POSITIVE PEACE FOUNDATION

Research, Training, and Field Action for Positive Peace

FOUNDING STRATEGY & INSTITUTIONAL OVERVIEW • JULY 2026

INSTITUTIONAL OVERVIEW & CORE MANDATE

The **Positive Peace Foundation (PPF)** is an independent, action-driven Lebanese civil society organization established to transform how conflict, governance, and social development are addressed across Lebanon. For decades, peacebuilding efforts in the region have focused primarily on crisis response and negative peace—the simple absence of active violence or immediate security threats. PPF shifts this paradigm by building **Positive Peace**: the systemic attitudes, institutions, and structures that create and sustain peaceful, resilient, and thriving societies.

Lebanon faces unprecedented socio-economic challenges, institutional fragilities, and deep-seated community polarization. Piecemeal interventions and short-term humanitarian relief are no longer sufficient to secure long-term stability. PPF bridges the gap between high-level policy research, practical civic education, and direct grassroots conflict resolution, offering a unified, evidence-based roadmap for national renewal.

OUR VISION

A resilient Lebanese society grounded in positive peace, where transparent public governance, evidence-based policy, active conflict resolution, and empowered civic leaders construct long-term stability and social cohesion across all communities.

OUR MISSION

To systematically advance positive peace across Lebanon by deploying localized policy research, delivering hands-on leadership and mediation training, and implementing direct grassroots interventions built upon the Eight Pillars of Positive Peace.

OUR FOUNDATIONAL FRAMEWORK: PROMOTING THE 8 PILLARS OF POSITIVE PEACE

Rather than addressing societal tension in isolation, PPF adopts the **Eight Pillars of Positive Peace** as an all-encompassing strategic framework. We promote this framework as a holistic lens for understanding Lebanon's structural challenges, designing multi-sector interventions, and measuring real-world impact across eight interconnected domains:

1. Well-Functioning Government:

Promoting transparent, responsive, and accountable public administration at both municipal and national levels to rebuild institutional trust and enhance public service delivery.

2. Sound Business Environment:

Supporting economic resilience, local entrepreneurship, and sustainable business models that generate equitable economic opportunities and reduce socio-economic vulnerability.

3. Equitable Distribution of Resources:

Advocating for fair access to basic infrastructure, healthcare, education, and essential social services across all geographical regions in Lebanon, bridging urban-rural divides.

4. Acceptance of the Rights of Others:

Fostering legal protection, human rights education, mutual respect, and social inclusion for all marginalized groups, religious communities, and vulnerable populations.

5. Good Relations with Neighbors:

Rebuilding intra-community trust, de-escalating regional and sectarian tensions, and creating formal local conflict resolution mechanisms within and between municipalities.

6. Free Flow of Information:

Encouraging independent, fact-based journalism, combatting toxic disinformation, and facilitating open public dialogue around critical socio-political issues.

7. High Levels of Human Capital:

Investing in youth leadership development, civic education, vocational skills, and equipping emerging community actors with modern peacebuilding toolkits.

8. Low Levels of Corruption:

Strengthening civic oversight, institutional integrity, and public transparency standards to combat systemic corruption and restore faith in public institutions.

OUR OPERATIONAL MODEL: HOW WE WORK (LEARN, GROW, IMPACT)

PPF translates positive peace theory into practical societal change through three interconnected operational divisions. Each division operates in alignment with the Eight Pillars to ensure a continuous cycle of learning, policy formulation, and direct community action:

LEARN PPF Training Hub

The **PPF Training Hub** serves as our civic capacity-building engine. We equip emerging youth advocates, local leaders, educators, and municipal actors with practical, action-oriented toolkits rooted in the 8 Pillars framework.

- Delivering accredited workshops in active mediation, interest-based negotiation, and non-violent communication.
- Training local community leaders to identify and de-escalate municipal tensions before they turn violent.
- Empowering youth cohorts to design and execute peace-promoting civic initiatives in their local regions.

GROW PPF Policy Lab

The **PPF Policy Lab** functions as our research and policy formulation arm. We ground all foundation initiatives in empirical data, local field research, and rigorous structural analysis of conflict drivers in Lebanon.

- Conducting targeted field assessments and publishing localized policy briefs mapped directly to the Eight Pillars.
- Providing civil society actors, international partners, and local government officials with actionable policy recommendations.
- Developing structural indicators to monitor and measure positive peace metrics across different Lebanese districts.

IMPACT

PPF Field Action

The **PPF Field Action** division puts knowledge and policy into direct practice on the ground. We execute targeted community interventions, de-escalate active friction, and foster sustainable social cohesion.

- Deploying rapid-response community mediation teams to manage local disputes and municipal conflicts.
- Executing joint cross-community development projects that bring diverse local groups together around shared needs.
- Establishing local peace committees to maintain ongoing dialogue and strengthen regional resilience.

JOIN THE POSITIVE PEACE FOUNDATION

Be Part of Building Lebanon's Sustainable Future

Building durable peace in Lebanon requires more than reactive crisis management—it demands a structured, strategic, and unified movement grounded in the Eight Pillars of Positive Peace. The Positive Peace Foundation provides the exact framework, platform, and operational backing to convert civic passion into tangible national progress.

We actively invite researchers, policy analysts, youth activists, community leaders, and civil society partners to join PPF. Whether you aim to produce high-impact policy research with the **PPF Policy Lab**, master advanced mediation techniques through the **PPF Training Hub**, or lead de-escalation projects with **PPF Field Action**, your involvement directly accelerates systemic peace across Lebanon. Together, we can construct the resilient institutions and cohesive communities our country deserves.

OUR INSTITUTIONAL COMMITMENT: The Positive Peace Foundation operates under strict principles of operational transparency, complete political independence, financial accountability, and data-driven impact tracking. Every project, workshop, and research paper we produce is evaluated against rigorous positive peace indicators to guarantee meaningful, long-term progress for Lebanon.