

4	IMPACT AND SUSTAINABILITY
4.1	<p>Impact (what impact has the project activities and outcomes created on your department, university, country)</p> <p>The ICARE project has created significant, multi-faceted impact at PARTNER INSTIUTIONS, and at Lebanese and Egyptian levels, transforming healthcare education, research, and community engagement at partner institutions and beyond. The project introduced inter-professional education and training models into health sciences programs, enhancing the quality and relevance of curricula. In addition, it enhanced the skills of faculty members and students at BAU through training workshops and knowledge exchange with international partners. The project co-funded the ICARE clinic and centers, positioning the related partner universities as leaders in healthcare education and community engagement. It strengthened ties with the local community by offering low-cost healthcare services through the ICARE clinics. Graduates gained hands-on experience and practical skills through student-led clinics, internships, and inter-professional training, improving their job readiness. The project also expanded access to primary healthcare services in Lebanon, especially for underserved populations such as refugees and low-income families. Moreover, the project built a new generation of healthcare professionals equipped with inter-professional skills, enhancing the workforce quality in Lebanon and Egypt.</p>
4.2	<p>Dissemination</p> <p>BAU employed a multi-channel dissemination strategy to share information about the ICARE project, its activities, and outcomes. The efforts targeted diverse groups, including students, faculty, healthcare professionals, policymakers, NGOs, and the general public. After returning from visits to other partner universities in the project, partner universities conducted debriefing sessions with faculties and administrators to share lessons learned.</p> <p>The centers are used to replicate the training courses within the faculty of medicine and the university to raise awareness. Regular face to face updates were provided during departmental and faculty meetings.</p> <p>Examples of links on BAU website include :</p> <p>https://www.bau.edu.lb/International-Relations-Office/Projects</p>