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General View

The region of Jered EL Kayteh is located in the highest mountains of Akkar, its middle altitude is about 700 Meters , and the highest cap is about 2225 meters – and the distance between it and Beirut is about 123 kilometers .

You can get this region through the principal way of Tripoli – Berkayel.

Some of these roads are :

- Halba – El korayat
- EL Bahsa – El Houweich
- El Hermel – Fneydek

Most land in this region are mountaineer covered with wild trees like pins, oaks, cedars , junipers and firs.

In this region, there is a big forest of cedars, these rare trees in the middle east.

Such wonderful mountaineer nature is very distinguished where snow cover it during winter .

Other than these wild trees, the law lands of Jered EL Kayteh are planted by olive, fig, and grenade trees, in the other hand , we find apple and pear fruit trees in the high region plus all kind of grains.

This region is rich with rivers, springs and fresh water , but unfortunately such water is not invested .

In Jered EL Kayteh, there are 97500 people , and there are 8471 residence units and 129 families.

Educational sector:

This sector is divided in two parts :
Public and private section .

The educational public section:

There are 15 public primary schools + 10 complementary public schools + two high schools.

There are 5120 students .

Workers functioning in this sector are about 320 teachers .

This public sector is suffering from many problems , the most important are :

- 1- school buildings are old and unfit for teaching
- 2- lack in specialized teacher
- 3- lack in scientific laboratories for modern curriculums.
- 4- Using the contractual system with teachers, this fact has badly affected the teaching quality
- 5- Absence of official inspection and continuous control
- 6- Weakness in both French and English languages which affects the work market .

Private educational section .

Jered EL Kayteh region includes 9 private schools and 5 free schools .

There are 6500 students in these schools, but unfortunately their tuitions are expensive their need to a very expensive equipment.

399 teachers are working in this sector .

Vocational section :

This section is recent in the region, so there is only two technical institutes only in Jered EL Kayteh , and specialties taught in them are limited and need to be developed

Health sector

Jered EL Kayteh region is suffering from a sever privation for centuries in this section, such privation is manifested by :

- 1- there is no hospital in Jered EL Kayteh
- 2- existing medical centers are not enough
- 3- private medical centers are only for simple cases and medicines.
- 4- No laboratories for medical analysis
- 5- No ambulances to satisfy people needs
- 6- No clinics interested in mother and child health care
- 7- Disorder and anarchy in selling medicines .

Telephone and Internet :

There are two centers in the region of this Union where there are many lines , but there are many problems in this sector :

- 1- line cost and charges are very expensive
- 2- connection is very low

Associations

There are many associations and youth clubs but they are working very well, for example : they are working only in specific occasions and they have many qualification like politic , social , religious and environmental associations.

The infrastructure :

In general Jered EL Kayteh region is suffering from many chronic problems in the infrastructure , the most simple needs for a civil society are missing.

- 1- the electrical net is very old , and there is a big lack in electrical station
- 2- charges and taxes imposed on the electricity bill are very high
- 3- No fresh water net in most villages in the Union
- 4- No installation for sanitary use are available (waste water)
- 5- No factories are interested in collecting and dealing with debris.

Agricultural Sector :

The agricultural sector is in continuous deterioration even that it is the most important sector in rural regions where the high lands are planted with apple and pear trees and the low lands with grenade , fig and olive trees .

People working in such sectors are about 2760 workers and they are suffering from many problems :

- 1- absence of agricultural guidance
- 2- the ignorance of people working in this field . they don't know any scientific knowledge about fertilizers and insecticides
- 3- absence of irrigation channels and the bad use of water and natural resources.
- 4- Absence of factories to take care of agricultural products
- 5- Absence of markets
- 6- Using old methods .

Olive trees are planted a little bit in the low region.

This field is suffering from low prices, however, the harvest is enough for local consummation and part of it is exported sometimes.

Planting grains is very common in most villages of Jered EL Kayteh regions. 3515 persons are working in such sector , but unfortunately the harvest is not enough for the local market and farmers are forced to import more grains.

It is worthy the say that there are 21 persons working in the education of bees for honey, and such small and weak harvest can't be counted .

There are 2245 heads of Livestock like cows, sheep and bovines . and 275 persons are working in this sector . their products like meat and dairy products are not enough for the local market, therefore , people has to import such products .

This sector is suffering from many problems like :

- 1- the ministry of agriculture and the competent authorities are not interested in this region
- 2- absence of center for research in the livestock and agricultural fields
- 3- Animals are not crossed and can't give more meat and dairy products .

Industrial sector

The industry of furniture and wood is still underdevelopment . there are 19 factories where work 29 workers and they are interested in furniture and home decoration .

There are also two olive pressers to extract olive oil where work 10 workers .

In the field of construction materials , such industry is very poor, there are 8 small factories for pumice stone , sand and gravel, where work about 9 workers.

Commercial sector

There are about 302 shops and magazines in the union villages for groceries, where work 428 workers .

There are also 2 big magazines : one cooperation , and one supermarkets, where work 28 workers . in such shops items are heaper.

There are also 9 shops for electrical equipment where work 18 workers.

Vocational sector.

Jered EL Kayteh region needs the establishment of technical and professional institute and vocational schools for manual professions. People in this region depends on the functions in public sectors and agricultural harvest.

- There are 16 workshops for smithy, where work 32 workers.
- There are 4 workshops for car maintenance where work 13 workers.
- 169 construction workshops where there is 279 workers
- 25 for sewing where works about 30 women .
- 11 workshops for electrical machines maintenance where work 14 workers.
- 2 shops for mobile phone maintenance, where work 5 workers .

This sector is suffering from many problems the most important are :

- specialized experts
- absence of training session

- workers in such professions are under big depts. .

Employment (working in public establishment)

Jered EL Kayteh region depends principally on working in the military forces (Army and security forces), where There are 2438 functionaries . In other public agencies and establishments there are 302 functionaries .

Functionaries in the educational sector are divided in two parts :

320 working in the public schools

299 working in the private schools .

Free professions

These are the most common jobs in Jered EL Kayteh regions even that they are still insufficient comparing to the surface and population of such big region.

There are : 316 taxi drivers

8 civil engineers

11 mechanical and electronic Engineers

One agricultural engineer

29 physicians (general medicine and pediatric)

7 pharmacists

60 nurse

7 midwife

7 oil stations .

There are 51 Workers in the field of tourism and hotels, most of them are working in Beirut .

There are also 8 factories for Arab sweets where work about 30 workers.

Tourist sector

This sector is very weak even that this region is classified as being a tourist region and the most beautiful place in Lebanon .

This negligence is still covering the most beautiful forest in Lebanon .

In Winter , the region of fneydek is covered by snow and the plan named El Kamoua in well known by its water in winter and its meadows in summer .

This neglected sector is suffering from many problems :

- 1- absence of media and information propaganda
- 2- big negligence from the state and other competent authorities
- 3- weakness of local investment in the tourist sector
- 4- weakness of foreign capitals invested in tourist sector

Conclusion

It is worthy to say that Jered EL Kayteh region has recently suffered from the Israeli attack to Lebanon and many social and economic problems have taken place since that war has destroyed a big number of firms and factories because of big lack in first materials and the total blockage .

So many workers have left their jobs without compensation till the point that there are now about 3120 jobless workers.

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