

LAL ANNUAL REPORT

2015

The collaborative year

LAL's 2015 motto

Together we are stronger

As the Syrian refugee crisis evolved, several NGOs and other entities initiated projects in the educational field. Given the urgency of this crisis, projects often overlap and do not learn from each others successes and difficulties. LAL met with several NGO's with the purpose of building a network and implementing cooperative projects.

We certainly believe that technology would provide an additional plus for these projects and enhance learning. LAL's contribution would be to offer the Tabshoura free platform, based on the Lebanese curriculum and in three languages. Our mission is to enhance education in the most vulnerable communities.

LAL's motto for this year was collaboration. LAL met with several NGOs, got acquainted with their projects, discovered many humanitarian initiatives and initiated a link with university students seeking involvement in social activities.

LAL partnered with World Vision, DOT, Thaki, Malaak, Their World and FSEDU in order to reach more vulnerable children in a more efficient way.

These are our year 2015 stories:

I. Tabshoura/Kindergarten: a project sponsored by WORLD VISION



As part of the No Lost Generation II project, World Vision sponsored the development of Tabshoura/Kindergarten platform and used it in 3 world vision centers in the Bekaa with the help of DOT Teach up! program.

Tabshoura/Kindergarten is an interactive platform based on the learning objectives of the Lebanese revised early childhood official curriculum.

A team of Kindergarten teachers, educational technologist and creative developers produced interactive content, short educational movies, audio recording texts and illustrated stories.

Noha Abi Habib, who is the CERD project coordinator for the KGs, supervised and validated the work.

DOT team trained the teachers on the usage of technology and coached them to use Tabshoura/Kindergarten platform as part of their teaching.

A team of Kindergarten teachers, educational technologist and creative produced interactive content, short educational movies, audio recording and illustrated stories. The platform's colorful designs, easy instructions and child-friendly videos with nursery rhymes and stories are presented in three different languages - Arabic, English and French – and offered in three grade levels, all available for free starting April 2016.



II. E-learning assessment in partnership with the Education Faculty of Saint Joseph University of Beirut



Assessing e-learning is complex. What to evaluate? How do we measure skills acquisitions? What are the particularities of an online teaching? Does it improve the quality of critical thinking? Does it improve collaborative learning?

In partnership with the Education Faculty of Education Sciences in Beirut, LAL launched CEED research project, financed by the Research Center of Saint Joseph University.

Assessment 1 took place in World Vision centers. 107 kids used Tabshoura/kindergarten and 73 did not. We used a qualitative statistics methodology to compare the two populations.

Assessment 2 will take place in Mtein public school and will be based on focus groups of children and teachers.

Results will be published on our website in April 2016.

III. TRAINING IN MALAAK HALBA CENTER



A private initiative that lead to the building of a prefabricated school facility in Halba- Akkar (North of Lebanon) and insuring school teaching for 400 out of school Syrian refugee children.

LAL provided a training on the usage of Tabshoura platform which is being used by the teachers in different class levels.

IV. PARTNERSHIPS

WITH DIGITAL OPPORTUNITY TRUST



In September 2014, DOT launched its education program Teach Up! (TU!), to support the implementation of DOT's Digital Education Program TU in schools and educational centers. LAL partnered with DOT in 2 main projects. LAL develops Tabshoura and DOT trains teachers to the usage of ICT and coaches the implementation of Tabshoura in class practices.

WITH THAKI



LAL partnered with THAKI for optimal access to Tabshoura among Refugee communities. Thaki.org is a social initiative dedicated to supporting refugee education by providing laptops, computers and tablets enriched with educational content, particularly LAL's e-learning pilot project, Tabshoura.

WITH THEIR WORLD



Tabshoura platform will be used by Their World as a part of A World at School project. Tabshoura will be implemented in public schools and DOT will insure the coaching to its usage.

What about the creative interventions?

I. Du bac à la scène II



Following the success of its first edition last year, baccalaureate students from schools across Beirut are coming together again to offer their theatrical performance of 'Du Bac a la Scene – 2nd edition'. All proceeds of this event went to support the Lebanese Alternative Learning (LAL) project, Tabshoura.

The young actors come from L'Athénée de Beyrouth, Grand Lycée Franco-Libanais, Lycée Verdun, Lycée Abdel Kader, Carmel Saint Joseph and Collège Protestant Français.

The performance took place for two nights, June 23rd & 24th, at Gemmayze Theatre, at 9:00 PM.

Also participating to support Tabshoura and Lebanese Alternative Learning are journalist Médéa Azouri and musician Rami Tibi.

<http://www.lorientlejour.com/article/929905/-du-bac-a-la-scene-an-ii-se-faire-plaisir-pour-faire-du-bien.html>



II. Creative partnerships

With Cedar Environmental

Recycling project: “Dude, where is my Candy Wrap?”

Responding to the garbage crisis, the project also promotes environmental awareness and healthy behavior. “Dude, Where’s My Candy Wrap?” In collaboration with one of Lebanon’s leading waste-management initiatives, Cedar Environmental, two schools in Beirut, the Sacré Coeur and the Lycée Verdun, will collect their plastic waste to be transformed into an eco-friendly green-wall using Cedar Environmental patented technology.

With Frederic Sareza

“Eye-Listen”



LAL will host French artist and puppet-maker Frederic Sareza to spend three weeks with the children in IRAP, using creative means to communicate and celebrate nature.

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