

2019

# IMPACT REPORT

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**himaya**  
Pour l'innocence en danger



@himayaleb



# RESILIENCE PROGRAM

Our resilience program intervenes with the children subjected to abuse by providing psycho-social and legal support.

# IN 2019 ONLY, HIMAYA WAS ABLE TO WORK WITH 1984 CASES

FOR 2019

1669

were cases of  
child abuse

969

were successfully  
closed, with a success  
rate of 55.5%

This means that in 969 cases,  
CHILDREN WERE PROTECTED.  
THEIR PARENTS AND SIBLINGS  
were empowered with new techniques  
of upbringing to PREVENT ABUSE  
FROM OCCURRING IN  
THE FUTURE.



1,984

TOTAL NUMBER  
OF CASES

1,895

TOTAL NUMBER OF  
CHILD ABUSE CASES

Including himaya's  
Legal Protection Services  
in North Lebanon

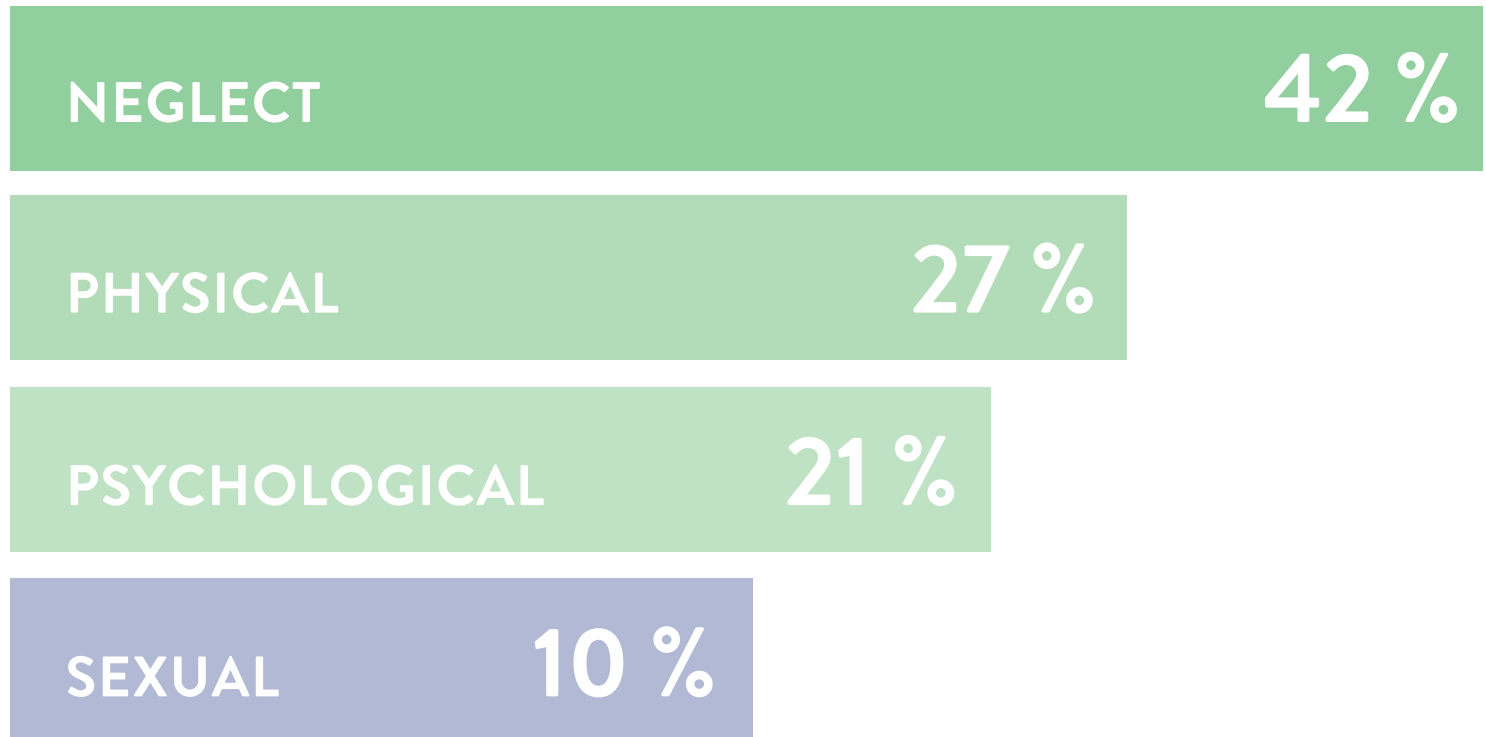
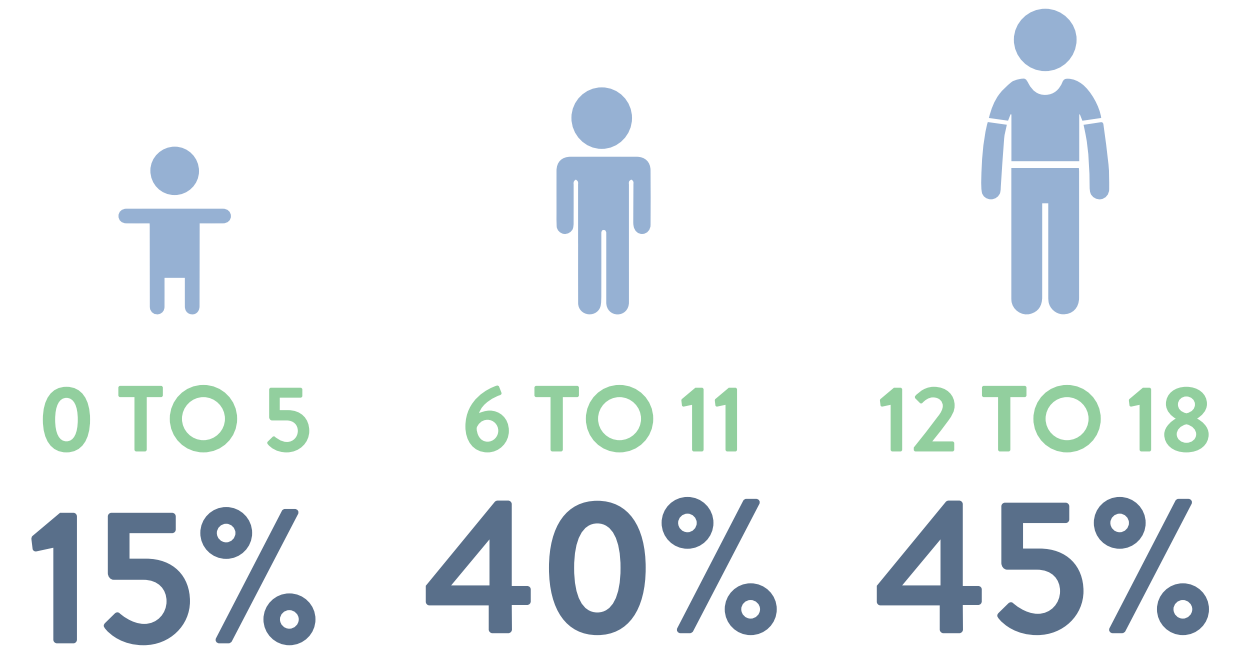
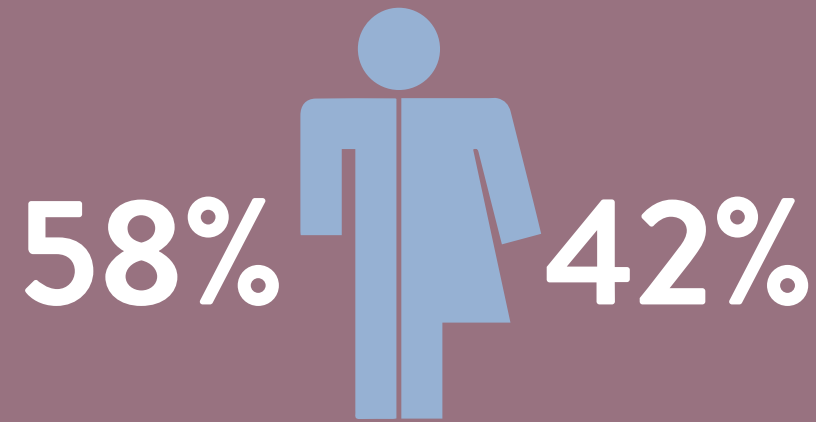
1,669

TOTAL NUMBER OF  
CHILD ABUSE CASES

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
himaya's Legal Protection Unit  
in the North handled 226 cases  
of child abuse in 2019 alone.  
In 85% of those cases,  
the perpetrator was a member  
of the victim's family.



# TYPE OF ABUSE PER GENDER TYPE & AGE

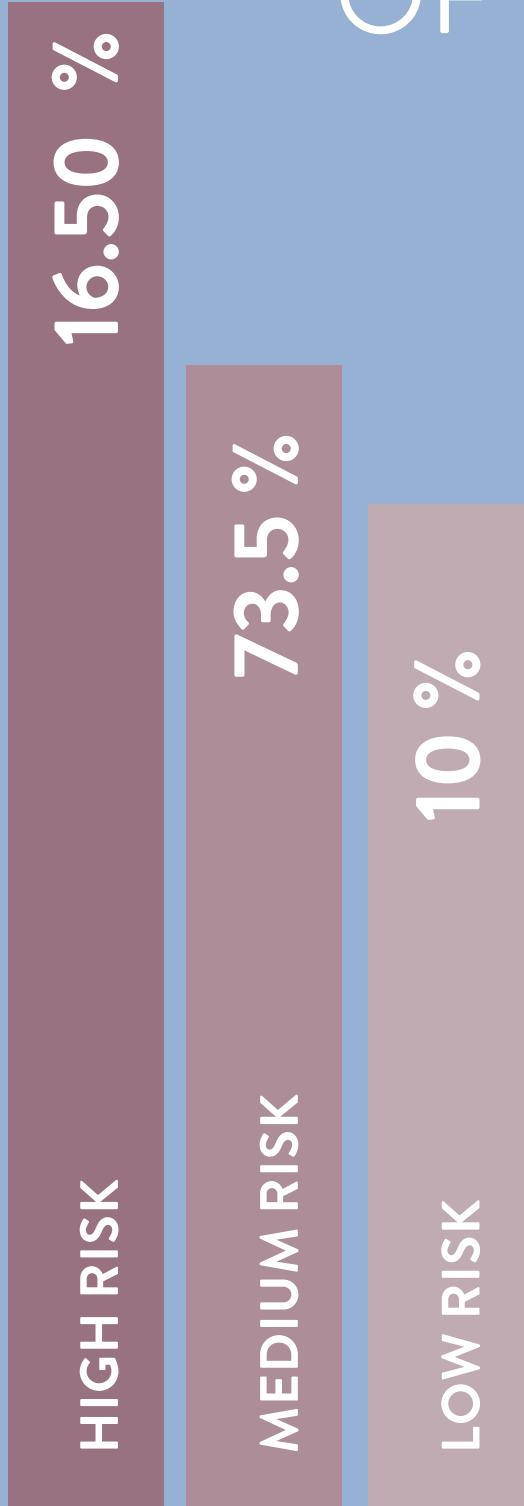


# PERPETRATOR PROFILING

MEMBER OF  
THE FAMILY  
OR RELATIVE  
**%79**

EXTERNAL  
STRANGER  
**%17**

CLOSE  
INDIVIDUAL  
TO THE FAMILY  
**%4**

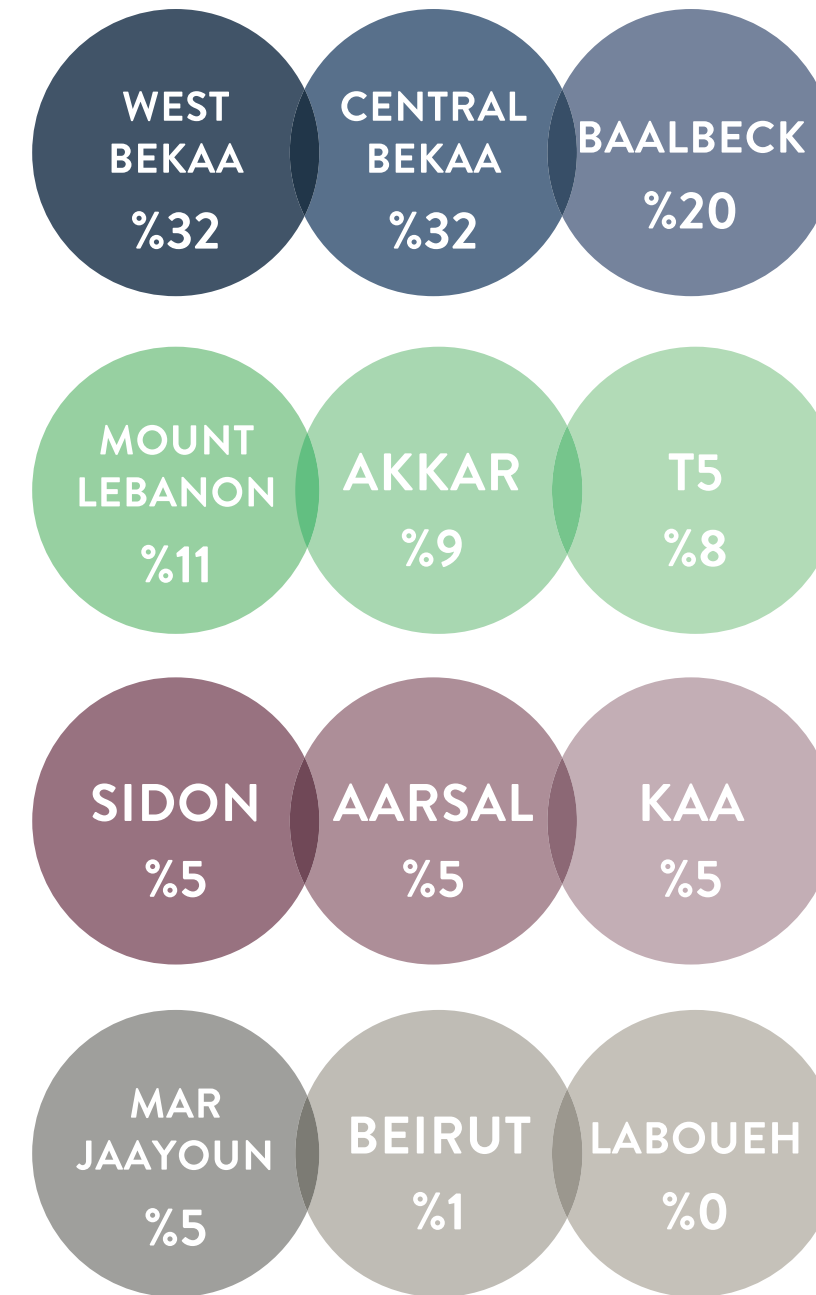


# LEVEL OF RISK



# BY SOURCE OF REFERRAL & REGION

INGOS	49%
HIMAYAS'S PREVENTION PROGRAM	17%
CITIZENS	12%
NGOS	10%
MEMBER OF THE FAMILY	7%
CROSS-BODERS	1%
BENEFICIARY	0.45%
HIMAYA TEAM MEMBERS	1%
HIMAYA'S LEGAL PROTECTION UNIT	1%
PRIVATE SCHOOLS	1%
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS	1%



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
**279 of abuse cases**  
**were referred via our Hotline**  
**and e-Helpline**



# RESILIENCE BEYOND BORDERS

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In 2019, we were able to support 16 children (11 families) while working in close collaboration with our International Social Services partners in the countries of UK, Germany, Switzerland, Netherlands and Canada.

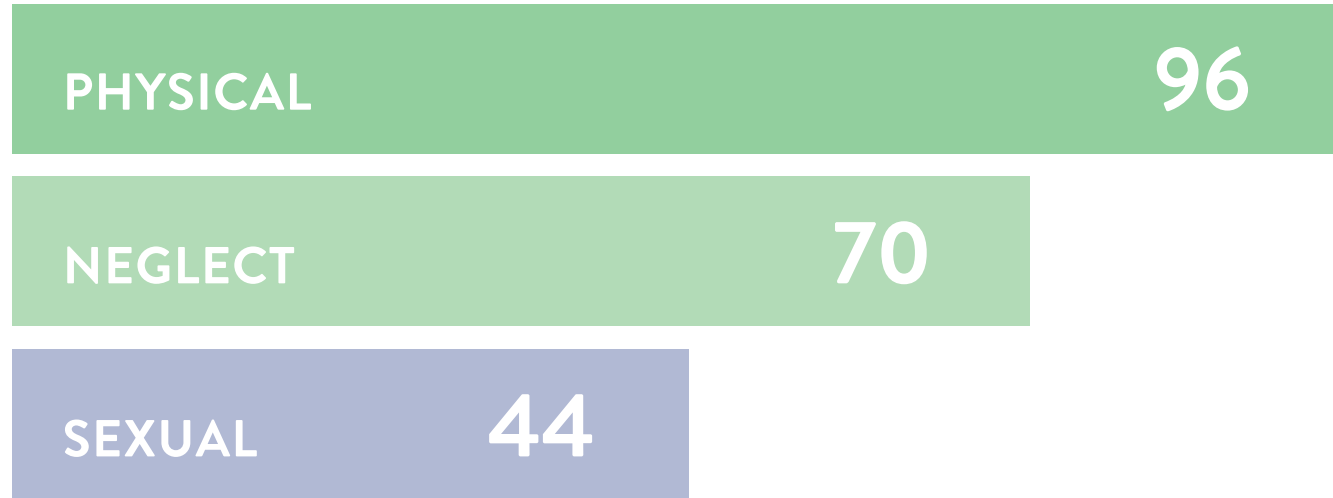
Thanks to our UNHCR collaboration and funding, we were able to conduct 26 best interest determination and were able to reunite 8 children with their family in Germany as well as resettle 5 children and their mother in Sweden.



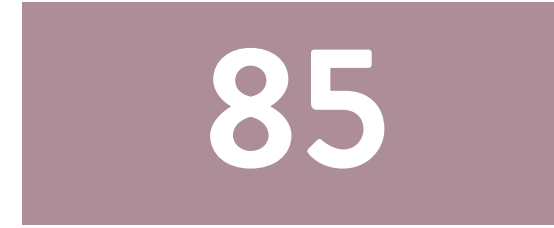
# LEGAL DEPARTMENT

In 2018, himaya signed a contract with the Ministry of Justice and has become mandated to handle legal protection cases in the North Governorate.

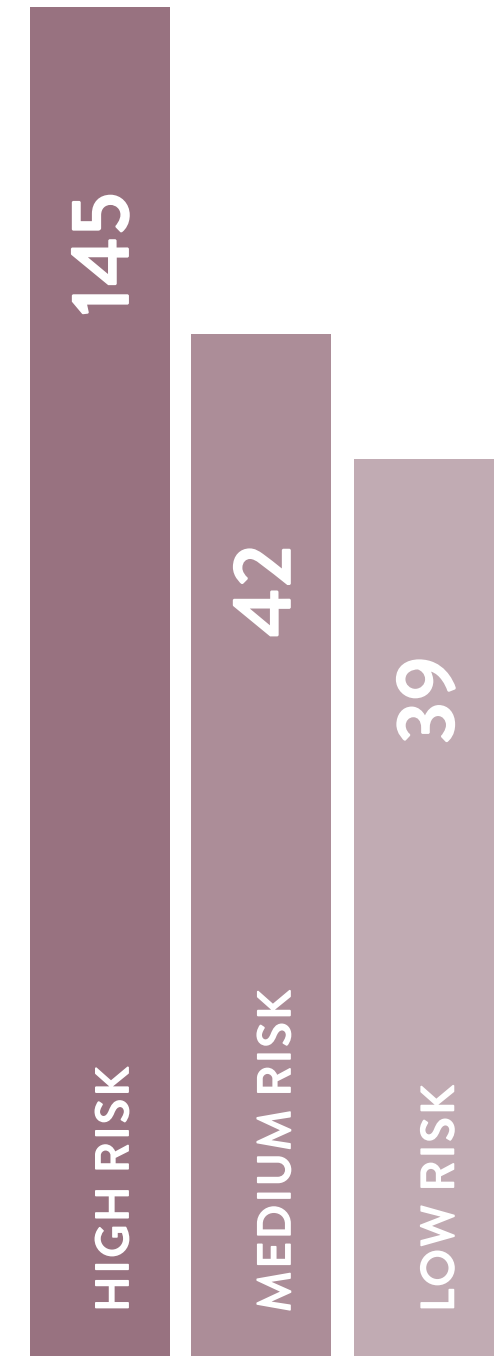
# LEGAL PROTECTION CASES PER TYPE & RISK LEVEL



TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES



TOTAL NUMBER OF PROTECTION FILES OPENED IN 2019



# FAMILY-BASED ALTERNATIVE CARE

After 2 years of working on Alternative Care in Lebanon and training the teams on the topic, himaya's Resilience Program alongside the Legal Protection unit were able to refer only 53 cases out of the 1895 cases to residential care services which is a significant and positive impact.

Extra effort was also put to take children out of residential care settings and placed back within their families or placed in foster families. In 2019, himaya was able to prevent 53 cases from being referred to residential care.

TOTAL NUMBER  
OF VIOLENCE  
CHILD ABUSE CASES

1,840

CHILDREN PLACED  
IN ALTERNATIVE  
CARE FAMILY  
BASED SETTINGS

53

NUMBER  
REFERRED TO  
RESIDENTIAL CARE

53

**CAPACITY BUILDING  
AND RESEARCH  
& DEVELOPMENT  
DEPARTMENT  
(CBRD)**

# CBRD

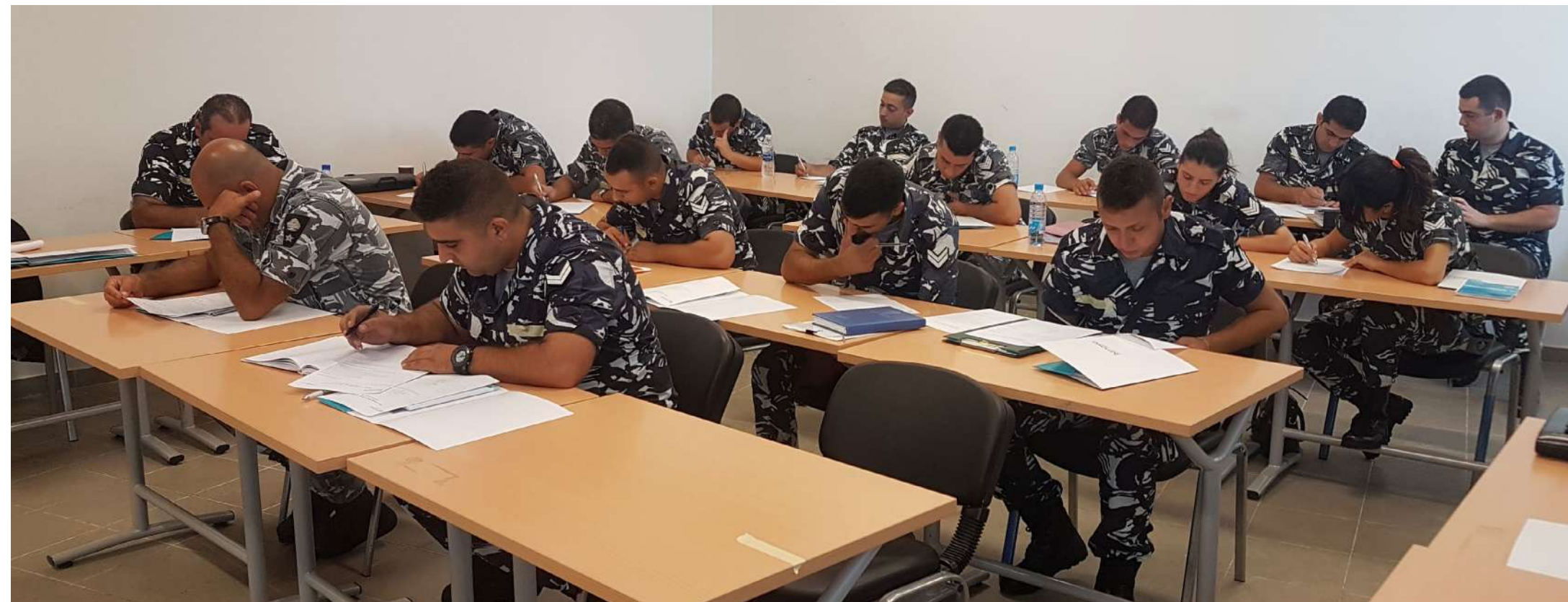
PROFESSIONALS TRAINED BY THE CAPACITY BUILDING & RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT	427
PROFESSIONALS WHO ATTENDED PRESENTATIONS GIVEN BY THE CAPACITY BUILDING & RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT	336
NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS REACHED THROUGH OUR CBRD DEPARTMENT	763



# A NATIONAL CHANGE

himaya's Capacity Building and Research & Development department (CBRD) has been training Internal Security Forces (ISF) ***in collaboration with the ISF Training Academy since 2016.*** In 2019, we provided 2 rounds of trainings on child-friendly interview techniques for 50 ISF officers (Captains, First Lieutenants and Lieutenants) at the ISF Academy.

The 3-day training we provided is part of the Academy's ongoing training program that includes courses on various topics such as interviewing and interrogating adult suspects, at the end of which participants are tested to qualify for a promotion. himaya's responsibility was to deliver sessions on how to communicate with children in the context of an investigation.



These sessions aimed at enabling participants to use child friendly communication techniques with children victims of abuse and/or in conflict with the law. The officers were also introduced to child protection principles and child development notions that would allow them to understand and respond appropriately to children's needs.



# PREVENTION PROGRAM



# 650 LEBANESE FAMILIES

Those initiatives were organized with the support of local municipalities, local and international NGOs with the support of Unicef Lebanon, International Social Service Switzerland, UNHCR and Plan International.

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During the scarce economic period which hit Lebanon following the Lebanese protests, himaya worked in collaboration with municipalities and organizations across Lebanon to offer psychological support to vulnerable Lebanese families. With the support of our donors and partners, himaya held events for children and parents throughout Lebanon during the holiday season. Our trained animators helped organize fun, entertaining activities including games, parades and

clown shows, while our partners were distributing food kits and small gifts to families who are strongly affected by the current economic crisis. The events and activities reached 650 Lebanese families and we are very grateful to have been able to spread smiles and laughter during these difficult times. Through these initiatives, himaya's team shared awareness messages and was able to detect cases of children who might have been affected by the situation.

[Link to the video: https://youtu.be/8mIKVMDYmZ4](https://youtu.be/8mIKVMDYmZ4)





# PREVENTION A NEW STRATEGY

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Our prevention program has implemented a new approach this year to reach a bigger number of children. In fact, the main objective was not only to raise awareness on child protection and help children build self-protection skills and life skills, but also to identify and refer cases of violence against children to the resilience program, the intervention program of himaya.

**This is why we have created and built a network of child protection agents spread out across Lebanon.**



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# IN 2019 ALONE, HIMAYA'S FRONT LINERS HAVE TRAINED:

1

Animators who are now  
HANDLING ALL 17 SAFE PARKS  
IN LEBANON  
and delivering recreational activities  
TO MORE THAN 26,382 CHILDREN  
coming to these safe spaces

2

Caregivers and community based  
organizations' staff who are now  
DELIVERING AWARENESS ACTIVITIES ON  
CHILD PROTECTION TO ALL CHILDREN  
LIVING IN THEIR COMMUNITIES,  
through several techniques such as  
LEGO, sports and numerous others.

3

COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
WERE TRAINED AND COACHED  
throughout the year to become  
active agents of protection within  
their communities and were able to reach  
MORE THAN 77,770 CHILD.

This way, the child protection network grew progressively throughout the year of 2019, and trained members showed a great motivation and will to reduce violence against children within their communities and to capacitate community members with skills that will help them protect themselves.

These members also took the initiative to create partnerships with local stakeholders within their community, to organize events, to attend trainings related to child protection and to always coordinate and collaborate with other communities.



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# TOTAL 2019 REACH OF THE PREVENTION PROGRAM

**89,222**

NUMBER OF  
CHILDREN

**19,419**

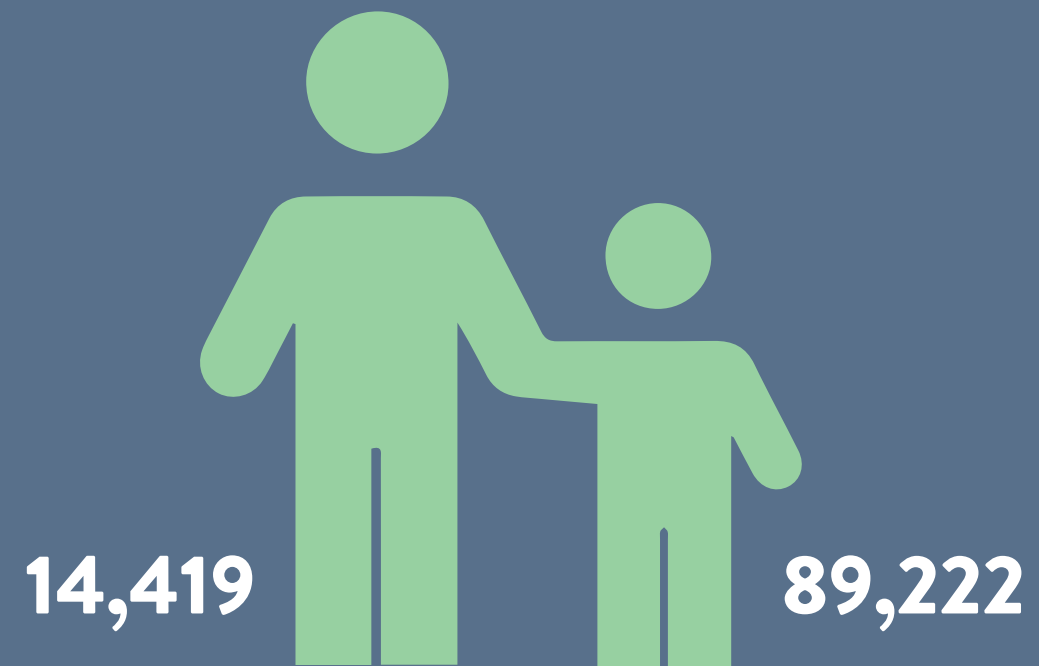
NUMBER OF  
PARENTS SENSITIZED

**725**

NUMBER OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS,  
CAREGIVERS & ANIMATORS



**17**  
SAFE PARKS  
ACROSS LEBANON



# COMMUNICATIONS & FUNDRAISING DEPARTMENT



# HIMAYA'S 11TH ANNIVERSARY THE BIRTHDAY CAMPAIGN



Following the alarming statistics regarding child abuse in Lebanon, we have decided to launch another bold campaign for our 11th birthday aiming to break the stereotypes around the thematic in Lebanon.

The TV Commercial portrays a familiar birthday scene of an 11 year-old girl surrounded by friends and family. The above the table “picture perfect” setting is suddenly shattered by the disturbing act of a parental figure inappropriately touching the girl under the table.

The TVC was followed by an activation on social media led by the international social influencer and mom of 3, Karen Wazen, who has supported himaya by initiating the campaign with a crowdfunding campaign and an IG live interview with our Executive Director, Lama Yazbeck.





Other influencers also took part of this campaign, birthday invitation cards were distributed to invite them to raise their voice for children subjected to abuse and encourage people to donate.

## THE CAMPAIGN WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND REACHED OVER 1M INDIVIDUALS

LINK TO CAMPAIGN

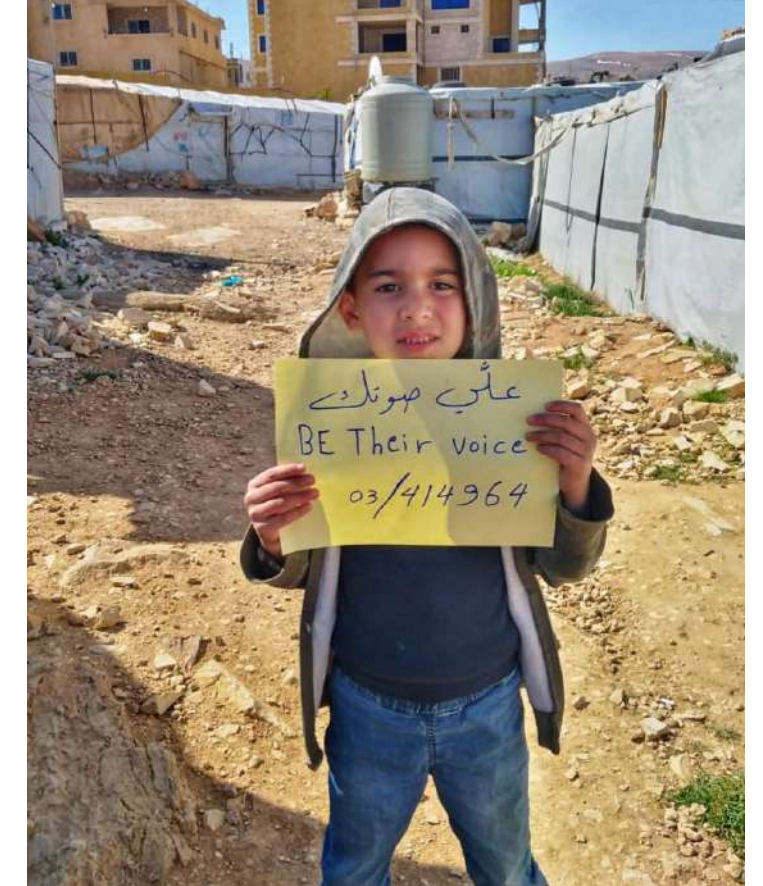
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h947h8AwdSY>

LINK TO INTERVIEW WITH KAREN WAZZEN

<https://www.instagram.com/tv/B0Ns2OdnXoR/?igshid=z227qpusw3z2>



# BE THEIR VOICE CAMPAIGN



To celebrate April, the Child Abuse Prevention Month, we've decided to gather the community to raise awareness around child abuse through a social media campaign:

#BeTheirVoice.

At himaya, we recognize the value of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and to promote a safe environment for children and their families; #BeTheirVoice aimed to remind everyone of the importance to be a voice for a child in need.

Be Their Voice was a great success; reaching over 105k and received an undeniable amount of support from the community, the private and public sectors.

Our campaign even spread internationally as people from all around the world, joined our fight and raised their voice against child abuse.



# PROTECT THEIR DREAMS WITH JOYCE AZZAM



At the end of the session, Joyce asked the children to draw their dreams on a piece of paper. The dreams were turned into a flag which she took with her all the way to the top of Mount Everest.

She told the kids that she believes in their dreams, and urged them to believe in their own too because once they do, nothing can stop them from achieving them.

On the 23rd of May, 2019, Joyce Azzam, our dear Child Protection Advocate successfully reached the summit of Mount Everest, becoming the first Lebanese woman to complete the Seven Summits Challenge. Before starting her journey, Joyce alongside himaya, visited a school where she shared her mountaineering experience and her passion for climbing, with the aim to inspire the youth to follow their dreams.

The children were so mesmerized by her story and her dream, that some of them even told Joyce that they want to become mountaineers just like her.





**TOTAL 2019 REACH  
OF THE COMMUNICATIONS  
DEPARTMENT**

**1,548,963**

## MEMBERSHIPS



## PARTNERS



## SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS



TRACCS

THANK YOU