





# Calling all the Lebanese in the Diaspora! SOS!

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Dear friends,

We are living today in Lebanon in a total disaster...a total collapse, a cataclysm...

I cannot properly qualify this nightmarish situation!

Nothing works anymore!

Neither the health system: We are afraid of falling ill, afraid of not receiving the necessary care.

Nor the legal system: Surely you have followed the latest news, I will not dwell unnecessarily on it!

Nor the education system: Public schools have been closed for over a month. Children are no longer going to school because of the strike by teachers who can no longer afford to pay for gas to come and give their lessons.

The ministries are all paralyzed for the same reasons.

The banks have confiscated the assets of the people.

The price of basic foods such as milk, bread, cereals, hygiene products are constantly increasing; medications are scarce. We are forced to go search among several pharmacies, while dealing with extremely expensive prices of gasoline, to try to find a medicine or a box of milk for an infant! Pharmacies even closed their doors for a day, no longer knowing at what price to sell their medicines, given the galloping inflation of the Lebanese pound indexed to the dollar.

Water and electricity are also scarce commodities; we are entitled to 50 min of electricity per day that is if we are lucky enough! The water does not reach us because the turbines need electricity to operate.

Engine subscriptions are expensive, and due to the galloping price of gasoline, are no longer within everyone's reach! Electricity is not a luxury, especially for our children!

Not to even mention our salaries in Lebanese pound! They no longer have any value, they no longer buy anything!

We have fallen into a deep, bottomless pit!

No hope on the horizon. What else awaits us?

Our dear "Country of Cedars" has completely collapsed!! It's sad, scary and above all so revolting!









### What to do?

Should we give up and stop all our actions while waiting for better days?

NO! If we stop, we accept the complete suicide of the country!

No, no and no!

We won't stop!

We will continue our fight until our last breath to support these children with disability and their helpless parents.

They need us. We are their voices!

They cannot breathe, eat, move, take care of themselves or leave their homes without our presence by their side.

#### We are their only hope!

#### You are ours!

We have been able to resist so far and we have survived wars and several tragedies. We will be able to get up once again! But for that and in the meantime, we need to remain active and present in the lives of these innocent children handicapped by life conditions and country politicians!

Help us continue our mission!

Help us light a candle in the life of each of our children, in this very dark context and at all levels.

Help us redouble our efforts for them; they need us so much...they are counting on us!

Help us keep the doors of our center open for them, for their families...

Help us rekindle their hope and ours.

Help us continue our daily struggle, not to give up...

You are our only hope today!

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