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Participants Overview

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	Name	Region	Year of Birth
1.	Hiba El Jaafil	Saida, Lebanon	1987
2.	Zeinab Halabi	Tripoli, Lebanon	1991
3.	Fatima Azize	Tripoli, Lebanon	1990
4.	Carole Mansour	Koura, Lebanon	2001

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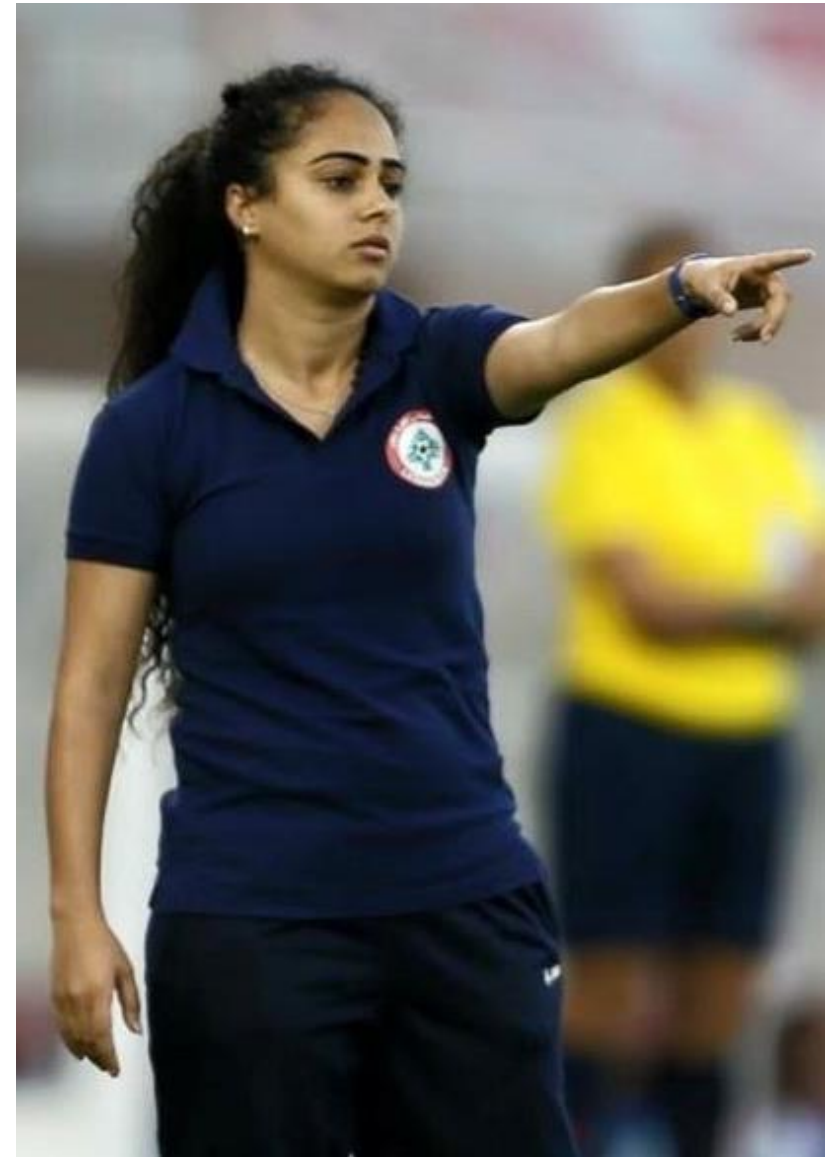
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Hiba El Jaafil

Saida, Lebanon | National Evangelical Institute for Girls and Boys

Hiba El Jaafil, born in 1987, is a sports coordinator at the National Evangelical Institute for Girls and Boys in Saida, Lebanon. After having led the Lebanese Women's Football National Team as a captain for 10 years, she started her coaching career in the same team and from 2014 to 2016 she coached the under 17, 19 and seniors. Under her leadership the team won the U-17 Arab Cup in Doha 2015. She received her A License from the AFC (Asian Football Confederation) and the B License from the DFB (German Football Association).

In addition to coaching, she has managed several football-related social projects. One of them is the "Football for Adolescents" project encouraging the football education in public schools, sponsored by the Lebanese Ministry of Education, UNICEF, German Embassy of Beirut, the US and French Embassies. Also, she is actively working as a consultant for an NGO in Lebanon, Jordan and India.



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Zeinab Halabi

Tripoli, Lebanon | Lebanese Football Association

Zeinab, 28 years old, is the the first female Match Commissioner of Lebanese Football Association. Beside managing the women's football team "Montada North Lebanon," she is especially committed to inspire children from different communities for football training. She describes herself as a life-skill coach, because her training is not only about athletic techniques, but also about skills for the personal and social development of children and adolescents.

In her work, she encounters two major challenges: First, it is very difficult to attract girls to football training because the communities do not support sports activities for girls. Secondly, to work in the region is difficult because there are many tensions and prejudices among the members of different denominations. Zeinab is committed to peaceful coexistence and wants to help overcome the separations.



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Fatima Azize

Tripoli, Lebanon | GIZ Sport for Development Project

Fatima was born in 1990, studied Social Science at the Lebanese University and has been working as a social worker for 4 years. She has developed her great passion in sports since childhood especially in football, which led her to get a coaching license and to play actively in women's football teams such as Montada North Lebanon, United Club and Riyadiyon.

Her hope is to start a football academy for girls in her hometown Tripoli and open the chances for them to enjoy football like she did in her childhood.



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Carole Mansour

Koura, Lebanon | Lebanese American University

Carole is 18 years old and just started her first semester in mechatronic engineering at the Lebanese American university. Since childhood she has played football and currently she belongs to Salam Zgharta, a football team of her hometown and the futsal team at her university. She has a dream to become a football coach someday to inspire girls and women in her community to take more part in the sports.

Nevertheless, she is aware that her dream would have lots of obstacles since football is mainly seen as male sports and women barely get support to participate. She says that even if girls try to play football, they tend to stop at some point because there is no encouragement for them to continue. Carole wants to represent the dreams and hopes of the young generation, especially in the field of women's football in North Lebanon. And she wants to support female football players who can't develop their great talents because of the limitations in the community.



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