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HIGHLIGHTS



UNDP Lebanon hold Social Good Summit meet up group to discuss the SDGs

The Social Good Summit is an annual event. This year more than 60 meetings took place in different cities around the world to find solutions for a sustainable world. On the 19th of September 2016, UNDP Lebanon participated in the global conversation through organizing a meet up group where more than 200 participants met in Teatro Verdun.

The debate focused on accountability and how well does the state and society in Lebanon adhere to its principles and practices, discrimination against women and how to end it, preventing the youth from taking parts in combats, the media's role in creating peace, social media ethics, and finally how can we create peace in our societies.



UNDP Peace Building Project in Lebanon – 13th issue of the joint news supplement

The UNDP «Peace Building in Lebanon» Joint News Supplement was distributed with An-Nahar and As-Safir newspapers in Arabic, with The Daily Star in English and L'Orient-le Jour in French on Friday 30th of September 2016.

The supplement contains articles by writers, journalists, media professionals, researchers and artists from Lebanon, Syria and Palestine; they cover issues related to civil peace in addition to the repercussions of the Syrian crisis on Lebanon and the relations between Lebanese and Syrians, employing objective approaches that are free of hatred and misconceptions.



Coordination Meeting at the PCM puts Lebanon's Economic Vision and Policy Road Map in Motion

As part of the undertaken efforts to prepare the Draft II of the National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS), the Team of UNDP Project "Enhancing Decision Making Capacity at the Office of the President of the Council of Ministers", led by the Prime Minister's Economic Advisor, Dr. Shady Karam, met on Thursday August 25th, 2016 with representatives from all ministries.



The NSDS project started a year ago as an initiative, led by the PM Economic Advisor, the Ministry of Environment and the UNDP PCM teams, to lay down the foundation of an Economic Vision and a Country Policy Road Map for 2025. This vision is destined to capitalize on Lebanon's Human Resources in order to solder national cohesion and grow the Lebanese economy and shield it from political instability, to become and remain a significant player in the Levant and MENA business environment.

The 7th International Beirut Energy Forum

The International Beirut Energy Forum took place from 21st till 23rd of September 2016 at Le Royal Hotel in Dbayeh, Lebanon. Yearly, this event provides a place where discussion takes place concerning renewable energy, energy efficiency, and green buildings. This event is supported by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), European Union (EU), Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia ESCWA, the Ministry of Energy and Water, The Ministry of Environment, IPT Energy Center, Electricité Du Liban, the League of Arab States (LAS) and the Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE).



The closing ceremony consisted of 3 sessions:

- The launch of "the National Renewable Energy Grid Code" and "the PV Status Report".
- The Energy Awareness Awards distribution ceremony. The winners were chosen based on certain criteria, with prizes ranging from \$2500 - \$7500.
- The presentation of the final symposium on «a national campaign to reduce air pollution in Lebanon through efficient energy use in land transportation».

Youth Program, a Better Tomorrow



A workshop entitled Youth Leadership Programme (YLP) II was held on two consecutive days, September 21st and 22nd 2016. This event was held by the UNDP in collaboration with UN Women to support young people from across the region in addressing sustainable development challenges in four thematic areas: Gender Equality, Good Governance, Social Cohesion, and Economic Empowerment. Different speakers, who were once youth with ideas and now became innovative leaders, discussed different titles with the audience such as Leadership, SDGs, Economic Empowerment, social cohesion, and Gender Equality.

The aim of this workshop was to gather youth from different ages and backgrounds, who want to make a change but don't know how, and lack the needed capabilities of doing so. Training the youth and giving them the proper information and resources will allow them to turn their dreams into reality, which can lead to actual change.

Live Lebanon – UNDP Goodwill Ambassador inaugurate the Maroun Abboud Public High School Rehabilitation Project in Aley



“Now we are able to provide our students with a healthy and clean environment that conforms with health conditions and the highest standards in modern buildings”. With these words, Maroun Abboud Public High School’s Principal Mrs. Sanaa Chehayeb described the successful intervention of UNDP Live Lebanon at the school.

The high school accommodates more than 500 students, and employs over 60 teachers and staff members from Aley and the surrounding villages every year. However, the school suffered from serious infrastructure problems that included

leaks in the entire roof of the building as well as broken and unhygienic toilets.

UNDP Live Lebanon initiative rehabilitated the school’s roof by installing new asphalt isolation layers and a suitable drainage system to prevent rain water from leaking into classrooms. In addition, the toilets were completely rehabilitated starting with the installation of a new sewage system, and new sanitary-ware and tiles. The walls were covered with a fresh coat of paint.

This initiative was made possible thanks to the generous contribution of UNDP Live Lebanon Goodwill Ambassador Mrs. Saada Al Asaad Fakhry.

Embassy of Japan, UNDP-LHSP and UNHCR conduct a joint field mission to Qabb Elias, Bekka

On September 19, 2016, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)-LHSP, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Embassy of Japan conducted a joint field visit to Qabb Elias, Bekaa. The purpose was to monitor the impact of Emergency Grant Aid, of US\$ 2 million, provided by the Government of Japan to UNDP and UNHCR in response to the needs of host communities and the Syrian refugees in Lebanon. This visit coincided with the UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants that was taking place in New York.

With this funding, UNDP completed the construction of 11km of cement irrigation canals which ensure efficient water distribution to the agricultural lands. This has resulted in a 60% increase in the supply of water with the net impact being a 30% increase in agricultural production. This will benefit Lebanese farmers and lead to more opportunities for Syrian refugees who provide the main source of labour. Moreover, 500 local farmers were trained in business development and on the benefits of forming cooperatives (that include access to insurance and health coverage). The project directly benefitted 1,100 Lebanese and 800 Syrian refugees.



Creativity, arts and innovation, tools for peace building in Majdel Anjar



Paintings, handicrafts, canvas, knitted wool dresses and painted glass were displayed for the 550 visitors coming to attend the arts exhibition in Majdel Anjar, Bekaa organized on Friday 16th of September 2016. For three months, 60 Lebanese and Syrian, women, youth and children were given the opportunity to improve their hidden talents, learn new techniques to develop their art crafts and exchange knowledge and information with experts in the arts and design fields.

This activity is organized by the socio-cultural committee of Majdel Anjar, as part of the Mechanisms for Social Stability (MSS) process, supported by the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” and funded by UK DFID.

Lebanese and Syrian youth play beats of peace



22 Lebanese and Syrian participants from Al Qaraoun attended 25 hours of intensive music courses to be part of a music band. They all performed their first musical show in the village on Friday 16th of September 2016 in the presence of local actors from the village, family and friends. This band is organized by the committee of Al Qaraoun with the support of the UNDP «Peace Building in Lebanon» project as part of the Mechanisms for Social Stability process (MSS), and the generous fund of KfW.

The committee of Al Qaraoun is one of several committees established together by local authorities and local actors all over Lebanon, under the supervision of the municipalities, supported by the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project to address the existing challenges to social stability and peace building as well as those caused by the impact of the Syrian crisis on host communities.

Lebanon delivers to Tunisia the presidency of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network

Beirut, 28 September 2016 – UNDP supported a high-level delegation from Lebanon to join the 5th Ministerial Conference of the Arab Anti-Corruption and Integrity Network (ACINET) held in Tunis on 5-7 September. Attended by more than 200 participants from more than 30 countries and organizations, the conference marked the end of the Lebanese presidency of ACINET, which is the region’s leading participatory mechanism for capacity development, information sharing and policy dialogue against corruption.



Led by the Justice Minister, the official Lebanese delegation also included the Attorney General, heads of oversight bodies and senior judges. The various sessions of the Conference provided the delegation with an opportunity to highlight the key anti-corruption and integrity achievements and challenges in Lebanon in the last three years, during which the Justice Ministry chaired the regional network.

Since 2013, UNDP has acted as the country’s primary partner in its efforts to implement the UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) to which it has been a State Party since 2009.

Fun and entertainment activities in Lebaa, South Lebanon



Youth and children were able to enjoy an entertainment day in Lebaa on the 3rd of September 2016. Games, activities and children show helped setting a friendly atmosphere.

As part of the Mechanisms for Social Stability (MSS), this event was organized by the municipality of Lebaa, were supported by the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon» project, with the technical support of Youth Network for Citizenship and Activism (YNCA) and funded by UK DFID and Norway.

The festival aimed at strengthening social cohesion in the village by bringing families and youth together in an entertaining setting.

Setting a new kind of “positive” addiction in Kfaroman, South Lebanon: puppets battle against drugs



Gathered in the hall of Al Taharor Club in Kfarroman, on Thursday 1st of September 2016, scouts, youth, children and families eagerly came to watch “Qosasna – Our stories” puppetry show. It was part of a drug prevention campaign that aimed at transmitting anti-drugs messages. The campaign was organized by the committee in Kfaroman in coordination with the municipality, supported by the Youth Network for Citizenship and Activism (YNCA) and the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project as part of the Mechanisms for Social Stability (MSS) implemented all over Lebanon, with the generous funds of Norway.

Heritage days in Choukine, South Lebanon

In Choukine, South Lebanon, a heritage village event took place on the 27th of August 2016, gathering local actors from the village. Participants and attendees were able to watch a Sufi dance performance, in addition to the traditional Lebanese dance, the dabke, and a theatrical play performed by the village’s youth.

The audience was very happy and surprised by the results of the activity, hoping for more in the future.

This activity was supported by the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project and Youth Network for Citizenship and Activism (YNCA) and funded by UK DFID and Norway.



United Nations Development Programme – Live Lebanon initiative appoints Mr. Farid Chedid as Goodwill Ambassador



The United Nations Development Programme in Lebanon announced on Aug 23, 2016 the appointment of Mr. Farid Chedid as Goodwill Ambassador for UNDP Live Lebanon initiative. A long-standing supporter of youth entrepreneurs and development in Lebanon, Mr. Farid Chedid will spare no effort to raise funds for the implementation of projects that will bring tangible change to underprivileged communities and under developed areas.

Mr. Farid Chedid is the Founder, Chairman and CEO of Chedid Capital Holding SAL. He is a member of the Advisory Board of Euro Mena Private Equity Funds. He was elected for his Major Achievements as a Fellow of the Chartered Insurance Institute Chartered Insurance Broker – United Kingdom.

Crisis Management Operation room opening in Baalbek

The UNDP Disaster Risk Management project at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, opened on Monday 22 August the Regional Operation Room (ROR) for crisis management in the Governorate of Baalbek. The opening was followed by a table top exercise simulating a flood scenario at the Governorate headquarters in the presence of Baalbek-Hermel Governor Bashir Khodor, Colonel Walid Shaar representing the Secretary General of the Higher Council Major General Mohammad Kheir, and Ms. Nathalie Zaarour DRM Project Manager.



This important step was realized with the support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, the European Union in Lebanon, the Embassy of the Netherlands in Lebanon, the German Embassy in Beirut, and the Government of Kuwait.

The DRR committee of Baalbek headed by the Governor, implemented the table top exercise with the support of the DRM team. The simulation was an opportunity to put into action the response plan to disaster risk, specifically tailored for the governorate of Baalbek-Hermel.

Ecotourism blooms peace in Ibl EL Saqi, South Lebanon



The Ibl El Saqi youth committee planned an eco-tourism day in their village aiming at enhancing social cohesion among various local groups living in the village and at promoting Ibl El Saqi as a touristic destination. This activity was a result of the UNDP-led MSS trainings, coaching and support to the diverse community members of Ibl El Saqi since October 2015, with the technical support of YNCA. On the early morning of Sunday 21st of August 2016, 200 hikers enjoyed the beautiful landscapes of Ibl El Saqi on a 3 kilometers path. This activity is funded by Norway.

Ecotourism: Gears of peace building in South Lebanon in Kfarshouba, South Lebanon

Under the title “Village Day” and aiming at enhancing the eco-tourism in Kfarshouba, South Lebanon, the Youth Committee established as part of the Mechanisms for Social Stability (MSS) implemented all over Lebanon, organized a hiking activity where Lebanese and Syrians from the village and its surroundings had the opportunity to enjoy and discover its beautiful natural scenes – promoting coexistence among the residents.

The hike that took place on Friday 21st of August 2016, is supported by the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project with the technical support of Youth Network for Activism and Citizenship NGO (YNCA) and funded by UK DFID and Norway.



Workshop for Elected Women Municipal Council Members and Mukhtars in South-West Lebanon

On Friday 19th of August, the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL) South-West (SW) Civil Affairs and Military teams organized a workshop entitled “Elected Women Municipal Council Members and Mukhtars in South-West Lebanon” at the UNIFIL SW Area of Operation premises in Chamaa.



UNDP LEAP team gave a presentation on the role and importance of women’s engagement in elections as part of the broader campaign of increasing women representation in elected institutions. Moreover, they presented some key results on women’s participation in the 2016 municipal elections and comparative figures of the 2016 and 2010 municipal elections. A short movie on success stories of elected women in previous rounds as a support to the awareness campaign was also streamed during the workshop. It is worth noting that LEAP is funded by the European Union (EU).

Cultural and heritage days in Addousiyeh, South Lebanon



A group of poets, singers and rising talents from Addousiyeh, South Lebanon also performed on stage on the 19th and 20th of August 2016. As part of the Mechanisms for Social Stability, a traditional village celebration was held with a singer and local youth folkloric dance group. The festival aimed at strengthening social cohesion in the village by bringing families and youth together in an entertaining setting and in creating opportunities for the new generation locals living outside of Addousiyeh to establish ties with their village.

This activity was supported by the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project and Youth Network for Citizenship and Activism (YNCA) and funded by UK DFID and Norway.

Bourj Hammoud Public Garden: A green space in the heart of the city

Through a gift from the United States Government, the Public Garden in Bourj Hammoud opens its doors again to the public after 6 months of rehabilitation works. This project is implemented within the framework of the Lebanon Host Communities Support Project (LHSP) by the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in partnership with the Municipality of Bourj Hammoud.



The inauguration event was held on Thursday 18, August 2016 in the presence of representatives from the US Embassy in Lebanon, National Coordinator of the LHSP at MoSA Mrs. Suheir El Ghali, Chief Technical Advisor of LHSP at UNDP Mrs. Marina LoGiudice, Mayor of Bourj Hammoud Municipality Mr. Mardik Boghossian, municipal council and local community members.

More than ten thousand inhabitants in Bourj Hammoud will now have access to a free and safe place where they can interact and build trust. After the event, the American delegation visited two US funded projects: The Marash Souk in BH and the Girls School in Sadd el Baouchrieh which are both undergoing rehabilitation.

Sports day in Babliyah, South Lebanon



In line with the ongoing “Mechanisms for Social Stability” process in Babliyah, South Lebanon, the Tadamon Association in cooperation with Babliyah municipality organized a two day village festival on 13 and 14 August 2016. The two day events included traditional village tools and historic photos exhibition, sport competitions, songs and dances presented by the youth of the village and local verses recited by older men.

The festival aimed at strengthening social cohesion in the village by bringing families and youth together in an entertaining setting. The activities were supported by the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project and Youth Network for Citizenship and Activism (YNCA) and funded by UK DFID and Norway.

UNDP supporting disaster risk management capacities in Akkar

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step” the UNDP Disaster Risk Management project, in collaboration with Lebanese authorities, project partners and donors, have been working to build Lebanon’s capacities in the field of disaster risk management at the local level.



On Thursday 4 August 2016, the opening of the Akkar Governorate Operations Room took place followed by the first table top exercise simulating the scenario of a catastrophic forest fire for the Governorate’s DRM committee. This latest achievement was realized with the support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, the European Union in Lebanon, the Embassy of the Netherlands in Lebanon, the German Embassy Beirut and the Government of Kuwait.

Training of Trainers on Disaster Risk management



In the framework of the “Strengthening disaster risk management capacities for Lebanon” project, representatives of Disaster Risk Management committees in the Governorates, Cazes and concerned ministries participated in a two weeks training of trainers (TOT).

The training, which was organized by the UNDP DRM project on the 11th of August 2016 at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, served two main objectives, first to train representatives of governorates, cazas and ministries on response and on how to manage and operate within their operation rooms. The second objective was to increase DRR awareness among governorates and cazas especially for stakeholders and vulnerable communities.

This training is funded by the Swiss Agency for Development in Cooperation with (SDC) the European Union, the German embassy, the Government of Kuwait, the Lebanese Recovery Fund, and the Government of Netherland for the support to the Lebanese Government and the “Strengthening disaster risk management capacities in Lebanon” project.

Energy Efficiency and Management in the Lebanese Industrial Sector

A two-day conference on energy management for the industrial sector in Lebanon was organized by CEDRO 4, a project funded by the European Union and implemented by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

On Aug. 1 2016, The conference was launched with the presence of the Minister of Industry Dr. Hussein Hajj Hassan, the Minister of Energy and Water Mr. Arthur Nazarian, the Head of the European Union (EU) Delegation to Lebanon Ambassador Christina Lassen, the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Lebanon Mr. Philippe Lazzarini, the Director General of the Industrial Research Institute (IRI) Dr. Bassam Frenn, and the President of the Association of Lebanese Industrialists (ALI) Dr. Fadi Gemayel.



The conference also aimed to mention the supply of massive amounts of heat needed by the industrial sector through renewable energy heat generation using solar power.

Kharayeb and surrounding Palestinian Gatherings soon to launch solid waste management plan



In August 2016, the UNDP project in Palestinian Gatherings kicked off a pilot initiative aiming at encouraging and supporting the municipality of Kharayeb in Tyre to adopt a comprehensive solid waste management strategy, covering the Lebanese town of Kharayeb as well as the four surrounding Palestinian Gatherings (Kfarbadda, Jim Jim, Wasta and Itanieh).

This initiative builds on efforts made by the UNDP project since early 2016, through direct meetings with the municipality of Kharayeb and local partner PARD responsible for solid waste collection in the surrounding Palestinian

Gatherings. Last quarter, the UNDP project has also provided the municipality with two solid waste collection vehicles, thanks to support of PRM and KFW.

This quarter, thanks to the support of SDC, UNDP is taking a step further. Its support will not be limited only to providing resources guaranteeing the eco-friendly treatment of solid waste, but will also rely on a large scale behavior change campaign aiming at promoting at-source recycling and waste reduction among Lebanese and Palestinian households and enterprises.

Eco-sports tournament promotes waste reduction and social cohesion in Palestinian Gatherings in the North



Thanks to the generous support of SDC and in partnership with its local partner Beit Atfal Assumoud (NISCVT), UNDP organized in August 2016 the fourth eco-sports tournament in North Lebanon, bringing together 256 male adolescent football players and for the first time 30 female adolescent ping-pong players.

The 32 football teams and the 30 ping-pong players, included Lebanese, PRL, PRS and SRS adolescents (15-18) affiliated with official clubs as well as individual players from Nahr ElBared and Beddawi Adjacent Areas, Tebbaneh and Jabal Mohsen in Tripoli, as well as from different regions in Akkar (namely Minieh, Mohamara, Behanin, Bebnin, Kosha, Hosaynyeh, Berkayel, Bezal, AlHakour, Fnaydek).

Through this year's slogan "All Pennants to reduce waste", UNDP seeks to encourage different community groups to reduce consumption, re-use material and sort out waste, in order to decrease waste at the household level.

Arts and Peace: Saadnayel spreads a cultural vibe throughout the Bekaa

In order to boost positive synergy among Lebanese and Syrian families and to encourage communication and ease tension caused by daily problems and stress, the socio-cultural committee of Saadnayel, supported by the UNDP "Peace Building in Lebanon" project as part of the Mechanisms for Social Stability implemented all over Lebanon, organized a 14-day drawing workshop during June - July 2016 for 60 children aged between 5 and 12 years old. Children were able to display their artworks during a ceremony organized on the 27th of July 2016, in the presence of their parents, friends and neighbors. This activity was funded by UK DFID.



First INDC working group meeting Implementing Lebanon's Nationally Determined Contribution



Under the auspices and in the presence of the Minister of Environment Mr. Mohamad Al Mashnouk, the Ministry of Environment and the United Nations Development Programme organized the first official meeting for the INDC working group on implementing Lebanon's Nationally Determined Contribution, in cooperation with the Ministry of Energy and Water, and with funding from the European Union and the Governments of Australia and Germany. The meeting took place on Tuesday July 26, 2016 at the Movenpick Hotel.

During the meeting, participants discussed means of implementation of Lebanon's climate change commitments as formulated in the INDC. In addition, roles and responsibilities for implementation were assigned to each relevant institution, especially for the energy, transport, waste and forestry sectors.

The media in and on Tripoli: Positivity is needed!

14 local reporters and journalists from Tripoli eagerly participated in a meeting organized by Maharat Foundation in partnership with the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project funded by KfW on July 21st, 2016 in Ahwetna/March Café in Bab al-Tabbaneh.



In the former frontline of fighting between residents of the Jabal Mohsen and the Tabbaneh neighborhoods, they all discussed the different clauses of the «Journalists Pact for Strengthening Civil Peace in Lebanon » launched in 2013 and signed by 34 national media outlets. They also debated over the results of media monitoring studies produced by Maharat Foundation in cooperation with UNDP since 2015.

The Media in Municipal Elections: Manipulator or Scapegoat?



The latest municipal elections in Lebanon left much room for debate. Seizing this opportunity, Maharat Foundation, in coordination with the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project funded by KfW, sought to initiate a discussion on the role of the media in covering municipal elections within the context of the “Journalist’s Pact for Strengthening Civil Peace” – the crux of the UNDP-Maharat partnership.

Journalists, experts, political analysts, and candidates for the latest municipal elections of Lebanon, as well as representatives from UNDP and Maharat, met on the 19th of July 2016 for a discussion facilitated by MTV news editor-in-chief, Mr. Walid Abboud.

UNDP Live Lebanon Inaugurates Solar Streetlights Project in the Southern Village of Jdeidet Marjeyoun

The United Nations Development Program’s Live Lebanon initiative, along with Jdeidet Marjeyoun municipality, inaugurated on July 18, 2016, the successful implementation of the solar streetlights project in the Southern village of Jdeidet Marjeyoun. The project was entirely funded by the generous contribution of Goodwill Ambassador Mr. Ghaleb Farha.



The project implemented aims at providing the village with solar streetlight systems in view of creating a safer environment in terms of transportation and reducing the momentous number of dangerous accidents. The solar energy is a local solution to the ongoing electricity shortage problem in Lebanon which will also contribute to the mitigation of climate change and environmental threats.

First Solar Power Plant Launched at the AUB Campus

On the 11th of July 2016, AUB launched its first solar power plant that aims to cut down on costs and provide the safest energy source for our environment. Indeed, solar energy offers the best solution for the climate change problem. The UNDP and the EU, along with a local NGO called MONEERA contributed to the implementation of this project. The European Union has funded 85% of the costs of this project at AUB through the European Neighborhood and Partnership Instrument Cross Border Cooperation in the Mediterranean (ENPI EBC), through a project known as MEDSOLAR.



The remaining 15% of total costs of the project were contributed by MOONERA. As for UNDP, it is the local implementing partner for Lebanon through its EU funded CEDRO project. The CEDRO project has undertaken the design, procurement, and full implementation of this project.

AUB decided it was necessary to achieve the goal of having 12% of Lebanon's electricity generated from renewable resources by 2020.

MRR: Host communities identify their own priority needs



Since 2014, and in order to identify the priority needs of the most vulnerable host communities in light of the Syrian crisis, the "Lebanon Host Communities Support Project" (LHSP) has been applying a participatory conflict-sensitive methodology: The Maps of Risks and Resources (MRR). Implemented with the support of the United Kingdom Department for International Development (UK DFID), the MRR exposes the needs of the communities by the communities.

The MRR was launched on Monday 11 July 2016 under the patronage of HE Prime Minister Tammam Salam and in the presence of HE Minister of Social Affairs Rachid Derbas, United Kingdom Ambassador to Lebanon Hugo Shorter, the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator and the United Nations Development Programme Resident Representative Philippe Lazzarini, Ministers, Ambassadors, Governors, Directors General, Mayors, and representatives from the Council for Development and Reconstruction and UN agencies. The MRR involves communities in identifying risks and problems, prioritizing needs according to available and needed resources, finding solutions and producing multi-sectorial municipal action plans. Since 2014, 251 communities have been mapped through the MRR. During the event, a new web portal* was announced. The portal includes the results of the MRR in all targeted vulnerable villages.

The Ministry of Social Affairs and UNDP celebrate the success of the "One Voice Choir" of Bourj Hammoud

Based on the request of the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, the Lebanese Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA), the Waldensian Church in Italy and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), brought together fifty-four young girls and boys from different schools and various backgrounds, to form the "One Voice Choir" of Bourj Hammoud.

After weeks of training, the choir performed thirteen songs on Sunday 10 July 2016 in the Hovhannes Boghossian Theatre in Bourj Hammoud under the guidance of Maestro Zakar Keshisian.



Funded by the Waldensian Church in Italy, the "One Voice Choir" project was implemented within the Lebanon Host Communities Support Project (LHSP) by the Municipality of Bourj Hammoud jointly with the Bourj Hammoud Social Development Center of MoSA and UNDP.

Award in Recognition of LEAP's Work in Akkar



Following the completion of the 2016 local elections, Mr. Imad Labaki, Governor of Akkar, visited LEAP team in their premises to thank them for all the support provided throughout the organization and conduct of the 4th phase of elections in Akkar, and offered LEAP Team an award in appreciation for their hard work and cooperation.

It is worth mentioning that the governorate of Akkar, with the assistance of LEAP, adopted the new electronic candidate registration system during its period from 5 to 23 May 2016, prior the conduction of the local elections. In addition, LEAP piloted the electronic results management system on E-Day, in parallel with the existing one used by the registration committees in Akkar. LEAP is funded by the European Union (EU).

Baher Ramadan: Promoting Co-existence and Peace

Thousands of people from El Mina and Tripoli gathered at the Baher Ramadan social and cultural event, which opened its doors for the public on Friday 24 June 2016 on Abdel Wahad Island, El Mina.

This event was implemented within the framework of the "Lebanon Host Communities Support Project" (LHSP) which is a joint project between the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The opening event was held in the presence of HE the Minister of Social Affairs Mr. Rachid Derbas, the Mayor of El Mina Municipality Mr. Abed el Kader Alameddine, Mrs. Marina LoGiudice representing UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative Mr. Philip Lazzarini, representatives from LHSP donor countries, ministries and local authorities.



LHSP has been supporting the most vulnerable Lebanese communities to overcome the burdens of the Syrian crisis since 2013. This has been made possible thanks to the generous support of donors like Germany, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, the United States, Italy, Denmark, Norway, Japan, Kuwait, the Waldensian Church in Italy and the European Union.

Lebanon Climate Act: Engaging the Private Sector in Carbon Mitigation



The Lebanon Climate Act aims at creating economic growth in a way that also creates value for the society by addressing climate change challenges in Lebanon. Lebanon Climate Act establishes a network of companies and institutions actively engaged in the fight for climate change. It also helps to catalyze the involvement of the private sector in the wider climate change community.

By joining the Lebanon Climate Act, companies will demonstrate their ongoing engagement to climate action; each company will set actions to reduce its environmental and carbon footprint, increase low-carbon investments, deploy cleaner energy, and build more sustainable businesses and communities to tackle climate change.

The initiative is led by the Green Mind, in partnership with the UNDP and the Central Bank and was officially launched on Saturday June 18, 2016 at the Saint-Joseph University with a "power panel" made up of the Central Bank governor, the CEO of Renault-Nissan Alliance, UNDP's country director and the president of the Green Mind. The role that UNDP will play in this initiative is through the establishment of the Business Knowledge Platform which aims at enabling businesses to design and implement activities to reduce impacts on climate change and capturing success stories to inspire others.

Enhance the capacity of the Municipalities to reduce health risks in South Lebanon



The increase in Lebanon's population is having severe consequences on the environment and water quality, solid waste management, and scarce energy resources. This leaves many communities desperate for ways to address the rapidly worsening situation.

In fact, the current number of garbage bins is no longer enough to collect the additional amount of solid waste. This leads to waste bags and rubbish being left outside the bins, generating bad smells and attracting insects.

Therefore, garbage trucks and garbage bins need to be provided to enhance the capacity of the municipality to be able to collect daily solid-waste which cover the villages, in order to help reduce health risks, diseases and environmental problems.

In response, the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) and UNDP through the Lebanon Host Communities Support Project (LHSP) initiated a project funded by Netherlands, in order to help the union of municipalities of Saida al Zahrani, Sahel al Zahrani and Tyr, Kfar Melki, Kfar Tebnite, Nabatieh el Tahta, Habouch, and Ain El Deleb.

The procurement of a solid-waste collection truck, a bobcat-compact loader, a sewer cleaner truck, a compactor garbage truck, a backhoe loader as well as steel garbage containers supports the municipalities by enhancing the municipal waste disposal services.

IDAL Improves the Lebanese Film Industry with the Help of UNDP

Nine of the brightest and best Lebanese film makers were given the chance to participate and represent their country in one of the most important international film festivals. These filmmakers successfully showcased their films with the aim for Lebanon to become a filming destination and a regional hub for the film industry. One of the Investment Development Authority of Lebanon's (IDAL) greatest contributions was to the media sector. In fact, for the 2nd consecutive year, IDAL in partnership with the Lebanese Tourism Office in Paris and Fondation Liban Cinema (FLC), continued its support of the Lebanese film industry in Cannes through the sponsoring of the Lebanese Pavilion, the screening of Lebanese movies at the Cannes Film Market and the participation of Lebanese Filmmakers in workshops held during the festival.



The participation of the Lebanese film makers in the Cannes film festival was made possible due to the financial budget that UNDP allocates to IDAL.

This IDAL initiative was of great benefit to the Lebanese film industry. To begin with, workshops by experts were carried out in Cannes for film makers, producers and directors to provide the necessary training, practices and technologies needed to increase the quality of movies. Established in 1994, IDAL is the national investment promotion agency which aims to promote Lebanon as a key investment destination, by attracting and retaining investments in the country, and improving the business environment.

Kfar Jarra Street Lighting Project Brings Safety to Rural Area

Located in South Lebanon, Kfar Jarra suffers from long periods of power cuts which leaves its streets in complete darkness when night falls. Since 2011, the sudden increase in population in the village caused by the influx of Syrian displaced, led to tensions among the communities. The municipality faced increased pressure to tackle the resulting environmental and socio-economic risks.



The need to provide a sustainable public street lighting system through alternative sources of energy became a priority in order to promote a feeling of safety among the residents and prevent street crime. The community and the Municipality agreed that this is an urgent need for the village during the Maps of Risks and Resources (MRR), which is a conflict-sensitive methodology that the Lebanon Host Communities Support Project (LHSP) implements in order to help the community identify risks and problems, prioritize needs, identify resources available and needed, identify solutions and produce Multi-Sectorial Municipal Action Plans that are then formulated into full-fledged projects.

Funded by the UK Department for International Development (UKDFID), the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) and UNDP – through the LHSP – have installed a Solar-Power Street Lighting system in Kfar Jarra. The project consisted of supplying the needed components for this street lighting system, in addition to conducting a training for the municipal staff on operating the system.

The new project made it easier for residents to move around at night and helped the village regain a sense of safety and security as it serves as a direct road passage from Jezzine to Saïda and Beirut.

Water brings life to thousands dwellers in Palestinian Gatherings



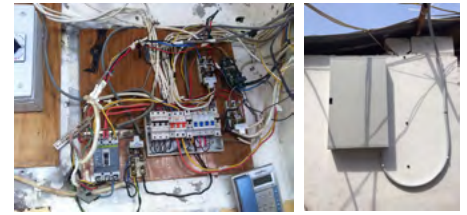
Capitalizing on a previous UNDP initiative, providing an elevated 500 cubic meter water tank to Kharayeb in Tyre, the UNDP project in Palestinian Gatherings took a step further this quarter by upgrading the available water network in Kharayeb, in an attempt to enhance access to safe water not only for the 2000 Lebanese (and Syrian) families living in Kharayeb, but also for 392 families residing in the four neighboring Palestinian Gatherings, namely Kfarbadda, Jim Jim, Wasta and Itanieh.

As a first step, the UNDP project extended the available network to a total length of 4,700 meters and connected it to another water network recently installed by the project in the neighboring Kfarbadda Palestinian Gathering.

Also this quarter, UNDP has launched and completed a number of water-related initiatives, namely in Mankoubin in the North, Daouk in Beirut, Wasta and Qasmieh in Tyre, Bustan ElKods and Baraksat Adjacent Areas to Ain El Helwe Camp where shortage in water supply have caused armed conflicts in recent years. These initiatives are made possible thanks to the generous support of KFW, PRM and SDC.

Safer and Healthier Collective Shelter for 40 Palestinian families displaced from Syria

Responding to the alarming conditions of Rawdat AlBahaa compound, located in the Tawari Adjacent Area to Ain El Helwe Camp and home to 40 Palestinian families displaced from Syria, the UNDP project in Palestinian Gatherings introduced this quarter a series of improvements related to sewage, electricity, ventilation, lighting and other basic needs, thanks to the generous support of SDC.



The compound, initially established as a kindergarten with an underground shelter, has been recently re-arranged to accommodate 220 recent refugees from Syria, the majority of whom are widowed women and children. Families are sheltered in rooms made of gypsum walls and zinc panels and distributed over the ground floor and the basement level.

UNDP's rehabilitation works has put an end to the frequent sewage flooding, power shortage as well as safety hazards caused by the poor conditions of the available electricity network. Conditions of the basement level have particularly improved, with the introduction of lighting and an air ventilation system for the first time.

A new chapter in the lives of 55 women in Tarik ElJdideh and Palestinian Gatherings in Beirut



Thanks to the UNDP and Makassed partnership aiming to economically empower underprivileged women in Tarik ElJdideh, this quarter marks a new chapter in the lives of 55 Lebanese, Palestinian and Syrian women residing in the Tarik ElJdideh area, including the Palestinian Gatherings of Daouk, Said Ghawash and Gaza Buildings.

In early September, the 55 women have started a four-month training in cooking and baking, artisanal handicrafts and beauty services. Since then, participants are meeting three times weekly in the equipped center of Ward AlMakassed in Kaskas, accompanied by professional trainers.

The generous support of the people of Japan will not only allow the transfer of livelihood skills to women in need but will also provide them with income-generating opportunities, thanks to rehabilitation works led by UNDP to establish an outdoor restaurant as well as a permanent exhibition area by the end of the next quarter.

Skills and opportunities for 37 young men and women in Palestinian Gatherings in the South

After the success of the five day training empowering 20 women and youth in designing and managing their own small businesses in Shabriha Palestinian Gathering in the last quarter, two other similar trainings were organized this quarter, benefitting 37 additional women and youth in the Maashouq and Qasmieh Palestinian Gatherings in Tyre.



These trainings provide dwellers with practical tips and basic skills to start and expand their business projects, which is expected to reflect on their communities as well as their own economy. Thanks to the generous support of the people of Japan, trained women and youth will also have the chance to apply to in-kind small grants in the next quarter, to be disbursed by UNDP in partnership with the Palestinian Arab Women League (PAWL).

“WASH-friendly Schools Toolkit” tested with Health Educators of UNRWA schools in North Lebanon



Within the framework of the agreement between UNDP and UNRWA Lebanon signed on February 2016 and seeking to extend the UNDP WASH campaign activities in Palestinian Gatherings to UNRWA schools, UNDP organized last September a three-day training for 17 health educators covering all UNRWA schools in North Lebanon, aiming to test the content of the “WASH-friendly Schools Toolkit” before its printing and launching in the next quarter.



The training, which took place in the Quality-In Hotel in Tripoli, raised the health educators’ awareness on various WASH issues and provided innovative techniques in curriculum design and activities’ facilitation. Following the launch of the toolkit, trained health educators will transfer acquired knowledge and techniques to other teachers in their schools and apply suggested activities with students.

The toolkit, developed by the UNDP Palestinian Gatherings project in consultation with personnel from the UNRWA education and health departments, seeks to respond to WASH risky behaviors and transfer life-skills based education to students (6 to 17 year-olds) through classroom and extra –curricular activities on different WASH-related UN observance.

Social Media Campaigns:

The UN Summit for Refugees and Migrants 2016

The UN General Assembly hosted a high-level summit to address large movements of refugees and migrants, with the aim of bringing countries together behind a more humane and coordinated approach.

«This week's United Nations Summit for Refugees and Migrants represents a breakthrough at a breaking point. With so many shrill voices dominating the debate, governments from around the world are responding in measured tones that can yield real results if promises are kept,» said UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon #UN4RefugeesMigrants.



Global Goals Week

From 18 - 24 September 2016, the countdown began for the next 14 years of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals or Global Goals with different ways in which we can all play our part and ensure no one is left behind, particularly girls and women. That is why the UN and partners from around the world launched the #GlobalGoalsWeek, an annual week of action, awareness and accountability for the SDGs, every September, when world leaders gather in New York City for UN General Assembly.



International Day of Peace 2016

“The Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace”:

The #SustainableDevelopmentGoals are integral to achieving #peace in our time, as development and peace are interdependent and mutually reinforcing. Every single one of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals is a building block in the global architecture of peace. #InternationalDayOfPeace #PeaceDay #SDGs



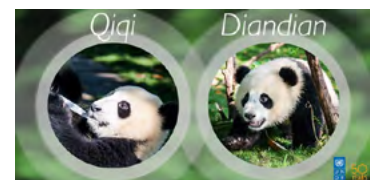
International Day of Democracy

The #InternationalDayofDemocracy is devoted to the theme «Democracy and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.» #Goal16 of the 2030 Agenda addresses democracy by calling for inclusive and participatory societies and institutions. #Globalgoals #Agenda2030 #IDD2016



#Pandas4GlobalGoals

In January 2016, we teamed up with the Chengdu Panda Base in China to announce two panda cubs as #UNDP's first-ever global Animal Ambassadors for the Sustainable Development Goals (#SDGs) – also known as the #GlobalGoals. As part of the global campaign, UNDP and the Chengdu Panda Base were working with zoos around the world on a global contest that aimed to engage the public with our pandas! Goals! #2030Now



Social Media Campaigns:

World Humanity Day 2016

Under the overarching theme of '#OneHumanity', #WHD promotes how the world came together in Istanbul around the Agenda for Humanity, and how the commitments made at the World Humanitarian Summit will help the 130 million people around the world who need humanitarian assistance to survive.

#ShareHumanity #1Humanity #WHD2016



Women Economic Empowerment campaign

#DidYouKnow? Women do 3 times more unpaid care & domestic work than men.

#UNDP's work in gender focuses on supporting women's economic empowerment & aims to achieve gender equality, which is one of 17 Sustainable Development Goals #SDGs #GlobalGoals.

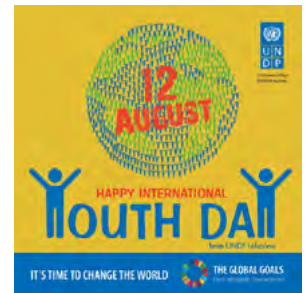
#EmpowerWomen



International Youth Day 2016

«This is more than a celebration – it is a time for commitment to work for and with young people. My message to young people is: You have the power to make our world better. To leaders I say: Help youth unleash this power for our common future. On International Youth Day, I stand with the world's young people to lead today for a better tomorrow.» - #UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.

#YouthDay #Youth2030 #GlobalGoals



Nelson Mandela International Day 2016

«It is easy to break down and destroy. The heroes are those who make peace and build.» - Nelson Mandela

Every year on 18 July — the day Nelson Mandela was born — the UN joins a call by the Nelson Mandela Foundation to devote 67 minutes of time to helping others, as a way to mark Nelson Mandela International Day. Take Action. Inspire Change.

#MandelaDay



Latest Videos:

UNDP and Japan supporting the Lebanese host communities

Thanks to funds from Japan, the vulnerable Lebanese host communities and Palestinian refugee communities are receiving aid for a better quality of life.



UNDP's Social Good Summit 2016!

UNDP Lebanon participated in the global conversation through organizing a meet up group where more than 200 participants met in Teatro Verdun on September 19, 2016. The 2016 Social Good Summit focused on the work that needs to be done to achieve the 17 Sustainable Goals in the next 15 years. This meeting is an international initiative where more than 100 meetings are taking place in different cities around the world.



Bar Elias celebrates peace through the first cohort of music graduates

On a mission to reduce local tensions and strengthen the relations among Lebanese and Syrian residents of Bar Elias, the socio-cultural committee which is the result of the Mechanisms for Social Stability (MSS) process supported by the UNDP "Peace Building in Lebanon" project, funded by UK AID, established the first music institute in town.



My Cleanliness Is My Health

As part of UNDP's improvement plan in the Shabriha Palestinian Gathering in Beirut, children from the Gathering created this animation movie to promote hygiene in their community.



Let's Understand It Correctly

As part of UNDP's improvement plan in the Shabriha Palestinian Gathering in Beirut, children from the Gathering created this animation movie to promote understanding of girls' issues.



Latest Videos:

My Environment Is My Responsibility

As part of UNDP's improvement plan in the Shabriha Palestinian Gathering in Beirut, children from the Gathering have created this animation movie to promote keeping their environment clean.



Improving access to water in Bbliyeh - South Lebanon

View from above: a 300 cubic meters elevated water tank project recently completed in Babliyah, South Lebanon. Supported by DFID - UK Department for International Development and UK in Lebanon and implemented within the framework of the Lebanon Host Communities Support Project, this project will benefit the residents of Babliyah by improving access to water in the village, & will also help minimize water distributors' costs on households.



Cranium: Mount Lebanon Youth Entrepreneurs project – LHSP

Cranium is one of the projects that won a grant within the Mount Lebanon Youth Entrepreneurs project, implemented by Berytech within the framework of the "Lebanon Host Communities Support Project" LHSP, the joint project between the Ministry of Social Affairs MoSA and UNDP. It is funded by the Regional Development and Protection Programme RDPP led by Denmark.

Cranium's center launched at the end of September. UNDP and MoSA wish Cranium a great start up!



Mini-football field in Labweh: Supporting the Youth & promoting co-existence

A mini football field was constructed for Labweh and the surrounding villages, funded by the Mexican Government through the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees UNHCR. This project was implemented within the Lebanon Host Communities Support Project (LHSP).



Souk Marash: a whole new market!

After the rehabilitation works of the traditional market "Souk Marash" in Bourj Hammoud, the street soon became vibrant again with traders and shoppers! More than 3000 resident and 88 Shops in Bourj Hammoud will benefit from this project, thanks to funds from USA BPRM.

The initiative is one of the various interventions implemented within the framework of the "Lebanon Host Communities Support Project" in partnership with the Ministry of Social Affairs.



Latest Videos:

Mansourieh Celebrates Nonviolence through Arts

Mansourieh public school organized its first violence free day on May 13th, 2016. Weeks of preparations and hard work lead the taskforce formed of teachers, talented students and supportive parents, to close their school year with a “Nonviolence Day.”

The Violence Free Schools initiative was implemented in Mount Lebanon by the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project in partnership with KDC – Knowledge Development Company, funded by Norway and in coordination with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.



The One Voice Choir’s best moments!

The best moments of the “One Voice” choir of Bourj Hammoud, during their music training sessions and awareness workshops!

This project is funded by the Wladensian Church in Italy within the framework of the Lebanon Host Communities Support Project (LHSP), a partnership between the UNDP and the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA).



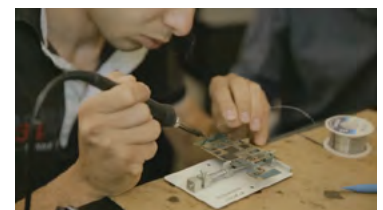
The Maps of Risks and Resources (MRR)

The MRR launching event started with a video introducing the Maps of Risks and Resources, which was implemented in 251 villages since 2014. The Lebanon Host Communities Support Programme has so far implemented 372 projects covering different sectors and benefiting 1,100,000 Lebanese and Syrians.



The Youth Economic Empowerment Project (YEPP)

The Youth Economic Empowerment Project YEPP has been implemented within the framework of the Lebanon Host Communities Support Project LHSP and funded by the Regional Development and Protection programme RDPP which is led by Denmark through a generous contribution from European Union, Ireland, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Norway, the Netherlands, the Czech Republic. LHSP is a joint project between the Ministry of Social affairs and UNDP, funded through Germany KfW, UKDFID, Japan, USA, Italy, Norway, the Netherlands and the Waldensian Church-Italy.



Latest Publications

Peace Building in Lebanon project's Joint News Supplement - 13th Issue

30 September

This supplement is produced by the UNDP «Peace Building In Lebanon» project, funded by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development through KfW Bankengruppe. The Arabic version is distributed with An-Nahar and As-Safir newspapers while an English version is distributed with The Daily Star and a French version with L'Orient Le Jour. The supplement contains articles by writers, journalists, media professionals, researchers and artists from Lebanon and Syria and Palestine; they cover issues related to civil peace in addition to the repercussions of the Syrian crisis on Lebanon and the relations between Lebanese and Syrians, employing objective approaches that are free of hatred and misconceptions.



The Social Stability Context in the Nabatieh & Bint Jbeil Qazas

26 September

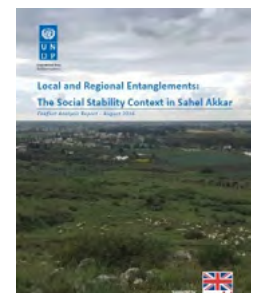
This report presents a brief analysis of the social stability context in the Qazas of Nabatieh and Bint Jbeil in the Nabatieh governorate, a sparsely populated religiously and politically homogenous area which hosts a small number of Syrian refugees.



Local and Regional Entanglements: The Social Stability Context in Sahel Akkar

26 September

This report introduces the conflict context in the Sahel Akkar area, the Lebanese most northern coastal area bordering Syria. Sahel Akkar is predominantly agricultural, with Muslim Sunni and Alawite residents and a small Christian minority, in addition to a Syrian refugee population equivalent in number to a third of the Lebanese population.



Converging Interests of Conciliation: The Social Stability Context in the Marjaayoun and Hasbaya Qazas

26 September

This report summarizes the conflict context of the Hasbaya and Marjaayoun Qazas of the Nabatieh Governorate, a religiously and politically diverse area which has for decades been at the forefront of regional dynamics and conflicts. In terms of composition and key actors, the area can roughly be divided into four sub-region.

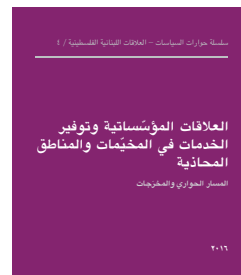


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Institutional Relations-Palestinian study

September

This report is comprised of three sections. The first section documents the dialogue process and outputs. The second section presents an executive summary of the field study, based on which the dialogue process among parties concerned with service provision (UNRWA; municipalities; popular committees) has been launched. The Study also provides a field mapping of four basic urban services (electricity; water; solid waste management; shelter repair) in three Palestinian camps (Shatila; Burj el-Shemali; Beddawi), as well as in Lebanese and Palestinian adjacent areas. The mapping aims to provide preliminary data that would constitute a basis for dialogue amongst concerned parties. The third section includes four policy papers each related to one of the above-mentioned services. These policy papers have been developed based on the data provided by the study and the overall dialogue outputs.

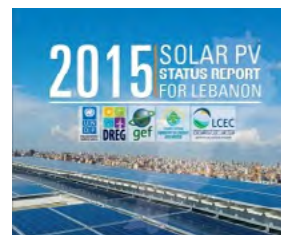


The 2015 Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Status Report for Lebanon

26 September

The 2015 Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Status Report for Lebanon, developed and published for the first time in 2016, highlights the status and the growth of the Solar PV market by presenting and analyzing all its available data.

Starting in 2016, the Solar PV Status Report for Lebanon will become a yearly collaborative publication reporting on the market's growth for the previous year.



Peace Building in Lebanon project's Newsletter – 12th Issue

20 July

In the 12th issue of the newsletter, the project highlights the work done with municipalities, schools, media outlets and NGOs in the fields of social stability and peace building.



UNDP in Palestinian Gatherings Newsletter – 6th Issue

19 July

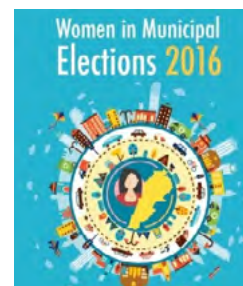
Improving Living Conditions in Palestinian Gatherings Host Communities is a project of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) that falls under the UNDP Lebanon Stabilization and Recovery Program – Supporting Resilience in a Time of Crisis.



Women Participation in Municipal Elections 2016

18 July

Following the Municipal and Mukhtars Elections, UNDP Lebanese Elections Assistance Project (LEAP) developed and published a brochure entitled: "Women in Municipal Elections 2016". It includes useful statistical information on women's participation, as candidates and as winners, in the recent municipal and mukhtar elections, and provides comparative figures between 2010 and 2016.



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Series of sectoral studies to identify competitive advantages of economic sectors



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