

October 19th, 2023

Dear Monsignors/Fathers,

At the outset, Caritas Lebanon presents its sincere greetings and appreciation for the exerted efforts in serving the Lebanese community.

Caritas Lebanon (Caritas), as a humanitarian charity (established in 1972, under License No. 5/AD by Decree No. 3 dated 1/12/1976 issued by the Lebanese Ministry of Interior, as well as “A Public Benefit Association” licensed by Decree No. 887 dated 24/4/1991), is seeking your support and assistance to liquefying and selling the agro-alimentary production of the neediest Lebanese farmers.

As you are well aware, Caritas social and humanitarian mission is to provide economic development projects, decent means of living for the needy, health and social care, and education to support the various segments of Lebanese society at all levels in general.

Among these projects is the support and assistance to the farmers, specifically Lebanese women in rural and remote areas, where Caritas cooperates with an agricultural cooperative registered at the General Directorate of Cooperatives under No 1511/1 since 2005 so-called “Al-Mahaba for the Management of Private Production in Lebanon”, which bears the trade name “Intajouna”, to facilitate the liquifying of agricultural production and the Lebanese traditional reserve food (“*mouneh*”), thus providing job opportunities for Lebanese women in rural areas, especially those who are assisted by “Al-Mahaba Cooperative” workshops.

Therefore,

We solicit your support and assist Caritas:

- 1- In providing foreign markets for the disposal of the manufactured agricultural production (*Lebanese Mouneh*), which is produced by the Al-Mahaba Cooperative, according to the standards set by The Lebanese Ministry of Industry and the Industrial Research Institute,

and

- 2- In providing a means of communication with Lebanese diaspora, or institutions with the potential to dispose of local farmers' production, as well as supporting Lebanese women by providing job opportunities to confront the economic problems facing it.

In the hope that our humanitarian action will find a good ear, we shall remain at your disposal should you request further clarification.

For review regarding this matter, please contact the e-mail: Joelle.Ibrahim@Caritas.org.lb or call the phone number 0096181312922.

Respectfully,

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