Outreach and Practice Unit (OPU)

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The mission of the Outreach and Practice Unit (OPU) is to advance public health practice at the Faculty to impact the health of populations in Lebanon and the region. The OPU aims to facilitate the transfer of skills and knowledge in the field of public health, building community partnerships, developing human capabilities, advancing service learning, and enhancing the culture of collective responsibility.

The OPU operates in three main areas:

• Training and Workforce Development, in which the OPU coordinates FHS training initiatives that 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.

• Community Engagement and Services, in which the OPU develops and implements community partnerships to promote individual and community health; and to advance service learning.

• Informed Policy, where the OPU impacts policy-making in Lebanon and the region by transferring evidence based knowledge generated from practice and from rigorous community-based research.

The Unit Coordinator reports to the Dean of FHS. The OPU is supported by an Advisory Committee of FHS faculty members and external resource persons.

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