NABAD

THE MOBILE CLINIC THAT BEATS FOR LEBANON

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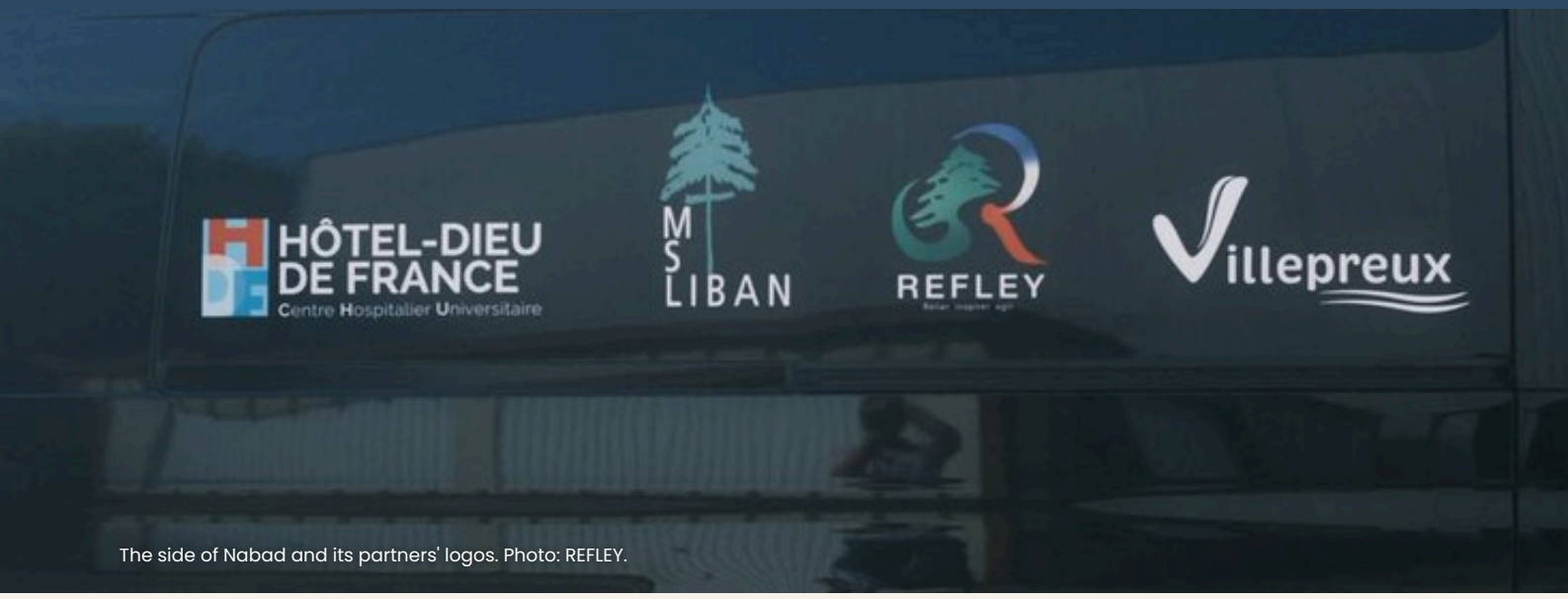
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Nabad has left the port of Beirut. Next stop: the patients.

In close partnership with Hôtel-Dieu de France.

Bought and fitted out in France, shipped from Le Havre, arrived in Lebanon on 1 November 2026: the mobile clinic of the French-Lebanese association REFLEY starts in the Jezzine district, with the people who live far from a doctor.



The side of Nabad and its partners' logos. Photo: REFLEY.

AT A GLANCE

Nabad is a mobile clinic for Lebanon. A van fitted out as a medical unit, which goes out to people instead of waiting for them at the hospital. It starts in the Jezzine district, in the mountains of South Lebanon: nine localities, some 6,000 inhabitants, and a target of 2,500 consultations a year.

Its medical activity is overseen by **Hôtel-Dieu de France**, the university hospital of Beirut: protocols, staff training and supervision. The project is led by **REFLEY**, with the **City of Villepreux** (Yvelines, France) and the **Municipality of Azour**.

Nabad (نبض) means "pulse" in Arabic: the first thing a doctor checks, and what this clinic brings back where doctors no longer come.

THE PROJECT

Bringing care to where people live

In the mountains of Jezzine, villages depend on the district's public hospital, but isolated localities have no regular access to care. Chronic diseases go undetected, and elderly people give up on treatment because the road is too long.

Nabad reverses the logic: the consultation comes to the village. Prevention, follow-up of chronic diseases, vaccination campaigns: care takes place on site, in the medical unit or under its awning. It starts with nine localities of the district, Azour, Taid, Sabah, Midan, Bteddine el-Lokch, Bisri, Mazraat el-Matha, El-Harf and Machmouche, and an extension to the district's sixteen villages is planned for 2027. This is only the beginning: Nabad is designed for the whole of Lebanon.

9
localities to start with, Jezzine district

6,000
inhabitants, approximately

2,500
consultations a year (target)

€78,000
initial investment, approximately

A close partnership with Hôtel-Dieu de France

The university hospital of Beirut is Nabad's reference medical partner. It oversees the medical activity: health authorisations, protocols, staff training and supervision. On the ground, Clinique Azoury, in Jezzine, has committed in writing to run the medical operations.

THE JOURNEY

From Villepreux to Beirut, 3,000 km by sea

18 September
Official send-off in front of Villepreux town hall, in the presence of the Embassy of Lebanon in France

6-7 October
From Villepreux to Le Havre

10 October
Shipped from Le Havre on a ro-ro vessel

1 November
Arrival at the port of Beirut

November
Out of the port, then administrative and technical checks
CURRENT STAGE

Coming next
Welcome ceremony in Azour, then the first rounds

The vehicle was donated to the Municipality of Azour, which received it in Lebanon, handled its customs clearance, is handling its registration and will maintain it. Since leaving the port, Nabad has been going through its final administrative and technical formalities, including checks on the equipment to be installed on board, ahead of the welcome ceremony in Azour. Transit and export were managed with Ceva Logistics.

THE VEHICLE

A medical unit on wheels

Nabad is a van bought, paid for and fitted out in France as a self-sufficient medical unit:

- insulated, air-conditioned unit;
- independent power supply;
- cold chain for vaccines and medicines;
- tail lift, for people who cannot climb in;
- side awning, to receive patients in the heart of the village.

To welcome its first patients in good conditions, Nabad still needs an X-ray machine and an ultrasound scanner: some **€45,000** remain to be raised.



The unit, seen from the tail lift.



Inside the medical unit.

WHO DOES WHAT

REFLEY	French-Lebanese association (formerly Libanais en Yvelines), project lead: research, funding, equipment, set-up.
City of Villepreux	Partner town in France, linked to Azour by an official cooperation since 2023.
Municipality of Azour	Partner municipality in Lebanon: receives the vehicle, clears it through customs, registers it and maintains it.
Hôtel-Dieu de France	University hospital of Beirut: medical supervision, protocols, staff training.
Clinique Azoury	In Jezzine: medical operations on the ground.
Missions Solidarité Liban	Funded part of the purchase of the vehicle.

FUNDING

An initial investment of about **€78,000**: the vehicle is bought and paid for, thanks to private donors, companies, organisations and Missions Solidarité Liban. Running costs, about **€22,800 a year**, are covered on the Lebanese side; the Municipality of Azour ensures full self-sufficiency from **2028**. Every donation is tracked in the association's application.

THE TEAM

Heads of mission: **Joe Abi Nader**, president of REFLEY, and **Jihad Bou Karam**. Set-up, then operations: **Astrid Challita**, Head of Operations. The project belongs to REFLEY's Solidarity & International division.

NEXT STEPS

Checks
Administrative and technical formalities, equipment to be installed on board; registration by the Municipality of Azour

CURRENT STAGE

Equipment
X-ray and ultrasound

Ceremony
Welcome in Azour, date to be announced

First rounds
In the Jezzine district

2027-2028
Sixteen villages planned, then full self-sufficiency

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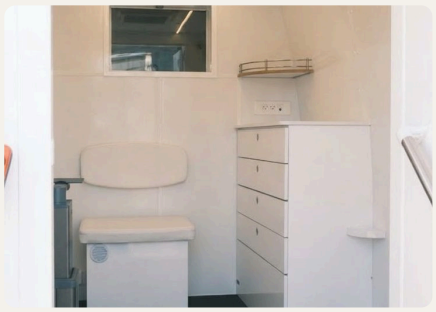


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