



«L.I.F.T.» learning innovative forms of teaching

Educational initiative to strengthen vulnerable communities in the MENA region

Situation

Many school-age children in the region cannot read or write Arabic, their native language. They go to school, but hardly benefit from the lessons. There are many reasons for this: unmotivated, overburdened teachers, overcrowded classes, outdated teaching methods and teaching aids, missed school years due to war, general crisis situations causing restricted access to schools, trauma-related blockages and, on top, the Corona crisis, which has pushed the already overburdened school systems over their limits in many countries in the region.

According to a recent World Bank report (June 2021) more than „**half of children in countries of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) experience “learning poverty”—they cannot read and understand an age-appropriate text by age 10.**“

Further the article states:
„The approach to best teach Arabic language to young native speakers needs strengthening. Children are taught to read and write in a rigid way with a focus on rules, grammar, and accuracy. Children also experience a lack of playfulness and inquiry that are needed to fully engage them in literacy learning.“

read the full article:

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2021/06/28/new-path-to-address-mena-learning-crisis-through-advancing-arabic-language-teaching-and-learning>

Solution

"L.I.F.T." is a grassroots initiative that starts where the children are: in their homes, families and neighbourhoods. Children with limited access to formal education benefit from the highly flexible and adaptable educational program. It equips caretakers with new, innovative, creative and child-centered teaching methods by placing life skills at the heart of lifelong learning.

"L.I.F.T." fosters creative, hands-on teaching skills that open the door to children's hearts and minds, as well as personal development, growth and empowerment of educators.

It's overall goal is to foster communities that understand that on the basis of forgiveness and reconciliation very practical solutions and a peaceful perspective for the future can be found for individuals, families, communities and nations.

Project description

"L.I.F.T." offers various training sessions to caretakers, volunteers and parents in vulnerable communities and introduces to them the „L.I.F.T.“ teaching approach:

Teaching happens where the children are (accessibility)

Learning requires a safe space (safety and protection)

Children have to feel seen, welcomed and believed in (value, love and empowerment)

Learning has to be activated by multiple methods and ways (creativity and innovation)

Learn to think, learn to engage, learn for life (lifelong learning)

„Shaping worlds of peace“ starts with me, my family, my neighbourhood (peace building capacity)

Easy to understand and applicable teaching materials get introduced by experienced

learning coaches and empower the participants to create a learning-ready environment for children.

The practical teaching units clearly show how lessons can be made understandable for the children and at the same time attractive and entertaining, so that the children stay engaged with what they have learned.

Goals

- To provide a fast and uncomplicated additional tutoring offer for first and second graders due to the ongoing difficult school situation in the MENA region
- To empower caretakers, parents and volunteers to see and awaken the potential in children to grow into people who know they can play a part in making this world a better place.
- To create job opportunities for underprivileged people and create sustainable self-support for whole families.

about NOIVA

NOIVA is a non-profit organization, founded in Switzerland in 2010 and currently working mainly in the Middle East, particularly in Jordan. It is dedicated to two things, which are ...

... humanitarian aid

As a nongovernmental organization (NGO) NOIVA offers support on different levels to sections of the population under threat: it organizes emergency aid in crisis areas, yet also aims to implement long-term measures of development aid in places with a lack of jobs, schools, children's homes etc. NOIVA is of the conviction that it is indispensable to support local economies through initiatives, investment and know-how in order «to help people help themselves» in a sustainable way.

At this point in time the following projects are carried out on a regular basis: advice for women and mothers, educational

programs for children, sport and creative projects and peacemaker groups.

... reconciliation work

The profound conflicts in the Middle East regions unfortunately keep destroying critical progress. This means for us: material support is important, but does not solve the underlying problem. This is the reason why NOIVA also initiates projects reaching across population groups, nations and borders, for example related to the economy, education and the arts. By creating direct contacts reservations and prejudices are reduced; mutual trust can gradually be developed instead.

The basis for this commitment is the conviction that a culture of reconciliation and friendship will be at the core of a renewed interconnectedness in the Middle East. The slogan «Shaping Worlds of Peace» expresses NOIVA's main goal: to create peace – on all levels and by all means.



BUDGET - LIFT (learning innovative forms of teaching)

project costs with a duration of one year

number of beneficiaries		160	
exchange rate	JOD - CHF (14.03.2022)		1.3182
exchange rate	JOD - USD (14.03.2022)		1.4104
exchange rate	CHF - USD (14.03.2022)		1.0638
human resources	NOIVA Staff 1	35% employment	16800.00 JOD
	NOIVA Staff 2	10% employment	7200.00 JOD
	educational facilitator	volunteer compensation	1000.00 JOD
			25000.00 JOD
operational costs	project volunteer salaries	translation, safety and protection, evaluation and monitoring	100.00 JOD
	car renting		2100.00 JOD
	fuel allowance		700.00 JOD
	offices/center renting		800.00 JOD
	bills (water, electricity, internet)		100.00 JOD
	work phones		0.00 JOD
	stationery and office supplies		300.00 JOD
	other	corona health standards (masks, higeene...)	200.00 JOD
		editing, proofreading educational material	300.00 JOD
		design educational material	200.00 JOD
		consultation educational material	100.00 JOD
			4900.00 JOD
activity	8 basic trainings - 3 days each	transportation volunteers	700.00 JOD
		meals for volunteers	1500.00 JOD
		snacks for volunteers	300.00 JOD
		curriculum printings (300 pages) / tearfund germany arabic book	2400.00 JOD
	8 follow up meetings - 1 day per meeting	transportation volunteers	200.00 JOD
		meals for volunteers	500.00 JOD
			5600.00 JOD
TOTAL			35500.00 JOD
thereof initial investment			0.00 JOD
thereof monthly costs	human resources		2083.33 JOD
	operational costs		408.33 JOD
	activity costs		466.67 JOD
	TOTAL		2958.33 JOD
TOTAL costs	without initial investement		35500.00 JOD
already funded			48.00 %
not yet funded			52.00 %
already funded:	NOIVA	private donors	11200.00 JOD
	25% of salary NOIVA Staff	private donors	6000.00 JOD

What others say about us...

„Of all relief organizations, NOIVA is very special to me. NOIVA stands for hope and waking up what was dead. NOIVA does not only give money but also dignity. People start to dream again. Now I want to use every moment of my life to plant seeds of joy in the lives of others.

Many organizations give us money. But is that enough? Certainly, money can solve many problems, but money alone is not enough. It needs a touch of hope that makes faces shine with joy. It needs a hand and a heart. It needs a lot of love and patience to encourage people to live again. Many houses are very dark, but there is light! No matter how unfairly we have been treated, we must forgive, forget and love each other to end our lives with a burning candle.“

Choulud, learning coach with NOIVA since 2016

„The connection that I saw between the Swiss Volunteers and the Syrian children despite the language barriers, despite being from different backgrounds, even from different economic backgrounds, really speaks of the power of individuals to be a catalyst for change in someone else life. I know, you guys say „shaping worlds of peace“. So its really powerful to see such kind of action, the power of individuals that some sort of are shaping these worlds of peace.“

Philemon G Haile, Sports and Recreation Project Assistant IRD

„Since you started to visit us in our home, everything has changed. You brought hope and confidence back. You made us know, that we are not alone in this.“

OmYazan, Syrian mother of 5 children in Mafraq

“Noiva looks beyond in a holistic way to address problems and cares for people in crisis.“

Uschi Sortisch, Swiss volunteer with NOIVA in October 2017

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