



WHY YOU CAN TRUST US

Several charity watch organizations exist to foster accountability and transparency of charities and assure donors that they can give with confidence. These organizations monitor various parameters, often using measures obtained from the IRS Form 990. As a result, accurate updated information on the reliability of an organization can be delayed since the 990 is filed only once a year. Here, we directly provide you with the information that you need to discern why you can trust us.

Summary of Key Data:

- Our liabilities to assets ratio was 1.88% for FY 2022, indicating our solvency and long-term sustainability.
- Our program to expense ratio was 87.19% in FY 2022, indicating that we spend most of every dollar donated to us on programs and services and not on operating costs.
- Total spent on salaries in FY 2022 was \$24,000.

Accountability:

- We are a 501(c)(3) organization with tax-exempt status so you can make tax-deductible donations with confidence.
- We have filed a Form 990 with the IRS every year from 2015-2022, available using our EIN# 47-4855538 at <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/details/>. (Email treasurer@missionofhopeandmercy.org with questions.)
- We had an external accounting firm review our financial statements in 2021 and 2022.
- We have internal policies in place to foster accountability and transparency.
- We maintain official records of all of our board meetings.

Impact:

- We have a field office and community center in Lebanon from which our operations emanate – we are on the ground with a qualified volunteer base to provide charity to those in need.
- We respond to requests for supplemental help from Patriarchs, Bishops, Priests, other religious leaders, public officials, and regional representatives of local NGOs who have sought assistance from other sources and have either been turned away or still need additional aid.
- We require that all recipients of aid are fully vetted to identify those most in need.
- We confirm the identity of all recipients of aid to ensure that assistance gets to the right people.
- Our educational aid promotes the integration of children from all religions so that Lebanon can continue to be a pluralistic society with Christians, Muslims, and Jews coexisting in peace.
- We personally meet with world leaders and publicly conduct radio broadcasts to educate people from all walks of life about the existential crisis that the Christians in Lebanon are now facing due to the financial crisis, political corruption, sudden demographic changes affecting the makeup of the population, natural disasters, and terrorism – our goal through these efforts is that Lebanon will once again thrive, providing stability to the region.

Leadership:

- We are led by Father Andre Mahanna, President and Founder, who is an expert in Middle East relations and has a direct connection with religious leaders, public officials, and representatives of NGOs in Lebanon who identify those most in need so that you can rest assured that your donations will be used in the most effective manner possible.
- Please see our website to find out more about who we are and what we do: <https://missionofhopeandmercy.org/>.

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