% doctor fees, and 40% the costs of transportation to suitable facilities.

In Lebanon, 91% of deaths¹ are related to non-communicable diseases (NCDs), also known as chronic diseases, comprising diabetes, chronic respiratory, cancer, and cardiovascular diseases. The Governorate of North-Lebanon has a diverse population of over 750,000 from different backgrounds. With increased poverty, their accessibility to health services is hindered, yet the need has increased.

People are being forced to rationing or stopping treatment, in the absence of organized alternatives medicines, all of which is worsening disease outcomes. Furthermore, people in vulnerable villages, are often unaware or don't have access to cheaper generic medicine, with the same composition and effects of their medicine taken, and as such, are paying high healthcare costs.

Access to healthcare services is even worse in rural areas where poverty is much higher and where there is a transportation cost to access the closest center or the closest hospitals or Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCs), to receive the proper medical care they need. In these remote areas, mobile medical units are indispensable to reach vulnerable populations, providing them subsidized primary health care consultations and medications, and when necessary referring the patients back to PHCs.



¹ Zablith, N., Diaconu, K., Naja, F. et al. Dynamics of non-communicable disease prevention, diagnosis and control in Lebanon, a fragile setting. *Confl Health* 15, 4 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13031-020-00337-2>

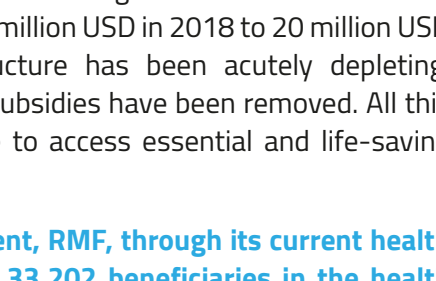
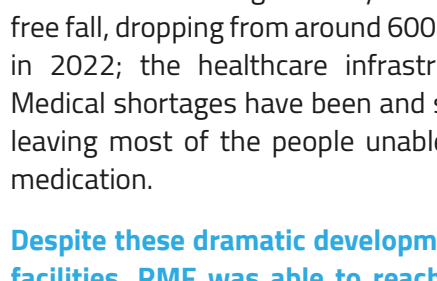
PROPOSED INTERVENTION

To ensure adequate access of vulnerable communities to essential healthcare services in North-Lebanon, the René Moawad Foundation (RMF) proposes to leverage on its existing infrastructure, which includes a dispensary (providing a dental clinic, a medical laboratory, and a pharmacy. The dispensary currently has 20 doctors, 5 nurses, 1 administrator, and one pharmacist), as well as 3 mobile clinics in order to provide the basic needs, whether medical checkups or medicine for chronic diseases.

Based on the socio-economic context, this modular intervention could be scaled up to extend its 3 years' duration.

Since 1991, RMF's journey began with a mobile dispensary clinic to secure Akkar's residents the medical support needed. This service has grown to 3 dispensaries visiting 109 underprivileged villages in North Lebanon (Batroun, Koura, Bsharre, Zgharta, Minnieh, Dennieh and Akkar) on a regular basis by 2003. Since its establishment, a whole operation system is set to procure the necessary health care services, including a general medical practitioner and a nurse practitioner present in the mobile clinics, to provide free check-ups, medicine, and information on vaccination, general hygiene, and health awareness.

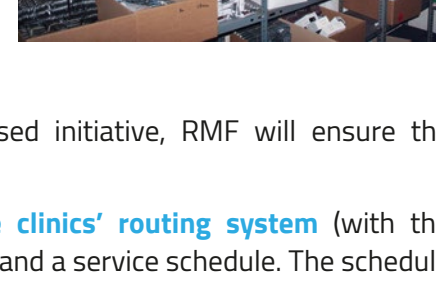
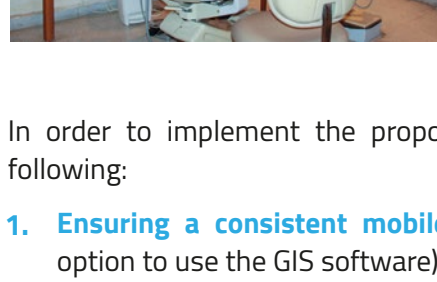
Since 2019, the growing challenges have made the RMF medical assistance necessary, but request additional support to make it viable.



The healthcare budget set by the Lebanese government has been on a free fall, dropping from around 600 million USD in 2018 to 20 million USD in 2022; the healthcare infrastructure has been acutely depleting. Medical shortages have been and subsidies have been removed. All this leaving most of the people unable to access essential and life-saving medication.

Despite these dramatic development, RMF, through its current health facilities, RMF was able to reach 33,202 beneficiaries in the health sector.

The MEDCHRONIC program aims at leveraging the existing infrastructure to target an additional 3000 patients per month, suffering from chronic diseases.



In order to implement the proposed initiative, RMF will ensure the following:

- Ensuring a consistent mobile clinics' routing system** (with the option to use the GIS software) and a service schedule. The schedule will comprise the date and time at which the mobile clinic(s) will be present in each village in the targeted districts and the remote areas where residents cannot access a medical center.
- Identification of the patients based on the existing vulnerability criteria and the data base that RMF is sustaining**, through its premises and projects implemented with different donors. A mapping and the identification of the different needs in the targeted area are already handled by the team.
- The program will target patients with chronic diseases excluding cancer patients;** benefitting patients will do the check-up consultations twice a year to follow up on their case and ensure that they are taking their medicines regularly and correctly.
- Potential beneficiaries interested in this service will have to fill an online application form hosted at RMF's dispensary**, or through partners located in the targeted districts and will be assigned a QR code for a file on services' tracking, once the application is validated. The application form will contain information to be requested on the vulnerability status of the individual (based on clear vulnerability criteria), and on the type of chronic illness the patient is suffering from.
- Beneficiaries can access their respective QR codes on their phone**, or in scenarios where this is not possible, patients will be provided with a plasticized card comprising the QR code.
- Registered doctors will be monitoring the application medically** and requesting additional tests from patients when necessary.

To implement the MEDCHRONIC program, RMF will contribute through its existing resources. The program will request an additional cost of 20 USD/patient/month for the cost of generic medicines, operation budget (mainly covering the operation cost of the mobile clinic), and specialized human resources directly linked to the operation.

The requested amount to implement the MEDCHRONIC program is 720 000 USD/ year.

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