



**“It’s not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.”**

*Mother Teresa*

## The Journey of Care

Fleeing my home was not my choice. Still have a dream



# Overview

- Lebanon: small country
- 51% of the residents are Migrants and Refugees (Syrians, Iraqis, Palestinians, Ethiopians, Bangladeshis, Filipinos, Sri Lankans and etc..)
- Lebanon didn't ratify the Conventions related to Migrants and Refugees (f. ex: C189 The convention of Decent Work for Domestic Workers, Convention of Migrant Workers Rights and their families, Geneva Convention 1951 for Refugees)
- Lebanon continues to be a destination for Asian and African women trafficked for the purpose of domestic servitude, for Eastern European and Syrian women trafficked for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation. Lebanese and Syrian children are trafficked within the country for the purpose of commercial sexual exploitation and forced labor in the metal works, construction, and agriculture sectors.

# THB in Conflict/post-conflict context

## Type of violence faced by victims / Type of services

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rape / Sexual assault / Physical assault and abuse</li><li>• Trafficking in organs</li><li>• Forced prostitution</li><li>• Forced / early marriage to obtain protection / or provide for the family's needs</li><li>• Denial of resources, opportunities &amp; services</li><li>• Psychological / emotional abuse</li><li>• Domestic violence</li><li>• Child labor / sale of children / Child soldier</li><li>• Separated and Unaccompanied minors</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Capacity building for the staff and front liners to ensure appropriate identification and referral/ intervention for beneficiaries</li><li>• Psycho-social support</li><li>• Legal assistance</li><li>• Full service package based on the needs</li><li>• Raise awareness among law enforcement staff on different types of THB, &amp; identification</li><li>• Case management</li><li>• Financial assistance / referral to education unit / Community service centers</li></ul> |
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# ***VICTIMS VOICE***

«A.H.», 15 years old who is from «Al Raqqa Province» and she was a resident of Damascus city, informed us how she arrived to Lebanon



Someone got in touch with me when I was in Damascus and offered me a good job in a restaurant. I left Syria and arrived to Lebanon in March 2014. He was waiting for me, and booked me a room for one day. The next day, he took me to the club, «Chez Maurice» where a Syrian lady, calling herself «Sofia», greeted me. She took my phone and my passport and made me wait in one of the interior rooms of the club. The room was more like a prison and the door had an iron lock. Then, someone with a long hair and aged nearly 45 years, entered the room and hit me then he raped me.

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Then he took several photos and videos, and threatened to send explicit photos to my family in Syria, and post them all on the Internet, before leaving warned me to not to escape or take refuge in the police and the security services. The next day the guards forced me to wear inappropriate clothes, and escorted me to the club lounge in order to show myself to the customers of the club. We continued on this case for nearly 15 hours per day, and we were forced to have sex. We have been raped between 4 to 9 times per day by the club customers. The guards used to hit us with a wooden stick and turn off their cigarettes on our bodies and deprive us from food

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We were isolated from the outside world and prevented from communicating with anyone. Even when we get sick, they provide only medicine but never expose us to doctors except Dr. R.A; who is a Gynecologist. He used to make all the abortion operations for the pregnant women. I have witnessed first-hand exposure 17 minors who were with me for forced abortion operations caused by pregnancy from customers sexual slavery. Some carried several times, and thus exposed to several abortions.

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A picture that is showing the wooden stick whipping railway, which was used in the torture and beating



A picture that is showing the effects of abrasion wounds and swelling in the area below the knee re-sulting from beatings with an iron whip of one of the victims of sexual slavery in Lebanon.



Image shows wounds and excoriated swells under the knee of a victim of sexual slavery in Lebanon caused by battering by a stick and iron whip

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These women came to the shelter shocked and traumatized, with barely no clothes on them.

Bruises covering their bodies, some of them had unhealed injuries.

Some of them were pregnant and refusing to keep the babies, they were in need of intense and specialized follow up and needs.

Two of the cases were diagnosed with HIV after taking medical tests when they arrived.



# ASSISTANCES AND SERVICES

CARITAS SHELTER STAFF OPERATED 24 HOURS 7DAYS/7  
MULTIDISCIPLINERAY STAFF PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING AID:

- HUMANITARIAN ( BASIC NEEDS /CLOTHES/SHELTER/FOOD..)
- HEALTH AND MEDICAL FOLLOW UP
- PSYCHO-SOCIAL FOLLOW UP AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
- LEGAL FOLLOW UP AND POST SHELTER

# SUCCESSFUL ENDING

TRAFFICKERS IN PRISON AFTER LONG LEGAL FOLLOW UP

6 WERE RESETTLED TO CANADA

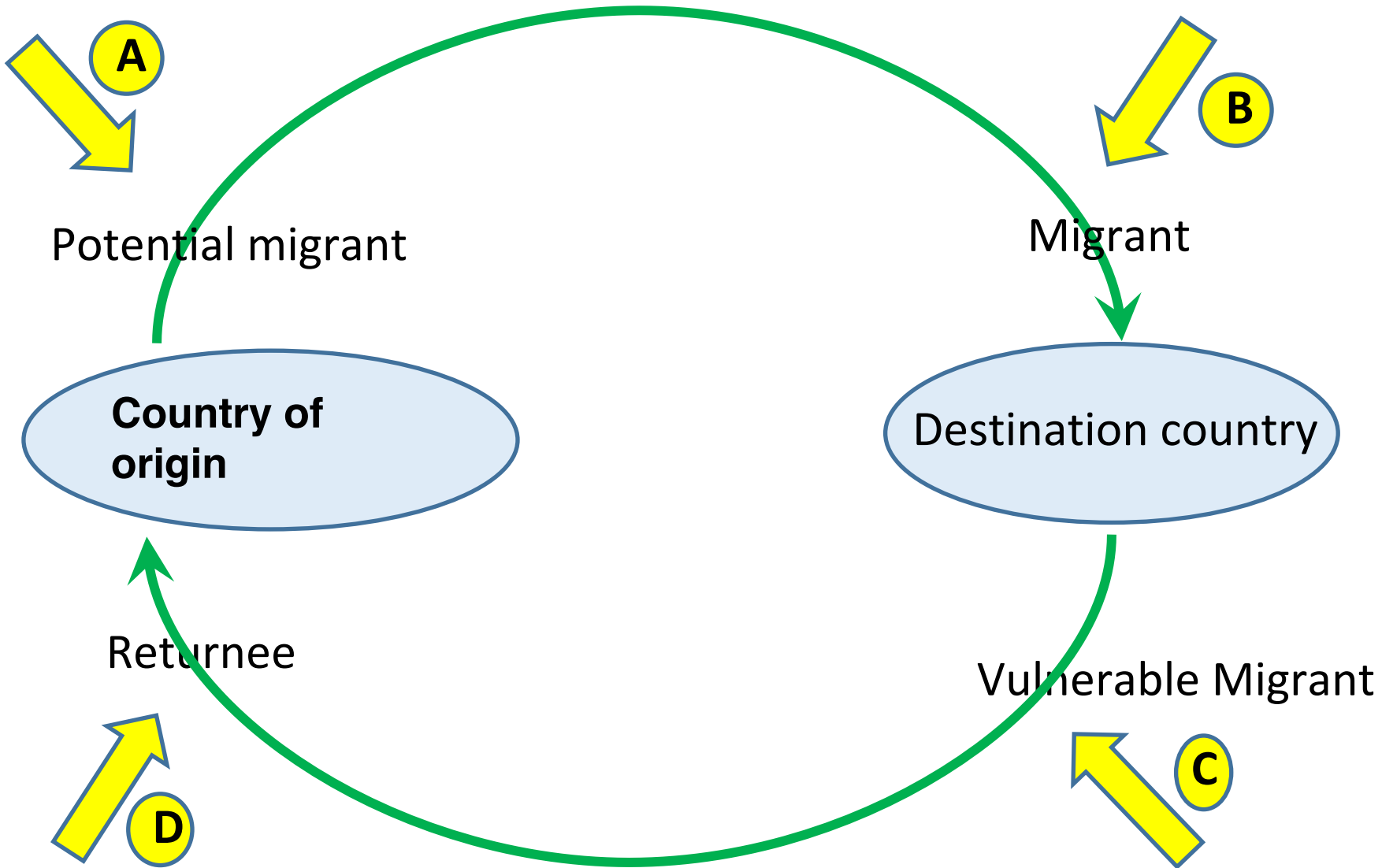
6 DECIDED TO CONTINUE THEIR LIFE IN LEBANON

22 WENT BACK AND VOLUNTARILY TO SYRIA

# Beneficiaries

- Extremely vulnerable refugee women : elderly , female headed families, GBV and human trafficking victims (Syrians, Iraqis, Palestinians)
- Unaccompanied refugee children / minors
- Asylum seekers and refugees seeking resettlement to a third country
- Detained MWs referred by GS : with children, pregnant, sick
- MWs victims of human trafficking with major protection issues
- MWs traumatized / mental health conditions

# Caritas Lebanon Services and Migration cycle



<b>SHELTERS</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Setting</b>	<b>Capacity</b>
<b>Cedar</b>	Migrants & Refugees	<b>80</b>
<b>Oak</b>	Refugees	<b>50</b>
<b>Olive safe house</b>	Migrants survivors of Human Trafficking	<b>80</b>
<b>Laksetha</b>	Community Center and Temporary shelter	<b>30</b>
<b>Pine</b>	Migrants recovery shelter and mental health care	<b>20</b>
<b>Juniper</b>	Minors survivors of trafficking of all nationalities	<b>14</b>











# Intervention

Protection / rehabilitation assistance

- \*Safe and Secure temporary housing
- \*Social Intervention (case management)
- \*Meals
- \*Basic material needs
- \*Medical assistance
- \*Psychosocial support
- \*Counseling
- \*Legal assistance







# Intervention

- \*Education / school reinsertion**
- \*Life Skills / Vocational trainings**
- \*Recreational / Psychosocial Activities**
- \*Awareness sessions / Family mediation**
- \*Post shelter , Voluntary return and reintegration assistance**



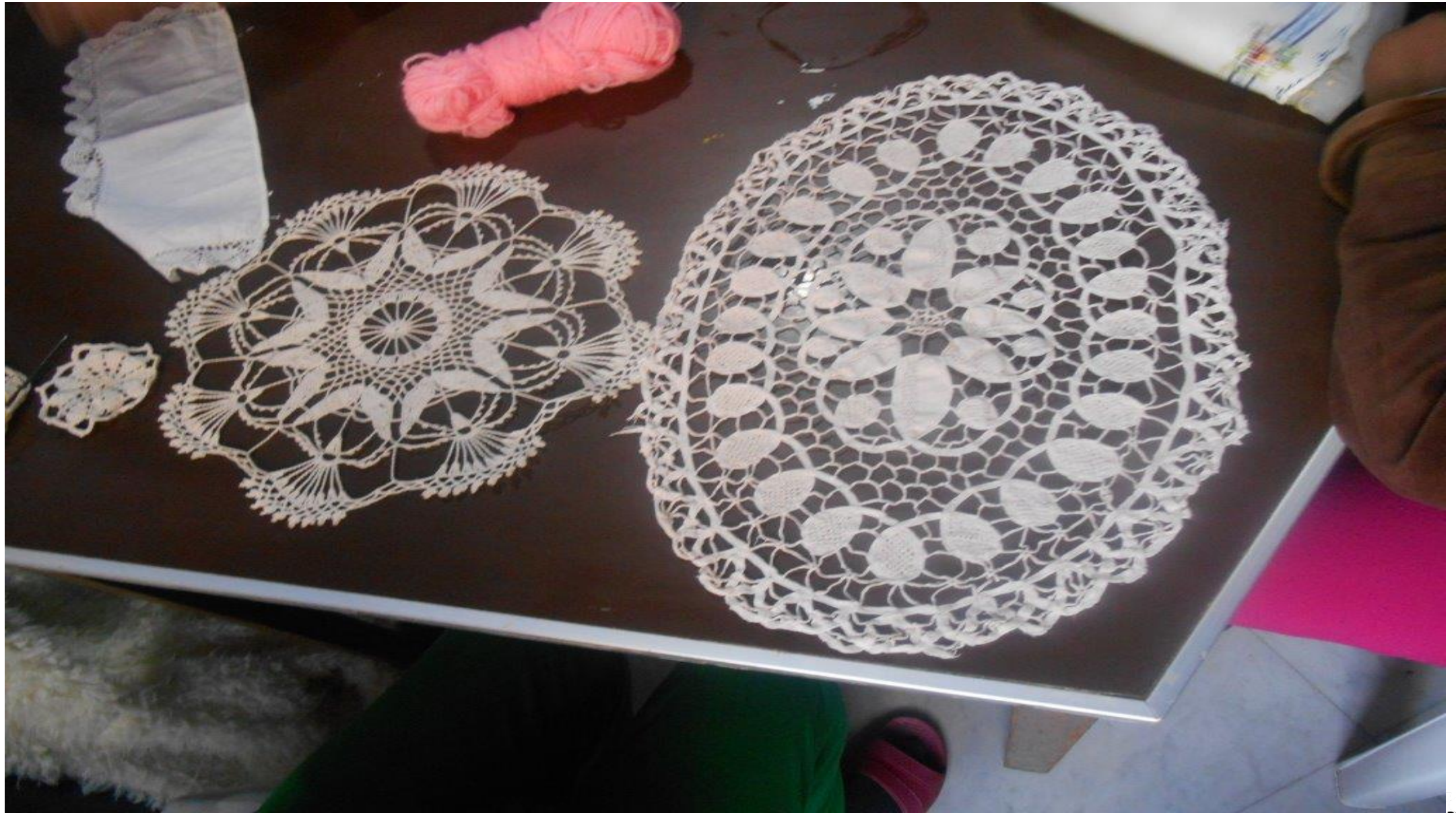




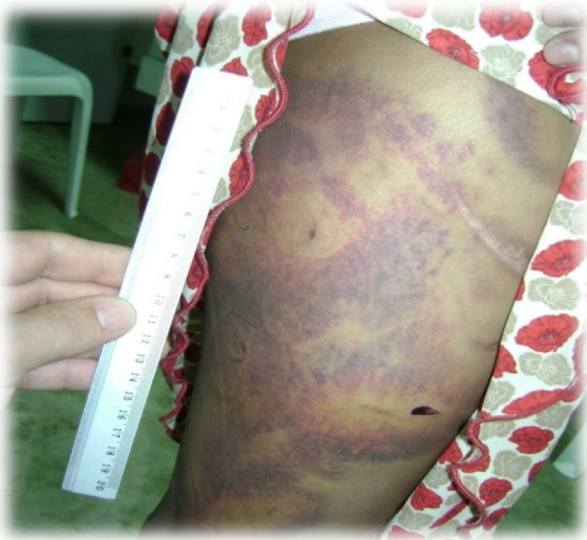








# Medical, humanitarian, Psychological and Legal assistance



























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