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## E-NEWSLETTER

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Dear friends and colleagues,

We are pleased to share with you our second issue of the HOPES-LEB periodic e-newsletter which will allow you to discover stories and articles by our students, team and partners and stay informed on our latest activities. Stay tuned ...

The HOPES-LEB team

### FOREWORD BY THE HOPES-LEB TEAM

Between the challenges of coping with a global pandemic, the protracted consequences of many crises and conflicts in the region as well as the harsh economic and political situation in Lebanon where people are still struggling to overcome the traumatic impact of one of the most horrendous blasts in human history, words fail to describe the year 2020... But what also comes to mind when thinking of the last year is the way how people reacted to these challenges, the many innovative efforts undertaken and the resilience shown by all strata of society.

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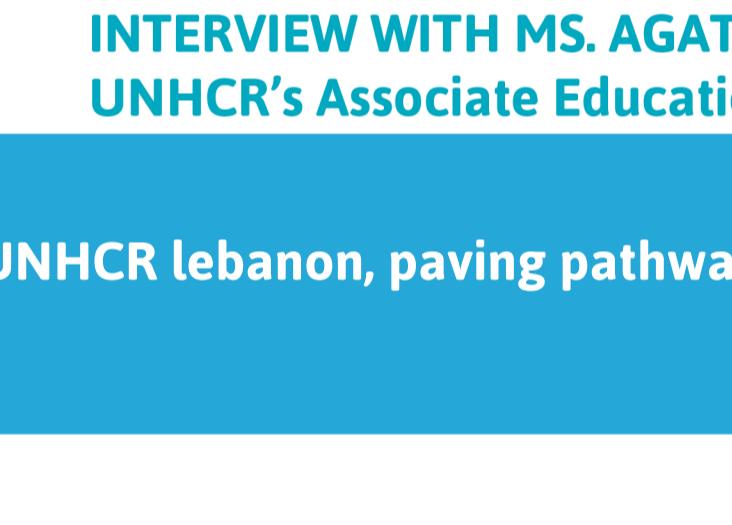
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