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Empowering WOMEN and YOUTH

New Beginnings to 109 Youth Post-Graduation

Last quarter, 36 young women and 73 young men in Palestinian Gatherings in the North celebrated their graduation from vocational trainings, thanks to Germany support. Among the graduates are 14 nursing students and others who have completed advanced courses in installation and maintenance of solar appliances, video editing, advanced aluminum works, architectural drawings, skin and laser treatment, advanced computer maintenance and mobile repair.

“76 GRADUATES ARE ALREADY ENGAGED IN INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES.”

7th Lebanese-Palestinian Tournament Promotes Children Health

In partnership with 8 municipalities in AlFayhaa Union of Municipalities, UNDP and local partner Beit Atfal Assumoud organized for the seventh year the Lebanese-Palestinian tournament, this year to promote healthy environment to children. The football tournament kicked off end of July, bringing together 160 players of 16 Lebanese and Palestinian teams.

Also thanks to Norway support, 18 adolescent girls (13-17) from Beddawi Adjacent Areas participated in a one week summer camp in Baalbek. Proving that ball games are not only for boys, girls were trained on basketball, football and ping pong, and were sensitized on sexual and reproductive health, early marriage among other gender and child protection topics.

And Children and Caregivers Take Action for Children Health

Following a rapid street assessment of risky health behaviors among children in Beddawi Camp Adjacent Areas, awareness sessions targeted 120 children and 80 caregivers, highlighting risky behaviors and actions needed.

Thanks to Norway support, the sessions were followed by actions in the streets, engaging 75 children in clean-up campaigns and the painting of six walls and six murals that promoted healthy hygiene practices.
**Innovative Waste Water Treatment in Burj Rahal Saves Communities**

This quarter, UNDP and Burj Rahal Municipality have successfully operated the waste water treatment plants in Burj Rahal and the Qasmieh Palestinian Gathering, located within its municipal domain. Following a biological process relying on the use of micro-organisms, the plants run on renewable energy.

[Click here](#) to see how this sustainable solution has provided 3,000 residents with environmentally sound waste water disposal method, without causing pollution to the Litani River, thanks to Germany support.

**Upgrading WASH Infrastructure**

**Urban Design Workshop Proposes Spatial Vision for Beddawi**

In the context of UNRWA’s Camp Improvement Plan in Beddawi and UNDP’s improvement plan in the Camp Adjacent Areas, UNDP with GIZ and UNRWA organized last September a one-week urban design workshop – *Beddawi at the Edge of a City*.

Thanks to Germany support, the workshop hosted at the Lebanese University campus in Tripoli brought together 30 national and international professors and Masters’ students in architecture and urbanism, who joined efforts to develop a spatial vision and strategic interventions for Beddawi that address the social, political and spatial ruptures that fragment this territory.

Building on two years of community participation and research, participants analysed urban challenges and developed urban plans that can inform existing funding and attract additional funds.

[Click here](#) to access a brief presentation on urban plans resulting from workshop.
Amina Jradi, young entrepreneur

The support I received did not only make my beauty salon more attractive and equipped. Adding an upper floor as part of rehabilitation works re-organized available space to guarantee more comfort and privacy to clients, which is a top priority for local women here. Since then, the number of clients I received daily has almost doubled.

Support to Small Businesses in Old Saida Preserves Traditions, Brings life to 39 Shops

Within phase II of its improvement plan in Old Saida, UNDP supported 39 small businesses, including 12 run by local women – among them sole breadwinners. Selection criteria looked at the shops’ growth potential and cultural value and their tenants’ socio-economic status. Thanks to Netherlands support, 25 shops received equipment necessary for their operation and advancement, while 14 other shops benefitted from rehabilitation works.

And Conference to Advance Youth Employability in Beddawi and the North

Searching for practical interventions to unlock the employment market in the North – and Beddawi specifically, UNDP and GIZ organized on 12 September a conference bringing together 47 representatives of NGOs, local economic initiatives and the private sector.

Possible thanks to Germany funding, the conference presented employment trends and challenges in the North, particularly among the Palestinian youth. Next, local entrepreneurs, companies and INGOs presented innovative projects and approaches that address unemployment. The conference concluded with a list of practical interventions to be adopted to promote the employability of Palestinians in the North.

Active in Palestinian Gatherings across Lebanon since 2012, Improving Living Conditions in Palestinian Gatherings Host Communities is a UNDP project designed to strengthen the resilience of these communities, home to 120,000 vulnerable dwellers, whose great majority are Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, in addition to poor Lebanese and Palestinian and Syrian refugees displaced from Syria.

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