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BASIC NEEDS:

LOOKING AFTER THE OVERLOOKED

The Black Lives Matter movement is strongly resonating in Lebanon. Local voices are now rising up to denounce the underlying racism in the Lebanese society, which has overlooked for decades the many abuses faced by migrant domestic workers. There are over 250,000 migrant domestic workers in the country - mostly women - coming from African and Asian countries to work full time in private households. Although many of these women have been among the most vulnerable and marginalized in the country for a long time, the financial crisis and the COVID-19 outbreak have made their situation even more desperate. They either haven't been paid for months or are earning only the equivalent of \$50 a month, much less than their original contractual amount. In the worst cases, some women have been abandoned in the streets by their employers with nothing.

Please pray for guidance and open doors as our team tries to respond to their worsening needs.



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“ Meet Djajida *

The most difficult thing was not being able to talk to anybody. I could only call my mother once a month for a few minutes. I spent all my alone time crying.

You know, I wouldn't even have minded the workload and the poor treatment, if only I was getting paid and I could have sent money to my family in Kenya.

We came to Lebanon thinking it would be much better than in our countries. But things are very difficult. We haven't sent any money to our families, let alone save money to start a better life in our home countries.

But our faith has helped us through it all. We believe that God has a plan for our life, and will not abandon us. He has been faithful to us so far.

This food voucher we received from you is yet another proof of that!

** Name changed*



More about Djajida and migrant domestic workers in Lebanon