

MILES FOR SMILES MEDICAL MISSION

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Saint Joseph University
Syrian American Medical Society
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1053 children across 5 camps

received oral hygiene education and treatment such as: temporary fillings, sealants, varnishes in addition to receiving toothbrushes and toothpaste to promote oral health.



Mission & Treatment Details

Volunteers covered comprehensive educational, motivational and counseling to promote oral health and address risk factors for caries and oral diseases such as sugars and smoking

Each child received a tooth brush and toothpaste

Each child was screened and examined to determine his/her needs and conducted needs assessment

Each child received caries protective varnish on all their teeth (fluoride Varnishes applications)

Each child received temporary fillings for mild to moderate cavities

Each child received adhesive sealants to protect their permanent teeth

Consent forms and post op instructions were given to the families explaining the type of treatment and possible risks

The mission was led by Dr. Othman Shibly, a professor at the University at Buffalo. In addition, there were 4 dentists from the US and over 70 volunteers from Saint Joseph University in Lebanon

Accomplishments

This mission embodied innovation in the humanitarian field. Prior to the mission, partnerships were formed between a corporation, educational institutions and a non-governmental organization. Furthermore, pre-mission screenings of the schools, number of children and their needs were identified to ensure preparedness and success. Strategic planning led to a successful mission where all 1053 Syrian refugee children in the 5 camps were treated.