



“It is my right to learn, play & live peacefully.”

Vision:

We work for a world where all children enjoy the right to education even in the most preventive circumstances. Our mission is to support as many as possible of the refuge children of the Syrian crisis that are in need, and to mitigate the decline of education and the rise of child labor.

About Alphabet:

Alphabet Alternative Education is a non-governmental, non-profit foundation. Founded on September 3, 2013 as a single school out of a tent, Alphabet now proudly stands at 10 schools responsible for the education of over 1,000 students.

Alphabet provides alternative education for Syrian children deprived of any means of education in areas of displacement throughout the Beqaa Valley in Lebanon. We help develop the children’s abilities to the appropriate education level.

Our staff has been trained through specialized courses for alternative education during times of crisis, and has the capability and experience to design, implement, and monitor the program and the children’s performance.

In addition to educational services, Alphabet also tries to improve the overall living conditions of the families in the camps where our schools are stationed. We believe our students have the right to live in acceptable conditions and with dignity, and take any opportunity we can to improve their environment. These projects are designed to produce a profound beneficiary effect on the student's emotional well being and their motivation to learn.

What We Do:

We educate children ages 5 to 14 core English, Mathematics, Arabic, Science and Social Studies. These courses are especially tailored so that our children may keep up to speed in core curricular skills and continue their education after graduation. Upon their graduation from Alphabet, we enroll our students in mainstream Lebanese public schools so they can continue their higher education in a formal manner. We hope to be able to provide scholarships for all Alphabet graduates.

We have set up extracurricular activities such as music, painting, and football to provide the children with some form of constructive entertainment to fill their time with, as well as a small library and television in every class and some children's DVDs. We also provide literacy classes for illiterate parents, and knitting courses for out-of-work mothers to help them be able to aid in their children's education and earn some livelihood.

As the situation of the camps is impoverished and in constant need of aid, especially in rough winter blizzards, we secure humanitarian aid comprised of material donations such as blankets, firewood, diapers, and any other needs for the refugees.

Why We Need Support:

Alphabet runs solely on donations, and needs \$15,000 per month to pay our teachers' and administrators' salaries to maintain operating. Our need for funding is volatile, because often the schools, camps, or children need miscellaneous expenses for needs such as stationery, clothing, medicine, and food, especially in times of emergency or shortage. Our side projects to improve the refugees' living conditions are also costly, and are funded only by individual donors as well.