



Spotlight on UN-Habitat Lebanon's Work

2019 – 2021



Since 2006, UN-Habitat in Lebanon has focused on responding to successive crises that the country has witnessed, including:

- The war of July 2006
- The Syrian refugee crisis
- COVID-19, the Beirut Port explosion, and the current socio-economic crisis

In a country that is close to 90% urban by population, hosting 1.5+ million refugees – UN-Habitat also focuses on implementing effective, area-based, multi-sectoral humanitarian development nexus response, while laying the foundation for long-term sustainable urbanization.



Overall budget: approximately **USD 24 million**, across **17+ projects**, together with **20+ partners**, reaching more than **1,090,000 beneficiaries**.

UN-Habitat Global Strategic Plan 2020-2023 – Domains of Change



Domain of Change 1
Reduced Poverty and Spatial Inequality in Urban and Rural Communities



Domain of Change 3
Strengthened Climate Action and Improved Urban Environment



Domain of Change 2
Enhanced Shared Prosperity of Cities and Regions



Domain of Change 4
Effective Urban Crisis Prevention and Response

This project is a first of its kind in Lebanon as it takes a practical and eco-friendly approach for the rubble and debris left behind by the catastrophic Beirut Port explosion of 4 August 2020. We see this project as an opportunity for a sustainable rubble management solution not only for Beirut but also for Lebanon as a whole.

Governor of Beirut, Judge Marwan Abboud
on the Rubble to Mountains Initiative

Thanks to critical and timely cash-for-rent support from the UN, I have been able to offset my monthly expenses, ensuring my family and I can continue to live in dignity.

Etaferahu – Head of household supported by UN-Habitat's cash-for-shelter project in response to the Beirut Port explosion

UN-Habitat Country Programme Document Lebanon 2021 – 2023

The overarching goal of Lebanon's Habitat Country Programme 2021-2023 is to **contribute to improving the living conditions of children, youth, women and men in Lebanon – regardless of their nationality** – by creating liveable

urban areas that are effectively planned and managed, environmentally sound, financially viable and competitive, and socially cohesive through good and inclusive governance and equitable distribution of resources.



UN-Habitat is driven by a long-term vision to make cities and urban communities in Lebanon safe, inclusive, resilient and sustainable.

Lebanon's Habitat Country Programme 2021-2023 concentrates on three focus areas:

Focus Area 1: Inclusive and Sustainable Development

To promote sustainable urbanization, the programme envisages to upscale its interventions at the national level and facilitate urban policy reform and transformation. The planned large-scale investments in the country's infrastructure require the national

formulation of tools and practices that would prioritize urbanization challenges and harness cities as drivers of development. This step should be accompanied by a thorough review and reform of existing legal urban frameworks and tools.



UN-Habitat team responding to the Beirut Port explosion by undergoing a rapid building-level damage assessment in Beirut ©UN-Habitat

Strengthening the Long-Term Resilience of Subnational Authorities in countries affected by the Syrian and Iraqi Crises

Duration: 2019 – 2022 | **Donor:** European Union, Madad Fund

Targeted Areas: Unions of Al Fayhaa, Metn and Tyre, including their member municipalities

Key partners: UNDP, Ministry of Interior, DGLAC, Unions of Municipalities



Budget: USD 28 million for Iraq and Lebanon; USD 17 million (Lebanon UN-Habitat/UNDP); USD 8 million (UN-Habitat Lebanon)



Total Beneficiaries: 137,500 vulnerable Lebanese; 24,375 Syrian Refugees; 27,750 Palestine Refugees

Description

To strengthen the resilience of municipalities and communities in Lebanon including host and refugee populations, through improving governance and the implementation of basic services and local economic development projects.

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Targeted sectors



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Improving the well-being of host and refugee populations through enhanced environmental & hygiene conditions in Maraach neighborhood in Greater Beirut

Duration: 2018 – 2021 | **Donor:** Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland

Targeted Area: Maraach, Bourj Hammoud

Key partners: The Polish Centre for International Aid (PCPM)



Budget: USD 1,415,000



Total Beneficiaries: Direct 1,100; Indirect 15,000

Description

Environmental conditions of host/refugee population settled in Beirut urban areas are enhanced through upgrading of basic services and through the active engagement & skills development of municipalities & communities.



Focus Area 2: Participatory Urban Planning, Management and Governance

To address the challenges of rapid urbanization in Lebanon, this focus area emphasizes, through concrete actions, the urgent need to make available locally verified urban data that represents one of the key ingredients for promoting inclusive urban and land use planning. UN-Habitat supports the Government of Lebanon's efforts in

building a resilient economy by bringing forward initiatives and programmes that promote environmentally sustainable cities through the development of policies, institutional arrangements, establishment of supportive legal frameworks, and planning that support sustainable urban policies.

Improving local socioeconomic development planning through capacity-building at the municipal level

Duration: 2019 – 2023 | **Donor:** Italian Agency for Development and Cooperation

Targeted Area: National | **Key Partner:** Ministry of Social Affairs



Budget: USD 1,200,000



Total Beneficiaries: 500,000

Description

The project aims to improve socio-economic conditions of local communities through strengthening planning capacities at the unions of municipalities' levels using participatory approaches.

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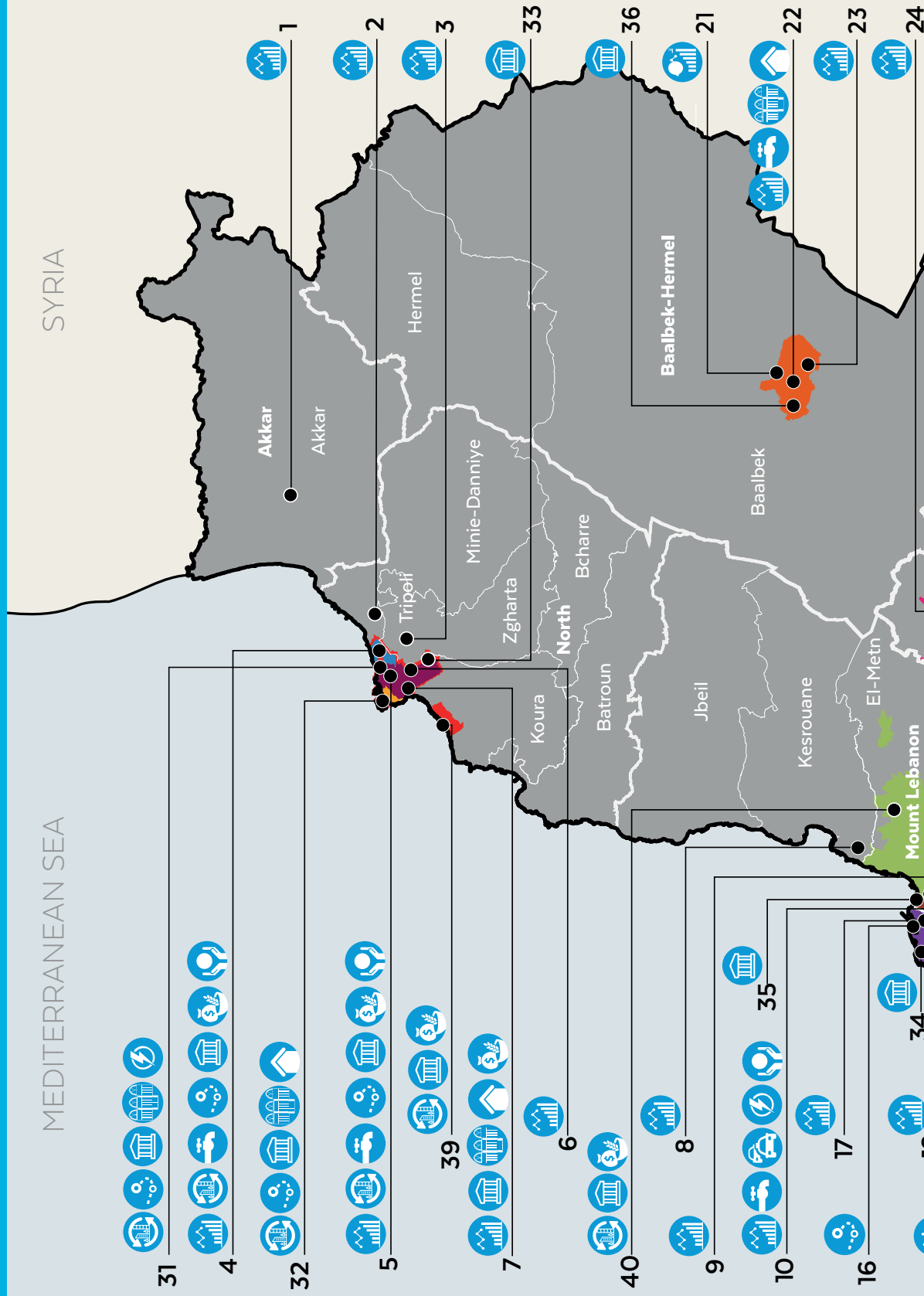
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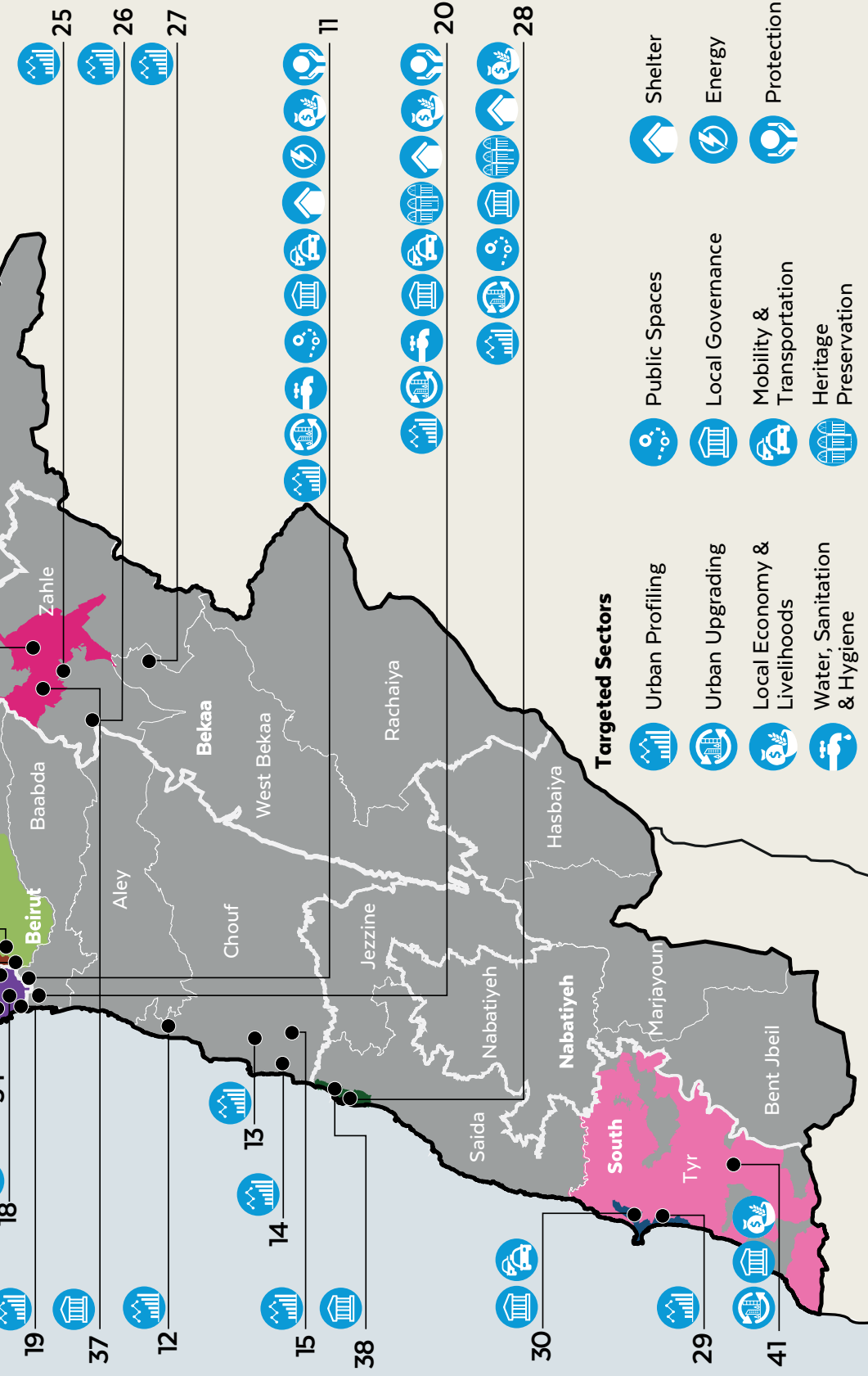


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Geographical areas of current intervention by UN-Habitat in Lebanon by sector





Targeted Sectors










-  Urban Profiling
-  Public Spaces
-  Shelter
-  Urban Upgrading
-  Local Governance
-  Energy
-  Local Economy & Livelihoods
-  Mobility & Transportation
-  Protection
-  Water, Sanitation & Hygiene
-  Heritage Preservation

Targeted Areas

● Targeted Neighbourhoods

1. Hayy El-Qalaa
2. Hayy El-Blat
3. Hayy El-Arab
4. Jabal Mohsen
5. Bab El-Tabbaneh
6. El-Qobbeh
7. Haddadine
8. Hayy El-Kharoubeh
9. Hayy El-Jadid
10. Nabaa
11. Maraash
12. Naameh
13. Barja El-Qadimeh
14. Sibline
15. Katermaya El-Qadimeh
16. Karantina
17. Karm El-Zeytoun
18. Hayy Tamlis
19. Daouk-Ghawash
20. Sabra

Targeted Municipalities

-  30. Tyr
-  31. Beddaoui
-  32. El-Mina
-  33. Tripoli
-  34. Beirut
-  35. Bourj Hammoud
-  36. Baalbeck
-  37. Zahle
-  38. Saïda

Targeted Union of Municipalities (UoMs)

-  39. Al-Fayhaa
-  40. Coastal and Central Metn
-  41. Tyr

Housing, Land, and Property Rights of Syrian Refugees in Lebanon and Iraq

Duration: 2020 – 2021 | **Donor:** German Agency for International Cooperation

Targeted Area: 16 municipalities across Lebanon

Key Partners: SAWA for Development and Aid



Budget: EUR 1,199,880



Total Beneficiaries: 6,000 households total;
Lebanon: 4,000; Iraq: 2,000

Description

Improving land tenure security and safeguarding the housing, land and property rights of Syrian refugees living in Lebanon and Iraq through the use of the Social Tenure Domain Model.

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Focus Area 3: Disaster Risk Mitigation and Effective Urban Crisis Response

UN-Habitat offers support to the Government of Lebanon's efforts in relation to environmental issues, crisis response, migration, sustainable transportation, environmentally sustainable infrastructure and climate change.

In 2020 and 2021, UN-Habitat set its focus and expertise on helping Lebanon and Beirut respond to multiple urban crises including the Beirut Port explosion and COVID-19. Enhanced focus will be placed in forthcoming years on urban recovery and reconstruction from a holistic, multi-sectoral perspective.

Responding to the Beirut Port explosion

UN Habitat immediately engaged in the disaster response through a multi-pronged and “build back green, resilient and better” approach. Through deploying teams in two of the most impacted municipalities, Beirut and Bourj Hammoud, UN-Habitat led the rapid damage assessments of buildings and schools, combined with tangible on-the-ground response that provided immediate support within the housing, debris and urban services and public facilities sectors.



Budget: USD 4.5 million
(as of 2020)



Beneficiaries: An estimated 210,000+ beneficiaries supported

Immediate interventions:

- Shelter coordination, repairs and rental assistance
- Sustainable debris management
- Structural rehabilitation and upgrading of schools and health facilities
- Building and schools damage assessments in Beirut and Mount Lebanon
- Technical expertise to local authorities
- Housing, land and property expertise and awareness

Medium-long term interventions:

- Structural residential building rehabilitation
- Heritage conservation
- Public infrastructure rehabilitation
- Urban recovery and reconstruction

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Rubble sorting and collection lot of the Rubble to Mountains initiative located in Karantina, Beirut, Lebanon ©UN-Habitat



Beneficiary collects her card to provide her with funds for her household rehabilitation through IICO funding ©UN-Habitat



UN-Habitat installs 20 kWp photovoltaic and solar heating systems as part of its post Beirut blast rehabilitation efforts of the National HIV/TB Centre ©UN-Habitat



Household member receives COVID-19 response hygiene kit in Karantina, Beirut through funding by Sida ©UN-Habitat

COVID-19 Response

UN-Habitat Lebanon response activities include:

- Unions of municipalities' COVID-19 rapid assessment report: outlines challenges facing local authorities in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, identifying most critical support needed and recommends mitigating measures.
- Handwashing Stations and Hygiene Kits: UN Habitat designed, produced and installed the first public handwashing stations in Lebanon. 22 stations are placed across some of the most densely populated and vulnerable urban communities in the Governorates of Beirut and Mount Lebanon.



1,200+ hygiene kits distributed to residents across Beirut and Tripoli.



More than 4,000 beneficiaries received COVID-19 awareness-raising sessions.

Municipal Mobile Clinic

The clinic will provide free and non-discriminatory COVID-19 testing and other basic medical services to any individual who is unable to access them currently, including migrants and refugees in marginalized neighbourhoods.

Regional Technical Offices (RTOs)

UN-Habitat's Regional Technical Offices (RTOs) in Lebanon's coastal cities of Tyre and Saida provide critical capacity and technical support to local authorities in their response to COVID-19. Specifically, the implementation of the national Government's national directives on COVID-19.

Abjad Centre

The Abjad Centre, a sociocultural community centre established by UN-Habitat, UN Women and UNICEF in Tabbaneh and Jabal Mohsen neighbourhoods of Tripoli, Lebanon – has contributed to enhancing safety and security in vulnerable communities through a multitude of skills, livelihoods, protection, legal and health services. Since 2020 and in light of COVID-19 socio-economic impacts, the Centre has also been instrumental in supporting families at risk of eviction through legal protection, by negotiating flexible rental agreements, provision of rental subsidies and referral in extreme cases.

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Key Achievements 2016 – 2020



Shelter and Heritage

- 145 housing units rehabilitated
- 110 buildings rehabilitated
- 36 historic buildings restored
- 500 beneficiaries received minor household repairs following the Beirut Port explosion
- 4,000 beneficiaries received four-months worth cash-for-shelter assistance following the Beirut Port explosion



Capacity-building and Profiling

- 1 Legal Advice Centre established
- 1 HLP report published
- 170+ decent work opportunities
- 2 guides for mainstreaming housing and transport into NUP
- 1 synthesis report on housing-transport interlinkages
- 8 employees seconded to support the UoMs
- 180+ workshops and training sessions implemented
- Neighbourhood Profiling 28 assessed | 26 published
- 1 NUP Policy Diagnosis Report published



Fire Prevention and Response

- 1 Rapid Intervention Vehicle handed over to the Lebanese Civil Defense
- Trainings and distribution of firefighting equipment to 54 community members



Basic Urban and Social Services

- 3 soft mobility plans implemented
- 130 various types of solar lights installed
- 1 electrical network installed
- 2 photovoltaic systems installed
- 10 public spaces implemented
- 2 community centres rehabilitated
- 4 stormwater and wastewater networks installed
- 50+ bins Installed
- 50 handwashing station installed
- 1,200+ hygiene kits distributed



Forthcoming highlights for 2021

- Rehabilitation of 11+ multistory residential heritage buildings
- Restoration of several public spaces
- Multisectoral upgrading projects and restoration of public infrastructure
- Enhancing resilience to climate change-related water challenges
- Establishing the foundations of integrated sustainable waste management with UoMs to decrease environmental pollution – especially marine litter

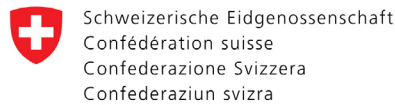
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