

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

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## himaya delivered a three-day training course for 100 General Security members across different regions in Lebanon

In collaboration with Save the Children, himaya delivered a three-day training course addressed to 100 General Security personnel members across different regions in Lebanon. This training scheme covered the essential elements of child protection in different stages of detainment and investigation. As part of a larger project to build the capacity of military and security forces in our country, this program provided key children safeguarding strategies to be applied in different security contexts. Participants have completed the training feeling much better equipped in transferring their knowledge to other colleagues, which will help establish safeguarding approaches across security entities.

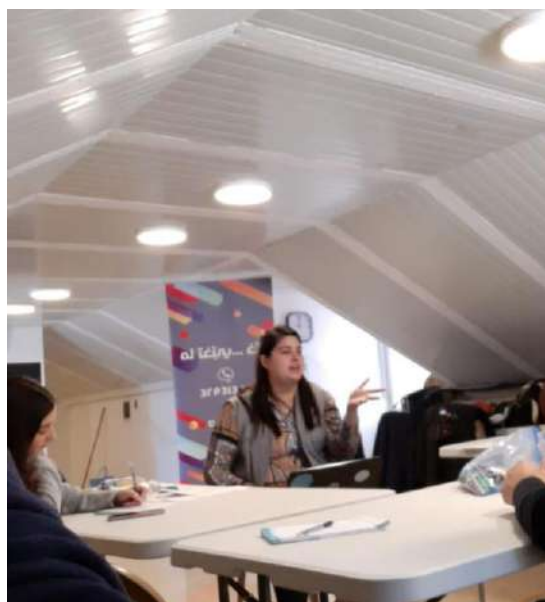


## himaya's prevention team organized activities for children and caregivers to raise awareness about Covid-19

With the spread of Covid-19 in Lebanon, himaya's prevention team organized a series of activities addressed to children and caregivers to help raise awareness about the virus. The training sessions aimed at teaching both children and parents, how to avoid infection and stay safe during these uncertain and difficult times. The evidence-based content for the activities was developed following a training of trainers on Covid-19 awareness with the support of UNICEF, and was also based on information provided from the World Health Organization.

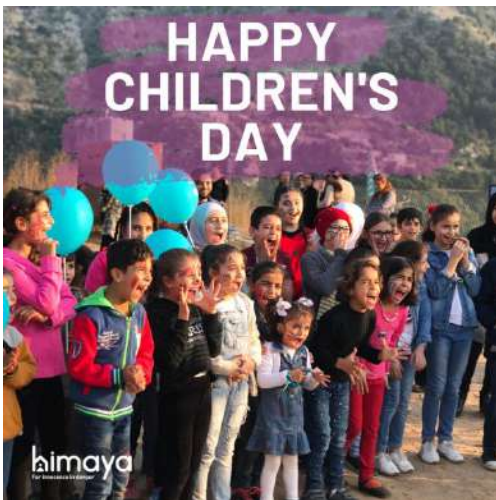
The training's objective was to rectify the misconceptions around the Coronavirus and discuss ways to prevent it and stay protected from it. It also provided recommendations for parents to follow when talking to their children about COVID-19, like talking directly to the child, gently correcting misinformation, answering questions reassuringly, and avoiding overconsumption of media. Throughout the lockdown, the team had to adapt to the current situation and hasn't stopped raising awareness using different methods and tools. himaya's beneficiaries and caregivers received videos and infographics developed and produced by the team, which were sent out through Whatsapp, and community members also got to share all the content with their respective communities.

The strategy of our prevention team always aimed at having a sustainable impact on communities, through training community members on Child protection topics. In these unforeseen circumstances, community members have shown a great motivation to spread awareness on the Coronavirus among their friends, families, peers, and the whole community.



# himaya launches #ProtectTheirRights social media campaign on the occasion of Children's Day

On the occasion of Children's Day, himaya launched an online campaign to raise awareness on 3 rights chosen by himaya: A child's right to family, to protection and their right to play. Respectively, well-known influencers, Pierre Rabat, Janis Sarraf and Mira Hasbini, in collaboration with himaya have spoken on these rights by shedding light on the right they are representing and children's rights overall and speaking directly to our viewers online. Acknowledging the importance of starting a conversation amongst parents and their children, the influencers shared meaningful stories around children's rights. While making the best out of their time at home with their kids, each influencer also asked their children to draw the right they are representing and tagged three of their friends, encouraging them to do the same. This created a powerful social media chain for the campaign, which has allowed its content to spread widely across the country. As a result, the campaign was able to reach around 247 thousand individuals through online visibility platforms and over 100 drawings were shared, portraying the way children perceive their rights.



## PROTECT THEIR RIGHTS

1- ASK YOUR CHILDREN TO DRAW THEIR RIGHT TO "FAMILY", THEIR RIGHT TO "PROTECTION" OR THEIR RIGHT TO "PLAY"

2- SHARE THEIR DRAWINGS ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

3- NOMINATE THREE OF YOUR FRIENDS TO PARTICIPATE

4- TAG @HIMAYALEB AND USE #PROTECTTHEIRRIGHTS #HIMAYALEB

## himaya in partnership with UNICEF organized a first-of-its-kind training session addressed to lawyers of the Bar Association in Tripoli



Under the Justice for Children program funded by the European Union, himaya in partnership with UNICEF organized a first-of-its-kind training session for lawyers of the Bar Association in North Lebanon. Taken place over two days (on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of March), this scheme has provided training for 20 attorneys affiliated with the Bar Association to represent children effectively in the Lebanese judiciary and protect children's best interests. The lecturers – given by leading judges and lawyers in the field alongside himaya representatives – shed light on the following key issues to keep in mind, whether the child is in violation of the law or is at risk:

- Empowering lawyers to take on a preventative and social role to support the child's best interests
- Performing this role without prejudice to the ethics of their profession as defenders of their clients

Additionally, the training aimed at providing participants with a clear understanding of the basic principles of children's rights subject to violence and of cases where a child violates the law. Speakers have highlighted that lawyers' approach in child protection cases prioritizes the needs of the child, whereas this may not be the case in other approaches under different contexts. The training sessions also played an essential role in addressing the lack of specialization for lawyers in children's protection, and the current systemic barriers in the Lebanese justice system which can prevent lawyers from fulfilling their role effectively. This session is part of a series of initiatives implemented by himaya to continuously raise awareness about child protection and provide authorities with the necessary information and guidance needed to ensure children's rights.

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