

# Dignity Through Food Security and Community Action

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# Hunger, Dignity, and Peace: **Building Stability One Meal at a Time**

In 2025, Lebanon remains burdened by a prolonged economic and social crisis. According to recent assessments, an estimated one in five people in Lebanon faces acute food insecurity. Unfortunately, this is now affecting families, who, until recently, were self-sufficient.

In this context, the Lebanese Food Bank (LFB) continues its mission with a clear conviction: food assistance must never come at the expense of human dignity. Supporting families means standing beside them, not above them. It means ensuring that no one feels diminished, judged, or defined by their need for help, because dignity sustains resilience and hope.

Hunger and peace are deeply interconnected. Food insecurity breeds frustration, social tension, and instability, weakening the foundations of communities and nations alike. This is why hunger eradication and peace are central to the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 2: Zero Hunger and SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions). Peace cannot flourish when basic human needs are unmet. By addressing hunger with respect and intentionality, we contribute to a more just and peaceful society.

Throughout 2025, LFB's teams have worked relentlessly on the ground, delivering assistance with professionalism, transparency, and compassion. Our teams collect surplus food from partners, safeguard food safety and quality, and distribute meals through our extensive network across all Lebanese regions. The organization's strong governance and credible track record continue to earn the trust of local and international institutions and partners, enabling LFB to expand its reach and respond effectively to growing needs across Lebanon.

Yet, we acknowledge that much remains to be done. The journey toward a hunger-free Lebanon is long, but we remain unwavering in our hope. With collective effort, solidarity, and unwavering commitment, we will continue fighting hunger, protecting dignity, strengthening peace, and striving to draw a smile on every face.



**MONA GEHA KENAAN**  
President

## Board members of the **Lebanese Food Bank**



Mona is a prominent leader in Lebanon's humanitarian and civic sectors. She serves as President of the Lebanese Food Bank, is an active member of the Rotary Club Beirut Cedars, and has held senior Rotary leadership roles, including Deputy District Governor (2024–2025). She is also Chair of the Scholarship Fundraising Committee at AUB and Secretary General of the Board of Trustees at NDU. Her contributions have been recognized with the Daniel Bliss Award from the AUB Alumni Association and the Lebanese Order of Merit in 2022.

**MONA GEHA KENAAN**  
PRESIDENT



Wassim is an accomplished entrepreneur with over 35 years of experience in the industry. He is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Premium Partners Group, present in over 11 capitals worldwide. He has established the company as a prominent global supplier of indirect material procurement services. His extensive expertise and leadership contribute significantly to the organization's global success in this competitive field.

**WASSIM SINNO**  
VICE PRESIDENT



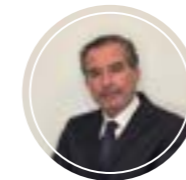
Ghina is a Lebanese humanitarian and community leader, known for her work with the NGO Zamanouna, which focuses on supporting underprivileged communities. She is also associated with CARE International in Lebanon, contributing to various initiatives to aid less privileged individuals. Childcare consultant and board member of the Syndicate of Nursery Owners. Current member of the Lebanese Food Bank Board.

**GHINA BALAA JAROUDI**  
GENERAL SECRETARY



Wael plays a leading role in his family's grain trading and flour milling business, driving expansion in the East Mediterranean and West Africa, and previously led negotiations for World Bank-backed wheat import financing for Lebanon. He is also exploring investments in flour milling and pasta production in Egypt and is actively involved with the Lebanese Food Bank as a business consultant and mediator.

**WAEI SHABAREK**  
FINANCIAL SUPERVISOR



Haytham is an entrepreneur and the CEO of Agribond Group, a leading force in poultry production and frozen food distribution. Headquartered in Lebanon, the group operates across Lebanon and Nigeria and is committed to delivering unparalleled excellence through its subsidiaries: Sayed Farms, Breedwell, Snagro, and Nawam Offshore.

**HAYTHAM NAWAM**  
BOARD MEMBER



Rabie is a social activist engaged in initiatives that promote social impact across Lebanon. Serves as an advisor at the Regional Network for Social Responsibility (ISR) and is a committed advocate for humanitarian causes. Currently a member and treasurer of the Lebanese Food Bank (LFB). Co-founding partner of Dar Ibn Hazm, a company dedicated to printing, publishing, and distribution.

**RABIE KATERJI**  
TREASURER



Nadine has been Clinic Manager of CEMEDIPP since 2005 and holds degrees in psychomotor therapy and diplomacy and strategic negotiations. With over 20 years of experience, she has led initiatives in early childhood education, founded a school for students with learning difficulties, launched nurseries including 123 Super Nursery, and expanded CEMEDIPP to Dubai and Cyprus. She also organizes seminars on mental health and learning challenges and serves on the boards of the Lebanese Food Bank and the Montessori Association, supporting NGO fundraising and reporting efforts.

**NADINE LABAKI NAWAR**  
BOARD MEMBER



Latifa is a Lebanese Brazilian educational psychologist and social entrepreneur with over 40 years of impact in Lebanon and Brazil. A graduate of LAU and AUB, she has led initiatives in education, healthcare, and women's empowerment. She has served on the Board of Trustees of Beit Al-Yateem Institution since 1994 and played a pioneering role in medical exchange between Lebanese and Brazilian ophthalmologists. She has also co-founded several NGOs and remains active in civic, humanitarian, and business leadership.

**LATIFA NAKADI**  
BOARD MEMBER



Samer is a Lebanese businessman active in Lebanon, Ghana, and Romania, with experience in real estate, hospitality, and new concept development. He also serves as the Honorary Consul of Botswana in Lebanon. Known for his practical and collaborative approach, he is passionate about building projects that strengthen communities, create opportunities, and deliver meaningful social impact.

**SAMER RIZK**  
BOARD MEMBER



# Daily Food Rescue: Turning Surplus into Sustenance

Since 2012, our daily food collection program has been the cornerstone of our mission. Through formal agreements with donors, we rescue surplus food from retail stores daily and redistribute it to NGOs serving the same communities. This year, we rescued 22,338 meals from waste, providing nourishment to families facing food insecurity while reducing environmental impact.

## NGO Partnerships: The Backbone of Our Nationwide Impact

Behind every meal distributed and every food box delivered stands a powerful network: 140 partner NGOs across Lebanon. These organizations are our partners in dignity and precision. Their social workers conduct thorough family assessments, ensuring our support reaches verified rightsholders based on genuine need. This partnership model allows the Lebanese Food Bank to combine our logistics and resources with deep community trust and local knowledge. From North to South, from mountain villages to urban centers, our NGO network is the backbone of our nationwide reach and the reason we can serve Lebanon's most vulnerable families with accountability and respect.



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DONATE - WE'LL HANDLE THE REST

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مكافحة الجوع  
الاحياء في لبنان: 1.17 مليون شخص يواجهون العداًما جادا في الأمن الغذائي

44% من السكان  
لا يجدون ما يكفي من الطعام

Lebanese Food Bank  
ظرق المساعدة  
10% من السكان يعانون من سوء التغذية

الدزج = 15 وجبة  
المطايمة  
المشاركة

Lebanese Food Bank  
مكافحة الجوع  
هدر الطعام  
من نحن

146 عائلة تتأثر بالجوع  
جميعها أهلية

Lebanese Food Bank  
لم توزع  
374,610 صندوق غذائي

في مختلف المناطق اللبنانية



# 2025 In-Kind Donations by the Numbers

A snapshot of generosity that fed, sustained, and uplifted our community



## MEALS & BAKERY

62,788 hot meals served  
4,420+ baked goods distributed  
2,419 sweet treats shared

## PANTRY ESSENTIALS

19,271 kg of staples (flour, pasta, beans, sugar & more) Building food security one ingredient at a time



## FRESH FOOD



7,958 kg fruits (fresh & frozen) Bringing nutrition & vitality to families

## BEVERAGES

12,831 L of drinks Hydration & refreshment for thousands



## DAIRY & PROTEIN

1,490 L milk  
3,200 cheese portions  
923 cooking cream  
485 kg butter & ghee



## SNACKS & JOY

120,000+ treats distributed Because joy matters too



## EMPOWERING CHILDREN

2,238 school backpacks  
162 toy boxes & books  
Investing in the next generation



# World Food Day in the presence of Prime Minister Nawaf Salam and Beirut Governor Judge Marwan Abboud

On World Food Day (October 16), the Lebanese Food Bank launched a citywide awareness campaign in Beirut to highlight the urgency of food insecurity in Lebanon. The campaign was developed pro bono by Impact BBDO and amplified through free billboard space provided by Promomedia, with 12 awareness stations set up across the city by volunteers, including students from City International School. The initiative was honored by the presence of **Prime Minister Nawaf Salam, his wife Mrs. Sahar Baassiri, and Beirut Governor Judge Marwan Abboud.** The campaign demonstrated the power of collaboration between public officials, creative partners, volunteers, and the community in advocating for collective action against hunger.





# Food Boxes: Sustaining 39,442 Families Across Lebanon

**39,442** Food Boxes Distributed  
**1 Box = Family of 4**  
**3-4 Weeks** of Support  
**252-336 Meals** per Box  
**11.6 Million Meals** Delivered in 2025

These comprehensive boxes provide meaningful support, allowing families to maintain stability and focus on rebuilding their lives with dignity.



## Education & Awareness Campaigns Building Future Leaders

Ending hunger isn't just about today's meals, it's about tomorrow's leaders. The Lebanese Food Bank brought awareness campaigns to schools and universities, challenging students to become part of the solution. Through interactive sessions on hunger elimination and food waste reduction, we equipped young Lebanese with the knowledge and inspiration to drive change in their communities. These aren't just students; they're future policymakers, entrepreneurs, and advocates who will shape Lebanon's food security landscape for decades to come.



## Volunteers: A Driving Force Behind Our Impact

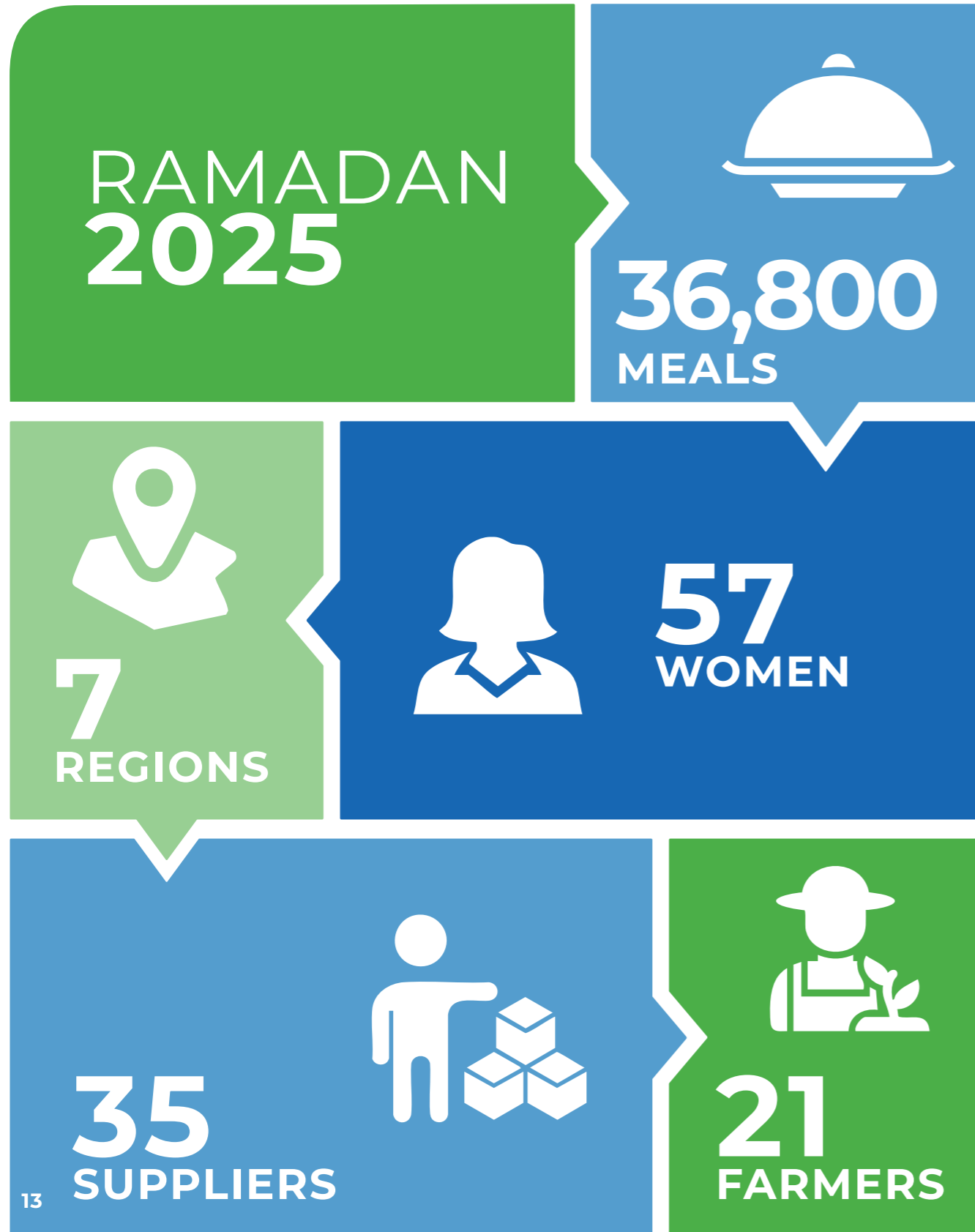
Volunteers are a vital pillar in the execution of our mission. Through their engagement, professional skills, and hands-on support, they help transform partnerships into tangible impact. Whether assisting during major events, packing food boxes and goody bags, or supporting awareness and advocacy campaigns, volunteers stand ready to contribute whenever needed. Their commitment strengthens our operational capacity, enhances efficiency, and reinforces a shared responsibility toward building more resilient and inclusive communities.





## Ramadan 2025 “NOURISHING COMMUNITIES”

During Ramadan, we partnered with seven social kitchens from Akkar to Saida, delivering 36,800 nutritious meals. This initiative created dignified employment for 57 women, supported 21 local farmers, and engaged 35 Lebanese suppliers, strengthening the social fabric while addressing food insecurity.



## PepsiCo Partnership 2025 Strategic Corporate Partnerships Driving Sustainable Impact

Since 2023, PepsiCo has been a key partner of the Lebanese Food Bank in the fight against hunger. In 2025, its \$100,000 donation supported programs during Ramadan and Christmas, reaching around 12,500 people across Lebanon. During Ramadan, the partnership enabled the distribution of 4,400 hot meals, 500 food boxes, and iftar meals for 3,000 orphaned and vulnerable children in 10 locations, alongside employee volunteering and in-kind beverage support. At Christmas, PepsiCo helped provide meals for 100 children, food support for 100 families, and 250 additional food boxes. This sustained collaboration highlights PepsiCo's long-term commitment to strengthening food security and community resilience in Lebanon.





## A Christmas of Hope: **30,760 People** Celebrated with Dignity

Christmas 2025 reached approximately 30,760 Lebanese people. We distributed 100 complete family meals, each feeding 6-8 people with festive dishes, alongside 5,010 food boxes to ensure families could celebrate with dignity. Our Christmas program proved that community solidarity can light even the darkest winters, one family meal and one food box at a time.



# CHRISTMAS 2025 IMPACT



**100**  
Family  
Meals



feeding  
**600-800**



**5,010**  
Food  
Boxes



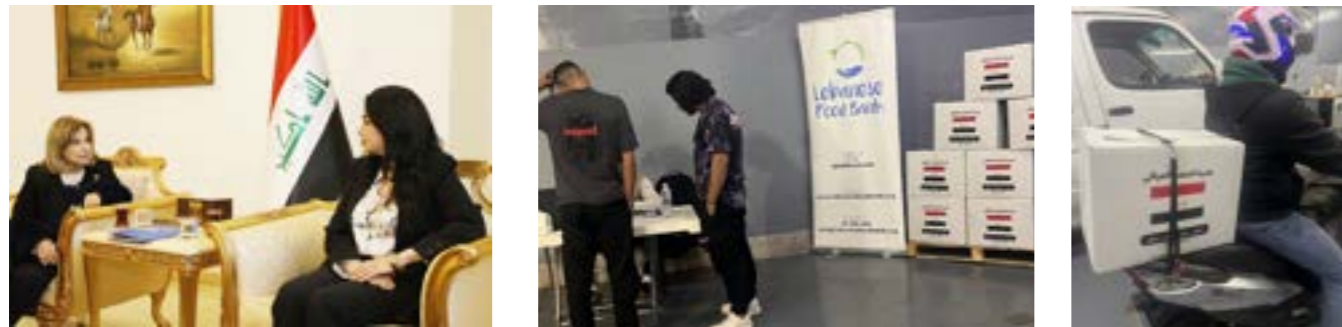
feeding  
**~30,000**





## Collaboration with the Embassy of Iraq

In our continued efforts to expand our reach and serve more families in need, the Lebanese Food Bank was honored to collaborate with the Embassy of Iraq in Lebanon on a food distribution initiative. We successfully distributed food boxes to vulnerable families, demonstrating the power of international cooperation in addressing food insecurity. The Chargé d'Affaires met with our President, Mrs. Mona Kanaan, to discuss potential avenues for future collaboration and explore how we can work together to reach even more people in need across Lebanon. This partnership reflects our commitment to building bridges with regional partners who share our mission of ensuring no one goes hungry.



## Milla's Summer Coloring Book: Spreading Joy Across Lebanon

Seventeen-year-old Milla Nieuwenburg from London created a coloring book inspired by Lebanese culture to bring joy and creativity to underprivileged children in Lebanon. Through a partnership with the Lebanese Food Bank and local NGOs, 20,000 coloring books with pencils were distributed to children across the country. The initiative highlighted the importance of supporting children's emotional well-being alongside meeting their basic needs, spreading hope and happiness beyond food assistance.



## Event Food Rescue: Turning Celebrations into Support

We have expanded our food rescue efforts to weddings and special events, collaborating with catering companies to collect meals that remain in excellent condition. This initiative prevents high-quality food from going to waste while providing dignified meals to those in need. In 2025, we successfully rescued and redistributed 2,728 meals through this program.



## DYFCO Partnership - Bringing Joy to Children

Food nourishes bodies, but joy nourishes souls, especially for children. Our partner DYFCO ensures that vulnerable children experience both. Through consistent in-kind donations during every festive season in 2025, DYFCO provided a total of **128,573 items**, bringing comfort, excitement, and smiles to children's faces. Whether during Ramadan, Christmas, ... , or other occasions, DYFCO's generosity reminds us that childhood shouldn't be defined by hardship alone. Their commitment to bringing happiness to Lebanon's most vulnerable children complements our food security mission with something equally precious.





## Partnership with Impact BBDO

Impact BBDO has been an invaluable partner to the Lebanese Food Bank, generously offering their creative services pro bono to amplify our mission. Their expertise has enabled us to create compelling awareness campaigns that reach broader audiences and communicate the urgency of fighting hunger in Lebanon. This partnership exemplifies the power of collaboration between the nonprofit and private sectors, demonstrating how creative professionals can leverage their talents to drive social impact and support communities in need.



## A Magical Christmas Celebration

The spirit of the season came alive when the Lebanese Food Bank, in collaboration with one of our partner associations and with generous funding from PepsiCo, brought together 100 children for an unforgettable Christmas celebration. The young guests were treated to a festive show at Sageesse Jdaydeh Theater, filled with joy, laughter, and holiday magic. Following the performance, the children enjoyed a special lunch and received goody bags to take home, ensuring that the warmth of the celebration extended beyond the theater walls. This event was a beautiful reminder that our mission goes beyond providing food, it's about creating moments of happiness and hope for children who deserve to experience the wonder and joy of childhood, especially during the holidays.



## Partnership with Next Step AUB: Embracing Inclusive Volunteerism

The Lebanese Food Bank partnered with AUB's Next Step Program to welcome youth and adults with intellectual challenges as volunteers in its warehouse. The students participated alongside other volunteers in preparing food boxes and goody bags for families in need, adding heartfelt messages of hope to each package. This collaboration supported the program's mission of community inclusion and employment readiness while reinforcing the Food Bank's commitment to an inclusive society where everyone contributes to the fight against hunger.



## Baking Joy with the Lebanese Bakery

Just before Christmas, the Lebanese Food Bank partnered with the Lebanese Bakery to host a hands-on baking experience for children aged 4 to 12. The children prepared their own man'ouche and desserts from scratch, learning basic cooking skills and enjoying their creations. Each family also received a goody bag of bakery products. The initiative captured the spirit of the season by bringing families together, nurturing creativity, and creating lasting joyful memories through food.

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## Standing with Families in the Bekaa and South: **CMA CGM Partnership**

During the festive season, CMA CGM partnered with the Lebanese Food Bank to distribute food boxes to families in the Bekaa and the South, regions heavily affected by the past year's war. The initiative aimed to provide essential food assistance while delivering a message of hope and solidarity to families facing severe hardship. This collaboration reflects a shared commitment to supporting vulnerable communities and ensuring that no family is left behind during times of crisis.



## Plate of Hope: **Art that Feeds Communities**

The Lebanese Food Bank launched the "Plate of Hope" art challenge, engaging students aged 6 to 14 from 11 schools across Lebanon to express values of kindness and food sharing through plate-shaped artworks. Selected pieces were compiled into a special calendar sold for \$10 to support food assistance programs. All participating students and schools received certificates of recognition. The initiative raised funds while promoting social responsibility and demonstrating how children's creativity can contribute to building a more compassionate society.



## Radisson Blu Martinez: **Turning Hospitality into Humanity**

While many partnerships are seasonal or one-time events, Radisson Blu Martinez Hotel demonstrated a different kind of commitment: consistency. Month after month throughout 2025, the hotel donated 100 freshly cooked meals prepared by their professional culinary team. Radisson Blu Martinez proved that luxury hospitality and social responsibility aren't separate worlds, they're opportunities to share the same standards of care and quality with all members of our community.



# Annual Iftar, April 8, 2025

On April 8, 2025, the Lebanese Food Bank hosted its annual Iftar in celebration of International Women's Day, gathering 400 supporters, donors, leaders, and partners. The event highlighted the vital role women play in advancing food security and community resilience, especially as 57 women were employed through LFB's social kitchens to prepare and distribute 36,800 meals during Ramadan. The evening strengthened partnerships, encouraged new collaborations, and reaffirmed that addressing hunger requires collective action across all sectors.





When emergencies fade from the spotlight, donations often slow but hunger doesn't. That's why your contribution no matter how small, makes a difference.

## HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR MISSION

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