

Amel Association International Protection sector

2025 review



Introduction

Throughout 2025, Lebanon continued to face a complex humanitarian context characterized by ongoing displacement, socioeconomic deterioration, and recurrent insecurity, generating sustained protection needs across affected communities. While emergency needs remained significant following the escalation of hostilities and subsequent ceasefire, vulnerable populations also continued to face chronic barriers to accessing essential services and protection support.

Against this backdrop, Amel Association International Protection Sector maintained a dual approach combining emergency response efforts with sustained service delivery through regular programming. Building on lessons learned from previous emergency interventions, the sector focused on ensuring continuity of services while adapting interventions to evolving needs across different population groups.

Throughout the year, Amel prioritized strengthening the quality, accessibility, and specialization of protection services, with particular attention to individuals facing heightened vulnerabilities. Efforts focused not only on expanding access to essential protection support, but also on enhancing service quality through increased technical specialization, strengthened referral pathways, improved case management approaches, and community-based interventions tailored to diverse needs.

In parallel to emergency response activities addressing urgent protection concerns linked to displacement and conflict, Amel continued implementing longer-term protection programming aimed at reinforcing resilience, promoting access to services, and supporting communities through an integrated and inclusive approach.

This report presents an overview of the key achievements of Amel Association International Protection Sector throughout 2025, highlighting efforts undertaken to provide timely, specialized, and quality protection services to affected populations across both emergency and regular programming contexts.

Protection in numbers

In 2025, drawing on its longstanding presence within communities and the sustained commitment of its teams, the Protection Sector reached an estimated **217,976 individuals** across its five programmatic components.

The Protection Programme is organized around five complementary pillars, designed to address a wide range of protection risks and vulnerabilities. These components collectively aim to ensure access to essential protection services, strengthen community-based protection mechanisms, and promote the safety, dignity, and empowerment of affected populations.



GBV

195,518



Child Protection

8,100



**Community-Based
Protection**

3,100



Older Persons

4,400



**Support to migrant
workers**

6,858

Community-Based Protection

The community-based protection component aims to actively involve communities in the design implementation, and oversight of protection responses, particularly for issues affecting the collective well-being.

Child Protection

The child protection component focuses on social and behavioral change. It targets children directly through dedicated activities, while also engaging caregivers through awareness-raising and information-sharing initiatives.

Gender Based Violence

The Gender-Based Violence component provides multisectoral support to survivors of gender-based violence, as well as to individuals at risk of such violence.

Older People

The older persons component provides tailored assistance to older people, taking into account their specific needs and vulnerabilities.

Support to Migrant Workers

The support to Migrants Workers component focuses on addressing the structural vulnerabilities faced by migrant workers, particularly those employed in domestic work, including challenges linked to the sponsorship system.

Gender Based Violence



Addressing the needs of gender-based violence (GBV) survivors and individuals at risk remains a central priority for the Amel Protection Sector. In 2025, a total of **195,518 individuals** were reached through a comprehensive set of activities designed to respond to different aspects of GBV risks and support.

195,518
individuals reached

Awareness raising sessions

A first level of intervention focuses on awareness raising and information sharing, reaching **112,492 individuals**. Through these sessions, participants received key messages to help them better understand GBV risks, recognize signs of violence, and identify safe and practical ways to respond. These activities also aimed to strengthen coping strategies and reduce stigma around seeking support.

112,492
individuals reached

Distribution

Beyond awareness, the programme worked to strengthen individuals ability to act on this knowledge. A total of **37,902 individuals** received essential non-food items (NFIs) and specialized kits, providing practical tools to support their safety, dignity, and daily needs. This tangible assistance helps translate awareness into concrete protective measures.

37,902
individuals received

Referrals

Ensuring access to appropriate services is another critical component of GBV response. In 2025, **13,380 individuals** were identified and referred to specialized, multi-sectoral services, including health, mental health, legal, livelihood, shelter, and cash. This referral system plays a key role in linking survivors and at-risk individuals to the care they need, contributing to a more holistic and coordinated response.

13,380
individuals referred

Psychosocial Support

Longer-term psychosocial support was also a key pillar of the Amel GBV programme. A total of **6,315 individuals** participated in structured group psychosocial support (PSS) sessions, providing safe environments where participants could share experiences, discuss common challenges, and build coping mechanisms together. In parallel, **2,364** individuals accessed specialized psychotherapy services, ensuring more focused and individualized care for those with higher levels of need.

6,315
individuals participated
in structured group PSS

Safe Spaces

The establishment of safe spaces within Amel centers remains a strong component of the GBV response. These spaces offer a secure and supportive environment where individuals can seek refuge, access services, and participate in dedicated activities. In 2025, **6,288** individuals benefited from safe space services and related activities, reinforcing both protection and social support networks.

6,288

Beneficiaries

"When I first walked into the safe space I couldn't even look up. Six months later I am running the peer support group. The case worker listened without hurry, and that is what made me believe I could heal."

- D, a woman participating in safe spaces activities

Recreational

Socio-recreational activities also played an important role in supporting well-being. By offering moments of relief from daily stress and hardship, these activities contribute to emotional recovery and help rebuild a sense of normalcy for **5132 survivors** and individuals at risk.

5,132

individuals at risk

Legal support

Finally, access to legal information and support is essential in empowering individuals to make informed decisions. In 2025, **495 individuals** received legal aid counseling services, helping them understand their rights and explore available options, while supporting them in taking concrete steps toward protection and justice.

495

individuals received legal aid counseling services



A photograph of a woman and several children participating in a cleanup activity at a playground. The woman, wearing a black jacket and a backpack, is handing out clear plastic bags to the children. The children are gathered around a piece of playground equipment, which is partially covered with plastic bags. The scene is set outdoors on a grassy area with trees and a building in the background. The image has a blue tint and a semi-transparent red bar behind the text.

Child Protection

Child Protection programming prioritized social and behaviour change, reaching over **8,100 individuals** through direct and indirect SBC initiatives. These interventions fostered community-led dialogue among leaders, caregivers, and children to challenge harmful social norms, including early marriage and child labour. As a result, communities demonstrated increased awareness and engagement in promoting safer, more protective environments for children.

8,100

individuals reached

Awareness raising sessions

In 2025, **3,066 individuals** participated in awareness-raising sessions designed to strengthen child protection practices at the community level. These sessions contributed to improved knowledge and attitudes regarding children's rights and risks, supporting shifts in behaviours that expose children to harm.

3,066

individuals reached

MHPSS

A total of **1,617 individuals** accessed mental health and psychosocial support services, while 981 individuals benefited from structured group PSS activities. These interventions enhanced emotional well-being, strengthened coping mechanisms, and reduced distress among children and caregivers, contributing to more resilient households.

1,617

Beneficiaries

Case management

The programme ensured targeted individual support, with 341 individuals receiving professional case management services. In addition, **250 individuals** were identified and referred to specialized multi-sectoral services, ensuring timely access to appropriate care and strengthening longer-term protection outcomes for vulnerable children and caregivers.

250

individuals referred

"We stopped counting only caseloads and started counting referrals that close the loop. Following up with every child until they receive the service they were referred to is what really changed outcomes on my caseload."

- L.Ajrouch, Child Protection Program Coordinator

Skills-Building

To support sustainable protection outcomes, **1,038 individuals** participated in structured skills-building and vocational training programmes in 2025. These initiatives improved self-reliance and future opportunities for both youth and caregivers, reducing vulnerability to protection risks over time.

1,038

individuals participated
in structured trainings

"Vocational training gave me skills; but the mentor who matched me gave me a plan. I now employ two other women from my neighborhood."

- Y, a man who participated in skills-building activities



Community- Based Protection

In 2025, Community-Based Protection activities reached **3,100 individuals**, actively engaging communities in the design and oversight of protection responses. A total of **1,490 community members** meaningfully contributed across the project cycle, ensuring interventions reflected locally identified needs and priorities. This participatory approach strengthened community ownership and led to more relevant and sustainable protection outcomes.

"I thought my role in the community was finished. The weekly circle gave me purpose again, and the home visits mean I am no longer invisible."

- H, a women engaged in community-based protection activities

Accountability for Affected Populations

Efforts to strengthen accountability resulted in **94%** of participants reporting awareness of and access to safe, confidential feedback and complaint mechanisms. This demonstrates increased trust in services and improved transparency, reinforcing two-way communication between communities and programme teams.

94%

of participants reporting awareness of and access to safe

Skills-Building

A total of **263 individuals** participated in skills-based or vocational training programmes. Notably, 31% of participants reported that the skills acquired contributed directly to livelihood or income-generating opportunities, indicating early economic impact and reduced vulnerability.

263

individuals participated in training





Older People

In 2025, the Older Persons component reached over **4,400 individuals** through tailored case management, psychotherapy, and community-based activities. The programme ensured that age-specific vulnerabilities were systematically addressed, contributing to more inclusive and responsive protection services.

4,400
individuals reached

Awareness raising sessions

A total of **2,764 individuals** participated in awareness-raising and information sessions on available services, access pathways, and strategies to better manage age-related challenges. These efforts improved knowledge, service uptake, and autonomy among older persons in navigating support systems.

2,764
Participants

"I didn't know where to go or who to ask for help. After the session, I understood my rights and the services available. It made me feel more confident."

- X, a 74 years old female

Individual support

Targeted individual support was provided to **444 individuals** receiving professional case management and **317 individuals** benefiting from specialized psychotherapy services. These interventions contributed to improved mental health outcomes and strengthened individualized care pathways while reducing risks of exclusion.

761
Beneficiaries

"She was withdrawn and refused help at first. Over time, with regular support, she started engaging again and even asked for follow-up visits. That change was significant."

- Older People's team Social Worker

"Talking to someone who listens without judgment helped me a lot. I feel lighter, and I can manage my stress better now."

- Y, 65 years old female

Wellbeing/community engagement

Complementary wellbeing-promoting activities reached **410 individuals**, who demonstrated increased knowledge and competencies related to healthy ageing and self-care. In addition, **297 individuals** participated in integrated community-based protection activities, reinforcing social inclusion and reducing isolation.

410

Individuals reached

"These activities gave me a reason to leave the house and meet others. I don't feel alone anymore."

- X, a 69 years old male

"When older persons reconnect with their community, you can see the difference immediately: their mood, their confidence, even their health improves."

- Older People's team Field Facilitator



A photograph of a man in a light-colored t-shirt holding a white cardboard box. The box has the 'LHF' logo and 'Lebanon Humanitarian Fund' text on one side, and the 'Amel Association' logo and name in Arabic and English on the other. In the background, a woman wearing a headscarf and a young child are visible. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

Support to Migrant Workers

The Support to Migrant Workers component reached **6,858 individuals** through individual psychosocial support, distributions of essential non-food items, professional case management, and skills-building programs - addressing the layered vulnerabilities faced by migrant workers in Lebanon.

6,858
individuals reached

Distribution

Based on identified needs shared by the affected migrant workers, Amel provided **3,666 individuals** with essential non-food items (NFIs) and/or specialized kits, including hygiene and dignity kits and bedding packages – targeting migrant workers as one of the most crisis-affected groups, who are often marginalized and left behind in displacement and crisis settings.

3,666
Beneficiaries

Individual support – PSS & CM

The Support to Migrant Workers component works to mitigate the harmful impacts of the sponsorship system on affected populations, with individual case management as a core part of this intervention. As a result, **1,542 individuals** participated in and benefitted from individual psychosocial support services, while **342 received** professional case management.

1,542
Beneficiaries

Awareness & Legal Aid

Beyond distribution activities and individual support, migrant workers are engaged in awareness-raising activities, with **330 individuals** participating in information-sharing sessions in 2025. Once equipped with knowledge about their situations and rights, 85 individuals were further supported through legal aid counseling services, strengthening the holistic approach to care and addressing the complex challenges they face.

330
Participants

Skills-building and vocational training

The Support to Migrant Workers component also intervenes on skills-building, complementing the broader intervention with a long-term development vision. In 2025, **612 individuals** participated in vocational training programs, aimed at empowering them with practical skills to maintain their education and work toward greater autonomy and independence from the sponsorship system.

612
Participants

Advocacy and Empowerment

Amel's support to migrant workers also extends to advocacy towards the abolishment of the Kafala system and to empowerment activities aimed at mobilizing and empowering individuals from within the migrant workers community itself. In 2025, Amel trained **20 judges** on the identification of victims of human trafficking and the application of the non-punishment principle. It also launched a competition for university students to design media products advocating for migrants' rights and conducted two workshops with migrant community leaders to co-develop advocacy messages on the Kafala system. To empower migrant workers to claim their rights and support community-based mobilization efforts, Amel further supported six initiatives proposed and/or implemented by migrant-led organizations.

"This is more than just a place to learn; it is a home where we come together as a family. It is a place where everyone feels welcomed and valued. Here, I have learned that it is never too late to learn something new in life."

- T, Crochet empowerment class student.

"Our work goes beyond providing services; it is a safe space created for migrants; a space where they can seek assistance, find support, and experience a true sense of belonging."

- Social Worker, Migrant workers team



2025 Key Events

❖ Ageing Unit Launch – May 27th, 2025

On 27 May 2026, Amel officially launched its Ageing Unit, reaffirming its commitment to promoting the rights, dignity, health, and well-being of older people in Lebanon. The event brought together representatives from government institutions, international and local organizations, donors, academic institutions, partners, and community stakeholders to discuss the growing needs of the ageing population and strengthen collaboration in advancing healthy and active ageing.

The Ageing Unit serves as a specialized hub for capacity building, research, knowledge generation, and innovation in the field of ageing. Through training, evidence-based research, and the development of best practices, the Unit aims to strengthen the quality of services provided to older people while supporting professionals and organizations working in the sector. It also plays a key role in advocating for older people's rights, promoting age-inclusive policies and programs, and raising awareness of the challenges and opportunities associated with population ageing.

The launch highlighted Amel's ongoing efforts in providing integrated health, psychosocial, and home-based care services for older people, while creating a platform for collaboration, learning, and partnership among stakeholders committed to improving the lives of older people across Lebanon.



❖ **“Stronger Together: Coordinating Efforts for Street-Connected Children” workshop – June 27th, 2025**

On 27 June 2025, Amel organized the workshop “Stronger Together: Coordinating Efforts for Street-Connected Children” in Beirut, bringing together local and international child protection actors operating in Lebanon.

The workshop highlighted the need for a coordinated action plan focused on strengthening referral mechanisms and information-sharing processes, improving legal and institutional coordination, and developing sustainable and inclusive capacities.



❖ **Youth-Led Advocacy Initiatives Driving Community Change – March until June, 2025**

Between March and June 2025, through the She Leads project, Girls and Young Women (GYW) successfully designed and implemented a series of youth-led advocacy initiatives addressing key gender equality and protection issues, including marriage rights, gender-based violence (GBV), sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR). These initiatives demonstrated the capacity of young women to influence decision-makers, mobilize communities, and promote sustainable social change.

❖ **“At the Crossroads of Tomorrow” launch at the Résidence des Pins – July 21st, 2025**

The comic book “At the Crossroads of Tomorrow”, created by a Lebanese artist to illustrate the daily realities faced by street-connected children and their families, was presented on 21 July 2025 at the Résidence des Pins, in Beirut, in the presence of the French Ambassador.



❖ Women's Economic Empowerment Assessment Conducted to Advance Gender Equality in the Workplace – September, 2025

In September 2025, as part of a youth-led initiative under the She Leads project, Amel Association, in partnership with Plan International, successfully conducted a Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) Assessment at ADI. The assessment aimed to evaluate the organization's current status regarding gender equality, identify existing gaps and challenges, and provide evidence-based recommendations to strengthen women's empowerment and foster a more inclusive workplace.

The assessment generated valuable insights into organizational policies, practices, and staff perceptions related to recruitment, career development, leadership opportunities, work-life balance, and workplace inclusion. The findings highlighted both existing strengths and areas for improvement, particularly regarding women's participation in leadership and operational roles, equitable career advancement, and access to supportive workplace policies.

A comprehensive set of recommendations was developed to support ADI in enhancing gender-responsive practices. These included strengthening anti-discrimination and anti-harassment measures, promoting fair and transparent promotion processes, improving work-life balance through family-friendly policies, expanding mentorship and leadership opportunities for women, and integrating women's empowerment objectives into human resources systems and organizational strategies.

This achievement represents a significant step toward advancing gender equality within the organization by providing a clear roadmap for institutional change. The assessment also demonstrated the meaningful contribution of young women leaders in driving evidence-based advocacy and influencing organizational practices that promote inclusion, equity, and women's economic empowerment.

❖ Development and Publication of the She Leads Young Activists Booklet – October, 2025

In October 2025, As part of the She Leads programme, implemented by Amel Association in partnership with Plan International Lebanon, a comprehensive booklet was developed and published to document the experiences and achievements of girls and young women (GYW) who participated in the programme. The booklet captures more than 80 personal stories that highlight participants' journeys of growth, leadership, advocacy, and community engagement.

The publication serves as a valuable platform for amplifying the voices of young women and showcasing the impact of youth-led activism across diverse communities in South Lebanon. Through documenting these experiences, the booklet demonstrates how participants gained confidence, strengthened their leadership skills, challenged social norms, and contributed to positive change within their communities.

Beyond documenting achievements, the booklet serves as an inspirational resource for other girls and young women, encouraging them to engage in leadership and advocacy initiatives. It also contributes to raising awareness among stakeholders, decision-makers, and community leaders about the importance of investing in and supporting youth-led activism and meaningful participation of girls and young women. The booklet stands as a lasting record of the programme's impact, reflecting the transformative outcomes achieved when girls and young women are provided with opportunities, mentorship, and supportive spaces to lead and create change.

❖ Internal workshop on street-connected children – December 9th, 2025

An internal workshop was conducted with Amel staff members on 9 December 2025 to enhance their understanding of children in street situations and improve their inclusion across sectors. The session addressed the sociodemographic profile of street-connected children, the key protection risks they face, and the MPU methodology, leading to the identification of concrete actions aimed at making Amel's services more accessible and inclusive.



❖ Rehabilitation of public garden in Ersal initiative

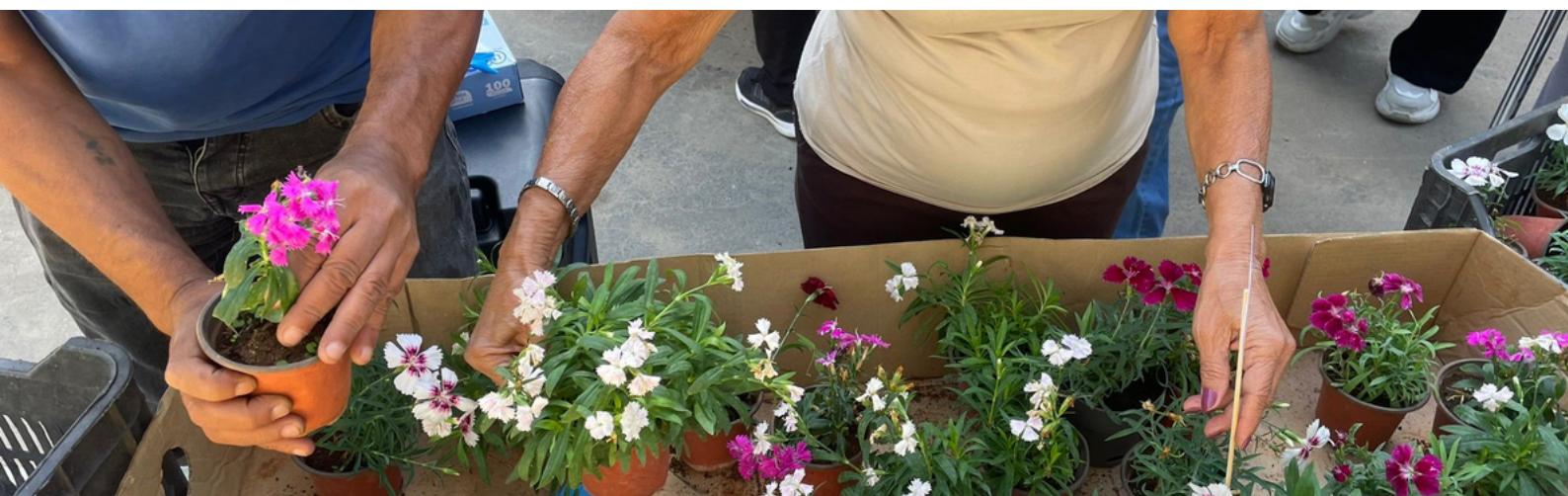
The rehabilitation of public garden in Ersal initiative strengthens children's psychological and social well-being by providing an environment that supports healthy development, learning, and play within a secure community setting. All the needed preparations have been set including the coordination with relevant stakeholders and the letter to the municipality. The renovation of the existing playground equipment has been achieved through metalwork and painting of the slides, swings, seesaw, rails. To add, there has been maintenance to the existing toilets to make it safe and accessible for everyone. It has been essential and significant the enthusiasm and contribution of the municipality including preparatory meetings between the committee members and Ersal municipality. Thus, the latter has provided waste bins, cleaning tools, and access to public facilities, paved the road leading to the park, ensured day-and-night security by assigning a guard and rehabilitated the park's fence to ensure safety and security. The committee members prepared child-friendly drawings and mural designs, arranged painting materials, mobilized community volunteers, helped in organizing the event layout, and guided children's participation, including children with disabilities, while ensuring all activities met safety standards.

❖ Road safety initiative in Hay El Selloum

In Hay El Selloum, a road safety initiative aimed at reducing the risk of traffic accidents and enhancing overall safety. After careful assessment and consideration of the highly populated area and the existence of 3 different schools in Al Brakat area, the committee has decided to establish speed bumps and reflective mirrors, along with safety signs and messages.

❖ Bezourieh Initiative: Advancing Women's Rights in Marriage

In Bezourieh, GYW launched a multi-level campaign to advocate for the inclusion of the "Book of Conditions" in Islamic marriage contracts. Their efforts brought together Sunni and Shia religious leaders, legal experts, and activists in a powerful roundtable discussion, followed by a theatrical performance and panel that challenged traditional gender norms. This initiative positioned young women as agents of change, reshaping marriage practices from within their communities.



❖ **Saida Initiative: Promoting Sexual and Reproductive Health Education**

In Saida, Girls and Young Women (GYW) led advocacy efforts to promote sexual and reproductive health (SRH) education in schools. They held meetings with school administrators and proposed training for teachers—successfully encouraging two schools to start awareness sessions on SRHR for students. Their social media campaign reached over 750 people and gave youth valuable skills in media production, storytelling, and digital advocacy. This work helped break the silence around adolescent SRHR and encouraged more open, informed conversations.

❖ **Tyre Initiative: Strengthening GBV Reporting and Prevention**

In Tyre, youth addressed the barriers women face when reporting GBV. By engaging directly with religious leaders, legal experts, and the Internal Security Forces, they advocated for safer, more accessible complaint mechanisms. They used theater and social media to spotlight local GBV issues, and their work led to the creation of a Youth Committee on GBV under a local women's association—alongside an annual action plan co-developed with the municipality of Tyre, led by the youth and focused on GBV prevention and awareness.

❖ **Hasbaya Initiative: Break the Silence**

In Hasbaya, GYW successfully advocated for the integration of GBV response mechanisms within school systems. Their efforts resulted in the appointment of trained GBV focal persons in schools, the signing of commitments to support safer school environments, and the implementation of awareness sessions for teachers and students. Youth-led community engagement activities further promoted dialogue on sexual harassment, cyberbullying, mental health, and reporting mechanisms. The initiative also secured continued engagement from educational authorities, including requests for additional awareness sessions and formal communication with the Ministry of Education to sustain these efforts.



❖ **Shwaya Initiative: Advancing Women's Economic Empowerment**

The Shwaya Women's Economic Empowerment Initiative achieved significant progress in advancing girls' and women's economic participation, education, and leadership. Through successful advocacy with the Shwaya Municipality, the Girls and Young Women (GYW) secured a dedicated safe space within the municipal building that now serves as a hub for training, workshops, and income-generating activities.

The group expanded its advocacy efforts by engaging key decision-makers, including Members of Parliament Firas Hamdan and Elias Jradi, who publicly signed a pledge supporting girls' education, economic empowerment, and leadership. The pledge was subsequently adopted by the Shwaya and Ain Qiniya municipalities, strengthening local commitment to gender-sensitive policies.

The GYW also addressed barriers to education and employment by advocating with MUBS University, which responded by offering five scholarships for young women in the area, while transportation support was secured for students to improve access to higher education. Through a local employment assessment and community advocacy events, the group promoted women's inclusion in the workforce and raised awareness of existing gaps.

To ensure sustainability, the GYW developed an electronic Work Guide connecting young women to local job and training opportunities. Overall, the initiative strengthened community support for gender equality, expanded educational and economic opportunities for girls and young women, and established sustainable mechanisms for continued advocacy and empowerment.

Collectively, these initiatives strengthened the leadership, advocacy, and civic engagement skills of young women while generating tangible outcomes at community and institutional levels. Through strategic partnerships, awareness-raising, and evidence-based advocacy, GYW contributed to creating safer, more inclusive, and gender-responsive environments for girls and young women across South Lebanon.

❖ Training of judges on Migrant Domestic Workers' Rights and Anti-Trafficking Frameworks

A specialized capacity-building session was delivered to 17 judges on the situation of migrant domestic workers in Lebanon, focusing on key trends, legal and social challenges, trafficking indicators, and the protection gaps faced by migrant workers. The training highlighted the importance of victim identification, the application of the non-punishment principle under Lebanese law, and the legal protections available to survivors of exploitation and trafficking. Through practical examples and discussion of existing legislation, the session aimed to strengthen judicial understanding of trafficking-related cases and promote a victim-centered approach that prioritizes protection, access to justice, and human rights in judicial proceedings.



❖ University Student Competition and Awards Ceremony on Migrants' Rights

Marking International migrants' day and as part of the LEA project activities, Amel organized an award ceremony for the students that participated in the "Advocates by Design" competition. The competition aimed to engage university students in advocating for migrants' rights through creative media productions.

The prizes were awarded based on the vote of a jury and of an audience of migrant workers themselves. The event brought together more than 60 migrants from diverse nationalities, Cameroon, Togo, Congo, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Sudan, Sri-Lanka, Kenya, Benin, Burkina Faso, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Madagascar, Senegal, Nepal and Morocco along with students from different universities, creating a space for dialogue and exchange.

The event opened with five students pitching their media productions before a three-member jury composed of specialised Amel staff and a representative of the Embassy of Nigeria.

The event also featured a fashion parade led by migrants, who showcased traditional clothing from their countries of origin, celebrating their contributions and cultural diversity on the occasion of International Migrants Day. In addition, Amel Association and Caritas presented two exhibition stands highlighting handmade products created by migrants.

The event saw a high participation from the migrant communities, who were very enthusiastic to be able to vote themselves for one of the winning projects. The voting process was indeed fun and exciting. Students also demonstrated a sincere engagement in the competition and, more in general, in the will to raise awareness on the human rights violations allowed by the Kafala system in Lebanon.

Goals for 2026

Looking ahead to 2026, Amel Association International Protection Sector aims to further strengthen protection as a cross-cutting and integrated component across all areas of programming, reinforcing the understanding that protection outcomes cannot be achieved through standalone interventions alone.

Building on existing programming, the sector will prioritize strengthening integration and complementarity between protection and other sectors, including health, shelter, education, livelihoods, and emergency response activities, ensuring that protection principles and risk mitigation measures are systematically embedded across interventions and throughout the project cycle.

A key priority for 2026 will be the expansion of accessible and specialized protection services to reach broader segments of vulnerable populations, including older persons, persons with disabilities, women and girls, female-headed households, displaced populations, and other groups facing heightened risks and barriers to access. Particular emphasis will be placed on strengthening community-based approaches and ensuring services remain inclusive, responsive, and adapted to diverse needs.

In parallel, the sector aims to further strengthen technical leadership and capacity-sharing efforts by supporting partners, local actors, and community-based organizations in developing, improving, and integrating protection-sensitive interventions within their own programming. Through increased collaboration, capacity strengthening, and knowledge sharing, Amel seeks to contribute not only to direct service provision but also to a broader strengthening of protection systems and practices across the humanitarian and development landscape.

Through these priorities, the Protection Sector seeks to reinforce a model that combines quality service delivery, specialization, inclusion, and integrated programming to ensure protection remains central to humanitarian and recovery efforts in Lebanon.

"2025 represented a significant milestone for the Protection Sector. Beyond expanding our reach, this year allowed us to strengthen the quality, depth, and specialization of our interventions in ways that translated into more meaningful support for the communities we serve. Through stronger technical approaches, improved service delivery mechanisms, and increased focus on vulnerability-based programming, we were able to witness firsthand the tangible impact that quality protection programming can have when implemented effectively.

This year demonstrated that protection is not only about responding to immediate risks but also about building systems, capacities, and approaches that create sustainable change. The progress achieved throughout 2025 provides a strong foundation for the next phase of our work, positioning us to further strengthen integrated, accessible, and high-quality protection services throughout 2026."

D Khalil – Protection Program Coordinator





THANK YOU

At Amel Association International, we strive to expand our programs for greater impact and dignity for all. We thank our partners and call for continued support to advance our mission.

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