

PHC IN ACTION

Official Newsletter of the Primary Health Care Department at the Ministry of Public Health, Lebanon

RECOGNIZING HEALTHCARE HEROES: HONORING PHC EFFORTS DURING CRISIS

In recognition of their dedication and service, the Primary Healthcare Department, represented by Dr. Randa Hamadeh, was honored at a special ceremony celebrating those who supported their communities during the Israeli aggression on Lebanon.

This award is a tribute to the unwavering commitment of healthcare workers at Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCCs),



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who continued to provide essential services despite immense challenges. It is also a heartfelt salute to the brave souls who lost their lives in service to their country. Their resilience, compassion, and sacrifices remain an inspiration, reinforcing the vital role of primary healthcare in protecting and uplifting communities during times of crisis.

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Under the patronage of His Excellency Dr. Rakan Nassereddine, Minister of Public Health of Lebanon, and His Excellency the Ambassador of France to Lebanon, Mr. Hervé Magro, a high-level event was held to highlight the SAQIRH Project (Strengthening Access to a Quality, Inclusive, and Resilient Healthcare System). Implemented by key partners, including Première Urgence (PU), Amel Association, and Médecins du Monde (MdM), this initiative plays a crucial role in reinforcing Lebanon's primary healthcare sector, ensuring accessibility and resilience in the face of ongoing challenges.

The event featured powerful testimonials from Primary Healthcare Center (PHCC) workers, who shared their perseverance and dedication during the recent Israeli aggression. Their stories underscored the vital role of PHCCs in safeguarding public health, even in times of crisis. Both the Minister and the French Ambassador reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening Lebanon's health system, with a particular focus on supporting and expanding PHCC services. Their words reflected a shared vision of a more robust, inclusive, and sustainable healthcare network for all.

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On February 25, 2025, the Primary Healthcare Department at the Ministry of Public Health welcomed senior nursing students from LAU and social work students from the Lebanese University. The visit introduced them to the mission, vision, and key programs of the Primary Healthcare (PHC) network, emphasizing prevention, community well-being, and equitable access to care.

Beyond orientation, the visit highlighted the Ministry's commitment to involving nursing and social work graduates in PHC, where they play a vital role. PHC is where health intersects with social realities, and these professionals are essential to providing person-centered, holistic care.

By fostering ties with academic institutions, the Ministry aims to inspire the next generation of health professionals to lead from the frontlines of primary care.

In times of crisis and beyond, Lebanon's Primary Healthcare network continues to stand as a pillar of resilience, compassion, and community-centered care. Whether through emergency response, youth engagement, or strategic partnerships, the commitment to building a stronger, more inclusive health system remains unwavering. Together—with our healthcare workers, students, partners, and communities—we are shaping a healthier future for all.