



ANNUAL REPORT
2014

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and supporters,

2015 marks the 6th anniversary of Himaya.

Six years of continuous fight to end child abuse and work towards a society where Child protection is a right.

Six years wouldn't have been possible without the support of our friends, supporters, partners, donors and beneficiaries.

2015 marks the rebirth of Himaya as it continues to grow to provide better services, better impact, bigger geographical expansion, new partnerships and international recognition.

As we look to the future, we are committed to do what's right for the long-term interest of the children of our Country.

2014 was a year of big challenges for this young NGO during which it thrived for more professionalism, independence and transparency and 2015 will be hopefully, thanks to your support and help, a year of stability allowing Himaya to grow stronger and bigger in order to serve more and better.

Lama Yazbeck



MISSION

himaya's mission is to promote an environment suitable for the development of the child, and ensure the global protection of children in Lebanon via fighting and preventing all types of abuse.



VISION

Making child protection a right, everywhere.





COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT

The communication department of himaya raises awareness, fundraises, engages in lobbying, advocates, and conducts research. himaya organizes and takes part in several events happening around the country, collaborates with companies and organizations as part of CSR strategies and is part of the ministerial committee fighting for the amendment of Law 422. Several research topics conducted by himaya are also published.



RESILIENCE PROGRAM

The Resilience Program is the case-management program of himaya that works directly with the victim of abuse and his family to provide the following services: psychosocial support, medical support, psychiatric support, academic support, education and rehabilitation, legal guidance.

A multidisciplinary team of professionals consists of legal counsellors, psychologists, social workers, psychologists, doctors, special educators, social animators and sociologists. The team of specialists is spread throughout the Lebanese territory (North, Bekaa, Mount-Lebanon, and Beirut) in order to be accessible and provide the best care possible for its beneficiaries. The Resilience Centre shelters 30 adolescents, boys and girls age 12 to 18 who were victims of abuse and whose environment has become a real danger for their lives.

The children in the center not only benefit from the stability and care they need in order to bloom into healthy young adults, but are constantly followed up by psychologists and social workers who work on individualized life plans for each child. himaya also provides education, medical support and recreational activities to the beneficiaries of the shelter.



TRAINING PROGRAM

The training program is involved in delivering sessions in order to raise awareness on child abuse and develop essential psychosocial tools to further prevent such cases. Through regular sessions, valuable preventive skills are developed and existing cases are registered then deferred internally to the Resilience program.

The training program targets children, parents, teachers and all professionals and specialists working closely with children. Indiscriminately, the training program has delivered its services to people from different regions of Lebanon, of all religions, nationalities and even to children with disabilities.

The aim of the Training Program is mainly to develop the knowledge of children in regards to abuse and develop efficient self-protection skills.



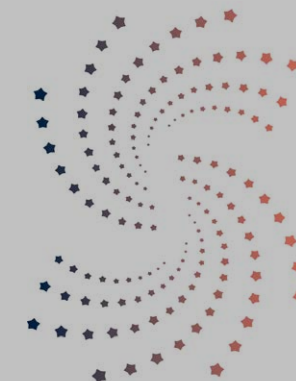


AWARDS

STARS FOUNDATION AWARD

himaya was named Runner Up for Protection in Africa-Middle East in the 2014 Stars Impact Awards due to carrying out pioneering work to raise the issue of child abuse in the Lebanese society.

The Stars Impact Award recognizes and rewards effective, well-manages local organisations working to improve child health, education, protection and WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) in the countries with the highest rates of under-five mortality.



**Stars
Impact
Award**
Runner Up
2014



EVENTS

February

The Résonance Foundation

The Résonance Foundation Lebanon performed a concert at himaya's resilience center and introduced the kids to the various instruments used in an orchestra along with a teaching on the history of classical music.

Safer Internet Day

himaya took part in Safer Internet Day to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially among children and young people across the world.

March

Walkabout Drum Circle

The Walkabout Drum Circle team visited our resilience center and performed a piece with an in-depth overview of the music, culture, and historical aspects of percussion instruments.

Nadine Labaki Visit

himaya's ambassador Nadine Labaki visited the children at the resilience center where they enjoyed spending the whole day with someone they look up to and admire.

Supporting KAFA

himaya's team walked the walk with KAFA Violence & Exploitation by taking their screams to the streets demanding a call for a legislative session and passing the law to protect women from violence.



“FACE A FACE” – FREE-VOL





EVENTS

April

“Face a Face”

FREE-VOL presents a comedy written by Francis Joffo.

May

Run Forward with Virgin Megastore

Virgin Megastore employees ran the Beirut Run Forward Women’s race to raise awareness about the topic of child abuse.

July

Minus Fun bespoke program for himaya

Minus 1 organized a bespoke two week summer program for the kids residing at the center by bringing together a mix of cultural and creative workshops given by professionals in the fields including martial arts, fitness, role play, Zumba, graffiti and photography.

Demo’s Kitchen

Chef Ghassan Koteit, a chef who occasionally cooks Thai Food at Demo Bar in Gemeyze was kind enough to offer himaya all the proceeds of his cooking during a fun night at the bar.

August

Ehden 7th book fair

himaya took part in the 7th Ehden book fair which was organized over a period of two weeks to encourage cultural literature in the North of Lebanon.

Mzaar sous la tente

himaya took part in the MZA 'ART Sous La Tente Festival at Les Jardin Du Mzaar in Faraya where we launched our new range of awareness products.

Zahle and Ajaltoun Festival

himaya took part in summer festivals in Zahle held at the Joseph Tohme Skaff Park as well as in Ajaltoun.

Launch of #thecaravanconcept at Dictateur

himaya launched The Caravan Concept which is a series of events that are taking place across the country to help himaya spread awareness about child abuse. The Journey started at Dictateur, Mar Mikhael with the talented Joy Fayad and Nour Nimri singing.

September

Crowdfunding for a summer of activities with helpforleb.com

More than 15,000,000LL were raised to organize a four week summer program full of education and recreational activities for the 30 beneficiaries residing in the resilience center via crowdfunding on helpforleb.com and all the generous donors who supported our cause.





EVENTS

October

himaya Gala Dinner at MusicHall

The fourth annual gala dinner was held at MusicHall Waterfront titled "Be the hand that helps and not abuse". The night aimed at sharing the different types of abuse that children can face and how a helping hand can change a future. himaya would like to extend a special thank you to all who have made this night a reality and success

USJ Clubs day at all USJs

A himaya club representing our cause has been formed at USJ to expand reach to university campuses.

Rally Paper Zahle

himaya's Zahle team participated in the rally paper organized around Zahle.

Discover Sodeco and Abed el Wahab

The fall festival of Achrafieh 2020 proved to be another success of a car free day in the city with himaya raising awareness about child abuse.

November

Beirut Marathon

Over 200 people, from companies and various individuals, ran the Beirut Marathon for himaya's cause.

Hunger Games Avant premiere

himaya sponsored the Avant premiere of the Hunger Games a night before the World Day for Child Abuse Prevention to raise awareness about the day.

USJ NGO day

himaya took part in the NGO day organized by USJ on campus.

December

Community fair at Balamand

himaya took part in the community fair at Balamand to encourage students to engage in community service activities and introduce our offices in the North of Lebanon.

The 4th CSR Forum

Corporate Social Responsibility is one of the main areas himaya has started to focus on. The communication team attended the 4th CSR forum organised in Lebanon.

ABC Christmas market

For the first time, himaya took part in the annual Christmas Village market organised by ABC. himaya introduced new awareness products at the market and was a success.

We Art Together (Afk' Art) and Ashrafieh 2020 Christmas Edition

Christmas markets and exhibitions were numerous during the month of December, and himaya participated in the We Art Together exhibition and the Achrafieh 2020 Christmas Edition that happened on Sassine.



CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Hoover Campaign

During the month of December, Hoover chose young victims of abuse to wash up and cool down their nightmares. WonderEight, global branding and interactive agency, created Hoover's eye-opening campaign at all branches of Khoury Home and Abed Tahan across the country. The campaign aimed at raising awareness about child abuse, a subject scarcely addressed in the Arab world. With every Hoover product purchase, a donation was made to himaya to sustain its fight against child abuse. Donation boxes were also present in all branches for donations, no matter how big or small, that make a difference.





CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSABILITIES

AXA Middle East chooses Himaya

Himaya organised an event on the 14th of June 2014 that gathered AXA Middle East employees, along with their own children, and Himaya beneficiaries in a fun and educational environment. 60 children and 60 AXA employees were in attendance.

The event was organized as a "jeux de piste" themed game day where all of the children were divided into teams. Each team had a series of stages to complete and each stage conveyed a certain insurance related protection message.

AXA employees were in close interaction with the kids. Some employees were team leaders or were responsible for running portions of the game, while others were organisers that were responsible for beverage distribution, timekeeping, and tasks of the like.

Once the games were over, Crepaway installed live cooking stations on site and served all of the kids and employees a great lunch. The kids left after lunch and the Himaya staff conducted team-building activities for the AXA participants.

The activities included a 6 Bricks LEGO creative workshop where participants got the chance to go back in time and

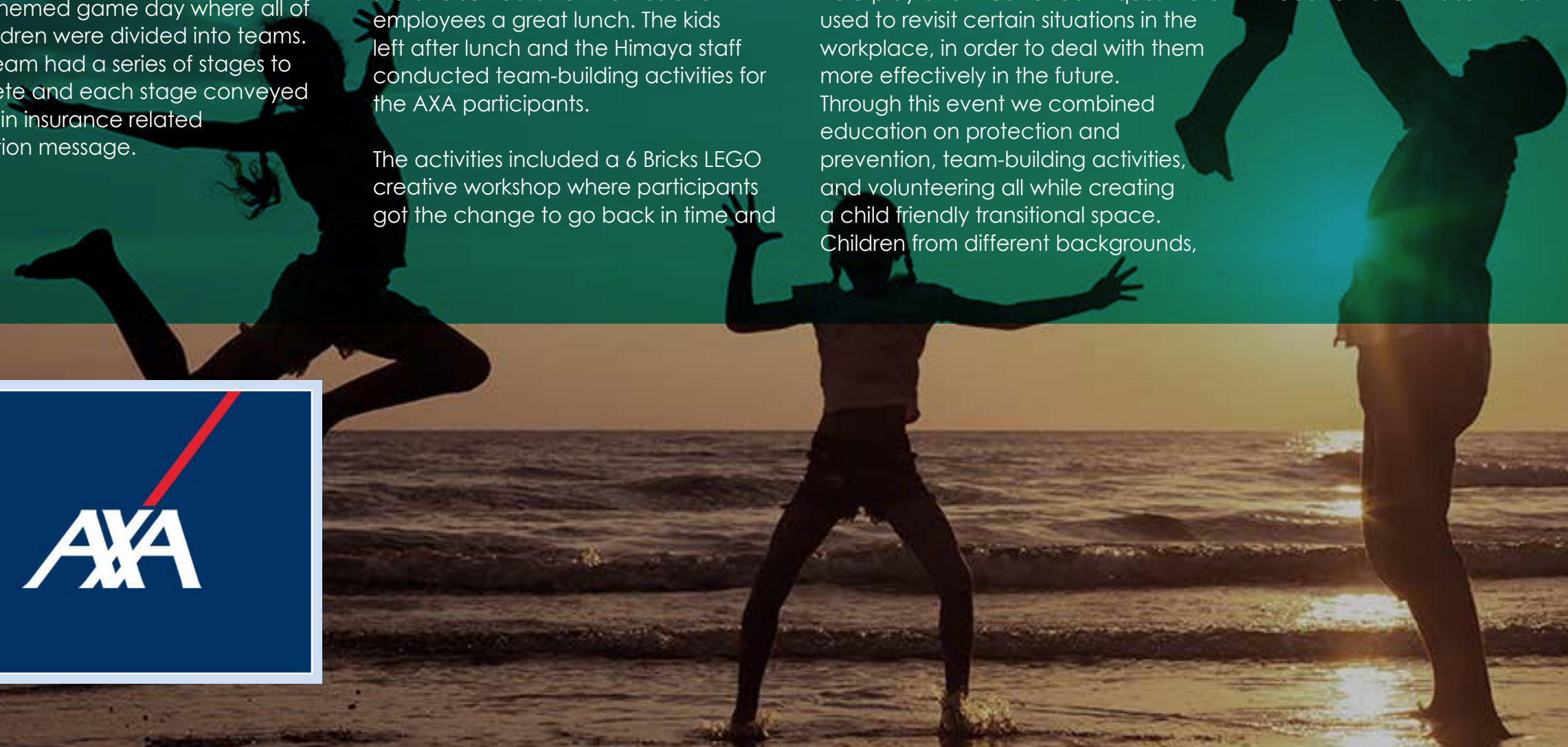
experience the LEGO bricks with their adult hands and minds. This workshop evaluated and aided in improving the company's team's dynamic, synchronization, and capacity to work as one.

The second workshop focused on the at-work lives of the employees' and the obstacles and challenges that they face.

Role-play and theatre techniques were used to revisit certain situations in the workplace, in order to deal with them more effectively in the future. Through this event we combined education on protection and prevention, team-building activities, and volunteering all while creating a child friendly transitional space. Children from different backgrounds,

age groups, and nationalities were able to get together to learn about protection related issues that they may face in their lives, despite their differences.

AXA's role as a corporation did not end after this day, for they had an entire week of CSR activities and also promised to organise a field trip for the kids to discover a new area of Lebanon later this summer.





CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSABILITIES

Webcor Event

himaya organized a large scale event in collaboration with the Lebanese Food Bank for 50 Webcor employees by bringing together 500 children and organizing a day of recreational and educational activities.

The Webcor employees volunteered at the event as general staff and team leaders which lead to the creation of a new volunteering system at Webcor.





AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS AND ITEMS

Tshirts & Tote bags

himaya launched a new line of products conveying protection messages. The items conceptualised and designed by himaya's communication team were sold at all events himaya participated in as well as online.

The protection messages used on multi use tote bags and t-shirts were the following:



You don't need a weapon to protect yourself

All children need to know that the law can protect them against abuse. All children should also acquire self-protection skills which will give them the resources needed in order to keep them away from using violence as a way to protect themselves from any type of abuse.

Your silence will not protect you

Reporting any type of abuse on children is the first and most fundamental way of preventing child abuse. Speaking out about a painful experience is also the first step victims of abuse take towards empowerment and resilience.

Don't hit your baby one more time

In reference to the popular hit by Britney Spears, we used a playful anecdote to portray a powerful message. Using non-violent communication is at the core of himaya's vision and mission, so don't hit your baby one more time!

Candy is not always sweet

Can you find a child around you who doesn't absolutely love candy? Exactly, so you can imagine how easy it is to lure a child into an unwanted and painful experience. This is why we need to teach our children never to take candy from strangers!

Keep Calm and Say NO

Every child needs to know that it is his right to say NO when a touch, a look or even a word doesn't feel right; if it doesn't feel right then it isn't right!



AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS AND ITEMS

Bookmarks

In order to spread the word about himaya and how we utilise resilience methods to overcome abuse, we have created bookmarks that are made of %100 recyclable material. Each bookmark conveys a message about resilience where the front of the bookmark's illustration details the three possible reactions one can have while facing a traumatic experience:

one may fall apart and break, one may bruise and develop scars, or one may find the right resources to overcome their trauma, turning it into strength. On the back of the bookmark, the messages in French read:

Resilience is:

Finding what has been broken and rebuild one's self.

Transforming the painful consequences of a trauma into strength.

Resist and take a step back to be able to move forward.

The bookmarks were sold in several bookstores around Lebanon and were a huge success.

Baby Onesies

This Christmas, himaya launched a line of baby onesies conveying love messages addressed to new born children.

The aim of these items was not only to encourage soon-to-be parents to welcome their child in a loving and caring environment but also to strengthen family ties and bring families together on Christmas time!





AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS AND ITEMS

Candy is not always sweet: Jelly Belly

Candies have always been a lure children are easily attracted to, even when offered to them by strangers. himaya created a "Jelly Holidays" cover for a delicious box of Jelly Belly of which all the proceeds go to supporting young victims of abuse.

Bracelets

In collaboration with Little Ones – Babysitting & Tutoring, himaya has launched purple bracelets which aim at preventing and raising awareness about child abuse. The bracelets were sold at Virgin Megastore during the month of May and all the proceeds went to protecting, rehabilitating and socially reintegrating abused victims. By wearing this bracelet, each person is taking a stand against child abuse, choosing to break the silence and speak up for every child who can't.

Thank You "Little Ones"!

This is not just a bracelet, this is a message,
by wearing this special bracelet you are taking a stand against child
abuse, you are choosing to break the silence
and speak up for every child who can't!

Wear the bracelet today!

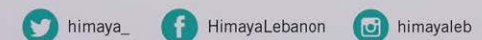
www.littleones-leb.com



with the support of Virgin MEGASTORE



himaya is a local NGO founded in 2009 with a mission to promote a global protection of innocence in danger. Multidisciplinary teams provide via complementary programs, prevention, rehabilitation and social reintegration for children victim of all types of abuse, whether it is sexual, physical, psychological or neglect.





AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS AND ITEMS

Liban Post campaign

For the third consecutive year, LibanPost has partnered with himaya in a new Christmas initiative by creating heart-warming Christmas Greeting Cards of which all the proceeds went to protecting young victims of abuse.

Field of Stars

A corporate social responsibility initiative created by Matisse Events was launched again in 2014 at Zaitunay Bay. It aims at helping children in need by raising funds and distributing them equally to several Lebanese charities participating. Each time the public donated a certain amount, a star is illuminated on the upper deck of Zaitunay Bay.

November 19 child abuse prevention day

Activities were organized by the himaya team several schools and organizations to raise awareness about the subject of child abuse. Radio stations also raised awareness about the importance of the issue.

Children are being abused in cars campaign

In order to raise awareness about November 19th, himaya teamed with Valet Parking Services (VPS) to hang mirror hangers that ask people to help himaya spread the word about child abuse. The hangers were put in cars a weekend before the day to reach the greatest number of people.



himaya
Pour l'innocence en danger

IN SOME CARS,
CHILDREN ARE
BEING
ABUSED
RIGHT NOW.

Help himaya spread the word about child abuse.

 @himayaleb

November 19
**World Day for
Child Abuse
Prevention**


VPS
VALET & PARKING SERVICES

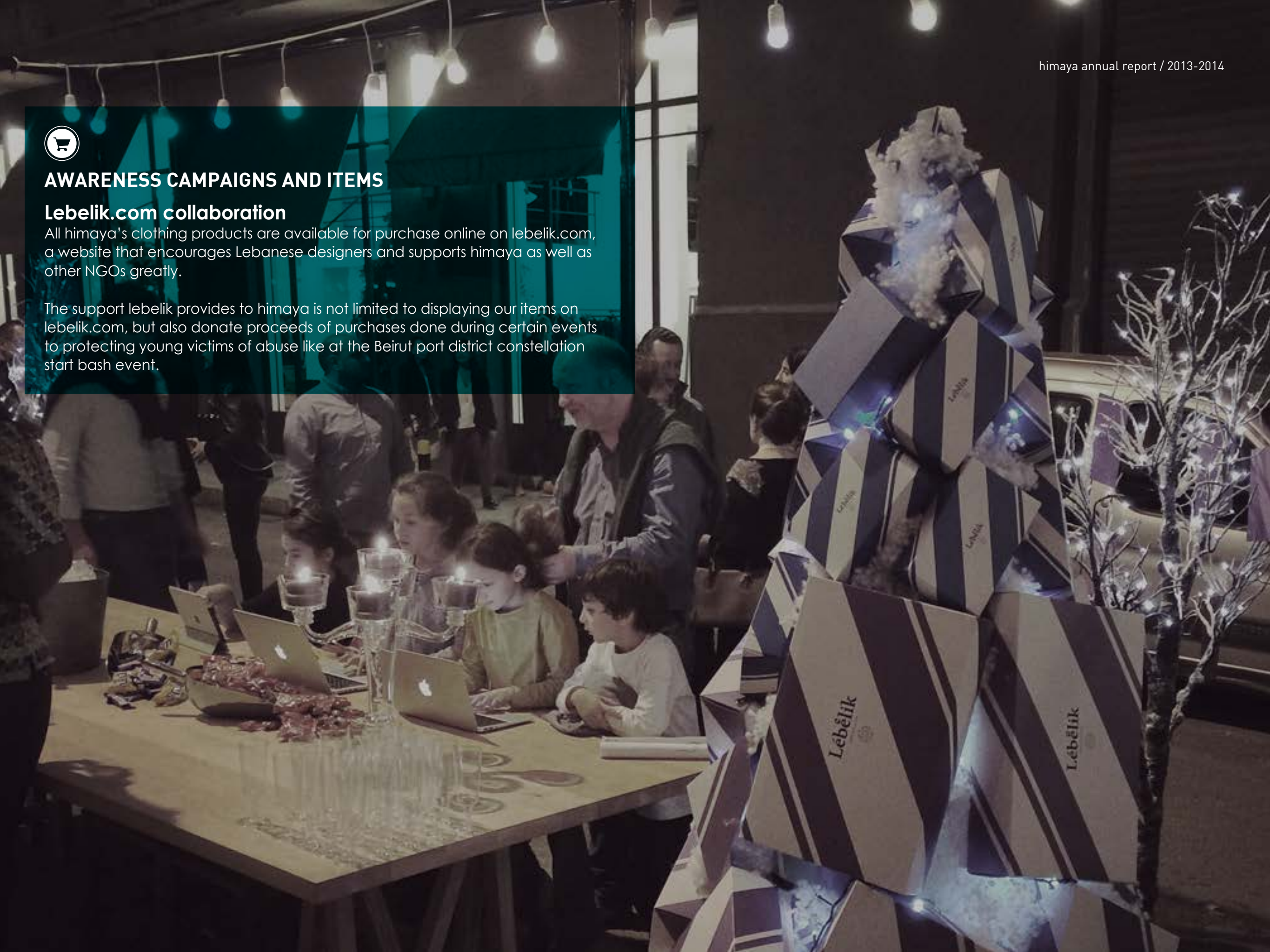


AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS AND ITEMS

Lebelik.com collaboration

All himaya's clothing products are available for purchase online on lebelik.com, a website that encourages Lebanese designers and supports himaya as well as other NGOs greatly.

The support lebelik provides to himaya is not limited to displaying our items on lebelik.com, but also donate proceeds of purchases done during certain events to protecting young victims of abuse like at the Beirut port district constellation start bash event.





REBRANDING: HIMAYA

himaya was launched in 2009 and five years later, in 2014, it has undergone a rebranding to further represent its identity, personality and work.

As an NGO, himaya strives to protect our country's abused children. This logo embodies a part of our association's work starting with the letter "h" which is visualized as a shelter to protect abused children regardless who they are. The child's silhouette represents those unknown kids in need without differentiating their gender.

In addition, the use of the green/ blue colour further expresses these values: green represents balance and growth, while blue expresses trust and peace. All of these elements come together under himaya's shelter which endeavours to grow these values in abused children.

Furthermore, the round font reflects a child-friendly tone - a concept that is further conveyed through avoiding the use of capital letters since himaya is all about children.

The colour contrast in the logo between the letter "h" and the rest of the letters, seeks to symbolise the light that himaya provides as it helps these children reclaim their innocence while providing a beacon of hope.





TOTAL PAGE LIKES

11,250

2014

6,210

2014 organic reach

544,813

2013 organic reach

216,158

INCREASE IN ORGANIC REACH FROM 2013 TO 2014



252%



1.5 times a day.

Posts are mostly composed of pictures, videos and links



FOLLOWERS 456

TWEETS 219



MENTIONS 31

RT OF HIMAYA 21



20 ACCOUNT
14 CREATED



492 FOLLOWERS

POSTS 165



4782 LIKES

COMMENTS 85



NOVEMBER
2014

ACCOUNT
CREATED



NOVEMBER
2014

ACCOUNT
CREATED



WWW. **2047**
USERS

14549
PAGE VIEWS

RETURNING VISITORS **27.7%**

NEW VISITORS **27.7%**

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NEW LOOK IN 2015



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
DATABASE IN

2014

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NEWSLETTERS SENT VIA
MAILCHIMP SINCE JUNE 2014

STATISTICS BELOW EXCLUDE
NEWSLETTERS SENT PRIOR TO

JUNE 2014

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TOTAL SUCCESSFUL DELIVERIES

UNIQUE OPENS **1184**

TOTAL OPENS **2210**

OPEN RATE **34.2%**



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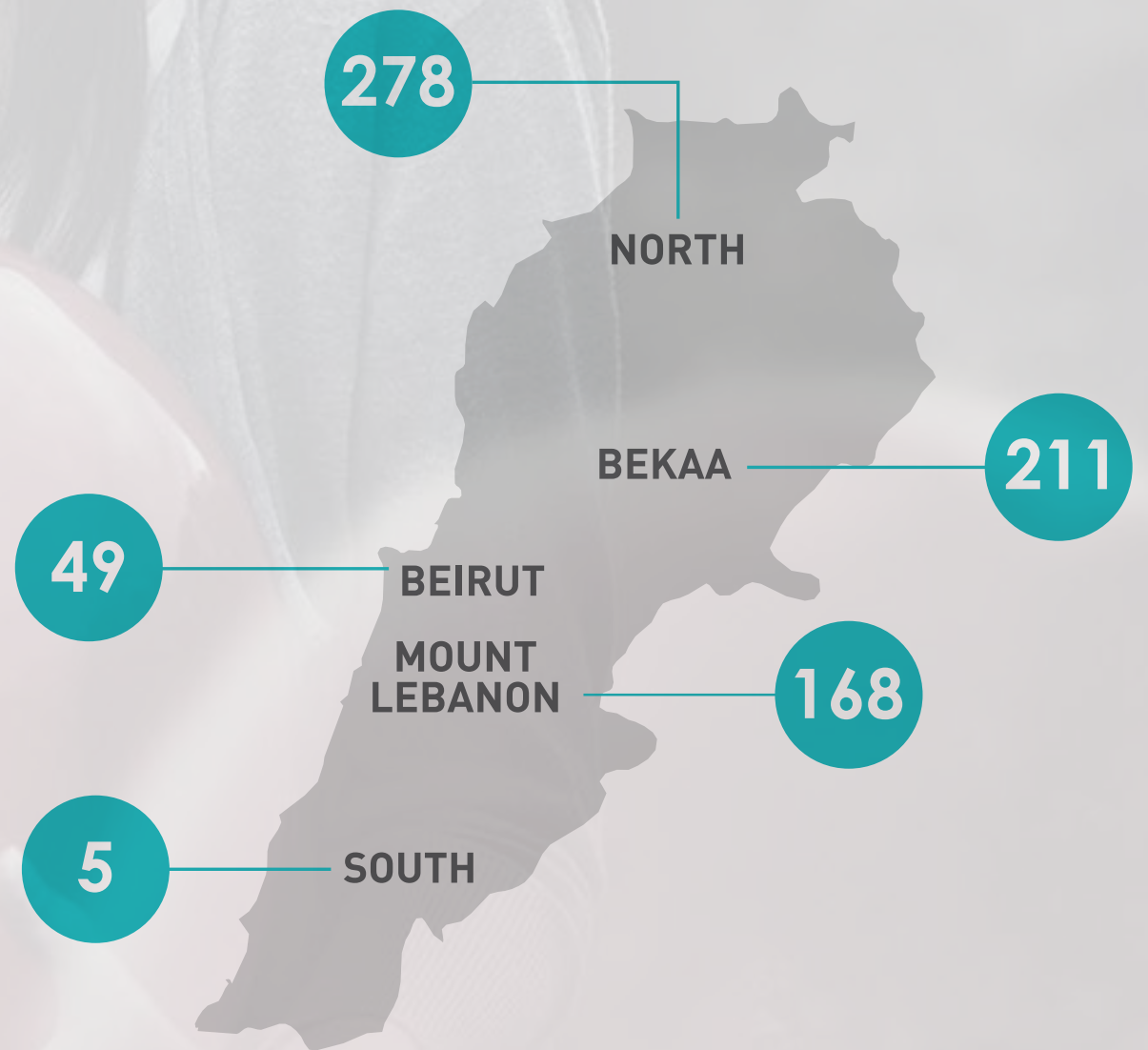
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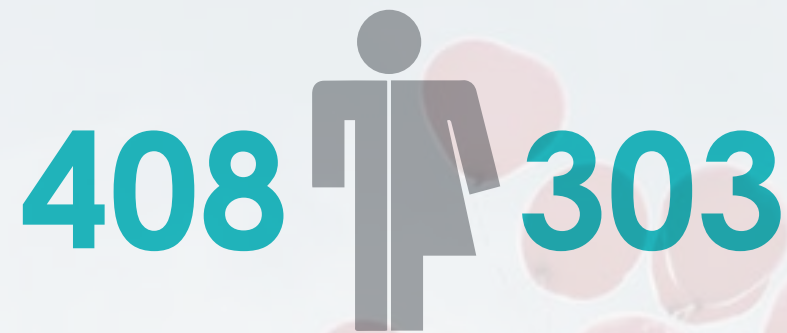


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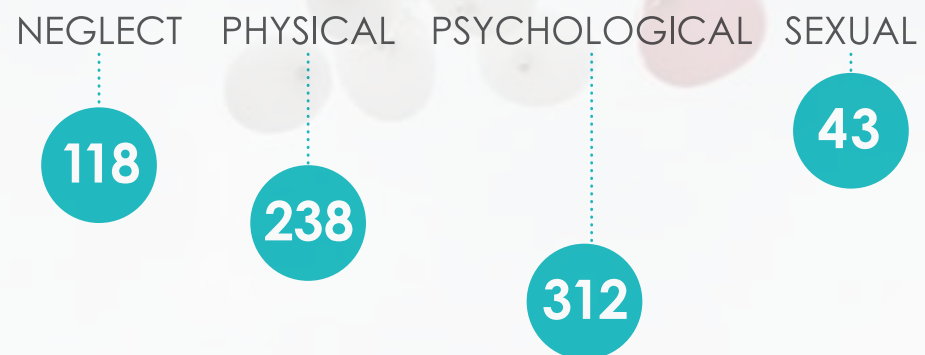
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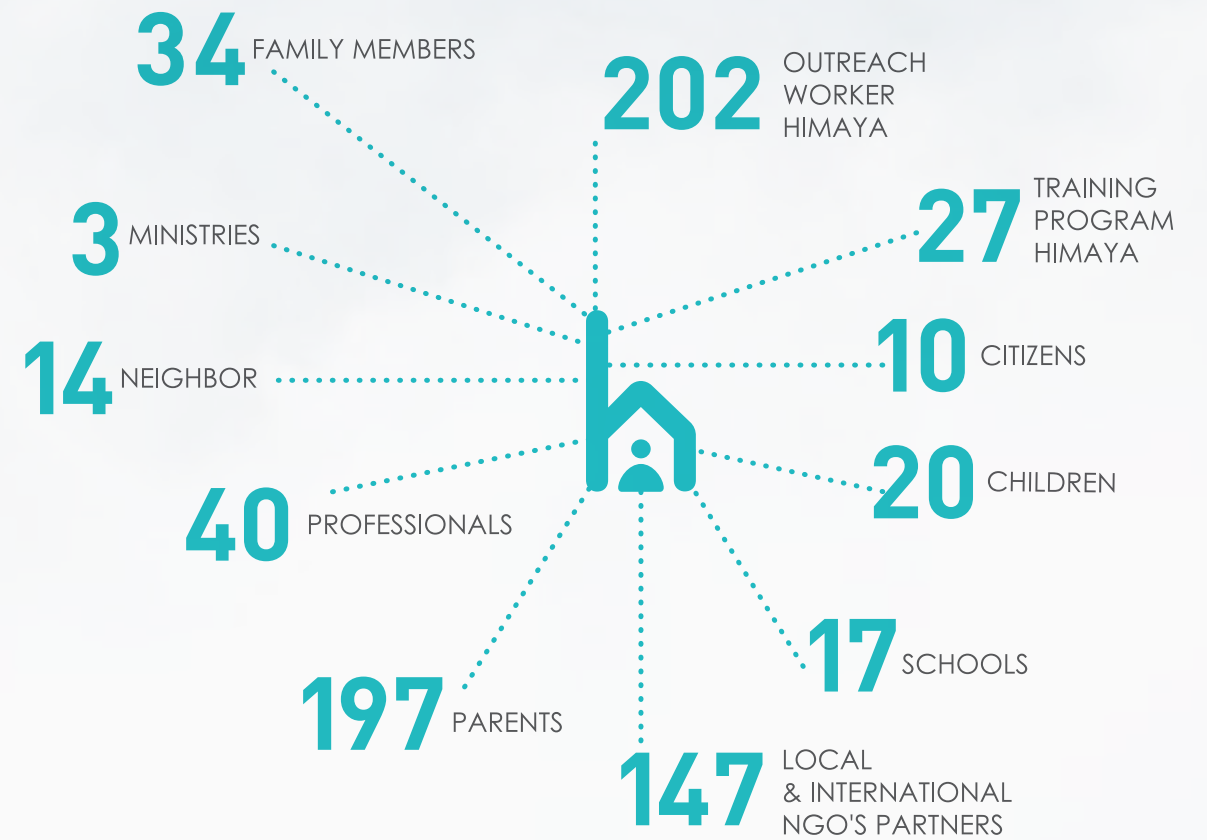
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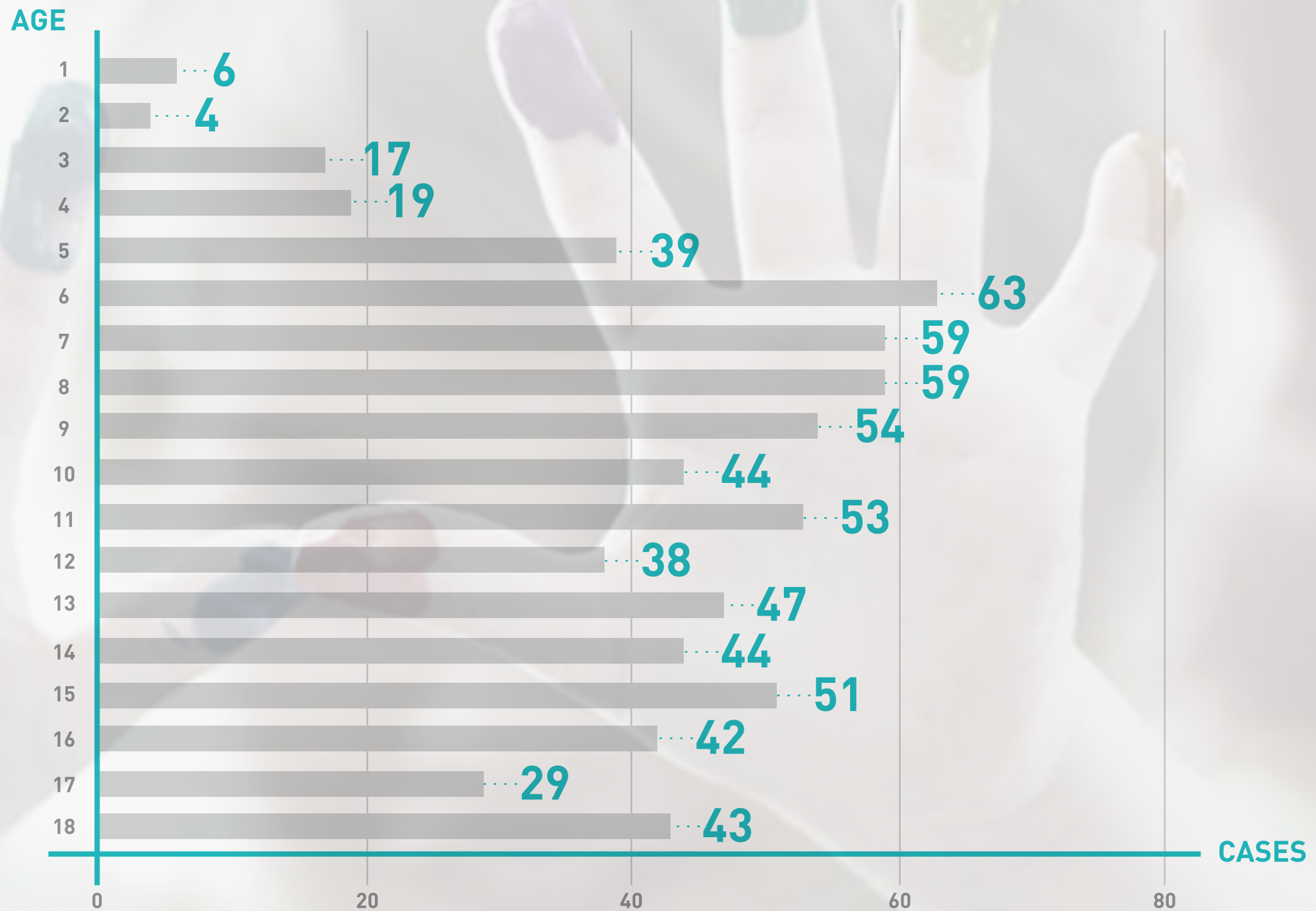
NUMBER OF CASES PER TYPE OF ABUSE



NUMBER OF CASES PER REFERRAL SOURCE



NUMBER OF CASES PER AGE





INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Service Social International suisse (SSI)

Monthly Review n187° ISS/IRC November/December 2014

himaya ISS's correspondent in Lebanon, contributed to the 20th year anniversary of the International Year of the Family by presenting 2 articles, one providing a general overview of foster care in Lebanon titled "Lebanon: A Global Overview of the Concept of Alternative Family Care" in the SSI journal "[Monthly Review n187° ISS/IRC November/December 2014](http://iss-ssi.org/2009/assets/files/editorial-monthly-review/Editorials/2014/Edito20187%202014%NovemberDecember20%eng.pdf)".

[<http://iss-ssi.org/2009/assets/files/editorial-monthly-review/Editorials/2014/Edito20187%202014%NovemberDecember20%eng.pdf>]

International Social Service (ISS)

himaya has partnered with the International Social Service (ISS) which helps individuals, children and families confronted with social issues involving two, or more, countries as a consequence of international migration or displacement.



Global Smile Foundation (GSF)

Built on the success of the previous Cleft Mission in April, 2013, Fouad Khoury Hospital member of Bikhazi Medical Group (BMG), received in April this year, a team of highly qualified surgeons in the service of under-privileged patients suffering from cleft lip deformities.

The Global Smile Foundation (GSF) guided by Dr. Usama Hamdan lead this mission, with the charitable cooperation of Talia Foundation, Infopro and the medical cooperation of Dr. Ghassan Abu Sitta, Head of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the American University of Beirut Medical Center.

The «Global Smile Foundation» is an inspiring organization working to alleviate the suffering of under-served patients born with facial congenital deformities, with special emphasis on cleft lips and palates, working globally to restore the beautiful smiles of children all over the world!

himaya volunteered to be part of this outstanding initiative and provide psycho-social support for the patients and their families in the Bikhazi Medical Group premises.

This year, 25 surgeries were operated, and we look forward to our future collaboration with the generous BMG and the Global Smile Foundation.





RESEARCH PAPERS BY HIMAYA

Risk and Protection Among Syrian Refugee Children in Lebanon

[F. Giordano, D. Boerchi, V. Hurtubia, M. Maragel, W. Koteit, L. Yazbeck, C. Castelli, Decemer 2014]

Conducted in association with the Catholic University of Milan Presented at The Second World Congress on Resilience: From Person to Society (Timisoara, Romania, May 2014)

This study aimed at identifying significant risk and protective factors that shape the overall adjustment in Syrian children victims of war and displacement living in different types of dwelling in various areas of Lebanon.

<http://www.medimond.com/proceedings/detail.asp?id=20140508>

War Trauma, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorders and Resilience in Syrian Refugees

[M. Maragel, W. Koteit, publication in process]

Independent study by himaya Presented at the 8th Annual Conference on Mental Health of Palestinian in Lebanon: Community Mental Health Programs: What Works for Whom in Armed Conflicts Situations? (UNESCO Palace, Lebanon, June 2014)

This research aimed at studying the rates of war trauma, PTSD and the correlations between war trauma, PTSD, resilience and socio-demographic factors.

This paper's objective is to assess the effects of war trauma and it's correlation to post-traumatic stress disorder and resilience in Syrian and Palestinian refugees through self-report scales. Results enable the definition of good practices of assisted resilience.

Anxiety, Depression and Adjustment Disorder in Syrian

[M. Maragel, W. Koteit, publication in process]

Independent study by himaya Presented at the 8th Annual Conference on Mental Health of Palestinian in Lebanon: Community Mental Health Programs: What Works for Whom in Armed Conflicts Situations? (UNESCO Palace, Lebanon, June 2014)

This papers objective is to assess psychological changes in Syrian and Palestinian refugees after war trauma and displacement. Self-report scales are used to show that refugee's anxiety, depression and adjustment disorder are correlated to war experiences.

It shows that war refugees are more vulnerable in terms of mental health.

Organizational Resilience

[work in progress] In Collaboration with Adrian Van Breda, University of Johannesburg

This research focuses on the characteristics and processes of organizations that help them in being resistant to disruption in the face of change, as well as adaptive when facing crises.

Understanding Mental Health Representation in Syrian Displaced Population and Lebanese Host Communities

[M. Maragel, J. Abi Habib, W. Koteit, work in progress] In collaboration with SSI

This study includes a comparison between the families' understanding of mental health and the WHO definition, and their perception of the actors present on the field will be used in order to evaluate the perceived importance of distinct mental health services provided and the accessibility of these services. The research shows that these families do not take full advantage of the available resources due to a lack of awareness.



TRAINING

March

Forum of Child's Rights

himaya's trainers taught children the child rights in an interactive and recreational approach

"Mental health and gender based Violence"

March 14th to march 16th with a group of enthusiastic social workers and mental health specialists from Lebanon, Egypt, Palestine, Jordan and Norway Gathered for a Training on "Mental health and gender based Violence".

The training was organized by the Arab Resource Collective (ARC Mawared), in collaboration with Health and Human Rights Info (HHRI), who presented the participants with a Training Manual on Mental Health Management: Consequences of Sexual Violence in Conflict. Through the training sessions, specialists of various fields working in Crisis situations in many Arab countries were presented with the opportunity to share their knowledge, field experience and challenges regarding sexual violence and it's particularities in each country/context.

We thank our Friends/colleagues at ARC and look forward to their next workshop and any future collaboration to keep bettering our intervention in the psychosocial field

himaya took a field trip to Kenya and 'Traveled for a Cause!

A very special training organized by OUT Of The BOX Lebanon in partnership with Friends of Londiani Kenya an Irish based NGO, took place in Londiani from the 9th 'till the 15th of March 2014!

The participants got the chance to actively take part in the different programs implemented by Friends of Londiani aiming to improve the schools' environment in order for it to be safe, clean and healthy for children living in poor life conditions. This extensive and dynamic training was designed to improve and widen the participants understanding and practical skills in forming and managing cross sector partnerships thus, creating a sustainable change in the community!

September

DPNA Training Himaya and the Development for People and Nature Association (DPNA)

Himaya conducted a 4 day training in Jezzine for a group of 35 volunteers who plan on working with refugees in the south of Lebanon. The training consisted of three sessions, the first introduced abuse, its types and signs, the rights of the children, abuser profile, defining trauma, the concept of resilience, and how to detect abuse and refer to himaya. The second session introduced animation techniques depending on the age group, how the attitude of the trainer should be, how to create sessions etc...

While the third session introduced themes such as leadership, teamwork, bullying, conflict resolution, creativity and innovation and effective communication.

LSESD Training Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development (LSESD)

Himaya's training program conducted a training for a team of 12 volunteers that were recruited by the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development (LSESD) in order to enable them to implement "child friendly spaces" in Syria.

The subjects of the training revolved around "The Different Types of Play", "Psychological First Aid" and "Basic Tips on Medical First Aid".

This was the first collaboration between himaya and LSESD and the beginning of a fruitful one. Here is what the program officer of LSESD Suzanne Schenkel thought after the training:

"Personally, I felt that the sessions you all led were great! I really appreciated that you kept it very hands-on and were able to cover a diverse range of topics [...] We look forward to partnering more with Himaya in the future!"

November

The Training Program partnered up with International College, Beirut to involve their students in a community work. Two presentations about child abuse prevention were given to all sections of 10th grade students. The aim of this project was to raise awareness and prepare the students to a social action they had to organize and implement in our Resilience Center with our beneficiaries.

More than 20 students visited the children in our center and organized workshops and activities along with them such as baking classes, football games and other fun games!



THE LEGO TRAINING

The LEGO Foundation and UNHCR, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, partnered to host a training in Billund, Denmark for various child protection agencies earlier this month.

The LEGO Foundation and its members were the main facilitators of the -3day training, taking place in the conference room of Hotel LEGO Land from May 5th – May 7th.

With a total of 8 participants, attendees ranged from himaya, to the Lebanese Ministry of Education, and Save the Children.

With the aim to encourage the creative minds of youth and to foster playful experiences and supportive relationships, the LEGO Foundation and UNHCR partnered to create this project to provide Syrian refugee and underprivileged children with DUPLO bricks despite living in displacement. Additionally, to create a safe space for them to learn through play, adhering to the Human Rights declaration of children's rights to development and play.

himaya's child protection specialist thoroughly enjoyed their time at this training and cannot wait to continue with these efforts and this project!

LEGO TRAINING, AGAIN!

This September, the second training in the series of three of "Playful Learning" trainings conducted by the LEGO Foundation took place once again in Billund Denmark. This exciting partnership between UNHCR and the LEGO Foundation gave two of himaya's professionals the opportunity to acquire playful learning skills while using DUPLO LEGO bricks! The main intention and objective of the second training was for the participants to feel prepared to conduct "Playful Learning Workshops" for their colleagues upon their return to Lebanon and observe other expert facilitators in action in one of the best and finest schools in Billund.

Since the first training that was conducted in May, himaya's professionals were busy practicing using the Six-bricks with children, teenagers and even adults and the outcome has been more than positive! himaya is looking forward to experience hands-on activities and hopefully to be able to pass on this astonishing practice to the entire himaya team.

PARTNERSHIPS – RESILIENCE

Because we know that sharing our experiences is the best way to improve ourselves, himaya's Resilience Program partnered up with The Lebanese Society of Psychoanalysis (SLP) and The Lebanese Association for Development of Psychoanalysis (ALDEP) as well as individual professionals for the launching of a series of continuous monitoring trainings. The aim of these sessions is to offer the teams of psychologists, social workers and special educators within the resilience program, a safe place to share sensitive work related issues and ensure the professionalism and ethics of their work methods. By offering support to the team and allowing them to distance themselves from daily situations and recount the same events from an outsider's point of view, himaya helps the team have a better and unbiased judgment within their work with the aim to better serve its beneficiaries and make a real difference in their lives!

LOOKING FORWARD

Finance

Work on a more sustainable fundraising strategy by diversifying our sources of income, and commit to full transparency regarding our finances.

For 2015, Himaya needs a total of 2,288,778 USD to serve 108,455 number of beneficiaries through its training program and resilience program according to its strategic plan.

Programs

Training program

To create services that has more impact on the communities, bigger impact with less cost.

Resilience program

Serve more beneficiaries and cover more needs in the country.

Do more research on new approaches and techniques insuring quicker results thus less cost and better results for the beneficiaries.