

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: 01/02/2021

To: 31/12/2022

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

Please use the box below to include the statement of continued support signed by your organization's Chief Executive or equivalent.

To our stakeholders,

We hereby confirm that Al Younbouh association applies and support The United Nation Global Compact in all its principles.

We are initially an NGO that fights for human rights and particularly minority rights, especially for children and adults with special needs. We consider incorporating the Ten principles of the UNGC as a priority in our daily operations.

This is our communication on our engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We will be elaborating on the way we operate to support our mission in the shadow of the principles.

We are also ready and committed to share the information contained in this COE with any stakeholder when requested.

Sincerely yours,

Nicole Naame
Director



Part II. Description of Actions

Please use the box below to describe the actions your organization has taken in support of the Global Compact. It is strongly recommended that the actions taken are related to one or more of the specific activities suggested. *Please refer to the complete list of suggested activities for your type of organization found [here](#).*

Founded in 1993 under the decree no. 400/AD, Al YOUNBOUH is a non-residential center for the Education, Reeducation and Rehabilitation of individuals with intellectual and neuro-developmental disabilities, whose mission is to improve the quality of life of individuals with special needs and ensure their dignified integration into society.

Since October 2019, Al YOUNBOUH had to face at the same time the huge devaluation of the Lebanese Lira as well as the repercussions of the “Beirut blast” and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to the political and the total financial collapse of the country, Al YOUNBOUH’s mission scaled up, and we found ourselves committed to safeguard our beneficiaries’ human rights, and to ensure that they continue to lead their lives with dignity. During 2021 and 2022, and besides our initial mission, the center has been catering for all the urgent needs of its vulnerable children and youth, and their immediate family members. We have been providing food boxes, hygiene kits, medications, supermarket vouchers and basic clothing necessities to our needy families.

Although COVID-19 impacted the whole world, Al YOUNBOUH arranged that during the pandemic, its beneficiaries got the proper home monitoring by our staff and specialists, to avoid any type of violence or abuse. The food/hygiene kit/medication initiative secured that all our students stayed home safely and were as much as possible, unexposed to the Covid-19 virus, hence to any medical issue, or to any obligatory offensive labor.

On the academic level, we mentor our students to respect and interact with each other and with their professors in their daily classes and activities, while stressing on gender equality among them all. Our program is led by a multidisciplinary team of professionals, dedicated to teaching skills through educational, artistic, physical, and recreational activities. As part of our job coaching, we monitor closely our students' performance during their training, to ensure that their labor and human rights are respected, and they are not subject to any discrimination. We constantly remind them that when in doubt, they must report to us about any form of abuse, whether inside or outside the center.

We also provide our staff and our volunteers with training sessions, to guarantee our students' wellbeing. Within Al YOUNBOUH’s direct family and community, we constantly work on the importance of the UNGC SDGs that are relevant to our field. Hence the SDGs that we, at Al YOUNBOUH are concerned about are the below: No poverty/Zero hunger/Good health and well-being/Quality education/Gender equality/Reduced inequalities/Partnership for the goals.

Part of the partnership for the goals aims are all the seminars we are attending like the Youssef Tabch Foundation sessions, and the Governance of association modules and discussions etc... We believe that by being united with other associations that have our same concerns, we can reach our NGO goals. Social justice for our beneficiaries is and will always be our priority and our main objective.

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Please use the box below to include the most relevant qualitative and/or quantitative indicators to measure the outcome of the activities described in Part II above.

Being an active board member of the N.U.I.D (National union for intellectual disabilities), Al Younbouh Association set the example to other NGOs in Lebanon for the way it dealt with the crisis.

During 2021 and 2022, Al Younbouh collaborated with many other UNGC members.

-On the academic level, NDU, LAU, USJ, USEK, AUB, and all the schools that requested open doors days at our center etc.

-On the private sector level, TINOL, INDEVCO, MEDCO, SHTRUMPF, UNIPAK, SANITA, etc.

Our engagement was through NGO fares, sponsorships, training opportunities, conferences, and congresses .

Al Younbouh also cooperated with many local NGOs and was considered as a role model through following UNGC objectives, commandments, and SDG goals.

By closely monitoring our beneficiaries during 2021 and 2022 and using our scarce resources in the correct need and place, we were able to keep our mission neat, clear, and transparent, far from any corruption or profit-based approach. Al Younbouh proved that in those difficult and challenging times, it is crucial to stay wise, responsible, authentic, and reliable.

Although 2021 and 2022 were probably the hardest years our center was going through, Al Younbouh was able to drive the boat safely to the shore.