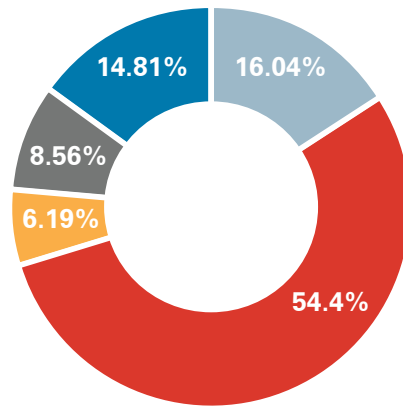


2014 YEAR SUMMARY



EXPENDITURE

- Government of Germany
- ERF
- SDC
- Government of Japan
- USA/BPRM



Total: 2,286,689 USD



BENEFICIARIES

In 2014, we reached **105,500** dwellers in the Gatherings across Lebanon



*SRS +Lebanese +other nationalities



BASIC URBAN SERVICES

- **63** WASH and infrastructure projects implemented in **35** Gatherings
- **6** municipalities supported to implement projects that benefit dwellers of Palestinian Gatherings and neighboring Lebanese communities



SHELTER

- **500** shelters rehabilitated and equipped with WASH facilities in **30** Gatherings and surrounding localities
- **25** Palestinian families from Syria relocated from tents to rehabilitated collective center
- **350** jobs created in local communities for PRL and PRS



HYGIENE PROMOTION

- A participatory rapid assessment conducted to capture WASH risky behaviors in Gatherings
- **4000** dwellers directly targeted in **11** most vulnerable Gatherings as part of pilot campaign
- **5,380** household and baby hygiene kits distributed to PRS in **30** Gatherings



COORDINATION AND INFORMATION SHARING

- "Profiling Deprivation: An Analysis of the Rapid Needs Assessment in Palestinian Gatherings Host Communities in Lebanon" published in May 2014 on a national level
- The Gatherings Working Group re-activated and now chaired by UNDP
- A response plan in Gatherings host communities for 2015 developed with active organizations and shared with UN agencies and sector leads

25 PRS Families in Sekke Finally with a roof over their heads

It's been a long time since we last slept with a roof over our heads." Khawla, a Palestinian refugee from Syria, tells short her family's dire displacement journey when she remembers her husband's words of relief when they moved to the new room in Bader Center in Sekke, Saida.

Khawla's family, like more than 70 Palestinian refugee families who have escaped Syria to Lebanon were found last year to be living in tented structures built of disposed material in Sekke Gathering, adjacent to Ain El Helwe camp in Saida. Tents had no protection from cold or sun and no connection to sanitation networks. In summer 2013, two children had died of dehydration in the tented settlement of Sekke. Their tents carried away by floods of rain water, children and their families did not do better during the cold winter.

To alleviate the suffering of these families, UNDP has undertaken an initiative to rehabilitate and equip rooms in a collective center in Sekke, owned by a Palestinian charity Bader Foundation, to be able to host 25 Palestinian families from Syria living in the tented settlement. In partnership with the local NGO Popular Aid for Relief and Development (PARAD) and with the generous support of the Government of Germany and the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM), UNDP's project in Palestinian Gatherings carried



out this initiative not only to provide better shelter to vulnerable families displaced from Syria, but also to eliminate the adverse environmental impact of the tented settlement on Sekke Gathering. On January 31, 2014, 25 families left their tented settlements behind to new rehabilitated and equipped rooms in the center.

"Here it's much better," says Khawla as she looks around her family's spacious well-ventilated room. "We slept for six months atop the tent's uneven rough floor. In rainy nights when we used to drown in our tent from all sides, we used to cram ourselves and our belongings into a non-leaking corner of the tent," she says recalling the "difficult time" of the tent. "My room is clean and spacious; everything is in order. I cook here and I invite my aunt's family over for breakfast," says Khawla describing the change she felt since her family moved to the Bader center. "In the evening, when we all gather around the TV, it feels like in Syria."

Profiling Deprivation:

A Reference Guide for an Effective Response in Gatherings



In an effort to shed light on Palestinian Gatherings in Lebanon, UNDP in partnership with UN-Habitat launched in August 2014 their report "Profiling Deprivation: An Analysis of the Rapid Needs Assessment in Palestinian Gatherings Host Communities", with the generous support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). Hosted by the Lebanese Palestinian Dialogue Committee (LPDC) in the Grand Serail of Beirut, the launching brought together representatives of diplomatic communities, UN agencies, civil society actors, NGOs and academics. Sketching a picture of needs in Palestinian Gatherings, the report proposes practical recommendations for effective and integrated interventions, based on the analysis of a rapid assessment of basic urban services, shelter conditions, health and institutional governance in Gatherings. The report also includes a brief profile on each of the 42 Gatherings in Lebanon.

Building on the findings of this report, UNDP organized in September 2014 sectoral roundtable discussions, as a collection coordination exercise bringing together organizations active in Gatherings. A response plan in Gatherings host communities for 2015 was developed with active organizations and shared with UN agencies and sector leads.