

The Makhzoumi Foundation

The Makhzoumi Foundation was established in Lebanon in 1997, upon the vision and conviction of its Founder, Mr. Fouad Makhzoumi, and his strong desire to help empower fellow citizens to achieve self-sufficient independence via improved career prospects. The Foundation has been growing ever since.

At the time of the Foundation's establishment, Lebanon was emerging from a 15-year civil war that had left the country in a state of disrepair with a desperate need to rebuild and jumpstart its flailing economy and educational system. Feeling it was an opportune time to give back to the country that had molded him in to the man he had become, Mr. Makhzoumi responded to this need by initiating a cooperative in 1996 between himself and like-minded peers of business and political influence to proactively address the societal issues at-hand. This cooperative successfully led to the establishment of our Vocational Training Centers in strategic locations throughout Beirut, which provided computer, language and vocational training free of charge to anyone wishing to take advantage of the opportunity. This was the beginning of the Makhzoumi Foundation Vocational Training program!

In the interim of the Foundation being granted its official NGO license, Mr. Makhzoumi and his team wasted no time in laying the groundwork for an efficient, professional and reputable charitable organization that would eventually help hundreds of thousands of people across Lebanon to become more educated, establish new businesses and gain access to otherwise unaffordable health care services. "Lebanese together again," was the Foundation's first motto. Driven by this goal, the charity's initial success was to break the 'wall of fear' between East and West Beirut, as the Foundation welcomed people from all over the country to benefit from its services, administered by employees who represented Lebanon's diverse religious and socioeconomic demographic.

Over the past 17 years, the Lebanese people via the Makhzoumi Foundation have experienced the rewards of overcoming prejudice and re-investing their talents to build up a country they all love. International NGOs and government organizations have also come to recognize the Foundation's valuable work and have increasingly sought out partnerships to augment their valuable efforts.

Historical Hallmarks

Started Agricultural and Vocational Training Programs (1997)

Started Micro Credit Program (1998)

Established Innovation Prize (1999)

Started Health Care Program (2003)

Opened Medical Clinics (2005)

Arab Foundation Forum (AFF) – one of the founders (2006)

Smart Boards installed in classrooms (2011)

Dentistry Service added to clinics (2010) & Panoramic dental X-Ray (2012)

Mobile Clinic (2012)

Multiple international organization memberships

Awards for Micro Credit Beneficiaries and for the MC Program

Participation in many national, conferences, exhibitions and workshops

Affiliation with International & National organizations Foundation