



**PVA**

# Impact

Annual Report

**2018**



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# Patriotic Vision

Patriotic Vision PVA is an international non-governmental organization with special consultative status at the United Nations, seeks to promote social civilization, and raise the well being of the individual and the society in an environment that saves freedom and the right of choosing within the humanitarian and social boundaries. Cooperate and coordinate international action for the worldwide protection of human rights and the resolution of human right violation problems.

PVA also works on peace building, and seeks to social, economical, and patriotic development, and to new outlooks of development throughout suggesting solutions for emerging challenges and the peaceful resolution of disputes.

PVA's primary purpose is to safeguard the rights and well-being of human being. In its efforts to achieve this objective, the Organization strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to life and to live in freedom and safety, and to be equal in dignity and rights, and can claim their rights regardless of sex, race, language, religion, social standing, etc. Committed to, guided, and based on the UN Conventions.

PVA established in 2013 and registered and licensed in 2015. It has obtained special consultative status with United Nations in 2018.

## Word from the Executive Director

Dear friends,

It is a pleasure to share with you this Patriotic Vision - PVA Annual Report for 2018 which highlights the achievements of PVA and its partners.

In 2018, we made deliberate shifts to focus our programmes on the most vulnerable people and communities. This is aligned with the socio-economic development priorities and PVA's Strategy. We are proud to have been a part of efforts to reach out to some of the most vulnerable people through interventions in livelihoods, education, child protection, food security, nutrition, shelter, infrastructure and much more... A critical part of our work was a strong accountability programme, which used a variety of mechanisms to ensure that we listened to communities and incorporated their concerns and feedback into our programming and implementation. Communities and local government representatives attest to the achievements of our response teams and I believe we have achieved our response goal to meet the emergency needs, strengthen the resilience and self-recovery, and restore a sense of safety for children and their communities.

This year we also saw the launch of Patriotic Vision's youth strategy in line with United Nations Youth 2030 agenda. We have continued to sharpen our focus on a limited number of youth project models that have been proven to deliver the sustainable development goals. We have also worked hard to reduce our administrative costs, successfully reducing these from 19% in FY17 to 14.8% in FY18, to enable more funding to benefit the people we serve.

Finally, I would like to thank all our partners including governments, United Nations, donors, local communities, NGOs, INGOs, and CSOs, as well as our staff and volunteers, for your amazing support this year. We are pleased to announce, that through your partnership, we reached 8,542 direct and 274,029 indirect beneficiaries this year through our programs and projects. We look forward to your continued support in 2019 to transform more communities and deliver the Sustainable Development Goals toward better future for all.

Warm Wishes,

Mohamad Kassem Safa  
Executive Director and  
Permanent Representative at United Nations



## 2018 in numbers

**62**   
staff

**9**\*   
regions

**900**<sup>+</sup>  
Volunteers

**12** projects

**7** long-term projects

**ECOSOC**

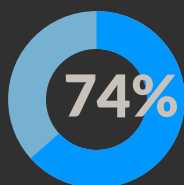
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**274,029**

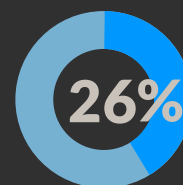
Person Indirectly targeted this year

**8,542**

Person directly targeted this year



funded by **Governments, private partners, multilateral & others**



funded by **International institution**

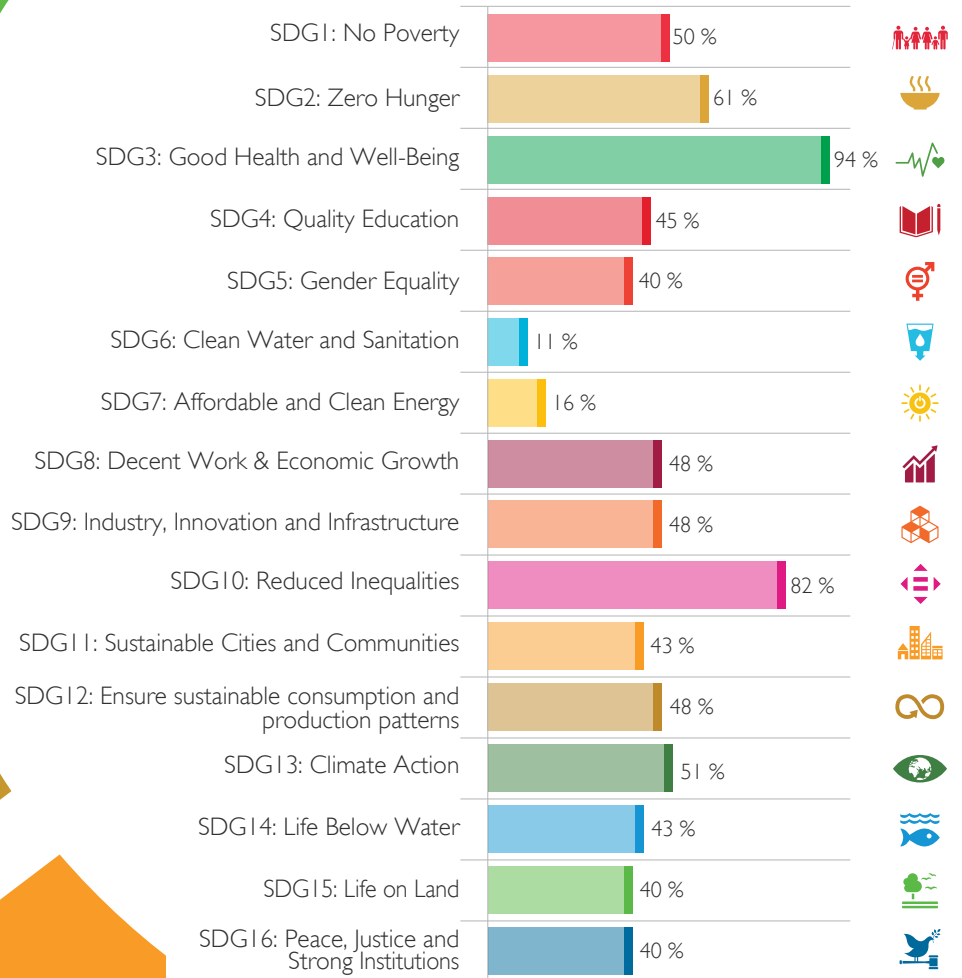
**\* 2 Countries \***

**Lebanon:** Beirut, Tyre, Al-Hosh, Aabbassiyeh, Borj Rahal, Toura, Srafa, Yanouh. / **Switzerland:** Geneva

# SELECTED UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS **SECTOR** ACHIEVEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR 2018

Percentage of SDGs - people directly targeted in 2018



**PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS**  
**LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND**

## Message from President



Dear Friends,

2018 was another exciting and fulfilling year for Patriotic Vision - PVA. In particular, the year was characterized by growth and expansion, with the support from generous donors, which allowed PVA to reach thousands of direct and indirect beneficiaries.

PVA is truly blessed by the resources it receives and has utilized them well, to improve wellbeing of children, strengthening communities, ensuring social stability, households economies, multiply youth impact, development, and that the environment is protected through innovations in climate change programming and natural resource management.

PVA also responded quickly and effectively to any humanitarian emergencies by strengthening our work with refugee populations and vulnerable households. PVA works to ensure that all are protected and live in a positive fulfilling environment, that they participate and are engaged and are an integral part of all our work.

During the year PVA obtained special consultative status with United Nations, a PVA-UN mission was formed at United Nations Office Geneva (UNOG) to ensure human rights for everyone, everywhere, through participation in the work of the United Nations Human Rights Council (HRC), and also working side-by-side with United Nations Economic and Social Council New York (ECOSOC) to contribute to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals and multiply Youth impact in line with United Nations Agenda 2030.

A new senior leadership team was put in place with fresh energy and bright hope for the future. The focus of the new Senior Leadership Team has been on strengthening PVA's leadership in key sectors; further developing our Advisory Council to support the work we do for people and improving staff and volunteers wellbeing.

We thank you all our partners who made the success of PVA in 2018 possible!

Mr. Kassem Saleh Safa  
President  
Patriotic Vision - PVA





# Financial Summary



#YOUTH2

### Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2018

	2017/\$	2018/\$
<b>Revenue</b>		
Funds available from 2017	330	
Donations and gifts		14,133
International institutions		24,655
Government funding		15,383
Multilateral funding		19,917
Private Partners		13,690
Other income		7,250
Total revenue		95,358
<b>Expenses</b>		
Projects and Programs expenditure:		
Funds to Youth Projects Paid		25,643
Funds to Child Projects Paid		16,384
Funds to Women and Girls Projects Paid		6,100
Funds to Environment Projects Paid		8,442
Funds to Humanitarian Response Paid		12,333
Funds to Development Projects Paid		11,813
Accountability and Administration		14,078
Total expenses		94,793
<b>Excess of revenue over expenses</b>		565
Other comprehensive income		-
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		565

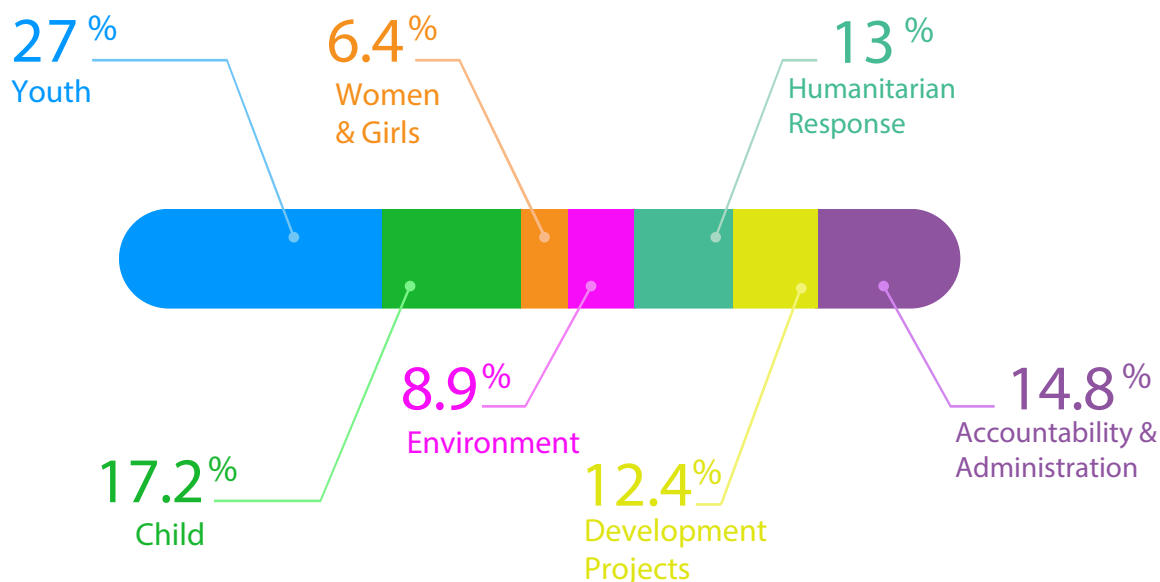
Patriotic Vision - PVA works hard to use the resources entrusted to us as efficiently and effectively as possible to deliver maximum impact to people and communities in need. This commitment is rooted in our vision and goals, particularly that of stewardship.

Patriotic Vision - PVA has adopted a common definition of 'Accountability' as the commitment of an individual or organization to account for its activities and promises made, provide information, listen and empower its diverse stakeholders to actively participate and hold to account, accept responsibility for its decisions, disclose the results in a transparent manner and uphold the highest ethical behaviour in our operations. It also includes the responsibility for money or other entrusted properties to be used in the most efficient and responsible manner possible.

For the year ended 31 December 2018, there were no amounts earned or incurred by Patriotic Vision - PVA for the following categories: non-monetary donations and gifts, revenue from international political or religious adherence promotional programs, non-monetary expenditure, international political or religious adherence promotion programs expenditure and domestic programs expenditure. Further information can be obtained on request to the PVA by contacting [info@pva-lb.org](mailto:info@pva-lb.org)

### Investment and Expenditure by key sector

For the year ended 31 December 2018





#YOUTH2030

The future is youth - مستقبلنا شبابنا

12 October 2018

Lebanon



# Youth Bridges Project

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Patriotic Vision desires that every youth has an opportunity to live a full life. It aims at contributing to the United Nations goals of #Youth2030 which is to contribute to communities. It also seeks to empower youth to be agents of change.

Currently, Patriotic Vision is focusing its efforts on implementing programs geared towards achieving Youth Awareness, Understanding, Action, and dialogue. These are

- Youth for Sustainable Development Goals
- Youth for Environment
- Youth for Recognize Emerging Challenges
- Youth for social stability

# Strengthening youth Capacities to Building social and environmental stability in Lebanon

## Executive Summary

Integrate more than 100 youth from three Arab nationalities “Lebanese, Syrian and Palestinian”

## Goal

Strengthening youth Capacities to Building social and environmental stability in Lebanon

## Seven youth priority

1. Social Stability: Stabilization of patriotic standards, and social stability between citizens and migrants.
2. Global Goals: Work on achieving sustainable development goals.
3. Environment/Climate Change: Ensure climate resilient sustainable development.
4. Voluntarism: Develop and encourage the spirit of volunteerism among youth.
5. Capacity building: Capacity development training to improve the building of a better future.
6. Child Protection: Promote child protection, participation and development.
7. Disaster Risk Reduction and Emergency Response: Improve community resilience to shocks and response to disasters.

## Introduction (Background & Activities)

The main purpose of the project is to ease the tension between the citizens themselves and the refugees on the other hand. This tension may affect Lebanese social stability through: social exclusion, religious and political and culture diversity, Discrimination, and the influx of large numbers of refugees into Lebanon leads to labor competition. As such, future reforms to address Lebanese social stability issues must take these factors into consideration and also ensure the protection of refugees rights.

In line with Patriotic Vision’s objective of contributing towards attaining social stability for better future, Patriotic Vision provided various trainings related to building capacity, entrepreneurship, keeping children safe and develop the spirit of volunteerism, by integrating citizens and refugees in these activities.

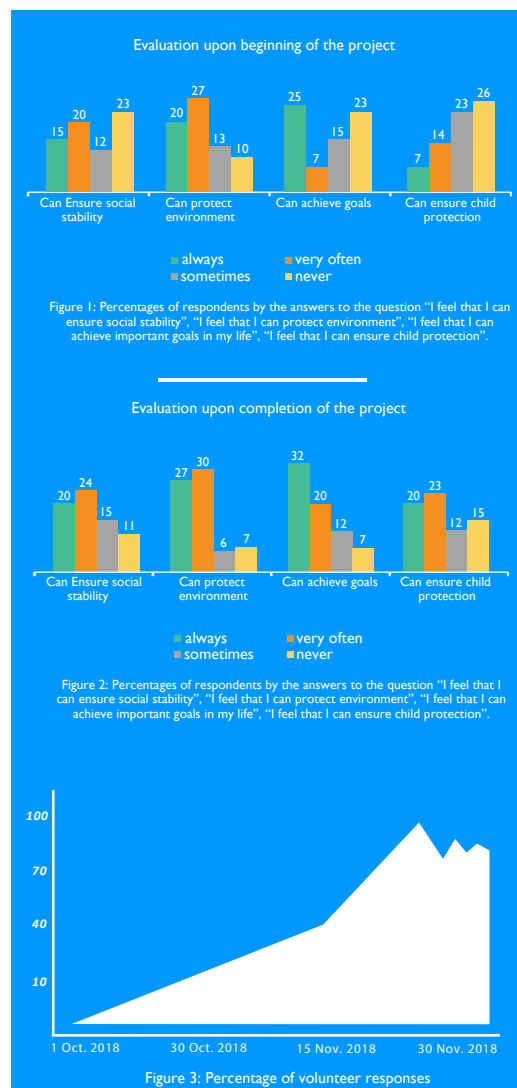
These trainings helped raise community awareness "especially among YOUTH" on the need of voluntarism to protect the environment, reduce climate change, ensure gender equality, child protection and building capacity youth to achieve the sustainable development goals. Through these 8 activities:

- Training course on building capacity for better future.
- Training course on keeping children safe for child protection.
- Training course on entrepreneurship for project management.
- Clean seas campaign in 6 different locations for beat plastic pollution.
- Sand Turtle with message Beat Plastic Pollution.
- Afforestation campaign in 4 different locations for reducing climate change.
- A Syrian traditional lunch at the invitation from refugees youth "Syrian and Palestinian" to Lebanese youth
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## Youth participants. The inclusion criteria were:

The project was designed to strive for maximum variation of the participants for gender, age, religion and nationality. More than 100 youth aged 15-30 years 50/50 men and women, and 50/50 “citizens”, “refugees” and “migrants” were directly targeted to contribute and ensure social and environmental stability in Lebanon.

The project targeted nearly 926 beneficiaries directly and 218,704 beneficiaries indirectly.





### Building a better future (building capacity course)

This three-day intensive course is designed in collaboration with experts to develop youth with the life skills techniques to determine their impacts of building a better future. The course brought together 5 trainers, 15 staff and volunteers with 120 selected youth from three different nationalities "citizens, refugees and migrants" to build capacity and life skills in line with social stability. In addition to discovering participants' dreams and purpose, how to train themselves to be accepted in the labor market, and working within a team to make a difference in society. The participants also had the opportunity to put into practice the knowledge gained during the theoretical classes.



### Training of Trainers - TOT course (Keeping Children Safe)

Keeping Children Safe offered a 5-day TOT course that provided a complete package by 2 professional trainers for 120 selected youth. The course aims to support youth at the international and local levels and put these standards into practice to promote and enhance the care and protection of children. It has included a variety of exercises that can be used as part of a training approach that will help youth meet their child protection training needs. It also contained programs and workshop targeting young employees with special roles within the organization. The training package provided resources for 30 staff and volunteers in the organization responsible for providing child protection.



### Entrepreneurship course (project management)

Entrepreneurship training was provided by 4 trainers to 20 staff and 120 selected youth, giving them the opportunity to hone their leadership, personal and business skills with the aim of eradicating extreme poverty, securing livelihoods; Empowering young people to create their own businesses and build skills relevant to good employment through 4 different skill models: Life skills; Career development skills; Entrepreneurship skills; and Driving skills. The training focused on women to improve their lives by increasing women's participation in local decision-making and increasing the number of women entrepreneurs. Also, we empowered vulnerable youth who dropped out of high school to create, secure and sustain jobs.



### Clean Seas Campaign

The campaigns took place for 6 days in 6 different locations. More than 1.5 tons of waste were collected by 200 volunteers, joined by nearly 150 people from official and private institutions, UN, celebrities and CSOs, they made a Sandcastle turtle (8 meters long and 5 meters wide) out of sand and waste that was collected during cleanup campaigns, with message "Beat plastic pollution and clean seas". The campaign aimed to secure commitments to phase out single-use plastics, improve plastics management and commit to redesign, reuse and recycling. It has also increased public awareness of the dangers of plastic pollution on oceans and marine animals, which targeted 4 municipalities with a population of about 200,000 people.



### Afforestation Campaign

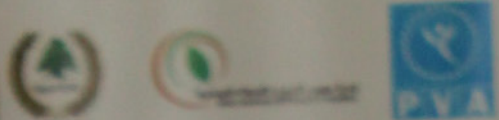
In collaboration with municipalities and the local community, more than 250 volunteers planted more than 200 trees in four different locations in residential areas of about 15,000 people to create a public park. With the aim of encouraging public movement and the spirit of volunteerism, especially among young people, to increase green spaces, protect the environment and reduce climate change. As well as providing natural resources to communities in a sustainable manner without any destruction. Conserving air, water, soil and natural beauty is always an issue on our agenda.



### Traditional Lunch (Lebanese - Syrian - Palestinian)

120 selected youth and 30 staff and volunteers prepared a traditional lunch from their culture (Lebanese, Syrian and Palestinian), invited each other at a table, hosted nearly 100 Lebanese and Syrian MPs, religious figures from different sects and representatives of Palestinians and the local community to join them in this traditional meal, in harmony with social stability, they established friendly relations and exchange cultures and gain direct experience. The impact didn't end with one lunch. We asked each citizen to host at least one migrant guest at a future luncheon at their home, while a migrant person would do the same.





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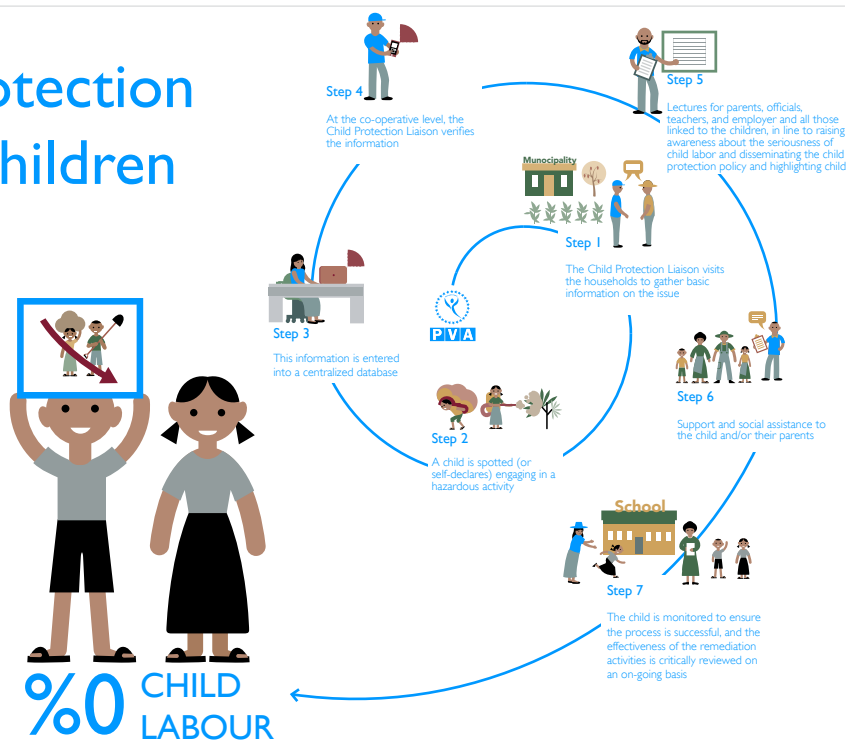


# Child Labour Project



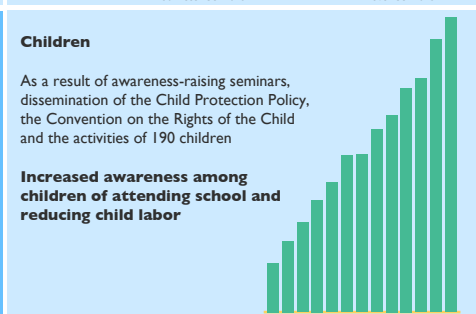
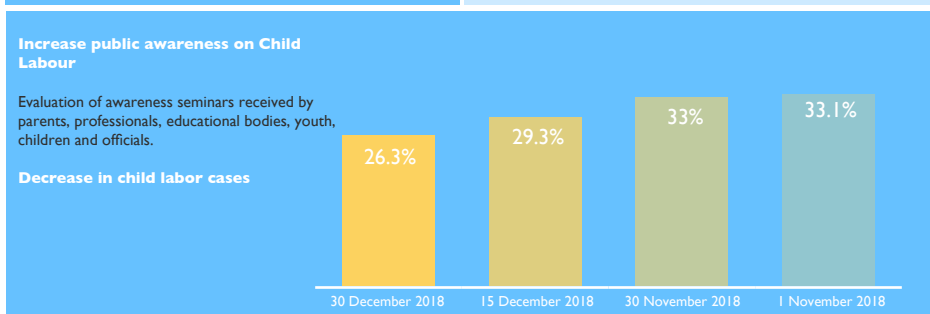
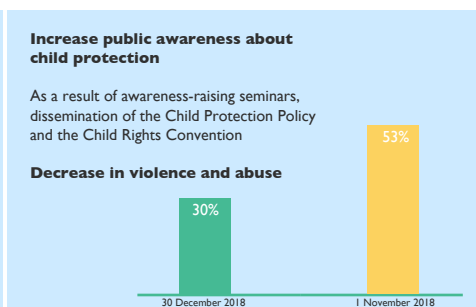
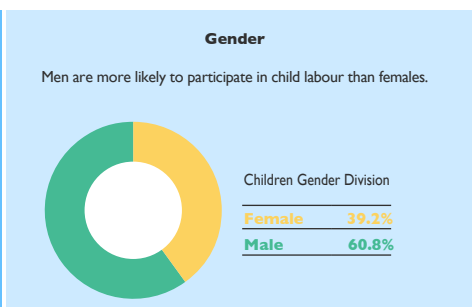
# Strengthening the protection and participation of children

The Child Labour Reduction Project which is linked to Patriotic Vision Child Protection Policy (CPP) contributed to improved quality of life of families and children. In 2018, PVA targeted 800 beneficiaries directly and 12,000 indirectly. The problem of child labour was addressed through integrated strategies and direct interventions that resulted in measurable positive effects. Quantitative and qualitative program results affirm the contribution of PVA achievements towards the Sustainable Development Goals, and global nutrition, health and education targets. Working in close cooperation with government, non-government organizations (NGOs), and communities, Patriotic Vision built on existing delivery systems within Municipalities, schools and civil society equipping them to strengthen the coverage and quality of their mandated activities. The foundation for a self-sustaining education, nutrition and health infrastructure was laid, by empowering communities to take ownership for project activities within their grasp: child protection, reducing child labour, capacity building of community workers in education, nutrition and health, establishment of public gardens, voluntary committees, and increase households income through support households. This year, PVA helped combat child labour through these 12 activities:



- Awareness lectures for Officials on child protection policy and child labour.
- Awareness lectures for Mothers on child protection policy and child labour.
- Awareness lectures for Fathers on child protection policy and child labour.
- Awareness lectures for Employer on child labour and how to protect children during work.
- Awareness lectures for Educational Bodies and Social Activists on child labour and create "child protection committees".
- Awareness lectures for Youth on child labour and their role to protect children.
- Awareness lectures for children on child labor, knowledge of their rights, ways to protect themselves and the importance of learning.
- Sports Festival under the title "Right to Play".
- Cultural activities for children under the title "The right to learn".
- Social assistance to support families and children by returning their children to school.
- Recreational activity for people with special needs under the title of social integration.
- Presenting a donation to the Municipality for a development project to encourage reading and children's activities.

Data and statistics covering nearly 800 targeted children, youth, parents, professionals, educational bodies, actors and others aged 5 to 53 are analyzed in December 2018.







**Parents Committee and children - Child Protection Policy and Child Labour**

A total of 127 parents and guardians received four intensive awareness-raising seminars on the dangers of child labor on the future, health, development and body of their children, the importance of education, and how to protect their children from exploitation, abuse, violence and modern slavery. 80% of parents cooperated and decided to support their children's studies and limit their work. In addition, more than 400 children participated in the various activities of the project and received seminars on the dangers of child labor and the importance of learning to build a better and sustainable future and how to protect themselves from violence, abuse and exploitation.



**Officials, Educational Bodies and Social Activists - Child Protection Committees**

The meetings and seminars in which more than 100 people from officials, municipality, educational bodies, religious figures, civil society and social activists participated, ended with the formation of a committee to follow up on child protection at work, schools and children's gathering centers based on Patriotic Vision PVA Child Protection Policy and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.



**Youth - child labor and youth's role in protecting children**

More than 100 young people played a prominent role in raising awareness of child rights and the importance of reducing child labor. After receiving many seminars and training courses, they have been able to be messengers in their communities in order to explain child protection policy and make this policy a basis in their public conversations and strive to communicate this idea directly and indirectly to the largest possible group and urge other groups to do so, the groups that did not participate in any of the project activities to cooperate and work side by side to combat child labor and protect children.



**Employer - child labour and how to protect children during work**

Intensive seminars are designed for employers to raise awareness about child labor, child rights violations, future poverty, ignorance and unemployment, and how to follow a child protection policy at work place to protect these children from physical and moral violence, exploitation and abuse. The seminars attracted the interest of 73 employers in reducing child labor and coordinating with educational authorities to bring these children back behind school desks for the sake of society as a whole.



**Child rights - the right to education, right to play, children with special needs**

Children were invited to the public library under the title "The Right to learn" where they received lectures and explored themselves and their skills through a free drawing activities about child labor, child protection and the importance of learning for them. This activity was attended by 190 children in two stages. A purposeful sporting activity was organized under the title "The Right to Play". 120 children participated in more than 10 football matches. On the other hand, children with special needs were targeted on an entertaining day and participated in sports activities with the aim of social integration and ensuring their rights.



**Families and the municipality - social, in-kind and financial assistance**

When implementing child rights projects, PVA and its partners seek to make a good impact through a simple development project that has a clear impact on children. To achieve this, PVA donated to the Public Library Hall, which consisted of rehabilitating the library and providing it with electronics, books and other tools to support the purposeful activities of the children. In addition, PVA provided social assistance to families such as school bags, stationery and toys for all participants and direct beneficiaries of the project, which numbered 800 people.





# Waste Sorting Project

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Integrated waste management can deliver the social, economic and environmental dimension of sustainable development.

Waste prevention, recycling, reuse, and recovery are important waste management strategies that eases the burden on landfills, conserves natural resources, and saves energy. This helps utilize resources more effectively and sustainably.

Environmental education will shape a new generation of decision-makers. Young people are more resistant to changing behaviours to tackle climate change.

# Strengthening student’s capacities to improve waste management and beat plastic pollution

Patriotic Vision - PVA offers innovative waste reduction and recycling outreach programs to universities, elementary and middle schools in Lebanon. The goal of these programs is to educate students, staff, and their families about waste sorting from the source, beat plastic pollution, recycling and to waste sorting at school and at home to increase recycling process. Working with children and youth engages the next generation of partnership in sorting and reducing waste and gives them the skills needed to help their families do the same work and recycling.

By providing a full range of educational and technical assistance offerings, PVA is able to provide relevant support and education to schools and teachers to help them elevate this important topic area.

These programs include a school-wide theatrical assembly show, individual classroom workshops, customized technical assistance, action project assistance, equip schools with waste sorting equipment, media awareness, and family outreach booths.

Now in its fifth year, PVA continues to educate students, engage families and advance recycling at Universities and Schools. Every year, the program has expanded its reach to new schools while continuing to deliver programs to schools who have participated in the past.

For classroom workshops, schools expressed that they would like to have more workshops offered to multiple classrooms. Waste Management doubled the number of programs available to each school. All workshops were developed to align with current Lebanon standards and Next Generation Science standards.

For the technical assistance portion of the program, Patriotic Vision made personal contacts with each of the participating schools. We learned that hands-on personal visits were extremely valuable. Many schools expressed that they would not be making the waste sorting and recycling improvements without the outside support that the program provides. Each year we’ve continued to grow our program and adapt content and service offerings based on student and teacher feedback.

## Planning and Goal Setting

This suite of school outreach targets students, teachers, families and custodial staff. By providing education in the schools, we are able to connect directly with students, teachers and custodial staff. By offering a combination of workshops and technical assistance, we are able to meaningfully engage with different groups within each school. The goals of this project include:

- increase student knowledge about waste reduction and recycling
- increase recycling rates and waste reduction in schools
- Decrease the use of single-use plastic in schools
- Students sharing what they learn with their families and others
- Moving from learning to action by encouraging behavior change

Our progress towards each of these goals is measured through surveys, feedback and tracking recycling rates. In 2018, PVA targeted nearly 1,500 beneficiaries directly and 30,500 indirectly.



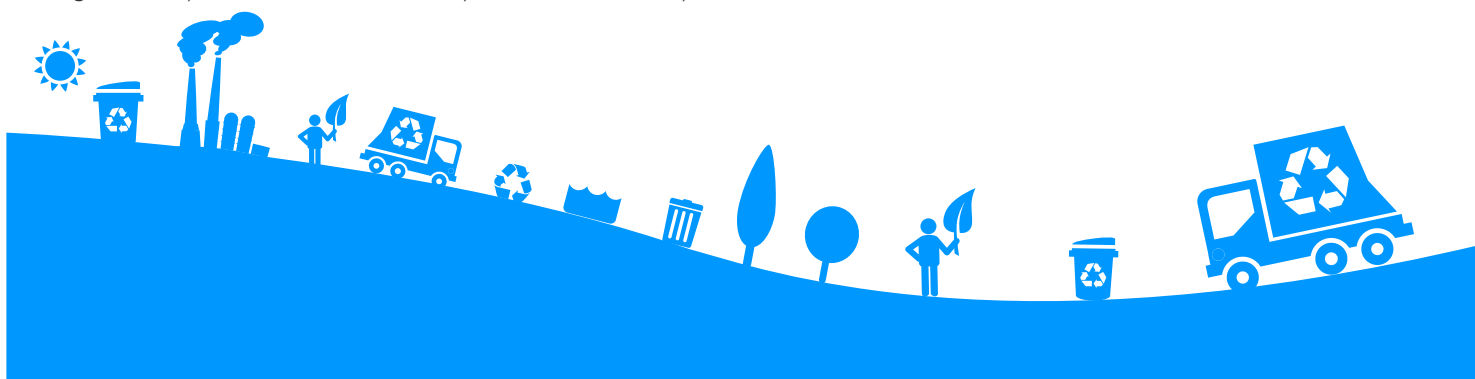
**Healthy Prospects:** Reduce gastrointestinal and respiratory infections, especially in children. Reduce the spread of infectious diseases.



**Environmental Prospects:** Protecting water and air from pollution; reducing climate change; environment protection.



**Economic Prospects:** Transforming Waste into Wealth; securing job opportunities; industrial development; participation with the private sector.





### Students - Understanding the Waste Cycle

The project provided hands-on lessons and activities to 1,500 students with the aim of increasing the students' knowledge of waste management. Its multidisciplinary focus included a curriculum to teach waste sorting from the source, reduce, reuse, recycle and beat plastic pollution. It has included standard-based lessons and thematic units developed for students filled with fun and interesting activities easy-to-follow, it teaches students to be better environmental citizens. A Student's Guide to Waste Sorting has also been launched and distributed - this activity booklet, originally produced by PVA, included activities, the importance of waste sorting, climate change, and facilitate sustainable green practices.



### School - waste sorting equipment

The gist of this project started with the students, teachers, staff and other educational body throwing all sorts of trash into designated, colored waste sorting bins for each type of waste. The project introduced two sets of waste sorting bins. The first set included two bins of two colors, red bin for papers, cardboard and food waste... and the blue bin for other wastes, which were distributed in every classroom, office and hall, while the second set included four bins of four colors, each color for a type of waste, which were distributed in indoor and outdoor playgrounds, gardens, and parking lots. The project also supported the school with shredders and other equipment that helped with waste management.



### Community - Behaviour change campaign

The campaign targeted community meetings, individual households, activists and youth centres - to encourage sorting and recycling at the community level. Further behaviour was changed to improve sorting at the household level. In a survey, 90 percent reported that they are aware of and willing to follow the recycling system, which is positive. The behavior change campaign directly targeted the project's beneficiary groups inside the school and indirectly more than 6,000 people outside the school.



### Municipalities and schools - Economically sustainable model

The project sought to ensure an economically sustainable model which will reduce dependence on foreign aid and the potential for cost recovery through the sale of recyclables wastes, as well as creating job opportunities through the hiring of Incentive-Based Volunteers (IBVs) for daily collection and sorting and on a monthly rotation for behaviour change activities. The school can now collect and sell the trash to identified buyers. The income will provide sustainability of the project. Patriotic Vision oversaw the project and provided technical training.



### Municipalities and schools - environmentally friendly model

The project has collaborated with local municipalities because integration with existing formal and informal waste management procedures is a key to achieving sustainability. A change in national policy has been made that will reduce single-use plastic within schools and the community as a whole, and safely convert residential organic waste into compost for agriculture and other uses. The project model could be improved with greater cost recovery, which could be achieved with additional changes or interventions. These activities targeted 4 municipalities with a population of approximately 24,500 people.



### Public awareness - media campaigns

The project also launched media campaigns through all PVA's social media accounts and in television and radio programmes, as well as posters aimed at raising public awareness of the importance of waste sorting and waste management on the environment, health and economy. Public awareness of how to value the natural world and the understanding of how humans and the environment interact has increased.





**Humanitarian**  
response

**Development**  
assistance



### Food Security and Nutrition - life-saving food assistance

Patriotic Vision believes that every child and family have the right to enough nutritious food each day to live a healthy life. Meeting immediate food needs helped vulnerable households from securing the most basic components of their diet, their meals more nutritious, and their children more highly educated, cared for and protected. To ensure children and families do not have to go to bed hungry, Patriotic Vision has provided 5 tons of life-saving food assistance to 2,000 refugees and vulnerable people.



### Shelter - Tents and tarpaulins

Shelter is a vital survival mechanism in times of crisis or displacement. It is also key to restoring personal security, self-sufficiency and dignity. At PVA, a core part of our protection mission is to guarantee access to adequate shelter in humanitarian emergencies. We provided tents, distributed tarpaulins and developed emergency strategies, tools and guidelines and rushed to provide emergency aid to nearly 1,500 refugees and vulnerable families who need it most. On cold nights or hot days, our help can be the difference between life and death.



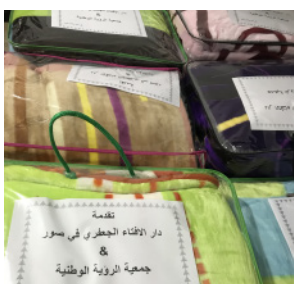
### Winter humanitarian assistance - prisoners assisted as harsh winter arrives

As many Lebanese prisons lack proper heating systems, the blankets and clothing will provide much-needed warmth and will help to make day-to-day life more bearable. As part of a wide-scale winter assistance programme and ahead the harsh winter of 2018, nearly 150 prisoners and prison staff in Tyre, South Lebanon, received winter humanitarian assistance items such as blankets and other daily essentials.



### Financial and in-kind grants - Municipalities and CSOs

Patriotic Vision reached an average of 5 financial and in-kind grants in areas where PVA worked in 2018 to Lebanese Municipalities and Civil Society Organizations "small development projects" that used a multi-sectoral approach to put entire communities on a sustainable path toward self-reliance and achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The project primarily served the poorest communities, and used income levels, stunting rates, and other indicators of extreme poverty so that resources were directed to the communities in greatest need.



### Winter humanitarian assistance - orphans, refugees and vulnerable households

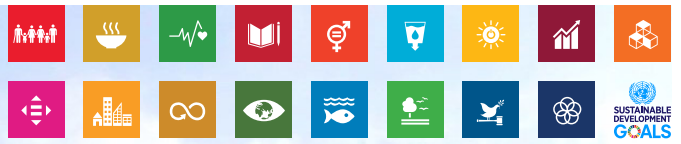
Each winter, Patriotic Vision - PVA supports orphans, refugees and the most vulnerable families to help protect them from the harsh weather. In 2018, Patriotic Vision - PVA provided winter humanitarian assistance such as blankets and other daily essentials to 200 orphans in orphan schools and over 200 vulnerable Lebanese, Syrian and Palestinian families to prevent devastating winter for children and families.



### Social and health assistance - most vulnerable families

The project built on existing relationships for collaboration among social service funders and providers, community based organizations, and advocates to ensure coordinated social service delivery through all phases of planning and recovery. In 2018, PVA assisted 500 people through key community services, such as child care, elder care, orphans care, widows care, education, housing, etc., as well as facilitated 100 people's access to needed medical providers, medications, equipment, and auxiliary services (in concert with clinical care organizations).





# Engagement

United Nations



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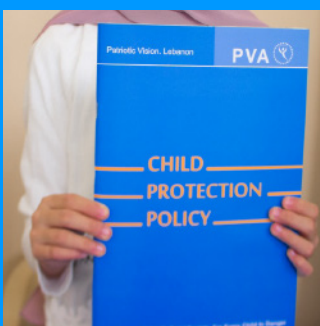
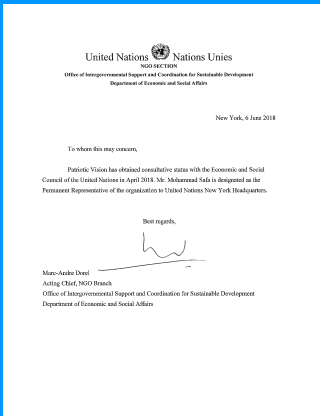
## United Nations Special Consultative Status (ECOSOC)

In April 2018, Patriotic Vision - PVA has obtained special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations according to Article 71 of the UN Charter. This relationship with ECOSOC is governed today by ECOSOC resolution 1996/31.

Consultative status with the Economic and Social Council provides NGOs with access not only to ECOSOC, but also to its many subsidiary bodies, the various human rights mechanisms of the United Nations, ad-hoc processes on small arms, and special events organized by the President of the General Assembly. This relationship is the principal means through which ECOSOC receives input from NGOs into its deliberations at public meetings and in its subsidiary bodies as well as in UN international conferences and their preparatory bodies. They have certain privileges to place items on the agenda of ECOSOC and its subsidiary bodies; they may attend meetings, where they may submit written statements and make oral presentations to governments, to promote:

- (a) Higher standards of living, full employment, and conditions of economic and social progress and development;
- (b) Solutions of international economic, social, health, and related problems; and international cultural and educational cooperation; and
- (c) Universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion, etc.

Through its special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, Patriotic Vision Organization - PVA works with all United Nations agencies and bodies to ensure human rights for everyone, everywhere, and to pursue the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals.



**PVA's primary purpose** is to safeguard the rights and well-being of human being. In its efforts to achieve this objective, the Organization strives to ensure that everyone can exercise the right to life and to live in freedom and safety, and to be equal in dignity and rights, and can claim their rights regardless of sex, race, language, religion, social standing, etc. By ensuring their human rights in their own country or in another country, PVA also seeks lasting solutions to their plight.

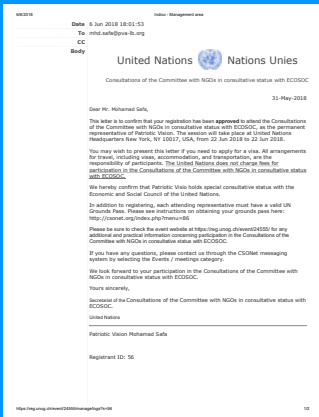
In all of our activities, we pay particular attention to the needs of children and seek to promote the equal rights of women and girls. Committed, guided, and based on the United Nations Conventions.

## Patriotic Vision Mission at United Nations

In May 2018, Patriotic Vision's Advisory and Administrative Council met and decided the following:

- (a) Mohammed Kassem Safa is the permanent representative at the United Nations.
- (b) Mr. Safa shall appoint the additional representatives as may be required after informed Patriotic Vision's Advisory and Administrative Council of the decisions.
- (c) Cooperate and coordinate international action for worldwide protection of human rights.





## Consultations of the Committee with NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC

PVA recommended the "United Nations" at the consultations of the Committee with NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC on June 22, 2018 that the role played today by NGOs cannot be dispensed with and ignored, especially in third world countries suffering from many natural or humanitarian disasters or from war. These NGOs have worked both international and local to support affected countries it has become the same state to pay attention to the affairs of citizens and secure their basic rights after the weakness of the state institutions of social services, health, education, environment and others. Therefore, the UN ECOSOC should focus and pay more attention to these effective, useful and organized NGOs, and be elected as members of the Council, like any other country, to strengthen the relationship between countries and NGOs, and to motivate states that these NGOs are your stand-by plan, after state paralysis.



## Human Rights Council / Advisory Committee - 21st Session

HRC/Advisory Committee - 21st Session took place in 2018, which focused on 11 topics "...A global call for concrete action for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action..."

It was a key opportunity for PVA through the executive director and permanent representative at the United Nations Mr. Mohamad Safa to come together with UN human rights council for dialogue on the promotion and protection of human rights for everyone, everywhere.



## United Nations Campaigns

Patriotic Vision responded to UN Secretary-General Call by joining the UN in many of its campaigns, from UN environmental campaigns to UN humanitarian campaigns and other UN campaigns, by integrating these campaigns with the organization's projects and programs on the ground, and through all our social media channels, messages, and TV programs. These campaigns saw unprecedented global action to address United Nations issues. But now our challenge is to harness this new movement to bring about further change around the world.



## UNIFIL - United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Over recent years areas of joint advocacy between Patriotic Vision and United Nations have included the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Patriotic Vision's workplaces and their global follow up and review. UNIFIL - United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon also provides significant and crucial role to support Patriotic Vision's work in the areas of implementing the 2030 Agenda. In 2018, UNIFIL were joined PVA on making a Sandcastle turtle of sand and plastic waste collected during beach cleaning campaigns, with message beat plastic pollution for clean seas.



## United Nations Young Champions of the Earth Prize

PVA CEO and Permanent Representative at United Nations Mr. Mohamad Kassem Safa have been selected as one of five Young Champions Regional Finalists for United Nations Young Champions of the Earth Prize, 2018.

"Young Champions of the Earth is a forward-looking prize designed to breathe life into the ambitions of brilliant young environmentalists. Celebrating young people with a big idea to protect or restore the environment; a vision for a more sustainable future; and a strong track record of instigating change."



## United Nations Environment Program - The Do School - Climate Change



No organization or government working alone can solve climate change. Patriotic Vision believes that only by working together with people, their communities, and our supporters and partners, we can prevent climate change. Our partnership with The Do School came on the recommendation of the UNEP after Mr. Mohamad Safa, PVA Executive Director and Permanent Representative at the United Nations were selected as one of the five finalists for the 2018 United Nations Young Champions of the Earth Prize. We measure our partnering practice and make sure it is fully aligned to global environmental standards. This is part of upholding our commitments to the Climate Change.

### Youth 2030 and Sustainable Development Goals

Patriotic Vision's first Strategy Our Promise 2030 aims to support the Sustainable Development Goals, and multiply youth impact, through the development of long term partnerships and high quality, sustainable climate.



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The vision of the project is to prepare youth to support communities towards prosperity by enabling young leaders to strategically cooperate across all boundaries. Patriotic Vision - PVA, in collaboration with International and local institutions, brings together prominent groups of emerging leaders from all over to develop capacity-specific practical leadership with insights from relevant sustainability grants. The program is designed to provide volunteers, staff and projects participants who have developmental commitments to work fruitfully together with International,

local, official and private institutions to achieve sustainable development goals and to raise awareness about the importance of these goals for a sustainable future. These goals are essential for the common good of society and for the planet as a whole. The young volunteers invited from different backgrounds were open to cooperation with others for the benefit of the wider community. The lectures and research discussions based on simulation, community participation and workshops were combined to build intellectual, social and environmental capital.







# Collaborate

Governments, NGOs, INGOs, and CSOs

# Strengthening cooperation with governments, NGOs, INGOs and civil society organizations

These are some of PVA collaborations in 2018:



## Lebanese Welfare Association for the Handicapped - LWAH

PVA and LWAH President Mrs. Randa Assi Berri share a long history of collaboration and impact, not least because of our similar mission on the full realization of human rights and their meaningful participation in decisions made about them. We collaborate across all areas of our work, from public advocacy to programme implementation, and we work to reduce the inequities that prevent so many of people from getting a good start in life – from being nurtured, educated, protected, cared for and safe. Our partnership within PVA projects in 2018 focused on 2030 Agenda and SDGs, child protection, humanitarian and emergency settings, child rights, development, and policy discussions as their priority areas of collaboration.



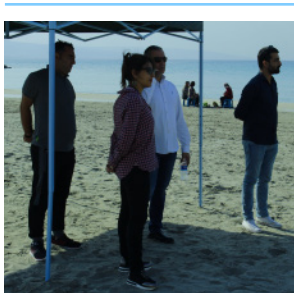
## Sawt Al Farah Association

As one of the human rights-focused INGOs, Patriotic Vision engages with a growing number of multilaterals, Social Media, Digital Technology, Communications, and media institutions worldwide. Patriotic Vision aims to be an influential voice addressing human wellbeing in urban contexts within the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. During 2018, the media team at Patriotic Vision regularly shared newsletters to practitioners and experts across media institutions such as Sawt Al Farah Association to communicate best practices, innovations and approaches that support effective, relevant and sustainable programmes.



## University of Ottawa, Canada - American University of Beirut - PhD research

With a focus on research institutions at the global level to help Universities, governments and communities scale up programmes that achieve results, as well as to measure progress and share lessons learned, Patriotic Vision collaborate with Katelyn Cassin, a PhD student at the University of Ottawa, Canada and a research affiliate with the Centre for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies at American University of Beirut, on the subject of the social and physical spaces in which UN peacekeepers interact with people living and working in south Lebanon, and to hear about the role of Patriotic Vision Organization in Lebanon and its activities.



## Tyre Coast Nature Reserve

Patriotic Vision is committed to working with our environmental partners to provide sustainable clean water and sanitation to everyone everywhere we work, and most importantly clean seas and beat plastic pollution, and in order to fulfill this vision, we need to improve our approach – doing some things differently and many things more efficiently. Our collaboration in 2018 within PVA Environmental projects and programs with the Tyre Coast Nature Reserve provided data and lessons learned allowing us to improve at an unprecedented scale, as well as protect turtles and biodiversity, and increase public environmental awareness in order to eliminate climate change.



## Mosques and Churches

While recognizing the role of all stakeholders, including other NGOs and the private sector, Patriotic Vision affirms the legitimate and essential role of mosques and churches in promoting human rights. In 2018, PVA and local mosques and churches shared humanistic values about human rights and development. Mosques and Churches are natural partners, serving people in their communities; regardless of those people own faith or belief, or that of their families. PVA will always seek to build on the strengths and initiatives that Mosques and Churches already have for the sustained well-being of people.



### Tyre Campus – Islamic University of Lebanon

Patriotic Vision and Islamic University of Lebanon (IUL) share two important things – a desire to make a real, substantive difference and a willingness to learn and improve, and secondly, to increase the impact of youth in order to achieve the 17 Sustainable Development Goals. This partnership builds on those common values to deliver more impact more sustainability and more back from the things Patriotic Vision is already doing well today; and to establish mechanisms to track progress for youth in the SDGs; identify emerging issues for youth; and amplify youth's voices around the world. The collaboration in 2018 included two completed projects and various future projects that will drive improvements to youth's life.

### Educational Institutions



This collaboration between Patriotic Vision and public and private schools is quite unique as there are few partnerships between Non-government organizations and educational institutions to implement Patriotic Vision Child Protection Policy on this scale to reduce child abuse, violence and modern slavery. Patriotic Vision and various public educational institutions and private schools such as As-Siraj High School, Amal Educational Institutions and others have committed to a multi-year cooperation that includes various protection programs, current and future studies and awareness-raising seminars. Patriotic Vision is a great partner... we have a lot to do, we are going to do it together!

### Municipal Councils



Since Patriotic Vision's presence in a community will always be sustainable, sustained impact means building on and strengthening the community's existing resources and capacities. These capacities are represented in all relationships within social, political, economic and environmental systems. PVA empowers communities, their duty-bearers and other stakeholders to negotiate, plan and manage their joint work towards achieving a shared vision of human well-being. In 2018, PVA worked with municipalities of all sizes such as "Tyre, Srifa, Yanouh, Borj Rahal, Toura, Aabbasiyyeh, etc. to create solutions that align with PVA's goals and missions in unique and impactful ways, from human rights to climate action.

### Bee Event Association



PVA is a leader in community-based and youth-focused program implementation, and the Bee Event Association is a leader in training, building capacity, and continuous improvement. This collaboration is productive and beneficial for both partners and for the broader global youth programs, produced lessons with the potential to inform evidence-based decision-making and policy at many levels. This collaborative approach and commitment to learning will strengthen Patriotic Vision's efforts in working with communities and local organizations to youth access to entrepreneurship as well as political and social affairs. Hundreds of youth benefited from this cooperation within PVA projects and programs during 2018.

### Women's Affairs Association



At every level – from a women's community to global – Patriotic Vision works with partners from across communities to influence and bring our expertise and resource to protect and to transform women's lives. Since 2015 we have been cooperating with the Women's Affairs Association to support and provide girls and women with necessary programs to protect them such as cervical cancer and other important programs and awareness lectures. We value the role, expertise and resources of businesses, of governments, of faith actors, and other organizations in addressing women rights. In 2018, these lectures directly targeted approximately 165 women and girls.

### Municipalities - Civil Societies - Schools



Since 2014, PVA has announced a multi-year partnership with Municipalities, CSOs, Schools and parents' committees and is still ongoing. The partnership is designed to improve social stability and drug eradication interventions in low- and middle-income areas with the ultimate goal of helping to solve the global drug issues. We work to make our partnerships positive for every partner. This means we have a commitment to seek mutual benefit; to respect and values others' contributions; to listen and be responsive, and to communicate openly. In 2018, these lectures directly targeted 500 people in two towns with a population of nearly 12,000 people.





### Régie Libanaise des Tabacs et Tombacs

The Régie Libanaise des Tabacs et Tombacs through its Chairman & General Manager Eng. Nassif Seklawi and PVA, with the support of Philip Morris International, join efforts to provide better social services for families. They also worked to reduce modern slavery gap and taught strategies such as how to eliminate child labour. PVA also worked with CSOs, within Régie projects, to assist them in capacity building and staff training. The CSOs are less exposed to modern trends and strategies. We pursue relationships with all and desire mutual participation in governmental organizations. We maintain a cooperative stance and a spirit of openness towards other humanitarian organizations.



### Office of the Minister of State for Administrative Reform

The relationship between the government, businesses and the community has been a focal point for PVA's work. PVA understands the importance of having all three sectors working very closely together. PVA's primary goal was to establish partnership with the Office of the Minister of State for Administrative Reform with Minister Dr. Inaya Ezzeddine that would benefit the Lebanese nation. As a result, a total of 10 activities related to Social and environmental responsibility have been implemented within PVA projects in 2018. Furthermore, to enhance public private relationships and supported PVA's appeal to youth 2030.



### People's Assembly of Syria

PVA's primary goal in this cooperation with the Syrian People's Assembly, represented by Representative Ali Al-Sheikh, is to ease the tension between the citizens themselves and the refugees on the other hand, striving primarily to promote the concept of Lebanese-Syrian relations as essential elements in the betterment of social and environmental stability, as far as ensuring the protection of the rights of refugees and their integration into the host society. As a result, the 'Youth Bridge' project – which is the focus of this matter - was developed in 2018.



### Ministry of Social Affairs - Chinese Embassy - World Bank

In the context of ensuring human rights for everyone everywhere, PVA collaborated in many of its 2018 projects with the Ministry of Social Affairs in order to achieve sustainable development goals such as No Poverty, Zero Hunger, Quality Education, Climate Action, etc. This cooperation started with the support of the Chinese Embassy in Lebanon through the Ministry by providing PVA with tents, plastic sheeting and food for distribution to vulnerable Lebanese families and refugees, to the support and funding from the World Bank to support youth for social and environmental stability.



### Lebanese Parliament

PVA worked with the Lebanese Parliament, focusing mainly outside the capital Beirut (in the south) represented by the member of Parliament representing the Sour district, Mr. Ali Khreis, through the implementation of dozens of humanitarian and development projects and programs. The projects focus on sustainable development goals, child rights, women rights, youth, environment, and human rights (how to apply laws), as well as updating the legislation and legislation directed towards the citizen.



### We work as partners

We are partners with the poor and with donors in a shared world. We are members of an international vision partnership that transcends legal, structural, and cultural boundaries.

We pursue relationships with all and desire mutual participation in governments. We maintain a cooperative stance and a spirit of openness towards other humanitarian organisations.

Our work reaches people no matter their background or if they live in the most dangerous of places.



“Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much”

This vision of partnership has been at the heart of Patriotic Vision’s operations for over 6 years and guides us still. Collaborations with the governments, local authorities, United Nations, and our colleagues around the world, our sponsors and various partners: thanks to these, many communities are more empowered and feel confident of seeing through the work that Patriotic Vision - PVA started in 2013.







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