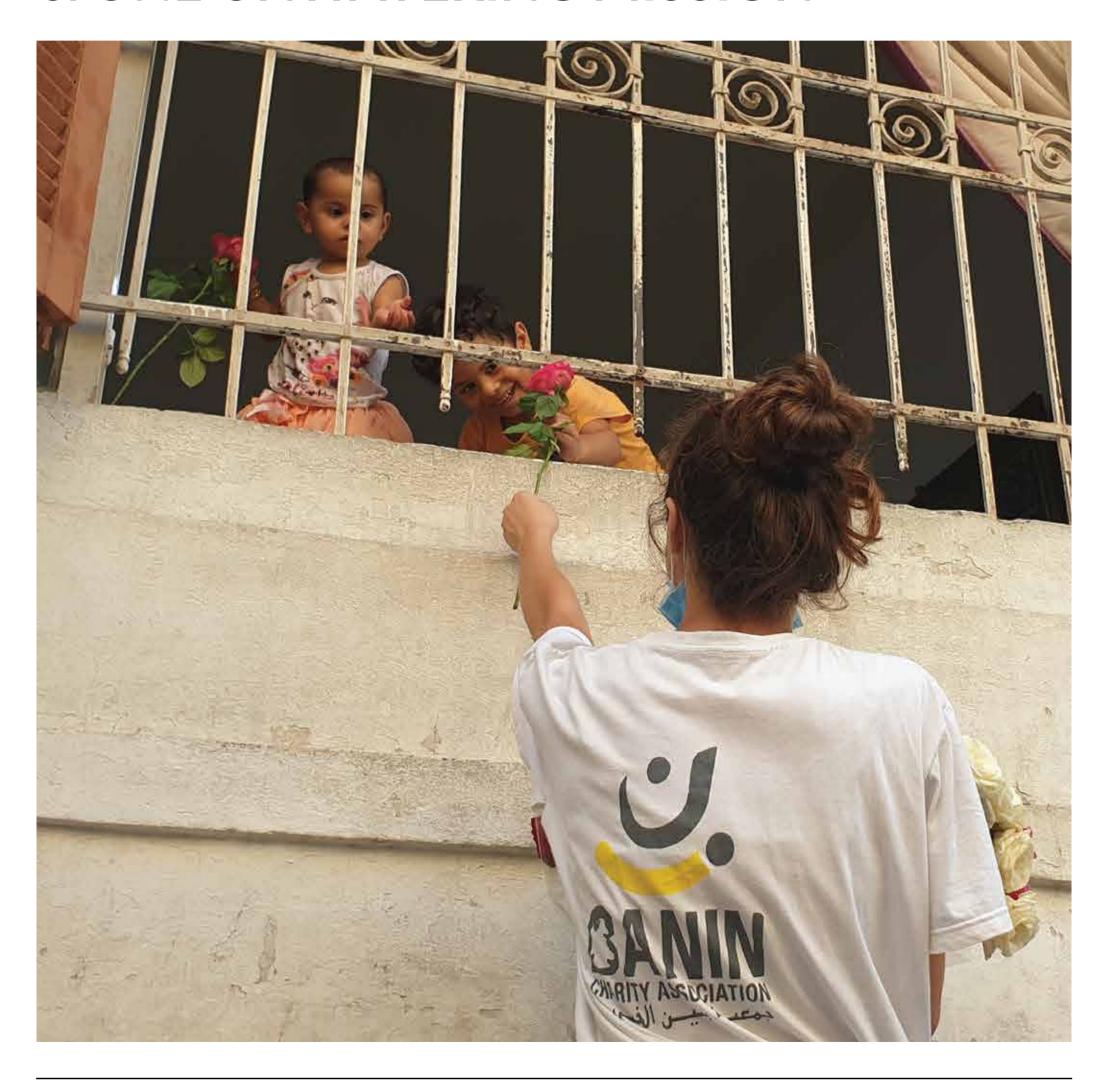


## 12 Years

## A THOUSAND LIVES... & ONE UNWAVERING MISSION





"Our journey, thus far, has been one of resilience, hope, and unified commitment to our mission. We have stood by families through crises, supported children in their education, and ensured that those in need receive life-saving medical care. Today, Banin's impact can be measured through stories of lives changed, dreams rekindled, and communities strengthened despite the turbulent and fragile socio-political situation.

As we celebrate 12 years of service, we recognize that our work is far from over. Lebanon's current challenges call for solidarity, creativity, and shared responsibility. That's why we are launching The Banin Tribune: a platform to highlight our work, amplify your voices, and bring our community closer together. In this first edition, we reflect on the journey so far, honor those who have made it possible, and look ahead with renewed hope and purpose.

Thank you for being part of Banin. Your relentless support is what keeps us going. With gratitude".

## Dr. Mohamed Yahfoufi

## President Banin Charity Association





## "12 Years of Banin"

"Since 2013, Banin Charity Association has been dedicated to empowering underprivileged individuals across Lebanon through education, healthcare, and social support. Its impact-driven approach promotes resilience and long-term well-being.

## Global Recognition & Commitment to Excellence

In 2015, Banin became Lebanon's first NGO to earn ISO-9001 certification from the UK, highlighting its commitment to quality, ethics, and transparency. By partnering with governments, corporations, and international NGOs, Banin ensures lasting, measurable impact."





## Empowering Communities

**At Banin**, our **programs** are built around the commitment to deliver practical and people-centered support to Lebanon's most vulnerable communities.

Our work is guided by four core pillars, each designed to address a specific dimension, **from health and housing to food security and education.** 

### 1. Health & Child Protection







Sponsor a Patient	Beneficiaries: 90,510	Support Provided: \$1,702,961
Save a Life	Beneficiaries: 21	Support Provided: \$2,000,032
Sponsor an Orphan	Beneficiaries: 3,502	Support Provided: \$372,890

### 2. Social Security and Development







Food Security	Beneficiaries: 498,026	Support Provided: \$2,797,319
Financial Aid	Beneficiaries: 293,205	Support Provided: \$1,980,296
Fund to Empower	Beneficiaries: 8,033	Support Provided: \$446,934

### 3. Shelter & Household Support





Warm a Heart	Beneficiaries: 32,455	Support Provided: \$306,742
Restore and Rehabilitate	Beneficiaries: 94,934	Support Provided: \$913,992

### 4. Education



We Educate	Beneficiaries: 3,708	Support Provided: \$226,673
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## Banin Medical Center (BMC)

### Where Healthcare Meets Dignity

#### The idea for Banin Medical Center (BMC) began in 2016 with a simple goal:

to provide high-quality healthcare regardless of a patient's ability to pay. After years of tireless effort, that dream came true in 2023, thanks to \$300,000 in donor support—half of which was contributed by Wish Foundation Australia, with the rest from the Islamic Center of America, Lebanese diaspora, and CSR partners.

Just a year later, **BMC expanded with \$100,000** in new services including X-rays, panoramic imaging, audiometry, and dental implants—strengthening its role as a comprehensive care provider. **Today, BMC** is a fully accredited primary healthcare center in Beirut, holding **three ISO certifications** and offering **over 20 medical specialties**. From cardiology and neurology to psychiatry and speech therapy, the center meets diverse health needs with compassion and quality. It also provides imaging, diagnostic tests, pharmaceutical aid, and homecare services for elderly and special-needs patients.

BMC handles around 500 low-income cases per month and has **served 13,190 patients to date**. In times of crisis, it steps up: **delivering care to 9,000 families during the recent war**, and seasonal aid to 2,000 families in Ramadan and Easter **2025**.

### A recent patient satisfaction survey showed:

- •100% rated reception, triage, and nursing as "Good"
- •98.3% praised hygiene
- •96.6% were highly satisfied with care quality

At Banin, we believe healthcare is a right—not a privilege—and BMC stands as proof of that belief in action.







# A Future Built on Impact & Innovation

As Banin enters its **13th year**, we continue to expand our mission, deepen partnerships, and serve with purpose. **Before unveiling our future plans, we reflect on a milestone initiative that defines our journey.** 

## "The 10452 Campaign"

Launched as an emergency relief response to **Covid-19** and named after Lebanon's total area in square kilometers, the **10452 Campaign** is now an annual pledge held during Easter and the month of Ramadan.

This year's campaign was launched under the patronage of the Ministry of Social Affairs and reached over **11,000** individuals across **15 regions**, distributing medical vouchers, food aid, and hygiene kits. Beyond aid, the campaign cultivated community connection through events like the **Banin Women's Club Suhoor and the Children's Iftar at Chill and Buzz in Beirut Souks**, where **250 children** were treated to food, games, and gifts.

With **11,492 families reached in 2025 alone**, the **10452** Campaign continues to reflect Banin's mission to support underprivileged communities in Lebanon through its programs.







## Spreading Joy on Wheels

Banin's Holiday Truck

**Since 2017**, **Banin's Holiday Truck** has brought joy to underserved communities during Eid al-Adha and Christmas. With music, dancing characters, and 2,000 toys and treats per holiday, it turns city streets into spaces of celebration and hope.

**In June 2024**, the truck visited **Tyr, Sanayeh Park, Hamra, and Basta**, spreading cheer after months of hardship. Powered by donations and volunteers, the Holiday Truck reflects Banin's belief in the emotional well-being of orphaned, displaced, and vulnerable children as a core part of humanitarian care.







## Banin's Response

### **Beirut Port Explosion**

Following the **August 2020** Beirut Port explosion, Banin launched a swift, multi-layered relief campaign in the city's most affected neighborhoods.

#### **Shelter Rehabilitation**

Over **3,000** homes were restored in areas like Gemmayzeh with structural repairs, windows, and furnishings.

#### **Essential Aid Distribution**

Families received hot meals, food boxes, and hygiene kits to cover urgent needs.

### Financial, Medical, & Long-Term Support

Banin provided rental assistance, medical care, and cash aid to families who lost homes or income. In severe cases—like F.M's—support lasted over two years and included surgeries, medications, and housing.



## Support lasted over two years

## Powering Hope

### Banin & the Embassy of Japan Go Solar

In a time of deepening energy insecurity, **Banin in collaboration with the Embassy of Japan**, implemented a landmark solar powered water pumping station to ensure uninterrupted access to clean water in **Al Ouzai area in Beirut**. This project was Funded through Japan's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (**GGP**) to suppoer the livelihood of **59,000 people across 12,000 residential units**. It stands as a model of meaningful partnership that combines innovation, sustainability, and community impact in a country where energy access remains fragile.







## Banin on the Frontlines

### **Emergency War Response**

According to Lebanese authorities, **over 1,600 individuals were killed**, **8,000 injured**, and **200,000 displaced due to Israeli attacks**. Banin responded immediately, delivering food, water, and medical support to shelters across 60+ sites in Beirut, South Lebanon, and Mount Lebanon

As the war escalated and larger shelters were needed, the Lebanese government entrusted Banin with establishing **Banin Village**, a large-scale shelter offering not only housing, sanitation, and food, set up at **Camille Chamoun Sports City Stadium**. The village also offered a fully stocked pharmacy, a medical clinic with public health professionals, and access to specialized care through **BMC**, in addition to psychosocial and **educational activities** to help young residents heal, learn, and regain stability through a **partnership with Amel Association**.

After the **November 30 ceasefire** came into action, Banin shifted toward recovery extending education, mental health support, and essential aid to families in **Banin Village through February 1, 2025.** 

During the war, **Banin Charity Association** supported over **118,000** individuals with shelter, food, healthcare, education, and psychosocial services, delivering aid worth **\$1,785,021**. Key achievements include:

- 484 families sheltered, including 400 housed in Banin Village
- 23,610 food parcels and 12,000+ warm meals distributed
- 1,200 hygiene kits and 1,100 medical consultations provided
- Educational support delivered to over **650** displaced children
- \$132,224 worth of medication distributed nationwide through the

#### Al Shifaa Trucks initiative

These interventions reached dozens of shelters and over 42 villages across Lebanon. Banin's efforts were guided by a crisis management framework, empowered by 300+ volunteers, and fueled by national and international solidarity.











## Full story: Ahmad Delbani

### A Heartbeat of Hope

**Ahmad Delbani** was just **15** when a football match with his friends ended with an emergency trip to the hospital. Tests revealed a defect in his mitral valve, the part of the heart that regulates blood flow between chambers, forcing his heart to work overtime. A pacemaker was implanted to temporarily stabilize his condition.

A year later, his condition worsened. By 2018, Ahmad's heart muscle had weakened significantly, and he had to be fitted with an **artificial pump (LVAD)**. In **mid-2019**, **Ahmad's pacemaker began to fail**, and his heart stopped twice leaving him with one option, a transplant abroad.



After exhausting all options, Ahmad's family brought his case to the Lebanese Ministry of Public Health for help. Banin Charity Association, moved by the urgency of his case, stepped in and launched the #Save\_Ahmad campaign through our Save a Life program which provides life-saving care for patients who can't afford it

Fueled by Banin's community network and digital outreach, the campaign quickly gained momentum and Ahmad's story spread through heartfelt videos and live updates on social media. One of the most powerful moments came during a Facebook Live with Bintjbeil.org, streamed from Corniche Sour, where Banin's team stood with journalists and activists to rally support. Online, people donated and shared the livestream; on the ground, passersby gave whatever they could, from small bills to words of encouragement



Across the country, others joined in. A young man sold his motorcycle, and an elderly shopkeeper gave his day's wages. In the South, Motorcross groups organized charity rides through villages, gathering crowds and raising funds. Behind the scenes, Banin's team coordinated visits and managed donations to ensure full transparency. By the end of **2019**, the funds were secured, and **Ahmad boarded a flight to Italy**, lifted by the generosity of a country that refused to give up on him.

Just as Ahmad was preparing for surgery, the pandemic hit. Borders closed, hospitals delayed operations, and he remained in Italy throughout **2020 continuing treatment**, learning Italian, and waiting.

"I was calm," he said. "I knew things would eventually get better."





Nearly a year after, the transplant was ready, and Ahmad's tedious wait ended with a successful surgery. His recovery took time and while continuing treatment, he worked on learning Italian and culinary arts.

Still in Italy, Ahmad remains connected to his community in Lebanon, sharing his story with others facing serious illness.

"Life needs patience, courage, and strength. You cannot lose hope; hope is what keeps you going" Ahmad's journey is a powerful reminder of what's possible when people come together and of the strength it takes to hold on until that second chance arrives. His story is one of 21 lives that Banin saved under the Save a Life Program which partnered with international hospitals including but not limited to: St. Louis Children's Hospital in California, Acibadem hospital in Turkey, Bambino Gesu Hospital in Rome, and Sant Joan de Déu hospital in Barcelona among others

## Hope is what keeps you going



## Voices of Partnership

### Conversations with Wish Foundation Australia

### and Amity Foundation America

In this issue, we are proud to spotlight two of our most trusted and long-standing partnerships: Wish Foundation Australia and Amity Foundation America. Through interviews with **Rabea Ajami, cofounder of Wish, and Danielle Zayat of Amity**, we reflect on the shared values, impact, and defining moments that have shaped our work together.

## Interview with Rabea Ajami

### Wish Foundation

We began our partnership with Wish Foundation Australia in 2020, united by our mission to support vulnerable communities across Lebanon through both emergency response and long-term infrastructure. One of the most notable outcomes of this collaboration has been the establishment of the Banin Medical Center (BMC), a dream realized with Wish's generous \$150,000 contribution.

Rabea described the launch of BMC in 2023 as one of the most impactful milestones in the partnership: "We had sponsors. Banin had the vision. Together, we made it happen. Walking into that center and seeing it serve people every day is a blessing we are proud to be part of."





"We did our research, and everything pointed to Banin," said Rabea Ajami, cofounder of Wish Foundation. "Once we saw how they worked, the sincerity, the transparency, the heart behind every action, we knew we had found the right partner. Our values aligned perfectly."

Rabea closed with a message to the global community:

"We both run lean. There is no waste. Most of what we raise goes directly to the people. That is what makes this work, and why we will keep doing it. If we do not do this for Lebanon, no one else will. It is on all of us (NGOs, donors, and citizens of the world) to lift each other up. The only way forward is together."



## Interview with Danielle Zayat

### **AMITY FOUNDATION**

We spoke with Danielle Zayat from the Amity Foundation, one of Banin Charity Association's key international partners, to reflect on our shared work, common values, and the moments that have shaped this collaboration.

Danielle recalls that Amity's mission has always centered around dignity-driven aid, whether through home rehabilitation, meal support during holidays, or global relief campaigns. It was the Beirut port explosion, however, that truly awakened their global response and marked a turning point in their relationship with Banin.

"We'd heard nothing but good things about Banin," Danielle said. "What stood out most was their inclusive approach: no bias, no conditions. A human is a human. That's exactly how we operate, and why the partnership made sense."



The alignment between both organizations became even clearer during joint initiatives like Banin Village, which Danielle describes as the most impactful project we have collaborated on. "The speed, scale, and coordination were unmatched," she said. "It was the dream. Everyone coming together, regardless of background, to help hundreds of families in record time." During Amity Foundation's most recent visit to Lebanon, Danielle recalled a moment that left a deep impression. She met Abou Moussa, a father who had lost his leg and could no longer manage the small store that once supported his family. His son quit his job to care for him, and the household's only source of income disappeared.

Rather than offering a one-time donation, Banin and Amity helped rehabilitate the family's shop to restore Abou Moussa's livelihood and give the family back a sense of purpose and dignity. As Danielle put it,

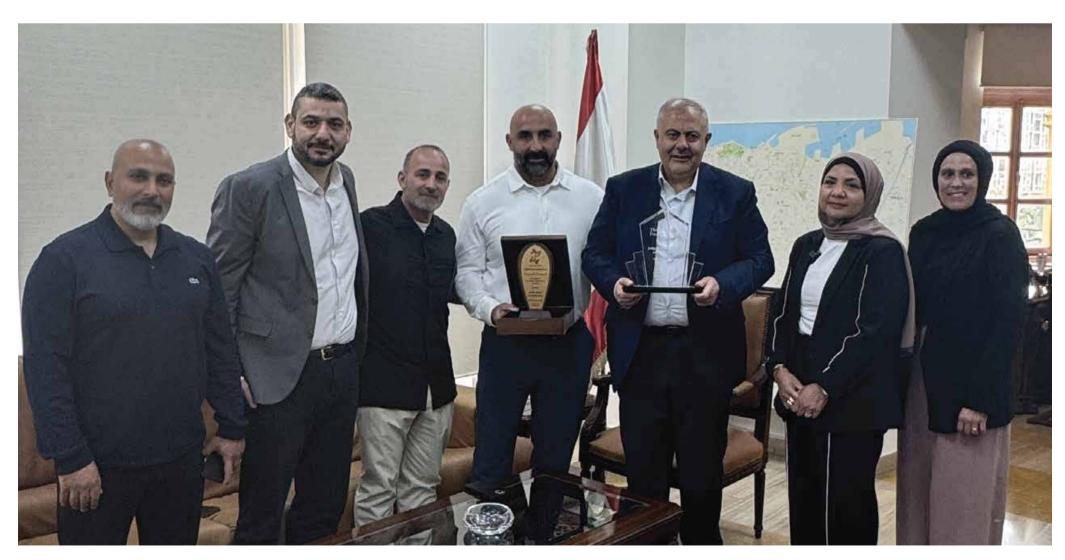
"It wasn't just about giving help. It was about empowering him and allowing him to help himself."

When asked what makes this partnership work, her answer was simple: Trust.

"When we send funds overseas, we need to know they're being used exactly as promised. Banin is transparent, accountable, and committed, which gives our donors confidence too."

To close, Danielle offered a heartfelt message to supporters of both organizations:

"There are many NGOs doing good work, but the results we've achieved with Banin are unlike anything I've seen. To our donors: YOU are the heart of everything we do. We are just the in-between. Without YOU, none of this would be possible."



## Celebrity & Leadership Highlights

udge Marwan Abbou



"I want to thank Banin because I placed my trust in you, and you rose to the responsibility."

November 2024, Banin Village, Sport City Stadium
Beirut Governor

Dr. Firas Abiad



"During this visit, I saw a high level of professionalism and quality, and this is important for the Ministry of Public Health. People often assume that if a service is affordable, quality must be lacking, but this visit proved the exact opposite."

Banin Medical Center – Opening Day Minister of Public Health

Hector Hajjar



"A center like this, as we have seen, is exceptional. I am truly impressed by the standards I witnessed today and the speed at which the work is being carried out."

Banin Village - 2025
Minister of Social Affairs

Rabi'a Zayyat



"We rise above sects, above political divides, above geography. We speak in the name of Lebanon, and no one can confine us to a single region."

Women's Club Suhoor, 2025

Journalist

alid Tawfik



"From the bottom of my heart, I hope you all donate to Banin Charity Association."

10452 Campaign, 2023

erre Chamassyan



"Kindness spreads, so let it reach everyone... At Banin, we are here to serve the widow, the poor, and the sick."

Launch of 10,452 Campaign in 2023
Actor (Board Member at Banin Charity)



## Jad Beydoun

### Co-Founder and Executive Director

When **Banin was founded in 2013**, it was driven by a simple yet powerful belief that no one should be left behind. We raised the slogan, "**No to sectarianism, no to regionalism, no to favoritism,**" fully aware that we were challenging the existing current but with faith that what is done sincerely for the sake of God will flourish.

Twelve years later, what began with just one employee, ten volunteers, and ten supported families now operates with 40 employees and over **500 volunteers**, serving more than **20,000 families** annually with a yearly budget that has grown from **\$100,000 to over \$2.5 million**. This journey reflects grace granted by God, our team's dedication, and the trust the public has placed in us.

Your support hasn't just helped us continue; it has allowed us to reach lives in ways we never deemed possible. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to the current and former members of the Board of Directors and to every member of Banin's dedicated staff whose vision, perseverance, and tireless efforts have been the backbone of our journey. Thank you.







