

TAKE A LOOK AT HOW WE CHANGED CHILDREN'S LIVES THIS SEPTEMBER

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Our executive director Lama Yazbeck, attended Goalkeepers 2019 in New York.

On September 24th, our executive director Lama Yazbeck attended Goalkeepers 2019 in New York.

This event brings together a diverse and influential community of leaders, committed to achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals "Global Goals."

Early September, Lama was nominated for all the fantastic work she's done with himaya to push for a better world and catalyze world progress in new ways.

Lama has been working towards achieving 3 of 17 Sustainable Development Goals in the following domains:

Goal 5: Gender Equality.

himaya has been advocating and raising awareness on child marriage, gender-based violence towards children, and promote education equality for all children and specially girls.

Goal 8: Decent work and economic growth.

Part of himaya's work is to decrease the worst forms of child labor through case management, advocacy, and prevention activities.

Our team also sensitizes parents, communities, caregivers, and employers about the importance of education in the child's life.

Goal 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions.

himaya is working towards ending all forms of violence and torture towards children in Lebanon.

Since 2008, our team assisted over 9,047 children victims of a form of violence.



You can find the list of Sustainable Development Goals:

<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

New collaboration with Ceramics'N more art studio

As part of their back to school CSR campaign, Ceramics'N more donated 1\$ from every ceramic painting to himaya.

Throughout the month of September, parents and children enjoyed painting while supporting our cause. The ceramic studio raised 258\$ to help himaya prevent and fight all forms of violence against children in Lebanon.

This initiative was supported by Bridge of Minds.

A day dedicated to our animators

Our prevention team organized a day dedicated to our 53 animators from all regions who have been volunteering with himaya.

Animators are major actors in the community and play a key role in matters related to child protection.

The objective of this day was to encourage them to implement the skills and knowledge acquired, while volunteering at our Safe Parks to help develop their communities and initiate community based-intervention.

During that day, our child protection advocate, Joyce Azzam, offered a motivational speech to reinforce the importance of community-based activities and to encourage them to never-give-up on their dreams.

After lunch, animators from different regions gathered into small groups, to benefit from team building activities which helped strengthen the bonds between them.

This event was organized in partnership with UNICEF Lebanon, with the generous support of ISS, BPRM and DFID.



himaya inaugurates a new Safe Park in Chiyah

On September 5th, himaya inaugurated its 17th Safe Park in Chiyah with the support of the local municipality.

Families and children of all ages gathered to celebrate the opening ceremony where they enjoyed fun activities from animation, to face painting, shows, and games.

This newly established Safe Park is one of 17 safe parks distributed across Lebanon; the park offers a safe space for children to play in a child-friendly and safe environment.

Trained animators from the local community will provide recreational activities all year long and refer children to needed services with the support of UNICEF Lebanon.

This project was initiated by ISS with the support of UNICEF, funded by UK Aid and European Union; and wouldn't be possible without the engagement and endorsement of municipalities and the local communities.

Thank you Food Bless Lebanon for catering the event.

Watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/xxvflrF-Rt8>





Success story of 7 children who have been reunited with their families.

Our resilience team in South Lebanon has been working actively on cross-border cases, helping seven children reunite with their families whom they have not been in contact with for the past two years.

These children and their families were reunited safely in Germany with the support of the ISS team in Germany, UNHCR Lebanon, and the German embassy in Lebanon.

Since 2016, himaya intervenes with cross-border cases in safeguarding the best interest of the children and assisting with the following services:

- Re-establish contact between the child and the parent and engage in mediation for potential reunification.
- Mediate between parents when one of them lost contact with their child after he/she was taken to a different country with or without the knowledge or consent of the other parent.
- Trace parents or children in Lebanon and help establish communication between the child and his/her family.
- Provide psycho-social support to families.

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