

# SB OverSeas - Educating the 'lost generation'



Established: **2013**  
Employees: **40**

Company Type: ASBL

## Mission & Vision

We are a non-profit organisation working in [Belgium](#) and [Lebanon](#) to assist those escaping conflict. We do this through our [education](#) and [empowerment](#) programs. In addition, we provide [aid](#) to those most in need as well as [advocating](#) on behalf of the people with whom we work.

SB OverSeas was set up in May 2013 in response to the emerging humanitarian crisis caused by the Syrian conflict. Since then we have been working to give hope to refugees and asylum-seekers.



## What is the so-called 'lost generation'?

Lebanon hosts more than 1.5 million Syrian refugees. Nearly 1 in every 3 [children](#) is a Syrian refugee and 37% of registered school-age Syrian refugee children remain out of education.

### Why?

-> [Capacity](#): the influx of people have left Lebanese authorities overwhelmed and there are not enough places in the schools.

-> [Financial barriers](#): With over [70%](#) of Syrian refugees in Lebanon living below the poverty line, associated schooling costs (eg. transport, materials etc) are impossible to cover. In addition, many children are working in order to provide for the family.

-> [Security concerns](#): Many parents don't send their children to school, especially girls, given concerns of their safety in a new and unfamiliar environment.

-> [Unfamiliar curriculum](#): As opposed to Syria, in Lebanon, some classes are taught through French and English and there is insufficient language support.

## Our schools

### Beirut, Aarsal and Saida

In Lebanon, we have three schools which provide 'catch-up' schooling to those most at risk. These schools are located in or near refugee camps, thereby eliminating transport costs and safety concerns. We prepare our students for the Lebanese schooling curriculum as well as doing outreach into the community in order to highlight the importance of education rather than using the survival mechanisms of [child marriage](#) and child labour.

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