



A new year that begins, and we continue, one step at a time, one program at a time, with our mission to empower our community. Positive developments to share on all fronts, specially from our flagship programs. Happy reading!

GNFF enhances its seed library

After conducting more than 45 sessions online under our “Seed of Change” program during the past three years, our international consultant Dr. Amanda Rose Newton visited Lebanon. It was the opportunity for her to meet the GNFF community and collaborate with our team to further develop our seed library.

GNFF partnered with Land’O Lakes Venture 37, Farmer-to-Farmer program funded by USAID, to invite Dr. Newton to Lebanon.



Dr. Amanda leading a workshop on seed saving, extraction techniques and the importance of seed libraries.

Cooperatives widen their horizons

Our CD4 program brought cooperatives closer, as they are now exchanging raw material, ideas and their know-how.



GNFF's food safety specialists liaised closely with the cooperatives to ensure their products' quality, labelling and branding meet international markets' requirements.



Chef Elissa Abou Tass worked with every cooperative to upgrade one of its traditional recipes and transform it into an innovative product.

Market linkages were successfully accomplished, among which the permanent display of their star products at various points of sale such as Made by Nature, Carrefour and the Mayouli guest house in Batroun. Some of their products are getting exported to France, Spain, Kuwait and the UAE.

CD4 is a U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) funded program, implemented by Land O’Lakes Venture 37 in partnership with GNFF.

Basatine is in full motion

Now in its second year, Basatine continues to provide well needed technical support to farmers in Akkar and the Beqaa.

Our seed library is now fully ready for the practical part of the training. We will deliver them on our 6 strategically selected experimental farms.

A total of **2000** trainings on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) were delivered to cereal, legumes and vegetables farmers.



Agence Française de Développement (AFD) delegates meet with Basatine's participants in Akkar.



Funded by the Agence Française de Développement, BASATINE is a consortium led by CARE International Lebanon, in partnership with the Georges N. Frem Foundation, Berytech Foundation, Al Majmoua, Mercy Corps and the Lebanese Organization for Studies and Training.

Théâtre Athénée Jounieh kickstarts the year on happy vibes

TAJ began the year with a full program of acting classes for children, youth and adults. Faithful to its mission, it keeps creating a safe space for self-expression and talent development.



“I've done workshops before, but this one is among the best workshops I've done! I discovered new points in myself through expression and acting. I worked a lot on my weak points; I can't wait for the next session!”
- Patricia

We also ensured the holidays were infused with the festive spirit! Louna's “Christmas Sparkle Show” at TAJ entertained the whole family. Children had an amazing time, watching giant characters and enjoying enchanting performances.

Our Student Transport Program remains faithful to its mission

Our brave STP drivers are dedicated to ensuring our students commute safely from their villages to the Lebanese university and various technical institutes in Beirut, despite strikes and the harsh weather!

