



## Aid Developments

### **European Union supports upgrading of water supply facilities for communities in Lebanon affected by the consequences of the conflict in Syria**

On 26 November 2013, the European Union and the UNHCR signed a contribution agreement (grant) for a Euro 14,800,000 million project that aims to improve water supply facilities for communities in Lebanon affected by the consequences of the conflict in Syria. In particular, the project aims to ensure that affected populations have access to adequate quantity of safe water and have means to store water safely. All financed actions will be in line with Lebanon's National Water Sector Strategy.

### **Chinese Government provided a grant for the Council for Development and Reconstruction**

On 5 December 2013, the Council for Development and Reconstruction and the Chinese Government, represented by the Ambassador of China, signed a grant agreement of Yuan 50 million (equivalent \$ 8 million) to contribute to the financing of economic and technical cooperation projects between the two countries.

### **European Union provides support to Lebanese public schools and vocational training institutes**

On 12 December 2013, the European Union and the Council for Development and Reconstruction signed a grant agreement of Euro 8 million for the Community and Labour-Oriented Scheme for Education Reform (CLOSER). The project aims at improving the quality and relevance of teaching at Lebanese public schools and vocational training institutes. As such, it supports the National Education Strategy and the Education Sector Development Plan, 2010-2015. In addition, it seeks to increase the level of responsiveness of the public vocational and technical education system to the needs of the labour market.

### **European Union supports improving the living conditions of Palestine Refugees from Syria in Lebanon**

On 19 December 2013, the European Union and UNRWA signed a contract for a project entitled "Improvement in the living conditions of Palestine Refugees from Syria in Lebanon". The project aims to improve environmental health conditions in Palestine refugee camps with high influx of Palestine refugees from Syria, through improvement of water supply system and sanitation. The European Union contribution is Euro 1,199,786 grant.

### **European Union supports mine victims assistance and mine risk education**

On 20 December 2013, the European Union and the University of Balamand signed a grant of Euro 732,000 for a project entitled "Mine Action in Lebanon: Mine Victims Assistance and Mine Risk Education". The objective of the project is to raise awareness and to provide mine victims assistance. This project is part of a broader programme on Mine Action amounting to Euro 10 million, of which all components were already contracted.



### **European Union supports energy efficiency and renewable energy in Lebanon (CEDRO IV Project)**

On 23 December 2013, the European Union signed a contribution agreement with UNDP of Euro 3,000,000 grant for a project that aims to increase Lebanon's energy efficiency and to support the greening of its economy. The specific objectives of the project are: to support the national objectives of 12 percent share of energy mix from renewable energy sources and 5 percent increase in energy efficiency by 2020; to enhance the drive towards a "green economy", creating new "green" jobs, particularly through engaging the private sector; and, to contribute to the fight against Climate Change. CEDRO IV is the continuation of a successful UNDP project of which three phases were implemented from 2007 to 2013.

### **European Union further supports Lebanon in dealing with the consequences of the Syrian crisis**

On 27 December 2013, the European Union and UNHCR signed a Euro 20,000,000 (grant) contribution agreement to provide further support to Lebanon in dealing with the consequences of the Syrian crisis. The overall objective of the new programme, funded through the EU Instrument for Stability, is to reduce tensions mounting around the delivery of basic health services and promote social cohesion in particular within poor Lebanese communities hosting large numbers of Syrian refugees. The new programme will have three main components aiming at: 1) Increasing the capability of the Lebanese authorities in the area of communicable disease surveillance and response; 2) Increasing access to currently overstretched primary health services, by improving the delivery of primary health care with a focus on mother and child health and chronic diseases to provide tangible benefits to the most vulnerable, i.e. pregnant women, young mothers, infants and the elderly; and 3) promoting a conflict-sensitive approach in the delivery of health services in host communities. Apart from reinforcing and adding services, the measure will also help health workers cope with the day-to-day conflicts and tensions they now encounter as a result of the increased pressure on the health system.

### **European Union supports inter-communal, intercultural and intergenerational dialogue and rapprochement in Lebanon**

On 26 December 2013, the European Union and the Sustainable Democracy Center signed a grant of Euro 29,500 for a project entitled "Multi History Multi Memory". Focusing on youth, the objective of the project is to support inter-communal, intercultural and intergenerational dialogue and rapprochement in Lebanon through the use of tangible and intangible cultural heritage. In particular, the project will expand the inter-communal and intergenerational dialogue at grass root level through artistic and educational awareness-raising initiatives and events. In addition, the project will collect individual memories and various opinions related to the history of the conflicts in Lebanon and develop a shared collective platform of individual memories.



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## **Aid Coordination**

### **The World Bank sets up a Lebanon Syrian Conflict Trust Fund**

The World Bank established in December 2013 a trust fund to attract funds that would help Lebanon cope with the impact of the Syrian conflicts. The Lebanon Syrian Conflict Trust Fund is a financial mechanism for channeling donor support in the form of international grants to projects with immediate impact on Lebanese communities to meet the critical economic and social impacts of the Syrian crisis on Lebanon.

### **Lebanese Government attended two meetings for the Syrian refugees**

The Ministry of Social Affairs, Syrian Response Unit, attended the coordination meeting for emergency planning in Amman on 4 November 2013 and a preparatory meeting for the planned (Kuwait, 15 January 2014) donor conference in Geneva on 4 December 2013. The Kuwait Conference will help Lebanon follow up on the New York meeting (September 2013) that focused on supporting the country in hosting the Syrian refugees.



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