EMBRACE LIFELINE: LEBANON’S NATIONAL EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AND SUICIDE PREVENTION HELPLINE

IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM AT THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH

MONTHLY EMBRACE LIFELINE INDICATORS

AUGUST 2020

Introduction

Embrace Lifeline is the national helpline in Lebanon for emotional support and suicide prevention. As part of its mission, and in collaboration with the National Mental Health Program of the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH), Embrace captures, analyses, and disseminates aggregate data related to the Embrace Helpline. The data is meant to offer a snapshot of the characteristics of callers to the helpline.

Methodology

Embrace Lifeline’s trained operators capture anonymous data through a secure computerized system. The non-identifiable data is then analysed and reported on a monthly basis. While we strive to capture all data from all calls received, some data remain missing. However, the metrics in this document can be considered representative of calls received during the reported time-period.

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DATE | AUGUST 2020 | TOTAL NUMBER OF CALLS WITH CAPTURED DATA | 560

I. AGE OF CALLERS

| MEAN AGE: | 31 |

II. SEX OF CALLERS

| MALE | 46% |
| FEMALE | 54% |

III. NATIONALITY OF CALLERS

| Lebanon | 69% |
| Syria | 24% |
| Brazil | 3% |
| Other | 3% |
| Missing Data | 1% |
IV. REGION OF CALLERS

![Region of Callers Chart]

V. EMPLOYMENT OF CALLERS

*Percentages do not add up to 100% because each caller may have more than one status.

![Employment Status of Callers Bar Chart]
VI. CALLERS REPORTING DECREASE IN LEVEL OF DISTRESS FROM BEGINNING TO END OF CALL

95% of callers with available data (n=176) reported a decrease in the level of distress from the beginning of the call to the end. Nine calls were from individuals whose level of distress did not decrease from the beginning to the end of the call.

VII. CALLERS REPORTING CONCERNS REGARDING COVID-19

5% of calls with available data are from individuals who reported having concerns regarding COVID-19. Concerns include the virus itself, quarantine, and other related stressors.

VIII. CALLS RELATED TO THE BEIRUT EXPLOSION

28% of calls with available data are from individuals who reported having concerns or are facing struggles regarding the Beirut explosion on August 4, 2020.