

Project Executive Summary:

"Enhancing Vision Health Access for Syrian Refugee School Children in Beqaa, Lebanon"

The initiative aims to bridge the gap in vision care for Syrian refugee children in Beqaa, Lebanon, funded and supported by the WCO General Grant Program and the World Optometry Foundation. Led by Mrs. Rana Diab, the project focuses on conducting vision screenings, providing spectacles, and promoting awareness about vision health.

The project has three primary objectives: conducting comprehensive vision screenings for 600 Syrian refugee school children, providing spectacles through local optical shop partnerships, and raising awareness about the importance of vision health.

Key features of the project include its emphasis on equity and inclusion, ensuring access regardless of gender or religion. It also focuses on community empowerment by engaging local stakeholders for sustainability and advocates for systemic improvements in refugee healthcare.

The project timeline spanned from April 1st to May 14, 2024, with preparation taking place from April 1st to April 14, vision screenings from April 15 to April 30, and spectacle provision from May 1st to May 14.

Several outcomes were achieved through this project, including improved vision health, increased spectacle accessibility, community empowerment, and heightened advocacy and awareness efforts.

Acknowledgments are extended to the WCO, local NGOs (Vision Care Association), schools, Dr. Yazan Gammoh, and community leaders for their support.

The project's success highlights the significance of ongoing initiatives in improving the well-being and opportunities of vulnerable populations. Through screening, providing spectacles, and raising awareness, the project endeavours to enhance the lives and educational opportunities of Syrian refugee children in Beqaa, Lebanon.

