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AID DEVELOPMENTS

European Union supports water infrastructure rehabilitation for rural communities in Akkar district

On 3 July 2014, the European Union signed a grant contract with the NGO Première Urgence - Aide Médicale Internationale Association (PU-AMI) for an amount of Euro 1,400,000 to support the water infrastructure rehabilitation for rural communities in Akkar district. This 24-months project will contribute to improve general access to safe water in Arida and Cheikh Zennad villages, through the construction of a new water supply networks.

European Union reinforces Lebanese security system

On 11 July 2014, the European Union signed with the Council for Development and Reconstruction a grant agreement for Euro8 million. The objective of the grant is to improve the institutional capacity of the Lebanese security system in order to fulfill its legitimate role in a manner that promotes national cohesion and is consistent with the norms of a democratic state. The main activities of the grant will be done in cooperation with the General Security Services and the Ministry of National Defense.

European Union supports the improvement of access to water services in hosting communities in the North Bekaa Valley

On 21 July 2014, the European Union signed a grant contract with the NGO Gruppo di Volontariato Civile Associazione (GVC) for an amount of Euro 1,903,509 for improving access to water services in hosting communities affected by the Syrian crisis in the North Bekaa Valley. This 24-months project will contribute to improving the access to water and sanitation facilities through the construction of water supply infrastructures in three villages in the North Bekaa (Zabboud, Jabboule and El Ain), the strengthening of management capacities and the consciousness of users in the North Bekaa Valley.

European supports water and sanitation in the Bekaa

On 24 July 2014, the European Union signed a grant contract with the NGO World Vision for an amount of Euro 3,483,020 to support water and sanitation in the Bekaa. This 31-months project will contribute to mitigate the risk of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) related mortality and morbidity through provision of and access to safe water, sanitation facilities, and hygiene services among the target population of the Lebanese host community and Syrian refugees.

European Union supports water sector in Bekaa

On 26 August 2014, the European Union signed a grant contract with the NGO OXFAM for an amount of Euro 1,162,810 for the rehabilitation and expansion of the water supply network in Chtaura. This 24-months project will contribute to improving a sustainable access to water for Lebanese households in Chtaura (Bekaa) through the development of local water infrastructure and improved water management capacity.



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Council of Ministers approves two grant agreements

On 28 August 2014, the Council of Ministers approved by decision No.26 the grant agreement for \$10 million with the World Bank for the Emergency Municipal Services project. The Council of Ministers authorized the Minister of Finance to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Government. Also, on that same date, the Council of Ministers approved by decision No. 33 the grant agreement for Euro 14 million provided by the European Union to finance the Upgrading of Solid Waste Management Capacities in Bekaa and Akkar regions in Lebanon. The Council of Ministers authorized the Minister of State for Administrative Reform and the Council of Development and Reconstruction to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the Government.

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Water Supply Augmentation Project

On 11-12 August 2014, a Lebanese delegation negotiated with the World Bank a loan for \$474 million for the Water Supply Augmentation project. The objective of the project is to increase the volume of water available to the Greater Beirut and Mount Lebanon area. The project consists of the following parts: (a) supporting construction and construction supervision of the Bisri dam and associated access roads and (b) supporting construction and construction supervision of the conveyor pipelines to the existing Joun reservoir and the associated access roads; two hydropower plants, generating 0.2 megawatt (MW) and 10 MW respectively; and expansion of the Ourdaniyeh water treatment plant. The construction cost amounts to \$319 million whereas the expropriation cost amounts to \$155 million.



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