

# UNDP Results

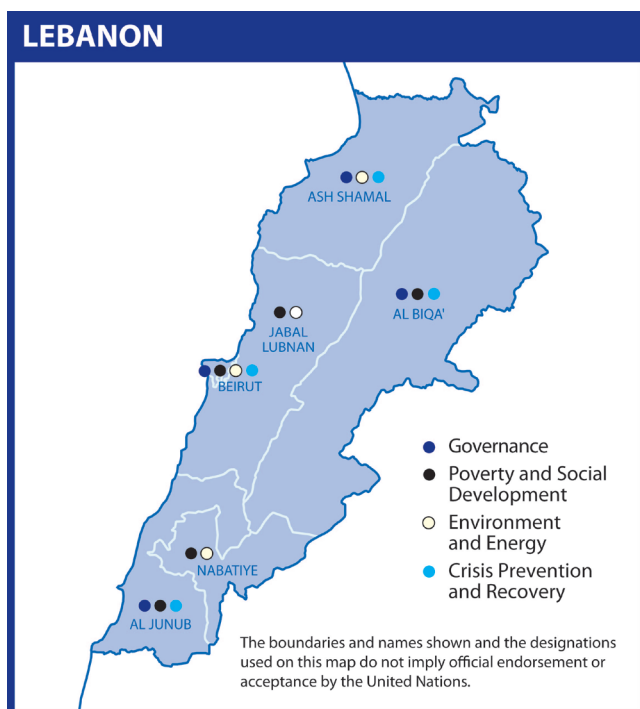
## Lebanon



## Approach

Decades of political instability along with protracted periods of armed conflict have tested the resilience, and masked the true potential, of the Lebanese people. To this day, there continues to be mounting challenges to Lebanon's governing institutions and national integrity.

Since 2000, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has focused on strengthening the capacity of national institutions to govern, while at the same time working with them to develop standards and practices for accountability and transparency. At the local level, UNDP supports community development planning processes and early recovery interventions. UNDP also supports the Government of Lebanon to mitigate the impact of climate change as well as fulfill its commitments to international environmental treaties. Conscious of the direct financial consequences of environmental degradation on its large tourist industry, Lebanon, with the help of UNDP, has scaled-up new and innovative energy and environment initiatives into national policies and programmes.



## RESULTS

### Democratic governance

To support the conduct of free, fair and transparent elections, UNDP provided assistance to the Ministry of the Interior. As a result:

- More than 700,000 voter identification cards were procured and distributed. We also trained 11,000 electoral staff while maintaining the official election website to guarantee voters' easy access to information.
- UNDP worked with the Government to design and produce public awareness campaigns to increase trust and confidence in the electoral process. In addition to radio and television campaigns, a special effort was made to reach out to women, the elderly and the disabled to increase the inclusivity of the elections. We also worked to establish an elections hotline to answer any questions voters might have.
- Working with international trainers, UNDP ran five workshops for national journalists representing 26 Lebanese media groups, to enhance transparent electoral coverage.

Lebanon's fourth National Human Development Report entitled *Towards a Citizen's State* was published in 2009 under UNDP's coordination. The report addresses the diversity of national identities and confessions in Lebanon, a formally sectarian state. It identifies how the diverse national identities relate to the structure and performance of the state and its institutions, and presents new statistical information. This report has become instrumental in shaping the national development debate on political, socio-economic and cultural policies and practices in Lebanon.

Currently, we are supporting the Lebanese Parliament as it develops a national action plan to strengthen transparency and accountability in public institutions and allow greater citizen participation.

### Environment and Energy

UNDP assisted legislators in drafting two laws on energy efficiency and conservation in Lebanon, and also helped to create

## UNDP Activities in Lebanon: 2006-2009

Theme	Funders	Total Amount US\$ Millions*
<b>Democratic Governance</b>	Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Lebanon, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, European Commission, Berghof Foundation for Peace Support/Germany, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)	42
<b>Poverty &amp; Social Development</b>	Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, Finland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Sweden, Catalan Agency for Cooperation Development/Spain, European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department-ECHO, Les Amis du Liban à Monaco, OXFAM, SIDA, UN Trust Fund for Human Security, Lebanon Recovery Fund	16
<b>Environment &amp; Energy</b>	Brazil, Canada, Greece, Japan, Lebanon, Monaco, Sweden, European Commission, CIDA, SIDA, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), World Bank, UNDP: Global Environment Facility, Lebanon Recovery Fund, Montreal Protocol, Drylands Development Centre, Programme on Governance in the Arab Region	30
<b>Crisis Prevention &amp; Recovery</b>	Italy, Spain, OCHA, Lebanon Recovery Fund, UNRWA	30
<b>Total</b>		<b>118</b>

\* Source: UNDP Lebanon

- UNDP's pilot installation of solar water heaters in 1,100 households in poor villages in South Lebanon resulted in over 30 percent reduction in household energy costs. Scaling up to the national level has commenced and is expected to achieve a significant lowering in the cost of energy.

- Energy efficiency and renewable energy equipment have been installed in 28 public buildings and facilities across the country, including five hospitals, three schools, 17 municipalities and three social centres.

- Additionally, UNDP managed five national media campaigns to raise awareness about energy consumption and promote an efficient use of energy.

### Crisis Prevention and Recovery

Repeated armed conflicts have taken a significant toll on the land and the people of Lebanon. UNDP is working at the national and local level to prevent further violence and rebuild what has been damaged.

- UNDP actively engaged in reconciliation and peace-building efforts between Lebanese and Palestinian refugees and among Lebanese of various identities, whether confessional or political, through a variety of initiatives, including summer schools for youth and media training programmes. UNDP provided training in conflict management skills to over 500 municipal officials and civil society stakeholders, 100 high school teachers, 30 youth coaches and 40 print and broadcast news reporters.

- UNDP assisted in removing rubble from the July 2006 war, an effort that also resulted in the removal of thousands of unexploded ordnances. We also worked to repair and rebuild basic infrastructure and electricity networks for an area of 500,000 square miles.

- Following the Nahr Al-Bared clashes between the Lebanese Armed Forces and Fatah al-Islam, an Islamist militant organization, UNDP helped rebuild surrounding areas affected by the fighting and worked with the Government to restore the livelihoods of fishermen and their families living around Al Abdeh Harbour.

the Lebanese Centre for Energy Conservation. Our experts also worked alongside Lebanese officials to establish a specialized jurisdiction to address and penalize environmental crimes.

- Major governmental and commercial organizations joined the UNDP-assisted Energy Audit initiative generating an average annual savings of US\$45,000 per building for more than 100 buildings. The programme took less than three years to recoup the investment.

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