

## Monthly Report

*This report should be used for reporting at the end of an Embrace the Middle East capacity development grant.*

### SECTION 1. BASIC INFORMATION

<b>Title of Project</b>	Oral Health Prevention and Infection Control for Syrian Refugees and Lebanese Marginalized Population		
<b>Name of organisation</b>	The Syrian American Medical Society		
<b>Project Location</b> (district, town, city)	Bekka, Lebanon		
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<b>Report Period</b>	From: May 2022	To: June 2022	

### SECTION 2. SITUATION UPDATE

#### **Provide an overview of project activities/update.**

The dental mission launched in late May 2022. The team consist of one lead international dentist, one local dentist and three community health workers in central Bekka over a period of five days. Starting June 2022, the group visited schools in Bekaa and targeted children aged 4 to 16. Daily coordination, follow-up, and weekly planning of schedule and identification of schools were completed with the SAMS Lebanon team.

The performed activities were the following:

- Oral and dental examinations of the children were conducted at their schools (parental consent was obtained).
- Health promotion and awareness sessions were held daily, focusing on dental and oral hygiene, nutrition, and instructions on the protection of teeth. Educating families on the importance of nutrition on oral and dental health on preventing diseases; encouraging better eating behaviors and better nutritional status.
- Active caries was treated with SDF.
- Teeth were coated with fluoride varnish to help prevent tooth decay.
- Extractions and other treatments on site were performed by the dentists as indicated.
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste were provided upon availability.

### SECTION 3. REPORT BENEFICIARY NUMBERS FOR THIS PERIOD ONLY

A total of 694 school children were examined during the 5 days other dental mission. Out of these, 531 (76.5%) of them were screened and treated for the first time and 163 (23.5%) were seen for the second time/reevaluated. About 52% (N=360) were males and 48%.

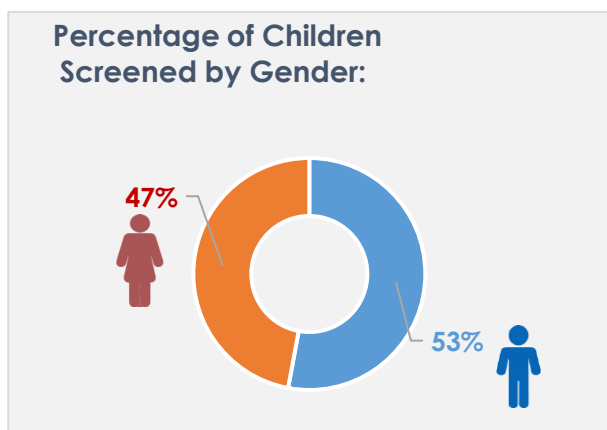
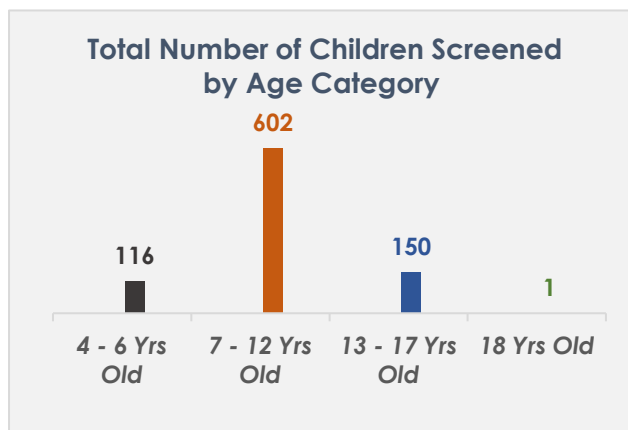
	Male	Female
<b>First time</b>	276	255
<b>Re-evaluation</b>	84	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>334</b>

A total of six schools were visited: Al Makased, Sawa, Bunat el Hadarah, Hand School, Giras el Amal, and Dar al Arkam. Three out of these six schools (Sawa, Bunat el Hadarah and Dar Al Arkam) had students who were seen for both the first time and reevaluated.

School Name	No. of Males	No. of Females	Total No. of children
Al Makased	70	61	131
Bunat Al Hadarah	34	25	59
Dar Al Arkam	56	43	99
Ghiras El Amal	70	73	143
Hand	100	98	198
Sawa	30	34	64
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>694</b>

### June 2022

A total of 869 children were examined during this month. About 53% (N=469) were males, and 47% (N=409) were females. Most children were aged 7-12 years (N=602, 69%).



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#	School Name	# of males screened	# of females screened	Total # of Children
1	Phoenix	238	202	440
2	Ghiras El Amal	85	77	162
3	Elm W Tamkeen	70	49	119
4	Jusoor	57	56	113
5	Sawa	10	25	35
	<b>Total</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>869</b>

### Did the project face any challenges? How were they resolved?

- School opening hours and end of year examinations posed some challenges on the schedule of the project activities. This was addressed by exploring alternative schools than originally planned that aligned with projects schedule. In addition to accommodating schools with summer program/schedules.
- Schools with evening schedules, outside with working hours of the team was a challenges faced. The project team coordinated with school administration and families to bring in the children earlier on the days of the project implementation to accommodate the team.
- Shortage supply of toothpastes during the start of the project led to some schools receiving them, while other did not. This was resolved by receiving supplies from the Miles for Smiles program.
- Referrals for root canals and advanced procedures were compromised because of the unavailability of a partner clinic at the full disposal of the team. It is recommended to have one to refer such cases and treat them for free.

### Please share any additional information if needed supporting your project/program.

Global Miles for Smiles program provided the following dental supplies:

- Self-seal sterilization pouches, dental cotton buds, Acclean SF varnish- 56 packs, Riva star tooth desensitizing agent- 170 packs, Dental mirror spoons, and Colgate toothpaste.

SAMS Lebanon procured the following items:

- Autoclave, tablets, sharp containers, gloves, gowns, caps, under pads, disinfectant wipes, cotton rolls, Gauze, resalable bags, sterile water, and disinfectant solutions.