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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Strategic partnerships and capacity strengthening leader with 10+ years of experience across Lebanon and Syria in international NGO environments. Proven record in institutional development, donor-funded program implementation, and multi-stakeholder engagement. Led and accelerated large-scale capacity strengthening portfolios under complex crisis conditions, supporting NGOs and municipalities to access and manage institutional funding. Experienced in donor engagement, project repositioning, governance strengthening, and partnership-based growth strategies.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Partnership and Capacity Strengthening Coordinator

Tròcaire

August 2024 – Present

- Lead institutional capacity assessments and strategic engagement for 9 partner organizations (5 Lebanon, 4 Syria).
- Support partners in developing long-term sustainability and donor diversification strategies.
- Contribute to new project design and localization-aligned partnership frameworks.
- Coordinate with MEAL and program teams to strengthen accountability and learning systems.

Local Capacity Building and Networking Expert

Bioforce

April 2021 – July 2024

- Led implementation of an institutional capacity strengthening project for Sanabel Nour NGO partner under the CDCS funded Project.
- Contributed to proposal development of Sanabel Nour project for AFD-funded Shabake project.
- Accelerated implementation of a 3-year AFD-funded capacity strengthening project (originally 2018–2021), successfully delivering the full portfolio within 1 year (2021–2022) following Lebanon's economic crisis.
- Supported 16 partner NGOs under the AFD portfolio to realign institutional systems to shift operational needs.

- Strengthened donor compliance, proposal competitiveness, and governance systems across partner organizations.
- Member of Bioforce's Pool d'IE (Expert in Taking the Lead Tool)
- Supported recruitment and identification of Lebanese experts.
- Represented Bioforce in coordination platforms, enhancing institutional visibility.

Senior Capacity Building Coordinator

LFPCP

November 2020 – March 2021

- Designed and delivered capacity-building programs for 16 community-based organizations.
- Supported implementation of €10,000 projects per CBO (GIZ-funded).
- Ensured donor compliance, grant monitoring, and technical follow-up.

Field Coordinator – Consultancy Contract

SKL International

May 2019 – June 2020

- Provided day-to-day coaching and institutional support to 2 municipal unions (Swedish Embassy-funded).
- Facilitated stakeholder engagement and network foundations at municipal level.
- Facilitated local stakeholder engagement and identified municipalities' capacity gaps.
- Contributed to the development of local capacity-building plans and M&E tools.
- Supported reporting, visibility, and coordination among municipalities and development partners.

Field Coordinator

Rene Moawad Foundation

May 2016 – April 2019

- Supported governance strengthening for 18 municipalities and established Municipal Public Outreach Committees to enhance citizen engagement (USAID Funded Project Baladi CAP).
- Supported 22 NGOs in a capacity strengthening project.
- Oversaw implementation of €40,000 projects for 4 selected NGOs (EU-funded)

Journalist

Radio Voice of Lebanon and Kuzey Haber Ajansi

May 2011 – April 2016

- Wrote and edited news content for the radio's website, ensuring accuracy and timeliness.
- Coordinated field reporting, logistics, and content production between Lebanon and Istanbul headquarters.
- Conducted interviews, managed translations, and ensured compliance with editorial and legal requirements.

EDUCATION

Masters in Economic and developmental Journalism

Lebanese University – Deanship of Faculty of Information – Tayyouni 2017

Bachelor in Communication

Lebanese University – Faculty of Information and Documentation – Fanar 2012

Lebanese Baccalaureate Economics and social science (SE)

Ecole des Religieuses de Nazareth – Kfarzeina 2009

TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS

AI in Humanitarian Context (2025) Bioforce

PMD Pro (2025) Amideast

PMP Course (2023) Amideast

Taking the Lead (TTL) Organizational Capacity Assessment Tool Certified trainer (2022)
Bioforce

Peer Workshop: Humanitarian Negotiation (2022) Centre of Competence on Humanitarian Negotiation, a joint initiative of five humanitarian agencies (ICRC, MSF, UNHCR, WFP and HD Centre)

L'UNICEF et les organisations de la société civile (OSC) (2022) – Agora UNICEF

Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning – MEAL (2021) Bioforce

BESAFE (2019) – Agora UNICEF

Introduction to Child Protection (2019) - Agora UNICEF

Communication for Immunization (2017) - Agora UNICEF

Mainstreaming Youth with disabilities in vocational training Workshop (2017) UNICEF

Gender Based Violence Core Concepts (2016) International Rescue Committee

LANGUAGES

Arabic: Native

French: Fluent

English: Fluent

Spanish: Beginner

KEY SKILLS

Strategic Leadership & Hub Structuring

- Regional strategy alignment
- Institutional positioning in complex environments
- Roadmap development & performance oversight

Business Development & Portfolio Growth

- Institutional donor engagement (AFD, EU, USAID, GIZ, Swedish Embassy)
- Funding strategy support & proposal positioning
- Partnership pipeline development
- Localization-aligned growth models

Partnership & Stakeholder Engagement

- Multi-stakeholder coordination (NGOs, municipalities, donors, private sector)
- Institutional representation & negotiation
- Corporate–NGO partnership facilitation
- Cross-border partnership management (Lebanon & Syria)

Program & Financial Oversight

- Multi-partner portfolio coordination (30+ NGOs & municipalities across roles)
- Grant compliance & governance strengthening
- Budget review & donor regulatory alignment
- Crisis-responsive program acceleration

Organizational Capacity Strengthening

- Institutional capacity assessments
- Governance system reinforcement
- HR, finance & procurement compliance advisory
- Sustainability & donor diversification strategy

Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning

- MEAL integration in partnership models

- Results-based accountability \;'frameworks
- Performance tracking & reporting

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request