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From the Local to the Global
“Think Globally…Act Locally”
Paolo Frere
Lebanese Civil War
1975 - 1990
The Middle East and North Africa
Middle East & North Africa Harm Reduction Association
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Challenges

- Lack of political commitment
- Lack of resources
- Lack of data (some countries do not report)
- The repressive laws (law enforcement position)
- High level of stigma and discrimination against the KPs
- PWUD is the most hard to reach population
Some Results

• Increase of the number of countries that adopted partially or totally the Harm Reduction Strategy from 3 to 9 in MENA, though lack of coverage (*WHO recommends 3 Syringes per day*)

• Only Lebanon & Morocco have most of the harm reduction programs in their national strategic plan.

• Lebanon eradicated the HIV contamination through needle sharing since more than 4 years.

• PWID in Lebanon are being vaccinated for Hep B since 3 years

• We are currently supporting the MOPH to develop the protocol of the Naloxone to be available to the community
Remember

You don’t work for just anyone, you work for humanity

when you walk against the storm, the first tool is to be united

always be available to answer the call of others.
I learned that

It doesn’t matter how much achievements you’ve done in your life… not even what kind of achievements.

It matters how much love you gave and how much love you’ve been given during your path
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Support. Don't punish.

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