



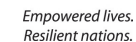
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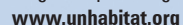
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IMPROVING LIVING CONDITIONS IN PALESTINIAN GATHERINGS IN LEBANON



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PALESTINIAN GATHERINGS IN LEBANON

Vulnerable communities exacerbated by the Syrian crisis

Due to the absence of basic urban service providers, the 42 Palestinian refugee gatherings are considered to be among the most vulnerable host communities in Lebanon. In addition to some 75,000 original Palestinian dwellers, these gatherings host today around 30,000 Palestinian and 5,000 Syrian refugees displaced from Syria, increasing the population by 47%. This has been exerting unprecedented pressure on the physical and living environment and resources.

Why this programme?

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) have been joining efforts since 2012, with the aim of *Improving the Living Conditions of Palestinian Gatherings* across Lebanon. By enhancing access to sufficient basic urban services and improving shelter conditions to over 110,000 dwellers, the programme is expected to strengthen the resilience of the 42 Palestinian gatherings host communities and mitigate social tensions. Using a participatory bottom-up approach, the programme brings various Palestinian and Lebanese actors together, including the popular and local committees in the gatherings, concerned municipalities and local NGOs.

BASIC URBAN SERVICES INTERVENTIONS



WATER

6 water projects in Beirut, Beqaa, Tyr, and Saida



SEWAGE

22 sewage projects in the North, Beqaa, Tyr, and Saida



SOLID WASTE

5 solid waste management projects in the North, Tyr, and Saida



ROADS

12 road and 8 stormwater projects in the North, Tyr, and Saida



ELECTRICITY

1 electricity project in Beddawi adjacent area in the North

PALESTINIAN GATHERINGS IN LEBANON

are defined by Fafo (2003) as neighborhoods located outside the camps where twenty-five or more Palestinian refugee households live together, constituting relatively homogeneous refugee communities.

are not a recent product of the Syrian crisis. The formation of the first gathering dates back to the early years of the Palestinian exodus (1948-1950). Most of the gatherings were formed during the Lebanese civil war (1975-1990), due to fighting, destruction of camps, and demographic expansion.

fall under the geographical domain of 25 municipalities; yet, the municipalities do not provide basic urban services in the gatherings, mainly due to lack of financial resources. Similarly, dwellers are not entitled access to UNRWA basic urban services provided, as per its mandate, only within the boundaries of the official camps.

SCOPE AND ACTIVITIES

Improving **access to basic urban services** in gatherings through infrastructure projects and service interventions, taking into account the impact on and connections with surrounding networks:

- **54** urgent infrastructure projects implemented in 22 gatherings and 7 surrounding localities
- **6** municipalities supported to implement projects that benefit dwellers of Palestinian gatherings and neighboring Lebanese communities
- **110,000** dwellers in all gatherings targeted in a WASH awareness campaign
- Participatory mappings and improvement plans carried out with local communities



Enhancing **environmental conditions of shelter units** housing Palestinian and Syrian refugees from Syria in the gatherings:

- **300** houses in the gatherings hosting refugee families from Syria rehabilitated and equipped
- **25** Palestinian families from Syria living in tents relocated to a rehabilitated collective center
- **175** jobs created in the local community in 19 gatherings and 9 surrounding localities



Developing a **national database on living conditions** in Palestinian gatherings, through support to the Lebanese Palestinian Dialogue Committee (LPDC):

- National Observatory for Palestinian Gatherings in Lebanon hosted by LPDC
- GIS database on living conditions in the gatherings is available
- A Rapid Needs Assessment carried out in the **42** Palestinian Gatherings