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The year 2023 was a good year for arcenciel's beneficiaries. But we are still far from reaching our goal. We served around 60K beneficiaries, keeping in mind our vision: without distinction of race, gender, sex, political affinity, religion or any trait. For the year 2024, we aspire to reach an even bigger number of beneficiaries, but also keeping in mind that the quality of the service is as important as the number of beneficiaries we serve. At arcenciel, no one is labeled as a number on a list, but we focus on establishing professional, respectful and good willing relations with the people we serve. The following report depicts our year's highlights and strategic partnerships with local communities, donors and more. Keeping in mind it would be very difficult to feature all that arcenciel did in a year in a single concentrated report.

With every product or service you engage in, you contribute to sustainable development

IN NUMBERS

65 000 people served

547 TONS OF RECYCLED WASTE SORTED

4 000 TONS OF HEALTHCARE WASTE TREATED, HEPATITE,COVID, CHOLERA AND OTHER BACTERIAL DISEASES PREVENTED

146 MWH PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY FROM SOLAR PANELS

2 500 ITEMS OF CLOTHING DISTRIBUTED

16 TONS OF USED CLOTHING COLLECTED AND REMOVED FROM LANDFILL

35 SMES RECEIVED SUPPORT

250 WOMEN UPSKILLED AND FINANCIALLY EMPOWERED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

168 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES PROVIDED WITH JOB SUPPORT

5 500 PEOPLE ENGAGED IN CIRQUENCIEL ACTIVITIES

89 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES EMPLOYED IN 2023

10 000 PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH MOBILITY ASSISTANCE

15 000 MEDICATION PROVIDED

15 000 PARAMEDICAL SERVICES PROVIDED

2 500 CERAMIC ITEMS PRODUCED AT L'ATELIER ARCENCIEL BY 12 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

1350 FURNITURE ITEMS SALVAGED FROM WASTE AND REFURBISHED

15 TONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES BOUGHT FROM FARMERS

100 TONS OF WOOD BRIQUETTES DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES

50 TONS OF COMPOST PRODUCED AND USED IN AGRICULTURAL PROCESS

158 TONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES PRODUCED AT THE DOMAINE

PROJECTS

MOBILITY HEALTH & EMPLOYMENT

The Municipality of Madrid, through our partner AIDA support children from the Bekaa unable to access specialized medical services due to their socio-economic vulnerability. The project improves the life quality of 260 children with intellectual or health difficulties, and chronic or non-chronic diseases.

CBM Ensures healthier and more resilient communities in Beirut and remote areas in Lebanon. The health and socio-economic development of the most vulnerable individuals (with or without disabilities) is improved by facilitating access to basic services. The promotion of a favorable working environment is achieved through assistive mobility devices, physiotherapy sessions, home adaptation and employment support. Selected enterprises are also coached in integrating PWDs.

The Swiss Embassy in Lebanon supports arcenciel through strengthening inclusive education and accessibility of children with disabilities (CWD) in central Bekaa. Thirty CWD will access quality specialized education by attending our school with transportation services.
The children's education program will be accompanied by 120 paramedical sessions; namely, speech therapy, psychomotor therapy, physiotherapy, and psychotherapy through three sessions every week. Assistive devices such as wheelchairs, hearing aids, sensory tools, and others will be provided to maximize their learning experience.

Transparency International, reinforcement of the implementation of the right to work articles in law 220/2000 (Rights of people with disabilities).
This project looks at several aspects of law reinforcement to facilitate access of PWDs to the job market and help in a better inclusion in the work place. Advocacy campaigns, roundtables, workshops and consultations will empower future "Leaders of inclusion".

World Learning Contributing to social change by fostering practices of inclusion for people with disabilities and reinforcing their rights

SOCIAL AND YOUTH

UN Women supports arcenciel by empowering vulnerable women to generate income and reintegrate them into their community.
This is achieved by increasing their access to job opportunities as well as reducing period poverty amongst them. The project is expected to help in the acquisition of Food Safety Skills through training and employment opportunities.
Women are enrolled in a cash for work apprenticeship, preparing hot meals in Taanayel, Chiyah and Sin el Fil in three months cycles. The meals prepared are distributed to vulnerable communities during this period.

NEF Reducing Vulnerability of Female Lebanese and Syrian Refugees in the areas of Taanayel and Halba through life skills, microfinance and business support.

Swiss Contact Address the management of clothing waste through a local circular clothing waste system by creating employment opportunities for vulnerable individuals and youth.

UNESCO funded the Beirut Housing rehabilitation cultural and creative industries recovery project BERYT. This project financed cirquenciel, arcenciel's social circus school to design and implement a performance show « Nature's last Dance » to empower circus artists and businesses that were impacted after Beirut's port blast.

GVC Public schools' rehabilitation and therapy provision for students in the Akkar Area. specific needs analysis to provide with individualized support plan for students with disabilities. Training of teachers and school staff in inclusion of PWDs. Sessions of positive parenting for parents of PWD. Organization of community based artistic and recreational events to raise awareness.

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & ENVIRONMENT

UNICEF Strengthening the Supply Chain of healthcare Waste Management through the support of the collection and treatment of infectious healthcare waste in arcenciel's centers.

ICU Green city Reinforcing the use of renewable energy and energy efficiency to mitigate climate change. Implementation in the municipalities of El Ain, Hermel, Boudai and Dekwaneh in Lebanon.

WHH Mitigate the impact of food insecurity in local communities by strengthening the capacities of local producers, improving food supply chains and reducing wheat import reliance.

AFD Glass Collecting and recycling the glass resulting from the Beirut blast and working on finding a long term solution for glass recycling in Lebanon.

EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

USAID - CSP Providing temporary economic support to 146 vulnerable Lebanese Persons with Disabilities through the implementation of a national income generation Cash-for-Work (CfW) activity. It links beneficiaries with jobs in the private sector or engage them in Arcenciel centers in Taanayel, Halba, and Mount Lebanon.

GIZ-EPL This project enhances the inclusiveness of People with Disability within the world of work, by adapting an inclusive culture and working environment to recruit and accommodate them as a part of arcenciel's project "Employment Promotion of People with Disability and Local Businesses Viability", funded by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH.
Under the GIZ Project, the employment program/office provides career coaching sessions for 50 people with disabilities in addition to tailored training sessions for each job seeker with disability, and 20 job opportunities.
Furthermore, 5 Interpersonal and Advocacy Training Sessions and 6 Job Coaching Training Sessions for 10 leaders of Inclusion.
On the other hand, SMEs under the GIZ project were provided with different Business Development and training sessions. 5 SMEs were provided with Business Development Consultancy sessions, in addition to the Disability Inclusion Training and Assessment package, while 10 SMEs were provided with Technical Trainings.

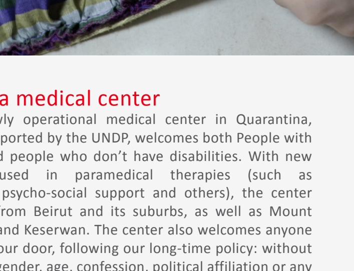
HIGHLIGHTS

Agrofood and development hub at arcenciel damour

our Damour center rehabilited by the UNDP, with access to advanced technologies for agro-food development and research (with the help of GIZ and WHH), is slowly but surely recovering from the fire that destroyed it back in 2019. Throughout the year, we held a project supporting local farmers and their production, while also developing solutions to challenges to the Agro-food industry.

Our social enterprise: La boutique

Not only did La boutique enhance the overall well-being and dignity of vulnerable and marginalized communities, our clothing social enterprise also provided easy and affordable access to clothing for around 1 000 individuals facing financial constraints. Through collection, sorting and upcycling, La boutique aims to minimize environmental degradation. Having placed 15 collection bins in municipalities, schools, public areas, companies, and malls to facilitate the donation process, in 2023 La boutique collected 16 000 kilograms of used clothing. Through extensive sorting from our team, La boutique have successfully upcycled approximately 30% of the collected clothing, resulting in the creation of 2,500 new pieces.



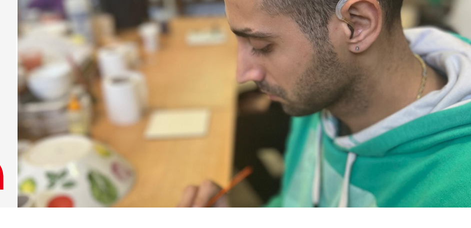
Quarantina medical center

arcenciel's newly operational medical center in Quarantina, funded and supported by the UNDP, welcomes both People with Disabilities, and people who don't have disabilities. With new technologies used in paramedical therapies (such as physiotherapy, psycho-social support and others), the center treats people from Beirut and its suburbs, as well as Mount Lebanon area, and Keserwan. The center also welcomes anyone who knocks at our door, following our long-time policy: without distinction of gender, age, confession, political affiliation or any trait.

USAID CSP project

146 individuals with disabilities have been provided with a short-term employment opportunity across various districts of Lebanon, including Akkar, Saida, Zahle, Beirut and Metn, under the Cash-for-Work project for people with disabilities funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), through the Community Support Program in Lebanon (CSP) and implemented by arcenciel. This inclusive activity not only provided employment opportunities but also ensured decent work by providing 36 assistive technologies, 17 reasonable accommodations and 7 job coaching services with day-to-day support based on individuals' needs. Not to mention, till date, 20 individuals with disabilities, thanks to their dedication and excellence in work, have been offered sustainable employment in the respective companies, showcasing also companies' long-term commitment to disability inclusion and diversity. The success of this project represents a significant stride towards disability inclusion, decent work and equal employment opportunities in Lebanon's workforce.

TESTIMONIES

Hawraa Safwan is working as a Sales Agent for La Boutique. Feyrouz as her direct supervisor quotes: "Hawraa Safwan's sales expertise is unmatched. During the bustling Christmas market, she demonstrated finesse in her sales techniques, resulting in a remarkable 50% increase in total sales. Her exceptional customer service not only contributed to revenue growth but also left a lasting positive impression on our clientele. Hawraa's dedication and professionalism are invaluable assets to our team."
Hawraa will remain recruited with La Boutique and people pass by to see her due her high professionalism at work and high interpersonal skills.

Boghos Nazikian is working as a Ceramic Designer for arcenciel's Atelier. Jihad as his direct supervisor informed us that Boghos created 30 coffee cups per day which was a first in his employment history!
Boghos is a very talented and creative person who is fulfilling his job with high performance and creativity.