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# INTRODUCTION

Patriotic Vision - PVA, is a humanitarian international organization with special consultative status at United Nations. Seeks to social, economical, and patriotic development. Committed to, guided, & based on the United Nations Conventions.



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.

**Build bridges with United Nations and Governments officials** Working for communities to overcome poverty and injustice Climate actions

Towards sustainable communities



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

Promote social civilization

New outlooks of development throughout suggesting solutions for emerging challenges and the peaceful resolution of disputes

Promote the equal rights of women and girls

Cooperate and coordinate international action for the worldwide protection of human rights

### Youth 2030

Youth for Sustainable Development Goals

Youth for Environment

Youth for Recognize Emerging Challenges and peace building

Youth for social stability within the humanitarian and social boundaries

# PRESIDENT

### **FOREWORD** BY PVA PRESIDENT

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought new visibility and profile to the essential roles that NGOs play in our social, political and economic systems. It demonstrated also how many public and private systems depend on NGOs performing multiple and often voluntary roles.

NGOs are often the first to respond in a crisis; Patriotic Vision (PVA) immediately took a leading part in the COVID-19 response, flagging essential areas for action like health response, continuing and expanding the provision of life-saving humanitarian assistance, cash assistance for the most vulnerable families, food rations, child and women protection, emergency relief and laying out a broad policy agenda in support of the most vulnerable communities and regions.

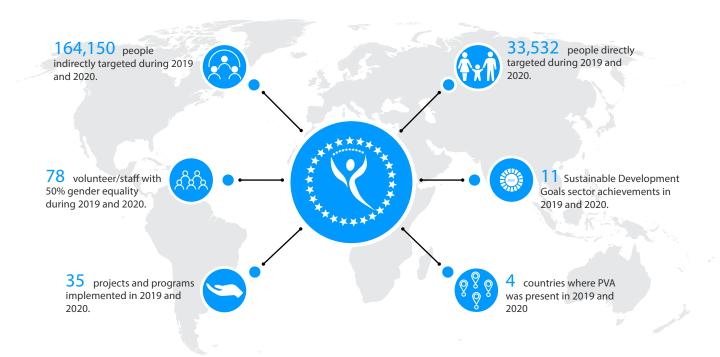
Yet these efforts have not been enough to hold back the tides of fear, hatred, inequality, poverty and injustice. Moreover, early in 2020, we were brought to our knees by a microscopic virus: the virus responsible for the corona virus disease (COVID-19) pandemic has taken a horrific toll on individuals, communities and societies, with the most vulnerable disproportionately affected.

It is time to act on that understanding and to commit to building back in ways that reflect its sharp lessons. This report demonstrates multiple ways, both before and during the pandemic, in which intentional investment in and by NGOs brings stronger, more just, equal and resilient societies.

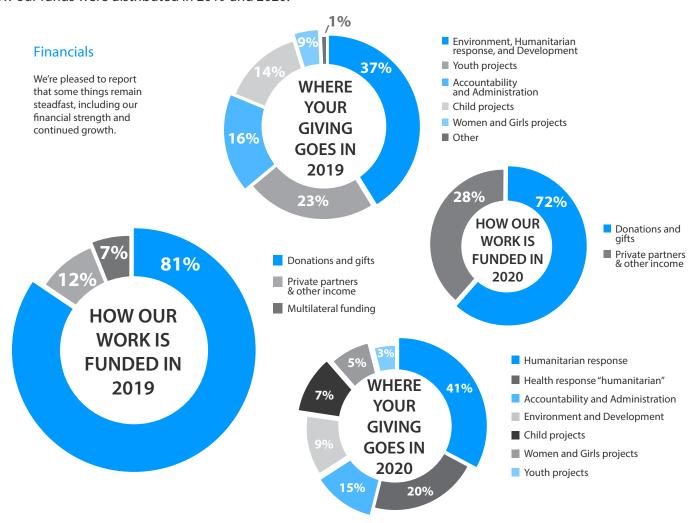
Mr. Kassem Saleh SAFA



### 2019 and 2020 in numbers:



### How our funds were distributed in 2019 and 2020:



### Selected UN Sustainable Development Goals sector achievements - For the years 2019 and 2020:

Assisted 2,773 people with humanitarian multi-sector cash grants for basic needs, empowering people to achieve nutrition outcomes while boosting local markets. End poverty in all its forms everywhere.



Provided food and in-kind assistance to 2,120 people in 2 countries. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.



Assisted with medical face masks, gloves, disinfectant, sterilization and protection kits, medical supplies, and other equipment for 23,755 person affected by COVID-19 and for frontline health workers. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.



Benefited 4,884 children with education multi-sector cash grants for basic needs. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.



Advocates for and empowers women in the society, boys and girls have an equitable access to PVA projects and programs. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.



In 2019 and 2020, PVA procured humanitarian and other supplies from local suppliers to support the local economy, organized mentoring program that will help young people better prepare for their future jobs, knowledge of workers' rights at work to access justice, and joined efforts to eliminate child labour.



PVA has empowered and promoted social, economic and political inclusion for all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status, and raised voices against any kind of discrimination and supported migrants and refugees in all PVA projects and programs this year.



PVA took urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts through many of PVA previous and current projects that are still in progress, including waste sorting from the source, afforestation, etc.



PVA joined efforts in supporting, improving and protecting the Mediterranean basin and marine habitats in order to strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the local and global partnership for conserve and sustainably use the oceans, sea and marine resources. In parallel to PVA previous and current projects that are still in place, including Clean Seas campaigns, Beating Plastic Pollution, etc.



PVA has partnered with local authorities, United Nations and other actors to make violations known and to significantly reduce all forms of violence, and to promote human rights. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.



PVA strategically focused on prioritizing SDGs in all its projects and programs and external engagements this year. Further, we educate communities on the importance of SDGs and on how they should advocate the duty bearers to address the SDG related issues in their areas to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.

# FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2019

### Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the year ended 31 December 2019

|                                    | 2018\$ | 2019\$ |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| Revenue                            |        |        |
| Funds available from 2018          | 565    |        |
| Donations and gifts                |        | 40,916 |
| Multilateral funding               |        | 3,815  |
| Private Partners                   |        | 2,540  |
| Other income                       |        | 2,792  |
| Total revenue                      |        | 50,628 |
|                                    |        |        |
| Expenses                           |        |        |
| Projects and Programs expenditure: |        |        |
| Funds to Youth Projects Paid       |        | 11,840 |

| Funds to Youth Projects Paid           | 11,840 |
|--|--------|
| Funds to Child Projects Paid           | 7,147  |
| Funds to Women and Girls Projects Paid | 4,814  |
| Funds to Environment Projects Paid     | 9,550  |
| Funds to Humanitarian Response Paid    | 5,738  |
| Funds to Development Projects Paid     | 3,317  |
| Accountability and Administration      | 8,093  |
| Total expenses                         | 50,499 |

| Excess of revenue over expenses | 129 |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Other comprehensive income      | -   |
| Total comprehensive income      | 129 |

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 behavior in our operations. It also 2020

Statement of Comprehensive Income For the year ended 31 December 2020

| Revenue Funds available from 2019  Donations  4 Gifts | 5,261 |
|---|-------|
| Funds available from 2019  Donations  4.  Gifts       |       |
| Donations 4. Gifts 7                                  |       |
| Gifts 7   |       |
|   | 7,850 |
| Private Partners 5                                    |       |
|   | 5,933 |
| Other income 14                                       | 1,500 |
| Total revenue 73                                      | 3,673 |
|   |       |
| Expenses  |       |
| Projects and Programs expenditure:                    |       |
| Funds to Youth Projects Paid                          | 3,569 |
| Funds to Child Projects Paid                          | 3,624 |
| Funds to Women and Girls Projects Paid                | 3,332 |
| Funds to Environment Projects Paid                    | 2,316 |
| Funds to Humanitarian Response Paid 44                | 4,597 |
| Funds to Development Projects Paid                    | 1,424 |
| Accountability and Administration 11                  | 1,709 |
| Total expenses 7.                                     | 3,571 |
|   |       |
|   |       |
| Excess of revenue over expenses                       | 102   |
| Other comprehensive income                            | -     |
| Total comprehensive income                            | 102   |

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 2020, 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











6,000+
INJURIES 300K+

**HOMELESS** 

### Situation Overview:

On 4 August 2020, a deadly explosion struck the port of Beirut, killing over 220 people, injuring over 6,000, and leaving an estimated 300,000 homeless. The explosion was felt as far as 10 kilometers away with some reports from 38 kilometers and farther. Lebanon had been going through an unfathomable economic meltdown where people lost their lifelong savings due to the banking sector and public sector bankruptcies. This has translated into excessive inflation, with food prices quadrupling over the past few months, while the COVID-19 surged in the country. Thousands of affected people require hot meals, food rations and other assistance following the explosions. The explosions caused considerable psychological distress to thousands of people from Lebanese and non-Lebanese communities. On 10 August, the Prime Minister along with the government resigned. While there is uncertainty of the full impact of this on the response and recovery following the explosion in Beirut, this has not affected humanitarian access or the ability of humanitarians to conduct response activities and assessments.



### Patriotic Vision's Response:

Immediately after the explosions, PVA alongside with the national authorities and civil society, has been supporting the affected population with life-saving activities. Daily life for thousands of families in Lebanon was already full of uncertainty:

- The economic crisis of the past three years has dramatically worsened, and daily access to food has become a challenge for the average family.
- COVID-19 has been taking its toll on the country's health facilities.
- Humanitarian fallout due to the explosion in Beirut.

The initial phase of the response to the Beirut explosion crisis included:

- Food and water assistance for families hosted outside Beirut.
- Cash assistance for families affected by the explosion.
- Health assistance for families and frontline health workers.

**FOOD PARCELS ASSISTANCE** 

Food and water - for families hosted outside Beirut. Cash assistance - for families affected by the explosion.

Families have been forced to seek temporary shelter at schools, with families/acquaintances and other administrative buildings and some families have been for Aced to flee to their relatives in the south due to the damage caused by the explosion in their homes. PVA has distributed fresh water, and food rations to 150 families who have been displaced to the south since the incident occurred.

Since the outset, PVA has advocated for special attention to be given to those hardest hit by the explosion. PVA-led shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI) Cluster used cash assistance to enable 300 families affected by the explosion to afford rent, heating, and clothing.



6,250 PEOPLE

**DIRECTLY** 

**BY PVA** 

**FOR THE** 

**RESPONSE** 

**TARGETED** 



Health assistance - for families and frontline health workers.

Rising risk of faster and broader spread of COVID-19 due to reduced attention to preventative measures in the wake of the explosion in Beirut. Tens of disinfectant kits and thousands of face masks have been distributed in order to support the health of families and to prevent the additional spread of COVID-19. This included tents and tarpaulins to help health facilities manage a surge of patients and support isolation and quarantine spaces.

**4,000** MASKS **TENTS** 









**DELIVERED FOOD AND IN-KIND** AID **FOR** 1,520 **PEOPLE** DIRECTLY

**COUNTRIES** 



Emergency preparedness. PVA's approach to emergency:

PVA's approach to emergency preparedness is grounded in robust risk assessments; collaborative and localized planning; and the rights, dignity and protection needs of people of concern. PVA worked with its partners and other stakeholders to ensure that effective preparedness measures: were in place across each sector; built upon the existing response and capacities;

maintained and reinforced the centrality of protection; and integrated and addressed cross-cutting issues through quality programming. Our response is always coordinated in partnership with the local authorities, the affected community and other NGO and INGOs. Before a disaster strikes, we are prepared and prepositioned not only with relief goods but also with skilled staff. Our Team is well-trained and is ever ready to be deployed. Depending on the severity of the disaster we also have a Global Rapid Response Team who is able to be deployed for support. PVA's emergency procurement and supply procedures were also updated to facilitate the fast delivery of goods and services to people



Emergency response. Responding with Lifesaving Support:

The poor in many parts of the world were faced with the stark reality that lockdown measures to slow the spread of the virus also meant the collapse of livelihoods, and hunger. In 2019 and 2020, food rations and other needs reached more than 1,520 people of concern in 2 countries, Lebanon and USA. However, global and local funding shortages led to cuts in food assistance for people during these two years, due to COVID-19 pandemic and economic situation. Limited resources had to be shared across a larger population, often in contexts where the food security and nutrition situation were already precarious. PVA worked closely with civil societies to mitigate the risks of diminishing food rations, and to target the available food to the most vulnerable.

Food security and nutrition.

The right to food is one of everyone's essential rights:

PVA's comprehensive multi-sectoral approach to increase food security and nutrition among the most vulnerable families within the 2019/2020 of new emergencies, recorded encouraging results in 2020. By 2020 year-end, food security and nutrition among most vulnerable families in areas PVA worked had increased to within acceptable standards in 99 per cent, against 93 per cent of the locations monitored in 2019. These results highlight the necessity of maintaining efforts to improve the nutritional status of children. To address the complex causes of malnutrition, PVA promotes low-cost, high-impact interventions, including prioritized assistance to families with infants.





# **MUNICIPALITIES**

**SCHOOLS** 

### COVID-19 strategic preparedness and response plan

The COVID-19 pandemic hit at a time of widespread disregard for human rights. We launched a call to action on human rights by which we committed ourselves to making human dignity the core of the Organization's work. The pandemic immediately put these commitments to the test. Human rights formed a cornerstone of the Patriotic Vision response. The entire PVA system has mobilized behind the World Health Organization-led health response in collaborating with



Governments, Embassies, INGOs, NGOs and others to support a coherent response to the pandemic through the Global Health Response Plan for COVID-19. PVA has advocated for special attention to be given to those hardest hit by the pandemic. This includes areas already facing humanitarian crises, vulnerable groups, older persons, and those with health considerations. We cannot afford to leave anyone behind in our response and recovery. No one is safe until everyone is safe. We are assisting in seven areas: medical face masks and gloves; disinfectant, sterilization and protection kits; prevent the spread of misinformation and support national plans.



### Scale up preventive measures to limit the spread of COVID-19

In the first days of our response to the corona virus outbreak, Patriotic Vision leveraged its grassroots presence and long-term relationships with communities in villages, cities, and schools to catalyse efforts to limit the spread of the virus. Central to Patriotic Vision's response from the beginning has been supporting hard-pressed medical staff, community health workers, and local leaders as they battle to contain COVID-19, care for the sick, and control its spread.

Patriotic Vision partnered with political and faith leaders to communicate accurate health messages to those who trusted them to tell the truth. A variety of media was used, including social media platforms and TV broadcasts, to educate communities on how to stay safe. Doing this countered much of the false information that was being spread. The on-ground missions have put in place mitigation measures to continue protecting vulnerable communities while promoting the safety and health of our personnel and maintaining continuity of operations.

Since the outset, thousands of gloves, masks, medical supplies, and equipment were provided to frontline health workers. This included tents and tarpaulins to help health facilities manage a surge of patients and support isolation and quarantine spaces. The project benefited nearly 10,000 people directly and 50,000 people indirectly in 7 regions.

### Equipping schools for the fight

Patriotic Vision - PVA, in cooperation with the Chinese Embassy in Beirut and other partners, distributed disinfectant, sterilization and protection kits to schools, while reminding children about proper hand washing.

Crowded spaces like schools are at especially high risk of COVID-19 due to difficulties in social distancing and lack of access to hygiene, and sanitising products. Patriotic Vision helped nearly 9,300 people in 6 schools with COVID-19 preventive materials such as masks and hand sanitisers.

One-by-one, girls and boys learned how to wash their hands and sneeze safely; in turn, they encouraged their parents to do the same. Concerns that COVID-19 would run wild in the schools has yet to materialise thanks in part to these types of containment efforts. However, with the pandemic spreading, work to curb the spread of the virus must continue with urgency.







WE PROTECT #CHILD TO BUILD #SOCKETY

**ASSISTED** 1,568 **PEOPLE** WITH CASH **ASSISTANCE** 

### Cash-Based Assistance

In the face of incomes drying up and increasing debt, Patriotic Vision ensured cash support for the most in-need families. Cash creates important new opportunities for meeting humanitarian needs in ways that restore and enhance individual dignity and increase operational effectiveness and efficiency. Along with food and in-kind support and services, PVA uses cash to protect and assist people to meet their basic and other needs, including protection, basic needs, education, shelter, health, livelihood activities, and protection against winter conditions. Cash is the means and not the objective. Saving lives and protecting people comes first. Post-distribution monitoring surveys of the multi-sectoral cash assistance found that the most vulnerable families prioritized rent, utilities, clothes, heating and core relief items, with variations according to geographical zones and times of the year. Existing data indicates a clear preference among populations of concern for cash over other forms of assistance. PVA is expanding its ability to systematically assess the feasibility of using cash-based interventions (CBIs) through all phases of the social and humanitarian response. In 2019/2020, CBI feasibility assessments and related training were carried out in Lebanon. The results of these assessments will be integrated into contingency plans that will serve as a model for CBIs and preparedness moving forward.



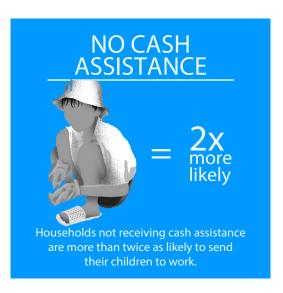
### Cash assistance for basic needs

In 2019 and 2020, PVA's largest cash assistance programmes for people were in Lebanon. PVA-led shelter and Non-Food Items (NFI) Cluster used cash assistance to enable most vulnerable families to afford rent, heating and utilities, as well as fuel and clothing for winter. People eligible for assistance were registered. Families were informed when their assistance was available for withdrawal, and due to COVID-19, PVA staff and volunteers have been providing assistance across Lebanon with instructions to comply with COVID-19 health guidelines. PVA's cash-based programming during COVID-19 reached 392 family, which assisted nearly 1,568 people. PVA provided cash assistance as a part of a broader range of interventions for the most vulnerable families to access health care. As an example, cash was provided to pregnant women to help them afford costs associated with delivery, as well as people infected with COVID-19. PVA is using the cash modality for education to increase student enrolment and retention. These include cash grants for school-related expenses, such as uniforms, learning supplies, and transport and school fees.

### Cash assistance for protection

PVA continues to lead on efforts to assure the protection of people of concern through cash assistance. Protection-oriented cash interventions were in place in more than 10 field operations during 2019/2020. Cash assistance was, for example, provided as part to reduce child labor; to assist people with specific needs; to meet women protection needs; to support survivors and those at risk of Sexual and gender-based violence, alongside other forms of assistance, such as counselling; to cover expenses for child protection policy; and as part of PVA's safety net programmes.

Child labour, an increase in begging, and modern slavery have all increased as poverty, stress, and hunger stalk the lives of the most vulnerable. Patriotic Vision's goal was to ensure that children are at the centre of the international emergency response to the pandemic. Patriotic Vision's advocacy and engagements with decision-makers centred on ensuring a stronger child protection focus across policies, guidance, and plans being developed by the United Nations and by governments.





**CONFERENCES** 

**SDGs** 

**CAMPAIGNS** 

Human Rights for everyone everywhere.

PVA's UN delegations works to attend and cooperate with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and various UN bodies, influences discussions, decisions and providing information on the human rights situation in countries, in order to connect policy with practice to insure Human Rights for everyone everywhere. PVA also works alongside with the Economic and Social Council at the UN to cooperate with all UN agencies and bodies in order to achieve 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals.

PVA's UN representatives focus on areas as rights at the centre of sustainable development; rights in times of crisis; gender equality; public participation; rights of future generations, especially climate justice; rights at the heart of collective action; and new frontiers of human rights.





United Nations Social Forum, Geneva, 2019.

The 2019 Social Forum took place on the 30th Anniversary year of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and at a time that youth has become a priority for the United Nations. It was also aligned with International Youth Day 2019, which focused on "transforming education" to make it more inclusive and accessible for all youth. It was a key opportunity for dialogue on promoting and protecting the rights of children and youth through education. PVA came together with UN human rights council in October 2019 at the UN Office in Geneva to call for quality education for everyone, everywhere. PVA CEO and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Mr. Mohamad Safa delivered PVA's speech at the forum on 2 days:

....I am a student, I am a Youth, and I am a son of this nation, and never before have I been more optimistic. I know there are times where our nations collapsed, but I have seen the one thing that will cure it forever: Education. Education for children. Education for youth. Education for girls and women, and education for disabilities and immigrants...Because of education, we are no longer heirs to the generations that pushed back the tide of fascism and racism; instead we put men on moon, and relegated the Berlin wall to the pages of history...Today, in this Social Forum 2019, let us invite the rest of the world. We welcome your scholarship and extend an open hand to those who want a better and equal education because education is our future." — Mohamad SAFA.

### United Nations Young Champions of the Earth, 2019

Once again after being nominated in 2018 as one of the five finalists on West Asia, PVA CEO and Permanent Representative at United Nations Mr. Mohamad safa nominated as one of the five finalists on Regional Finalist, West Asia West Asia of the United Nations Environment young champions of the Earth prize for 2019.















Mohamad Safa Vision Organ





United Nations Department of Global Communications. COVID-19 and Climate Emergency, April 2020:

The UN Department of Global Communications (DGC) together with the DGC Youth Representatives Steering Committee held its second COVID-19 Youth-led Community Call on 27 April, 2020 in alignment with the International Day of Multilateralism and celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. This conversation focused on the efforts and challenges faced by youth climate activists and environmentalists during the COVID-19 pandemic facing the global community.

PVA CEO and Permanent Representative at United Nations, Mr. Mohamed Safa, was invited as a speaker at the event, to come together and share perspectives and experiences on what we have learned from the response to COVID-19 and how can we apply it to climate change.

"...Governments need to remember that the science who told us to worry about COVID-19 and how to deal with it is the same science telling us to worry about climate change with a long list of recommendations on climate actions... If we don't act in the same way about climate change, the effects of a hotter planet will be much worse." — Mohamad SAFA.



United Nations Social Forum, Oct 2020.

The United Nations 2020 Social Forum convened as the world faces the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression, following the Covid-19 pandemic. In all countries, low-income earners and people in poverty are the first victims. The United Nations 2020 Social Forum took place on 8 and 9 October, 2020 at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. In accordance with resolution 41/24 of the United Nations Human Rights Council it focused on "Good Practices, Success Stories, Lessons Learned and Current Challenges in Combating Poverty and Inequalities".

Representing PVA at this 2020 Social Forum at the United Nations Human Rights Council was Mohamad Safa, CEO of Patriotic Vision and Permanent Representative at United Nations. Safa highlighted in particular the need of a new system that can create the good, well-paying jobs that people need and deserve. Strengthening and growing the middle class, and help those working hard to join it. And build an economy that works for everyone.

"We should have been discussing this important topic in person. But the fact that we're still doing it virtually highlights the size of the crisis we face. We are a world in crisis. Not just because of COVID-19, but because of the last few decades. Climate change, poverty, racism, inequality and injustice – these are the crises of a system that no longer works..." — Mohamad SAFA.



United Nations Global "Pause, take care before you share" campaign.

As COVID-19 turns lives upside down, people all over the world are searching for information on how to keep safe, stay hopeful and help one another. On 30 June 2020, the UN launched a new initiative to foster behaviour change and counter the growing threat of misinformation online. Misinformation is disrupting our society, our economy and our health. With COVID-19 pandemic, it can even be deadly. Misinformation is also making it harder to tackle the world's most pressing issues. Climate emergency, COVID-19 pandemic, the struggle for racial justice - to find a solution, we need to work together. UN Secretary-General calls on digital users to "Pause, take care before you share" to take the time to think about what they share before posting it online to help stop viral spread of COVID-19 misinformation.

Patriotic Vision responded to UN Secretary-General call by joining the UN in this mission to tackle misinformation, by sharing verified information with beneficiaries, partners, and friends, and through all our social media channels, messages, and TV

"The simple act of pausing before you share interrupts our emotional response; it triggers a moment of critical thinking. The things we share online can spread like wildfire and a small share can have big consequences. Together we can take back control. Pause and Take care before you share." said Mr Mohamad Safa, CEO of PVA and Permanent Representative at United Nations.

### Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Building a more sustainable future:

Since its inception in 2015, the 2030 Agenda has provided a blueprint for shared prosperity in a sustainable world—a world where all people can live productive, vibrant and peaceful lives on a healthy planet. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, the world was not on track to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by the target date of 2030. Now, we face the deepest global recession since the Second World War and the broadest collapse in incomes since 1870. Approximately 100 million more people could be pushed into extreme poverty. The year 2030 is just over a decade away, and we must ask ourselves if our actions today are laying the right foundation to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Patriotic Vision's first Strategy Our Promise 2030 aims to support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and multiply youth impact, through the development of long term partnerships and high quality, sustainable climate. This report shows the SDGs accomplishments achieved in 2019 and 2020 provides evidence-based insights to answer this question

























# **GOVERNMENTS**

**iNGOs** 

**NGOs** 

**CSOs** 



### Parliamentary Youth Committee for the Sustainable Development Goals

As part of our efforts to achieve UN Sustainable Development Goals, we continued the implementation of UN agenda 2030 to improve the effectiveness of governments achieving the SDGs. New youth committee were about to born within the General Secretariat of the Lebanese Parliament, the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals Parliamentary Body and the Human Rights Parliamentary Committee

in cooperation with The United Nations Development Programmme (UNDP) and The United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)for the Middle East and North Africa in 2019 to allow PVA youth committee to respond more nimbly to emerging requirements and better cooperate across the achieving of the SDGs in Lebanon. Meanwhile, the Lebanese revolution took place, and then the political problems and economic collapse that was followed by the Corona virus began, and work on the establishment of the committee was frozen. The parliamentary elections and the subsequent government formation will constitute new grounds for taking forward the committee's. The promise took by Parliament of establishing a parliamentary youth committee to follow up the implementation of the sustainable development goals, is a step that will fulfill Lebanon's international commitments towards the implementation of the UN agenda 2030. This is an important step on a national level and it presents a golden opportunity to invest in Lebanese youth.



### Climate Actions - Mediterranean. NEMO project – Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

As part of the NEMO project – Mediterranean Coastal Communities", is a cooperation for development initiative funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs- Directorate General for Cooperation Development carried out through a voluntary contribution to CIHEAM-Bari which is the implementing agency.

Patriotic Vision collaborated with NEMO by meeting with 7 Mediterranean countries (Lebanon, Italy, Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Albania) to exchange ideas, share experience and solutions to promote stability and development in the Mediterranean coastal communities and to tackle

challenges are relevant for the Mediterranean basin, such as: the loss of human resources, the failure to enhance and manage natural resources (water, soil, and sea), integrated rural, coastal development, the poor promotion and enhancement of biodiversity and local wildlife, and the need to promote the local traditions and foods.

### Plastic free Mediterranean Sea project - EU:

The global objective of this two years project which funded by European Union Delegation and implemented by the Lebanon Environment Forum and Lebanon Eco Movement in collaborating with NGOs working in Lebanon is to "reduce the impact of marine litter and micro plastics pollution on marine biodiversity, public health and the livelihoods of people who earn a living from the sea".

PVA collaborated with "Bahr Bala Plastic" project to raise awareness of plastics, develop legislation and initiatives to mitigate its use and encourage civil society to take measures to reduce its harmful impacts in the sea and mitigate the economic damage to activities such as tourism and fisheries.



### **Swedish Embassy** Patriotic Vision's SDGs project:

Patriotic Vision's CEO and permanent representative at United Nations Mr. Mohamad Safa and Patriotic Vision's SDGs Youth project director for 2020 Ms. Dareen Batheesh visited the Swedish Embassy in Lebanon. During the visit, the delegation met with the Swedish ambassador to Lebanon, Mr. Jörgen Lindström, to joining hand in order to improve the lives of young people in Lebanon, and to discuss ways of cooperation between the embassy and Patriotic Vision in order to involve youth in social and political work and achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

During the visit, Patriotic Vision's SDGs Youth project director, Ms. Dareen Batheesh stated: "Future cooperation between Patriotic Vision and Swedish Embassy in Lebanon within the framework of the SDGs Youth project may



open new doors for future endeavors to reduce economic vulnerability among Lebanese communities, especially the youth. It also creates opportunities for all segments of society to work together with a common goal of achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Hopefully, all this eventually will help address the issues of young people in Lebanon."



### China Embassy Patriotic Vision's COVID-19 project:

Patriotic Vision and Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Lebanon have collaborated on the need to take action to address and eliminate the spread of the COVID-19 virus in schools to protect children in Lebanon's

COVID-19 response plan. To help reduce COVID-19 in Lebanon and to effectively support schools during the pandemic, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Lebanon has provided thousands of COVID-19 protection kits to Patriotic Vision in Lebanon to tackle down the spread of the virus within schools and communities.

This wonderful and human initiative took place thanks to the Chinese Ambassador to Lebanon Mr. Wang Kejian, as it was part to support a coherent response to the pandemic through the Global Health Response Plan for COVID-19, and its objective to eliminate this virus, which extends beyond helping and supporting PVA during only this pandemic, it is to foster stronger coordination, communication, and collaboration between the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Lebanon and Patriotic Vision enabling PVA to shape a shared vision and devise a clear engagement strategy.

### Youth civil society

### Patriotic Vision's Youth project, Lebanon and USA:

In line with PVA's promise 2030 to support the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and multiply youth impact, through the involving of youth groups in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Patriotic Vision's projects and programmes. PVA's partnership with youth civil society enabled the leadership of youth to initiate policy dialogue with local decision-makers in favor of enhancing social and environmental stability. The project allows



young men and women engage in consultations with government representatives from municipalities and public institutions, also to advocate for reforms, social change and equal rights in line with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.



In an emergency response, Patriotic Vision endeavours to ensure that young men and women are active participants throughout the disaster management process – from the initial response through the rehabilitation process. Patriotic Vision supported and funded youth committees in the municipalities of Lebanon and youth civil societies in United States of America, in order to provide their communities with food rations, PPE kits and other basic aid during COVID-19 pandemic. Patriotic Vision's youth-based participatory monitoring systems are established, to captured their voice in the decision making process. Every young man and women

can be the leader of their own future, and deserve influential figures to leverage and help realize their ambitions for a future free from marginalization, social tensions and violence.



### Schools and Educational institutions **Education and Child Protection**

We partnered with 5 Lebanese educational institutions and provided vital reading and learning materials. Our in-country teams have also partnered with communities and local government to ensure resources complement the local curriculum and support children to reach their full potential and achieve food security and nutrition. PVA has also built safety nets of interconnected elements that protect children and ensure their rights are upheld within PVA child protection policy. The four Rings that we worked on were: Empowering youth to protect themselves and others; Equipping parents to better care for and protect their children in the home; mobilizing communities to take action to stop violence or discrimination against children; Holding governments accountable for creating and enforcing laws that support the rights and wellbeing of children. In 2021:

nearly 3,500 children received child protection policy through schools enabling them to protect themselves and engage in development of their communities; school and community members engaged in child protection policy dialogues to address deep socio-cultural issues that expose to risk and violence; nearly 1,500 children's voices were amplified through children's assemblies in schools.



### Right To Play Organization - Canada Amplifying impact through partnership

As part of PVA strategy to strengthen relationships with partners, PVA collaborated with Right To Play Organization to support their work with children in Lebanon. The partnership focused on child rights and in particular the right to play. This is especially relevant given the development context and is in addition to all other related initiatives supported by PVA in its child rights projects. 5 PVA employees/volunteers were trained by international coaches with the participation of hundreds of children on the right to play and how to protect children during sports activities, as well as donated sports equipment to PVA.

### PVA and MPs in partnership for Youth 2030 Lebanese Women and Children Parliamentary Committee

Partnerships are at the heart of our work and impact. When young people choose to volunteer, they're partnering with PVA to bring about tangible and transformative change in their communities. When politicians provide young people support, they're partnering with PVA to contribute to a brighter future. PVA office in Lebanon works for young people relies on effective collaboration between teams - across distance, cultures and religions – to ensure no one is left behind. The goal of this collaboration is to empower young people for a better future. In achieving this, PVA worked



and still works through youth development programs focusing on the Sustainable Development Goals, in schools and before school, followed up by supporting vocational education, life skills development, entrepreneurial skills, training for school dropouts and young people living in vulnerable contexts.



### Iraqi Youth Green economic empowerment and SDGs

At the grassroots level, PVA field staff rely on mutual trust and understanding to walk alongside communities in locally-led development. We partner with governments, NGOs, INGOs, CSOs to amplify our impact and ensure changes are sustainable, long after PVA has left. In Iraq, after meeting with the Youth Committee in Najaf in 2019, we are working on cooperation with local authorities to support youth towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

# THANK YOU

## **Executive Director and** Permanent Representative at the United Nations

During the last months of 2019 and when we entered 2020, we had no idea that within days the world would be confronting a virus that would kill hundreds of thousands and put tens of millions of people at risk from the aftershocks of the crisis.

During these two years we have directed our funding and priorities to fight the virus and help the most vulnerable families with basic humanitarian assistance. In addition, the entire PVA system has mobilized behind the World Health Organization-led health response to support a coherent response to e pandemic through the Global Health Response Plan for COVID-19.

Through the generosity of our funding partners, Patriotic Vision PVA empowered, protected and helped tens of thousands of marginalized people worldwide. Patriotic Vision supporters are discerning, they stood by their longstanding commitment to Patriotic Vision's purpose and increasing global influence as a champion of human rights, and they are the greatest!

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