

# The Center for Studies on Aging (Lebanon) Translating Research & Policy & Practice (TRIPP)

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The Center for Studies on Aging (CSA)<sup>1</sup> is a non-governmental organization led by a group of professionals committed to the promotion of evidence-based policy and practice in support of the older population in Lebanon in particular and the Arab world more generally. The Center was established in 2008 following a conference on Aging in Lebanon, which brought together over 150 national, regional and international participants who recognized the need for such a forum in the region. The mandate of the Center is to support intersectoral collaboration and exchange between researchers, policy makers, service providers and advocacy groups with the aim of strengthening evidence-to-policy and evidence-to-practice links; and hence, its motto “Translating Research into Policy and Practice (TRIPP)”.

The CSA achieves its mission through three key strategic tools:

**Strategic Tool 1:** Research, database, networks and conferences  
To raise awareness of aging issues in Lebanon in particular

1- For more information on the Center for Studies on Aging, please visit our website [www.csa.org.lb](http://www.csa.org.lb). The A in the logo of the Center depicts a population pyramid with the tip representing the share of older population

and in the wider Arab world, targeting researchers, policymakers, major donors and service providers in public, private and non-profit sectors.

**Strategic Tool 2:** Human resource development to promote good practice in the care of older people in Lebanon and the region.

**Strategic Tool 3:** Optimizing opportunities in development plans and policies to promote the mainstreaming of older people’s issues in all economic, social and health development processes and programs.

The Center has been very active in organizing conferences that respond to emerging issues in the field. For example and in the context of the Syrian crisis in the country, the Center held a symposium in 2013 on the topic of Seniors in emergencies, providing a space for discussion and advocacy on the distinct needs of older people in emergencies. More recently, interested members have been involved with the Ministry of Social Affairs in the preparation of a national report on elder abuse. Others participated in the reviews of the Madrid International Plan of Action on ageing. The Center prides itself in becoming a resource for students and researchers as it continues to update its online resources. It is now well documented that, among Arab countries, Lebanon hosts the largest proportion of older people (close to 9%) and this is expected to increase to this is projected to increase to 12.0% and 21.0% by the year 2030 and 2050. The aging agenda in Lebanon needs to continue to push for more studies and advocacy to realize truly inclusive and empowered aging society.

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