

# Outreach and Practice Unit (OPU)

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The Outreach and Practice Unit (OPU) fosters the link between academic programs, research and service to the society at large. The OPU aims at facilitating the transfer of skills and knowledge in the field of public health, building community partnerships, developing human capabilities, endorsing service learning, and enhancing the culture of collective responsibility.

The Unit has three goals:

- To develop and implement community partnerships to promote individual and community health; and to advance service learning.
- To contribute to the development of human capital and capability in public health in Lebanon and the region, by offering diverse, multidisciplinary and financially sustainable training.
- To impact policy-making in Lebanon and the region through transferring evidence based knowledge generated from rigorous and community-based research.

The three goals are reflected into three components each led by a coordinator as follows:

1. Community Engagement and Services (Coordinated by Aline Germani)
2. Workforce development and continuing education/Training and Workshops (Coordinated by Kassem Kassak)
3. Informed Policy (Coordinated by Nasser Yassin)

OPU works closely with different national, regional, and international entities including but not limited to the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University, Institute of Community and Public Health at Birzeit University, United Nations Populations Fund (UNFPA), International Rescue Committee (IRC), World Education Inc. USA, and Lebanese Health Management Association (LHMA).