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Improving Living Conditions in PALESTINIAN GATHERINGS Host Communities

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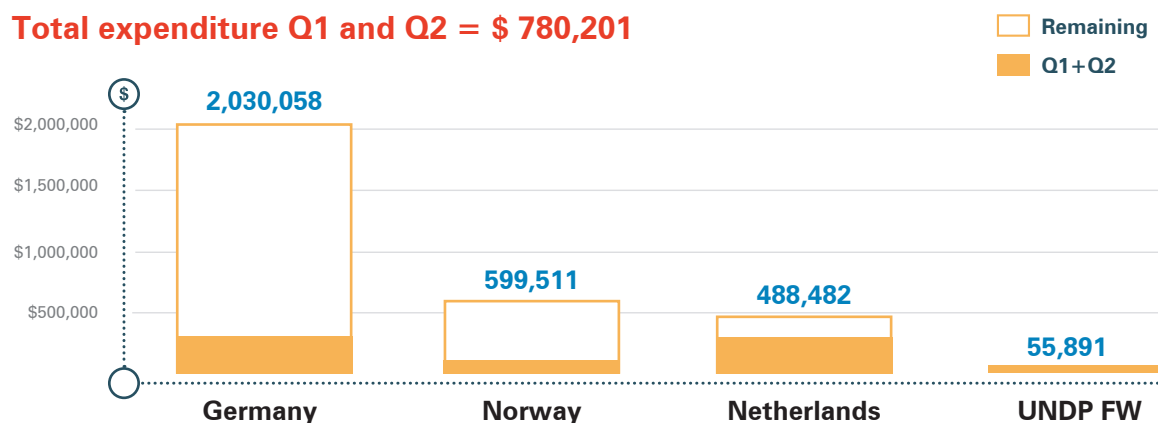
BEDDAWI: STORIES OF DISPLACEMENT AND RAYS OF HOPE

At the northern end of Tripoli city sits the Beddawi Camp, the second largest Palestinian refugee camp in Lebanon. Urban sprawl surround the camp's outskirts, including informal Palestinian Gatherings known by the Beddawi Camp Adjacent Areas.

The urban scene paints the impact of displacement caused by conflicts and catastrophes that the region had witnessed: the Abu Ali river flood (1950s), the war of the camps (late 1980s), the Nahr El-Bared armed conflict (2007), Bab Al-Tabbaneh and Jabal Mohsen clashes (2008-2014), and most recently the Syria crisis.

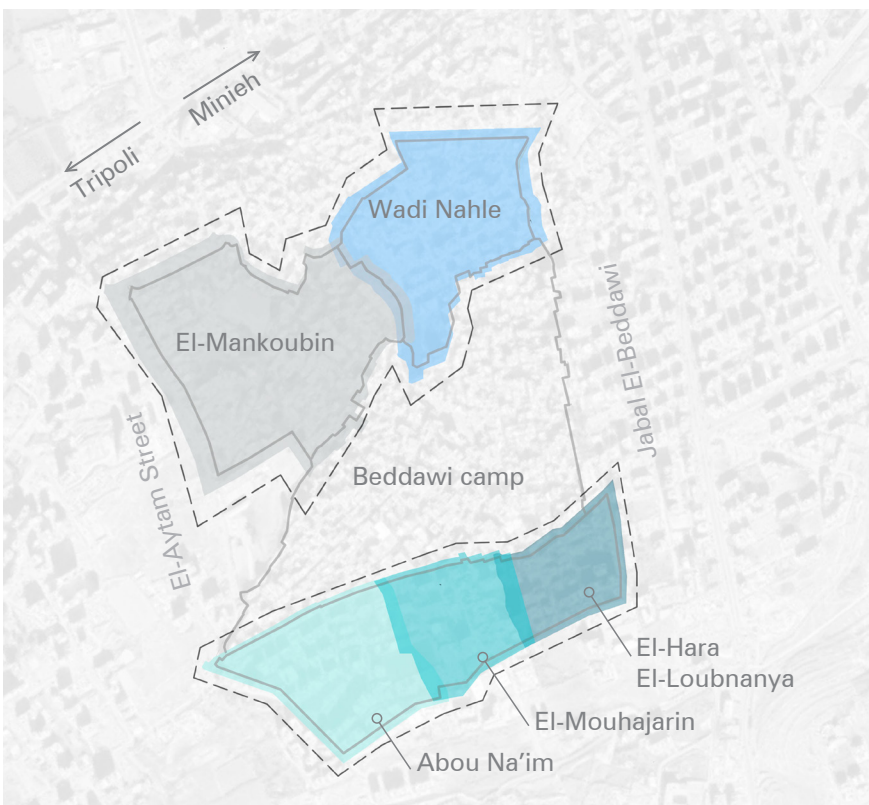
FUNDS (Year 2019)

Total expenditure Q1 and Q2 = \$ 780,201





In the Beddawi Camp Adjacent Areas, names of neighborhoods speak of the diverse social fabric of its people and tell stories about their displacement: El-Mankoubin (the afflicted), El-Mouhajarin (the displaced – also known by Hay Tal El-Za’atar), El-Hara El-Loubnanya (the Lebanese neighborhood), and Abou Na’im, all home to **6,274 dwellers**, with a great majority of Palestinian refugees (93%).



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REALITY CHECK

In the UNDP report on results of the 2017 household survey in Palestinian Gatherings, the Beddawi Adjacent Areas rank highest on the vulnerability index, with the highest levels of overcrowding and unemployment, the widest gender gaps, the lowest average minimum wage, and the least feelings of safety.

As one wanders its neighborhoods, streets tell much about informality and poverty: tangled cables, corrugated iron roofs, narrow alleys, and unpaved roads, etc. Although located within the municipal domains of Beddawi and Wadi Nahle, local governance at these Gatherings mainly relies on local committees, affiliated with the Popular Committee of the Beddawi Camp.



1 in 5 houses have tin or metal roofs



24% of households have no single family member working



The average monthly wage is **263\$**, which is less than the national minimum wage of 450\$



29% of families have a member with health problems of prolonged nature



UNDP: QUICK WINS AND STRATEGIC INTERVENTIONS

Building on the recommendations of the household survey, UNDP has kicked-off in 2019 a participatory Neighborhood Improvement Plan for Beddawi Camp Adjacent Areas, aiming to develop a vision for the area that is coordinated with UNRWA's Improvement Plan in the Beddawi Camp.

A Steering Committee was formed, bringing local actors together. Workshops were organized with the Steering Committee, the municipality of Wadi Nahle, local NGOs active in Beddawi, and the Working Group overseeing UNRWA's plan. In summer 2019, UNDP will build on participatory focus groups and workshops to design strategic interventions addressing multiple forms of vulnerabilities.

Quick win projects were already identified and launched, including:

- ▶ Upgrading of water and wastewater systems in El-Mankoubin
- ▶ Rehabilitation of water network Abou Nai'm
- ▶ Shelter rehabilitation in El-Mankoubin and El-Muhajjarin
- ▶ Installation of solar heater systems in El-Mankoubin by graduates of vocational training provided by UNDP

Active in Palestinian Gatherings across Lebanon since 2012, **Improving Living Conditions in Palestinian Gatherings Host Communities** is a UNDP project designed to strengthen the resilience of these communities, home to 120,000 vulnerable dwellers, whose great majority are Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, in addition to poor Lebanese and Palestinian and Syrian refugees displaced from Syria.

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