



## Rural Women’s Cooperatives in Lebanon Get a Taste of Marketing & Technology

Over 10 women’s cooperatives from areas all across Lebanon participated in training sessions that took place from July to September, during which time they learned how to optimize their marketing capacities and boost their products’ visibility. Organic olives, jams, honey, and compotes are just a few of the products that the women learned how to promote beyond the parameters of their own villages.

Funded by [Norway](#), this project is implemented by [Rural Delights Cooperative](#) and [Live Love Beirut](#).



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*“This workshop was very important to us. During the training, we created our first Instagram account, @aasalnab and learned how to use #hashtags on social media.”*

*~Yolla Rawda Sarrieddine  
-Bzebdinne, Mount Lebanon*

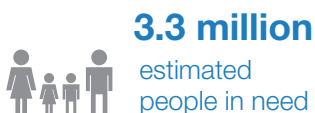
## New Fishing Boats Restore the Hope of the Chouf Coast Fishermen

“The new fishing boats and equipment will help increase our catch, allowing us to increase our profit and develop our business. We can’t be more thankful!” said William Youssef, a 53-year-old fisherman at the [Jiyeh](#) Port.

The Fishermen Association Cooperative of the Chouf Coast received six new, fully equipped fishing boats as well as fishing equipment through funds from the [UK](#). The new equipment and boats directly increase the fish catching capacity of the fishermen and create new job opportunities in the sector.



### KEY FIGURES December 2016



## New Facility in Akkar El-Atika to Benefit 639 Farmers and Beekeepers

Through funds from [Germany](#), a new facility to be used by the agricultural cooperatives in [Akkar El-Atika](#) is being constructed. The facility, which will also be provided with equipment and furniture, will host the offices of local associations and cooperatives, and will be used for meetings and events.

The project will benefit 59 members of the Beekeeping Union, 510 members of The Agricultural Cooperative Union, and 70 members of The Women's Association for Processing Agri-Food Products.



## Hariss Women Cooperative Expands the Reach of its Products

A brand-new compact van equipped with 4 seats was provided to the [Hariss Women's Cooperative](#) through funds from [Italy](#). The members of the cooperative can now increase their income by transporting more products at lower costs, especially to exhibitions in areas far away from the southern village.

The new van is also air-conditioned, keeping the products in good condition during transportation.



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*"This van has made our lives so much easier! Since receiving it, we have been able to deliver our products to far-off areas and participate in exhibitions in any region in the country."*

*~Fatima Azzam, a member of the Hariss Women Cooperative*



**Beneficiaries: 105**

**1.5 million**

Vulnerable Lebanese

**1.1 million**

Displaced Syrians

**309,487**

Palestine Refugees

**1 in 4**



is displaced from Syria or a Palestine refugee

# Playback Theatre in Tripoli: A Glimpse of the Past for the Future

Within the Peace Building component, LHSP launched a playback theatre troupe in Tripoli, based on the participatory analysis of Tripoli and feedback from local youth. This project was a part of the Mechanisms for Social Stability (MSS) process.

Under the supervision of coaches from the Wasel of Laban Organization, over 40 youth from the different neighborhoods took part in the auditions and 15 were selected to become part of the troupe.

In addition to bringing together youth from different neighborhoods, the theatre troupe served as a platform for local residents to voice their problems.



# New Public Space in Beddaoui to Enhance Job Creation and Healthy Interaction Among Youth



*"We won't need to wander too far off anymore," said Hala, a little girl from Beddaoui, who expressed her longing for a space where she can play safely with her friends.*

The construction of a public space in **Beddaoui**, Tripoli, will soon create new job opportunities for local residents through the construction of kiosks, which will be operated by six to eight youth.

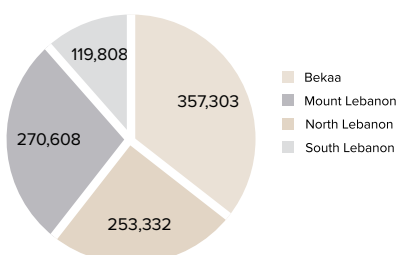
The implementation of the project, which is funded by the **Netherlands**, will begin in the coming two months.

The space will provide the community members with a recreational space, including a children's playground, where they can interact with one another. It will also include a sports facility that the many sports teams in the area can make use of.

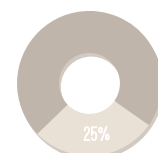
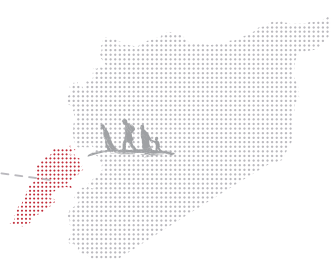


**More than 17,000 Lebanese 40,000 Palestinians 15,000 Syrians will benefit from this project**

## Displaced Syrians per Area



**1.1 million** displaced Syrians





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