



AID DEVELOPMENTS

The International Donors Conference for the Recovery and Reconstruction of the Nahr el-Bared Palestinian Refugee Camp and Conflict-Affected Areas of North Lebanon (Vienna)

On 23 June 2008, the Government of Lebanon in collaboration with UNRWA presented to the donor community a detailed program for the recovery and reconstruction of the Nahr el-Bared Camp and surrounding areas for a total cost of \$445 million. Donors pledged a total amount of \$113 million in support the program through different funding channels, including either a World Bank-managed Multi-Donor Trust Fund, or parallel financing through the Government, UNRWA and direct donor implementation. The Lebanese Government through the Donor Coordination Unit at the MoF is currently following up with the donor community to clarify and mobilize the pledges. The following is a preliminary list of pledges received at the Conference:

United States of America	\$22 million
Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development	\$15 million
European Commission	\$12 million
Palestine	\$10 million
Spain	\$10 million
Germany	\$9 million
Italy	\$7.5 million
Oman	\$5 million
Canada	\$5 million
OPEC Fund	\$5 million
Others: Switzerland, Norway, Greece, France, Denmark, Australia, United Kingdom, Ireland, China India, South Korea, Brazil, Cyprus, Finland, Liechtenstein, Malta, Iceland	\$12.5 million
Total	\$113 million

Source: Preliminary data collected by Presidency of the Council of Ministers as of July 7, 2008

Spain pledges additional \$1 million for cluster bomb clearance in the South

On 4 June 2008, the Spanish Ambassador in Lebanon pledged an additional \$1 million for cluster-bomb clearance operations in the South. The project is led by the Spanish contingent of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFL). As part of a larger package of support, Spain had contributed \$1.25 million to the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) after the July 2006 Israeli War for removal of landmines and unexploded ordnances.

USAID completes disbursement of \$125 million grant agreement of Paris III contribution for debt reduction

On 1 June 2008, USAID paid on behalf of Lebanon \$63,078 to cover Lebanon's debt and debt service to the World Bank. The payment was the final payment of the grant agreement of \$125 million, part of the US pledge to Lebanon of \$250 million budget support at Paris III. The related grant agreement was signed between the Ministry of Finance and USAID on 31 August 2007 and amended on 17 December 2007.

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Paris III - Sixth Progress Report to be released during the third week of July

The Ministry of Finance will publish the International Conference for Support to Lebanon Paris III - Sixth Progress report during the third week of July. The report will provide an update on the implementation of the Economic and Social Reform Program and related Paris III resource mobilization.

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