Low-income countries have a blood donation rate of just 0.4%\(^1\)

**DELIVERING A LIFELINE**

“Surgical patients must never worry whether enough blood will be present to be safe.” So said one Lion who helped take blood banking facilities to non-profit Al-Jabal Hospital, in Kernayel, Mount Lebanon, Lebanon.

To more efficiently serve the 200,000 people from Kernayel and 45 nearby towns and villages, the hospital expanded its surgical capacity. Though a positive move toward better healthcare service, expansion created an unintended, potentially life-threatening negative consequence. "The hospital couldn’t store enough blood for the increased number of surgeries,” said the Lion. “We needed to create a blood bank. We needed help from our foundation.”

With a US$50,000 Matching grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) added to funds collected locally, Lions renovated unused rooms at the hospital, and purchased equipment and furniture, to establish the blood bank. “With LCIF’s help, the hospital we have supported for years is now more self-sufficient. It no longer must rely on blood from hospitals far away and hard to reach when snow and ice cover the roads. We are safer.”
**Vulnerable Populations Challenged**

Though many are spared challenges of living life limited by disease; disability; or vulnerability due to age, gender, or economic or familial status, many in this part of the world are not and often require humanitarian services.

**THAT'S HERE. GLOBALLY, THE PICTURE LOOKS LIKE THIS:**

1. **1 in 5 children lives in poverty in Jordan**
2. **4X Older people unable to care for themselves forecast to quadruple by 2050**
3. **2.3M children in India are unvaccinated against measles**
4. **15% of the world's population experience disability**
5. **~20M people need hospice care annually**
6. **6M people are affected by measles each year**
7. **1 in 5 children lives in poverty in Jordan**
8. **2nd-highest rate globally in 2018**

**LCIF AND LIONS**

**Funding Service, Delivering Solutions**

Since 1968, LCIF has funded Lions service around the world. We continue our support, helping Lions deepen their commitment to their communities.

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**SOURCES/NOTE:** 1|World Health Organization; 2|UNICEF; 3|Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; 4|The World Bank Group; 5|Worldwide Hospice Palliative Care Alliance and World Health Organization; 6|Measles & Rubella Initiative; 7|grant limits subject to change