

## DPNA Annual Report 2005

### Children and Youth Act for Change:

Partner / Funded by	Save the Children US
Targeted groups	1269 children, 900 adolescents, and 450 youth
Geographical coverage	Libaa, Sarafand, Saida, Old Saida, Zibkeen, Houla, Loubieh, Aadloon, Bazoureyeh, Krayeh, Fakeha, Aabra, Baabda, Jezine, Rihan, Shebaa, Roum, Tyre, Aabaseyeh and Baysareyeh.
Summary of the project	<p>Through the “Children and Youth Act for Change” project, the DPNA aimed at tackling the traditional view towards children, adolescents, and youth as subordinates and incapable, and to empower them to take a role and act today, and participate in public life.</p> <p>DPNA worked through this project to achieve the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To enhance and expand the training capacities of adolescents and youth across the 18 areas of operation</li> <li>• To increase children, adolescents, and youth participation in their communities</li> </ul> <p>Project implemented Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training youth on focus group techniques</li> <li>• Holding 8 focus groups</li> <li>• Organizing training for DPNA staff and volunteers on strategic planning and thinking</li> <li>• Youth and adolescents organized Celebration on Children's and Mothers' Day</li> <li>• Participating in the national initiative that aimed at celebrating peace in the memory of the Lebanese civil war.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DPNA held 7 CYD training workshops targeting different topics, 5 of them were training facilitators to work with children, one of them was training on life skills and the other one was training on conflict resolution skills.</b></li> <li>• <b>The community youth initiatives implemented were: 6 summer day camps with children and adolescents, 6 activities were organizing and implementing traditional village dinners, 3 activities were focusing on hosting children from different conditions and organizing entertaining days for them and 2 were organizing a mini football contest for adolescents and youth.</b></li> </ul> <p><b>As for the other activities they were as follows: holding the environmental exhibition, organizing a celebration, participating in the observation of the elections, organizing environmental campaign, organizing game festival for children, adolescents and youth.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Youth Summer Camp</b></li> </ul>
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### **Promoting Peace Education Nationally:**

<b>Partner</b>	<b>Karim Rida Said Foundation</b>
<b>Targeted groups</b>	<b>170 youth and children from the age groups: 17 – 25, 6 – 10.</b>
<b>Geographical coverage</b>	<p><b>Southern Lebanon: Rihan, Jezine, Tyre, Sarafand, Aabaseyeh, Houla, Lebaa, Saida.</b></p> <p><b>Mountain Lebanon: Kfarheem, Baakleen, BaabdaBekaa: Fakeha, Baalbek</b></p> <p><b>Northern Lebanon: Tripoli (Mina, Bab el Tebaneh)</b></p> <p><b>Beirut</b></p>
<b>Summary of the project</b>	<p><b>This project aimed at empowering youth with peace education and skills so they can act as active agents of change in their societies.</b></p> <p><b>Through this project DPNA implemented the</b></p>

	<p><b>following activities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Organized a national Training of trainers' workshops targeting youth aged 17 – 25 on conflict resolution and peace building education.</b></li> <li>• <b>Held a summer camp for children aged 10 – 16 on conflict resolution and peace building through art clubs.</b></li> <li>• <b>Held 3 activities designed by youth themselves targeting their peers in their societies concerning conflict resolution and peace building.</b></li> </ul>
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### **Raising the awareness of youth of concepts of citizenship, democracy and human rights**

Partner / funded by	<b>Fredrich Ibert</b>
Targeted groups	<b>144 youth aged 17 – 25</b>
Geographical coverage	<b>Baabda, Baakleen, Sarafand and Saida</b>
Summary of the project	<b>This project aimed at raising the awareness of youth on concepts of citizenship, democracy and human rights through holding 3 training workshops on the above mentioned issues targeting youth in the 3 different areas.</b>

### **Searching for Youth Leaderships & Detecting Youth Needs**

Partner / funded by	<b>National Democratic Institute</b>
Targeted groups	<p><b>Through this project DPNA implemented 8 focus groups, DPNA and NDI reached 94 persons (62 Males and 32 Females).</b></p> <p><b>Out of the 94 participants in the focus groups, 54 were youth aged 18 – 25, 34 Males and 20 Females.</b></p>

Geographical coverage	<b>DPNA and NDI targeted through this project 8 villages in 2 regions, as the following:</b> <b>Southern Lebanon: Saida, Villet and Taameer, Tyre, Aabaseyeh, Sarafand, Rihan.</b> <b>Monut Lebanon: Kfarheem, Baabda</b>
Summary of the project	<b>During January - February period, 8 focus groups took place in 8 different villages among 2 regions, southern Lebanon and Mount Lebanon targeting 94 persons represents youth aged 18 - 25 and their surrounding community.</b> <b>DPNA and NDI aimed at the following objectives through implementing the 8 focus groups:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Searching for youth leaderships in these villages.</b></li> <li>• <b>Detecting youth needs and problems.</b></li> <li>• <b>Promoting DPNA vision, mission and objectives.</b></li> </ul>

### **Providing farmers with Irrigating Canals**

Partner /funded by	<b>Mennonite Central Committee</b>
Targeted groups	<b>200 farmers</b>
Geographical coverage	<b>Rihan, village at southern Lebanon</b>
Summary of the project	<b>This project aimed at building water canals to provide irrigation to the agricultural lands in Rihan which encouraged farmers to stay in their village and improved their economical situation.</b>

### **Youth and Municipalities: Circle of Participation**

Partner	<b>EUROMED</b>
Targeted groups	<b>40 youth aged 18-25 from Lebanon- Algeria-Egypt-</b>

	<b>Jordan-France-Spain-Italy-Sweden</b>
Geographical coverage	<b>Lebanon- Algeria-Egypt-Jordan-France-Spain-Italy-Sweden</b>
Summary of the project	<b>The idea of this project is to gather youth from countries having different types of experiences with their municipalities( old democracies and participation, new democracies, no democracy or relation at all), to share experiences and ideas and to come up with a future common plan in order to set priorities to promote that cooperation and thus promote the participation of youth as voters, candidates, and participants in the local development process, creating a circle of participation between Youth and Municipalities. And determine steps to establish cross-borders municipal collaboration between EU and MEDA municipalities, villages and cities , hence promoting the intercultural learning.</b>

### **Projects 2005 - 2006**

#### **Youth and Municipalities Guide:**

Partner /Funded by	<b>National Endowment for Democracy</b>
Targeted groups	<b>Youth aged 15 – 18 ( youth involved in local political parties, municipality candidates, voters, their families)</b>
Geographical coverage	<b>All over Lebanon</b>
Summary of the project	<b>This project aims at producing 5000 copies of " Youth and Municipalities" Guide which is an educational and scientific method to raise the knowledge and empower the skills of youth and encourage them to take part in the next municipal election at 2010.</b>

## Mobile Gate away for information

Partner / funded by	<b>German Embassy</b>
Targeted groups	<b>The Beneficiaries from this project are:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Child, adolescents and Youth</b></li><li>• <b>Local Organizations and Local community Groups</b></li></ul> <b>The work of the DPNA on this particular project was coordinated with partner organizations all over Lebanon, focal points and youth initiatives with whom the DPNA has been working before.</b>
Geographical coverage	<b>All the targeted areas by DPNA programs</b>
Summary of the project	<b>The Project aimed at equipping DPNA center with all the training material and presentations that facilitate the work in our programs and enhanced our work with Children, youth, women, and people with special Needs. Thus creating an equipped safe space for empowering the participation of youth and their initiatives in those areas.</b>