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British and Lebanese archaeologists, architects, historians, scientists, and much needed benevolence have assisted in defining the association's aims and continue to advise on its activities, which include exhibitions, publications, symposia, and conservation projects, all made possible with gifts from benefactors. Members of the association have thus been campaigning with the principal goal of helping rebuild the Beirut National Museum as well as rescue its collections from the damages of war. Among its many activities, the association co-publishes biannually *National Museum News* in collaboration with the General Directorate of Antiquities.

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