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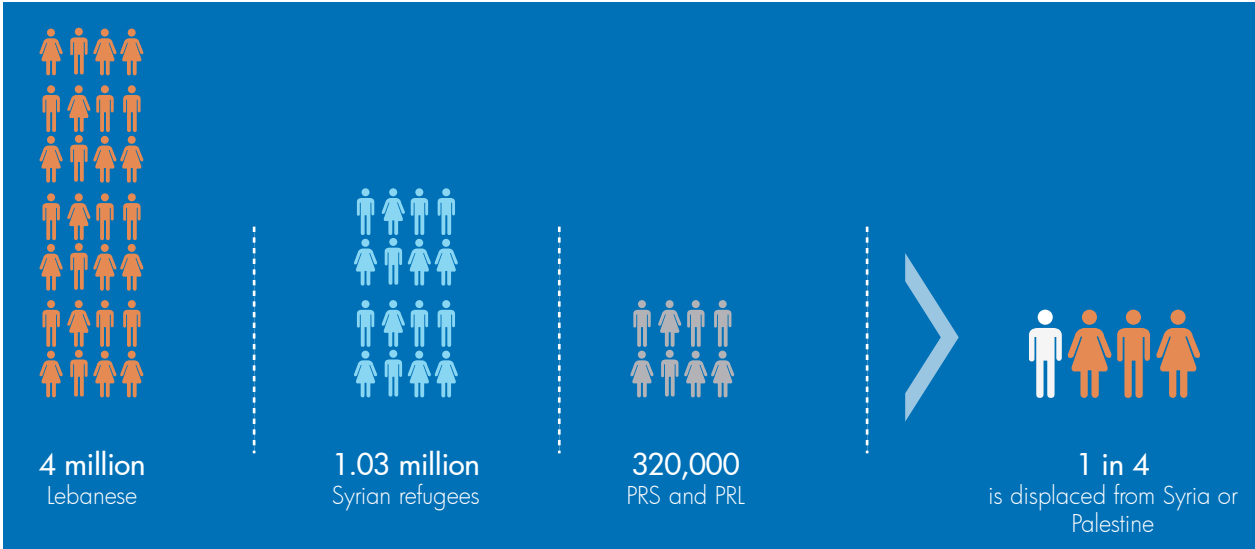
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Since 2014, the Government of Japan has contributed over US\$ 7 million to support Lebanese host communities through the work of UNDP. This support has enabled the most vulnerable host communities better respond to the influx of Syrian refugees, while strengthening local service delivery and capacities to manage tensions in the communities in partnership with local municipalities and government institutions.

Key figures



Challenges (Since 2011)



I. Supporting Lebanon's vulnerable host communities



Total funding:
US\$ 1.773 million

The Lebanon Host Community Support Programme (LHSP) is a joint initiative between UNDP and the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA). The programme provides direct support to communities characterized by high levels of poverty pre-crisis, high concentrations of Syrian refugees, and patterns of increased social tension.

Working with local women, youth and marginalized groups in particular, the programme aims to improve livelihood opportunities and support local economic recovery and development. The programme works in close collaboration with municipalities and different civil society groups not only to map risks and identify priority needs, but also to establish mechanisms that can resolve local conflicts and address challenges in an effective and inclusive manner.

Youth economic empowerment project (YEEP)



"He used to party with his friends all night and sleep all day, his whole lifestyle changed since he was selected to be a part of the YEEP programme. He wakes up early and spend his day working at his shop. I'm very happy with this change and I'm proud of him. I can now see a good future for my son with his own business". Said Khaled Khaled, Ahmad's father.



"I am very proud of myself today, I now know more about the field of secretariat, and I now have experience, a weapon that enables me to be stronger within my community. I am not only Josianne, the young lady who does house work now, but I have become a lady with a certificate that will make her stronger," said Josianne Issa.



96 Lebanese youth
benefitted from vocational training with 18 youth
securing jobs upon graduation.



14 business proposals
by 25 entrepreneurs selected to receive in-kind
grants and incubation services

Provision of EKG and Echography machine at Kfartoun Municipal Medical Center



“Previously, we had an Echography machine that wasn’t of good quality and wasn’t of much help to us. The new one we have received is way better and it has solved many problems for us, making it possible to get more accurate readings with more details,”
Dr. Marwan Farah

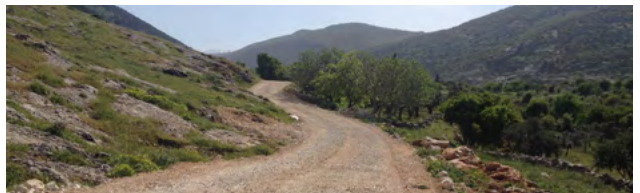


“I came here when I was pregnant, the staff was very helpful and the center’s location was very convenient for me as well as the services offered. Now always bring my children for medical checkups. Haddouch Al Nayf, 21 years old

Rehabilitation of the agricultural road in Akroum



“The rehabilitation of the roads facilitated access to our lands. Our transportation costs decreased, which had a direct effect on our income as farmers. We thank whoever is behind this project, it made our lives easier.”
Farmer from Akroum



6 community support projects, based on a participatory risk mapping exercise in 5 municipalities in Akkar, reached more than 7,500 Lebanese and 3,300 Syrian refugees.



1,900 Lebanese and Syrian refugees in Bekaa benefited from an improved irrigation network, alongside 500 individuals benefitting from cooperative support and 100 farmers from Agricultural business training in 2016

II. Engaging media in peacebuilding



Total funding:
US\$ 0.221 million

The UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” joint news supplements were published with An-Nahar and As-Safir newspapers in Arabic, and with The Daily Star in English and L’Orient-Le Jour in French, reaching up to 148 000 readers across Lebanon

Journalists from across the political spectrum, both Lebanese and Syrians, have come together to promote balanced and conflict sensitive media coverage. The supplements covered 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.



“Most newspapers would defend humanitarian issues and sometimes even governmental issues (with certain conditions), but this supplement is free from censorship; it allows for a real reflection of the refugee situation as it is, with their problems, their dreams, etc.”
Lebanese reporter.

“This supplement offers a new perspective on dealing with the Syrian crisis. It is a ‘civilized’ media work,” said Mr. Fadi Abi Allam, President and Executive Director of the Permanent PeaceMovement.

“The article I wrote in the supplement contained some issues I could not freely speak about in my job, but there was a chance for me to do exactly that through this supplement for the topic I chose to tackle.” Syrian reporter.



40 Lebanese and Syrian journalists come together to produce quarterly peacebuilding supplements that reach 148,000 newspaper readers across 8 governorates.

III. Supporting Lebanese Palestinian Dialogue Committee



Total funding:
US\$ 1.74 million

The Lebanese Palestinian Dialogue Committee has been established to develop and implement a comprehensive policy on the Palestinian refugee issues, with a view of improving the living conditions of Palestine refugees in Lebanon following seven decades of displacement.

The Dialogue Committee plays a vital role in advocacy and coordination of Palestinian issues with both government and international stakeholders such as UNRWA. Based on initial mapping exercises, the LPDC hopes to implement a national census in camps and gatherings to ensure evidence-based planning and policy making.



122 Gatherings in 7 Governorates were mapped by the Lebanese Palestinian Dialogue Committee together with the Center of Refugees Rights (Aidoun) in preparation of the first national census for Palestine refugees.

IV. Improving living conditions in Palestinian Gatherings



Total funding:
US\$ 3.305 million

In addition to Lebanese communities, 42 Palestinian gatherings were also assisted to support their resilience and improve the living conditions of the deprived Palestinian refugees, following a 28% increase of population due the influx of Syrian and Palestinian refugees from Syria.

Bringing the Palestine refugees together with state and municipal actors, the project designs key water, electricity and sanitation projects that can not only alleviate infrastructural pressures but also ease social tensions in the gatherings. Moving beyond specific water, hygiene and environmental interventions, the project promotes comprehensive neighborhood upgrading initiatives including community spaces and centres. Last but not least, a key priority is to empower youth living in the gatherings to combat and deviate from engagement in risky behaviours through support to livelihoods and income generating opportunities.

Recycled art workshop for women



*"Everything has a different meaning to me. I now look at every item at my house and I ask myself: how can I make it more useful or more beautiful? Before I throw anything, I now ask myself: does anyone else need it? Can I do anything else with it?"
Fatima, 24, a Palestinian woman from Daouk participating in the recycled art workshops.*



Art workshop for youth



*"Since the painting started, Saturday has become the best day of my life!"
a child participating in mural painting in Daouk Palestinian gathering.*



42 Palestinian Gatherings and 55,000 of its residents benefitted from the improvement of basic service provision (water, sanitation facilities, child safe space, road improvement)



An additional 70,000 PRL and PRS will receive similar basic service support, in addition to a pilot livelihoods project that aims at creating income generating opportunities, in 2016 - 2017.

Shelter rehabilitation

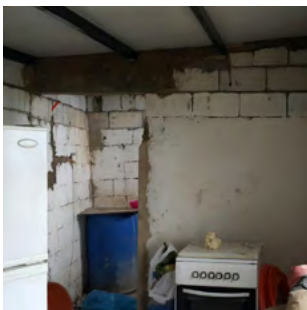
Neighborhood upgrading in the gatherings



“My family used to sleep between buckets that we placed because of the leaking from our one-room shelter. We did not even have a door to protect us from the cold. We hosted our guests in the bedroom. Our kitchen and toilet were in the same corner. Last December, UNDP rehabilitated our shelter and upgraded its sanitary networks and appliances. The living area is now separated from our bedroom, and so are the kitchen and toilet. My family life has done a 180 degree turn! My house is now safer and cleaner, and much more comfortable” Amina, Palestinian mother in Saiid Ghawash gathering.



Before



After



“We thank Japan for supporting UNDP to be the first agency to assist our communities. Now we have access to adequate water and sanitation facilities and safe electricity networks; our kids are healthier and more protected,” Ahmad Ayoub, Head of Local Committee in Sekke Gathering, adjacent to Ain el Helweh Camp.



1,470 most vulnerable residents in the gatherings are benefited from shelter rehabilitation.



35,150 residents in the gatherings received hygiene campaign and hygiene kits.

V. Needs and impact assessments

Publications

Japan and UNDP have undertaken a series of key studies on the impact of the Syria crisis on local economies, poverty and young generations in the Middle East. These studies have greatly enhanced partners' understanding of the Lebanese context and the impact of the crisis and its related aid

interventions. With a richer knowledge base, actors have been able to design programmes that 'do no harm' and aim to address critical challenges for the Lebanese host communities and future generations in a holistic manner.



Impact of Humanitarian Aid on the Lebanese Economy

This study assessed the impact on the economy of the UN Humanitarian Aid provided to the Syrian Refugees in Lebanon.

Spotlight on Youth in Lebanon

This report provides an updated analysis of the socio-economic situation of youth and illustrates the wide development disparities between different groups within the country.



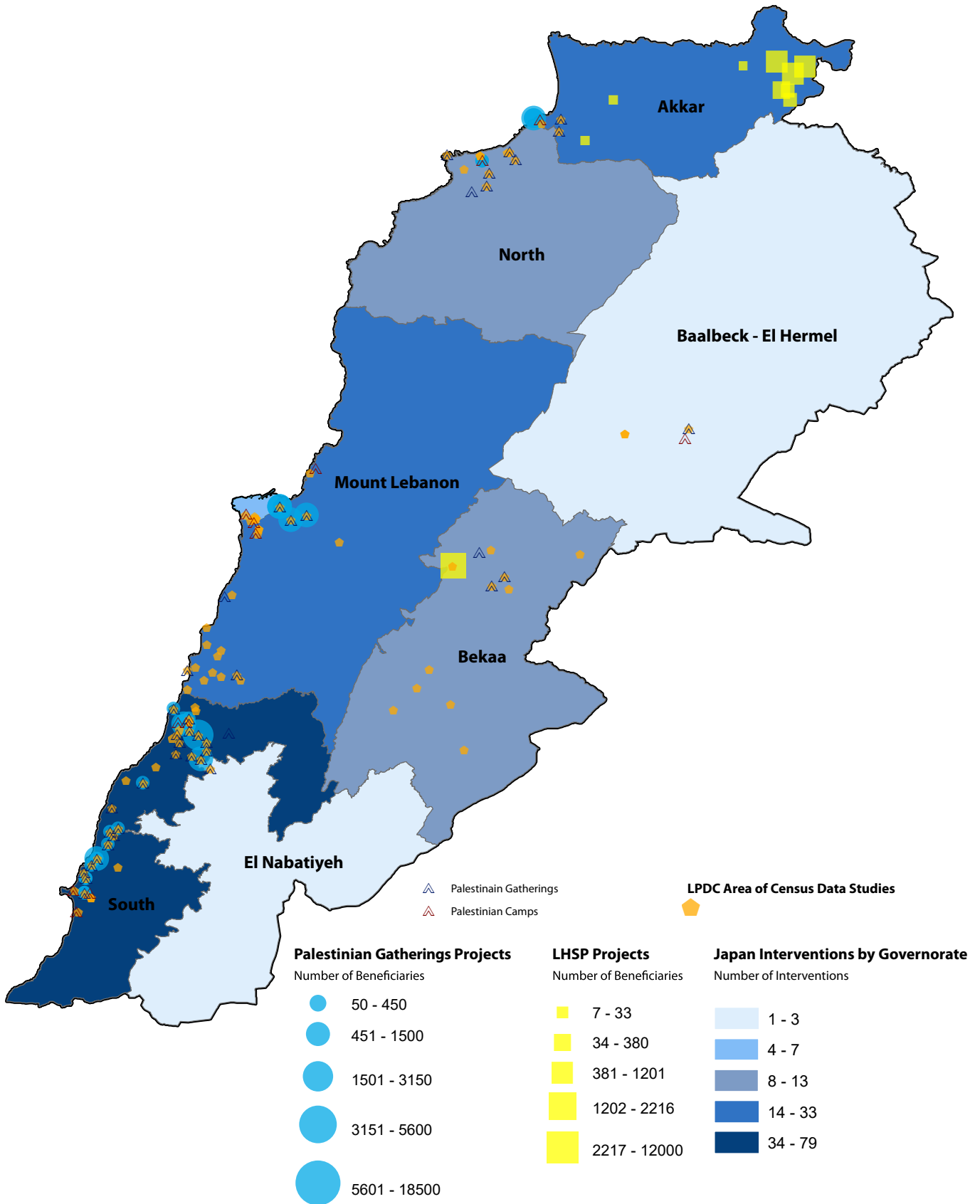
Rapid Poverty Assessment for Lebanon

This report assesses the poverty level in Lebanon at the national and regional levels, for the first time after the Syrian crisis. This study will be based on a survey of a representative sample of 4,000 households, with a well-targeted regional distribution covering the eight governorates.



3 studies were funded to enhance actors' understanding of the impact of the Syrian crisis and its related aid interventions in Lebanon, that in turn can inform future interventions

Where do we work?





“Japan’s solidarity with developing countries continues to be vital as we look forward to a future in which poverty is eradicated and human security can be assured. Many countries have greatly benefited from Japan’s unwavering commitment to fostering resilience. UNDP looks forward to a continued strong partnership with Japan for many years ahead.”

Helen Clark
Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme



“We are here for Lebanon. Today, more than ever, Lebanon needs help to help.” These are the words from the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, at the launching of the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP) in 2014. I strongly agree with him that the Lebanese people have been the first respondents to the Syrian crisis and they need more help to help those in need.

UNDP plays a central role to reinforce the stability in Lebanon by assisting national institutions and vulnerable host communities. With its expertise, UNDP initiated the supports to the areas that had been neglected and left behind. For example, the project to improve the living conditions of 42 Palestinian gatherings highlighted the desperate needs of local Palestinian refugees who are hosting and helping the people (both Palestinian and Syrian) displaced from Syria.

Working with UNDP, the Government of Japan will continue to support Lebanon in sustaining its resilience and stability under the challenging circumstances in the region.

Seiichi Otsuka
Ambassador of Japan to Lebanon

