Table 1 Challenges in the elderly care system in Lebanon, pivotal players of change[a], suggestions and recommendations *(concluded)*

Challenge	Pivotal players	Suggestions and recommendations	Resources needed[b]
Community care			
•Not enough day-care centres	Municipalities, NGOs, MoPH, MoSA, volunteers	•Establish day-care centres	++
•Not enough volunteers		•Promote the role of volunteers	+

[a]*Those people or institutions whose role in instituting changes is pivotal in initiating the process.*
[b]*Resources needed are designated as symbols indicating relative need of personnel and funding. Absolute resources needed are not indicated as needs-assessment and cost-analyses are not available for the suggestions made.*
+ denotes personnel and resources are already present but require development, with the government involvement primarily at the municipal level.
++ denotes need for specifically trained personnel and a moderate amount of funding, with government involvement primarily by MoSA and Ministry of Health.
+++ indicates need for specialists in the area of elderly care, involvement at several levels of government, and extensive funding.
MoPH = Ministry of Public Health; CME = continuous medical education; PCPs = primary care physicians; MoSA = Ministry of Social Affairs; PNCE = Permanent National Commission on the Elderly; NGOs = nongovernmental organizations.