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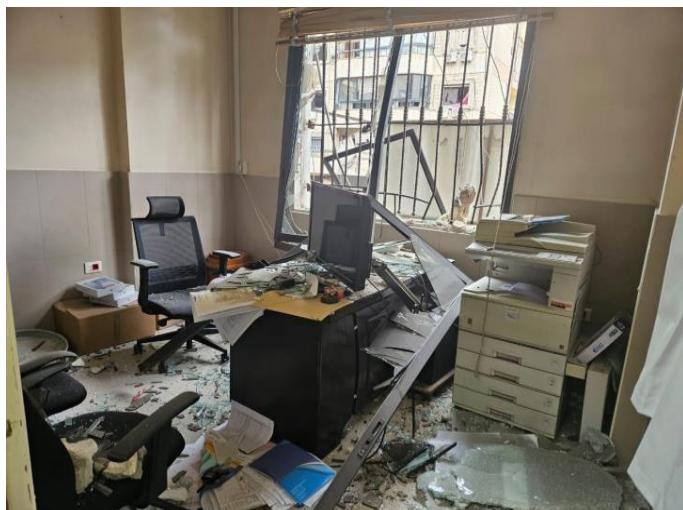
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REBUILDING WITH RESILIENCE: RESTORING PRIMARY HEALTHCARE SERVICES ACROSS LEBANON

After the recent Israeli aggression on Lebanon, the Primary HealthCare Department at the Ministry of Public Health intensified its work to restore essential medical services across the country. A total of 63 Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCCs) were damaged, affecting thousands of families who rely on them for daily care. Through strong coordination with international partners, local municipalities, and NGOs, 48 centers have already been repaired and reopened. Rehabilitation efforts have focused on rebuilding infrastructure, replacing damaged equipment, and ensuring the continuity of key services such as maternal care, immunization, and chronic disease follow-up.

Repair work continues in the remaining centers, with services relocated when necessary to avoid disruption and this steady momentum has helped maintain a sense of continuity throughout the recovery period. These restoration efforts reflect the resilience of Lebanon's primary healthcare network and the dedication of frontline teams who continue to secure access to healthcare despite the crisis.

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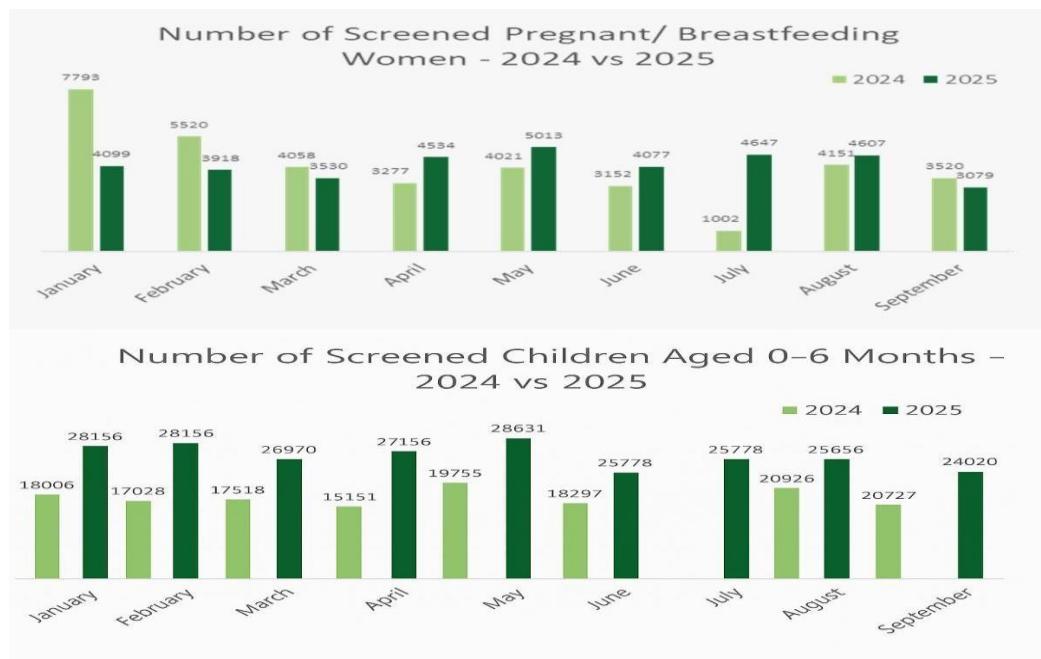


GROWING HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES: EXPANDING NUTRITION ACCESS AND CAPACITY

Parallel to these recovery efforts, the PHC department has also advanced critical public health programs, most notably in nutrition. Following the training sessions on the updated National Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Wasting and Nutritional Oedema, conducted in May and June 2025, the Primary Healthcare Department recorded encouraging progress across Lebanon's nutrition program. These trainings, delivered to healthcare providers at PHCCs, strengthened their skills in screening, case management, and referral pathways for malnutrition among children, pregnant and lactating women (PLWs).

As a result, the number of screened children aged 6–59 months and PLWs has increased, while the number of identified cases has decreased — indicating earlier detection, faster intervention, and reduced risk of severe malnutrition among vulnerable children.

In collaboration with local NGOs, international partners, and the Ministry's Nutrition Program, the PHC Department continues to expand outreach through community engagement, mobile teams, and floating nurses deployed to hard-to-reach areas. These achievements underscore the Department's ongoing commitment to strengthening Lebanon's nutrition response, ensuring that every child and mother receives timely care and support.



PHC Team Farewell: Honoring Meghety Gudeshian

The Primary Healthcare Department recognizes Meghety Gudeshian, EPI Focal Person and valued member of the PHC team, for her years of service and significant contributions to strengthening immunization activities across the PHC network. As she embarks on her PhD studies, the department extends its best wishes for her continued professional growth and future accomplishments.

PHC AND MEHE INITIATIVE TOWARDS A BETTER FUTURE GENERATION



Schools serve not only as centers of learning but also as key spaces for safeguarding children's health and well-being. The School Health Project, initiated by the Ministry of Public Health in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) and supported by UNICEF, aims to deliver essential healthcare services to students by establishing strong connections between Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCCs) and public schools. The School Health Project encompasses diverse activities, including growth monitoring, vaccinations, health education, and screenings for vision, hearing, dental issues, and musculoskeletal deformities.

The project started with the participation of 302 PHCCs and 1,107 public schools across Lebanon, working together to provide health check-ups and awareness sessions on hygiene, nutrition, and preventive health. This effort marks a key step toward integrating preventive healthcare into the school setting and ensuring that students receive continuous and accessible medical support.

As part of the preparation phase, the PHC Department conducted a series of training sessions from October 20 to 30, equipping healthcare and school health staff with the skills needed for early diagnosis of infectious diseases, timely identification of unnoticed health issues, and increased awareness of environmental safety.

This initiative reflects the PHC Department's ongoing commitment, alongside UNICEF, to protect children's health, promote preventive care, and build stronger connections between the healthcare and education sectors for a healthier future generation.

Together with its partners, the PHC department remains committed to rebuilding a stronger primary healthcare system, expanding essential services, and ensuring equitable access to care for every person in Lebanon.