



GENERAL INFORMATION

Project Title: **Municipal Empowerment and Resilience Project (MERP)**

Project ID: 00113796

UNDP Programme/Portfolio: Social and Local Development

Geographic Coverage: Union of Municipalities of Metn Chemali, Fayhaa, and Tyre

Start Date: January 2019

End Date: January 2022

Implementing Agency: United Nations Development Programme

PROJECT DETAILS

Background:

The impact of the Syrian crisis on Lebanon is reaching a scale unprecedented in the history of complex, displacement-driven emergencies. In April 2012, 32,800 Syrian refugees were registered or awaiting registration with UNHCR; by January 2018, this figure stands around under one million refugees. When considering the Palestinian refugees, this represents an increase equal to over 25% of the total Lebanese pre-crisis population, placing Lebanon first worldwide in terms of the number of refugees per capita. This is putting pressure on the country's resources and utilities and on subnational authorities in managing and coordinating the various interventions implemented by a multitude of actors.

The "Municipal Empowerment and Resilience Project" is a newly developed joint initiative by UNDP and UN-Habitat funded by the European Union, in partnership with the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities. The aim of the project is to strengthen the long-term resilience of subnational authorities in Lebanon as well as host communities, refugees and displaced persons affected by the Syrian Crisis.

The Geographic area of interventions:

- Union of Municipalities of Metn Chemali: 32 municipalities - Main partner municipality: Bourj Hammoud
- Union of Municipalities of Al Fayhaa: 4 municipalities - Main partner municipality: Tripoli
- Union of Municipalities of Tyre: 63 municipalities - Main partner municipality: Tyre

Expected Results:

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1. Subnational authorities have enhanced capacities to engage in holistic, area-based planning and consider different scenarios that respond to the needs of host, refugee, and internally displaced persons (IDP) populations.
2. Service delivery is increasingly responsive, and generates greater social stability outcomes, based on the needs of host, refugee, and IDP populations.

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3. Subnational authorities are empowered to facilitate local economic development and have better access to municipal investment that benefits the extension of safe public services and economic opportunities for host, refugee, and IDP populations.

Target Groups / Beneficiaries:

- Municipalities
- Women Cooperation
- Small and Medium enterprises
- Youth
- Vulnerable Groups
- Syrian refugees

Budget: USD 8,530,952