

**DPNA Annual Report
2007**

Lebanon Early Recovery Assistance 2006

Partner	Catholic Relief Services
Targeted groups	This project benefited 185,494 vulnerable people, who were affected directly and indirectly by 2006 War
Geographical coverage	138 villages in Southern Lebanon and Beqaa
Summary of the project	<p>Program Goal: To provide IDPs, returnees, and conflict-affected vulnerable populations with fundamental resources for recovery and rehabilitation</p> <p>Objective 1: Relief Commodities: To provide essential food and non-food relief commodities to vulnerable families</p> <p>Objective 2: Shelter (and Community Rehabilitation): To provide dignified transitional and permanent shelter and infrastructure to IDPs</p> <p>Objective 3: Water and Sanitation: To provide adequate water and sanitation facilities to IDPs and their surrounding affected communities</p> <p>Objective 4: Food Security/Agriculture (via Livelihood Support) To provide livelihood support to returnees and other affected populations</p> <p>Objective 5: Protection and Psychosocial Support: To attend to the protection needs of returnees and war-affected residents.</p> <p>Project Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rehabilitation and / or equipping /21/ youth clubs ▪ Rehabilitation of /8/ retaining walls ▪ Rehabilitation of /4/ municipalities premises ▪ Rehabilitation of /9/ agricultural roads

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rehabilitation of /3/ public squares ▪ Rehabilitation and / or equipping /8/ schools ▪ Rehabilitation of /3/ dispensaries ▪ Rehabilitation of /56/ houses affected directly or indirectly by war ▪ Rehabilitation of /11/ playgrounds ▪ Rehabilitation of /19/ public garden ▪ Supporting /24/ water and sanitation projects ▪ Supporting /17/ agricultural coops ▪ Organizing /15/ training workshops on agricultural industrialization for women ▪ Rehabilitation and / or equipping / 7 / NGOs ▪ Equipping and organizing / 5 / tradition home food markets ▪ Supporting / 54 / fixed play units for children ▪ Supporting and organizing /20/ summer camps ▪ Distributing trees over 1200 beneficiaries ▪ Distributing individual livelihood grants over 359 beneficiaries ▪ Distributing fuel over 3560 beneficiaries ▪ Organizing over 100 psychosocial support activities for children, adolescents and youth
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Youth Round Tables

Partner	Catholic Relief Services
Targeted groups	Mayors, NGOs, and youth leaders
Geographical coverage	Bordered villages in Southern Lebanon and Dahiye region in Beirut
Summary of the project	<p>Project Goal: To identify, bring together, and empower progressive actors at the municipal level: mayors, NGOs and in particular youth leaders</p> <p>Project Achievements:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conduction of a survey of youth attitudes towards crucial current questions ▪ Implementation of municipal, NGOs and youth round tables to discuss innovative solutions to community and regional issues ▪ Publication of the round tables results ▪ Organization of a field day activity for youth from Southern Lebanon and Beqaa to discuss their role in the development of their communities and enjoy a music concert
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Lebanon Transition Assistance

Partner	Catholic Relief Services and Irish Aid
Targeted groups	Benefiting 11287 vulnerable people and war-affected neighbors
Geographical coverage	Southern Lebanon
Summary of the project	<p>Project Goal: To provide IDPs and conflict-affected vulnerable populations with fundamental resources for recovery and rehabilitation</p> <p>Objective 1: To provide livelihood support to returnees and other affected populations</p> <p>Objective 2: To attend to the protection needs of returnees and war-affected residents.</p> <p>Objective 3: To provide access to necessary common resources through community infrastructure repair</p> <p>Project Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support for 107 people from the individual and group livelihood assistant ▪ Targeted 1809 children, adolescents and youth through organizing 5 summer

Youth and Municipalities... Step forward

Partner	National Democratic Institute
Targeted groups	The project initially targeted 32 youth participants age between 18 and 25 from different cultural, social, economical, religious, and political backgrounds.
Geographical coverage	South: Krayye , Tyre – Mount Lebanon: Ghosta, Aley – Beirut: Ghobeireh, Borj Hammoud – North: El Mina, Sir Ed Denneyye – Beqaa: Taalabaya, Deir El Ahmar

Summary of the project	<p>This project aims to cultivate informed and skilled Lebanese youth that are actively and democratically engaged in their country's political life.</p> <p>OBJECTIVE 1: Lebanese youth understand how municipal councils work.</p> <p>OBJECTIVE 2: Lebanese youth demonstrate willingness to run for office.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p><i>Initial Training Program (September - October 2007)</i> Initial training aimed at promoting youth's knowledge and understanding of municipal issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conflict Resolution • Municipal Code • Budgetary Process • Municipal Executive Branch • Needs Assessment <p><u><i>Selection Criteria for the Advanced Training Program</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated motivation to run for municipal office or participate effectively in an electoral campaign. • Active participation level during the initial training program as evaluated by trainers and project staff. • Inclusion of youth with and without partisan agenda • Diverse religious, gender, and geographical backgrounds. <p><i>Advanced Training Program (November - December 2007)</i> The advanced training program was designed to equip youth participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to run for office in the next municipal elections. The program included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership Skills • Elements of a Good Campaign Platform • Message Development • Public Speaking • Voter Targeting and Outreach • Media Strategy
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Youth and Political Parties

Partner	National Endowment for Democracy
Targeted groups	Youth aged 15 – 30 from all over Lebanon

Geographical coverage	National coverage
Summary of the project	<p>Project Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased Knowledge and scientific information on democratic participation in different political parties. ▪ Youth awareness raised on the democratic principles of choosing a certain political part and channels of participation and decision making. ▪ Youth awareness raised on the past experience of the political parties in Lebanon. <p>Project Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Producing a knowledgeable and educational material, the guide "Youth and Political parties, democracy and active participation". <p>This guide contains three chapters: <u>Chapter one:</u> Definition of a political part: kinds and categories <u>Chapter two:</u> case studies and results of 10 focus groups on youth evaluation of the Lebanese experience in political parties (6 focus groups will be implemented in the 6 provinces of Lebanon and 4 focus groups will be implemented nationally) <u>Chapter three:</u> channels of democratic participation of youth in political parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Holding a press conference for launching and distributing the guide among the civil society organizations and political parties. ▪ Holding a national training workshop on how to use the guide targeting social and political activists who are in direct contact with youth.

Youth and Private Sector

Partner	Center for International Private Enterprise
Targeted groups	120 youth aged 15 - 25
Geographical coverage	Saida, Tripoli, Zahle and Beirut
Summary of the project	<p>Project Objectives: <i>Help to build the ability of DPNA to educate young people as to the fundamentals of free market economies and the meaning of entrepreneurialism</i></p> <p>Project Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organization of 4 training workshops to educate college and vocational school students and recent graduates about the meanings of market economy, entrepreneurialism and participation within them. Titled "Getting Started".

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Production of an information toolkit and CD on how to set up and get running a small enterprise in Lebanon.
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Taabeer

Partner	Save the Children, US
Targeted groups	175 children and adolescents aged 8 – 18 (50 adolescents targeting 100 children). In addition to 25 youth leaderships 5 from each village that will be supporting the work of the direct groups.
Geographical coverage	Rihan, Jezzine, Saida, Aadloon, Aabra
Summary of the project	<p>The goal of the project is: Enabling children and adolescents of expressing their feelings, thoughts, concerns and dreams freely and in creative ways.</p> <p>The project's Intermediate Results are:</p> <p>IR1: Increasing the participation of children and adolescents within their surrounding communities.</p> <p>IR2: Building the capacities and skills of children, adolescents and youth</p> <p>IR3: Lessening children and adolescents' anger and fear through providing them with a safe spaces and ways of expression.</p> <p>Project Activities:</p> <p>DPNA supported 5 youth and adolescents group who were initiated or supported in "crossing the bridges" project from the targeted areas through organizing biweekly activities that enable children and adolescents to express themselves through the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Inner and outer me ▪ Training on life skills basket: communication, negotiation, participation, planning, conflict resolution, conflict management and lobbying skills. ▪ How to secure and activate safe spaces ▪ Training on leadership skills ▪ Art sessions: drawing, painting, singing, acting and dancing ▪ Raising awareness on how to deal with your body <p>In addition to the villages' activities, the targeted beneficiaries had the opportunity to be gathered altogether and exchange skills and build friendships through 2 summer camp (175 participants) for 7 days outside their villages.</p>

Youth Advocates Peace Education

Partner	Netherlands Embassy
Targeted groups	This project will target 75 adolescents and youth (schools and university students) aged 17- 25 from southern Lebanon
Geographical coverage	The project was implemented in southern Lebanon which was badly affected by war and by political conflicts and divisions after war period.
Summary of the project	<p>Project Objectives:</p> <p>This project aims at promoting peace education among war affected adolescents and youth as well as at motivating them to solve their conflicts peacefully through empowering their conflict resolution and management skills.</p> <p>To reach the project aims, the following specific objectives were designed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Empowering youth with conflict resolution and management skills ▪ Increasing youth knowledge on peace education <p>Decreasing everyday conflicts faced by youth on all levels.</p> <p>Project Activities:</p> <p>Three training workshops were held targeting the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conflict resolution, management and mediation skills. ▪ Introducing peace education <p>These workshops depended on interactive methods of training, role plays and practical skills of solving conflicts.</p>

Taameer Vocational Center

Partner 1	Mennonite Central Committee
Targeted groups	This project benefited the vulnerable youth, adolescents and children in Taameer area, with special focus on female participation. The number of target groups will reach 350 beneficiaries per year.
Geographical coverage	Southern Lebanon, Saida city, Taameer area
Summary of the project	<p>Main Goal :</p> <p>This project aims at improving the job opportunities and living standards of vulnerable Palestinian and Lebanese children and youth, particularly females, through providing educational and vocational trainings.</p>

	<p>Objective 1: To empower laboring children, females from conservative environments, and unemployed youth with educational and vocational options and skills.</p> <p>Objective 2: To empower targeted beneficiaries with general life skills</p> <p>Objective 3: To achieve wider and improved participation of children and youth in development within their own communities.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of different vocational training courses: literacy, computer, languages, accounting, sewing skills, hairdressing, and car mechanics • Organization of monthly recreational, social and cultural activities • Support for youth development initiatives that benefited their communities
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Partner 2	Karim Rida Said Foundation
Targeted groups	The project targeted 272 vulnerable children and youth in one of the main poverty squares in Saida city, the target groups were children at risk, labourer children; home prisoners' girls and unemployed youth aged 13 - 18.
Geographical coverage	Villet and Tammer area which is considered one of the poverty squares in Saida city
Summary of the project	<p>Opportunities project aimed at providing better educational opportunities for vulnerable children from Villate and Taameer area which is one of the main poverty squares in Saida city.</p> <p>Project objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Empowering laborer children, children at risk, home prisoners' girls and unemployed youth with educational skills ▪ Empowering the target groups with life skills ▪ Improving the economical opportunities for the targeted vulnerable groups <p>Project Activities: Organization of vocational courses targeting the following domains: illiteracy and computer in addition to regular life skills trainings that were being implemented on weekly basis</p>

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Partner	Rural Development Association
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Targeted groups	Secondary students, children in and out of schools, aged 15 - 18
Geographical coverage	Saida area
Summary of the project	<p>Project Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Empowering adolescents with life skills: communication, negotiation, conflict resolution, event planning and organizing, etc... <p>Project Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Held regular training workshops targeting adolescents at schools ▪ Support of recreational activities done by adolescents within their communities

DPNA Membership within national, regional and international networks:

- DPNA is a member in the Lebanese Forum for Development
- DPNA is a member in the Lebanese coalition for Limiting the negative effects of World Trade Center on Environment and Development – " Lebanon is Not for Sale"
- DPNA is a member in the national assembly of secular organizations in Lebanon
- DPNA is a member in the World Movement for Democracy
- DPNA is a member in - REMED "Reseau euro-mediterraneen de la solidarite"
- DPNA is a member in the " Conseil international des organisations de jeunes de la Francophonie