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## ABOUT US

Madanyat is a Lebanese Non-Governmental Organization, registered in March 2019, under the number 2389, aiming to respond effectively to the social change occurring in the country, believing that a diversity of voices will lead to a fairer, and more inclusive and democratic society.

The organization primarily targets women, youth, and marginalized communities, with an emphasis youth and women empowerment and women's political participation.

**Madanyat has a stable structure with involved board members, a President, Nada Saleh Anid/expert in gender equality issues, a Secretary, Georges Nehmé/lawyer, and a Treasurer, Martine Tchopourian/financial expert, periodically updated on the advancement of the programs, and a young and dedicated team with specific job descriptions.**

**Madanyat doesn't have a membership system, but relies on a wide network formed by beneficiaries and focal points from all Lebanese regions.**

## WHAT ARE OUR VALUES

Madanyat emphasizes the significance of ensuring the fair and effective participation of women and youth in areas such as public life, policy-making, access to justice, and cultural matters. These inclusivity values are valid throughout the organisation's recruitment process of its team, beneficiaries' consultation and implementation of its projects. We affirm the belief that every individual has the right to life and security, a sustainable livelihood, the right to be heard, to have a distinct identity, and access to basic rights.

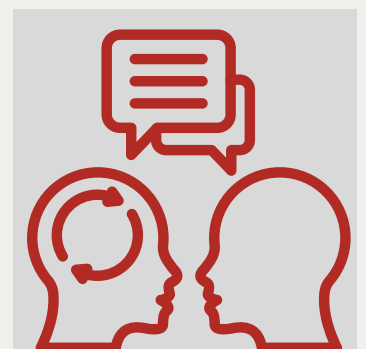
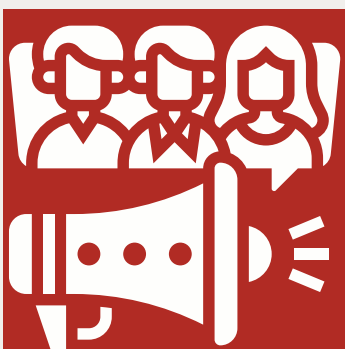
We hold that, through decisive action and political determination, achieving gender equality is not only desirable but also achievable. We wholeheartedly endorse all international covenants on rights, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with a particular emphasis on SDG 5.

## WHAT WE DO

Madanyat develops and implements its projects in collaboration with its partners and in consultation with the communities it works with, through focus groups and open dialogue. The organization's work also includes conducting quantitative and qualitative research to add to the literature's recent data especially in relation to women's participation in politics, and more particularly on monitoring Violence Against Women in Politics.

Our organization's mission is to call for electoral reforms within a coalition of experts and CSOs and raise awareness of the impact of the under-representation of women and marginalized communities.

Our programs enable women to develop the skills and confidence to speak up and be part of the force of change in the country. Women and youth participate in training sessions, community meetings, political cafés and social media campaigns to increase their knowledge on various topics crucial to their communities. Our beneficiaries are also encouraged to undertake their own initiatives and positively influence their environment.





## OUR NETWORK

### Madanyat is member of several networks

Women in Parliament committee, Anna Lindh network and steering committee for gender issues, Euro-Mediterranean Women's Foundation, UNDP Electoral Working Group, the Feminist Platform led by UN Women, Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie and the Coalition Against Child Marriage initiated by KAFA.

Madanyat has implemented projects in partnership with different NGOs: ONDES, Maharat Foundation, Borderless, Seeds for legal initiatives and Lade, Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections, and has strong ties with international organizations and other civil society organisations working for democracy, gender equality and good governance.



#### LEBANON'S FEMINIST CIVIL SOCIETY PLATFORM STATEMENT

##### TO THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL ENVOY

**Subject: Urgent Appeal for an Immediate and Comprehensive Ceasefire, Humanitarian Aid, and Protection of Women and Girls in Gaza**

Beirut, November 16th, 2023

Dear United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon and the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in Lebanon, Joanna Wroniecka,

We write to you with a sense of heightened urgency and deep concern as members of the Lebanon Feminist Civil Society Platform, a network of organizations committed to advancing gender equality in Lebanon. The escalating hostilities and carnage now taking place in Gaza since October 7th have caused immense suffering and loss, particularly among the civilian population, and demand immediate attention and intervention.

As of the latest reports, over 11,500 civilians, including more than 4,500 children, have lost their lives in the violence. This tragic toll underscores the urgent need for a swift and decisive international response to halt the armed hostilities and establish an immediate ceasefire. We ask you, as the UN Special Envoy, to use your position and leverage to demand a cessation of violence from all sides involved in the conflict.

Equally distressing is the fate of pregnant, lactating, and menstruating women and girls who are currently at heightened risk due to the absence of reproductive and sexual health care services or any kind of other health services for that matter. The disruption of essential health services, the bombing of hospitals, and the lack of access to basic goods and facilities further exacerbate the vulnerability of women and girls, both in conflict zones and among the displaced populations.

We urgently call upon the United Nations to coordinate and expedite the roll-out of humanitarian aid to address the immediate needs of the affected population, with a particular focus on ensuring the safety and well-being of women and girls. This includes the provision of reproductive and sexual health care services, access to sanitary facilities, and measures to safeguard the dignity and rights of women and girls as well as non-binary folks in crisis situations.

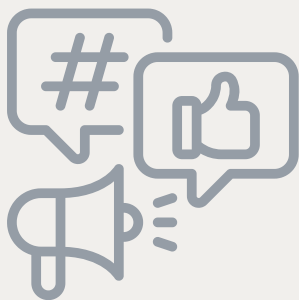
Moreover, we are deeply concerned about the unattended trauma associated with the violence and its toll on the mental health of women and girls. The increased burden of care work on women and girls, stemming from the displacement of families and disruption of essential services, adds an additional layer of distress. We urge the United Nations to prioritize and implement measures to address the mental health needs of women, girls and non-binary folks affected by the conflict.

Furthermore, we urge the international community to end double standards, to hold Israeli authorities accountable for





**2621 direct beneficiaries**



**2,5M indirect beneficiaries**



**in all Lebanese regions**

## PARTICIPANTS SINCE 2019

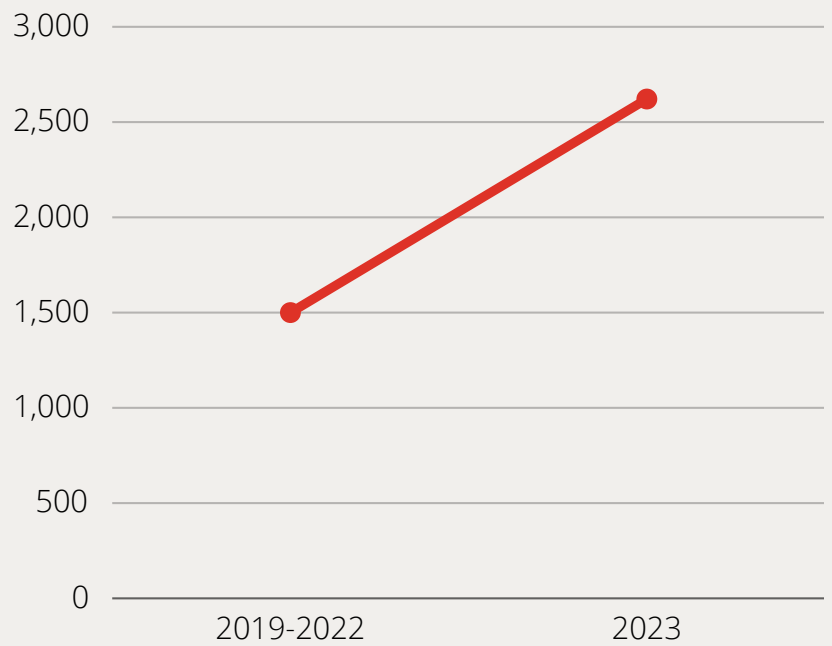
### **We commit to the principles of inclusivity**

Our participants are outreached by Madanyat's field officers and/or partners, social media announcements and referrals. We guarantees the equal participation of all groups and communities, fostering an inclusive environment throughout the implementation of its projects. We adopt a holistic approach, treating everyone with equality and dignity. Our strategy involves collaborating with various local and international organizations to exchange expertise, facilitating continuous improvement.





The graph shows the increase in the number of direct participants since November 2022 (1500) till November 2023 (2621).





# PROJECTS 2023



## 1-Together We Rise

**November 2023-April 2025**

A project in collaboration with LADE, Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections. The project aims to promote women's political engagement and empower them to advocate for feminist agendas. It plans to create a platform for women in local communities to share their views and needs and participate in policy-making processes that affect their lives. The project also intends to establish women leaders' groups in 10 districts to ensure sustained advocacy and leadership development.

**Funded by UNDP, 80,617 USD.**

## 2-Changing from Within

**October 2023- March 2024**

A project in collaboration with SEEDS for Legal Initiatives, where we aim to build on the experience of both organizations and previous efforts to empower women and increase women's active and meaningful participation in political parties, as well as increase their representation in leadership positions. The project will design tools and strategies to increase gender equality in two political parties as well as a tailor-made curricula for trainings. **Funded by UN women, 47,497 USD.**



## 3-We Will

**February 2023- July 2024**

A project that aims to encourage young women and men to advocate for the inclusion of gender equality measures in policymaking, public and political life. Because of the importance we attach to educational institutions in the upbringing of generations and the effective role of syndicates in changing processes, Madanyat is collaborating with 2 universities (faculties of Law, and faculty of political Science), 2 syndicates (Beirut Bar Association and Tripoli Bar Association) and 2 political parties. A simplified gender audit will be conducted in each targeted institution to better understand the obstacles hindering women's access to decision-making positions and know more about the main gaps to be filled. We will also present to each institution a clear and simple strategy along with tailored recommendations, in order to strengthen the role and leadership of women within them. **Funded by OXFAM GB, 125,040 USD.**



# PROJECTS 2023



## 4-MARSAD WAWP (Municipalities)

**December 2022- June 2023**

Capitalized on the work previously conducted ahead and during the parliamentary elections 2022 and built on the recommendations elaborated by continuing to analyze VAWP before the municipal elections in 2023. The project aimed at encouraging women activists and candidates for 2023 municipal elections to share experiences on VAWP and to engage actively through media and social media in the aim of building best practices. In cooperation with Maharat. **Funded by UN women, 38,702 USD.**

## 5-Mechouar

**December 2022- December 2023**

A project that enabled 55 Lebanese women and girls from the Bekaa and Metn cazas to be trained in the various sectors of rural tourism. After completing the joint training workshops, 55 participants from both regions underwent individual coaching sessions as well as internships in businesses operating in their chosen fields (local products, guest houses, Arts, etc.). 2 cooperatives were created in each caza, to bring together the services and/or products of the beneficiaries, that were launched at a public event. **Funded by Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie. 81,487 Euros.**



## 6- Ardi Through our Lens

**September 2022- March 2023**

Aimed to enhance Lebanese women's political participation in their local communities. It aimed to first equip women with the needed knowledge and skills to present themselves as knowledgeable activists and experts in local governance, or as future municipal candidates, willing and capable to drive and lead positive change in their communities. **Funded by the Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives, 44,156 USD.**



## 7-Building My Independence

**September 2022- March 2023**

The project aimed to advance and lead the social and economic potential of 90 women, Lebanese citizens and Syrian refugees located in Beirut adopting an organic and needs-driven approach and proposes a combination of hard skills workshops related to vocational trainings and soft skills workshops. In cooperation with Borderless. **Funded by Zovighian partnership, 22,620 USD.**



## PAST PROJECTS

### 8-MARSAD WAWP (Parliament)

February 2022- June 2022

### 9-Me Too Politics

February 2022- July 2022

### 10-Moubadirat

February 2022- July 2022

### 11-We Go Public

January 2022- August 2022

### 12-Revive

July 2021- June 2022

### 13-Youth Vote

November 2021- June 2022

### 14-La Tribune

September 2021-November 2021

### 15-Youth Matters

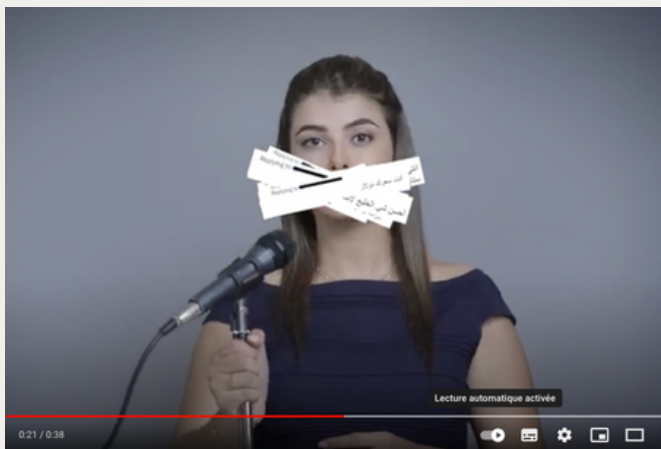
June 2021-September 2021

### 16-Delving into women leadership, perceptions

November 2020-May 2021

### 17-Sawtna

November 2019- June 2020





## OUR FUNDINGS

### Actual support

UN women, \$47,497 /2023-2024

UNDP, \$70,000/2023-2025

Oxfam, \$125,000/2022-2023

Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders (EMHRF),  
\$31,760/2022-2023

### Previous support

UN Women, \$21,000 /2022, \$139,960/2021-2022

Zovighian partnership, \$22,620/ 2022-2023

Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives, \$44,156/ 2022-2023

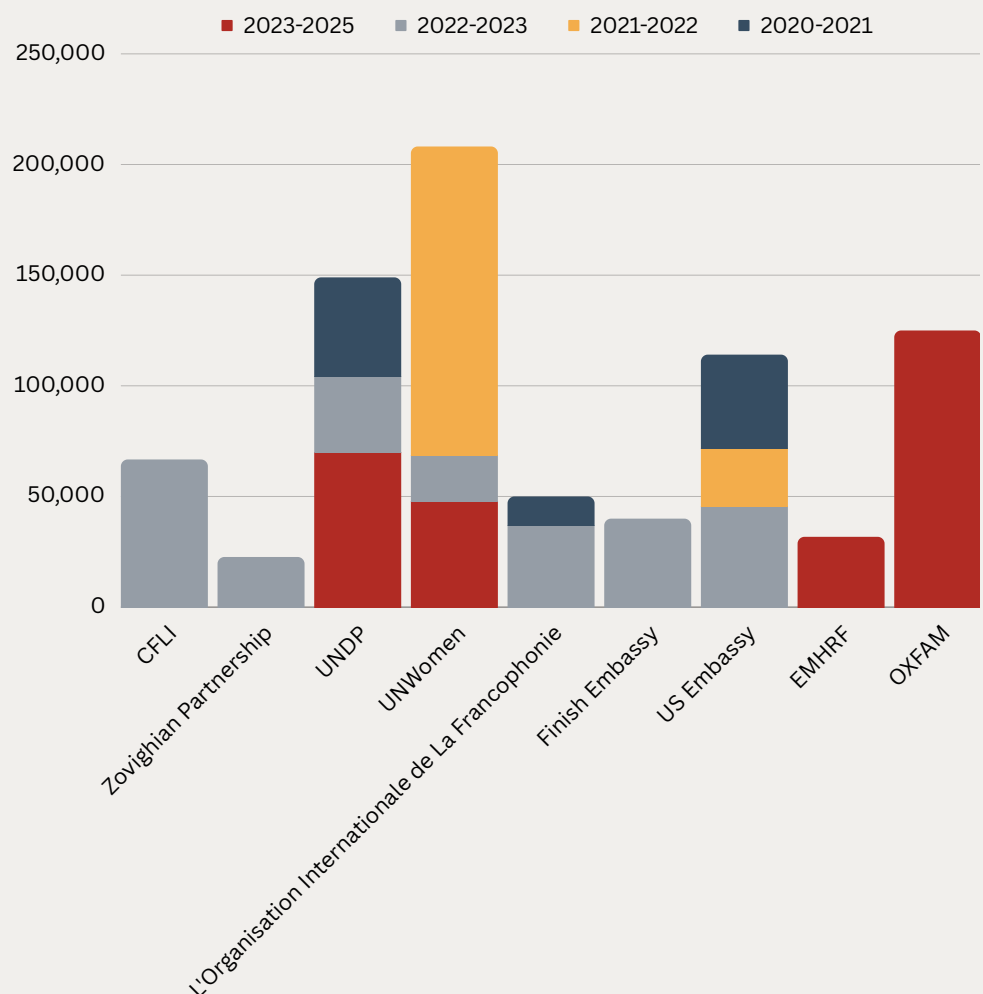
Embassy of Finland, €39,976/ 2022

UNDP, \$34,000 / 2022, \$45,000/ 2020-2021

L'Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie, €81,487/ 2023, €37,000/ 2022-2022,  
€13,000/ 2021-2021

Public Diplomacy Section, US Embassy, \$45,310/ 2021-2022, \$42,390/ 2021, \$26,390/  
2020-2021

The graph shows the  
amount of funds  
that received from  
the donors.



# KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

## **“We Will”, women and men in key institution working for gender equality**

"We Will" is achieving remarkable success in its mission to enhance women's participation in decision-making positions. With the active involvement of over 600 women and men, the program is fostering a platform for meaningful and insightful discussions regarding the significance of women attaining leadership roles.

The project's success is evident in the positive impact it has had on raising awareness and fostering a community dedicated to advancing women's roles in institutions. "We Will" stands as a pilot project that lays the foundation for more inclusive and diverse decision-making positions in politics and good governance.

## **“Mechouar”, women enhancing local tourism**

The project aimed at bolstering the financial stability of women in Bekaa and Metn has marked notable success. 55 women in these two regions have not only honed their skills but have also made significant strides in improving their businesses, thereby positively impacting the local economy.

By focusing on skill development and supporting local businesses, the project has contributed to the overall growth and sustainability of the community.

This achievement not only benefits the individual women involved but also has a broader positive effect on the local economy, showcasing the project as a catalyst for positive change and empowerment in Bekaa and Metn.

Although feminism is more relevant than ever, this concept is still vague for many, and opinions on its exact definition remain challenging to unravel. This is why, we developed a feminist lexicon enriched with new terminology. The purpose of this summary, in English and Arabic languages, is to gather all the terms and definitions that are “feminist” correlated to gender equality in a broader sense. It is not meant to be exhaustive, but we have tried to incorporate the most commonly used concepts, hoping that they can be helpful to other actors in civil society, academia, journalists, and the public in their work on the Middle East and more specifically, Lebanon.





**BASKINTA**

Join **Madanyat's** exhibition at **Baskinta Festival** and get the chance to meet **Mechouar's** women artisans exhibition

**Date: 7, 8, 9 and 10 September**  
**Time: From 5pm to 12am**

In partnership with:

**Madanyat** **Mechouar** **ARDI** **CFLI/FCIL**

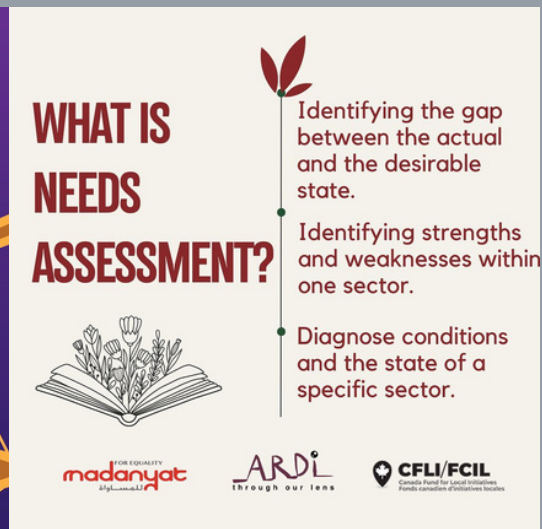


**WOMEN LEADERS**  
LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN  
نساء. قرار. قيادة

**WE WILL**

**Did you know that Lebanon still has a long way to go in achieving gender justice?**

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**WHAT IS NEEDS ASSESSMENT?**

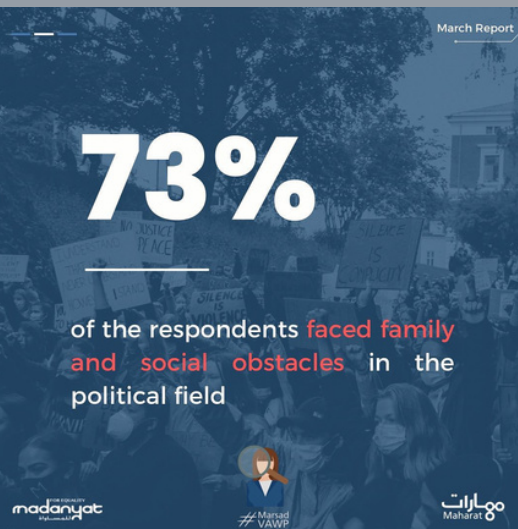
- Identifying the gap between the actual and the desirable state.
- Identifying strengths and weaknesses within one sector.
- Diagnose conditions and the state of a specific sector.

**madanyat** **ARDI** **CFLI/FCIL**

The project concluded splendidly with a three-day festival, during which 55 women small entrepreneurs showcased their skills. A wonderful opportunity for our participants from the Bekaa region to explore the Metn, connect with their peers, and exchange not only good practices but also moments of joy.

As part of this project, we are collaborating with two universities. We initiated a contest wherein motivated students are competing by submitting essays on various subjects related to women's participation in decision-making.

Participants featured in the two promotional videos showcased their improvement plan ideas for their respective regions. 5 out of the 30 women enrolled in the project have expressed their intent to run for municipal elections.



**73%**

of the respondents **faced family and social obstacles** in the political field

**March Report**

**madanyat** **Mansour VAWP** **مهارات**




إلقاء اللوم على الأمهات العاملات، ما يخفي غياب السلطات المعنية والرقابية الغير مسؤولة والغير كفوءة. وبالتالي، وجود مؤسسات ودور رعاية لايقة للأطفال هوي مطلب إلزامي ببلد المفروض يتمتع فيه جميع المواطنين والمواطنات بالحق بالعمل.

**ما تَصَيِّعُوا البوصلة!**

**madanyat**

We effectively engaged with 120 female candidates, journalists, and members of the municipal council, from whom we collected valuable information to develop our comprehensive reports. We will continue to closely monitor Violence Against Women in Politics (VAWP) to address this global challenge proactively.

With the support of the Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders (EMHRF), we have relocated to our newly refurbished office. These welcoming premises are buzzing with thoughtful discussions, fostering the generation of new ideas that will soon be implemented.

Being part of various networks enhances our capacity to withstand the backlash affecting civil society organizations committed to human rights and gender justice. Together, we bolster our ability to formulate prompt responses and cultivate effective best practices.



# Our partnerships

## Donors

- Canadian Fund for Local Initiatives
- Zovighian Partnership
- Embassy of Finland Beirut
- Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie
- UN Women
- US Embassy in Lebanon
- UNDP
- Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund
- Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders (EMHRF)

## Organisations

- LADE, Lebanese Association for Democratic elections
- Seeds for legal initiatives
- Maharat Foundation
- Borderless NGO
- ONDES

MoU Signing With Tripoli Bar Association



Lancement du projet "la Francophonie avec Elles"  
édition 2023



Signing of MoU With Beirut Bar Association



**DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION,  
WHICH ARE THE REAL GROUNDS FOR CREATIVITY,  
MUST REMAIN AT THE CENTER OF WHAT WE DO.**

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