

## HIGHLIGHTS



### Conduct of Municipal and Mukhtar Elections in Lebanon

Between the 8th and the 29th of May, the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities (MoIM) successfully organized and conducted the municipal and mukhtar elections countrywide in four consecutive phases as planned.

UNDP Lebanese Elections Assistance Project (LEAP) provided technical assistance and operational support to the MoIM throughout the preparations and organization process, supporting also the Ministry in last minute support and troubleshooting, whenever necessary.

In addition, UNDP-LEAP provided support to the civil organizations in many of their activities such as enhancing women's participation in elections as candidate and voter.

### UK Delegation Visits Barr Elias Village

A delegation from the UK embassy visited Barr Elias village in the Bekaa on Thursday, June 16, 2016. After meeting with the Mayor of Barr Elias Municipality, Mr. Mawas Araj, the delegation visited two project sites funded by the UK within the framework of the Lebanon Host Communities Support Project (LHSP).

The first site visit was to a recently completed retaining wall in Barr Elias that aims to prevent flooding and protect housing units and agricultural lands. Two phases of the project which had started in 2014 are now completed. A third phase of the project is ongoing and will cover additional parts of the village.



The second site visit was to the wastewater network constructed in 2015. The project supports the municipality in providing basic services in order to protect the environment and reduce health related risks.

## UNDP and KfW jointly visit projects of the Lebanese Host Communities and Palestinian Gatherings in North Lebanon



On a mission to provide support to the residents of Tripoli and to improve their quality of life and security, the UNDP - Lebanon Host Communities Support Project (LHSP) and Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) Banken gruppe in collaboration with the Ministry of social affairs (MOSA), organized a visit to the North Governorate on June 15, 2016.

The delegation visited projects in Qobbeh, Reevea, Jabal Mohsen & Beddawi areas that are funded by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development through KfW.

The aim of this project is to rehabilitate public spaces, create safe environments and play zones for children and the youth, mitigate tensions, encourage the organization of social and sports events and working on the rehabilitation of homes.

## Saida network joins efforts of NGOs working in the old city

More than 12 local organizations working in Old Saida decided to join efforts and coordinate their projects in order to serve their community more effectively.

The UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project is working in seven localities in South Lebanon and five in Nabatieh on creating local social stability mechanisms. These mechanisms promote social stability through engaging local stakeholders in a participatory process to address challenges facing both Lebanese communities and the Syrian displaced.



A coordination unit was established under the supervision of the municipality. The unit and the municipality are currently planning to conduct a detailed survey of all the population living in Old Saida with the support of UNDP, funded by Norway, to clearly identify the real needs and challenges.

## Children and Adults in Daouk soon to Recycle Plastic and Metal



In its last step before starting the community recycling initiative in Daouk, UNDP organized in June door-to-door visits to all households in the Palestinian Gathering in Beirut. The visits, led by local partner PARD's community mobilizers, introduced 400 families to this initiative and the few easy steps allowing them to sort out waste at the household level. Comprehensive brochures were designed and disseminated for this purpose. Since December 2015, UNDP has been leading community activities to promote this recycling initiative, including an animation movie and a public mural on recycling by children. More recently, UNDP has placed a large recycling bin at the heart of Daouk.

## Consultation Workshop on National Oil Spill Contingency Plan



Within the framework of the “Sustainable Oil and Gas Development in Lebanon Project (SODEL)”, the Lebanese Petroleum Administration (LPA) in cooperation with UNDP organized a national consultation workshop with multiple governmental and non-governmental stakeholders to present the National Oil Spill Contingency plan. The workshop was held on the 07th of June 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Beirut. The workshop was attended by stakeholders from all relevant ministries including Public Works and Transport, Environment, Labor, Industry, Energy and Water, Interior and Municipalities, Finance, Foreign Affairs, Oil installations and the Lebanese Armed Forces as well as the CNRS, the Disaster Risk Management Unit, academia and environmental NGOs in addition to the Red Cross and a representative from the Norwegian Coastal Administration.

The National Oil Spill Contingency Plan aimed to update the current organization and framework for oil spill response in the country. It focuses on oil pollution along the maritime public domain from all possible sources including shoreline storage sites, maritime traffic and offshore exploration activities as well as transboundary sources. The plan targets all stages of preparedness, prevention, response and recovery required before and during an oil spill. The main concepts and strategies of the proposed National Oil Spill Contingency Plan were presented in addition to the risk assessment and modeling methodology that was adopted. This was followed by prolonged discussion of the roles and responsibilities of key stakeholders where suggestions and clarifications were noted.

Based on the success of this consultation workshop, the plan will be updated in light of the clarifications raised and will be shared with the relevant stakeholders for official endorsement.

## Ramadan in Palestinian Gatherings: Blessed and Green

Encouraging dwellers to reduce, re-use and recycle waste, the UNDP project in Palestinian Gatherings designed a Ramadan calendar promoting green practices among children and adults. Thanks to the support of KFW, the project distributed 2000 copies of the calendar through its local partners Beit Atfal Assumoud, PARD and PAWL. For the third year in a row, the project largely disseminates Ramadan calendars in Palestinian Gatherings to promote environmental responsibility, mainly during Friday sermons preceding the fasting month of Ramadan. This activity is one of many initiatives mainly targeting children women and children in Palestinian Gatherings, as part of the WASH behavior-change campaign that UNDP has been leading since March 2014.



## Specialist National Session on ‘Strategic Crisis Management’



In the framework of the Strengthening Disaster Risk Management Capacities Project, the UNDP Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Unit at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, participated along with a high level delegation from several ministries, governorates and the LAF in a Specialist National training course on ‘Strategic Crisis Management’.

The training was organized by Euromed PPRD South II on 1-3 June, at the French National Institute for Advanced Studies in Security and Justice in Paris which is a national administrative public institution placed under the supervision of the Prime Minister of the French Republic.

The aim of the training was to produce and coordinate an effective risk and crisis management policy, by creating the conditions required to foster a crisis culture adapted to the societal and economic constraints at play.



## Women and Youth Empowered for better Livelihoods in Palestinian Gatherings



Within the framework of its recently-launched livelihood sector, the UNDP project in Palestinian Gatherings kicked off its training program aiming to empower women and youth interested in designing and managing their own small businesses. In partnership with the Palestinian Arab Women League (PAWL), UNDP organized a five-day training in the first week of June bringing together 19 Palestinian women and young men residing in Shabriha Gathering, Tyre.

A professional trainer introduced participants with practical tips and skills to start and expand business projects and then closely worked with each of them to develop his/her own business idea and plan. Sewing projects, homemade catering, a driving school, a hummus and ful restaurant, a barbershop, in-house photography and a juice bar were among the business ideas developed by participants during the training. Two similar trainings will take place in the Gatherings of Qasmieh and Maashouq after Ramadan.

## Bar Elias celebrates 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 supported by the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project, funded by UK DFID, established the first music institute in town.

This space worked as a common platform for interaction and cultural exchange and hosted 120 Lebanese and Syrian students at first trained by music teachers Ayman and Abdallah Aa’rayji.



Two months later, on the 2nd of June 2016, around 150 local actors, municipal representatives, mukhtars, parents and supporters celebrated the graduation of 30 students as the first cohort.

## Integration of the Bekaa Youth in the Labor Market Project Launch



Aiming at supporting the youth and matching the skills of the labor force to the needs of the job market, the “Integration of the Bekaa Youth in the Labor Market” project was launched on Wednesday 1 June 2016. The project focuses on implementing dual training programs that include both vocational and technical training as well as on the job skills development.

The launching event was held in the presence of the Lebanon Host Communities Support Project (LHSP) National Coordinator at the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) Mrs. Suheir El Ghali, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Chief Technical Advisor Mrs. Marina LoGuidice, the UNDP Bekaa Area Manager Mr. Hussein Nasrallah, the Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture in Zahle and the Bekaa Mr. Antoine Khater, members of the board at the Chamber, the working team at the Ministry, and heads of municipalities in the Bekaa.

The project is funded by the Regional Development and Protection Programme (RDPP), led by Denmark through a contribution from the European Union, Ireland, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Norway, the Netherlands, and the Czech Republic, and is one of the interventions of the MoSA and UNDP, within the framework of the LHSP.

## Ministerial DRR committee workshop



The UNDP DRM unit at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers is supporting Lebanese ministries in their preparation efforts against the risk of natural and men made hazards. In this context, the DRM team held a workshop at the Grand Serail with the members of the Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Committee at the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation to assist the committee in the ongoing preparation of the ministry's response plan to disaster risk.

This workshop is part of the DRM unit's effort to assist key ministries in Lebanon in establishing DRR committees, operation rooms, risk assessment and response plan to be implemented and functional when a natural hazard occurs. In fact the project supported the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Social Affairs and Ministry of Education to develop their 2016-2017 DRR action plans.

This work could not be achieved without the support of the project's donors among them the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Kuwait Fund, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the European Union, and the Lebanese Recovery Fund/Germany.

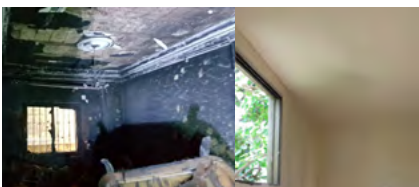
## Workshops on response plans in Nabatiye, Baalbek, Akkar, Mount Lebanon and Bekaa

The UNDP DRM Unit at the Presidency of the Council ministers is helping local officials, on the Governorate and Caza level across Lebanon, to develop response plans and related activities including operation rooms for disaster risk in line with the national response plan. In this context the project organized workshops in May and June in the Governorates of Nabatiye, Baalbek, Akkar, Mount Lebanon and Bekaa to support Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) committees in setting up their respective response plans.



In addition the project is establishing additional operation rooms with adequate IT and administrative office equipment within the governorates of Baalbek, Bekaa, Mount Lebanon and Nabatieh. This project is achieved with the support of the project's donors among them the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Kuwait Fund, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the European Union, and the Lebanese Recovery Fund/Germany.

## Palestinian Family Returns to Better Home in Baraksat



After being forced by a fire accident to leave their modest house in Baraksat last April, the family of Mohammad Fraiji, a Palestinian father of four, returned to a better home after less than a month. The fire accident due to an electrical short circuit destroyed all the family's belongings and created major structural damages in the house located in the Palestinian Gathering adjacent to the Ain el Helwe Camp in Saida. Thanks to the support of the Government of the Netherlands,

UNDP started rehabilitating the two-room shelter few days after the accident, equipped it with WASH facilities and installed all necessary sanitary and electrical networks.

Thanks to KFW, UNDP has also resumed this quarter the rehabilitation of 20 shelters in Jabal El Halib adjacent area, after delays caused by the tense situation in the camp. Also this quarter, UNDP finalized a needs assessment of 155 shelters in Old Saida and Nahr El Bared Adjacent Area and has started the execution and procurement process for 97 selected shelters.

# LEAP Knowledge Products and Training Tools for the 2016 Municipal & Mukhtar Elections



In preparation for the 2016 Municipal and Mukhtar Elections, UNDP LEAP developed and produced many knowledge products and training tools related to women empowerment and to election dispute resolution.

## Women Empowerment

Within its framework, UNDP-LEAP seeks to reinforce advocacy for the adoption of concrete and appropriate measures to promote increased representation of women in municipal and mukhtar elections – whether as voters, or candidates or as electoral officials or in other roles. In this context, LEAP produced the following:

- Brochure entitled “Women’s Guide to Municipal and Mukhtar Councils” which includes a simplified reading on the work of municipalities and mukhtars, a Q&A about candidate eligibility and the documents needed to run for elections. In addition it contains numbers and infographs about women’s participation as candidates in the 2010 Municipal Elections. This brochure is available in Arabic & English as soft copy on our website, and as hard copies in our office.
- 3 Animation Clips highlighting the same subjects as the brochure:
- Introduction to Municipal & Mukhtar Councils
- Q&A: How to run?
- Women in 2010 Municipalities: Numbers & Statistics
- Documentary entitled “Women in Municipalities” highlighting the success stories of 5 women who were elected in 2010 as municipal members, head of municipalities, head of municipalities’ federation and Mukhtar.

## Election Dispute Resolution

Within its support to transparent and accessible election dispute resolution (EDR) mechanisms, LEAP collaborated with the Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections (LADE) to provide citizens with practical information on the main administrative and judicial remedies available for citizens during the different phases of the Municipal and Mukhtar elections. This collaboration resulted in the following:



- “Guide to Challenges & Complaints related to Municipal & Mukhtar Elections” which includes sections on the: a) complaints arising from the voter register correction, b) challenges to the Call for Elections and preparatory acts, c) claims related to the rejection of candidate applications, d) complaints related to the electoral campaign: electoral funding & spending, and electoral media & advertising, e) complaints arising from E-Day and f) challenges to the validity of elections.
- 3 animation clips on the same topic were also produced:
- Complaints related to Electoral Campaign - Municipal Elections 2016
- E-Day Complaints - Municipal Elections 2016
- Results Challenges - Municipal Elections 2016

These materials served as voter education materials on EDR mechanisms in municipal elections. LEAP is funded by the European Union.

## Meeting of the Technical Committee of the Inter-Ministerial

### “Support to Integrated Service Provision at the Local Level” Initiative



On the 27th of May 2016, the 7th meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Initiative Technical Committee composed at national level by representatives of the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA), the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE), the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities (MoIM) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), was held to discuss the process and outcomes of the 13 working groups at municipality level.

The working groups at municipality level include representatives of the Primary Health Care Centers of MoPH, the Social Development Centers of MoSA, and the public schools under the umbrella of the representatives of the municipality.

More than 8 meetings were carried out by each working group during the last 6 months and were facilitated by experts from the American University of Beirut and UNDP in order to prepare the Integrated Social and Health Plans for School Services at local level. Experts from Tuscany Region and the American University of Beirut collaborated for a year for the exchange of Best Practices in terms of innovative approaches for social and health services. The initiative signed on the 15th of September 2014 is funded by the Lebanese Recovery Fund - Germany and the Principaute of Monaco.

## Arts exhibition and Talent show in Bourj Hammoud



Bourj Hammoud public school hosted an arts exhibition and talent show on the 26th of May 2016 in the presence of the school students, parents, and teachers. 50 Lebanese and Syrian students participated in the art exhibition that consisted of handcrafts display made from recycled materials and turned into a spectacular artistic crafts. In addition to a musical talent show that was only possible after the trainings focused on strengthening the students' self-esteem and their public speaking powers.

The activity encouraged students to use their talent to spread joy, love, and peace.

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

## Candidate Registration Process: A successful pilot project in Akkar

During the preparation of the 2014 parliamentary elections, the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities (MOIM), supported by the Lebanese Elections Assistance Project (LEAP), implemented a new automated system for candidate registration. Consequently, the MoIM encouraged the governorate of Akkar to adopt the new electronic candidate registration system during the candidate registration period from 5 to 23 May 2016 prior to the local elections.



The Ministry of Interior and Municipalities (MoIM), supported by UNDP LEAP, has adopted since 2013 the approach of modernizing the electoral process by upgrading the candidate registration system and introducing a digital candidate registration tool.

In addition to the candidate registration process, LEAP piloted the electronic results management system on E-Day, in parallel with the existing one used by the registration committees in Akkar. This pilot will allow LEAP to draw useful lessons learned on how the new system can function better in order to fully digitize the results management process. LEAP is funded by the European Union.



## UNDP's Live Lebanon initiative with the support of Goodwill Ambassador Mrs. Saada Fakhry completed the 2nd phase of the main potable water network project in Ain el Tineh.



The Live Lebanon initiative in collaboration with the Ain el Tine Municipality (Donniye) has finalized Phase 2 of the construction of a main potable water network in Ain El Tineh – North Lebanon. Accompanied by the Live Lebanon team, Goodwill Ambassador Mrs. Saada Fakhry conducted a field visit to the village on Thursday, May 19th 2016 where they were hosted by the Mayor of Ain el Tine- Mr Nazih Obeid- along with members of the Municipal Council and residents of the area.

Live Lebanon initiative supports the underprivileged communities in all areas of Lebanon by reaching out to the Lebanese diaspora for project funding. We believe in the resilience of the Lebanese community and we have made it our purpose to provide that community with the tools to lead a dignified healthy life. 55 projects have already been implemented and made possible through the dedicated support of our Goodwill Ambassadors and the Lebanese Diaspora. The initiative have been securing resources since 2009 through fundraising event and personal contributions as well as donations on the website [www.livelebanon.org](http://www.livelebanon.org) and the mobile application.

## Risk Assessment Training at the Grand Serail

The UNDP Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Unit at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and the Euromed PPRD (Prevention, Preparedness, and Response to natural and man-made Disasters) South II Program, held a four days training workshop on Risk Assessment and Mapping in Lebanon with a focus on GIS applications.



This workshop aimed at giving the participants representing key ministries, agencies and governorates a general overview of risk assessment and the usage of Geographic Information System (GIS). In addition, the workshop also tended at supporting risk assessments which are being developed in the framework of the DRM Unit's project.

This training is also a step forward towards promoting a culture of prevention, mitigation and risk reduction. The Euromed PPRD South II is a program, funded by the EU that aims at raising national resilience of southern Mediterranean countries, who are part of the European Neighborhood policy, and are affected by natural or man-made disasters. This training was organized by the Euromed PPRD South II program in collaboration with UNDP-DRM unit in the framework of the national strategy for disaster risk management.

## The UN Agency continue to be responsible for the health and education of the refugees.



The UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative Philippe Lazzarini Visited Ain al-Hilweh, Lebanon's largest Palestinian refugee camp located in Sidon along with UN delegation on Wednesday 18 May 2016 to look into the refugees' needs in the camp and in the neighborhood.

The delegation held several meetings with representatives of UNRWA, the camp's popular committees and Palestinian civil society groups who briefed him on the refugees' social and humanitarian situation amid the financial crisis facing UNRWA, particularly with regard to hospitalization.



## Deir Ammar associations' network: bringing together rivals and friends

The heads of the two rival lists in the Deir Ammar municipal elections sat next to each other in an event organized by the newly established Deir Ammar associations' network. The network bringing together all the associations and the clubs in the village will strive to decrease tensions between the rival families and groups and strengthen peaceful and harmonious relations. The network is product of the 6 months old ongoing Mechanisms for Social Stability process led by the UNDP Peace Building in Lebanon Project team and funded by UK Aid DFID. The process aims to establish local mechanisms capable of strengthening social stability in the region.

The associations organized a public lecture on 15 May, around 15 days before the elections. A representative of the Lebanese Association for the Democratic Elections spoke about the basic principles for peaceful and democratic elections as well as about the role of municipalities in local development.

## Crafting for Peace in Jbeil



Jbeil second public school, also hosted its violence-free day on May 15th involving 150 Lebanese and Syrian students from grades 4 till 8.

The event included outdoor games, painting competition, crafts for peace competition and a talent show. The diversity in the activities was a key success factor. Students were sharing a fun experience and exchanging peaceful messages and crafting artworks throughout the day.

It was a great opportunity for the students to enjoy an extracurricular activity together with their teachers in a context that promoted respect and nonviolence and initiated healthy relationships inside and outside the school.

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## “Together Towards a Violence-Free Environment” in Jal el Dib

In Jal El Dib public school, the violence-free day took a different path. The day was exceptionally athletic and bursting with energy. 312 students took part of this festivity and walked around in attractive T-shirts saying “Together Towards a Violence-Free Environment” promoting the purpose of the event. While some students participated in the acrobatic show, others held and posted banners that displayed their rights as students, and some quotes from the code of conduct on the walls of the playground.



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## Violence-free day in Amatour

Amatour public school also celebrated their version of the violence-free day through an open kermes. 290 Lebanese and Syrian students from Amatour (Al Chouf) and other neighboring schools (Mokhtara, Bater, Marraat El- Chouf) took part of the event and participated in the outdoor games and drawing competitions. To spread the nonviolence theme of the day, banners were hanging all around the school walls, Lebanese and Syrian students were painting expressive artworks around the theme of nonviolence and the games were interactive.



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## 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 talented teachers, students and supportive parents, to close their school year with a “Nonviolence Day.”

The day was an exceptional occasion to raise awareness on the impact of violence on children and youth with the presence of around 150 participants. Whether it was through music, painting, acting or dancing, the students made use of the violence-free day to express their thoughts and had the opportunity to use their talent and art for the good of their community and for peace building efforts.

As a chance to celebrate the end of the school year in the most peaceful way possible The “Violence Free Schools” initiative was implemented by the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project in partnership with KDC – Knowledge Development Company and funded by Norway.

## Lebanon and Northern Ireland exchange Peace Building experiences

The Fighters For Peace (FFP) organization attended a peace building study program that was designed by TIDES Training & Consultancy in Northern Ireland (NI) from the 28th of April until the 3rd of May 2016. The initiative is part of the capacity building support provided by the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project funded by Norway.



## Improving Living Conditions in Palestinian Gatherings Host Communities - An Innovative Solution for Sewage in Qasmieh



Thanks to the generous support of SDC, UNDP has launched in May 2016 a pilot project in Qasmieh to test an innovative sewage solution, relying on two small biological treatment plants, which biologically treat sewage through bacteria or micro-organisms and allow the utilization of filtered water in the irrigation of trees. Following a series of consultation meetings with local leaders and dwellers, UNDP started excavation works in May 2016, in preparation to installing the treatment unit. This innovative sewage system, implemented for the first time in Palestinian Gatherings, is expected to be fully functional and connected as a first step to 50 houses in Qasmieh by the end of August 2016.

Also this quarter, UNDP has completed 4 infrastructure projects and launched 10 others in Palestinian Gatherings in Beirut, Saida and Tyre. These projects, upgrading water and sewage services in Palestinian Gatherings, are made possible thanks to the funding of Japan, SDC, KFW and PRM.

## “Vote & Run” for the 2016 Municipal & Mukhtar Elections

In cooperation with “Women in Parliament” Coalition, the Lebanese Elections Assistance Project (LEAP) developed and produced a thematic media campaign aiming at spreading awareness amongst the public on women’s participation in municipal and mukhtar elections as candidate and as voters.

The campaign focused on encouraging women to run as candidates for the municipal elections and motivated voters to vote for women candidates. It was launched during the first candidate registration phase and ran from 21 to 28 of April 2016, and consisted of billboards and LED screens distributed nationwide, posters and flyers. A social media video cut was also produced and circulated to reach a wider range of public. LEAP is funded by the European Union.



## From Majdel Anjar, Lebanon to Azerbaijan: living together in inclusive societies



Ali Al Majzoub, a municipality council member in Majdel Anjar and a member of Majdel Anjar socio-cultural committee (formed with the support of UNDP to sustain social stability in the area), was nominated to participate as a speaker in the Seventh Global Forum of the United Nations Alliances of Civilizations (UNAOC).

This forum took place in Baku, Azerbaijan, on April 25-27, 2016, to discuss the theme of “Living Together in Inclusive Societies: A Challenge and A Goal”.

Majzoub’s intervention shed light on the Mechanism for Social Stability process (MSS) which was implemented through the UNDP Peace Building in Lebanon project. He also tackled the role of the Socio- Cultural Committee which was formed as part of the MSS in the implementation of several local activities which aimed at reducing tensions in his community. These activities targeted a large group of young people through joint actions between the Lebanese and Syrian communities and emphasized on the partnership between the local authorities and local actors.

## Launch of «UN in Lebanon: Year in Review 2015»

The United Nations family in Lebanon launched on the 25th of April the «UN in Lebanon: Year in Review 2015» in a press encounter at the UNESCO office in Beirut.

UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon, Ms. Sigrid Kaag and UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, Mr. Philippe Lazzarini, and representatives of other UN agencies, funds and programmes operating in Lebanon engaged in a discussion with the media on the UN’s work for and with Lebanon.



The year in review highlights the UN’s engagement in and partnership with Lebanon and provides an overview of key achievements and results during 2015.

«UN in Lebanon: Year in Review 2015» can be found in Arabic and English on the following link:

<http://www.un.org.lb/english/latest-news/un-lebanon-launches-year-in-review-2015> - See more at: <http://www.unicbeirut.org/printnews.asp?id=4945#sthash.COPjsWi3.dpuf>

## Japanese Ambassador tours UNDP Achievements in Palestinian Gatherings



On April 25, Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon His Excellency Mr. Seiichi Otsuka visited some of Japan-funded activities implemented by UNDP as part of its project in Palestinian Gatherings, accompanied by a Japanese delegation as well as the UNDP Country Director Mr. Luca Renda and the project's team. The joint visit's first stop was in Daouk, Beirut, where the delegation checked the improvements so far implemented by UNDP and then passed by the recycled art workshops for local women and the roof of local partner PARD's kindergarten

that the UNDP project is turning into a safe accessible garden for Daouk children.

The delegation made their next stop in Hamshari and Old Saida where they inspected the poor conditions of shelters to be rehabilitated by the project in the next quarter. The visit concluded with a meeting bringing together representatives of local committees in the Adjacent Areas of the Ain El Helwe Camp. During the meeting, UNDP presented its comprehensive initiatives in the Adjacent Areas and emphasized the importance of its partnership with Japan to continue responding to remaining needs.

## From Shame to Fame... Saida Trash Mountain to Green Park

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment and the Municipality of Saida organized a rehabilitation project that turned the garbage mountain in Saida to a green garden. The project was funded by the Lebanese Government and implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Environment and UNDP.



The inauguration ceremony of the garden took place in Saida on the 21st of April in the presence of the Minister of Environment, Mohammad Al Mashnouk, UNDP Representative, Philippe Lazzarini, and the Mayor of Saida, Mohammad Zuhair Al-Saudi.

The ceremony included displaying a documentary explaining the complete process of the rehabilitation of the site followed by a speech from the Mayor of Saida in which he talked about the importance of the accomplishment and thanked the people of Saida and the participant authorities.

After 35 years of having the dumpsite in the city, turning it into a lovely garden required taking several steps to treat the excavated waste and produce secondary construction material complying with local and EU standards. After that, a 33,000m<sup>2</sup> garden was implemented with around 10,452 trees and plants, a playground for children, and a roman-style theatre.

## Re-opening of the 1766 Hotline service during 2016 Local Elections



Based on the request of the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, the Lebanese Elections Assistance Project (LEAP) re-opened the hotline centre on the 18th of April in the Operation Room at the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities.

The 1766 hotline number was meant to answer to queries and claims of citizens (voters, candidates) observers, or polling officials during the four phases of local elections.

5334 was the number of total calls received from 18th of April until 31st of May: 65% came from polling officials while 25% were calls from voters and citizens. Finally, the calls from local observers represented around 10%.

LEAP equipped the Hotline Centre and developed the training curriculum, log forms and a database to archive calls. The project has also recruited and trained ten hotline operators who were deployed in order to receive calls from citizens. It is worth mentioning that the hotline service 1766 was launched during the voter registration period from 10 February to 10 March 2016. LEAP is funded by the European Union



## Discussions around “The Options for Palestinian Refugees in Practicing Liberal Professions in the Lebanese Labor Market Today”



The “Common Space Initiative” in partnership with the “International Labor Organization”, the “United Nations Development Program”, the “Lebanese-Palestinian Dialogue Forum” and the “Resource Center for Employment Promotion and Social Protection”, a public debate was organized on Wednesday, 13/04/2016 at Radisson Blue Hotel- Ein el-Mreiseh, that addressed the “Options of Palestinian Refugees in Practicing Liberal Professions in the Lebanese Labor Market Today”.

The Head of the Order of Nurses, members of the “Lebanese-Palestinian Dialogue Forum”, representatives from the Ministry of Health and from the “Lebanese-Palestinian Dialogue Committee”, in addition to diplomatic delegations, international organizations, and Media outlets participated in the event.

During the first session, the findings of two studies – a legal and a field study – were discussed. These two studies have been conducted with the aim to provide accurate information that would serve the development of policies in this regard. The legal study, entitled “Labor Right of Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon – Access to Liberal Professions”, has been conducted by lawyers Nizar Saghieh and Karim Nammour

## UN hosts a Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue on its 2017-2020 Cooperation plan

Beirut, 13 April 2016 – UN Resident Coordinator for Lebanon – Mr. Philippe Lazzarini - hosted today a multi-stakeholder dialogue on the United Nations’ proposed cooperation plan with Lebanon for the coming four years. The meeting took place on 13 April 2016 at Mövenpick hotel



The meeting was attended by over one hundred representatives of the Government of Lebanon; civil society including Universities and media as well as the private sector; Embassies and UN agencies, funds and programmes.

The dialogue focused on the three pillars of the UN’s proposed cooperation framework with Lebanon, namely: Tackling external and internal threats to peace and security; Promoting inclusive and accountable governance and human rights in a time of crisis; Promoting socio-economic stabilization and sustainable development.

## Students and Media figures debate over the role of Newscast Introductions



Around 400 enthusiastic participants from the civil society, students from Lebanese universities, representatives from NGOs, and media professors took part of a sizzling dialogue on Tuesday April 12th 2016, in Sunflower Theater, Tayyouneh. Their eagerness to voice out their opinions about the editorials of the Lebanese primetime news was obvious – especially to the present speakers such as: Dr. Georges Sadaka, dean of Faculty of Media at the Lebanese University; Walid Abboud, Managing Editor

## Tripoli: TOT on Health and Hygiene



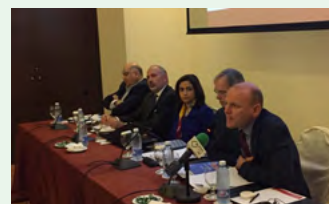
The Training of Trainers (TOT) on Health and Hygiene project in Tripoli held its last session on 12 April 2016.

Fourteen women trainers from the Social Development Centers (SDCs) in Tripoli and the Municipal Health Administration of the Municipality in Tripoli participated in the training launched on March 30, 2016. The initiative, which was identified through the participatory methodology; the Maps of Risks and Resources (MRR), aims to build the capacities of women through training them on how to transfer the basic information related to good hygiene practices, child and mother health and basic first aid to their community. Building the capacities of these women will help raise awareness and reduce health risks occurring from lack of information. The training included eight different sessions delivered by experts.

The project, funded by the Germany Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development through KFW, was implemented by the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) in collaboration with the municipality of Tripoli and the four SDCs in Tripoli within the framework of the Lebanon Host Communities Support Project (LHSP) implemented by the Ministry of Social Affairs and the United Nations Development Programme as part of the national strategy to respond to the impact of the Syria crisis on the local communities.

## A National workshop: “Towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable development: Accountability of Actors”

The Arab NGO network for development (ANND) with the collaboration of the United Nations Development Programme and the Lebanese Transparency Association (LTA), organized a national workshop titled “Towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable development: Accountability of Actors” on Monday the 11th of April, 2016 at Ramada Plaza hotel-Raouche-Beirut in the presence of representatives from the civil society, United Nations, the private sector and number of lawyers.



The workshop included sessions about general context of development and Aid in Lebanon and was followed by an open discussion about the Local and international aid challenges in addition to 2 sessions about “International partnership to promote development Effectiveness” and “Monitoring Mechanism for the implementation of goals through transparency and accountability”.

## Chebaa and Majdel Anjar, run for peace



A “Run for Your Health” marathon organized by the socio-cultural Committee in Chebaa took place on April 3, 2016. Participants from the Lebanese army, the internal security forces, Indian and Spanish battalion in the UNIFIL and inhabitants of Chebaa and neighboring villages, ran together in the village to spread action and feelings of joy, happiness. The Marathon was also considered an ice breaking activity between Lebanese and Syrian youth who ran together along the alleys of the beautiful Chebaa. The aim of the Marathon was to encourage people to reengage in public affairs and to raise awareness on the importance of rural tourism and supporting youth-led sports activities.

The same ambiance and atmosphere prevailed in the “Run for Peace” Marathon which was organized by the socio-cultural committee in Majdel Anjar on May 28, 2016. Lebanese and Syrian youth, students, local authorities and civil society representatives participated in the Marathon which was an opportunity to spread a message of partnership, co-existence and good spirit between both societies.

Marathons were supported by the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project with the support of DFID - UK Department for International Development.

## Dignity Kits for Palestinian Refugees from Syria

Supporting Palestinian refugees displaced from Syria (PRS) preserve their health and dignity and maintain needed standards of personal hygiene, UNDP distributed this April 2, 935 household hygiene kits and 926 baby kits in 27 Palestinian Gatherings in Beirut, Saida, Tyre and the Bekaa. The kits distributed bi-monthly include a variety of cleaning tools and detergents for individual and household hygiene as well as items for menstrual hygiene and first-aid.



## Twenty-Eight Young Entrepreneurs Launch Their Start-ups in 2016



Within the framework of the Lebanon Host Communities Support Project (LHSP), which is a joint initiative between the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), around one hundred Lebanese youth participated in the Tripoli and Mount Lebanon Youth Entrepreneurs Projects training sessions which aim to support young entrepreneurs in establishing their innovative start-up ideas.

Implemented by BIAT Business Incubation Association in Tripoli, and jointly by Berytech and the Knowledge Development Company (KDC) in Mount Lebanon, and funded by the Regional Development and protection Programme (RDPP), which is led by Denmark through a contribution from the European Union, Ireland, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Norway, the Netherlands, and the Czech Republic, the project seeks to spur a sense of local entrepreneurship, increase income opportunities for the youth, and boost local economic activities.

In order to identify the four most innovative start-up ideas in each area, a competition was launched and the selected groups pitched their business ideas in front of a panel on March 22, 2016 in Mount Lebanon and April 27, 2016 in Tripoli.

The eight groups who won received a grant of USD 15,000 each, and are currently receiving incubation support from BIAT and Berytech.

## 600 women participated in “Lebanese Women in Municipalities” info sessions

Around 600 women participated in the “Lebanese Women in Municipalities” info sessions that were conducted in seven different areas in Lebanon.

In the framework of this initiative that was launched on International Women Day – 8 March 2016, UNDP LEAP, in coordination with the United Nations, National Democratic Institute and Women in Front, organized these info sessions to provide potential candidates with effective tools and materials to encourage them to run as candidates in the local elections.



From 29 March to 12 May 2016, info sessions were given in Jounieh, Aley, Beirut, Chtaura, Tyr, Tripoli and Halba covering all the governorates of the Lebanon.

The sessions consist of providing techniques and materials that can motivate women to successfully run for candidacy. The sessions focused on the following subjects:

General Introduction to the Municipal Councils

Running for Elections: Documents Required and Legal Timeframe

Electoral Campaign: Building Your Message - Defining and Communicating Your Campaign

Getting on a List: Power Mapping and Negotiations

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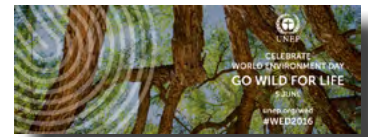
# Social Media Campaigns:

## World Environment Day

June 5

Go #WildforLife! On #WorldEnvironmentDay, the #WED2016 campaign aimed to raise awareness of the far-reaching nature of wildlife crime and encourages people to change their habits to reduce demand for illegal wildlife products, and to press friends, colleagues and officials to do what they can to stop the trade.

With this, we hope that individual actions and statements can collectively bring about a sea-change in attitudes and policies toward both the trade and its products.



## World Humanitarian Summit

May 24

The World Humanitarian Summit was the chance for our global leaders to take a stand on our behalf, for the 125 million people suffering in the world. They must choose humanity. The World Humanitarian Summit was a turning point in how the international community prepares for and responds emergencies. If we all act together we can make a difference for people suffering from conflict & disasters.

#ShareHumanity



## World Press Freedom Day

May 3

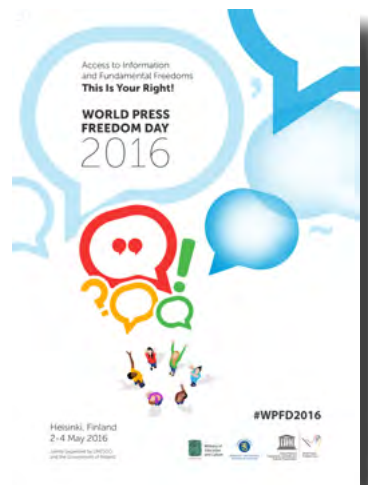
Access to Information and Fundamental Freedoms – This Is Your Right!

Every year, May 3rd is a date which celebrates the fundamental principles of #pressfreedom; to evaluate press freedom around the world, to defend the media from attacks on their independence and to pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the exercise of their profession.

Access to information is not only a goal in itself, but also a mean as a whole, following #SDG16 for the #Agenda2030.

Freedom of information defines the degree of openness and transparency within a society and encompasses in the first instance the right to access information held by public bodies, which is conducive to participatory democracies, sustainable #development, and good governance.

#SustainableDevelopmentGoals #SDGs #GlobalGoals



## International Mother Earth Day/ Paris Agreement

April 22

On 12 December 2015, delegates from more than 190 nations at the 21st Conference of Parties #COP21, agreed to the #ParisAgreement, an ambitious global plan to tackle #climatechange.

On #EarthDay April 22nd, the signing ceremony of the Paris Agreement on #climateaction took place, and representatives of 177 countries signed the document, breaking the record for the number of signatories on the opening day of any international treaty. The agreement can only enter into force once it has been ratified by 55 countries, representing at least 55% of emissions.

#ActOnClimate #GlobalGoals #Agenda2030 #SDGs





# Social Media Campaigns:

## International Day for Sport for Development and Peace

April 6

#Sport has proven to be a cost-effective and flexible tool in promoting #peace and #development objectives. For these reasons, on the International Day of #SportforDevelopmentandPeace, we must all play a part in cooperating, observing and raising awareness of this day and its significance within the #Agenda2030 & #SDGs. #UNDP #Lebanon



## International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action

April 4

On the International Day for #MineAwareness and Assistance in #MineAction, the Lebanese Mine Action Center #LMAC in cooperation with #UNDP organized a series of public events to promote knowledge about and engagement for mine action that lasted an entire week! The goal of #MineAwarenessWeek was to get people committed and aware of this forgotten plight. #TogetherAgainstMines, Towards a safer #Lebanon.



## World Autism Awareness Day

April 4

Autism and other forms of disability are part of the human experience that contribute to human diversity.

This year's World Autism Awareness Day #WAAD looked ahead to #Agenda2030 and reflected on the new #GlobalGoals for Sustainable Development #SDGs and their implications for improving the lives of people with autism.



## Latest Videos:

### Let Lebanon Breathe Again! #LebanonClimateAct

June 16

The new #LebanonClimateAct event launched a campaign called «Let Lebanon Breathe Again».

The promoting act of this campaign is as challenging as it looks: some may assume it's simple, but try holding your breath for one whole minute and you'll see that it's harder than it looks...

Post your own video of yourself trying to hold your breath for one minute. It's a fun act that you can do anywhere, anytime, and with friends or family to see who holds the longest!

By making this act popular, you would be strengthening and contributing to the message we're trying to send: a cry for change in Lebanon.

This action would be a call for the private sector to hold its breath and commit to take actions that stop polluting Lebanon. So hold your breath one minute to let Lebanon breathe again, and don't forget to hashtag Lebanon Climate Act!



### Lebanon Climate Act - Save the parsley!

June 16

#SaveTheParsley #LebanonClimateAct



### Hold your breath... and let Lebanon breathe again!

June 16

Hold your breath... and let Lebanon breathe again! Now it's your turn to join our campaign - share your video! #LebanonClimateAct  
Climatically yours - the #UNDP Climate Change team



### TV Newscasts Introductions and Consolidation of Civil Peace in Lebanon: In Memory and Remembrance

June 15

Around 400 students from Lebanese universities, NGO representatives and media professors took part of a sizzling discussion session on "TV Newscasts Introductions and Consolidation of Civil Peace in Lebanon: In Memory and Remembrance". Here are some of this session highlights!



### Results Challenges Municipal Elections 2016

May 24

Because some violations might affect the election results, let's see when we can challenge these results!



## Latest Videos:

### E-Day Complaints - Municipal Elections 2016

May 20

Municipal and Moukhtar elections are near, and like any elections, errors and violations are possible. So how can we report any violation and where do we file our complaints on E-Day?



### Complaints related to Electoral Campaign - Municipal Elections 2016

May 20

The electoral campaign can witness many violations, so how do we know what are the violations and complaints arising from the electoral campaign?



### From Shame to Fame: Saida trash mountain to green park!

April 22

The official inauguration of Saida's new Public Park after the rehabilitation of the old landfill.



### Children of Daouk promote plastic recycling in their community

April 20

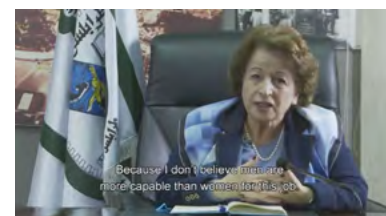
As part of UNDP's improvement plan in the Daouk Palestinian Gathering in Beirut, 7 Palestinian and Syrian children have created this animation movie to promote plastic recycling in their community.



### Women in Municipalities – LEAP

April 18

A documentary highlighting the success stories of 5 women who were elected in 2010 as members of municipal council and as Moukhtara.



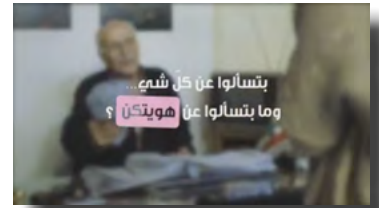
## Latest Videos:

### «You don't remember your ID?» - LEAP

April 15

The Ministry of Interior and Municipalities (MoIM) - Directorate General of Personal Status (DGPS), with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – Lebanese Elections Assistance Project (LEAP), launched an awareness campaign to encourage citizens who don't have an Identification Document (ID), or possess one that needs update, to issue a new one, and to motivate citizens, who already applied for a new ID, to collect it from the MoIM. The applicants can follow up on the status of their application on [www.dgps.gov.lb](http://www.dgps.gov.lb).

LEAP is funded by the European Union.



### “Mistakes might happen, Corrections must happen” - LEAP

April 14

The Ministry of Interior and Municipalities, with the support of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) – Lebanese Elections Assistance Project (LEAP), developed and launched in February 2016 a public awareness campaign to remind and encourage citizens to check the accuracy of their data on the voter register, in order to be able to vote in the upcoming municipal elections scheduled on May 2016. The campaign ran from 10 February to 10 March and entails TV spots, radio spots, cinema spots, billboards, press ads, and flyers.

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### Women in 2010 Municipalities: Numbers & Statistics – UNDP LEAP

April 11

Why do you need to run for elections? UNDP Lebanese Elections Assistance Project (LEAP) produced a clip that shows the numbers and figures of women's participation in Municipal and Moukhtar elections in 2010.

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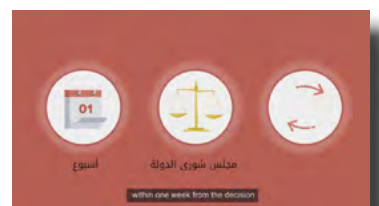


### How to run as candidate – UNDP LEAP

April 11

Getting ready for the 2016 Municipal Elections?! UNDP Lebanese Elections Assistance Project (LEAP) produced this video will give you information on how to run as a candidate and what are the documents needed to do so. “What are you waiting for? Run”

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## Latest Videos:

### Introduction to Municipal & Moukhtar Councils – UNDP LEAP

April 11

You want to know more about Municipal Councils? UNDP Lebanese Elections Assistance Project (LEAP) produced this video to provide you with info on the work of the municipal and the Moukhtar councils. LEAP is funded by the European Union.



## Latest Publications

### Task 4 A high level action Plan for developing Lebanon's offshore HSE governance system

Over the last years the potential for offshore hydrocarbon opportunities in Lebanon has been on the increase. The Government of Lebanon has been anticipating this potential, notably by establishing the foundations for a good governance of the oil and gas sector. The "Sustainable Oil and Gas Development in Lebanon" (SODEL) which is being implemented by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in partnership with the Lebanese Petroleum Administration (LPA) representing the Government of Lebanon (GOL) has the objective to develop and implement an action plan for Quality, Health, Safety and Environment (QHSE) for the oil and gas sector.



### "Images of Violence in the Lebanese Media News Coverage" – Maharat Media Monitoring Studies

This study works on inspecting "Violence Portrayed in Media" and on studying its repercussions on all levels, including the social, political and educations levels.

The study covers the Lebanese news media, which had signed the "Journalists' Pact for Strengthening Civil Peace in Lebanon" and that was officially launched by UNDP on June 25, 2013. It also monitors the manifestation of this violence, indicates these media trends and their attitudes mainly on "committing to rejecting violent disobedience movements, crime and abasement; acting with professionalism and social responsibility when broadcasting a live coverage of events and violent scenes; refraining from spreading a spirit of violence and strife; and rejecting violence," according to the provisions of Articles 2, 4 and 11 of the Pact.



### Public Debate Project on Administrative Decentralization Reform in Lebanon

This report includes a summary of the main studies and reports developed on the issue of decentralization in Lebanon, in addition to the outcome of interviews and roundtables held around this issue during the period between November 2011 to April 2012. It has been written to serve as material on which the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities would rely in formulating the draft law on administrative decentralization.



### Peace Building in Lebanon Project Newsletter – 11th Issue

In the 11th 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.



# Latest Publications

## Spotlight on Youth in Lebanon

The “Spotlight on Youth in Lebanon” is a report which reviews the existing literature on the situation of youth in Lebanon and benefits from opinion polls undertaken for the preparation of the UNDP Regional Arab Human Development Report. The report shows that although Lebanon has made progress towards human development in the past decades, major obstacles remain in creating enough job opportunities for youth.



## Water-Saving Brochure

To ensure the right of access to water for your family, encourage healthy habits and promote a culture of water-saving, UNDP Palestinian Gatherings project has compiled a brochure that provides tools for economic and environmental household consumption of water.



## Fossil Fuel Subsidies in Lebanon

The Climate Change Team at the Lebanese Ministry of Environment, with the support of the United Nations Development Programme, has produced a series of climate change studies which delve into the specifics of climate change mitigation options for the energy and transport sectors in Lebanon.

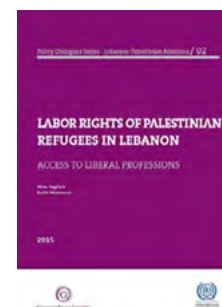
As the tenth dissemination, the Fossil Fuel Subsidies in Lebanon results convey that if the phase-out had occurred in 2013, it would have reduced the fiscal deficit from 9.4% of GDP to 3.8% of GDP.



## “Labor Right of Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon – Access to Liberal Professions” and “Reality on the Access of Palestinian Refugees to Liberal Professions in Lebanon” studies

Within the framework of the “Lebanese-Palestinian Dialogue Forum” that aims at contributing to the development of clear and rational Lebanese national policies with respect to the Palestinian refugees’ presence in Lebanon, a need arose to launch an in-depth dialogue with professional associations around the challenges facing Palestinian refugees in practicing professional occupations and joining the related associations.

Based on the above, two studies, a legal and a field study, were commissioned. These two studies have been conducted with the aim to provide accurate information that would serve the development of policies in this regard. The legal study has been conducted by lawyers Nizar Saghie and Karim Nammour, and the field study was conducted by Dr. Mahmoud el-Ali.



# Latest Publications

## Expanding Sustainable Energy in Lebanon

To support Lebanon in achieving the SDGs, as well as make progress against national climate commitments, UNDP, together with the European Union, Government of Lebanon, and members of the private sector, are supporting the CEDRO 4 project, which aims to support energy access, efficiency and sustainability.

Working with the Ministry of Energy and Water, the Lebanese Center for Energy Conservation, the Council for Development and Reconstruction, Electricite du Liban (EDL), and the Ministry of Industry, the CEDRO 4 project works to both pilot new initiatives and scale up tried and effective approaches.



## Improving Living Conditions in Palestinian Gatherings Host Communities Newsletter – 5th Issue

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.

Active in the 42 Palestinian Gatherings across Lebanon since 2012, this project is designed to help stabilize and develop the resilience of these host communities, home to 110,000 original Palestinian dwellers (PRL) and recently some 44,000 Palestinian and Syrian refugees (PRS and SRS) as a result of the Syrian crisis.



## Women's Guide to Municipal and Moukhtar Councils

This Brochure was specifically produced by UNDP LEAP team to address the Lebanese Women in general as voters and those who are potential candidates to encourage them to run in the 2016 Municipal Elections by providing them with all the technical aspects of the candidacy.

It includes information on the work of the Municipal Council and the Moukhtar, a Q&A on how to run as candidate and a Poster that highlights the number of women in municipalities and Mukhtars in 2010.

This publication is available in Arabic and English as soft and hard copies.



## Guide to Challenges & Complaints related to Municipal & Mukhtar Elections

This guide aims to provide citizens with practical information on the main administrative and judicial remedies available for citizens during the different phases of the electoral process.

The Guide to Challenges & Complaints related to Municipal & Mukhtar Elections was developed in cooperation between LADE and UNDP LEAP, in collaboration with Me. Mireille Najem Khayrallah and Me. Toni Chbib.

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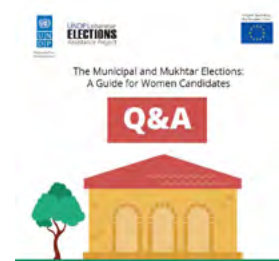
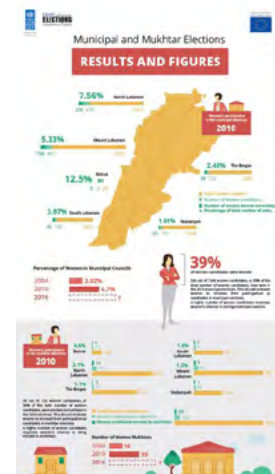


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