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URGENT SUPPORT for SESOBEL



PRESENTATION

Situation in Lebanon after the explosion of August 4, 2020:

Following the explosion that destroyed the port and residential areas of Beirut, the priorities of many organizations drastically changed due to the magnitude of this humanitarian disaster. Associations working in the field of support for young disabled people are no longer subsidized by the government and private donations from individuals are becoming increasingly rare.

SESOBEL mission:

Founded in 1976, the NGO SESOBEL welcomes children with physical and mental disabilities as well as children with Autism disorders. Its mission is to:

- * Work to improve the situation of children with disabilities by meeting their basic needs.
- * Ensure the unity of their families and work closely with them.
- * Raise public awareness toward treating the children with disabilities with respect.

Context:

For the first time since its foundation, SESOBEL closed its doors during the summer due to the pandemic which considerably increased the expenditures of the association on hygiene care: disinfectants, masks, coveralls; on the other hand, there is an urgent need to provide the children's families with medicines.

Object of the request:

SESOBEL's disabled children and adolescents are in urgent need of a passenger minibus adapted to their special transport needs.

- ▶ It will provide young disabled children with the opportunity to get the regular and often urgent medical assistance that SESOBEL cannot provide in its center.
- ▶ It will allow the children to participate in psychosocial and educational activities as well as summer camps.

Beneficiaries:

The estimated number of direct and indirect beneficiaries of this service project:

- * About 250 SESOBEL children and adolescents suffering from serious physical disabilities.
- * The families of SESOBEL's children who will be relieved of the burden of providing daily transport for their children.

Impact :

In 2018-2019, SESOBEL assisted 1404 children and adolescents, including 1002 from the Outpatient Department; this Service welcomes any child requiring temporary care (outside the SESOBEL programs) thanks to a network of therapists active in all regions of Lebanon.

This is the reason why the 'Rotary Club de Beyrouth' has decided to support the SESOBEL association to prevent it from closing its doors.

Support from private donors is needed. Any help is welcomed.

Project cost:

The cost of a passenger minibus is approximately 30,000 US.

Maintenance and sustainability of this project:

SESOBEL will assume the responsibility for the maintenance services necessary to keep the vehicle in the best conditions and ensures that this vehicle will only serve the purpose for which it was acquired.

SESOBEL will cover all the running costs of this vehicle as well as those of the staff responsible for its keeping in good running order at all times.
