

THE AWARDS ASIA 2021

Workplace of the Year

Institution name	Saint Joseph University of Beirut
Submission title or project name	Saint Joseph University of Beirut and its internal Community Outreach Initiatives
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URL	www.usj.edu.lb/risetobloom/
Submission	<p>Facing the twofold crisis of Covid-19 and the Beirut Port Double-Blast, three initiatives emerged at Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ) to prioritize the well-being of all staff at the forefront: “USJ en mission”, “Rise to Bloom”, and community outreach by the Faculty of Business Administration and Management (FGM).</p> <p>As described by the Chaplain General of USJ, Fr. Jad Chebly s.j., the “USJ en mission” initiative followed the “Ketfe Bi Kefak” campaign that aimed to provide 2,150 food rations to the neediest families between March and April 2020.</p> <p>Following the Beirut Double-Blast, “Rise to Bloom” has been established to provide psychological and spiritual support to the USJ Community: students, staff, and professors.</p> <p>“This ordeal brought together about 250 students, alumni, staff and teachers and, together with our new dean of FGM, Prof. Fouad Zmoukhol, we set up a call center to connect with people who need shelter, comfort, food or medicine.”</p>