

Hayati Media Kit

It's time to show our work to the world.



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HAYATI MY LIFE

The project was founded
with the support of the
US EMBASSY in Lebanon



A city transformed by the Syrian war

Young Syrians, Palestinians and Lebanese
join together to document their lives in
Bar Elias, a Bekaa Valley town at the
center of the refugee crisis.

1 THE EXHIBITION IN BAR ELIAS

Date and time:

FEBRUARY 28TH TO MARCH 6TH.
Opening, March 5. 4pm.

Location:

CLUB NASSER BAR ELIAS

**Next to Bar Elias City Hall*

2 THE EXHIBITION IN BEIRUT

Date and time:

MARCH 10 TO 17. Opening, Friday 10. 6pm.

Location:

MINUS 1

**Near 124 Rue 70. Tabaris, Beirut.*
www.minus1lb.com

THE PROJECT

PHOTO BY **Mithal Kattan**

The shadow of war

Hayati – My Life, a photography and video training project for young residents of Bar Elias, will host photo exhibition and launch the documentary Life goes on in Bar Elias. The photos and film depict a Bekaa Valley community shaped by the shadow of war, through the lens of its youth.



My Life has trained 68 Lebanese, Syrian and Palestinian youth in digital photography and video for the last four months. This exhibit is a collage of the work they have done and tells their stories.



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HAYATI PROJECT

We believe that young people, especially those who are marginalized or ignored, can be a force for change when they use media to tell their stories. Hayati – My Life is a project that uses art and media to empower youth by teaching our young participants how to tell their own stories through photography and digital video. We have gotten young people to break boundaries while promoting tolerance, patience and respect. We have created an opportunity for these young women and men to work and learn in a diverse, multicultural environment.

Our teachers -- Nabil El Hajj, Ali Kamel Jooma and Oscar de Gispert and Renee Chaccour -- have focused hands-on teaching and individual attention so our participants can learn to shoot, edit and share their own videos online, helping them discover their photographic eye and learn new ways to tell stories that document their reality.

Working together has built up their self-esteem and confidence, fostering an experience of gender equality and an understanding how to improve gender relations, shaping how they discover themselves through their images.

The project has created a direct opportunity for young Syrian and Palestinian refugees and local Lebanese youth in Bar Elias to come together, communicating across cultural, religious and national boundaries and foster a spirit of democratic values. The participants have been equipped with social, civic and intercultural understanding as well as a strong capacity for critical thinking.

Additionally, Hayati – My Life has provided the participants with healthy homemade meals, giving them the energy they need to learn while employing self organized Syrian refugee women community groups from the Ale – Askar and Al – Farah to cater, stimulating local economic growth. With the support of the US Embassy in Lebanon, Civis Mundi has focused on increasing employment opportunities in the cultural sector, holding entrepreneurship training courses that give marginalized communities the skills to launch and self-manage micro-businesses.

It is through projects like this that we can shine a light on the reality of the refugee crisis and take steps to counter its impact.

more about

- *The project has provided "Healthy Homemade Meals" through collaboration with Syrian and Lebanese Female Community Groups. In addition to creating livelihood opportunities for vulnerable Syrian and Lebanese women, the project provides key nutritional support for the Hayati – My Life participants*
- *In the framework of the Hayati - My Life project there has been six field trips: Shams Restaurant, Lebanese International University (LIU) - Bekaa Campus, Aanjar, Dewan Al Kaser...*
- *Hayati - My Life has also provided our participants with the chance to meet professional Film Makers and learn how the cinema industry works. Hayati - My Life would like to thank their collaboration to the Producer Ms. Jinane Dagher and the movie director Ms. Rania Rafei.*
- *Civis Mundi, with the support of the US Embassy in Lebanon, has focused its attention on the culture sector as a means to increase employment opportunities. Hayati - My Life has trained the participants in Entrepreneurship.*
- *The project has contributed to the creation of jobs benefiting the participants. Although the project has not finished, four participants have already found jobs related to the photography field.*





PHOTOGRAPHS



PHOTO BY **Rawad Hammoura**

36 photos shot in Central Bekaa

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UNIQUE & UNSEEN

A new vision for Bar Elias

*This exhibition brings together 36 photos shot
In Central Bekaa that uniquely reflects the
city by photographers trained by the project*

PHOTO BY **Walaa**

PHOTO BY **Wajiha Mohamad Shehime**



PHOTO BY **Naghah Ahmad Sulaiman**



PHOTO BY **Rasha Nashrallah**



PHOTO BY **Reem Zhouri Al Zhouri**

PHOTOGRAPHS

Important stories

"I am so excited that these important stories are being told"

"This project provided young women and men with resources and skills to give the world a glimpse into their daily struggle to find joy amidst the instability of looming conflict."

says Ms. Ana Gómez Cives Mundi Project Coordinator.

PHOTO BY **Reem Amer Al Sarout**

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PHOTOGRAPHS

The vivid photos

"The vivid photos and eye opening footage gives a unique and unseen view of a community reshaped the upheaval of the refugee crisis,"

says **Ms. Rayan Awad** Hayati Project Manager.

PHOTO BY **Rana Ahmad Tayyara**

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PHOTO BY **Mariam Khoder Naem**



PHOTO BY **Layla Samir Abou Nemri**



PHOTO BY **Mahmoud Hamoud Abdallah**



PHOTO BY **Nour Mazen Kobais**



PHOTO BY **Mayyada Mohammad Abd Alwahed**

THE DOCUMENTARY



Life goes on in Bar Elias

Life goes on in Bar Elias explores three short heartfelt stories about Bar Elias' transformation over the last six years.

Coordinated by Oscar de Gispert, a well known Spanish director who instructed the project, oversaw the students writing, shooting and editing of the documentary.

Working together to create this documentary and exhibit has help these new photographers and documentary makers confront the prejudices and xenophobia rife in their community and experienced in every aspect of their daily lives.

The documentary will be screened at the exhibition's openings on February 28 and March 10. The documentary will also be entered into short film festivals at local and international level

Building trust

Hayati – My Life has been a tool for building trust among the youth from diverse groups and facilitating their collaboration, creating a direct opportunity for young Syrian and Palestinian refugees to come together with Lebanese youth, sharing and exploring their cultural, religious and national differences together.

It has also provided the participant with entrepreneurship knowledge and skills that they are already using successfully in the job market.



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ABOUT CIVES MUNDI

Cives Mundi is an international NGO located in Spain whose main objective is to promote and implement development programs, provide support and assistance in developing areas and countries around the world. The main sectors for action are Food Security, Refugees protection, protection and promotion of Humans Rights and Social entrepreneurship.

Our organization always considers the encouragement of equal opportunities between men and women and environmental protection. Cives Mundi has been working in Lebanon since 2009, with both the vulnerable Lebanese population and refugee population (Palestinians and Syrians). In 2014, Cives Mundi implemented the 3Ayune - My Eyes project in Whadi Kahled (Lebanon's northeast borders adjacent to Syria) with the support of US Embassy in Lebanon in order to defuse tensions between the host community and the Syrian refugee population.

Since August 2016, Cives Mundi has been implementing the project Hayati-My Life in Bar Elias.

Its objective is to contribute to sensitizing and alleviating psychological pressure, having an impact on poverty by training youth in new technologies in the most vulnerable areas of Bar Elias. The project is also generously supported by the US Embassy in Lebanon.