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Aid Developments

World Bank approved the Social Promotion and Protection Project

On 17 May 2013, the Board of the World Bank approved a \$30 million project, which aims to increase access to social development services at the community level, improve the coverage and targeting of the National Poverty Targeting Program (NPTP), and strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Social Affairs at the central level and the Social Development Centers (SDC) at the local level. The program will provide grant finance to small community-based projects, which can deliver social services and help people boost their income with enhanced skills and material support.

France extends deadline of Paris III loan agreement

On 22 May 2013, the Lebanese Minister of Finance and the French Ambassador signed an amendment to Paris III loan agreement for Euro 375 million. This fourth amendment is for a two-year extension until November 30, 2014 of the deadline of disbursement of the Euro 70 million remaining tranche of the electricity sector component.



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Donors support the displaced Syrians in Lebanon

The Government has worked intensely with UN agencies on producing a consolidated response plan that would generate the Regional Response Plan 5 to be launched by the UN on 7 June 2013 in Geneva. The total amount required through that plan amounts to \$1.1 billion.

Also, the Ministry of Social Affairs and UNHCR have identified locations that could serve as temporary transit sites for shelter. Many of these have been approved by local authorities but await approval from central government.

Steering Committee Meeting of the IMF Middle East Technical Assistance Center (METAC)

On 14 May 2013, METAC held its annual Steering committee meeting in Beirut in the presence of the Minister of Finance and the assistant director of the International Monetary Fund, Middle East and central Asia department. The work of METAC is guided by the Steering Committee composed of representatives of the authorities of the participating countries, donors and the IMF. The Steering Committee discussed the results of 2012 and on-going activities, the work plan for FY 2013, and the funding situation and needs. The different regional advisors presented an overview of the activities of METAC in FY2012 in the banking sector, public financial management, macroeconomic statistics and revenue administration.

European Union expands its support to culture in Lebanon

On 28 May 2013, the Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon launched a call for proposals for the organization of cultural activities in Lebanon. The activities should aim at promoting inter cultural understanding through any artistic and cultural activity. The call for proposals is worth Euro 100,000. Grants requested under the call shall be between Euro 10,000 and Euro 30,000. The deadline for submission of proposals is 5 August 2013 at 3 p.m. (15h00).

The full guidelines for applicants are available on the following link:
[https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome;](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/online-services/index.cfm?do=publi.welcome)
and on the website of the Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon:
http://eeas.europa.eu/delegations/lebanon/index_en.htm



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