



## Aid Developments

### **Italy provides technical assistance to the Ministry of Environment (MoE) to manage industrial pollution**

On 17 December 2013, the Government of Italy, through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, approved the allocation of a grant of Euro 2,300,000 to implement a "Technical Assistance under the Lebanon Environmental Pollution Abatement Project (LEPAP)" (AID 10209). The objective of the Technical Assistance (TA) is to contribute to the strengthening of the capacity of the MoE staff in the management of industrial pollution, and in monitoring and enforcement of the newly introduced Environmental Compliance decree, with the participation and the involvement of the private industrial sector and the banking sector. Also, the TA is to build the capacity and support the staff of MoE through the establishment of the PMU at the MoE. The PMU will aim at providing efficient and effective administrative management and technical support for the implementation of the project, including the development and operationalization of an effective monitoring & evaluation system.

### **European Union supports education in Lebanon**

On 23 December 2013, a contract was signed between the European Union and the Italian NGO Fondazione AVSI for a project "Peaceful and Comprehensive Education (PEACE)", to improve technical and life skills of Lebanese and Syrian students and to support peaceful coexistence in seven agricultural vocational schools in Lebanon. The EU grant contribution is Euro 702,025.

### **European Union and UNDP support Lebanon Host Communities Programme**

On 23 December 2013, the European Union and UNDP signed a contract for a project "Lebanon Host Communities Support Programme". The project will build the resilience of Lebanese host communities and help stabilize the social and economic situation in Lebanon through specific community support projects identified together with the host communities that are to benefit from the intervention. The European Union grant contribution is Euro 1,200,000.

### **European Union promotes rapprochement between Lebanese and Syrian children in South Lebanon through theater**

On 28 December 2013, the European Union and ALPHA Association signed a grant agreement of Euro 23,814 to promote rapprochement between Lebanese and Syrian children (6-18 years old) in South Lebanon and to raise awareness of the target groups on issues related to solidarity and human rights. In particular, the project will focus on play and ludic methods, mainly theatre, to promote harmony and mutual understanding among the two communities. Moreover, public performances will be organised during the last month of the project period to target also parents and adults.

### **UNDP and Ministry of Energy and Water sign agreement for decentralized renewable energy development**

On 24 January 2014, the Ministry of Energy and Water and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) signed a project entitled "Decentralised Renewable Energy Power Generation" dedicated to the development of decentralized renewable energy systems in Lebanon. This initiative is funded by a grant of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) of \$1.5 million, to be



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implemented over a period of four years. It aims at the implementation of innovative decentralized renewable energy pilot projects, the support of policy and regulatory actions for attracting investment in decentralized generation, and the improvement of quality control and capacity building development in the sector. The project will coordinate with several stakeholders, including Electricite du Liban, Central Bank of Lebanon, Association of Lebanese Industrialists, and other private sector associations.



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## Aid Coordination

### **The Second International Humanitarian Conference for Syria**

On 15 January 2014, the Second International Humanitarian Conference for Syria took place in Kuwait; it generated \$2.4 billion pledges from Kuwait, United States, European Union, United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman and Iraq. The Conference aimed at raising \$6.5 billion for more than 13.4 million Syrians facing extreme conditions inside the country and in neighboring nations to enable the United Nations and its partners to meet urgent humanitarian needs, and to harness solidarity among concerned nations for the plight of the Syrian people. The Syrian humanitarian crisis has had an increasing spillover effect in the past three years, causing heavy social burdens to Lebanon and other neighboring countries and posing massive security threats. As of mid-January 2014, Lebanon hosted the largest number of refugees, 905,000, followed by Jordan 575,000, Turkey 562,000, Iraq 216,000 and Egypt 145,000.



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