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EDUCATION:

300 MORE CHILDREN BACK-TO-SCHOOL THIS YEAR!

This new school year, 1,500 out-of-school children will be learning at the nine education centers we are supporting in Lebanon. Mathematics, History, Arabic, English, Sports : enough subjects for everyone!

Over 300 more refugee children who weren't going to school will be reached with education this new academic year. In total, there are 1,500 children getting a high quality non-formal education at the nine centers MERATH is supporting this year, up from 1,200 in 2016/17. Going to school is more than just learning for these refugee children. It gives them a much-needed routine, a safe place to play with their peers and hope of a better future.

The centers are also providing psychosocial support, including group and individualized counseling for children with the most significant challenges.



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“ Meet Samar* ”

In Syria, my family and I were happy, and life was good. Now we live in a small tent in the Beqaa Valley. My husband tries to find day labor, but work is scarce and his health is not good. We were introduced to the church by some of our neighbors. The church is helping us tremendously now.

Through the church we receive monthly food assistance and my children are finally back in school. Between displacement in Syria and moving to Lebanon they missed four years of school. The education program at the church has helped them catch up on the years they missed and has changed them a lot. They are happy now and confident. Even during the weekend they want to go school. The teachers are like second mothers to them and care for them so much.

They were extremely sad to leave Syria and affected by the war. The school has not only helped them academically, but emotionally.

* Name changed