

## CSOs and NGOs working for the Rights of Migrant Workers<sup>1</sup>

**Name of Organisation:** Insan Association, Lebanon, 1998

**Website of Organisation:** [www.insanassociation.org](http://www.insanassociation.org)

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Insan Association is a Lebanese non-profit human rights organization established in 1998. It acts to protect and promote the rights of marginalized individuals in Lebanon, most of whom are refugees, asylum seekers, migrant workers, stateless individuals and children. Insan pursues its mission by using a holistic approach that includes offering educational, legal, and psycho-social services, as well as running an advocacy and research department.

Through a comprehensive scheme consisting of educational, psychosocial and legal services, as well as advocacy and awareness projects, Insan aims to empower migrants and refugees by enabling them to take control of their lives and reach their full potential.

Insan's missions :

- **Rights-based approach:** Insan believes that the respect of the human rights can create a positive lasting impact in people's lives and enable them to reach their full potential by diminishing the causes of poverty and injustice. The primary concern of Insan is the lack of political will the people have in addressing and meeting human right standards for migrants and refugees in Lebanon. Excluded from the system, these populations fail to access basic rights and services.
- **Holistic approach:** Insan offers a variety of services ranging from education and life skills training to social, psychological and legal support. In addition, Insan works with the entire family, both the parents and children in identifying human rights issues.
- **Community based approach:** Insan centre is located in one of Beirut's eastern suburbs with an immediate proximity to many of the homes of the organisation's target communities. This allows Insan's team to build a special relationship, to gain a profound understanding of their problems and to respond directly to their needs.
- **Outreach approach:** Insan's team of social workers conduct home visits to assess the situation and define target communities' needs.
- **Individual needs assesment:** Insan works on a case-by-case basis and responds directly to the specific and personal needs of each individuals. Additionally, Insan is able to adapt their services to meet the needs that are identified during the course of the intervention.

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<sup>1</sup> The Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an NGO affiliated with the Faculty of Law at UNSW in Sydney. Since 1990, it has provided training to over 2800 human rights defenders and community advocates. These individuals work for a wide range of organisations working to promote shared values of human rights – in different ways. This profile is part of a series developed by DTP ([www.dtp.unsw.edu.au](http://www.dtp.unsw.edu.au)) to illustrate the richness and diversity of the organisations working to promote the rights of migrant workers more broadly.