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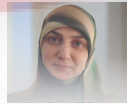
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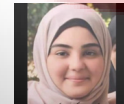
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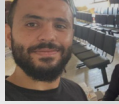
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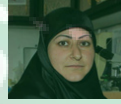
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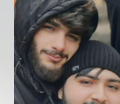
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## HOPE PREVAILS

This year has tested us in unimaginable ways. The Israeli aggressions have brought great loss and hardship to our nation, and the devastation has touched every corner of Lebanon. The primary healthcare centers (PHCCs) have stood as a beacon of hope and resilience, unwavering in their commitment to serve the people, even at the cost of their own lives.

We honor the 11 martyrs from our PHC network who made the ultimate sacrifice. This issue of the newsletter is dedicated to their memory and their unparalleled courage. Their devotion reminds us of the immense responsibility we carry to continue serving those in need, no matter the challenges.

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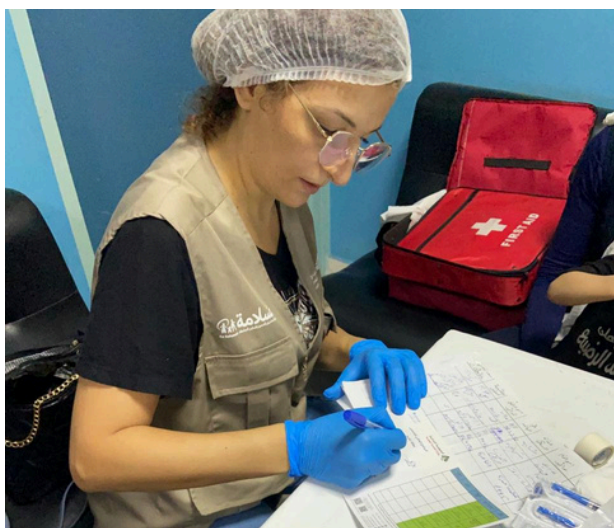
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Despite the immense challenges, the PHCC network persevered. Out of 317 centers, 241 continued to provide essential services at their centers, as they were situated in areas not classified as high-risk or directly affected by targeting. The staff of these functional centers along with the displaced staff of closed centers managed to serve 231,000 internally displaced persons (IDPs) in more than a 1000 collective shelters with the support of 120 Primary healthcare Satellite Units (PSUs), half of which were provided through support from UNICEF.



In response to the critical needs of vulnerable groups, 88 AaSalemeh teams — supported by UNICEF, and composed of dedicated teams of nurses, midwives, and community health workers — were linked to PHCCs and deployed to serve shelters, prioritizing the needs of pregnant and lactating women and ensuring children’s access to life-saving immunizations.

With unwavering determination and the support of our partners, PHCCs and PSUs distributed over one million boxes of medications to those in need and approximately 50,000 canisters of milk formula to IDPs, ensuring essential health supplies and nutrition for infants and young children during these difficult times.



## SHIELDING HEALTH AMID CHAOS: IMMUNIZATION CAMPAIGNS IN TIMES OF WAR

In response to the recent Israeli aggressions on Lebanon, the Ministry of Public Health launched targeted vaccination campaigns to safeguard children’s health and prevent outbreaks of infectious diseases. Polio and measles vaccines were administered to all children under 10 years old across affected regions.



The campaign reached 14,458 children, with 80% of them receiving the vaccines. Despite these challenges, the initiative was deemed successful in providing essential immunization during a period of heightened vulnerability.

## CHOOSING LIFE OVER DEATH



A heartwarming moment unfolded in a shelter in Akkar, where a newborn was welcomed into an IDP family. The Salemtak PHCC provided crucial antenatal and postnatal care, and went the extra step by decorating the delivery room to create a comforting environment for the family. This thoughtful gesture highlights the PHCC's dedication to not only medical care but also offering emotional support during such a significant moment.

Through these efforts, we have demonstrated that even in the darkest times, the PHCC network remains a pillar of hope, sacrifice, and resilience. Each challenge we face strengthens our resolve to serve our communities and uphold the values that bind us together. As we move into 2025, we are committed to working hand in hand to rebuild and serve, creating a future that reflects the strength and unity of our network. By carrying forward the legacy of those we have lost, we honor their sacrifices and dedicate ourselves to continuing their mission with renewed strength, determination, and compassion and focus.