



Al-Kawthar Secondary School

Opened in 1966, Al-Kawthar Secondary School is a public school in Beirut that provides academic education to students, including those with special needs, from kindergarten through to high school. It is part of the Al-Mabarrat Charitable Organization.

The school works to raise individuals who believe in God and His messages, citizens who are literate, productive, effective in their society, aware of their role as national and global citizens, open-minded to the world and its current issues, and who contribute to shaping the future of their country. It applies scholastic programmes and various activities based on principles that value the importance of human beings' ethical values, equal opportunities, critical thinking, dialogue, and lifelong learning. The institute encourages moral and social responsibility among students for the world around them as well as respect for cultural and religious diversity. It nurtures students through a comprehensive, balanced approach in physical, intellectual, spiritual and emotional developmental domains.



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Name: Al-Kawthar Secondary School

Country: Lebanon

Industry: Education

Number of employees: 321

What are the benefits of ISO 26000 for Al-Kawthar Secondary School ?

Key benefits to date include:

- Reduction in paper use, saving over USD 2 000
- Savings of more than 110 000 l. of water and USD 500
- Reduced fuel consumption saving USD 1 322
- Improved reputation
- Improved relationships with stakeholders

How did ISO 26000 lead to these benefits?

A committee was established to implement the standard and the checklist used to do a gap analysis and, from there, develop an action plan, with project teams assigned to each domain.

Policies for suppliers were updated to include social responsibility clauses and a number of initiatives were put in place. These include:

- Programmes for the recycling and a more rational use of paper
- Workshops and training on the conservative use of water, introduction of new water-efficient cleaning methods, collection of rainwater
- Consolidated transport activities to reduce fuel consumption
- Educating and informing staff and suppliers on the importance of socially responsible behaviour

“We believe that the focus should be on raising awareness of the concept of social responsibility, and that internalizing the concept will contribute to changing behaviours – and this is the core.”



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