

## HIGHLIGHTS



### Live Lebanon initiative support the agricultural industrialization in Kfar Sir - Nabatieh

In the presence of Goodwill Ambassador Mr. Elias Saad, Director of the Local and Social Development Program in the United Nations Development Programme Dr. Raghed Assi, Executive Director of the "ISLA" Mrs. Pascale Saad, Head of the Charity Association of Kfar Sir Youth Mr. Jaafar Sbeity, Chairman of the Forum for Culture and Development Mr. Mustafa Hsawi, Head of the Social Affairs Center Mrs. Zouhad Jaffal, Amal Movement representative Mr. Afif Koumayha, members of the municipality of Kfar Sir and a host of events and people of the town and the neighborhood, «Live Lebanon» initiative launched a project to provide machines for the Cooperative of production and agro-processing in Kfar Sir, in order to support women's participation in local food production, during a ceremony at the Collaborative Center in Kfar Sir on Tuesday January 12th, 2015.



Local and Social Development project Manager Dr. Ragd Assi stressed on the leading role of the «Live Lebanon» initiative in improving the conditions of people living in rural villages in various Lebanese regions level. He also praised the active role of the Lebanese communities contributing to the support of social and economic development by funding more than 50 projects carried out by the initiative until today.

## Japan grants US\$2 million to support host communities and displaced Syrians in Lebanon



The Japanese government has provided an emergency grant of US\$ 2 million to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in response to the needs of host communities and displaced Syrians in Lebanon.

The project aims to increase stability among over one million Syrians in Lebanon, and the surrounding host communities who are also struggling to cope with the influx of displaced peoples.

“This emergency grant to UNHCR and UNDP will not only provide the most vulnerable people with necessary protection and support, but also stimulate the local economy by enhancing the capacity of host communities and increasing income generating opportunities. Japan will continue its support towards the countries affected by the humanitarian crisis,” said Mr. Seiichi Otsuka, the Japanese Ambassador to Lebanon.

## Discussing the supplement and reading between the lines

Given the media’s powerful influence on the public, the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project always organizes informal discussion sessions following the publication of the project’s joint new supplement as an essential part of its activities, having a strong belief in the ability to make a change through media.



Participants in the supplement and invitees gathered on Tuesday December 22nd 2015 in Dawawine Café in Gemmayzeh to discuss the topics and stories of the 10th supplement over friendly coffee and open atmosphere.

The supplement was a bit more focused this time. It tackled various topics yet illegal emigration dominated the articles and the discussion. Due to the current season of migration, discussing it was inevitable.

## Award Ceremony for Institutions Reporting their Greenhouse Gas Emissions



Under the Patronage and in the presence of His Excellency Mohamad Machnouk, the Ministry of Environment and the United Nations Development Programme held the Award Ceremony for Institutions Reporting their Greenhouse Gas Emissions, on Monday, December 28th 2015, at the Movenpick Hotel.

During the event, the Ministry of Environment awarded Lebanese commercial and industrial institutions for their efforts in reporting their greenhouse gas emissions, as part of the Ministry’s approach to partner with private sector in the global fight against climate change.

## The Ministry of Energy and Water launches the “Assessment of Groundwater Resources of Lebanon”

On 17 December 2015, the Ministry of Energy launched a report entitled “Assessment of Groundwater Resources of Lebanon” which is the result of a 3 year study undertaken to better characterize and quantify the groundwater resources of the country. This study was made possible thanks to funding received from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Directorate for Development and Cooperation (DCSC) for a total amount of 1,800,000 Euro. The project was implemented by the United Nations Development Programme through the Lebanese Centre for Water Management and Conservation (LCWMC) at the Ministry and a specialized consortium of expert companies undertook the technical work.



The activities of the project included collection and baseline assessment of available data, survey of private and public wells, initiation of a dedicated groundwater database at the Ministry, a 1-year national groundwater levels monitoring campaign, a 3-D modelling of Akkar plain aquifer, the preliminary assessment of artificial recharge, and analysis and modelling of collected data to better characterize the status of groundwater in Lebanon with recommendations to improve deficiencies in groundwater monitoring. The assessment which expanded from 2012 to 2014 shed light on the status of Lebanon’s groundwater that had not been assessed since the early 1970s and a specialized electronic database at the Ministry of Energy and Water was set-up for the management of all the data collected.

## Peace Building Project launches the 10th issues of the Supplement



The supplement, distributed on Friday 17 December 2015, is produced by the UNDP «Peace Building in Lebanon» project, funded by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development through KfW. The original Arabic version is distributed with An-Nahar and As-Safir newspapers while a translated English version is distributed with The Daily Star and a translated French version with L’Orient Le Jour.

The supplement contains articles by writers, journalists, media professionals, researchers and artists from Lebanon and Syria; they cover 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 Universal Periodic Human Rights Reports for 2015»

Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND), in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and in partnership with the regional office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in the Middle East and North Africa, organized on Thursday, December 10, 2015, a national conference entitled: «The Universal Periodic Human Rights Reports for 2015» in Movenpick Hotel in Beirut. The conference aimed at displaying the recommendations of the reports of the parties involved in the review (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Emigrants, the United Nations and the civil society), discussing them with the MPs for their adoption and the development of the appropriate mechanisms for the implementation thereof.



The conference followed Lebanon’s review session, held on November 2, 2015 before the Human Rights Council at the UN headquarters in Geneva, and within the universal periodic review mechanism in its second cycle. Lebanon presented its second report on the implemented recommendations, which it had accepted during the first cycle of the universal periodic review and that had amounted to 69 out of 123 recommendations raised by the Human Rights Council members states.

## Electricity projects light up the lives of over 26,000 dwellers of Palestinian Gatherings



Responding to the increasing pressure on the already crumbling electricity networks in Palestinian Gatherings, UNDP has completed last December 10 electricity projects in Palestinian Gatherings in Saida and Tyre, affecting the lives of 26,290 dwellers through organized and uninterrupted power distribution.

Thanks to the generous support of KFW, Japan and the US Department of State's BPRM, UNDP has been implementing the projects in the 8 areas adjacent to Ain El Helwe Palestinian Camp in Saida as well as Qasmieh and Maachouk in Tyre, which are Palestinian-majority communities that have been recently hosting refugees from Syria in addition to some Lebanese residents.

In addition to rehabilitating electricity networks and cables in the 10 targeted Gatherings, UNDP has also provided necessary transformers and accessories. In Gatherings adjacent to Ain El Helwe in particular, UNDP has built electrical rooms, to protect the transformers ensuring large-scale power distribution.

## Discussion session with the members of Parliament on “Temporary Special Measures to Promote the Political Representation of Women through Electoral Laws”

In cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – the Lebanese Elections Assistance Project and the Technical Support to the Lebanese Parliament Project – the General Secretariat of the Parliament organized a national conference entitled “Temporary Special Measures to Promote the Political Representation of Women through Electoral Laws” under the patronage of His Excellency the Speaker of Parliament, Mr. Nabih Berri, and with the support and presence of Her Excellency the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General in Lebanon, Ms. Sigrid Kaag.



The conference took place on Tuesday 1st December in Beirut in partnership with the National Commission of the Lebanese Women (NCLW) and the Women in Parliament Coalition. It aimed at discussing the possible ways to include “Temporary Special Measures” in favor of women in any electoral law that would be agreed upon, and to hear and discuss the position of the political parties on the women's quota.

## Launching of Flood Risk Assessment and Mapping for Lebanon



In the presence of Minister of Information His Excellency Mr. Ramzi Jreij, United Nations Development Programme Country Director Mr. Luca Renda, Secretary General of the Higher Council of Defense General Mohamad Kheir, Head of National Council for Scientific Research Remote Sensing Center Dr. Ghaleb Faour, The UNDP Disaster Risk Management Unit at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, in collaboration with The National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS) of Lebanon launched the “Flood Risk Assessment and Mapping for Lebanon”, on Wednesday 25th of November, at the Grand Serail- Beirut.

The main objective of the proposed subject is to assess the flood risk over Lebanese watersheds and to develop a comprehensive methodology for flood risk mapping in order to protect life and property, support emergency services, promote public awareness, and encourage the development and implementation of long-term, cost-effective and environmentally sound mitigation projects. The deliverables of the project covered the evaluation of damage to the agriculture areas, residential, non-residential structures, and refugees' tents, roads and bridges, population, and vehicles.



## Dr. Salwa Ghaddar Younes Ambassador of the “Together Towards Sustainable Development” Nomination

United Nations Development Program nominated Dr. Salwa Ghaddar Younes as the Ambassador of the “Together Towards Sustainable Development” initiative on November 20th, 2015.

Dr. Ghaddar Younes is a Lebanese cultural figure, who is behind the “Culture of Peace Award”, among her many contributions to society, from support to education, provision of healthcare, and women empowerment.



“The Sustainable Development Goals, aiming at, among others, eradicating poverty and hunger, promoting good health and well-being, providing quality education, and reducing inequalities and unfairness, have become vital pillars to achieve sustainable human development,” said Dr. Salwa Ghaddar.

## UNDP-supported local peace committees exchange best practices in dealing with the repercussions of the Syrian crisis



In a room full of 100 participants from the Bekaa, North and South Lebanon, Mr. Luca Renda, UNDP Country Director, congratulated members of socio-cultural and socio-economic committees for peacefully addressing challenges and conflicts in their regions.

“Because of the work you are doing as local actors within your municipalities in regards to addressing the new challenges caused by the influx of Syrian displaced to your areas, you are giving a model of peace building and coexistence for the country, the region and even the world,” said Renda.

With the support of UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon”, in partnership with “BRD- Beyond Reform and Development”, and with the financial support of the Department for International Development (DFID) and the EU through UNHCR, the participants gathered in a two-day retreat in Broumana, Metn, on the 20 and 21st of November 2015, and were able to assess their work, share their experiences and learn from the other socio-cultural and socio-economic committees coming from all over Lebanon.

## Theater as an alternative for conflict ‘Sakakine’ play roams Lebanon

Fourteen young Lebanese and Syrian actors will perform soon in Beirut after roaming Lebanon, to impart a social message of peace as part of a play titled ‘Sakakine.’

‘Sakakine’ (Knives) is a play directed by Ali Dia and produced by YNCA (Young Network for Civic Activism). Promoting social stability and respect of differences, local NGO YNCA is creating an alternative space to gather Lebanese and Syrians. The play was shown on 14 and 15 November 2015 at Beit El Fan Theater in Tripoli, North Lebanon and Gazza Theater in Bekaa, following two shows in Marjaayoun last February.



The play is supported by the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project with the financial contribution of the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development through KfW.

## Arabic-language outreach programme (aop) for mine action Fourth annual conference for national directors



Within the framework of the Arabic-language Outreach Programme (AOP) for mine action, the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) in partnership with the Lebanese Mine Action Center (LMAC) organized the 4th AOP Annual Conference in Beirut, Lebanon on Tuesday 20th October 2015 at 9 A.M., at the Golden Tulip Hotel. The conference continued until October 22nd.

This annual event bring together the National Directors and Officials from the National Mine Action programmes and other mine action stakeholders in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region to discuss progress made, challenges, and exchange lessons learnt and ideas. Representatives of the United Nations agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), and other relevant parties from the Arabic-speaking countries participated in this event.

## War stories wrapped with a human touch

“How did you feel when you were holding guns during the Lebanese civil war?” asked Farah Wardani, the audience of ex-Fighters, youth and media who gathered in the crowded space of AltCity in Hamra, on Saturday 16th of October, and for 3 consecutive Saturdays.

“Happy” said Samar, “powerful” added Assaad, and “afraid” whispered Omar. “I wanted to stay alive, to survive, to protect my people,” stressed Paul.



Farah, a facilitator from the “Live Lactic Culture” NGO (Laban), tried to listen to people’s reactions on her question. She even went further in asking the audience to share their stories, as part of the “War Stories project”. In cooperation with the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project and with the financial support of Norway, Fighters for Peace (FFP) NGO commissioned Laban, as an improvisational theater organization, to train 10 high school and university students from different social and religious backgrounds in “playback theater” technique to make a performance about the Lebanese civil war.

## Workshops on the Management of Environmental, Social, Health and Safety Impacts of the Oil and Gas Sector

The Lebanese Petroleum Administration (LPA), in partnership with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) under the Sustainable Oil and Gas Development in Lebanon (SODEL) Project, has organized a four-day training workshop entitled “Towards More Sustainable Oil and Gas Projects and Development” from the 13th to 16th of October 2015 at the Riviera Hotel in Beirut.

The workshop was attended by representatives from various Governmental Organizations, the Media, Non-Governmental Organizations, Environmental Groups, and the LPA in targeted sessions. The workshop aimed to provide necessary support and benefit through raising awareness and building capacity through interactive sessions covering detailed technical insights of upstream oil and gas operations while focusing on the management and mitigation of the associated health, safety and environmental (HSE) risks and impacts. The common tools required for the sustainable management of the sector were presented.

## Inauguration of projects supporting agricultural production cooperatives in Akkar

“Akkar farmers concerns grow increasingly when crops are about to be harvested. Our main objective is to maintain the farmers’ attachment to their lands and the apple trees as it would be unfortunate if they abandoned their lands and migrated to the city” said Mr. Ahmad Melhem, member of the United Cooperative of Akkar.



In the presence of the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Lebanon Mr. Philippe Lazzarini, UNDP Country Director Mr. Luca Renda, H.E. the governor of Akkar Mr. Imad Labaki, representatives from the Ministry of Social Affairs, Ministry of Economy and Trade, the German Embassy in Lebanon and the Lebanon Recovery Fund, members of the Cooperative Association for Agriculture and Food Processing in Fnaydek, the Cooperative Association in Akkar and the United Nations office in the North, the inauguration of two projects supporting the capacities of two cooperatives in agricultural production in Akkar was held on October 7, 2015 at 1:00 at the United Cooperative in Joumeh, Akkar.

## Appointment Dinner of Mr. Albert Matta as Live Lebanon Goodwill Ambassador



In the presence of the Minister of Foreign Affairs H.E Mr. Gebran Bassil, Minister of Interior and Municipalities H.E Mr. Nouhad Al Machnouq, Minister of Environment H.E Mr. Mohamad Al Machnouq, Minister of Defense Mr. Samir Mokbel, Army Commander General Jean Kahwaji, Judges and Ambassadors, Live Lebanon hosted a dinner to celebrate the appointment of Mr. Albert Matta as Goodwill Ambassador at Hilton Habtoor Beirut Grand, on Wednesday 7 October 2015.

In his speech, Mr. Matta said, “I was honored by the United Nations Development Programme office in Beirut, by appointing me as Goodwill Ambassador, in a gesture commendable from the organization, and I look forward to a program of work that includes the support for municipalities, development capabilities, and spread the concept of balanced development, and encouraging emigrants to invest as it is the shortest way to end the disparities between regions and municipalities through work with “Live Lebanon”, which holds the fraternal solidarity between all the components of the Lebanese people.”

## 40 CSOs from 18 regional countries in Beirut Discussing “Election Dispute Resolution”

From 5 to 7 October, Beirut hosted the regional workshop on “Election Dispute Resolution” (EDR) which gathered 40 Civil Society Organizations coming from 18 countries in the Middle East and North Africa regions with the objective of sharing information and knowledge on EDR mechanisms with a specific focus on international good practices.



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Regional Electoral Support Project for the Middle East & North Africa region, in cooperation with the UNDP Lebanese Elections Assistance Project (LEAP), organized this workshop to enhance awareness and knowledge in the region on EDR and electoral justice through engaging electoral stakeholders in discussion, debates and working groups. It was also an opportunity to strengthen informal networks and relationships of CSOs in the region.



## Trained local partners lead innovative WASH awareness activities in Palestinian Gatherings

Thanks to the advanced training organized by UNDP for local partners implementing phase II of the WASH behavior-change campaign, 26 animators and women health educators from PARD and Beit Atfal Assoumud led between October and December 2015 various innovative activities for women and children in 10 Palestinian Gatherings in Beirut, Tyre and North Lebanon. Awareness activities were complemented with the distribution of 9100 hygiene kits and 1800 baby kits for Palestinian families from Syria residing in 27 Palestinian Gatherings across the country.



Through 2 open days, 3 puppetry shows, 4 clean-up campaign, 2 hairdressing and head lice treatment trainings for local women, an eco-football tournament for refugee and host communities in North Lebanon and other focused activities for children and women, UNDP succeeded to reach this quarter 3169 dwellers, including 1911 children (6 to 13 year-olds), 750 youth and adolescents (14 to 17 year-olds), and 508 women and adolescent girls. Funded by KFW, Japan and the US Department Of State's BPRM, the activities focused on themes related to personal and environmental hygiene as well as sexual and reproductive health rights of women and adolescent girls. Animators and health educators focused mainly on calls for actions related to reusability and recycling of waste.

## UNDP host Social Good Summit in Beirut 2015



Social Good Summit 2015 held for the past four years is the place where global leaders, NGO representatives, journalists, bloggers, activists, representatives of political parties and a large number of youngsters, meet to discuss big ideas and find solutions for our greatest challenges.

This year, in New York, seventeen «Sustainable Development Goals» (SDG) were adopted by the leaders of 193 countries and which should be achieved by 2030. These SDGs are replacing the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) adopted by the General Assembly of the UN in 2000 and which consisted in reducing extreme poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education, promote gender equality / women, reducing child mortality, improving maternal health, combating diseases, ensure sustainable human environment and establish a partnership for development.

UNDP Lebanon participated in the global conversation through organizing a meet up group where 120 participants from different cultural and educational background met in Metro al Madina in Hamra, on 29 September 2015.

## Transitional justice, Peace and fundraising

### UNDP empowered Fighters for Peace NGO with skills and experiences

UNDP empowered Fighters for Peace NGO with skills and experiences “War needs preparation, planning and distribution of roles. Just like war, the culture of peace needs preparation, self-regulation and capacity building,” said Fouad Dirany, a former Lebanese fighter and member of the “Fighters for Peace” (FFP) NGO, adding that “building capacities of former fighters cannot be done in an overnight”. Ziad Saab, also founder and member of the FFP NGO, shares the same idea of Fouad: “the process of introducing a culture of peace to the Lebanese society can be of a long process.”



With the donation of Norway, and during a two-day training from 19 to 20 September 2015, the capacity building sessions provided by the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project to the NGO was not only limited to capacity building on fundraising skills but was also extended to introducing the concept of transitional justice.



## “Religious incitement and hate speech in News Media Coverage”



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A number of Editors in Chief and Media representatives gathered in Radisson Blu Martinez Hotel - Ein Mreisseh on the 17th of September 2015, to discuss the entitled study “Religious incitement and hate speech in News Media Coverage.”

The discussion session hosted representatives from Al Manar TV, El Nashra Website, Sawt El Chaab, VDL Radio, El Sharq, Al Liwaa among many others. It was a positive chance for an exchange of opinions and concerns in order to find better ways to deal with controversial topics in media coverage as stated the title of the second study.

## UNDP rehabilitates shelters damaged by summer clashes in Ain El Helwe

Following the clashes that erupted between rival armed groups in Ain El Helwe in the last week of August, the UNDP project engineers have completed in mid- September assessing 546 shelter units in the Gatherings adjacent to the camp and have selected 172 houses to be rehabilitated and equipped by March 2016.

The generous support of BPRM, KfW and Japan has allowed so far the rehabilitation of 85 shelter units in Ain El Helwe Adjacent Areas. Water tanks in a 100 units affected by the clashes were also replaced. This emergency response constituted an opportunity for the project to introduce a 100 water saving devices in these same units, which are expected to save an estimated 3.6 million liters of water per year.



## The UNDP signs a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Information



The Minister of Information H.E. Mr. Ramzi Jreige signed on 14th of September 2015, a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Development Program Country Director Mr. Luca Renda.

This agreement aims at establishing a framework of cooperation between the ministry and UNDP in monitoring the media institutions’ implementation of the “Journalists’ Pact for strengthening Civil Peace in Lebanon.”

## Launch of the Energy Awareness Awards



Under the patronage of His Excellency, the Minister of Information Mr. Ramzi Jreij, and in the presence of United Nations Development Program Country Director in Lebanon Mr. Luca Renda, President of IPT Energy Center (IPTEC) Mr. Toni Issa, and the UNDP Assistant Resident Representative Mr. Edgard Chehab, and representatives from social, economic and environmental organizations, The UNDP and IPTEC launched the Energy Awareness Awards, on Friday September 11 2015, 9 A.M., at Le Royal Hotel Dbayeh, as part of the Beirut Energy Forum.

In his speech, the Minister of Information H.E. Ramzi Jreij said “this initiative undertaken by any BT Centre in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme is very important. Successive governments have committed to the adoption of renewable energy to produce 12% of the needs of Lebanon by 2020. We call for the creation of the “National Renewable Energy Body” involving the National Council for Scientific Research, Engineering Colleges office in the Lebanese University and private universities, the Engineers Association, the Association of Industrialists, and the ministries concerned with the task of developing a national strategy for renewable energy and the development of plans for the use of renewable energy in each sector, and the creation of an independent fund to support renewable energy projects.”

## Graduation of 100 young girls and boys from Akkar - North Lebanon

In the presence of H.E. Ambassador of Japan in Lebanon Mr. Seiichi Otsuka, United Nations Development Program Country Director Mr. Luca Renda, Coordinator of the Lebanon Host Communities Support programme at the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) Suheir El Ghali, UNDP North area manager Mr. Alain Chatry, North Lebanon Economic Development Agency Manager and Vice president of the Chamber of Industry, Trade and Agriculture in Tripoli and the North Mr. Marcel Chabtini, the Local Economic Development Agency in the North of Lebanon organized the graduation of 100 young girls and boys from Akkar within the «Akkar Youth Economic Empowerment» project, on Thursday September 10, 2015.



Funded by the Japanese government, and under the Lebanon Host Communities Support project LHSP, the joint project between MoSA and the UNDP aims at supporting activities to stabilize and reinforce development within the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan to the Syrian crisis since 2011. The event was held at the Chamber of Industry, Trade and Agriculture in Tripoli and the North.

## 200 children return to rehabilitated kindergarten in Sekke, Ain El Helwe

More than 200 children returned last October to their kindergarten in the Palestinian Gathering of Sekke, adjacent to Ain El Helwe camp, to find all its four rooms, toilets, kitchen and terrace newly rehabilitated. Supported by KFW, UNDP had started rehabilitation works in the kindergarten in September 2015, to include water proofing, walls painting and introduction of tot roofing. The sewage, water and electricity networks in the kindergarten were also upgraded by UNDP and are now connected to the main networks in the Gatherings. This initiative is not only expected to influence the educational attainment of enrolled children in the kindergarten, but will also positively reflect on the health of the Sekke community in general.



Also this quarter, 271 families in Palestinian Gatherings across Lebanon now live in better homes, thanks to rehabilitation works led by UNDP and funded by KFW, BPRM, and Japan. Rehabilitation works, implemented by local NGOs PARD and DPNA and benefiting around 1490 dwellers, included structurally reinforcing unsound shelters, installing and replacing WASH units and devices (such as sinks, toilet seats, taps, water boilers, etc.), repairing roofs, ensuring safe electrical connections, and introducing internal and external doors, windows and toilet units.

## 100 families have better access to water in Bustan El Qods, Ain El Helwe



In view of the deteriorating situation of the water well in AlMoujama'a neighborhood of Bustan El Qods, UNDP has completed in September 2015 rehabilitating the neighborhood's well, therefore provided better access water to a 100 families as well as an UNRWA facility and community centers in the neighborhood, adjacent to Ain El Helwe Camp in Saida. Rehabilitation works, funded by the US Department of State's BPRM, included replacing the existing submersible pump and supplying two horizontal pumps, a voltage regulator, control panels, cables and other accessories.

Supported also by KFW and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), UNDP has also completed last December rehabilitating the main wells in Daouk, Beirut and Maachouq, Tyre. Also in Tyre, UNDP rehabilitated the main water networks in the Palestinian Gatherings of Burghlieh and Kfarbadda. More recently in Ain El Helwe, UNDP has been coordinating with the UNRWA water project in the camp to organize and enhance water supply in adjacent areas. In this context, UNDP is planning to install water networks in the Palestinian Gatherings of Baraksat and Jabal El Halib.

# Social Media Campaigns:



## International Anti-Corruption Day

"By 2030, at the UN, we commit to substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all forms, develop effective, accountable, and transparent institutions, ensure responsive and participatory decision-making, and promote public access to information. The road for #2030 has maybe just started, but we have embarked on a very fast track and challenging journey," « said Mr. Luca Renda UNDP Country Director Lebanon on Anti-Corruption Day on December 9th 2015 in Antonine University.

Anti-Corruption Day was also commemorated in the Ramada Hotel on December 18th, where the youth discussed and stressed on the need to break the chain of corruption in Lebanon, now and always. #BreakTheChain #YouthAgainstCorruption



## International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, November, 25 is a day to take action in raising awareness and ending violence against women & girls around the world, once and for all. We all have a role to play, now is the time to ACT! #VAW #EVAW



## International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

«Eradicating poverty requires economic growth which is inclusive and sustainable. It needs well-designed social protection systems which enable people to sustain basic living standards even when shocks occur,» said Helen Clark, UNDP Administrator, on The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty October 17 2015.

Building a sustainable future: Coming together to end poverty and discrimination.



## International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

The International Day for Disaster Reduction #IDDR -celebrated each year on 13th October- is a day to celebrate how people and communities are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness about the importance of Disaster Risk Reduction. It's also a day to encourage every citizen and government to take part in building more disaster resilient communities and nations.

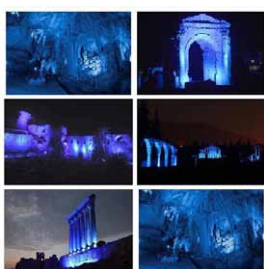
UNDP has implemented many projects pertaining to Disaster Risk Reduction, among them are the Saida Disaster Risk Management Simulation exercise and the establishment of the National Operations Room in the Grand Serail.



## International Day of Peace Day

«Each year, International Peace Day is observed around the world on 21 September. Let's make this International Day of Peace a day without violence, and a day of forgiveness. If, for one day, we can live in a world without aggression and hostility, we can imagine how much more is possible,» said Ban Ki-moon UN Secretary General.

Together, we can build peace across the globe, one day at a time.



## Lebanon Turns UN Blue to Mark 70th Anniversary of United Nations

As part of a global campaign to commemorate #UNDay and the 70th anniversary of the United Nations #UN70, different sites in Lebanon turned blue on Saturday 24 October. These sites joined more than 300 iconic monuments, buildings, museums, bridges and other landmarks in more than 65 countries around the world to support the Organization. #UNBLUE #UNDayLebanon #UN70Lebanon



## Latest Videos:



### Celebrating the UN's 70th Anniversary in Tyr, South Lebanon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5t1Jscdgh7s>



### UNDP «Peace Building in Lebanon» joint news supplement project

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8TSbmrCs7s>



### UNDP Social Good Summit 2015

On September 29th at Metro El Medina Hamra the annual UNDP Social Good Summit 2015 was held. Social Good Summit 2015 meeting is the place where, NGO representatives, journalists, bloggers, activists, and a large number of youngsters, meet to discuss big ideas and find solutions for our greatest challenges.

This was done in partnership with Radio Everyone, part of Project Everyone.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3GVEK5QfaWU>



### UNDP WASH Awareness Campaign

UNDP Lebanon improved the water supply services in 4 villages located in Wadi Khaled North Lebanon (Mejdlé, Hneider, Kneisse and Karha), by constructing and restoring the water network in the region. This initiative falls under the "Support to Host Communities in North Lebanon in the WASH Sector" project funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and the German Development Bank (KfW).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nmEk88Pwmlc>



### "Religious incitement & hate speech in News Media Coverage" animated infographics

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### **A word by HE Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon on Youth Economic Empowerment Project «YEEP».**

Interview with His Excellency Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon, Mr. Siichi Otsuka, conducted on the day that 100 young girls and boys from Akkar graduated after completing their training programs and internships, among which 25 won grants to start a new business.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YL2aQgPIZg>



### **«YEEP» competition winner, Wael El Ali, fulfills his dream.**

Wael El Ali fulfilled part of his dream, after completing the Youth Economic Empowerment Project- YEEP's training and winning the competition among 25 other winners. "I want to make it work and succeed, I want this caravan to be the best in Akkar," said Wael El Ali.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yofK76CG2MM>



### **Youth Economic Empowerment Project «YEEP»: Graduation of youth of Akkar after training**

After completing their full 3 months technical training and 3 months of paid internship under the Youth Economic Empowerment Project YEEP, the young girls & boys have finally succeeded in graduating and earning their certificates. What can make young girls and boys happier than a fresh new start? Congrats!

Project implemented by UNDP in partnership with the Ministry of Social Affairs and LEDA North, under the Lebanese Host Communities Support Project, & funded by the Government of Japan.

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### **First Maharat Study: Representations of «Syrians» & «Palestinians» in Media**

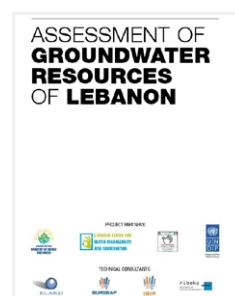
Funded by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development through KfW, Maharat Foundation in cooperation with the UNDP "Peace Building in Lebanon" project launched the first study in the context of monitoring the implementation of the "Journalists' Pact for strengthening Civil Peace in Lebanon."

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# Latest Publications

## Assessment of Groundwater Resources of Lebanon

The study aims at re-assessing the groundwater resources of the country in light of the various studies that have been conducted over the past 45 years, while taking into consideration the increased exploitation of the groundwater resources.



## The participation of the Lebanese women in the political life

### Quota and temporary special measures

Under the framework of introducing Temporary Special Measures to promote women's participation in the political life, this booklet provides information on women's quota: its definition, where to use it and how to implement it. In addition, it includes some statistics and figures on the evolution/regression of the Lebanese women's participation in the political life in the parliament and governments.



## Women's Quota in the Lebanese elections

### Question and Answers

Supporting the "National Campaign to Promote Women's Political Representation", which will be launched by the «Women in Parliament» coalition, the UNDP Lebanese Elections Assistance Project and the UNDP Technical support to the Lebanese Parliament Project drafted, designed and developed a "Questions and Answers" brochure on "Women's Quota in the Lebanese Elections" based on the queries received from the coalition on the quota system.

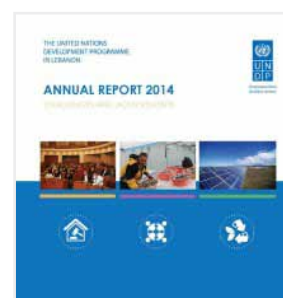
This brochure sheds the light on the concept of a quota system, from different perspectives: legal, social and technical.



## UNDP Annual report 2014

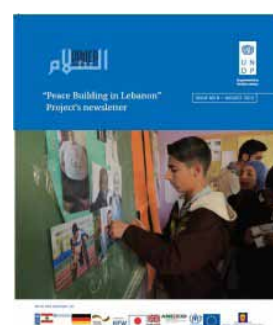
UNDP's work in Lebanon aims to help the country move towards a number of interlinked goals. These include good governance, peacebuilding and crisis prevention, social and local development, and sustainable management of energy and the environment.

The report summarizes some of the highlights of UNDP's work in each of these areas during 2013 and 2014.



## "Peace Building in Lebanon" Project's newsletter- the 8th issue

In this issue of the newsletter, the project highlights the work done with municipalities, media outlets and NGOs in the fields of social cohesion and peace building.





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