

HIGHLIGHTS



Launch of the LCRP

The Lebanese Prime Minister, Tamam Salam, and the UN Deputy Secretary-General, Jan Eliasson, launched at the Grand Serail, the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan. The plan outlines the priorities of the Government and the international community for the coming two years to respond to the crisis in country.

Germany donates **10,000,000 Euro** to UNDP for the Implementation of the **LCRP**



KfW (German Government owned Development Bank) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed an agreement for the value of Euro 10,000,000. This donation is by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development and will contribute towards the Host Community Support Programme implemented by the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA) and UNDP. It will support interventions in some of

the most vulnerable Lebanese Communities during 2015.

Netherland & Danish delegation visit the Bekaa

Mrs. Hester Somsen, Ambassador of the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Lebanon, and Mr. Andres Ostervang from the Embassy of Denmark accompanied by UNDP's Lebanon Director Mr. Luca Renda paid a visit to the Bekaa to further understand the implications of the Syrian crisis on the area. The visit started with a meeting with Mayors and Social workers from the region. After the meeting a visit was also conducted to the retaining wall project site in Bar Elias; which is one of the projects within the framework of the joint initiative between the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA) and UNDP, "The Lebanon Host Communities support project".



Southern municipalities and NGOs discuss means to lessen the repercussions of the Syrian crisis on their communities



The UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project in cooperation with “Beyond Reform and Development” and with the financial support of the UNHCR, gathered representatives from local authorities, mayors and municipalities’ members, with the local civil society, NGOs and stakeholders from Ghazieh, Sarafand, Borj El Chemali, Al Bay-sariyyeh, Al Khiyam, Cheba’a, and Al Hibariyeh in South Lebanon, in a two-day retreat to discuss mechanisms for social stability. This retreat re-gathered both municipali-

ties and local civil society actors, after they had analyzed conflicts at their local level during other meetings, to think together of the solutions that can be implemented.

Municipalities from Akkar transforming their conflicts into mechanisms for social stability

With the financial support of the UNHCR, 50 local authorities and local actors (including teachers, doctors, business men, civil society activists, etc.) from the municipalities of Akkar cluster(Halba, Bebnine, Akkar Al’Atiqa and Berqayel) and Akroum cluster (Mashta Hassan, Mashta Hammoud, Kfartoun, Qenia, Al Sahleh and Mounseh) sat together to transform the results of a previous conflict analysis conducted with them into potential solutions and mechanisms for social stability that will be implemented in the near future.



Memorandum of Understanding Between the United Nations Development Programme and the IPT Energy

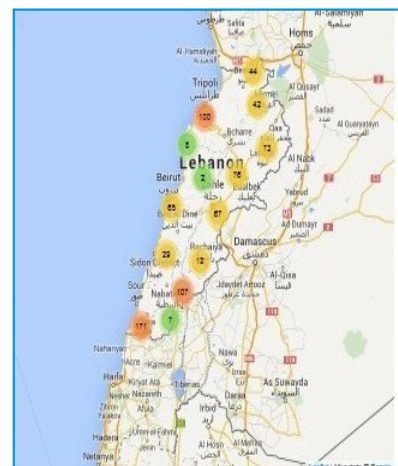


The United Nations Development Programme and the IPT ENERGY CENTER held a signing ceremony on sustainable and renewable energy and eco-driving at the UNDP office, Beirut.

The purpose of the agreement between the UNDP and the IPT Energy Center is to collaborate between both parties in several areas of common interests including a joint lobbying and support for activities related to sustainable and renewable energy, transportation sector and the oil and gas sector in Lebanon.

Between Local Patronage Relationships and Securitization: The Conflict Context in the Bekaa region

Funded by DFID and LRF-Germany, Lebanon Support in collaboration with the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” Project launched the first analytical report produced within the frame of the project entitled: “Between Local Patronage Relationships and Securitization: The Conflict Context in the Bekaa Region” on the 13th of January, at Lebanon Support’s office. The report provides an analytical summary of the conflict context in the Bekaa region of Lebanon, with a focus on the relationships between the Syrian refugees and the Lebanese host communities in the Baalbeck-Hermel area. It is based on a socio-political qualitative assessment and a conflict analysis that are primarily based on qualitative research conducted between 10 September and 10 October 2014 which collected experiences and perspectives of key informants, as well as Lebanese and Syrian residents of the Bekaa.



Offering a new media perspective on dealing with the Syrian crisis



The sixth issue of the joint news supplement saw the light on the 8th of December 2014, funded by Japan. It gathered contributions from both Lebanese and Syrian journalists on social cohesion.

The supplement discusses several topics such as the relation of Syrians with Beirut and the story of Beirut and its construction workers. It also highlights the anti-racism battle that activists are leading in Lebanon. Moreover, the supplement tackles the humanitarian considerations which have disappeared between March 8 and March 14 divisions; it tells the story of Yamen, from Aleppo and describes the Syrian episodes in the writer’s Lebanese-ness.

Journalists and activists share opinions on the joint news supplement

The “Peace Building in Lebanon” project gathered journalists who participated to the 6th issue to discuss their articles and share opinions with participants on upcoming issues and means of dissemination. The session was extremely interactive where many writers, experts in peace building, journalists, activists, heads of NGOs, Syrian and Lebanese social workers and activists, and university teachers, shared new ideas and suggestions for future supplements. In addition, they offered constructive criticism on several issues.



Launching of the **Crisis Operation Room**

Within the scope of implementing the National Response Plan, the UNDP - Disaster Risk Management Unit at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, together with the collaboration of the National Committee of Disaster Management and the UNISDR, launched the Ministry of Social Affairs “Crisis Operation Room” which will enable the Ministry’s immediate coordinated response to disaster of any sort, man-made or natural.” Simultaneously a live exercise scenario on an earthquake that hit Lebanon was implemented to improve the Ministry’s capacity building.



Award Ceremony to **Private, Commercial and Industrial Companies** reporting **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**



Under the patronage and presence of his Excellency the Minister of Environment Mr. Mohammad Machnouk, the Ministry of Environment and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) organised a ceremony to present awards to 35 commercial and industrial companies which reported their emissions of greenhouse gases that cause global warming, as per the Minister of Environment’s Decision No. 1/99, Date 11/04/2013, on Friday, December 19, 2014 at 10:00 am at the Mövenpick Hotel.

The ceremony marks the second time the Minister of Environment honours the private sector under Decision 1/99. This mechanism aims to expand and deepen the partnership between the public and private sectors, in order to achieve sustainable environmental management through improved assessments of the quality, quantity, and sources of greenhouse gases emitted from energy usage and industrial production. This is done through allowing private companies to find out the details of their carbon footprint.

Central Bekaa municipalities cooperate with **local civil society** to develop a **crisis management mechanism** for their societies

For the first time participants from Central Bekaa sat together to discuss the conflicts dynamics they are facing, as a result of the Syrian displacement and think of potential solutions to the different challenges and come up with a crisis management plan. Representatives from municipalities and organizations, stakeholders and social workers from Zahle, Bar Elias, Majdel ‘Anjar, Ta’alabaya, Sa’adnayel and Terbol took part in this session organized by the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project, with financial support of DFID, on 9 and 10 December in Chtaura Park Hotel.



Towards the Reactivation of the **Economic and Social Council** in Lebanon



The “Common Space Initiative” organized a meeting on December 17th, 2014, at the Radisson Blu Hotel, during which it announced and discussed the results of a four months policy dialogue that brought together leading national experts and stakeholders (July/October 2014) focusing on the “Re-activation of the Economic and Social Council in Lebanon (ECOSOC)”.

Lebanon **SME Strategy**: A Roadmap to 2020

With the collaboration of the Ministry of Economy and Trade and the United Nations Development Programme, the “Lebanon SME Strategy: A Roadmap to 2020” workshop was launched on the 16th of December 2014 at the Serail. The objectives of the “Lebanon SME Strategy: A Roadmap to 2020” workshop are launching the strategy and present the vision, share the main findings and initiatives and to discuss immediate next steps to move forward.



The Prime Minister of Lebanon and the UN Deputy Secretary-General launch a **Crisis Response Plan** for Lebanon



The Lebanese Prime Minister, Tamam Salam, and the UN Deputy Secretary-General, Jan Eliasson, launched at the Grand Serail, the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan. The plan outlines the priorities of the Government and the international community for the coming two years to respond to the crisis in country.

During his second visit to Lebanon since the start of the Syrian Crisis, the UN Deputy Secretary-General reiterated the commitment of the United Nations to support the Lebanese people

and Government to respond to the vital needs generated by the flight of over one million people into the country. The Lebanon Crisis Response Plan launched aims to address these problems.

German Delegation visits Qabb Elias Village in the **Bekaa Area**

The Deputy Minister for the German Economic Cooperation and Development Mr. Thomas Silberhorn, and the German Ambassador to Lebanon Mr. Christian Clages and UNDP country director Mr. Luca Renda visited the village of Qabb Eliass in bekaa to follow up on the German funded projects through the Lebanon Host Communities Support Project (LHSP). After the meeting, the delegation headed towards the wastewater treatment facility site where they heard a detailed explanation by Mr. George Akel, UNDP area manager, about the Non-Electrical sewage treatment facility.



Offering a new perspective on **crisis management** in Beirut Southern Suburbs



A joint meeting for the Beirut Southern Suburbs municipalities was organized by the UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” project with the financial support of the European Union. The joint meeting took place on 9th of December involving the municipalities of Chiyah, Haret Hreik, Forn Al Chebbak, Borj El Barajneh , Ghobayreh and Mrayjeh. Representatives from each municipality and local actors discussed their crisis management mechanisms

“**Break the Chain**” of Corruption

Under the patronage of the Minister of State for Administrative Reform H.E. Mr.Nabil de Freige, the Antonine University and the United Nations Development Programme UNDP celebrated the International Anti-Corruption Day at the University’s campus, Hadat-Baaba on Tuesday 9th of December, 2014 where a discussion was launched concerning Anti-corruption practices in Lebanon: Awareness and Challenges.

“Break the chain” is the slogan used for the 2014 Anti-Corruption Day.



Tuscany **Region’s Mission** in Lebanon



The Tuscany Region Mission is the first to take place after the launching of the “Support to Integrated Service Provision at the local Level” initiative signed on September 15th 2014, by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Ministry of Public Health (MoPH), the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA) the Ministry of Education & Higher Education (MEHE) and the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities (MoIM).

The initiative aims at supporting the development of integrated health territorial plans and services through the local planning exercise under the umbrella of the municipalities, in order to increase access to high-quality primary health care services for the target communities as well as to raise awareness about health in public schools.

Mr. Derek Plumbly visits vegetable market construction site in Nabatieh, South Lebanon



The United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon Derek Plumbly visited the area of Nabatieh through an invitation sent to him by MP Yassin Jaber, on Friday November 21st 2014.

After the meeting, the delegation headed towards the construction site of the vegetable market where they heard a detailed explanation about the project by Mr. Hussein Nassrallah (UNDP Area Manager), This market

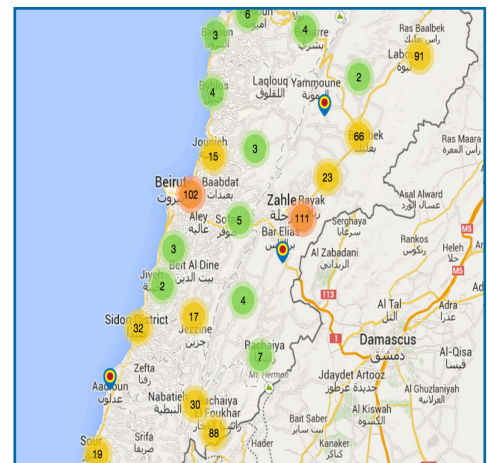
is considered the first of its kind in the south because it comprises vegetable cooling rooms, a health center and an department for the Ministry of Agriculture to provide support for the Lebanese farmers.

The impact of the Syrian crisis on social stability: Facts and figures

Since September 2014, The UNDP “Peace Building in Lebanon” in partnership with Lebanon Support NGO is producing conflict maps and periodic conflict analysis to provide relevant data about the impact of the Syrian crisis on Lebanon and advice the response accordingly, funded by UK - DIFID and LRF-Germany.

The data collection started in June 2014, based primarily on media reports validated by cross-checking reports from different sources.

After three months of collecting data and mapping conflicts, the project launched the Conflict Analysis and Mapping project, which provides different partners involved in peace building, humanitarian and stabilization activities in the country with accurate data and relevant information on conflict-prone areas.



Information Management Workshop



Within the scope of implementing the National Response Plan, the UNDP’s “Disaster Risk Management Unit at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers”, with the collaboration of the National Coordination Committee of Disaster Management, launched a workshop on enhancing information management, preparedness, and response during times of crisis. The workshop was launched in partnership with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) on Monday Nov 17 at the Grand Serail in Beirut. Throughout the 3 day workshop which was

repeated for other target audiences in December, the participants were introduced to disaster risk management concepts, humanitarian response mechanism and humanitarian principles to better understand the relations between information management and the environment within which it is carried out.

The Dream Became Reality

The municipality of Saida launched a ceremony to celebrate the removal of the Saida dumpsite on the 17th of November 2014 near the marine boulevard and for placing the foundation stone for the new public park, under the slogan “the dream became reality, the dumpsite became a garden”.

Following the 7th objective of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) to ensure environmental sustainability, the Ministry of Environment and the municipality of Saida with collaboration of the UNDP has decided to put an end to this violation and abuse of the environment. They have put a plan to rehabilitate the Saida dumpsite. The project of “Landfill Mining” will recycle the waste in order to produce secondary construction materials that meet the local and EU standards. In addition to that, a public park will be established on the ruins of the demolished dumpsite.



Cedro 4 Project- Launching Ceremony



The UNDP CEDRO project organized an official launching for its current fourth phase funded by the European Union.

The Launching took place at the Holy Spirit University of Kaslik – USEK, under the auspices of the Ministry of Energy and Water and in the presence of the Minister of Energy and Water H.E. Mr. Arthur Nazarian, the Minister Counsellor at the European Union Delegation to

Lebanon Mr. Marcello Mori, the UNDP Country Director Mr. Luca Renda in addition to representatives from all beneficiary institutions.

ALEDA launched its first Mobile Market

Under the Patronage of UNDP, the Association of Local Economic Development Agency of Beirut Southern Suburb-(ALEDA-BSS) launched its first Mobile Market for handicraft and homemade traditional foods on Friday the 7th of November 2014. ALEDA is a self-sustainable public-private structure established since 2010 with the support of UNDP since 2008, to provide support for the economic territorial development. The ceremony was held at Chiyah, Mar Georges Street during which a school choirs presented a song especially for the occasion.



Latest Videos:

The Lebanon Host Communities Support Program (Eng + Ar)

The Lebanon Host Community Support Program is a joint effort between the United Nations Development Program and the Ministry of Social Affairs. It is an essential component of the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan, endorsed by the Government of Lebanon and the United Nations. The objective of the Program is to provide direct assistance to the Lebanese communities who are most affected by the Syrian crisis.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5EKPuL6Z5mk>

Saida Dumpsite removed

The Saida Dumpsite has existed since 1982, gathering 300 tons of waste daily. It contained 1.5 million m3 of waste collected from 15 surrounding municipalities.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C8E09lvB6DQ>

Mr. Ross Mountain visits syrian displaced in Bekaa - MTV Report

The U.N Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, Ross Mountain, visited the Syrian tented settlements and checked on the situation of the displaced in the area of Bekaa on Saturday January 10 2015.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0ZIQPPdtcfk>

Lebanon SME Strategy: a Roadmap to 2020

This infographic video talks about the objectives of the Lebanon SME strategy and presents the vision and initiatives to discuss immediate next steps to move forward.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfA6u-nHxf0>

UNDP's Peace Building project issues its 6th joint news supplement

As a follow up to the release of the sixth issue of the joint news supplement, the UNDP Peace Building in Lebanon project organized a discussion session on December 17th 2014 in Dar El Mussawir in Hamra, gathering journalists who wrote in this issue to discuss their articles with participants.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vnP43hZUitQ>

UN and Partners Launch Major Aid Plans for Syria and Region

As Syria's war heads towards a fifth year, the United Nations and partners today launched a major new humanitarian and development appeal, requesting over US\$8.4 billion in funds to help nearly 18 million people in Syria and across the region in 2015.

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UNDP "Peace Building in Lebanon" project

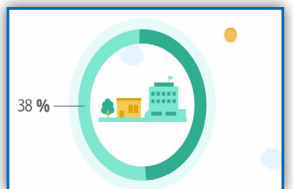
The UNDP "Peace Building in Lebanon" project aimed since 2007 at enhancing mutual understanding and social cohesion in a participatory approach with youth, educators, media, NGOs, municipal council members and Mukhtars and local leaders.

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ALEDA Mobile Market Opening

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Latest Publications

Support to Lebanese Host Communities and public Institutions

This document presents an overview of the key results achieved with support from RRP6 partners, including UN agencies, NGOs and donors, to help Lebanon ease the burden of the large presence of refugees from Syria.

Lebanon SME Strategy

The "Lebanon SME Strategy: A Roadmap to 2020" has been initiated by the Ministry of Economy and Trade to ensure the long term planning and support for a key sector of the Lebanese economy.

UNDP Conflict Analysis Report

This report provides an analytical summary of the conflict context in the Bekaa region of Lebanon, with a focus on the relationships between the Syrian refugees and the Lebanese host communities in the Baalbeck-Hermel area. It is based on a socio-political qualitative assessment and a conflict analysis that are primarily based on experiences and perspectives of key informants as well as Lebanese and Syrian residents of the Bekaa

Peace Building Newsletter (Issue 5)

In this issue of the newsletter, the project highlights the work done with municipalities, media outlets and NGOs in the fields of social cohesion and peace building

6th issue of the joint news supplement (Eng + Ar)

On the relation of Syrians with Beirut and the story of Beirut and its construction workers, and the anti-racism battle. The 6th issue of the joint news supplement in Lebanon distributed today with Annahar and As-Safir newspapers. The translated version appears in The Daily Star Newspaper.

Safeguarding and Restoring Lebanon's Woodland Resources Technical Report

This report presents the results of 3 different sets of field trials implemented by the project in 8 pilot sites on different new reforestation techniques, extending from 2011 till 2014. Due to the current high costs of reforestation in Lebanon estimated at around 7,000 USD per hectare (at a density of 800 seedlings/Ha), the main objective of the field trials was to assess the prospects of successful reforestation in Lebanon at low costs and possibly without any irrigation

<http://www.lb.undp.org/content/lebanon/en/home/library.html>



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