

MATANEL FOUNDATION

ACTIVITY REPORT

Program: *Juzor: Academic Guidance and Accompaniment for Lod's Arab Youth*
Year: 2024

Please present your activity report according to the following lines. The whole report will not exceed 2 or 3 pages (as word document).

Name of the Program: Juzor: Academic Guidance and Accompaniment for Lod's Arab Youth

Year of activity: 2023/24

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Number of active participants in the program: 1,280 beneficiaries/ 50 volunteers

Estimated number of impacted participants: 2,330

Give the actually state of the program (where the program stands at the date of the activity report, no more than ten lines):

As of the date of the activity report, the mentoring program has completed its comprehensive and intensive training phase and continues to provide ongoing guidance to volunteers. Currently, 50 trained student volunteers are actively engaged as mentors in two projects across three cities: Ramla, Lod, and Jaffa. Specifically, the Masak project, which mentors high school students in personal development and future prospects, and the Entimaa project, which develops identity, leadership skills, and historical awareness among elementary students. In terms of distribution, Lod has 32 volunteers, Ramla has 8, and Jaffa has 10.

The main achievements during the last year of activity (main achievements, number of events, number of participants, etc.):

Within the Masak project, three significant peak events unfolded:

First, prior to the onset of Ramadan, a social volunteering initiative commenced. Guides and their groups joined forces to gather donations and food, subsequently assembling 500 food baskets for distribution to needy families across three cities. Additionally, mosque clean-up activities were undertaken in preparation for Ramadan.

Another notable event targeted high school students. A college fair was organized in Lod for Masak program participants from Ramla and Lod, while an educational fair took place in Jaffa. Universities and colleges participated, offering comprehensive insights into various study programs and field-specific requirements. The event featured success story panels from the city and a lively playback performance.

An upcoming event slated for June is an inspirational lecture focusing on personal development and motivation towards future endeavors. Following this phase, we are recruiting a transitional year group that will be integrated into mentoring teams for the upcoming year.

Within the Entimaa project, an event unfolded featuring city tours for each group, facilitating an in-depth exploration of historical sites.

The evaluation (methodology, results, comparisons with the precedent year, conclusions for the future...): Assessment and evaluation were conducted to gauge the satisfaction of volunteers with the training and mentoring process, as well as the suitability of the content for the mentoring process. The evaluation method utilized a digital questionnaire, complemented by focused group interviews. It's important to note that adjustments were made considering that these are students; hence, peak events and training sessions did not coincide with their exam periods.

Additionally, we demonstrated flexibility by allowing for a reduction in total volunteering hours. We also structured meetings around topics that volunteers needed to guide and instruct, ensuring each volunteer had the necessary material. This marked a shift from the previous year, during which there were no written lesson plans, no flexibility regarding volunteer hours, and peak events were not scheduled according to their exam timetables.

Provisional guide lines for the advancement of the program in the next year:

Plans for the upcoming year - Given our expansion this year, our goal for the coming year is to integrate more students from the three cities into our program. These students will receive guidance and support while maintaining a quality volunteering framework aimed at promoting and enhancing significant and important skills for their personal development. With an increasing number of students combining studies at the academy, our aim is to provide financial and emotional support to all students throughout their volunteering period with us. Additionally, we plan to offer them a volunteering framework in their own city, in collaboration with their community.

Please join the Evaluation Report, the Financial Report and the list of the participants to the program (**as PDF documents**)

Please join photos – as **JPG files** – and any link or any other document connected to the program which will seem to you relevant – as **PDF document**.

Please join a 5 minutes movie which presents your institution and the particular project supported by the Matanel Foundation. The movie should be accessible to the philanthropic world and to other potential donors.