

# ECHOES

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## Caritas Lebanon's Strategic Plan

"Strategic planning is worthless - unless there is first a strategic vision", said American author and public speaker John Naisbitt. As most enterprises do nowadays, and in order to relief the best way possible people they have been assisting, NGOs have to know where they are going but more know why they have chosen to pursue a specific path.

### Four seminars

In order to present its 2009-2011 Strategic Plan and its vision of the future to all its Sectors and regional structures, Caritas Lebanon has scheduled four seminars to be held between the 13th of June and the 11th of July, at the Youth Center for Dialog and Reconciliation located at the Mar Sarkis and Bakhos Monastery (Reyfoun).

The plan's seven priorities are Health, Humanitarian Centers, Promotion of Vulnerable People, Economic Development, Peace and Reconciliation, the Migrants Center and Emergency.



The program of the day goes as follows : a presentation of the management of Caritas Lebanon made by Secretary General, Attorney Fady Ibrahim, followed by Father Louis Samaha's explanation of the Strategic Plan, and last, techniques for a better result in fundraising, which is an essential need of any charitable activity made by Mr. Mounir Sader and Mr. Toufic Aris, both members of the Council. At the end of the meeting, participants may enjoy each other's company during lunch served at the monastery.



### CRS and Emergency

Furthermore, on Friday 12 June, and in collaboration with the Catholic Relief Services, Caritas Lebanon executives participated in a workshop around the National Emergency Plan set up by the Association in order to overcome the deficiencies that emerged during the July 2006 war and to fulfill better its humanitarian mission. This training session helped the team to get acquainted with emergency intervention and problems that might occur during such time.



### Visits

On Thursday June 11th, 2009, Mr. François Soulage, President of the Secours Catholique, met in Caritas Lebanon head office, with Father President Louis Samaha as well as some members of the Bureau and the Council, to discuss mainly about programs supported by the Secours Catholique. In order to evaluate these ongoing projects, Mr. Soulage visited the Center for Children with Specific Needs and the Youth Center for Dialogue and Reconciliation and finally, met with the team in charge of the Mobile Agricultural Laboratory.

### Summer is back...

Now that summer is back, and as discovering Lebanon is part of the activities scheduled for disfavored people, some excursions have already been organized:

19 May : Taanayel (Bekaa) for the children of the Patriarch Sfeir Center for Children with Difficulties - Zahleh

21 May: Tour of touristic sites included in Lebanon's heritage for the children of the Evening Study Program – Tripoli

25 May: Bikfaya (Metn) for the elderly of the Achrafieh Sector

