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2012

Support for areas affected by the influx of Syrian refugees to Lebanon - ENPI € 5 000 000

Objective: Reinforce the capacities of the Lebanese authorities and organisations in dealing with the crisis.

Main Partner: UNHCR

Beneficiaries: Refugee and host community children of school age and adolescents; public and private Lebanese institutions and organisations involved in the response to the influx of refugees; host communities.

The violent conflict in Syria has forced an increasing number of Syrians and Lebanese settled in Syria to flee the country. While the numbers of refugees were limited in 2011, they rapidly increased in 2012. In order to assist the Lebanese institutions and host communities, this project aims to provide i) capacity building of host country institutions to handle the crisis (ministerial and municipal level as well as civil society organisations), ii) education and iii) local community empowerment. There is a particular focus on including host communities as beneficiaries in all activities in order to mitigate the risk of tension between refugee and host communities. Activities include advanced learning programmes and remedial classes for refugee and host community children and adolescents; capacity building for public and private Lebanese institutions and organisations involved in the response to the influx of refugees; as well as livelihood and community support to areas in the North and in the Bekaa receiving large numbers of refugees.

2012

Support for areas affected by the influx of Syrian refugees to Lebanon II – ENPI € 10 000 000

Objective: Strengthening access to educational and related services for refugee and host community children in Lebanon

Main Partners: UNHCR, UNICEF, NGOs (to be identified through open call for proposals)

Beneficiaries: Refugee and host community children of school age as well as adolescents; teachers and parents; Lebanese institutions and organisations; men and women at-risk of or victims of sexual and gender based violence.

The continued and escalating violence in Syria has forced an increasing number of Syrians, Lebanese settled in Syria to flee the country. Over the summer of 2012, when fighting intensified in Damascus, the numbers of refugees quadrupled in a matter of months putting additional strain on Lebanese authorities and host communities. Many education and child services were not sufficiently covered by the emergency humanitarian assistance. This project aims to meet this gap in the areas most affected by refugee influx by strengthening access to educational and related services for refugee and host community children in Lebanon. Activities include strengthening of schools, teachers and child care services for refugees and host communities alike; strengthening of existing Lebanese child care and sexual and gender based violence services and institutions; as well as activities for vulnerable refugee and host community adolescents.

2012

Building the Resilience of Conflict-affected Palestinian refugees – Instrument for Stability € 2 570 750

Objective: Provide emergency shelter assistance to protect Palestine refugees from Syria in Lebanon.

Main Partner: UNRWA

Beneficiaries: Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon (around 20 000 individuals)

Without sources of livelihood, the 20 000 Palestine refugees who have fled Syria for Lebanon are increasingly vulnerable. To reduce this vulnerability, this action allows UNRWA to support them with cash assistance to cover the costs incurred for securing adequate accommodation, in the camps or in the adjacent areas. The contribution agreement with UNRWA was signed on 30/11/2012 and has duration of 18 months.

2012

Improvement of housing, hygiene and health conditions of the most vulnerable Palestine refugees in Lebanon through the rehabilitation of camp infrastructure € 4 400 000

In spite of their longstanding presence in Lebanon, Palestine Refugees remain excluded from key facets of social, political and economic life in the country.

The project aims at improving the living conditions in Palestine refugees' camps in Lebanon through the provision of adequate shelter to the most vulnerable Palestine refugee families and the rehabilitation of camps public infrastructures. The expected results of this project include the upgrade of Sewerage, Drainage and Water Supply Systems in Ein El Hillweh Camp, the rehabilitation of 69 dilapidated shelters of the most vulnerable families living in Palestine refugee camps in Lebanon are rehabilitated and the rehabilitation and upgrade of Health Centres in Mieh Mieh, Ein El Hillweh, El Buss, Beirut Polyclinic, Beddawi and Burj Barajneh Camp

2012

Education and Vocational Training for Palestinian Refugees € 11 000 000

In spite of their longstanding presence in Lebanon, Palestine Refugees remain excluded from key facets of social, political and economic life in the country. As result, almost two thirds of them are unemployed. One of the most effective tools in countering this unfavourable situation is education. This project will therefore strive to enhance the employment prospects of the Palestine refugee youth living in Lebanon through three areas of work: 1) improving teaching, textbooks, remedial and extracurricular support in UNRWA elementary and secondary schools, 2) reforming the technical and vocational education and training (TVET) provided in the UNRWA TVET Institute, 3) extending and improving the provision of career guidance and employment services for the Palestinian youth.

2011

Prevent the outbreak of new conflict in Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon € 12 000 000

The objective of this Interim Response Programme funded by the Instrument for Stability is to prevent the outbreak of a new conflict in Palestinian refugee camps in Lebanon, thus defusing growing tensions and discontent. This will be done by providing adequate shelter for impoverished Palestine refugees residing in all camps in Lebanon. In particular, the programme will ensure that

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displaced families from Nahr el-Bared Camp (NBC) have sufficient resources to secure adequate shelter through renting while the reconstruction of NBC continues. Also, following the conduction of a thorough assessment of shelter conditions in the other 11 Palestine refugee camps in Lebanon, an estimated 736 shelters of the most vulnerable families will be repaired/reconstructed to meet minimum standards. The contribution agreement with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) was signed on 29/09/2011 and the project will have a 30-months duration.

2005
2007
2010
2012

UNRWA - Scholarship Fund for Palestinian Refugees

€ 8 400 000 + 4 000 000 in 2012

University education is one of the most effective ways of securing a job and achieving economic self-reliance for young Palestinian refugees residing in Lebanon. That is why, since 2005, the EU-UNRWA Scholarship Fund for Palestinian Refugees has been providing the best performing Palestinian students from UNRWA and Lebanese public schools with full scholarships to study at one of the Lebanese universities. Every year, approximately 50 new students are given this rare opportunity. To date nearly 400 students have benefitted. Out of those who have graduated, 80% report to be gainfully employed. Building on the success of the past, the scholarship fund will be renewed again in 2012 for the next 4 years (EUR 4 million).

2005

UNRWA - Education Young Palestine Refugees

€ 15 000 000

Half of the Palestinians living in Lebanon are younger than 25 years. Accessibility and quality of education are thus absolutely crucial. The UNRWA education system (comprising of approximately 80 elementary, preparatory and secondary schools), however, suffers a number of shortcomings which in the end result in low achievement and high drop-out of children. This project targets both the learning environment (through construction and extension of schools) and the quality of teaching and learning for over 33 000 UNRWA students from kindergarten and through the 12th grade. Over the course of the last five years, 7 new schools were constructed and equipped, representing some 200 new classrooms, laboratories, recreational rooms and libraries. This has allowed UNRWA to switch to single shifts in all but two schools in Lebanon (in comparison to 55 schools hosting two shifts of students each day in 2005). This relief from overcrowding, in combination with training provided to more than 800 teachers in modern methodologies, new textbooks and teaching material designed and introduced for Lower Elementary grades, and new extracurricular activities and learning support in Grades 3 and 4, has resulted in promising increases in exam passage rates and decreases of student dropouts.

The project implementation finished on 24/12/12.

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DCI-HUM - Protecting the Rights of Palestinian Children Affected by Armed Conflicts through Community based Mechanism in the Gaza Strip and North Lebanon

€ 599 993

In 2007, a battle between the Lebanese Armed Forces and the Islamist militant group Fateh Al Islam in the Nahr El Bared refugee camp led to the destruction of the camp and consequent displacement of approximately 30 000 Palestinian and Lebanese civilians. Fighting, displacement, life in a constrained and cramped environment with limited access to school and services, had a

major impact on the wellbeing of the children and their families and increased the prevalence of domestic violence and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). This project, implemented through a partnership of a Swedish NGO 'Save the Children Sweden' and four Palestinian organisations (the Centre for Democracy and Conflict Resolution, Nabaa, Ghassan Kanafani Cultural Foundation and Community Based Rehabilitation Association) reacted to this situation by refurbishing, equipping and strengthening the capacity of six Child Friendly Centres in the Nahr el Bared and Bedawi refugee camps, making them into centres for social, educational and psychological assistance for children and their parents. Over two years, about 6,500 children and 1,500 parents took part in one or more of the initiatives in these Centres. Through project activities, parental skills and capacity to respond to conflict were strengthened in group sessions and by individual counselling for parents, public authorities were trained on child rights and advocacy and awareness campaigns including cartoons and billboards developed by children themselves took place. One of the most successful components of the project was the establishment of a psycho-therapeutical referral system for children affected by armed conflict. It filled an important gap in the poor health services offered to the children living in the camps and only during the project life assisted 793 children (433 boys and 360 girls) with counselling or psychiatric care.

LT

Supporting war-affected Palestinian refugee children in Nahr el Bared

€ 455 400

This project, managed by the Italian NGO Associazione Culturale Cooperazione Sud Sud (CISS) and the Palestinian/Lebanese NGO Children and Youth Centre, provides psychological and social recovery programmes for 800 Palestinian children and their families living in the Nahr el-Bared refugee camp. The goal is to increase the ability of the community and especially mothers, to help children overcome the psychological trauma caused by war and violence.

LT

EIDHR - Improving Access to Employment for Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon

€ 285 500

The right to work for the Palestinians living in Lebanon is limited. Despite of their longstanding presence in the country, they continue to be treated as foreigners and remain legally excluded from most professional jobs while their non-professional employment is subject to restrictive work permit provisions. This projects aims to contribute to the policy debate on the legal access of the Palestinians to employment and employment-related social services by producing of objective and reliable information on the Palestinian labour force (a labour force survey) and draft budgeted proposals for a tailored-made social protection scheme.

2012

Economically empowering vulnerable Palestinian refugees in risk of social exclusion in Lebanon - Spanish Foundation for innovation in Crafts Association NAJDEH, CIVES MUNDI

€ 650 691

Divorced or widowed women are the most vulnerable groups amongst the already fragile and vulnerable Palestinian refugee population living in 12 refugee camps in Lebanon The main goal of this activity is to economically empower 120 women by creating a social support network amongst these women as well as the creation of productive business through the creation of a cooperative for 25-30 women, in order to ensure their economic independence.

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The overall objective of the project is therefore to contribute to the empowerment of Palestinian women refugees' socio-economic rights in Lebanon.

The specific objective is to contribute to the promotion of Palestinian women refugees' equal access and control over economic resources in Rashidieh, Ein el Helwe and Beddawi refugee camps.

The target groups & final beneficiaries of this programme are popular committees, vulnerable populations inside the Palestinian refugee community of Beddawi/Naher's El Bared, Ein el Helwe and Rashidieh Palestinian camps.

The activities range from a whole series of capacity and skills development trainings in various areas to studies and the implementation of a awareness raising campaign.

Final results to be obtained: 1. Access and control on income generating activities for Palestinian craftswomen is improved, 2. Alternatives for conciliation between house and work of Palestinian Female workers in the 3 camps are proposed, 3. Palestinian population sensitised over Female Palestinian workers' rights 4. Capacity of Civil society organisations to protect Palestinian refugee women's economic rights in Lebanon is reinforced.

EMERGENCY PROJECTS (June 2012 – March 2013) € 600 000

Caritas Lebanon Migrant Centre € 8 701

Association Nationale pour l'Action Populaire (AMEL), Mashghara € 14 754

Support for a social centre in Shatila € 18 841

Danish Refugee Council (DRC) - Support to Syrian Refugees € 2 754 373

The overall goal of this project is that the Syrian refugee population in Southern Lebanon can meet basic needs. The specific objective is the improved access to winterisation assistance for unregistered and newly arrived Syrian refugees in South Lebanon.

Context: The raging civil war in Syria has led to the displacement of thousands of families fleeing the violence inside the country. While SARC, WFP, and local communities are providing food items regularly to IDPs (internally displaced persons), displaced and conflict-affected people continue to require non-food assistance to meet basic needs.

The crisis has affected both Syria and the surrounding countries, putting severe strains on the economic and social stability of neighbouring countries. Support is thus needed for conflict affected people who have so far been able to stay in their homes, have already become IDPs, as well as those refugees forced to flee Syria. Being in Lebanon in the cold winter season, displaced and conflict-

affected families are particularly susceptible to the difficult context and climate because of reduced coping mechanisms. These conditions are compounded by the fact that many displaced Syrians fled with minimal possessions; lacking the required clothes and equipment to endure the cold

Response: The purpose of the project is to provide humanitarian assistance to vulnerable people fleeing Syria to Lebanon, specifically in the South, namely in the districts of Tyre, Nabatiyeh, Marjayoun and Bintjbeil. This assistance is mostly in terms of non-food items, focusing on winterisation.

DRC is intervening through a local NGO whose members experienced working during 2006 emergency response. DRC is procuring, transporting, delivering and monitoring the distribution of the items to the Syrian families. In parallel, DRC is working on building the capacity of the partner NGO. In terms of protection, DRC has decided to focus on addressing the needs of those who are not benefiting from the international community's intervention. Unregistered people are out of the existing aid system and therefore at protection risk. While assisting these populations, DRC will be advocating for their registration with UNHCR and an inclusion into the humanitarian framework, encouraging the families to register and providing transportation fees for those who wish to register in two districts, namely Marjayoun and Bintjbeil. 1,500 families are being assessed in the South. The purpose of this assessment is to determine the status of the families (registered/unregistered/newcomers) and more importantly to determine their needs for non-food items using a participatory approach, whereby they prioritise their needs and we respond accordingly and within our capacity to do so. In the process, families' vulnerabilities are being noted. By the end of the project, 500 newcomer families would be assisted, in addition to 750 most vulnerable families.

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Palestinian refugees and Palestinian-Lebanese dialogue € 7 967 551

Rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Nahr el Bared camp and conflict affected areas in North Lebanon. Bilateral component
(5 000 000 as grant)
Implemented by: Lebanese Government

Following the 2007 crisis and in response to the Vienna Conference of 23 June 2008, the Government of Italy has granted 5 000 000 Euro to the Government of Lebanon with the purpose of contributing to recuperate the normal life conditions and the socio-economic development of the Nahr El Bared Camp and conflicted affected areas of North Lebanon by enhancing basic social services to the population and supporting the rehabilitation of priority infrastructures damaged during the 2007 conflict. During the first phase of the project, which ended in November 2012 with a total disbursement of almost 2.5 million Euros, 611 commercial and housing units have been supported and the beneficiaries (inhabitants/tenants/owners) have been assisted through a financial assistance scheme in order to repair the units in a self-help modality. Italian NGOs (selected through a tender procedure) provided the needed supervision and technical assistance to ensure units' inhabitants with adequate housing and acceptable basic living conditions. The second phase of the grant



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continues supporting the repair of lightly damaged housing units and the rehabilitation of partially destroyed housing units; the totally destroyed building in the Adjacent Areas of Nahr el Bared are not be included in the scope of the Grant.

UNRWA Health Reform in Lebanon I and II (1 100 000 as grant) Implemented by: UNRWA

In 2009, UNRWA launched a comprehensive reform of its health programme, including increased accessibility to quality hospitalisation services. UNRWA services normally include a general clinic for walk-in health concerns, pre- and post-natal care, a non-communicable disease programme, laboratory and radiology services and some medications. Through the project support, UNRWA now holds additional and improved contracts with Palestine Red Crescent Society (PRCS), Lebanese governmental and private hospitals that result in an offer of widened range of free services. Additional secondary care services in hospitals, like intensive care services and emergency room services, are now fully covered by UNRWA.

Empowerment of Social and Educational Services for young Palestinians in Nahr El Bahred and Beddawi Camps (749 535 as grant) Implemented by: CTM NGO

The project rehabilitates the Educational Centre of the Nahr El Bahred Refugee Camp (equipping it with a library and an art centre), heavily damaged during the 2007 crisis. Beside the infrastructural intervention, the action presents an offer of psychosocial services enhanced through the training of centre's educators and psychologists and organizes a set of vocational training and professional courses (such as IT, photography, theatre, etc.) targeting more than 500 youth.

Contributing to guarantee better educational opportunities to Palestinian children and adolescents developing their empowerment and reinforcing the Lebanese- Palestinian dialogue in three Palestinian camps of Lebanon: Naher Al Bared, Ein El Helweh and Rashidiye. (793 016 as grant) Implemented by:TDH NGO

The project aims to broaden the educational opportunities for the Palestinian children and adolescent of three Palestinian camps in Lebanon, through an intervention that strengthens the educational UNRWA programme with some complementary actions such as: learning opportunities of low performance pupils; supportive lessons and informal activities done in safe spaces; involving their parents and the entire community. During the first year two new facilities have been constructed in the Palestinian camps of Nahr Al Bared and Ein El Helweh. The facilities are meant to be a multifunctional centres equipped with informatics rooms, indoor and outdoor games, playground, didactic and recreational equipment. During the second year of the intervention, joint activities between the Palestinian and Lebanese schools will be organised aiming at empowering and promoting the dialogue between the two communities.

The "Palestinian Games" project (80 000 as grant) Implemented by: Direct management

The initiative is a regular event held yearly so far (2013 will be its 5th edition) and aims to promote sport as an instrument for dialogue and tolerance, and to improve relations between Palestinian and Lebanese youth. Over the three days of competition 500 young people from 12 Palestinian camps and main cities in Lebanon meet in friendly matches (soccer, basketball, volleyball, ping pong, track and chess). A number of recreation activities are planned for the evening, including film showings and traditional Dabke dance performances, allowing the young people to meet and get to know each other. The "Palestinian Games" project normally is associated with the refurbishing of the sports areas in the Palestinian camps and with the Vivicità marathon, an event organised by the Italian Sport for All Association (UISP) and held in many European cities and now also in in Saida and Baalbek.

"Early Intervention Units" for therapy and school inclusion of disable Palestinian children (120 000 as grant) Implemented by: Direct management

The Italian Cooperation supported the operation of two early intervention units in Saida and Tyre areas which provide specialised rehabilitation services for the Palestinian children living in the areas. The two centres are managed by MOUSAWAT Association (Saida) and the Women Humanitarian Organisation (Tyre). The project aims at improving the quality of life of Palestinian refugee children with disabilities aged between 0-6 years old, enhancing the inclusion of disabled children in the local educational system and the project supports with awareness and counseling session the families of children with disabilities establishing an individual Family Support programme (IFSP) and individual Educational Plan (IEP). More than 200 children have received specialised support and rehabilitation programme (physiotherapy, occupation and speech therapy) in the last year, including early diagnosis of the disability.

Green hopes for grey areas: promotion of the Lebanese-Palestinian dialogue in the management of common services in the Muhammara Municipality. (124 680 as grant) Implemented by:TDH-It and CTM NGOs

Through training programmes focused on the promotion of eco-sustainable behaviours and energy efficiency measures for Palestinians and Lebanese operators and awareness sessions addressed to the local resident population, the project strengthens the Lebanese-Palestinian dialogue in the management of common services supporting the integration of the Adjacent Areas in the municipality local development plan. Representatives of the community as well as the operators trained in the framework of the project are identifying priority needs for the area and discussing with relevant stakeholders the implementation of four small interventions. The intervention will be executed and monitored by the community creating a sense of belonging for a common space.



2012

France

UNRWA: French-speaking Palestinian youths

€ 414 810

This project aims to support Palestinian schools and promote linguistic diversity within the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), which supports education in French within its schools as in public or private Lebanese schools.

UNRWA's four French-speaking schools (Beddawi, Nahr al-Bared, Sabra and a school in the Sidon city centre) host 744 students from kindergarten to the certificate of general education (brevet des collèges). Schooling aid is also granted to 322 students in various fields. Particular care is given to the quality of teaching through targeted action to consolidate the teachers' linguistic, pedagogical and teaching skills. UNRWA's English-speaking schools where French is taught as a foreign language to around 13 000 pupils from intermediate and senior secondary schools will also benefit from support.

This project is implemented in partnership with UNRWA.

France earmarks USD 540 000 each year to take over responsibility for preschools, provide schooling support and consolidate the skills of French language and French-speaking teachers.

2008-
2014

The reconstruction of the Nahr al-Bared camp

€ 1 000 000

This project aims to take part in the international community efforts to express solidarity with Palestinian refugees in the wake of the Vienna Donor Conference of June 2008 by contributing to the reconstruction of the Nahr al-Bared camp, which was nearly totally destroyed during the 2007 clashes between the Lebanese Armed Forces and the Islamist group of Fatah al-Islam.

This project is implemented in partnership with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Nahr al-Bared Palestinian refugee camp.

France allotted a EUR 1 million grant to the project. A first payment of EUR 700 000 was made towards the end of 2012 in order to rebuild the Nahr al-Bared health centre, which will contribute to the basic health treatment of the local population and to improving the public health level. The project is to be completed in 2014.



2011-
2014

Spain

Enhancing the Living Conditions, the Inclusion and the Rights of the People with Disabilities In Lebanon, Jordan and Palestinian (1/10/2011-31/09/2014)

€ 3 750 000

The overall objective of this agreement is to improve the living conditions, the inclusion and the rights of people with disabilities in Lebanon, Jordan and the occupied Palestinian territory through improving physical and mental health of people with disabilities, promoting inclusion and giving them recognition of their rights. To do this, the project foreseen the following activities:

- Provision of technical aids for people with disabilities.
- Development of a pilot study on the vocational training institutions
- Performing work of accessibility and adaptation
- Evaluation of the needs of the Lebanese institutions regarding inclusion.
- Field visits to vocational schools
- Organisation of seminars and career guidance
- Development of a database concerning disabled people in refugee camps.

To date, 565 technical aids have been distributed for disabled children and there have been three surgeries. In this sense a study of pediatric surgical needs has been conducted. A pilot study on accessibility in the center of the UNRWA FP Sibliin (Saida) has also been made and works and equipment of two community centers in the Bekaa have been completed. Seminars have been conducted to select 8 institutions / FP centers. Work plans and training to have more inclusive institutions have been completed in 6 of the 8 centers and market research has been performed concerning the demand for labor and offering courses for people with disabilities, through performing over 460 meetings with young people with disabilities, among which 42 have been selected and are participating in VET courses that have already begun. Tracking the youth is being conducted through individual visits and group meetings to start VT courses.

Ensure the coverage of the Iraqi refugees primary needs and provide basic services for their integration

€ 477 755

The project consist in the improvement of the living conditions of Iraqi refugees living in precarious in the Lebanese territory, assuring the access to basic services inside the communities where these people live, through the four Arcenciel centers spread all over the country. The current project aims to meet the needs of the Iraqi refugees through a team of four social workers that identify the needs of families in different communities and ensure monitoring, guidance and complementarity between different organisms in the field. The project will facilitate the installation of the families (housing, furniture, kitchen utensils), providing access to medical and paramedical services (doctor visits, dental care, physiotherapy, psychological support), employability (purchasing professional sewing kits, hairdressing, plumbing) in coordination with specialised agencies: UNHCR, Danish Council for Refugees and Arcenciel centers in Beirut, Mount-Lebanon, Bekaa, North Lebanon and South Lebanon.

