WHO ARE WE?

“Their Right to Learn” ﺑﻮا ﻋﻠﺎ ﺣﻖ is a project that emerged from the grassroot initiative Khaddit Beirut, by AUB undergraduate students who refuse to believe that access to education requires a certain privilege.

It all began when we, students, wanted to give back to our community that is facing major crises. We recognize the bubble we are living in, having access to technologies and WIFI connection to pursue an education amidst the chaos, whilst there are students and teachers in Lebanon who do not have access to these basic means. Our aim is to ensure the continuation of the youth’s education despite the dire circumstances.

THE SITUATION IN LEBANON

On August 4 of 2020, the Beirut port exploded, shaking the entire country. Just when people thought the situation in Lebanon could not get any worse with the economic collapse and the COVID-19 pandemic, large amounts of ammonium nitrate in the port combusted causing unfathomable damage.

More than 200 people lost their lives and thousands were injured, not to mention the emotional trauma the people of Lebanon have to carry for the rest of their lives. People lost their jobs, their homes, their lives.
Through our data collection in our 6 partner public schools, we realized that most students and teachers do not have the appropriate devices for smooth online learning and teaching.

We are attempting to provide schools with enough electronic devices to be lent to students & teachers. In the first phase, we are aiming to secure at least 300 devices through monetary and/or in-kind donations.

These devices will be supported with internet subscription as well as the basic software and programs the students and teachers need to continue the school year. On the long term, once face to face learning resumes, the donated devices will be used to establish a STEM lab in each school.

WHAT DO WE NEED?

While the world switched to virtual learning, Lebanon is actively facing a major shortage. The explosion and the devaluation of the Lebanese Lira greatly impacted the education sector as students are unable to afford devices to attend their classes, with some families having to share one smartphone screen.

It has been reported by UNICEF that approximately 163 public and private schools have been damaged by the blast, affecting over 70,000 students and 7,600 teachers. When education is compromised, so will the entire future of this nation. These children are our future and Lebanon’s chance to rise up.

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