

## BORJ QALAUYE VILLAGE PROFILE

### 1. LOCATION AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Borj Qalauye is a village located in the middle of the districts of Tyre and Bint Jbeil. It is bordered by Al Ghanodiriyi to the north, Srifa and Dayr Kifa to the west, Touline to the east, and Klawya to the South.

Borj Qalauye is around 90 kilometres away from Beirut, and around 22 kilometres away from the centre of the Caza'. Its elevation is around 450 meters above sea level with an average annual rainfall of 600-700 mm. Borj Qalauye is characterized by a moderate climate and the average annual temperature is 24 degrees Celsius.

The village is distinguished by its white and red soil suitable for the cultivation of olives and vegetables.

### 2. POPULATION

The total population of Borj Qalauye is around 2220. The village inhabitants witnessed internal displacement, by which around 500 villagers were displaced to other parts of the country such as Southern Suburbs of Beirut. Additionally, a number of the village inhabitants around 300 migrated to countries such as Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the rest of the Gulf States (See Table 1).

**Table 1: Distribution of Population**

Population	Number	In Percent
Residents	1420	64.0
Displaced	500	22.5
Migrants	300	13.5
Total	2220	100.0

There are 1420 inhabitants during winter, while the number rises to around 1920 people during the summer. The number of registered voters is around 1200 voters, as estimated during the 2010 summer elections.

#### 2.1 Age Groups

The distribution of the population by age groups in Borj Qalauye is as follows: 45.9 percent are less than 21 years, 48.7 percent are between 21 - 65 years, and 5.4 percent are 65 years and older (See Table 2).

**Table 2: Distribution of the population by Age Groups**

Age Group	Number	In Percent
Under 21	1020	45.9
Between 21-65	1080	48.7
Above 65	120	5.4
Total	2220	100.0

## 2.2 Labour Force

The labour force in Borj Qalauye is 25 % of the total resident population of the village.

Women participate in agricultural work, in addition to a few who occupy positions in the educational sector, trade and restaurants in Borj Qalauye or nearby villages.

Additionally, many of the young people in the village are engaged in professions and crafts located both in Borj Qalauye and in close neighbourhoods.

Unemployment in Borj Qalauye is around 15%.

## 3. ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

### 3.1 AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

Borj Qalauye has 1800 dunums which are considered arable land. There are around 60 people working in the sector. It has been noted that 50 percent of the land in the village are cultivated (See table 3).

**Table 3: Land use**

Land use	Area (in dunums)
Outlying area of the village	2400
Area of arable land	1800
Cultivated area	1200
Areas of non-arable land	600

Table 4 shows the different types of rain-fed and irrigated open-cultivated vegetables in Borj Qalauye. The most common cultivated product within this area is olives.

**Table 4: Agricultural Products**

Products	In Percent of cultivated land
Olives	15%
Fruit trees	10%
Grains	7%
Tobacco	3%

Borj Qalauye also produces a range of Agro-foods that are consumed at the local level:

- Olive Oil
- Burghul

The village also has some agricultural enterprises and cooperatives such as:

- Cooperative Agricultural Association in Borj Qalauye.
- Two olive oil presses, one modern and the other of medium technology.

There are however prominent problems facing the agricultural sector in Borj Qalauye such as:

- Lack of water
- Inappropriate use of fertilizers
- Lack of knowledge in pruning trees.
- The high costs of labour

### 3.2 LIVESTOCK

The livestock in Borj Qalauye is limited to breeding free range chicken and around 200 beehives

The village's milk and dairy products needs are secured from Srifa, Froun and the Kalawiya villages.

### 3.3 CRAFTS AND TRADE SECTORS

There are several craft and trade activities in Borj Qalauye, mainly in painting, aluminium, carpeting, wholesale and concrete (see Table 5).

**Table 5: Crafts and Trades**

<b>Profession</b>	<b>Number of Workers or institutions</b>
<b>Concrete Carpenter</b>	5 people
<b>Carpenters</b>	2 people
<b>Blacksmith</b>	1 person
<b>Car smith</b>	1 person
<b>Painters</b>	2 people
<b>Construction</b>	3 people
<b>Sanitation</b>	4 people
<b>Tiling</b>	3 people
<b>Electricity</b>	4 people
<b>Backers</b>	2 people
<b>Butchers</b>	2 people
<b>Barbers</b>	5 people
<b>Aluminium</b>	1 person
<b>Car mechanics</b>	2 people
<b>Changing oil</b>	6 people
<b>Supermarkets</b>	1 supermarket
<b>Cellular shops</b>	1 shop
<b>Photo studios</b>	1 studio
<b>Tool shops</b>	3 shops
<b>Restaurants</b>	5 restaurants
<b>Car rentals</b>	2 shops
<b>Tractors</b>	2 tractors
<b>Concrete Factories</b>	2

The economic status of the population has severely declined, as many citizens have lost their jobs and have become unemployed due to many challenges such as:

- Work is limited to specific seasons
- Limited market

#### **4. EDUCATION**

100 % of the school children had primary education. Students from Borj Qaley attend schools in nearby towns such as Tyre and Srafa.

#### **5. HEALTH STATUS**

Borj Qalauye health facilities are limited, as there is no governmental or private health centre. However, there is one health clinic in the village which provides the following services such as general inspection laboratory and x-ray. Residents also benefit from the services of one medical doctor and two dentists residing in the village. Plus there is one private pharmacy and a Civil Defence Centre in Borj Qalauye.

#### **6. ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS**

Borj Qalauye experiences several environmental problems, these problems can be identified as follow by: lack of water for irrigation and reliance on one artesian well for the provision of drinking water, which is also shared with the village of Kalaway; lack of wastewater Management and the absence of a public sewage network. Solid wastes are usually collected in one placed and then burned without treatments to the hazards emitted and with no considerations to the environments.

#### **7. RELATIONSHIPS WITH NEARBY VILLAGES AND THE ROLE OF THE IMMIGRANTS**

Borj Qalauye has built trade relationships with the neighbouring villages and farmers, who are attracted to the unique services provided by oil press found in the village.

The emigrants' remittances have not been invested in the village itself but has been used as a source of support to boost the incomes of the families.

#### **8. INSTITUTIONS AND SERVICES**

Borj Qalauye is governed by a municipal council which was founded in 2004, and is currently administrated by around 8 members elected by the locals of the area. The council is assisted by several committees composed of locals from the village. There are no employees working in the municipality. The municipal council rents its headquarters.

Additionally, Borj Qalauye has a number of local institutions dealing with social matters in the village, they are:

- Al Mahdi Scouts Association

- Al Risala Scouts Association
- Public library and a cultural centre belonging to the municipality