

## **BPW International Lebanon Disaster Rescue Fund Project:**

### **Rebuilding Women Careers & Help victims of Explosion through the Winter**

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#### **Background:**

August 4, 2020 marked a destructive and fearful tragedy in the Lebanese people's lives. The explosion that happened made Lebanon's situation even worse. Almost 200 were killed, 6000 were injured, 300,000 lost their homes and more than 40 people were missing. Sadly, this is not the end of the struggle.

Currently, BPW Lebanon members help those in need by donating to several local NGOs and looking out for victims. Also, there are members among us who are doctors and who have helped cure the victims' wounds and checked up on them ever since the explosion. BPW Lebanon wants to become its own aiding sources for people to turn to just like other NGOs.

#### **Objective:**

As winter just arrives, these people need massive help to survive, feel safe and able to get back on their feet again.

We have two aims:

Objective #1: Help homeless victims get through the winter

Objective #2: Help a group of women to able to earn a living again

#### **Approach:**

Provide women who know how to sew with sewing machine, fabric and sewing materials so that they can use it to make blankets. BPW Lebanon can then distribute the blankets to the needy to get through the cold nights.

#### Phase I: Making blankets

The sewing machines would initially be located in the office building of BPW Lebanon. The selected group of women who lost their jobs due to the explosion will be compensated for their work to sew the blankets. BPW Lebanon can then distribute these blankets to the homeless victims of the blasts to help them through the winter.

Our initial target is to make at least 1,000 blankets to give away to homeless victims for free so that the people in need can have free blankets to warm themselves with.

If we have extra funding, BPW Lebanon will also ask the women to sew capes to give away too.

Phase II: Help women start their the sewing business

The sewing machine will be given to the women who participate in the Phase I of this project, so that they can start a small sewing business. If BPW Lebanon has extra fund, it can be used to hire them to sew blankets to give away and/or give them seed funding for their sewing business.

We aim to help at least 20 women who have lost their jobs due to the explosion to start their sewing business.

**Target Budget:**

The cost of fabri, along with compensation for women is 10 Euro per blanket and the sewing machine cost range between 500 Euro to 840 Euro. ***So the goal is to raise 20,000 Euro for fabric and sewing machines to help at least 20 women to sustain their families financially and make 1,000 blankets to give away.***

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