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LIST OF ACRONYMS

AIDS	Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
ART	Antiretroviral Therapy
COVID-19	Corona Virus Disease 2019
CSO	Civil Society Organization
FSW	Female Sex Worker
HBV	Hepatitis B Virus
HCV	Hepatitis C Virus
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
IEC	Information, Education, and Communication
IPC	Infection, Prevention, and Control
KPs	Key Populations
LANA	Lebanese AIDS Network Association
LGBTQIA+	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Plus
MENA	Middle East & North Africa
MH	Mental Health
MoPH	Ministry of Public Health
MSW	Male Sex Worker
NAP	National AIDS Program
NMHP	National Mental Health Program
NSP	Needle and Syringe Program
OAT	Opioids Agonist Treatment
PEP	Post-exposure Prophylaxis
PLHIV	People Living With Human Immunodeficiency Virus
PrEP	Pre-exposure Prophylaxis
PWD	People Living With Disabilities
PWID	People Who Inject Drugs
PWUD	People Who Use Drugs
SIDC	Society for Inclusion & Development in Communities & Care for All
SRH	Sexual and Reproductive Health
SRHR	Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
STIs	Sexually Transmitted Infections
SW	Sex Worker
VCT	Voluntary Counselling and Testing
VP	Vulnerable Populations

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

20.000 peoples' lives were touched!

The motto of our interventions for 2022 was “Empower, Reach Wider, be Innovative and make an Impact”

For the year 2022, we continue to focus on supporting the wellbeing of vulnerable people. We emphasize on their empowerment to identify their potential, giving them the needed support and encourage them to face their daily life struggles and move forward. With the team of staff and peers we were able to widen and increase access through the use of innovative means (online outreach, Hype App development and management, online mental health support services) that enabled us to reach a higher number of persons in their diversity residing all over Lebanon.

Through building the capacities of social workers, front liners and youth groups we were able to implement community led activities where we addressed topics that are considered taboo and difficult to be discussed within different localities. During the year 2022, SIDC reinforced competencies and addressed and changed attitudes among civil society organizations, ministries, media outlets representatives, religious agents, law enforcement and other stakeholders.

All achievements were aiming towards health promotion and enabling an inclusive society free of stigma and discrimination with relation to sexual health, HIV, mental health, substance use, harm reduction and gender inclusion. The different mass campaigns (events and social media campaigns) organized and the participation in the Lebanese Independent Film festival- LIFF 2022 to offer the “Diversity” trophy for the film winner allowed SIDC to raise awareness and highlight messages of hope and openness towards sensitive issues and vulnerable groups.

Furthermore, being engaged in experience sharing on national and international levels with practicum students including social workers, nurses, psychology graduates, and with NGOs representatives from MENA region were rich opportunities for mutual learnings.

All the above interventions encourage SIDC management to regularly strengthen the internal organization through mainstreaming policies, empowering the staff and leveraging accountability and transparency at work.

SIDC' s board of trustees acknowledges the teams' hard work and dedication and expresses gratitude to all individuals involved in achieving SIDC' s mission, which include the team of peer educators and part time workers.

We could not be able to make it without your joint efforts.





WHO WE ARE

SIDC is a non-governmental civil society organization (CSO) established in 1987 (decree 9/AD) and based in Sin el Fil, Lebanon.

MISSION

Meaningfully engage vulnerable populations (VPs) to promote their health and well-being pertaining to HIV, Harm reduction, SRHR, and mental health, to support them in enjoying their human and gender rights, and to work towards an inclusive society free of stigma and discrimination in the national and regional level.

VISION

To ensure that VPs enjoy their health and human rights and fulfill their potential in a society free of stigma and discrimination.

COMMUNITY SUPPORTED BY SIDC

SIDC works with VPs that include but are not limited to, adolescents and youth at risk, MSWs and FSWs, LGBTQIA+, PLHIV, PWUDs, PWIDs, marginalized girls and women, domestic workers, PWD, displaced persons, refugees, and prisoners/ex-prisoners.

What we do

The aim of SIDC is to improve the social and health situation of the most vulnerable groups and advocate for their human rights, their right to health, social and mental health services as well as their right to work and live in dignity. The organization aims to create a healthy society; it serves Lebanese and non-Lebanese without discrimination of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, race, age, religion, and social class.

SIDC is a pioneer in working on HIV/AIDS and introducing Harm Reduction and community health services to Lebanon for 35 years providing comprehensive services for PLHIV and PWUD. It also has a long record of accomplishment in sexual reproductive health and rights. SIDC runs a health clinic within its premises in Sin el Fil, providing comprehensive reproductive and sexual health services and programs for prevention and treatment, care, and support for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. SIDC also has a drop-in harm reduction and treatment center “Escale” for drug addiction. It provides comprehensive harm reduction services for PWUDs in addition to legal and mental health services. SIDC started a mental health program mainly targeting youth, encompassing awareness raising on substance use and mental health support. This program was also strengthened following the Beirut blast in August 2020.

Fifteen years ago, SIDC developed a pioneer and innovative outreach program in Lebanon and in the MENA region to reach out to the communities they work with including individual visits and mobile unit visits. Moreover, for over 5 years, SIDC has documented human rights violations and evolved its program to provide case management services to PLHIV, PWUDs, and individuals from the LGBTIQ+ community.

To be successful in its interventions, SIDC’s guiding principles are inclusiveness and development, evidence-based responses, intersectionality, accessibility, and proximity, forward-thinking and adaptive actions, transparency, collaboration, and sustainability of service interventions, all of which are overarched with the guiding principle of respect for human and gender rights.

2022 IN NUMBERS

10,708

Total number of people received services at SIDC that include:

Testing, OAT, Mental Health, Case Management

22,808

Total number of people reached through awareness sessions (Field and Online)

6,003

Total number of Hygiene Kits and Food Vouchers Distributed

PROMOTING THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF VPs





HARM REDUCTION

Escale is a non-profit community-based center, part of SIDC, established in 2010, delivering harm reduction and treatment services for persons with substance use disorders; and mental health services. With a vision of, educating, empowering, and advocating for a better quality of life and dignity for these VPs.

The program reaches out to KPs; PWUDs, LGBTQIA+, MSWs, FSWs, and their partners or peers.

Individuals are targeted through online outreach, information communication technology activity, and field outreach, using SIDC's mobile unit. The beneficiaries with substance use disorders wishing to receive treatment are referred to ESCALE, where an assessment is conducted by the social worker. After this, the individuals are given access to Opioids Agonist Treatment (OAT), urine tests, provided with legal support services (either for those referred by the Lebanese Addiction Committee, or for reporting to courts, police station prisons, or others), sexual and reproductive health services, mental health services, and harm reduction kits where applicable. Additionally, social aid provisions are distributed to the beneficiaries throughout the year, such as hygiene kits, food vouchers, transportation support, or others depending on the availability and assessed need by the social worker.

Escale offers diverse services through a multidisciplinary team composed of 1 nurse and 1 social worker in the department of harm reduction and treatment for substance use disorders, 2 psychiatrists, and 2 psychologists. Moreover, the Department of Mental Health is composed of 2 social workers and a team of mental health professionals that consist of psychiatrists, psychotherapists, psychologists, and counselors (more details in the next section). The MH professionals provide diverse and global approaches to cover all the needs required by beneficiaries of ESCALE.

Harm Reduction Team

2

SOCIAL
WORKERS

1

NURSE

2

PSYCHIATRISTS



Key Services Provided

Treatment for people with substance use disorders and addiction (including OAT and Total Abstinence)

Harm reduction services and follow-up (including NSP and outreach)

Hepatitis treatment and follow-up (including vaccination)

Mental Health services and follow-up (including psychiatrist and therapy)

Key Achievements

A total of **1,229** individuals were reached with harm reduction services at ESCALE.

960

Harm Reduction
Sessions provided

252

Free HIV, Hep. B&C,
and Syphilis tests done

86

Hep. B Vaccines

20

Beneficiaries benefiting
from HR sessions

249

OST beneficiaries
attending educational sessions

● Number of education session provided in 2022 totaled **13,446**

● Escale's center provided services to **269** unique beneficiaries:

Total OST patients benefiting from Mental health services

76

Total Current OST Patients

141

New Comers

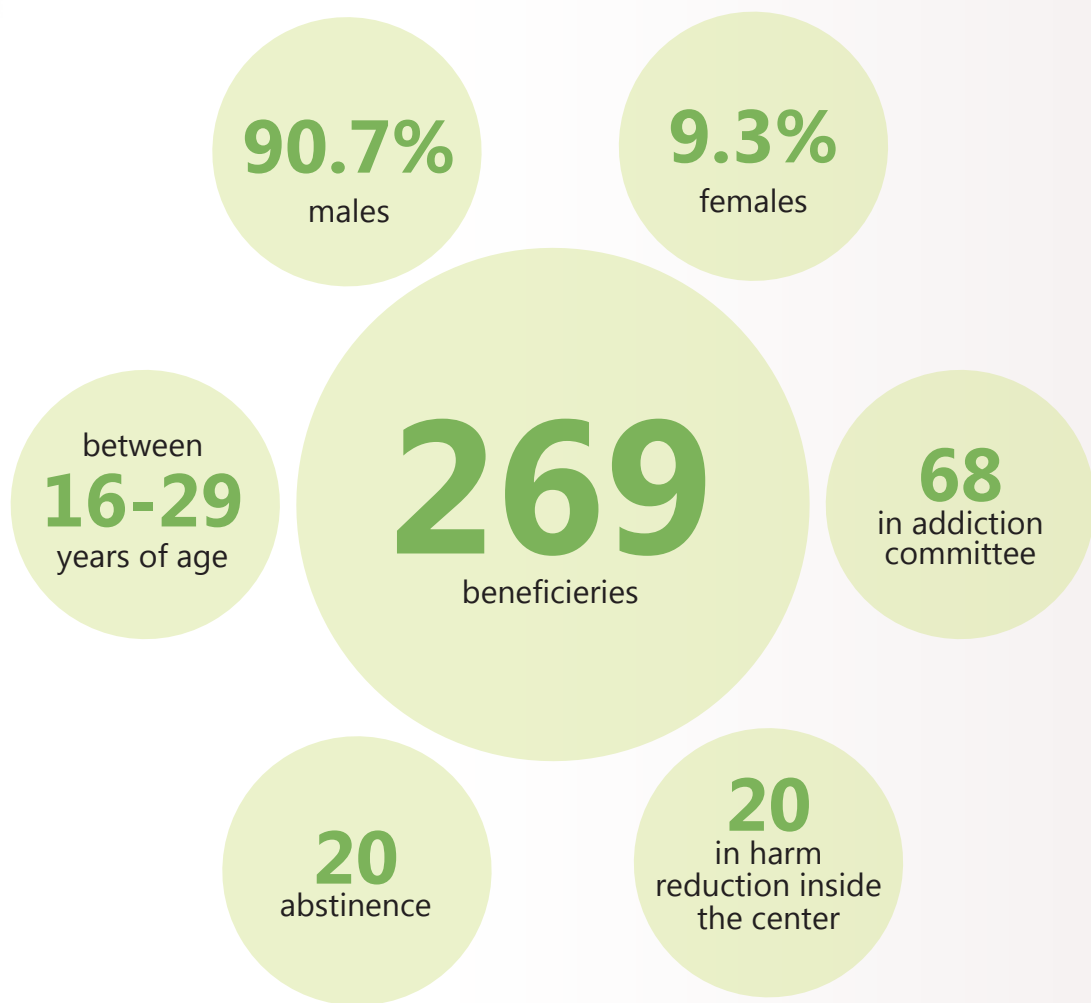
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Readmitted Patients

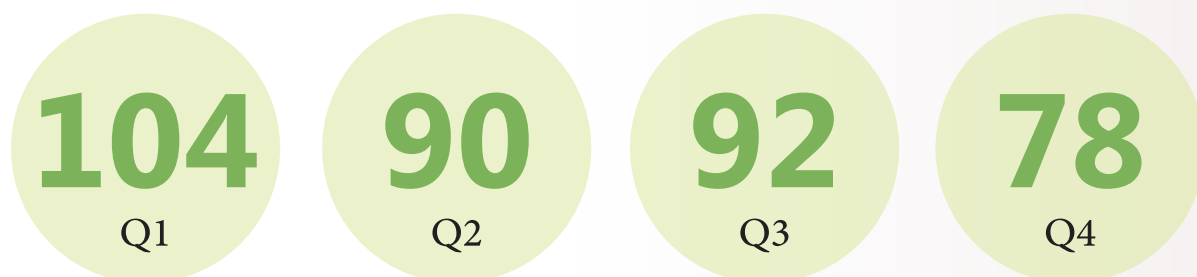
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Total Abstinence

20



The follow-ups from the social support and case management for the year 2022 were delivered as follows, noting that each of the beneficiaries received up to 3 sessions per month:





SUCCESS STORY



MENTAL HEALTH

Since 2010, SIDC has been offering mental health support to beneficiaries experiencing substance use disorders. However, following the crises and challenges that Lebanon has been experiencing,

SIDC expanded its MH services for people of all ages and nationalities. Psychiatrists, psychotherapists, and counselors have been recruited to support the expansion of SIDC' s MH support. Moreover, following the COVID-19 lockdown in March 2020, while accounting for the restrictions put into place, SIDC decided to convert to

groups, such as individuals from the LGBTIQ+ community, PLHIV, PWUD, and SWs. A helpline has been set up to receive calls asking for mental health services. Moreover, SIDC developed a tele-mental health guide that the staff uses for service delivery. The guide is based on literature and SIDC' s experience.

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LICENSED
PSYCHOLOGISTS

2

SOCIAL WORKERS

1

PSYCHIATRIST

The aim of the mental health program is to scale up evidence-based, innovative, and multidisciplinary approaches to mental health interventions targeting youth and VPss to prevent risky behaviors and substance use. This is also done through the implementation of psycho-education, awareness, and culturally adopted standards for mental healthcare.

The procedures for therapy

Step 1

an assesment to be completed by social workers

Step 2

relevant rules to be signed by the beneficiery (rules, regulations, code of conduct, confidentiality agreement...)

Step 3

beneficiary referred to therapist or psychiatrist

Step 4

follow-up for beneficieries during therapy

Step 5

after 3rd session, evaluation with the service provider and the beneficiery to assess comfortability

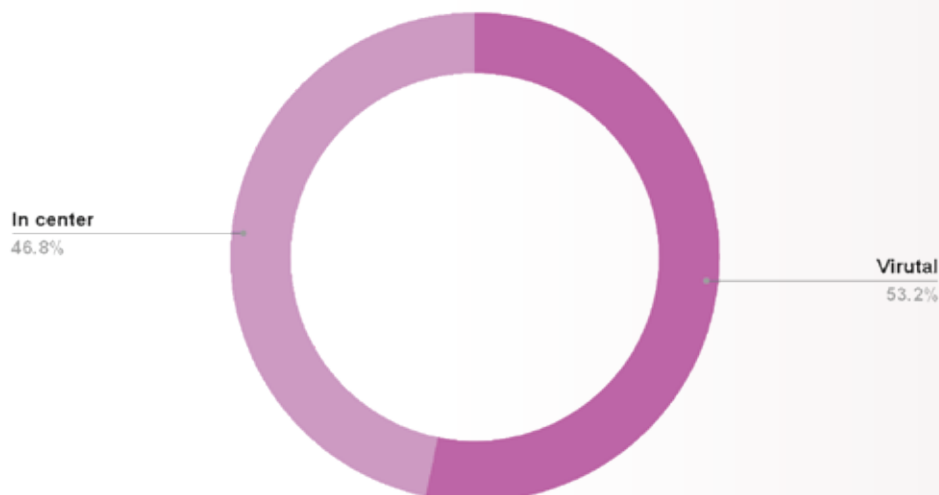
Step 6

after the 12th session follow up and evaluation by the service provider with the beneficiery to assess feedback and need for other sessions

Key Achievements

- During 2022, the mental health team has provided the service to **524** patients (**245** received the service in person at the center - **279** received the service online).

MH service provision





- Escalate reached through its mental health services:

408 Youth 190 LGBT

7,539

Mental Health sessions

7,198

Therapy Sessions

341

Psychiatric Consultations

Number of Sessions

2179

2020

3396

2021

7539

2022



SUCCESS STORY

“Many of the patients mentioned in the first assessment that they were referred by friends because of the good experience they have in SIDC.”



SEXUAL & REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH & RIGHTS HIV/STIs

For more than 10 years, SIDC has provided SRH services to individuals from all over Lebanon within its clinic in Sin el Fil. SIDC's SRH services include free and anonymous voluntary, counseling, and testing for HIV, Hep B, and C, Syphilis, and other bacterial testing, such as Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, Ureaplasma, Mycoplasma, Trichomoniasis, and PrEP and PEP distribution... SIDC vaccinates individuals arriving at the center for Hepatitis B, particularly KPs. Also, SIDC distributes HIV self-tests and conducts medical consultations, treatments, and follow-ups with an infectious disease specialist. Moreover, case management and counseling services for PLHIV and people diagnosed with other STIs have been offered. PLHIV have been provided with their medication within the center. SIDC's sexual health services are both static and remote in nature.

For reproductive health services, since 2020, SIDC has received women and girls for gynecological consults. SIDC protects the rights of the service users, especially in accessing healthcare services, and continues to advocate whilst keeping their personal information confidential and anonymous. The SRH team is composed of social workers, counselors, infectious disease specialists, nurses, a midwife, a gynecologist, and peer educators.

Key Achievements

Clinic

- Total of **136** consultations, through **12** visits, by the infectious disease specialist were done in 2022, of which, **47** were follow-ups.

- Total Reach in 2022:

1918

within
SIDC Clinic

4330

within
SIDC Outreach

6248

of free HIV, Hepatitis B&C
and Syphilis tests performed

Gender

Other

2.6%

Female

20.3%

Males

77.1%

- 77% of the individuals who got tested in SIDC during the year 2022 were males and 20% were females.

73%

Lebanese

17%

Syrian

1%

Palestinian

9%

Other



condoms distributed **15103**

5g of lubricants distributed **5877**

Around **3500** beneficiaries receiving condoms and lubricants





SUCCESS STORY

“I was sexually abused twice... I don’t know what happened, all I remember was that I was tipsy and that I was among friends... all I know is that I’m sure I did not want this to happen”. Fortunately, her tests came out negative”



HUMAN & GENDER RIGHTS

Case Management

Case management is a cooperative process that involves assessment, planning, facilitation, and advocacy for options and services to satisfy a person's comprehensive requirements through communication and readily available resources in order to promote high-quality, cost-effective results. Within SIDC, case management began in the year 2020, however, for the past 5 years, SIDC has been documenting cases of violation for individuals from marginalized communities and expanded its services to include the provision of case management to individuals from the LGBTIQ+ community, PLHIV, PWID, and PWUD.

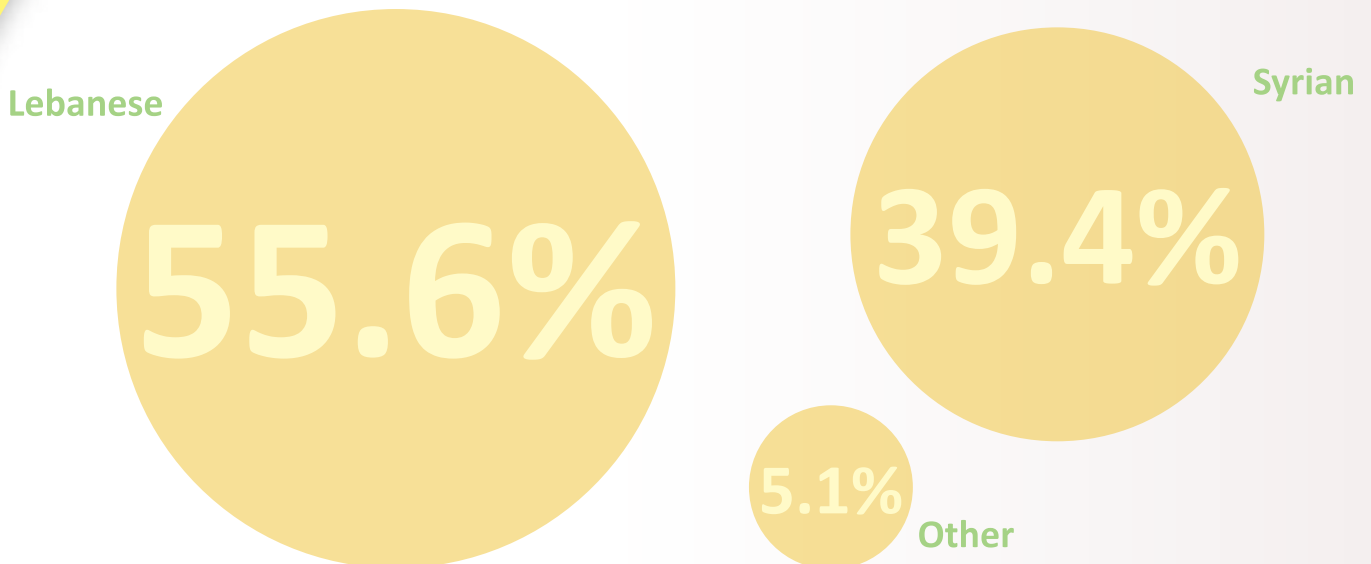
During the year 2022, cumulatively, the LANA, collectively, serviced over 1,000 individuals from marginalized populations, of the total, SIDC supported around 500 individuals. The support included food parcels, food vouchers, hygiene boxes, hygiene vouchers, MHPSS sessions, and transportation fees. Of these individuals, a total of 132 individuals from the LGBTIQ+ community were provided with in-depth case management support, 250 PLHIV, and 150 PWIDs & PWUDs.

SIDC protects and fights for Human and Gender rights through the documentation of human rights abuse, referring and reporting cases to human rights organisations. In addition, SIDC advocates for human and gender rights through stigma and discrimination elimination campaigns, as well as through policy development, law reform, and offering legal support.

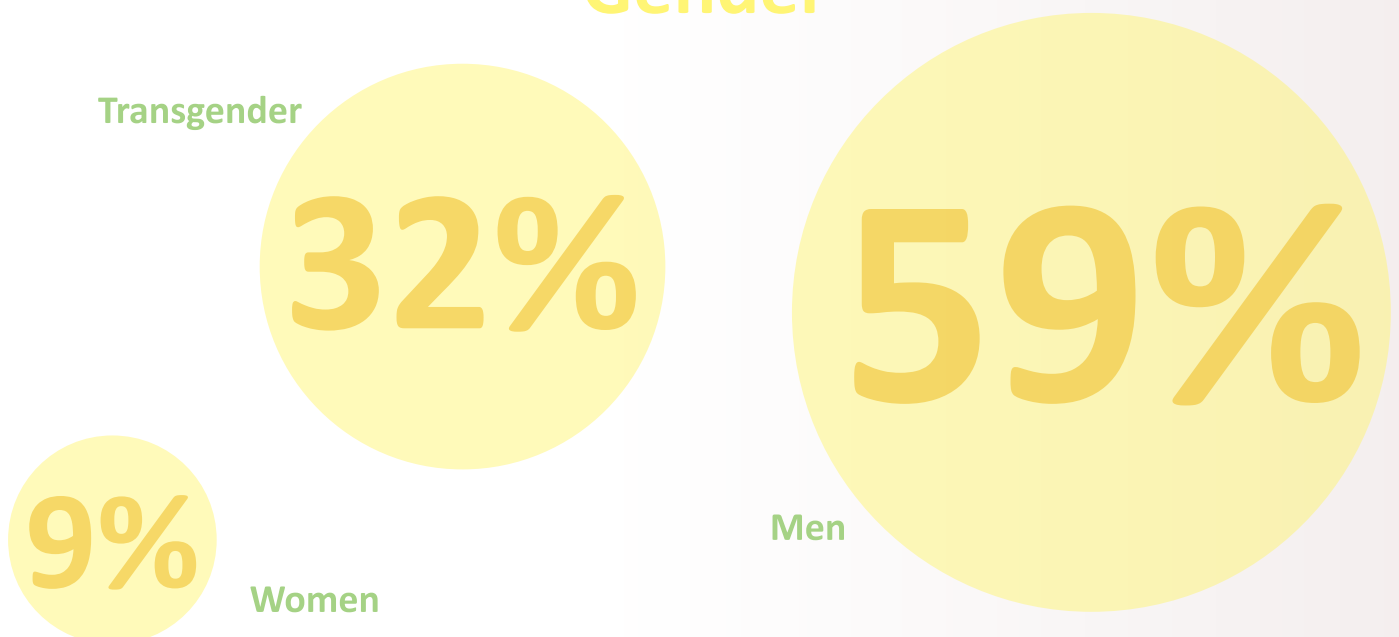
Key Achievements

With the hard work and dedication of SIDC's five case managers **132** individuals from the LGBTIQ+ community were offered in-depth case management. The individuals assisted were from different nationalities, including Lebanese, Syrian, Palestinian, Iraqi, and Egyptian.

Nationality



Gender



The services reached out to individuals between the ages of 19 and 65 years old and included a variety of 10 services; transportation, hygiene kits, food vouchers, shelter and cash for shelter, mental health, legal assistance, cash for medication, travel referrals, and dignity kits. The individual can benefit from more than one service, as shown below.

97%

Transportation

92%

Hygiene kits

84%

Food voucher

74%

Shelter

23%

Dignity kit

17%

Cash for shelter

14%

Mental health services

5%

legal assistance

2%

Cash for meds



SUCCESS STORY

"Due to the ongoing challenges, MMG reached out to SIDC for protection and case management support. The case manager focused with him on counseling, taking precautions, and safety measures regarding sex work"



OUTREACH AND AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

SIDC on Wheels

Field outreach began years ago as an activity within a project, many years later, SIDC expanded its outreach to become a core program that is being implemented on daily basis. The program began in 2002 to include anonymous and confidential testing and counseling of HIV, hepatitis B, and hepatitis C, in addition to community-based outreach awareness. In addition, free harm-reduction kits are distributed (syringes, cookers, sterile water, and other tools for safe injection), along with condoms/lubricants. Moreover, IEC materials are disseminated on the topics addressed.

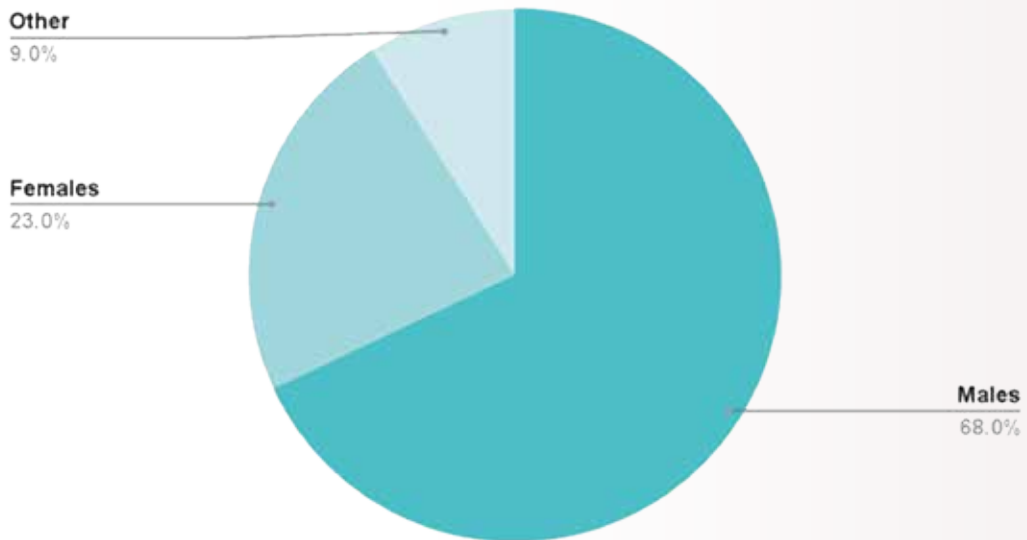
These services are provided at the mobile unit that accompanies peer educators, VCTs, and outreach workers in different regions across Lebanon. This allows SIDC to reach key populations including people who use drugs, vulnerable communities (including LGBTQI+), ex-prisoners, youth at risk, sex workers, and men who have sex with men. Field outreach also helps raise one-on-one awareness of STIs, substance use, and risky behaviours. During 2022, SIDC continues to be the pioneer on a national and regional level in field outreach and peer-to-peer awareness

Key Achievements

During the year 2022, more than 12,900 individuals were reached during the 284 mobile unit visits to (Mar Mikhael, Badaro, Achrafieh, Bourj Hammoud, Karm el Zeitoun, Dora, Nabaa, Ain el Mreisseh, Furn el Shebbak, Aley, Jbeil, Halat, Akkar,). %67 of these individuals were key populations, with drug users being the highest reach. It was also noticeable that around %55 of the interviewed LGBTQI+ community experienced other vulnerabilities as well.



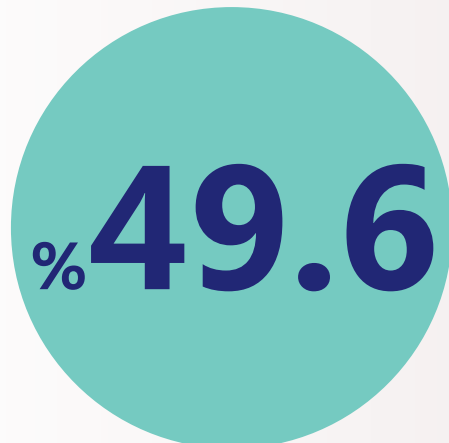
Gender



15-19



20-24



25-49

HYPE APPLICATION



Based on feedback received during our online outreach, SIDC was able to create and reach the final developmental stages of its anonymous chatting application called “HYPE” . This application provides any individual with a safe, anonymous, and stigma-free platform to ask questions related to sexual and reproductive health, substance use, mental health, and other topics within the field of expertise of SIDC. This application allows the individuals to receive accurate information and referrals to SIDC services are done when deemed necessary, This application is particularly made for all individuals on all Lebanese territories, regardless of their background.

The benefits of this application lie in its geographical coverage, speed of support and interaction, simplicity in processes, trained team to offer and deliver required, reliable, and trustworthy information, and referrals to appropriate and accessible services.

Security & Protection Measures

- Confidentiality and Anonymity
- Do No Harm
- Respect of Human and Children's Rights
- Respect of the laws that protect users from any sort of breach of confidentiality or potential harm
- Protection of the data and use security and safety data protection laws
- Provide Encryption

Monitoring and Evaluation

The application also entails a section for feedback that could be used for M&E purposes in order to assess and evaluate the performance of the application. Consequently, being able to improve it and increase the application's effectiveness

Note: Application developed under UNICEF, maintenance funded under IRC.





OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

For over 15 years, SIDC has been raising awareness among community members, including but not limited to, individuals from the LGBTIQ+ community, migrants, youth and adolescents, women and girls, religious leaders, law enforcement, caregivers, employees from NGOs & private sector companies, and others on the topics of SRH, MH, GBV, HR, risky behaviours, stigma and discrimination, bullying, cyberbullying, IPC, and others. In 2022, SIDC reached 972 individuals to raise their awareness on the aforementioned topics.

454

Youth and
Adolescents

137

Employees
of NGOs

120

Individuals from
the LGBTIQ+

55

Law Enforcements

52

Women & Girls

37

Youth and
Adolescents

20

Youth and
Adolescents

18

Youth and
Adolescents

Youth and Adolescents

During the year 2022, several activities have been conducted particularly targeted towards youth and adolescents:

Dardashe

“Dardashe” is an activity, initiated by SIDC in 2018 aiming at opening a safe space for youth and key populations to express themselves and their concerns. This activity consists of gathering groups of youth or key populations in public places such as coffee shops, restaurants, etc... and discussing topics that matter to them with the presence of a professional facilitator. In 2022, SIDC conducted a total of **12 Dardashe sessions** all over Lebanon, **reaching a total of 336 individuals**. During the sessions, the adolescents expressed the need to discuss topics related to their relationship with their caregivers and of substance abuse.

Dardashé sessions with 6 classes (grade 11) about HIV and other STIs at Collège des pères Antonins - Baabda



Dardashé session with youth between 18 and 25 about bullying and some tips to face it at Chtaura - Bekaa



Dardashé session with youth
between 15 and 20 about risky
behaviours at Bebnin- Akkar

Life-skills Kit/ Adolescent Kit

The life-skills Kit or adolescent kit was developed by UNICEF aiming at bringing positive change in adolescents' lives through arts and innovation. The activities offer adolescents aged 15 to 22 years old the chance to express themselves and their concerns, experiment, solve real problems, and explore new ideas. They develop key competencies and new skills that help them cope with stressful circumstances, build healthy relationships and engage positively with their communities. The individuals will be provided with lessons from the adolescent kit while integrating topics related to risky behaviours such as unprotected sexual relationships, abuse of drugs and alcohol, smoking, etc. In 3, 2022 workshops were conducted, 2 in Akkar, Baddawi, and Deir Ammar, and 1 in Beirut, Sin el Fil, reaching a total of 118 adolescents and youth.

Life skills activity:

2 day-workshop with 40 youth on life skills and substance abuse at Beddawi - Tripoli



Life skills activity:

2 day-workshop on life skills and substance abuse at ALPHA- Bourj Hammoud

Life skills activity:

2 day-workshop with youth on life skills and substance abuse at Deir Amar - Tripoli



Employees from NGOs/Private Sector Companies

A total of **137** dedicated employees from different NGOs in Lebanon were targeted through **6** impactful awareness sessions.

These sessions covered a range of topics centered on MH, (GBV), SRH, HR and human and gender rights. Moreover, employees received a training on IPC and occupational health. Finally, employees from LANAA members received a 3 day training on project cycle management.

Through these trainings, NGO employees gained valuable knowledge, enabling them to take action and make a difference through their roles, organizations and within their communities.



Individuals from the LGBTIQ+ Community

A total of **120** individuals from the LGBTIQ+ attended **11** awareness-raising sessions on the topics of SRH, GBV, SOGIESC, harm reduction (substance abuse/chemsex), mental health, legal rights, coping mechanisms, stigma and discrimination, referral mechanisms, and other topics



Women, Girls, Men, & Boys

In the year 2022, SIDC conducted awareness-raising sessions for women, girls, men, and boys reaching a total of 52 individuals, in Akkar.



8 Awareness Sessions on
SRH with 208
Women/Girls in Akkar.



Law Enforcement

Individuals working as police officer are sensitized to better respond to gender-based violence related to COVID-19 against KPs. SIDC in collaboration with AJEM has conducted three training sessions each for two days targeting 55 Police officers (55 M) on different subjects. Topics included (HIV, STIs, Health and safety during work, IPC and others).

Caregivers

Provide caregivers sessions for caregivers of youth at risk to help them better support their children, understand them and learn ways to communicate with them.

SIDC has always believed that to support youth in adopting healthier lifestyles and reducing their engagement in risky behaviours, it's crucial to reach out to their caregivers.

The caregivers of youth at risk have an important impact on the youth, their behaviours and decisions. As such, caregivers' sessions were conducted during the implementation of the FYBY project to support the caregivers in understanding the psychology of the youth, what traumas are and how they affect one's decisions, how to communicate with children, how to detect risky behaviours among them and how to support them in their behavioural change process. This activity consists of reaching a total of 150 caregivers (through UNICEF partners) of youth at risk and providing them with educational sessions for them to detect risky behaviours among their children and develop their communication skills.



Care givers session on "positive communication between the youth and their care givers" at Bebine - Akkar

Care givers session on "positive communication" between the youth and their caregivers at Collège des pères Antonins - Baabda



Throughout the implementation of this activity, the social worker at Escale centre is conducting educational sessions with the parents of youth beneficiaries, using the see families' booklet which was developed under the framework of the IMPOWER project. A total of 20 new caregivers are benefiting from the sessions on a monthly basis. The social worker conducts one-to-one sessions for the caregivers of youth DUs to discuss the treatment process of their children, and their role in supporting their children during their treatment, they discuss action plans to be conducted with their youth drug users and learn new methods to communicate with their youth.

Migrants

Conduct 2 workshops targeting 37 individuals from the migrant community to train and raise awareness on SRH, GBV, harm reduction, mental health, legal rights, coping mechanisms, and referral mechanisms.



Social & Frontline Workers

SIDC conducted capacity-building activities for social workers after developing a standardised guide. During the capacity building workshop, SIDC trained the social workers and front liners on the topics of the guide and supported them to become able to detect mental health issues and risky behaviours among the youth they work with.

Following the workshop, the social workers became also able to refer youth at risk to needed and available services either provided by SIDC or by other partners. SIDC has conducted a workshop on September 30th, and October 4,5 and 6th 2022 with social and frontline workers from 4 different Lebanese governorates. The objectives of the workshop were the following.

1 - Build the capacities of the social workers and fronttline workers working with vulnerable youth on the abovementioned topics of the guide.

2 - Detect risky behaviors among vulnerable youth they work with, in addition to supporting the caregivers to petter communicate with their children.

3- Refer youth to available services when needed. 4 Support youth in the development and in mplementation of community-based activities which will be conducted following the mplementation of the 5 life-skills workshop in each governorate. A total of 18 social and frontline workers attended the workshop.



Social workers and frontline workers workshop for 18 people. The workshop included various topics: adolescence, mental health, substance abuse, risky behaviours, GBV, HIV and STIs, SOGI.



COMMUNICATION AND VISIBILITY



SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

Enhancing the inclusivity of the LGBTI community in workplaces in Lebanon

With the support of the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR), SIDC and ACTED held a national conference to announce the closing of a two-year project “Enhancing the inclusivity of the LGBTI community in the workplace in Lebanon” , with a crowd of attendees and human rights activists on February 25th, 2022. During the day, SIDC and ACTED highlighted the importance of the project and all the accomplishments; “Around 120 documented cases of abuse against LGBTI people in the workplace in Lebanon, such as discrimination, stigmatisation, bullying and expulsion” . The national conference was attended by representatives of the European Union, ministries, UN agencies, private sector companies, NGOs, representatives from syndicates and orders and journalists, during which the results and recommendations of the project were discussed to facilitate coordination with all related sectors in the future.

We Are Proud

SIDC works closely with LGBTQI+ individuals by supporting their rights in Lebanon. In June 2022, SIDC celebrated Pride Month through organising a quiz and storytelling night at OM Mar Mikhael to promote diversity, engagement and rights of LGBTQI+ individuals. Moreover, bracelets with the word "Pride" were distributed during all SIDC activities as a way of saying that everyone should be proud of their gender identity and sexual orientation! Pride Month is an opportunity to talk about the history of the LGBTQ+ community, an occasion to promote diversity and inclusion. While this month is a time for celebration, it's also an important way to highlight the specific needs of the community and how to address them to build a better future. SIDC supports the LGBTQ+ community in Lebanon by fighting for their rights and giving them access to all healthcare services and mental health.



Candle for people living with HIV in Lebanon

June 4th 2022 marked SIDC's eleventh year in a row in commemorating the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial, to raise awareness about HIV and remember those who have lost their lives to AIDS with this year's theme "We Remember, We take action, we live beyond HIV". Candles were lit in the Gemmayzeh neighbourhood in Beirut as an initiative to spread messages highlighting all kinds of stigma and discrimination that people living with HIV face in Lebanon. As part of its work, programs and projects, SIDC continues to report and document violations of the rights of people living with HIV. Most of the human rights violations were seen within healthcare, family and friends, community, workplace, and governmental settings.



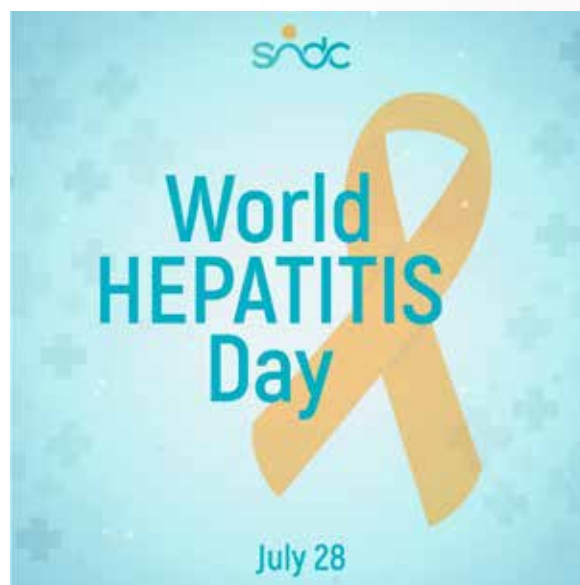
Support. Don't Punish: Painting a brighter future for those oppressed by society

On the 25th June 2022, as in every year, SIDC continued to celebrate the global advocacy campaign "Support. Don't Punish". The aim of the campaign is to promote drug policy reform, and to change laws and policies which impede access to harm reduction interventions. SIDC organisation highlighted that they stand in solidarity with people who use drugs and believe in the right to access treatment and support without any form of criminalization. A booth was set up in places where young people usually congregate to raise awareness of the concept of harm reduction, the services available in Lebanon and to highlight the violations faced by people who use drugs. Messages of hope poster was created to collect sayings and statements from people.



World Hepatitis Day

The World Hepatitis Day is observed on July 28th of every year, in the aim of raising awareness on Hepatitis B and C infection. SIDC supports all year round with free Hepatitis B and C testing and free Hepatitis B vaccination. In 2022, SIDC focused on the importance of testing, with the goal of raising awareness on Hepatitis B and C facts, symptoms, modes of transmission, and prevention. Because Hepatitis A is spreading in Lebanon, SIDC launched a social media campaign about prevention, hygiene, and treatment.



Know Overdose!

During the International Overdose Awareness Day that falls on August 31st, SIDC focused on overdose awareness and prevention, targeting the general public to support people who use drugs and fight stigma and discrimination. The organisation also engaged people who use drugs, to learn more about overdose, seek support and reduce harm. SIDC is also joining efforts with Skoun, AJEM, MENAHRA, MENANPUD and LPA with the support of the Ministry of public health and the National Mental Health Program to increase the availability of Naloxone in Lebanon. SIDC continues to stand in solidarity with people who use/ inject drugs and believe that they should not be criminalised and they have the right to access treatment and support.



World AIDS Day 2022: Tell a Friend!

World AIDS Day is observed on December 1st of every year. SIDC launched the “Tell a Friend” campaign in 2022, with support of MENAHRA to raise awareness about the necessity of HIV testing, condom use, and treatment. SIDC collaborated on this campaign with the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health’s National AIDS Program by releasing a video on HIV testing in the field, showing the awareness provided to people so they could be educators to their friends and tell them all HIV relevant information. SIDC works to expand access to HIV testing in several areas of Lebanon, including Beirut, Mount Lebanon, Akkar, and Bekaa, and to highlight and document all types of violations that people living with HIV face in Lebanon, such as abuse, stigma, and discrimination.





STAFF DEVELOPMENT & SELF CARE

During the year 2022, SIDC has been committed to the development of its employees through trainings and capacity building workshops. Thirteen full-time employees have received more than 3 trainings over the duration of the year. Below are the topics delivered to the employees, depending on their positions, required knowledge development, and the agencies supporting this development.

Capacity and Team Building

HEALTH & WELLBEING

- Health and safety trainings: PSEAH Training, Safety & Security, Needle & Syringe Program (NSP), Naxolone Community Distribution
- Mental health trainings: Development and Organization in MH Services, Proper Case Management & Safe Referral of MH Cases, Sexual Health, Mental Health, and Social Problems faced by the LGBTQIA+ community in Lebanon, MHIS & 4Ws Training sessions
- Health and wellness trainings: Addictologie, Training on M-Pox, OST Training

CAPACITY BUILDING

- Finance and accounting trainings: Anti-Fraud
- Human resources management trainings: Human Resources
- Monitoring and evaluation trainings: M&E Management Training for NGOs
- Project management trainings: Project Cycle Management

GENDER & GBV

- Gender and development trainings: GBV Coaching Program/GBV Training, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Expressions, & Sexual Characteristics (SOGIESC)

SAFETY

- Aid distribution and management trainings: Empowered Aid Toolkit for Planning & Monitoring Safer Aid Distributors

OTHERS

- Social work training: Workshop for social workers and frontline workers
- Risk management training: RIMs Training
- Professional development trainings: Activits Development Program - ADP MENA, Coaching & Mentoring Workshop for the pool of Investigators

Agencies Supporting

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A guidance was developed on occupational health and safety and IPC to be validated and integrated within the P&Ps of LANA members in December 2022.

Under the framework of the previous project entitled “Power of Change” which was empowered by UNICEF in 2021, SIDC has developed a standardised guide to build the capacity of the social workers and frontline workers on topics related to youth and adolescents. The guide compiled the following topics:

- Social, psychological and physical changes during adolescence
- Male and female reproductive system
- Family planning and condom use
- Sexually transmitted disease
- HIV
- Gender roles and sexuality
- Values and attitudes towards gender, STIS, HIV, and sexual intercourse
- Sexual awareness community activity
- Depression and stigma
- Self-harm and suicide
- Stress and anxiety disorders
- Substance use
- Stressful issues: relationships and peer pressure.

Standard Operating Procedure for Case Management

ISF SOP

A study on Covid 19 in Prison

A study on the effects of Covid 19 on Sex Workers

Developing the guide أكثر من معلومة

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