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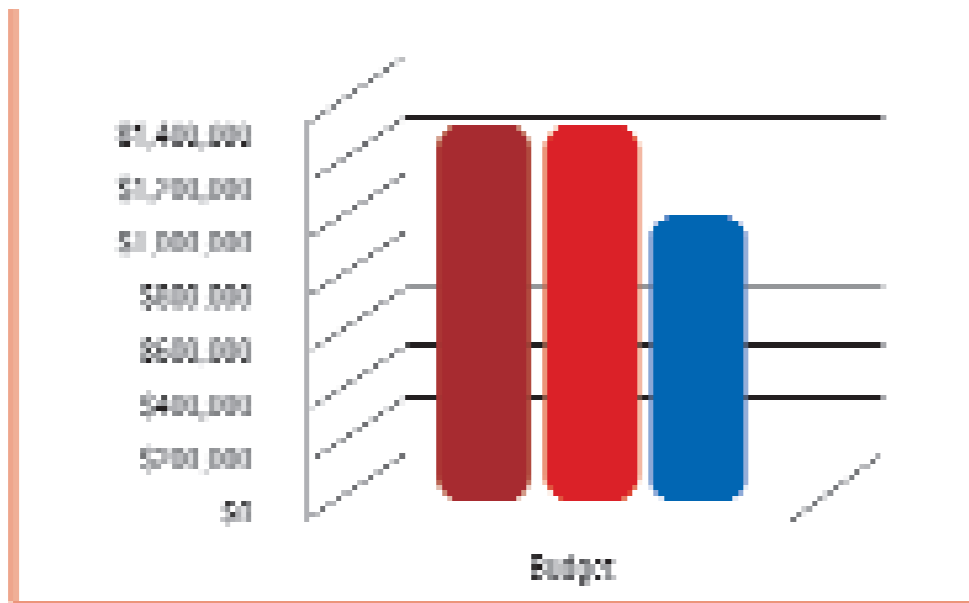
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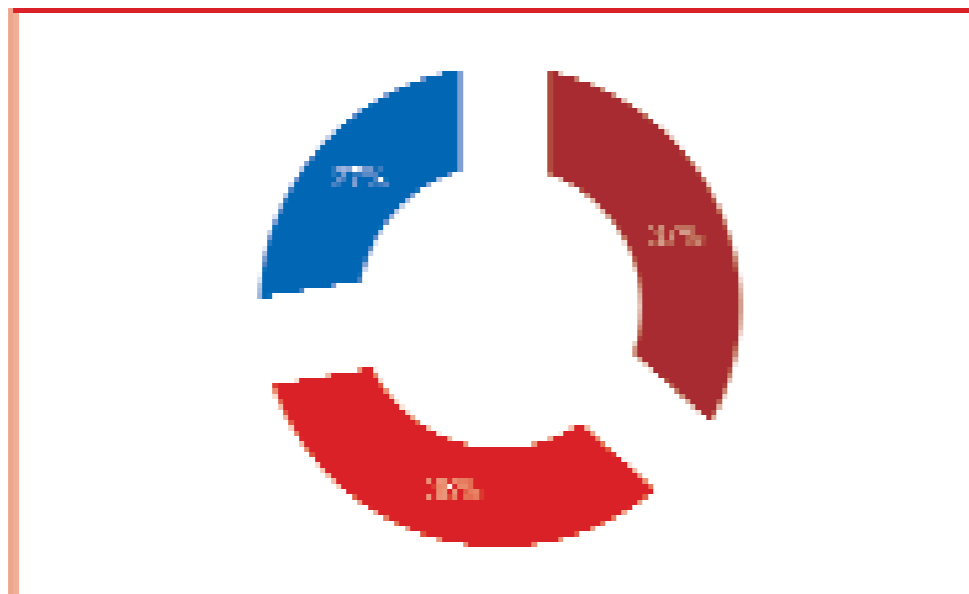
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Restoration and Preservation of Lives and Livelihoods

With the overarching objective of restoring the livelihoods, enhancing income and employment opportunities of the war affected population, UNDP set in motion a seamless process to respond immediately to the most urgent recovery priorities helping to strengthen the conditions for sustained recovery focusing first on the most damaged regions (South, Beirut Southern Suburbs and Bekaa.) The needs assessment carried out at the local level with municipalities identified further opportunities for restoring the livelihoods of other informal and formal sector occupational categories.

Fully funded by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO), UNDP implemented "The Livelihoods Early Recovery at Local Level" project and designed the project initiatives as per the conducted damage assessment and the arising needs of the communities and expressed priorities by the municipalities and cooperatives.

The implemented projects supported the municipal initiatives for recovery, rehabilitation of economic infrastructure services for livelihoods resumption, provision of asset replacement and productive infrastructure rehabilitation for micro and small enterprises.

Based on the socio-economic indicators employed by the survey assessing "Impact on beneficiaries of the Livelihoods Early Recovery Project", the subject European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO)-UNDP initiative proved to support the most deprived groups in the war affected communities (91% of the surveyed households were negatively impacted by the war). Nevertheless, the survey reveals that due to the extent of damage and destruction, the needs of communities were larger than the rendered services though. The survey has also confirmed the participation of the community in the selection and development of the projects at the local level, this has created a sense of ownership and commitment by the beneficiaries as to ensure the sustainability of the projects. Implementing partners including municipalities, union of municipalities, cooperatives and union of cooperatives expressed a high commitment to the contribution of maintaining continuous operations of the projects through their own resources and the benefits collected from the activities themselves.

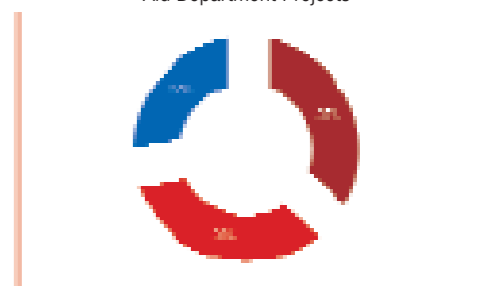
The following activities are illustrative of UNDP - European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) funded interventions and support in restoring and preserving livelihoods.

- Asset replacement support provided and rehabilitation of productive infrastructure ensure for micro and small enterprises
- Support to municipal initiatives for livelihoods recovery provided
- Urgent basic rehabilitation of economic infrastructure services in affected communities needed for resumption of livelihoods

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Projects in South Lebanon

Aita Chaab Municipality Laurel Press

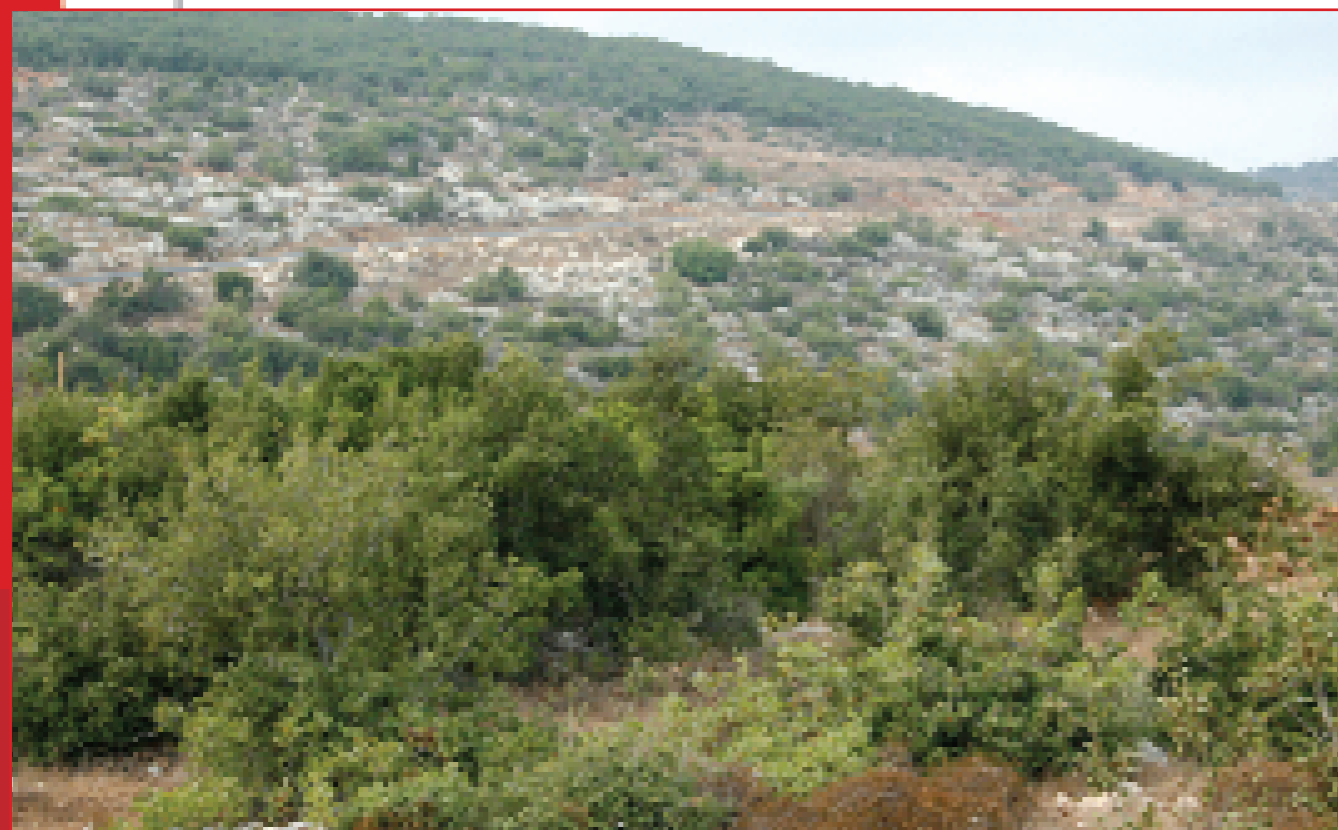
Allocated Fund by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) \$65,000 USD

In the framework of UNDP's strategy to assist agricultural cooperatives in re-establishing and improving their income generation activities, this project was designed to install a unique laurel press to extract the laurel oil in the village of Aita El Chaab, known for its abundant resources of Laurel trees.

The functionality of this press relies on traditional methods of extraction but modernized to compete with the new technologies, maintaining the very good quality of the oil in production.

A working station was arranged within the Laurel press premises, offered by the municipality of Aita Chaab, to enable a minimum number of 50 women at first stages working in this field to produce soap. UNDP supported this activity through the provision of new equipments (soap molding containers, pots...) to enhance the quality of the produces and ensure a framework for women to become productive in their villages.

The economic interest in the extraction and marketing of this fruit is mainly in its oil and soap forms. At the commercial interest level, the 20L of laurel oil is now sold at around \$140 - 160 USD in Aita Chaab, compared to olive oil at USD 80 - 100. In this regard, the estimated profit of this project will vary between \$24,335 USD and \$101,395 USD during a production period of three years.



Laurel Trees in Aita Al Shaab

Projects in South Lebanon

Project Title	Target Beneficiaries	The European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) Contribution in USD
Laurel Press in Aita Chaab	Municipality of Aita Chaab	\$65,000
Bint Jbeil Market	Micro & Small Enterprises	\$250,000
Support to Women Cooperatives of Deir Qanoun Ras el Ein	Cooperative	\$16,500
Provision of Livestock feed mixer in Kfar Kila	Livestock keepers	\$25,500
Manufactory for beekeepers products in Jabal Amel	Beekeepers	\$45,000
Rehabilitation of the Slaughter house in Nabatieh	Municipality & Butchers	\$86,000
Construction of agricultural tents in Ramyeh	Farmers	\$17,500
Olive Oil Press in Regional Union of Cooperatives for Development in South Lebanon	Union's Cooperatives	\$110,000
Processing of Olive residue center in Rob Tlatine	Olive Farmers	\$24,150
Electrical honey separator with accessories in Taybeh	Beekeepers	\$4,500
Support to Beekeeping Cooperative in Toul/Kfour	Beekeepers in the South	\$54,000
Support to infrastructural services to the Union of Municipalities of Chqeef Nabatieh	Municipalities member of the Union	\$85,000
Support to infrastructural services to the Union of Municipalities of Jabal Amel	11 villages supported by the Union	\$65,000
Agricultural Cooperative of Yohmor and neighboring villages	Farmers	\$35,000
Pumice and Concrete tiles factory in Aramta	Municipality of Aramta	\$20,000
Installation of irrigation networks in Debel	Farmers	\$4,000
Agriculture Cooperative in Jebaa	Cooperative	\$16,000
Wazzani Fish Farm in Khiam	Members of Khiam Cooperative	\$40,000
Provision of a wheat mill for Majdel Zoun Municipality	Farmers	\$9,000
Rehabilitation of Qleileh Market	Municipality of Qleileh	\$60,000
Provision of Agricultural Machineries in Rechknayan	Municipality of Rechknayan	\$10,000
Oregano/ Aromatic plants processing facility at the Regional Union of Cooperatives In South Lebanon	Farmers of aromatic herbs & Cooperative members of the union	\$43,000
Provision of Agricultural machineries in Siddiqine	Municipality & Farmers	\$24,850.00
Provision of Equipment & Machineries to the Municipality of Taybeh	Municipality of Taybeh	\$15,000
Support to infrastructural services to the Union of Municipalities of Bint Jbeil	8 Municipalities member of the Union	\$65,000
Support to infrastructural services to the Union of Municipalities of Iqleem al Toufah	9 Municipalities member of the Union	\$65,000
Support to infrastructural services to the Union of Municipalities of Tyre	57 villages of the Tyre Kada	\$171,250
Provision of Agricultural machineries in Zibqine	Municipality of Zibqine	\$25,000
Agricultural Cooperative in Froun	Members of the Cooperative	\$20,000
Olive Seed Picker in Ghandouryeh	Farmers	\$5,000
Agricultural Cooperative in Baraachit	Cooperative	\$23,000
Total		\$1,499,250

Pumice and Concrete tiles factory in Aramta

Allocated Fund by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) \$20,000 USD

Aiming at enhancing the economic cycle in the area and reinforcing people's attachments to their home village by creating employment opportunities for the local residents, this initiative consisted of supporting the establishment of a municipal factory used for construction materials (concrete tiles, borders and pumice) through providing equipments (concrete mixer, press blocks, molds....)

With an allocated budget of \$20,000 USD from European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO), and a \$16,950 USD contribution from the municipality of Aramta, the project will finance itself from the profit gained by its regular operations, and with a yearly estimated profit of \$33,610 USD.

To date, the factory has produced 2,000 linear meters of borders materials for internal use in Aramta in addition to external commercial orders mainly coming from the neighboring municipalities.

It is expected that the implementation of this project will result in the creation of job opportunities by recruiting a minimum of four laborer and workers, subjected to fast track training courses.

In addition, the production of such construction materials will ensure continuous operations in the factory supported by a large neighboring demand market, given the constant and frequent use of tiles for the sidewalks, and the Interlock for parks and gardens' paths.

This initiative will also ensure a sustainable municipal source of income that will be used for the development of the production and delivery capacity of the factory, and for the implementation of local development projects in the village, always in the scope of income generation perspectives.

Rehabilitation of Bint Jbeil Market place

Allocated Fund by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) \$250,000 USD

Under the "Adopt a Village" program initiated by the Lebanese government for the recovery and reconstruction purposes, Qatar has pledged the full intervention in Bint Jbeil in terms of infrastructure rehabilitation and households' compensations. One of its initiatives was the establishment of the alternative Souk of Bint Jbeil (Alternative Market Place). In order to complement this initiative and render it operational, UNDP & European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) livelihoods project entailed supporting 183 micro and small enterprises in the public market of Bint Jbeil through the purchase of needed equipment such as shelves, desks, chairs, refrigerators, curtains, restaurant kits, barber kits, office equipment, and other needed equipment.

All equipments were delivered and handed over to the municipality which in its turn prepared an agreement signed with the SME owners in Bint Jbeil for the provision of the shops equipments. This alternative market place has been operational since the provision of equipments and their delivery to various SMEs owners in Bint Jbeil.

Project outputs are achieved and outcomes are also progressing to be fully achieved since SMEs businesses are revived and functioning regularly.



Bint Jbeil Marketplace

Agricultural Cooperative for Processing and Packaging of Agricultural Products in Deir Qanoun Ras El Ein

Allocated Fund by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) \$16,500 USD

Aiming at women empowerment particularly in terms of participation in the socio-economic cycle in the communities and increasing employment opportunities, UNDP provided support to the women cooperative of Deir Qanoun through the provision of equipments and machineries to develop and increase their produce of traditional Lebanese food.

UNDP also provided the cooperative with a car for transportation of the produces to the market, in addition to a generator due to insufficient hours of electrical power.

The equipments have enhanced the cooperative's production of "mallet smeed" a specialty type of baked dough and have widened their varieties of baked goods which they sell in their village and neighboring area. This has also decreased the production cost and increased their income and production capacity which allowed them to widen their market opportunities in the South and reaching out to Beirut. The cooperative has participated in around three events and exhibitions during the time frame of the Livelihoods project and has used the procured equipment to produce food items.

The cooperative management uses around 30% of the net profit for maintenance and development of their facility.



Women's Cooperative in Deir Qanoun

Beekeeping Cooperative in Toul/Kfour

Allocated Fund by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) \$54,000 USD

The main objective of this activity is to support the production a high quality of honey by using new techniques such as humidity control of the extracted honey and refined pre-filtering line which will reduce the production fees.

The beekeeping project will provide support to around 1,200 beekeepers from different villages in the South enrolled at the Cooperative, by providing access to a modernized center for honey extraction and pre-filtering and processing, then packaging and labeling the final product. The project supported the cooperative through provision of a whole production liner of equipment used for honey extraction, honey dryer and pressure filtering, pre-filtering, honey filtering and processing, honey filling, honey packaging and labeling.

With around 50,000 beehives in both South Lebanon and Nabatieh Muhafazas, the average output of each bee hive is from 10 - 15kg per year, with a yearly net profit of \$4,166 USD.



Beekeeping in Toul / Kfour

Projects in the Bekaa Region

Rehabilitation of Nabatieh Slaughter House

Allocated Fund by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) \$86,000 USD

The project supported the rehabilitation of a slaughter house built a year ago by the Council of the South but severely damaged during the war. The project entails restoration of damaged infrastructure of the Slaughter House and provision of equipments needed and indispensable to activate it and make it serviceable.

The main objectives of the project are to support the livelihoods of the people involved in the meat production sector; enhance income generation activity which provides sustainability for the municipality of Nabatieh; ensure a clean environment and attract butchers in the area by providing services under the supervision of veterans and health inspectors; and create employment opportunities for skilled labor such as public health specialists, technicians, guards, doctors, cleaners, administration, drivers...

22 staff have been recruited to operate the slaughter house, and paid by the municipality which has established a special fund for this project.

In two years time, Nabatieh municipality and the governor of Nabatieh are planning to include more villages in Nabatieh Kada to benefit from the services rendered at the Slaughter House. To date, the slaughter house serves the butchers of Nabatieh city and surrounding villages.

Agricultural Cooperative of Yohmor and neighboring villages

Allocated Fund by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) \$35,000 USD

The project's main objectives is to provide support to the population active in the agricultural sector, reinforce the economic cycle in the village and increase women's participation in society particularly advocating for their enrollment in employment and productive sectors.

UNDP provided support to the cooperative through the provision of equipments and machineries to develop and increase the production of their traditional processed food such as thyme grinder, kechek grinder, wheat mill, dehydration machine, distillation machine, electrical generator, etc...

More than 15 women, active and well trained on food processing techniques, are involved in this project at the cooperative; their income supports 100 dependants.

The activity is planned to finance the cost of operations and delivery of services to the user through marketing and selling their produces.



Nabatieh Slaughterhouse

Project Title	Target Beneficiaries	The European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) Contribution in USD
Construction & Rehabilitation of irrigation canal	Farmers	\$20,000
Construction of Additional Cold Room in Deir Al Ahmar	Farmers of Deir Al Ahmar and the surrounding villages	\$65,000
Provision of Pick up - Jib Jannine	Local residents	\$14,500
Construction of public market for Fruit and Vegetables - Nabi Osman	Farmers of Nabi Osman and the surrounding villages	\$124,874
Provision of Two Pickups - Union of Al Boheirah Municipalities	Union of Al Boheirat Municipalities	\$32,400
Provision of Machineries - Union of Al Shalal Municipalities	Villages of Bouday-Al Aalak Flawi and Al Saaydeh	\$96,500
Provision of Machineries - Union of Baalbeck Eastern Municipalities	Sarean Al Fawka, Sarean Al Tahta, Al Khidr, Khraybeh, Al Nabi Shiit and Janta	\$99,200
Provision of Machineries - Union of Baalbeck Western Municipalities	Chemistar, Houch Snaid, Qsarnaba, Tamnin Al Tahta, Tamnin Al Fawqa and Bodnayel	\$100,000
Construction of Public Embroidery Workshop in Barqa	Women workers in the workshop	\$30,000
Construction of Public Market in Ghazeh	Residents of Ghazeh and the surrounding villages	\$146,161
Construction and Rehabilitation of Sewage Canal in Mashghara	Residents of Mashghara	\$25,796
Construction of Cherry Cold Storage room in Aarsal	Cherry Farmers of Aarsal	\$75,000
Provision of Machineries - Union of Al Sahl Municipalities	Houch Harimeh, Al Sawiri, Al Manara, Kamed Allwaz, Al Marg, Ghaza, Al Soltan Yaacoub, Al Mansora, Amiq, Al Khyara and Aana	\$57,200
Construction of Exhibition Center - Union of Baalbeck Municipalities / Baalbeck	Residents of Baalbeck City and the surrounding villages	\$230,000
Construction of a Trout Fish Processing and Smoking Plant - Hermel	Trout Farmers	\$149,000
Provision of Pick with hydraulic bucket - Yanta	Municipalities of Halwa, Yanta, Dier Al Ashayir, Bakka and Aitta Al Foukhar	\$40,000
Rehabilitation of Water Catchments Pond - Al Zraeer	Farmers of Zraeer region	\$11,160
Rehabilitation of Water Drainage Canal, Retaining wall and Municipal Lighting - Rashaya	Residents of Rashaya	\$37,698
Total		\$1,354,489

Construction of Additional Cold Room - Deir Al Ahmar

**Allocated Fund by the European Commission
Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) \$65,000 USD**

Through the construction of the additional Cold Storage Room for fruits and vegetables, this initiative aims at increasing the capacity of the cooperative which will consequently generate additional income to the Union of Agricultural Cooperative. Through low participatory prices, 600 farmers will benefit from the Union of Agricultural Cooperative services which will ensure a better understanding of the "cooperative" concept. This will provide the farmers the opportunity to store their produces in Deir AL Ahmar instead of transporting them to more remote cold storage rooms in Chtaura or Beirut cutting down their transportation and other operations fees.

As for its long term outcomes, the project aims at restoring the livelihoods of small and medium agricultural enterprises and agricultural traders; linking among the various stakeholders in the post harvesting and marketing processes; providing additional income sources for the employed families and for the Union of Agricultural Cooperatives that can be further invested in sustaining this activity.

Construction of public market for Fruit and Vegetables - Nabi Osman

**Allocated Fund by the European Commission
Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) \$124,874 USD**

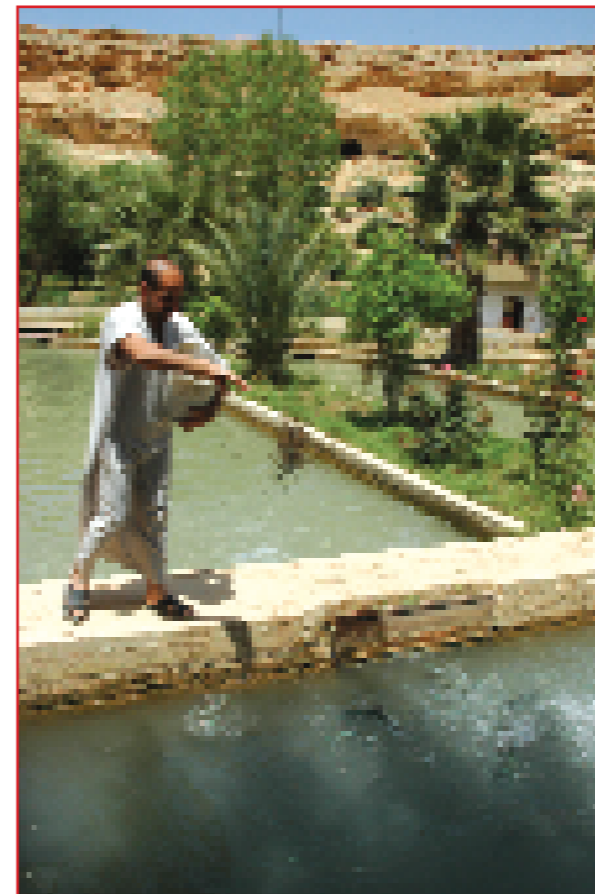
The Public Market project is designed to allow local farmers to acquire higher margins of profit through storage and packaging facilities. Serving a large number of farmers and dealers in six villages in the area, this multi-purpose marketplace will be considered the local whole sale and retail market for agricultural activities.

The main objectives are to restore the livelihoods of small and medium farmers and traders in the target region; more specifically to ensure a well-coordinated liaison between the producers and whole sale dealers without resorting to the services of the middle man which will increase the profitability of the business. Moreover, by renting out the shops, the municipality will be granted an additional source of income to be further invested in maintaining development projects in the village.

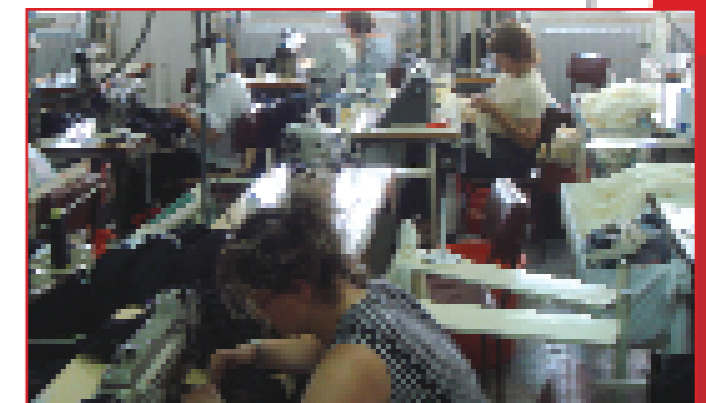
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Public Market in Ghazeh



Trout Fish in Hermel



Embroidery workshop in Barqa



Construction of a Trout Fish Processing and Smoking Plant - Hermel

Allocated Fund by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) \$149,000 USD

Through the construction of a trout fish processing and smoking plant, the project will complement the Trout Fish production cycle and provide better marketing opportunities for 148 trout farmers over the Assi River in Baalback/Hermel.

The initiative consists of establishing a trout processing plant over an area of 200 m², including provision of a series of equipments and accessories for trout fish smoking, packaging and storage.

This plant will also generate income to the Union of Municipalities in order to operate and sustain the processing plant and further upgrade its capacity based on markets demand. Furthermore, this plant will encourage the farmers to improve their production to meet the required specifications of marketed smoked trout fish.

This initiative is expected to increase local employment opportunities and consequently support the development of the economic cycle; also supporting the promotion of the local produces and empathizing on its market value-added.



Trout processing plant in Hermel

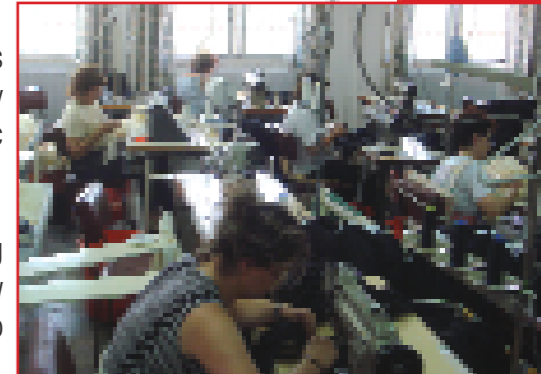
Construction of Public Embroidery Workshop - Barqa

Allocated Fund by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) \$30,000 USD

This initiative aims at upgrading the available sewing and lingerie workshop facility that is permanently employing around 30 women on full time basis and additional 20 part timers.

The project consists of constructing an additional hall of 140 m² that includes a working space and storage facility for women working at the “Embroidery Workshop” which will consequently contribute to a sustainable economic activity in the village.

Such support will boost the production capacity of the workshop by widening the workspace area and the storage capacity, and consequently creating new employment opportunities and increasing the generated income. This will also facilitate women's contribution to the socio-economic cycle in the community.

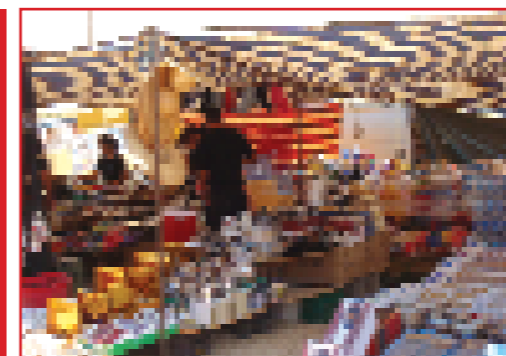


Embroidery Workshop in Barqa

Construction of Public Market- Ghazeh

Allocated Fund by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) \$146,161 USD

Public Market in Ghazeh



Constructed over an area of 2223 m², the project is designed to serve as a permanent market and/or exhibition center, and to include a series of shops and stores to be exploited for a variety of trading, marketing activities and exhibitions for Ghazeh and neighboring villages.

In addition to providing the opportunity of lending the market spaces for the local SME owners at low prices, the municipality will also benefit from the collected rental fees to cover the running cost of the project and to develop future additional shops and stores.

With its overall objective to restore livelihoods for farmers, agro-food processors and related small to medium enterprises, the project's specific objective is to ensure access to market and steady income for the above mentioned beneficiaries.

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Rehabilitation of Vegetable Market in Hey El Soulloum

Allocated Fund by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) \$100,000 USD

This project aims at stimulating economic recovery through income generation and improving the socio-economic conditions of sellers through improving their living conditions as an attempt to alleviate poverty in this region.

The conducted activities included the restitution of fruit and Vegetable Market through the Rehabilitation of a 5,000 meter fruit & vegetable market, provision of garbage bins, a water tank, and racks for sellers. The market mainly targeted those who lost their jobs after the war and the sellers that are currently unemployed.



Hey El Soulloum Marketplace

Being a more organized, safe and secure place for sellers to promote their local product, the market will be an alternative place to sell the goods, instead of the crowded, unhealthy streets of Hay el Solloum, providing sellers with the opportunity to display their products at a lower space rental, giving the chance of a wider range of poor residents to benefit from the market.

The Syndicate of Shop Owners & Enterprises of Hey El Solloum were charged of the implementation process, and conducted a study showing that more than 200 vegetable and fruit sellers sell their goods in the crowded and unhealthy streets of Hey Selloum while at the same time causing blockage of some streets.

Procurement of machineries to support income generation

Allocated Fund by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) \$207,573 USD

This project aims at the provision of rubble removal and infrastructure machineries and new tools to the municipalities of Haret Hreik, Borj El Barajneh, Chiah and Hey El Soulloum, to facilitate their restoration activities to accelerate the return of the residents to their community.

The project freed the municipalities from the excessive rent cost incurred for renting equipment for performing rubble removal and infrastructure repairs which will accelerate the municipal response to the emerging needs of the communities.

Project Title	Target Beneficiaries	The European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) Contribution in USD
Rehabilitation of Moawad Street - Chiah	Small & Medium Enterprises	\$100,000
Rehabilitation of Vegetable Market in Hey El Soulloum	Vegetable and fruits sellers	\$100,000
Provision of Vocational Training projects	Unemployed Youth	\$148,290
Procurement of machineries to support income generation	Municipalities	\$207,573
Total		\$555,863

Rehabilitation of Moawad Street - Chiah

Allocated Fund by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) \$100,000 USD

Aiming at the restoration of lives and livelihoods in the area after July war 2006, and the improvement of the socio-economic conditions in Chiah area, this initiative targeted the rehabilitation of Mouawad Popular Market for Local consumption and included: interlock pavement and widening of sidewalks; planting sidewalks with trees; placing benches on sidewalks; providing garbage bins on sidewalks; installing street and shops signs and building speed bumps, with "cat eye" reflectors molded into them. Most of the rehabilitation works were undertaken by local daily labors for the sake of improving the living conditions of the local residents.

The destruction of Moawad Street had highly impacted the economic conditions of a minimum 300 SMEs and the shop owners and partially the residents of Chiah. The subject project served as a catalyst for the re-opening the SMEs following the infrastructure rehabilitation needed for the operation of the market regularly.

The rehabilitation conducted for the infrastructure of the market facilitated the revival of more than 120 SMEs in the area and benefited in return the income of more than 350 families.



Rehabilitation of the sidewalks in Chiah

Provision of Vocational Training Projects

Allocated Fund by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) \$148,290 USD

A quick survey conducted by the municipalities of Haret Hreik, Chiah and Borj Barajneh revealed the negative effects of July war 2006 on livelihoods particularly on youths. The study showed that more than 2,500 enterprises and thousands of housing units were destroyed in Beirut Southern Suburbs, and resulted in big loss of jobs and employment opportunities where a high need and demand for vocational training services was identified to help increase the employability of unemployed persons in the targeted area. 120 unemployed youths from various areas of BSS, namely those who were unable to attend college, the dropout students and women in need of non-formal education, and the downtrodden, were targeted from the Vocational and Skills Development Training.

The “Skills Development Training” for the unemployed and war-affected residents of Beirut Southern Suburbs mainly included: construction work; car mechanics; beauty training and some other relevant fields. The project also provided necessary tools at the end of the training sessions to support the beneficiaries to start-up their self owned business.

This ultimate objective of this initiative works towards creating a productive employment opportunities, skills development, and empowering the affected communities in order to improve the social and economic standards of the area and the living conditions of its population.

