

Shabake Project

Strengthening Resilience of Lebanese Civil Society in Order to Improve Crisis Prevention and Management

Call for Proposals: Economic Recovery Projects
Q&A Session
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- EF designs and implements international technical cooperation projects, operating in the following main fields of public action: governance, security, climate and human development.
- The agency also develops integrated offers, assembling public and private expertise in order to respond to the partner countries' needs.
 - + 100 Partner countries
 - + 500 projects
 - 10 000 Experts
- EF promotes French and European development policy goals, providing partner countries with knowledge, skills and management expertise in:
 - Democratic, economic, and financial governance,
 - Stability, international security and peace,
 - Sustainable development, climate and agriculture,
 - Health and human development.

WORLDWIDE IN 2017

**MULTI-ZONE
PROJECTS**

2%

**MIDDLE EAST AND
NORTH AFRICA**

29%

**LATIN AMERICA
AND THE CARIBBEAN**

2%

EUROPE

10%

**SUB-SAHARAN
AFRICA**

55%

ASIA
7%



Stability, International Security and Peace

Supporting countries in transition, and directly assisting crisis-affected populations; strengthening governments against transregional threats and bolstering civil protection services.

Intervention Areas

- Risk prevention and risk management
- Fight against transnational threats (terrorism and organised crime)
- Stability and crisis recovery
- Security and peacekeeping

The Shabake Project

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- The Shabake Project is funded by **l'Agence Française de Développement (AFD)** and **Denmark's development cooperation (Danida)** and is implemented by **Expertise France**.
- Shabake is a 3-year capacity development project aiming to support local Lebanese non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to become lasting, key players in mitigating the effects of the multitude of crises impacting Lebanon today.
- The project spans a period of 40 months (2019 – 2022) and is implemented within the “**MINKA Initiative**”, the AFD tool dedicated to peacebuilding as part of the French strategy “Prevention, Resilience and Sustainable Peace.”

The Shabake Project consists of 4 Components:

- **Component 1:** NGO partners receive funding and expert assistance to build on their existing strengths and assets and to design and implement their own **capacity building plan**.
- **Component 2:** Each NGO partner will have the opportunity to put their new institutional changes into practice through the implementation of a **project to reduce vulnerabilities** within communities in Lebanon
- **Component 3:** Expertise France will work with the NGO partners to improve their participation in the **development-aid ecosystem** and to create direct linkages with international donors and funders.
- **Component 4:** Local NGO partners have designed and implemented innovative **economic recovery and livelihood projects** post the Beirut Port Explosions

The Lebanon Reform, Recovery And Reconstruction Framework (3RF)

- Following the Rapid Damage & Needs Assessment conducted by the World Bank. EU and UN agencies in August 2020, the 3RF was designed as a roadmap to operationalize its findings.
- **The 3RF is structured around four strategic pillars:**
 1. Improving governance and accountability to help restore trust in the state;
 2. Restoring access to jobs and economic opportunities and reviving the local and national economy;
 3. Strengthening social cohesion and ensuring social inclusion;
 4. Restoring and improving basic services and physical infrastructures.
- Within the 3RF, EF seeks to contribute to the implementation of the crisis recovery vision and the build back better approach through supporting **strategic pillar #2**
- Focus will be placed on the **people centered recovery track** to address urgent needs of the most **vulnerable populations and small businesses affected by the explosion.**

The current Call for Proposals is focused on Shabake Component 4

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Economic Recovery Project Proposals: Scope

- This intervention is centered around the sector of **economic recovery**.
- Project proposals should focus on the different ways to contribute to **economic recovery of the areas and communities affected by the explosion**, by supporting livelihoods, small businesses, or any other areas that can allow for the restoration of economic self-sufficiency.
- EF will also place focus on **supporting innovative projects** that are community based (participatory approach, utilizing digital technologies etc..)
- Proposed projects must also emphasize the adoption of an **inclusive approach**, reaching out to vulnerable groups such as women, migrant workers, impoverished Lebanese and refugees.

Economic Recovery Project Proposals: Scope

This call for proposals is devised to be intentionally broad, in order to encourage the design and proposition of innovative and diverse actions within the general scope of economic recovery.

Proposed Projects Duration, Budget and Location

- Proposed projects can range in duration from **4 to 10 months**
- **Budget range:** USD 55,000 to USD 230,000 grand total per project
- **Geographic coverage:** Projects must be implemented in Beirut, Lebanon and specifically the areas and zones within Beirut that were affected by the August 4 Port Explosions
- EF plans to partner with around **6-7 local NGOs** in this initiative

Participation in the Shabake Network

The project will be composed of three components:

1. The **implementation of an economic recovery project** within the identified scope, targeting the most vulnerable areas in Beirut.
2. The inclusion into the **Shabake capacity building component**: the selected NGOs will be provided with technical training within the identified scope in order to further develop their capacities in a manner conducive to the effective implementation of the proposed intervention.
3. The **integration into the development-aid ecosystem component**: selected partner NGOs will join the Shabake network and be connected with NGOs working in the field and introduced to funders.

What We Hope to Achieve

- Improving the **resilience** of Lebanese civil society in crisis prevention and management
- Organizations have the means to maintain their **effectiveness** in adapting to and meeting the evolving needs of communities in Lebanon
- Civil society is empowered and supported to have a **leadership role** in contributing to decision making and strategizing
- Local and international stakeholders are brought together to the table to discuss and agree on a **national approach towards capacity building and the localization of aid**

Eligibility Criteria & Application Process

Eligibility Criteria (1/2)

- Be a legal entity
- Be non-profit civil society organization, registered towards the relevant authorities
- Preferably registered in the VAT
- Organizational background in line with the mandate of the organization (principles of non-discriminatory approach, transparency and accountability)
- Have a demonstrated experience in implementing projects within the sectors of economic development, livelihoods and community development
- Be directly responsible for the preparation and management of the action with the co-applicant(s) and affiliated entity(ies), not acting as an intermediary

Eligibility Criteria (2/2)

- Can provide clear and swift feedback on needs and implementation of activities; dispose of sufficient administrative and financial capacity
- Have a basic understanding of project management, can service obligations with respect to donors, and are capable of delivering the right documents to consolidate accountancy
- Can appoint a focal point to work on projects implemented with EF
- Are locally rooted, are accountable to the local community they operate in
- Ability to adopt innovate approaches and solutions within the proposed scope of work
- Are not proscribed terrorist entities designated by the EU sanction list or by the "Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List"

How to Apply

Application must include the following documents:

- Annex A – Application form
- Annex B – Budget*
- Annex C – Log frame
- Annex D – Financial identification form
- Annex D1- Legal entity
- Annex E – Internal Capacity Assessment Form
- Annex I – Declaration of honor
- Signed copy of the grant contract

Additional supporting documents as required in Annex E.

*Total budget must include a 7% overhead/mgmt fees

*HR costs must not exceed 20% of the budget sub-total (pre-7%)

*Proposal budget cannot exceed 40% of the applicant's total annual budget

Full application must be submitted through EF procurement platform: <https://www.marches-publics.gouv.fr/index.php?page=entreprise.EntrepriseDemandeTelechargementDce&refConsultation=679267&orgAcronyme=s2d>

Call for Proposals Timeline

	DATE	TIME
1 Information meeting	17/12/2020	10:00 am
2. Deadline for clarification requests issued to Expertise France	27/12/2020	17:00
3. Latest date by which Expertise France provides clarification	07/01/2021	17:00
4. Submission deadline	18/01/2021	16:00
5. Notification of lead applicants regarding evaluation of full applications	02/02/2021	-
6. Notification of awards	02/03/2021	-
7. Signing of the contract	05/02/2021	-



Live PLACE Demonstration



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