



## Accelerated Vocational Training Center (AVTC) Accelerating Knowledge, Transforming Economic Potential

Safadi Foundation is working to educate, engage and enhance the ability of young people in Tripoli, Lebanon to play more of a role in determining their economic livelihoods. Tripoli is Lebanon's second largest city and home to the country's highest poverty and school drop out rates. With just over half the population under the age of twenty-five years old, and only 39% of those above 15 years of age with jobs, youth are at a disadvantage when it comes to their socio-economic empowerment.

Up to 3500  
Beneficiaries  
Annually



Building on Safadi Foundation's proven track record in vocational training, the AVTC was launched in 2017 to stimulate local economic development. It is hoped that the AVTC will become a hub for vocational training programs in Tripoli and throughout the country. With an initial capacity of 1000 students and an ability to reach 3500 beneficiaries annually, the AVTC is home to the areas most diverse training programs. Classes are being offered in construction, hospitality & services, building & industrial sectors, and child & elderly care.

## Building An Inclusive Economy

Once a thriving urban center for knowledge, commerce and trade, Lebanon's second largest city now faces many development challenges. The **Tripoli Special Economic Zone (TSEZ)** is an initiative that seeks to upgrade the city's capacity to promote an investment friendly climate that will stimulate economic growth. The AVTC is providing much-needed trainings that will support an environment that is conducive to the TSEZ's overall objectives by reducing the skill gap and engaging the private sector.

The AVTC is helping Lebanon build a more inclusive economy and helping to reduce the gender gap by training women in traditionally male-dominate fields. By developing women's professional capacity, women will have more input in shaping how their societies are governed at a local level.



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## Safadi Accelerated Vocational Training Center

is an equitable opportunity facility dedicated to offering high quality vocational training, rehabilitation, and integration services to the local community. Our mission is to improve livelihoods and economic prosperity of youth and adults by increasing their employability and income generation. We strive to accomplish this by maintaining our commitment to Safadi Foundation's historic contributions in strengthening the individual and collective capacities of communities, and offering accessible high-quality trainers and cutting-edge curricula that is responsive to labor force needs of the economy.



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