



# A smile for Lebanon

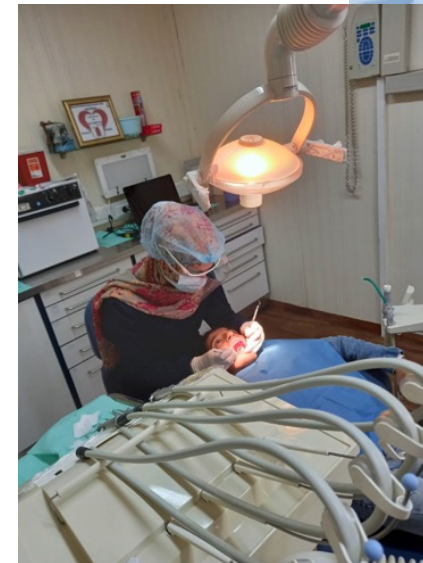
## Lebanese children's dental health

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- **Area of focus:**  
Maternal health and child – disease prevention and treatment
- **Type of Project:** Humanitarian Project:  
Address community needs and produce sustainable, measurable outcomes
- **Primary Contacts:**  
-Rym Dada-Husseini from RC of Tripoli Cosmopolis - Lebanon  
-Hansjörg Eberle from RC of Geneve International – Switzerland
- **Global Grant budget:** 129,000 USD
- **Project duration:** 2 years





# Background

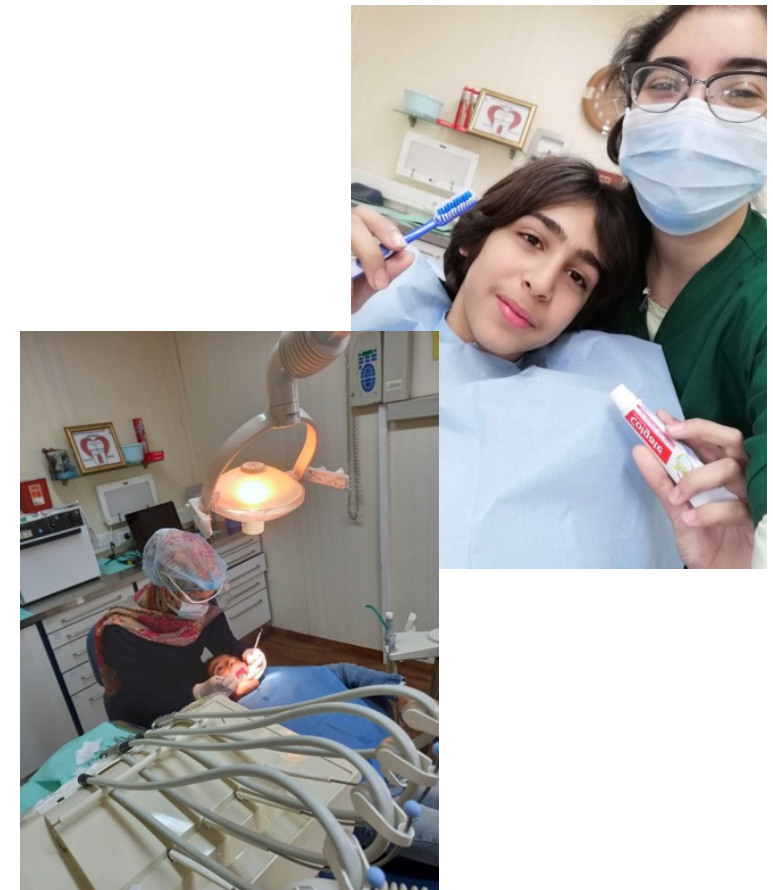
## History of Clubs working together:

Our two clubs have so far worked on 3 different Global Grants that were successfully executed. Several visits have taken place between our two clubs that have led to signing today the ICC between our districts.

Our Club has already partnered with the Rotary Club of Geneve International and Rotaract Zurich in 2020-2021 and provided dental treatments for around 1000 unprivileged children at Aisha Public School in Saida.

Therefore, as the project was successful, we decided to expand it to North Lebanon and apply for a global grant to target a larger number of beneficiaries.

**Global Grant number 2342056**



# Background

- **Tooth decay** is the most common chronic disease in childhood. Children with poor oral health are nearly 3 times more likely to miss school due to dental pain.
- Lebanon has been facing the third **most severe economic crisis** globally since the mid-nineteenth century, which has put the country in a disastrous situation. The Covid 19 and the explosion at the Port of Beirut added to this crisis and have put a very negative impact on the county.
- **A dentist's visit** has become a luxury for a majority of the population as the cost has become unaffordable. In addition, Dental professionals cannot easily travel abroad anymore for training or conferences due to the economical situation.



# Project goals

1. **Prevent childhood tooth decay** as cavities are the result of a disease that is preventable.
2. **Ensure all children** have affordable comprehensive care that improves their **oral health**.
3. **Teaching children about hygiene** methods and how to take care of their teeth will help reduce dental disease in childhood and when adults.
4. **Train dentistry students** at Lebanese universities and allow them to be exposed to the latest treatments and techniques provided by Swiss dentists. They will promote innovative solutions and support exploration where evidence is lacking.





# Target Audience

Therefore we aim to provide dental care and hygiene training to around **7000 primary and kindergarten** students at Lebanese public schools: **2 located in the South of Lebanon and 5 in the North of Lebanon.**

In the South of Lebanon, the visits will take place at Aisha School Dental Clinic.

In North Lebanon, we will hire a **mobile clinic** that would perform the visits on a monthly basis at 5 different schools.



# Expenses

## Expenses include:

- Dental treatment supplies
- Rental of mobile clinic
- Dentists and nurse salaries
- Training
- Total budget of the project: **USD 129'000**  
Cash, pledged + matching funds: **118'000**
- **Still needed: USD 11'000**

## Cash available from:

- DDF from 3 Swiss Districts
- DDF from district 2452
- Geneve International
- RC Aarau, RCTC



# Thank you!



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