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Education Reform in Action € 8 000 000

This project sets out to complement the EU support to the Ministry of Education and Higher Education reforms in the areas of retention and achievement of students (prevention of drop-out), citizenship education and vocational training with a diversified support to school-level initiatives and industry-driven vocational training. In particular, the project will provide financing for school projects initiated by schools, parents councils, municipalities or civil society organisations, action research in education, and vocational schools founded on the principle of company-school cooperation («dual system»).

2009

Euro-med Jeunesse IV € 300 000

The Euro-Med Youth Programme aims at stimulating and encouraging a mutual understanding among youth aged between 15 and 30 years from 36 Euro-Mediterranean partners (27 EU Member States and 9 Southern Mediterranean countries), fighting stereotypes and prejudices and enhancing the sense of solidarity by promoting citizenship. It also seeks to contribute to the development of youth policies by reinforcing the partnership between the European Union and the Mediterranean partner Countries. The overall budget of Phase IV of the programme amounts to €5 million funded by the European Union. The Euro-Med Youth IV will support concrete actions implemented by non-governmental organisations following calls for proposals, focusing on three types of actions: youth exchanges, voluntary service and training and networking. It also carries out a training programme to reinforce the role of the Euro-Med Youth Units, in charge of managing the programme locally, so they acquire a legitimate status allowing them to play an effective role in the national strategies.

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Promoting Women's & Youth Participation in Local Development Processes € 447 285

This project is implemented by the Union of Municipalities of Hermel in partnership with Tangiers in Morocco and the Provincia de Rome in Italy. The overall objective of the proposed Action is to contribute to fighting poverty and achieving sustainable economic development through the promotion of women's empowerment and gender equality. The specific objective of this initiative is to increase women's and youth active participation within local development processes through enhancing their participation into the social, economic and political spheres.

Actually, the unequal participation of women in the economy hinders economic growth and does not allow equal distribution of public resources. Both Lebanon and Morocco, where this project is implemented, are characterised by a high dependency ratio. Furthermore, while population pyramids show clear predominance of youth, this age group encounters difficulties in finding qualified job. In this context, the project seeks to transfer knowledge and experience from the successful experience of the Province of Rome that developed a specific model - Women and Youth desk - offering job and vocational training orientation, counseling and business support services to unemployed youth and women. To date almost 250 women and youth in Hermel, and 250 in Tangiers have addressed the Women and Youth desk in order to receive business/career development information.

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Support to Education and Public Finance Management Reform € 13 700 000

Many public schools in Lebanon suffer from inadequate facilities and equipment, low quality of teaching and high rates of class repetition and school drop-out. Despite of the introduction of civic education into the curriculum, the concepts of citizenship and social cohesion are not sufficiently promoted by the education system. In 2010, the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education adopted a programme of reforms addressing these issues. The EU supports the Ministry in these reforms by financing the establishment of two well-budgeted and well-monitored country-wide programmes: 1) programme to improve the retention and achievement of students and 2) programme for citizenship education. Both these programmes will use active learning methodologies and will include, for example, the development of new teaching and learning materials, training of teachers or support to the parent and student councils.

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TEMPUS € 9 500 000

Established in 1990, Tempus is the longest running European Union programme aiming at modernisation and cooperation in the field of higher education. Today, Tempus covers 26 partner countries in the Western Balkans, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, North Africa and the Middle East.

Since its start in Lebanon in 2002, Tempus has financed 38 projects with an overall budget of €9.8 million. It has supported public and private universities in numerous fields such as Engineering, Technology, Biotechnology, Industrial Engineering, Food science, Tourism, Intercultural studies, Urbanism, Forestry, Neuroscience, Quality Assurance, Accreditation, International Relations, Modern Management, Territorial Development, Entrepreneurship, Institutional Capacity building, Sustainability and Public Health as well as Institutes of doctoral studies. In addition, Tempus has provided the funding for more than 100 individual mobility grants offered to Lebanese academics from almost all Lebanese higher education institutions.

Only in 2011, Tempus funded two projects involving 18 Lebanese universities and organisations. The projects have covered the areas of Employability and Quality Assurance at national level.

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DCI-HUM (3 contracts) € 1 244 607

1- Christian Aid: «Protecting Children from Conflict in the Middle East» (€ 481 483); The project works towards safeguarding children's rights as enshrined in international law and conventions. It has regional dimension as its specific objective is to support civil society in the Middle East to work effectively to reduce the impact of conflicts on children in Lebanon and Gaza.

Supporting children affected by armed conflicts in Lebanon, € 600 000

2-RESTART: « Supporting children affected by armed conflicts in Lebanon» (600,000); The main actions of this project relate to the development of national protection mechanisms including the development of an emergency management plan, provision of rehabilitation services to children affected by armed conflict, support of national reconciliation processes mainly between the Lebanese and Palestinian children, increasing the awareness of all concerned on the rights of the child and sharing and dissemination of acquired know-how and expertise through this Project with all concerned stakeholders.

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3- IDRAAC: «Building Resilience among Lebanese Children Exposed to Armed Conflict» € 185 320.
The overall objective of this project is to contribute to the mental well being of school children who were exposed to war in Lebanon and to enhance the capacities of teachers and parents to provide better psychological support to war-exposed children. Main activities were directed towards building awareness on salient mental health and psychosocial issues among parents of school children and adolescents exposed to war.

EDUCATION & VOCATIONAL TRAINING € 624 330

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Project « Educating children to humanitarian norms »

One of the major challenges facing the consolidation of peace in Lebanon is to restore community dialogue based on respect for diversity, tolerance and solidarity. The aim of the project funded by the Belgian Federal Office of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Development and Cooperation, and the Red Cross Belgium is to address this issue by focusing and disseminating humanitarian standards via the Department of the Lebanese Red Cross Youth Volunteers.

First, the recruited volunteers need to have partaken in seventeen training workshops in both Lebanon and Belgium exposing them to conflict resolution expertise, international humanitarian law, human rights, etc. Once completed, these trained individuals would be assigned to various youth centres in which they manage micro-projects aimed at building awareness within the Lebanese youth.

So far (2009-2012) more than 800 active Youth Volunteers spread across thirty youth centres have been trained and a hundred micro-projects have been launched by these centres. In addition, more than 76.000 young people have been sensitised to the humanitarian norms and the limits of the use of violence.

Johann Ludwig Schneller School € 6 111

Municipalité de Ballouneh € 7 371

Rehabilitation of medical centres in Kherbit Kanafar -Bekaa and Saida, and supply of equipment € 920 000

Rehabilitation and supply of equipment for Kherbit Kanafar-Bekaa and Saida medical centres.

The Greek NGO EKEVYL and the Council for Development and Reconstruction are responsible for the project implementation, in coordination with the Lebanese Ministry of Health

Objective: Improved operation for the medical centres

Achievements: Construction work completed



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Education & VOCATIONAL TRAINING € 2 900 000

“Child Friendly Communities” Initiative: Strengthening decentralised policy planning to address socio-economic exclusion (€ 1 200 000 as grant)

Implemented by: UNICEF

The CFC Initiative was a pilot project that took place in three villages/municipalities in the region of Akkar which are Deir Dalloum/Zouk el Mukashareen, Fnaydeq and Wadi el

Jamous. The main interventions of the CFC Initiative aimed at training for decision makers and service providers, rehabilitating the basic infrastructure of public schools, providing necessary supplies for the schools, setting up small-scale community-generated projects and creating networking and building alliance.

National inclusion programme in Lebanon (€ 1 500 000 as grant)

Implemented by: Lebanese Government

The programme has been redirected by the MOSA to other projects such as the programme for the management of NGOs; the National Programme for Voluntary Service; the Project «Braille Newspaper and other social development projects.

National Qualification Framework in Lebanon (€ 100 000 as grant)

Implemented by: ETF

This project aims at institute a National Framework for academic and technical qualifications in order to improve the employability and to facilitate the mobility of individuals.

Entrepreneurial learning in Lebanon (€ 100 000 as grant)

Implemented by: ETF

The project contributes to the promotion of an Entrepreneurial Learning policy for the education system supporting the introduction of entrepreneurship mind-set and skills as key competence in Lebanon.



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Strengthening of Lebanese institutions and support to the most vulnerable groups at local level (€ 2 240 500 as grant)

Implemented by: Lebanese Government

The project aims to contribute to raise institutional awareness and strengthen the capacity of the relevant Lebanese institutions to successfully address the plight of the most vulnerable among Lebanese youth and particularly those who are exposed to the risk of abuse and to the worst forms of violence such as human trafficking and commercial exploitation with a particular focus on gender issues. The project envisages a range of interventions targeting the grass root and local level that are inspired by the methodology of 'Children Friendly Cities', a concept developed in the framework of the Convention for Protection of Child. These actions will draw on the involvement of three Lebanese municipalities and build on their willingness to identify and implement specific Local Plans of Action for the upholding of the wellbeing and the promotion of fundamental rights of minors living in those neighbourhoods. This pilot intervention will target Northern Lebanon with a view to balancing the engagement of the Italian cooperation in favour of Lebanese population that has so far predominantly focused on the Southern districts of the country.

Promotion of a pilot operational model of primary school inclusion for children with disabilities in Lebanon (€ 675 305 as grant)

Implemented by: GVC NGO

The project contributes to realising substantial equality of opportunity for differently challenged children, through (i) the piloting of an operational model of primary school inclusion, and (ii) the elaboration of operational guidelines together with relevant national institutions. On one side, the initiative will contribute to improving educational, cultural and operational skills of the staff working within schools (teachers, school directors, educators, social assistants, civil servants); and on the other, it will stimulate relevant institutions, civil society and the whole community in taking active part in the process of social inclusion of differently challenged children through seminars and awareness raising activities with families of both differently challenged and non-challenged children.

The piloting takes place in 6 public primary schools – distributed all over the national territory – in each of which 10 differently challenged children will be included on the basis of their Personalised Educational Project (PEP) prepared by the special educator. Furthermore, specific actions are envisaged to improve blind children's access to education by adapting the educational curriculum (1-9 grades) to Braille. The whole intervention is managed by technical coordination commission that involves the partner organisations, representatives of the Ministry of Education, and sector experts.

National Poverty Targeting System for Social Safety Nets Programmes (€ 500 000 as grant)

Implemented by: Lebanese Government

The objective of project is to establish a national poverty targeting mechanism to be used by the Lebanese Government in the delivery of both social assistance and social services.

Through a national survey, the project identifies Lebanese families living below a predetermined poverty line. The action is creating a database with the information of vulnerable families that will be periodically updated and will constitute the main reference used by the Lebanese Government to develop direct financial assistance measures.

Health

€ 5 722 500

Bone marrow transplantation centre at R. Hariri public hospital in Beirut (€ 300 000 as grant)

Implemented by: Direct Management

The project aims to increase the chances of survival and improve quality of life of patients with thalassemia major and onco-hematological diseases.

Rehabilitation of the university hospital in Baabda (€ 3 300 000 as grant)

Implemented by: Lebanese Government

The project supports the completion of the construction of the University Hospital in Baabda that is foreseen to have with a capacity of 100 beds and to offer training to approximately a hundred Lebanese University students each year.

Implementation of Ministry of Health Policy on maternal and Child health in underprivileged areas (€ 1 300 000 as grant)

Implemented by: Direct Management

The project supports the Ministry of Public Health to implement a package of services on maternal and child health which includes prenatal care, assistance to the delivery and post natal care in 13 Governmental hospitals of peripheral and underserved areas of Lebanon. Target of the new services are pregnant women without any medical insurance. The Italian Cooperation support addresses various aspects such as training, capacity building, rehabilitation and equipment of external clinics, ICT and the comprehensive setting up of the system. The Health Services provided within the package were funded by the Ministry of Public Health, through the involved Governmental hospitals. This improves the access to health services, beside hospitalisation.

Improvement of emergency pre-hospital services and response to maxi emergency in Lebanon (€ 797 500 as grant)

Implemented by: CISP NGO

The main objective of the programme is to improve national health services in the pre-hospital phase and to strengthen the response to maxi emergency through the upgrading and the systematisation of the Lebanese Red Cross's (LRC) operation centres. Four operative centres of the LRC are directly benefit from the programme as well as 43 medical aid centres and all the Lebanese which refer to the LRC for health services. The programme has the following strategic objectives: improve the pre-hospital assessment including the Basic Life Support medical care; strengthening of the coordination mechanism between the 4 operational centres and provide the LRC with an efficient emergency management system according to the Major Incident Medical Management Support.

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Drama Therapy activity in the Psychiatric Hospital Al Fanar in Zahrani
(€ 25 000 as grant)

Implemented by: Direct Management

The project aims at implementing drama therapy workshops with a number of around 25 selected patients in Al Fanar psychiatric hospital in Zahrani in order to facilitate personal growth and promote mental health.

Youth € 355 000

Improvement of educational services for children and socio-cultural promotion for Lebanese youth through vocational training and job placement (€ 200 000 as grant)

Implemented by: VIDES NGO

The project aims to reduce the problem of youth unemployment in Lebanon, in the areas of Mount Lebanon and the Bekaa, where many young people are forced to leave school for economic reasons.

Support to the Youth Integration in North Lebanon through the Enhancement of Volunteerism and Sport Culture (€ 60 000 as grant)

Implemented by: Direct Management

The initiative, implemented by the Safadi Foundation, consolidates and strengthens actions previously conducted which have addressed urgent needs and have generated best practices of integration processes in order to contribute to the country's stability. The action contributes to youth empowerment in the area of Tripoli and Al Mina, by orienting them away from risky behavior. In particular provides trainings and capacity building sessions for educators and young people resident in the urban area of Tripoli (Al Mina, Tripoli and Beddawi) and organises community sessions on different topics.

"Stairs of Integration" project (€ 95 000 as grant)

Implemented by: Direct Management

With the collaboration of "Tripoli Orphanage for Social Care", the "Stairs of Integration" project, implemented by the Safadi Foundation, aims to integrate the community of Tripoli old neighborhoods, with specific focus on vulnerable youth, and ensure its effective participation in the local concerns through common citizens' actions. The action also rehabilitated one of the traditional stairs that connect Tripoli historical centre with other neighborhoods.

Five Chevening scholarships a year £ 25 000 per scholar

Chevening is a global project, where scholars study for a Masters degree in the UK.



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Ten Fellowships a year under a regional programme implemented by JSMT (John Smith Memorial Trust) £ 10 000 per Fellow

The John Smith Fellowship Programme is an intensive programme on rule of law and social justice aimed at the next generation of leaders in Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq, Bahrain and Oman; young people working in politics, state institutions or civil society with an established interest in promoting reform and proven ability. Fellows undertake a short term attachment in the UK and receive expert UK help in planning and preparation of «individual action plans» – to turn in to concrete developments in Lebanon.

A diversified cultural offer for the youth in Lebanon \$ 780 000 per year

The primary objective of the project is to act upon the cultural environment at school while strengthening the quality of education and providing trainings for trainers and teachers. This project supports the five-year plan of the Ministry of education in Lebanon of the education sector 2010-2015.

It aims in particular to improving the performance of schools, strengthening the corporate governance of the educational system, to modernising the methodology applied in classes and to update the curricula.

In this context, and in addition to the training sessions, several activities are organised such as the youth component of the Salon du Livre francophone de Beyrouth (Francophone Book fair) (receiving 20 000 students each year), cultural events, educational rallies and school competitions. Tour performances, film screenings and exhibitions are also offered at the schools of the national libraries in Lebanon.

These initiatives are conducted in partnership with the public and private schools in Lebanon, national libraries, French and Lebanese associations, the French Ministry of Education and Higher Education, the Centre for Research and Educational Development (CRDP), the Lebanese Ministry of culture.

780 000 dollars per year are allocated to these initiatives upon a French financing.

Support universities – Art and audio-visual departments € 27 000

The cooperation programme is developed years ago by France, it covers the main majors in cinema, visual arts, architecture and urban planning, provided by universities in Lebanon and it also covers professional French and Lebanese exchange et supports the purchase of equipment. Three university benefit from this programme: the Lebanese University, the Lebanese Academy of Fine Arts (ALBA), and the Saint Joseph University (the IESAV department).

This programme is funded with € 27 000 in 2013.

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Academic and Scientific Cooperation € 824 000

It is a yearly support programme offered by the Embassy of France to the projects of the Lebanese universities (teaching and research). Within this framework of cooperation, the Embassy of France has funded in 2012 29 scientific grants, 134 Lebanese teachers and researchers invitations and 152 teaching missions of French teachers researchers.

The CEDRE programme is generated to support the Franco-Lebanese scientific cooperation (annual call for proposals to support and fund the research projects between French and Lebanese laboratories). The CEDRE programme represents a fund of € 150 000 of the annual budget for scientific research, and the French Ministry of Higher education and research participation in this programme is of € 75 000 per year, thus amounting a total fund of € 225 000 per year for the French part of this programme.

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The multilingualism at the heart of business € 30 000

The objective is to promote the professional multilingualism, and show that languages and linguistic diversity constitute an asset in the business world, raising awareness regarding this issue in the French language departments at the universities and the economic sector in Lebanon.

It is to ensure the matching of needs with regard to the language trainings of the business world and increase the attractiveness of the universities departments.

Following a regional forum organised in 2012 regarding the French professional language and within the framework of the Linguistic Pact signed in 2010 by the Lebanese President of the Republic and the General Secretary of the International Organisation of Francophone countries (OIF), a trilingual label Arabic-French –English shall be adopted as of 2013 in the tourism sector (hotels and restaurants).

In partnership with the Lebanese Ministry of Tourism, the Embassy of France shall support this project in 2013 with a fund of € 30 000.

Student loans € 25 000 000 (loans)

This project aims at facilitating the access to higher education in Lebanon through a concessional banking offer of student loans open to socially disadvantaged students and shall contribute in the improving of the training level of Lebanese students and their integration into the labour market.

The project will increase the accessibility to private university education allowing mainly socially disadvantaged students to access a one credit to pursue their studies. It shall also allow the contribution to improve the financial situation of universities and strengthen the human capital.

Partners of this project are Byblos bank and 9 private universities.

This student loan line is powered by a soft loan of 25 million of euros granted by the French

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Republic. 12 million euros have already been committed, and a future disbursement is underway. 850 students coming from disadvantaged social background and registered in the first year have benefited from these loans.

Loans to hospitals € 18 000 000 (loans)

The objective of this project is to improve the access of the population to hospital care, taking into consideration the environmental aspects of the private hospitals management. The project involves the establishment of a credit line of 18 million euros with the Banque Libano-Française, for financing the private hospitals investments in infrastructure (new or rehabilitating buildings) and in equipment. The project shall also allow the restructuring of debt operations with respect to a number of eligible criteria to encourage the investments in regions which are currently covered with a small number of hospital beds, the admittance of patients with no private insurance and the behaviour of the responsible people as per the environment issue, mainly with regard to the waste disposal. At the beginning of 2013, a first hospital has already benefited from this scheme (Mount Lebanon region).

Support Education in Lebanon € 45 000 000 (loan) and € 1 500 000 (grant)

The general objective of the AFD competition is to improve the access to a quality education in Lebanon (from preschool to high school) in order to contribute in the fair development of the human capital of the country and of the conditions of a sustainable growth.

The project aims at developing the public offer for education in the disadvantaged regions of Lebanon (Akkar, Bekaa and Metn) in order to improve the reception conditions and teaching in public schools and to ensure a better continuity of the school offer. It also aims at improving the quality of education by rendering more efficient, the management of the continuing education system for teachers and in strengthening the building capacity of educational actors and their administration.

The project budget is of €45M in loans and €1,5M in grants dedicated to the strengthening of capacities.

Beneficiaries shall be the Ministry of Education, the Centre for Research and Educational Development (CRDP) with regard to the educational material part (training of trainers/sectorial governance) and the CDR with regard to the infrastructures/school construction. The project period is scheduled for 5 years. The other major donors are the World bank, the USAID, the EU and the Unicef.

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Support projects of income generating activities € 102 000

As part of its Social Development Fund 2011/2012, France has supported the work of two associations aiming at setting up income generating activities: the Fair Trade Lebanon Association (80 000 euros) and the ALPHA Association (with 22 000 euros)

Fair Trade Lebanon led a development project of the olive oil sector within the food production cooperative in Aïn Ebel (South-Lebanon) for the benefit of the olive growers' cooperative of Qleyaa: space planning, purchase of equipment, training and certification procedures.

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ALPHA has implemented a project of agriculture and development project in favor of the farmers' cooperative in Tibnine (South-Lebanon): purchase of equipment and trainings.

These projects which are still in progress (execution schedule 2011-2013) shall allow producers and especially the women producers to pass from an informal activity to an stable income formal generating activity.

Support vulnerable populations - South - Lebanon € 258 000

As part of its Social Development Fund 2011/2012, France supports, for the 2011-2013 period, micro-projects suggested and implemented by organisations of the civil society, in order to help the vulnerable populations of the South – Lebanon.

This SDF objective is to fight against poverty and to strengthen the civil society through acting closer with communities in order to support their initiatives. These micro-projects shall be implemented until the end of 2013.

Four associations were supported: ALPHA, School for Children with Special Needs, AMEL Association, and Association for the Protection of Children of war (APEG). They have received between 13.000 and 85000 euros depending on the size of the project, for a total amount of 258000 euros. The implement actions affect populations considered as vulnerable and activities are of various types: rehabilitation of medical centres, training of teachers, cultural and educational activities, etc.

The projects allowed a significant improvement of the life conditions of their beneficiaries.

Capacity building of the donation and transplantation system in Lebanon € 500 000

- The objective of this project, which has been implemented in three phases, is to cooperate and contribute in the consolidation of the model of donation and transplantation of organs and tissues in Lebanon, in order to ensure public health rights. This project also aims to work in sensitising the population and the medical community on donation, taking into account the cultural, social and religious backgrounds of the Lebanese population.

- For this purpose the capabilities of the public hospital system and health care as well as its organisation in a network of transplant coordinators has been improved. In the same way, a reliable information system under international medical parameters that allows the recording of donations and patients on waiting lists has also been generated to ensure objectivity, transparency and non-discrimination. Donation and transplantation protocols have been developed within the hospitals.

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