2021 - 2022

# Newsletter

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## WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD FOR LEBANON?

It is safe to say that 2021 was a year full of unexpected hardships for the people of Lebanon. Crisis after crisis, the Lebanese people have fought to survive in some of the most unbearable circumstances. Nonetheless, will 2022 prove just as difficult?

Lebanon is to have two particularly important events take place in the upcoming new year: the Parliamentary elections in the spring, and the Presidental election to follow suit in the fall. The nation's call for change and reform may finally have promise in a new political landscape. Moreover, officials say that the middle eastern community has promised to improve the quality and reliability of the country's electricity supply. While the aforementioned news sounds encouraging, Egatha understands just how serious Lebanon's healthcare crisis is, and how needed we are, even with the prospects of future reform initiatives. With our growing audience and your faithful support, we hope to continue providing accessible healthcare to those who are farthest from its reach.







## Highlights

#### Predictions for 2022

- What can Lebanon expect in 2022?
- How will Egatha continue to provide care in the new year?

#### Our Success Stories

• See who we have helped in just the last month!

#### Summary of 2021





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December 2021 Egatha's Patient



The patient lives with her sister, both of whom are single and unemployed; she fell down on her knee and needed an urgent operation. The ER administrator requested \$700 USD, an exorbitant fee when the median salary in the country is less than \$50 USD. The patient's sister receives aid from Egatha, so she reached out for support. Egatha was able to fund her sister's successful knee operation.



December 2021 Egatha's Patient

The patient was recently discharged on oral medications after she had endured a long stau in an effort to stabilize her lifethreatening skin disease. A few weeks later she suffered a flare-up since she was unable to follow up with the essential drug regimen, and was admitted back to the hospital. Although the hospital does not have access to the supplements the patient needed, Egatha provided for all her medicine and will continue to supply her after she is discharged.



### 2021 in Review

Since its launch in July 2021, Egatha has prided itself on supporting Lebanese patients during their times of heartache. With this purpose in mind, Egatha has treated over 110 patients (that is just in six months of operation), from providing access to emergency care to supplying drugs for chronic and acute diseases and to funding laboratory tests and hospital stays.

In December alone, Egatha had the privilege of helping 78 patients with their medical needs. More recently, with the growing difficulty of finding diabetic medications, 38 of our patients now rely on Egatha to sustain their conditions.

Lastly, with our Over-the-Counter Drug initiatives, our team was able to distribute a variety of drug packages to over 50 children and elderly persons living in poverty.