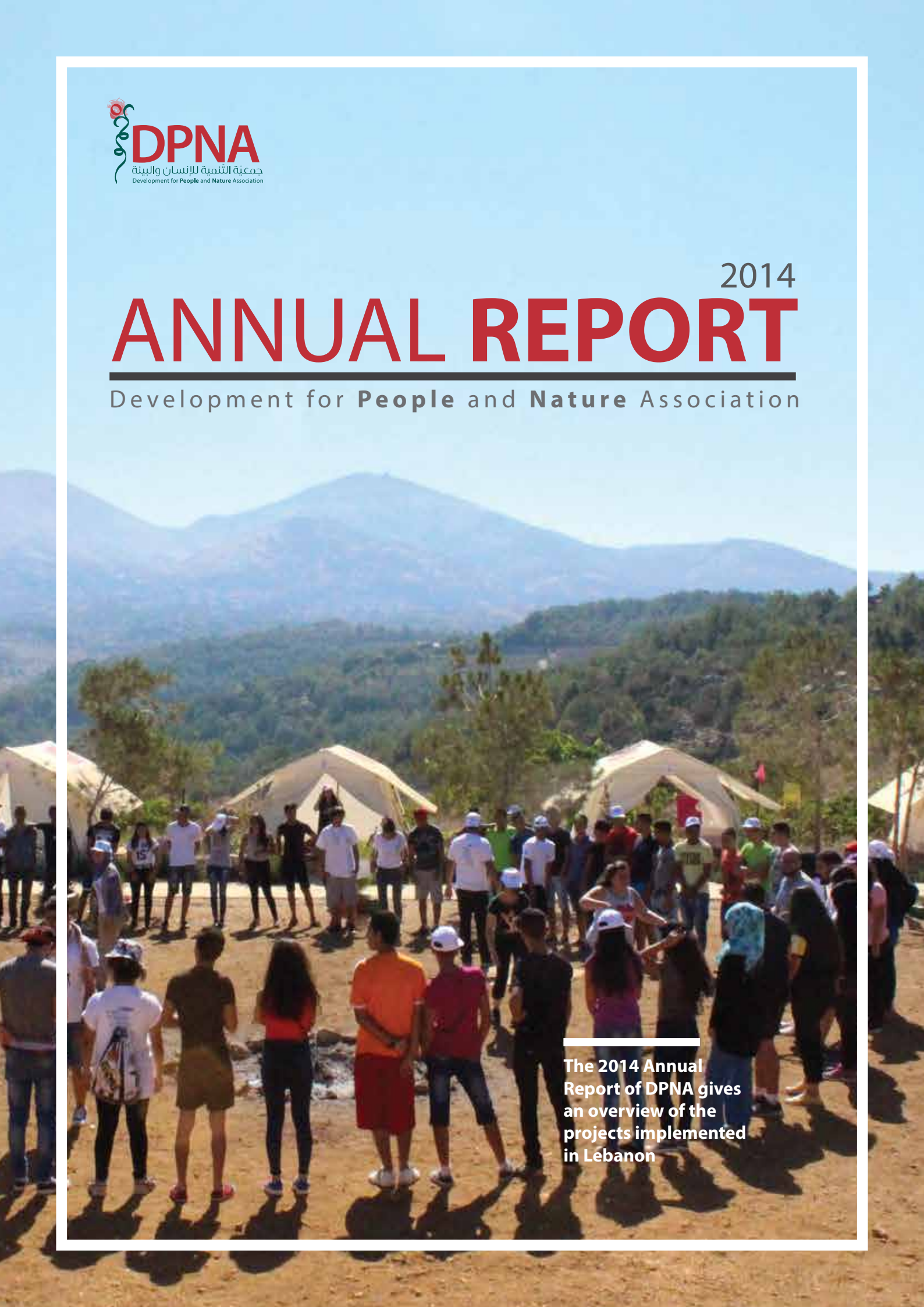


2014

ANNUAL REPORT

Development for **People** and **Nature** Association



The 2014 Annual Report of DPNA gives an overview of the projects implemented in Lebanon

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DPNA Brief

Development for People and Nature Association (DPNA) is a nongovernmental, secular association that works through a wide range of networks of civil society organizations (CSOs) to meet the needs of the local community on the basis of sustainable development. DPNA was established in **2003** and now has 28 full- and part-time staff members as well as 500 volunteers supporting DPNA to accomplish its vision and mission.

VISION

A **civil society** that motivates the participation of citizens in **decision making**, and in leading **positive change**.

MISSION

Encourage the **participation** of citizens in the public concern and civil society organizations.

OBJECTIVES

- **Empower** citizens with needed skills to improve their quality of life
- **Spread** the culture of civic education and peace in the society
- **Protect** natural and environmental resources
- **Create** positive change in the local and national policies and decisions
- **Support** economical development initiatives

OUR VALUES

Equality **Human Rights**
Justice
Environmental Protection



Our Partners .



15 PARTNERS ACROSS THE GLOBE

British Council

Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)

Danish Refugee Council (DRC)

European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)

Embassy of France in Lebanon

Generations for Peace (GFP)

Ifa Zivik

Mercy Corps

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

Search for Common Ground (SFCG)

Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA)

Embassy of the Netherlands in Lebanon

UN Habitat

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Public Diplomacy Office in U.S. Embassy in Lebanon

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Projects of 2014

Development Projects

Fostering Free Enterprise in Youth

Partner

Center for International and Private Enterprise (CIPE)

Objectives

- To incorporate the democratic concepts of civic education and responsibility and entrepreneurship in education curricula for Lebanese youth.
- To develop leadership and entrepreneurial skills and civic participation among youth from Southern Lebanon and foster their support for democracy, rule of law, and market economy.
- To encourage the private sector, civil society, and institutions of higher education in Southern Lebanon to realize their collective ownership stake in fostering a culture of entrepreneurship through mentorship of potential entrepreneurs.

Areas Targeted

National Program

Duration

February 2014 - March 2015

Activities

- *Training of Trainers* for High School teachers
- 2 *Seminars* on Entrepreneurship in Saida about entrepreneurship and its importance
- 1 *Networking event* for youth
- *Internship Center* training program for the university students that is part of the Entrance to Enterprise (E2) Internship Center, an initiative that links university students with enterprises with the aim of supporting youth to become successful entrepreneurs
- *Entrepreneurship Through Arts* Event that portrays what entrepreneurship means to youth through arts
- 6 *Entrepreneurship Cafes* in each of Lebanon's governorates that would result in a dossier presenting the challenges, opportunities, and suggestions for solutions for a better environment for entrepreneurs in Lebanon. This will be concluded with a national conference to present these results.

Budget

\$ 142,772

Project Participants

20 High School teachers

40 University students

300 Youth participated in Entrepreneurship Cafes

200 Youth members in E2E Alumni Network



Capacity Building for Local NGOs

Partner

Public Diplomacy Office in the U.S. Embassy in Beirut

Objectives

- Build the capacities of the three NGOs/youth groups on more advanced proposal writing skills
- Build the capacities of two local NGOs on administrative and financial management
- Empower two local NGOs to implement small development projects in their communities and one NGO a mid-level project

Areas Targeted

South Lebanon Governorate – Sawaneh, Bourj Rahhal, Ain El Delb, Khiam, and Jezzine

Duration

October 2014 – September 2015

Targeted Groups

5 local NGOs in South Lebanon

Activities

- Provide training for 2 NGOs on administrative and financial management
- Provide coaching sessions for the NGOs to write a proposal for a development project to be implemented
- Provide training for youth from 5 organizations on civic engagement and active citizenship.
- Support five NGOs with small development projects in their communities

Budget

\$ 61,922



Human Rights Ambassadors

Partner

Embassy of the Netherlands in Lebanon

Objectives

Objective 1: Promoting culture of Human Rights and constitution for 500 local community members directly and 1500 members indirectly in Beqaa and North Lebanon within the duration of the project.

Objective 2: Enhancing access of 1500 citizens to their political and civic rights in Beqaa and North Lebanon within the duration of the project.

Objective 3: Encouraging 110 citizens in Lebanon to act for full implementation of Human Rights declaration within the duration of the project.

Areas Targeted

North Lebanon and Beqaa Governorates

Duration

August 2014 - January 2015

Targeted Groups

Youth

Activities

- Training workshops for 60 youth in North Lebanon and Beqaa
- Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop for 20 youth leaders
- Summer Youth Camp for 50 youth
- National Youth Initiative

Budget

\$ 65,647.66





60 Youth participants

20 Youth leaders

50 Youth participants of Summer Camp

1,500 Community Members

Jabal and Tebbeni – What Brings us Together

Partner

Embassy of the Netherlands in Lebanon

Objective

Establishment of Coalition between NGOs working in Jabal Mohsen and Bab Tebbeni in Tripoli

Areas Targeted

Tripoli North Lebanon; Jabal Mohsen and Bab Tebbeni

Duration

August 2014 - March 2015

Targeted Groups

NGOs working in targeted areas

Activities

- Network with all local civil society organizations and implement focus group discussions
- Implement a survey and data collection with community members
- Implement capacity building workshops for the organizations
- Build a strategy for the network and agree on a community project
- Implement a community project
- Hold a community event that includes interactive and creative activities for dialogue and communication
- Launching of the Civil Union for Tebbeni and Jabal Mohsen (CUTJ)

Budget

\$ 73,330



Active Citizens

Partner

British Council

Overview

Active Citizens connects people and organizations involved in local initiatives that benefit their community. It provides them with tools and support to better understand how to work with people from diverse backgrounds and to put new skills into practice by setting up or adapting the way they run their own social development and innovation, by sharing ideas and practice and working on joint projects with their peers in the global Active Citizens network.

Active Citizens was launched in 2009 and currently, it is running in over twenty countries in the Middle East and North Africa, Europe, South and East Asia and the UK.

The Active Citizens Learning Journey is core to the overall programme. It is based on an exploration of the ways in which people relate to each other and appreciate diversity. It involves participants carrying out a social action project in relation to an issue of concern to them and putting their learning into practice. It is underpinned by a commitment to social justice, to social inclusion and to enabling people to take a lead in shaping society.

Scope of Work

- Quality Assurance on Active Citizens project to ensure and support the successful implementation of workshops in North Lebanon
- Implementation of Training of Facilitators workshop

Areas Targeted

National

Duration

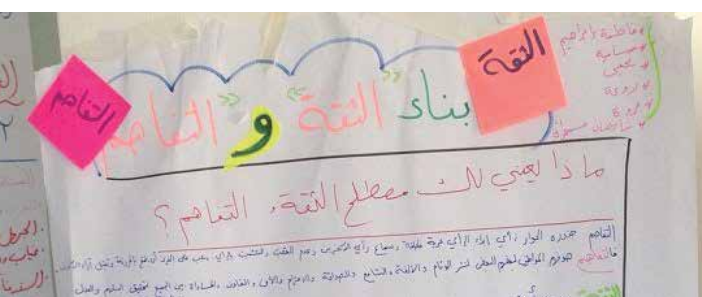
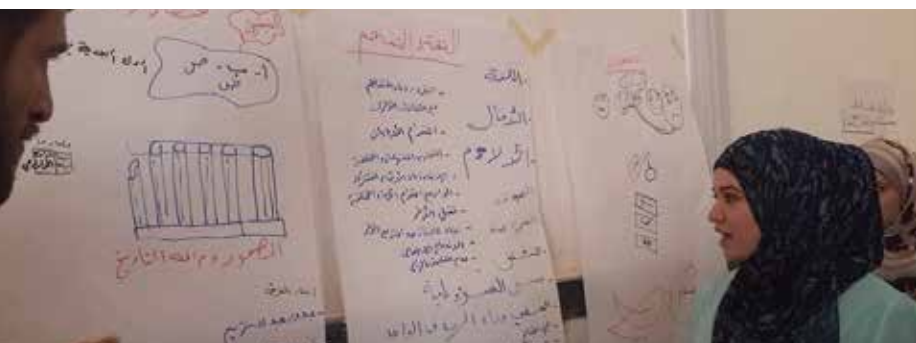
June 2014 - March 2015

Budget

\$ 6200

\$ 25,650

Pictures taken from LCAC Facebook page



GOVERNANCE FOR ACHIEVING LOCAL STRATEGIES FOR TOURISM, GOALS

Partner

European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI)

Objective

GOALS will focus on sustainability of tourism policies that entails not only institutional cooperation between public administrations but also coordination with economic sectors, social involvement and skilled technical backing; it requires a very structured governance, matching territorial, economic, cultural, social planning.

Areas Targeted

Jezzine, South Lebanon

Duration

January 2014 - December 2015 with extension to March 2016

Expected Results

- An enhanced governance built on the participation of civil society, local communities and local institutions in processes setting up tourism strategies;
- A "Total Quality Management" established to implement cooperative sustainable strategies in tourism offer;
- Integrated thematic itineraries based on high quality offer of tourism products, services, facilities in each partner country;
- Improved SMEs cooperation capacity; better integration of activities more competitive products, a stronger incidence of natural/cultural tourism in the economy of less known regions;
- A transferable governance model in accordance with each national/regional legislations.

Activities

- Local Focus Groups (setting up Niche tourism strategies and applying TQM model)
- International Promotional Campaign (Brochures, Rollup Banners, Promotional Video, etc.)
- Steering Committee Exchange Visits
- Integrated Itineraries and Tourism Packages

Seven International Partners

- IRVAT, Institute for the Promotion and Protection of Regional Products – **Italy**
- Qeiatat Association – **Palestine**
- DPNA, Development for People and Nature Association – **Lebanon**
- Camara Oficial de Comercio, Industria y Navegacion de Sevilla – **Spain**
- Institute of Technology and Sciences in Jordan – **Jordan**
- German – Arab Chamber of Industry and Commerce – **Egypt**
- HCL, Management – **Greece**

Budget

\$ 242,976



7 International partners

7 Local Focus Groups

1 Total Quality Management Model

4 Integrated Itineraries and Tourism Packages

1,000 People benefited in Jezzine only

Youth Peace Leadership Pyramid

Partner

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

Long Term Impact

Youth leaders are acting for peace in their communities and are able to lead creative actions for positive change in Lebanon.

Areas Targeted

National, youth leaders from all over Lebanon

Duration

April 2014 - October 2014

Outcomes

- 20 young leaders play an effective role in decreasing the conflict on the local level
- Youth leaders targeted are able to play an important role as mediators, peace supporters, peace promoters and builders on the local and national levels

Activities

- First advanced training for 20 youth on in-depth conflict analysis, creative thinking and the crisis of youth participation in public life
- Second advanced training for 29 youth on conflict management, me/the other during conflicts, causes of conflict, attitudes, conflict analysis, case studies and conflict management tools.

Initiative 1

A peace initiative was organized in Ebel El Saki, South Lebanon. The initiative focused on joining together 90 community members on creating a youth dialogue on youth participation in public life.

Initiative 2

A two-day peace initiative "Moltaqa El Shabab – Gathering of Youth" was organized in Mresty, El Chouf consisting of a training citizenship, conflict management, peace culture and education, advocacy and managing peace initiatives. The seminar was followed by hiking route in Darb El Sendeyan, planting Cedar trees and finally a cultural and music evening for 100 people.

Budget

\$ 25,046

Project Participants

231 Participants in the project



Youth Agents of Change - FADA

A Youth-led Approach to Peaceful Coexistence between Syrian Refugees and Lebanese Host Communities

Support Psychosocially the Syrian Refugees

Sports and Arts for Peace for Syrian Refugee Children

Syrian WaSH Program, SWaP

Access to Water in Vulnerable Lebanese Communities

Coordinated Assistance to Conflict and Displacement Affected Population in Syrian and Neighbouring Countries

Winterization

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Projects of 2014

Emergency and Relief

Youth Agents of Change - FADA

Partner

Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA) and Mobaderoon Network

Overall Goal

Syrian youth and adolescents know their roles, their rights and duties, and are contributing to the dissemination of the values of citizenship and coexistence.

Specific Objectives

- Increase understanding among youth of democratic principles and the role of citizens and civil society in the formal, democratic decision making process
- Strengthen youth ability to identify policies and issues needing change and to organize and influence policy-making through advocacy and citizen action
- Increase youth ability to engage in cross-sectarian civic discussion and advocacy
- Connecting like-minded networks, locally, nationally and globally to exchange good practices and ideas
- To promote the values of active citizenship and non-violence among youth and adolescents

Areas Targeted

Syria – 7 governorates

Duration

August 2013 - July 2016

Targeted Groups

In the second year of the project, 1575 members were committed to FADA groups, divided into 2 age groups with 2 different focuses (group 1: 14 – 18 years old – focusing on social and economic empowerment and group 2: 18 – 35 years old – focusing on democracy and advocacy).

Activities

These 1575 adolescents and youth members participated in the launching of 61 social action projects and community initiatives addressing one of the community priorities identified by their groups as a result of the program empowerment and awareness raised.

The project journey passes through the following phases:

1. Citizenship education
2. Social action projects
3. Civic advocacy locally and nationally

These three phases is being presented both in the adolescents clubs (14- 18 year) and in the youth discussion groups (18-35) through different interactive and participatory tools and methodologies.

Budget

\$ 3,471,183.00

In the 2nd Year

1,575 **Members** committed to FADA groups

61 **Social action projects** launched

2 **Different** focuses from different age groups

3 **Phases** the project is passing through

A Youth-led Approach to Peaceful Coexistence between Syrian Refugees and Lebanese Host Communities

Partner

Search for Common Ground (SFCG)

Objective

Syrian and Lebanese youth in Lebanon develop trusting, empathetic and respectful relationships with one another.

Specific objectives of the actions are:

- Syrian and Lebanese youth develop non-adversarial relationships to increase trust with one another
- Syrian and Lebanese youth work collaboratively to implement peace-building activities in their communities

Areas Targeted

South Lebanon (Jezzine, Tyre, Saida, Nabatieh)

Duration

April 2014 - April 2016

Targeted Groups

Primary target group: 160 Syrian refugee youth from the targeted communities and 160 Lebanese youth from the host communities

Secondary target groups: Syrian refugee and Lebanese youth at large

Final beneficiaries: the communities where youth participants come from, as well as audiences of the play, songs, videos and comic strips produced as part of this project

Activities

- Data Collection
- Creation of Youth Advisory Groups (YAG) and training for 20 volunteers
- Summer Camps (6-days)
- Pen pal exchange and life skills workshops
- Art workshops (Video, Music, Theater, Drawing)
- Expressive art workshops
- Art Products
- Community Events



In Two Years

160 Youth participants

8 Community events

10+ Art products

Budget
\$ 132,840



Support Psychosocially the Syrian Refugees

Partner

Ifa zivik – The German Federal Foreign Office

Objective

The project aimed at decreasing the tension between the Syrian refugees and Lebanese host communities in 5 areas in Lebanon.

Outcomes

Outcome 1: Children are living in better psychosocial conditions as a result of our intervention and able to affect their families.

Outcome 2: Youth are empowered with conflict prevention and transformation skills and are active socially within the host communities.

Areas Targeted

Saida, Jezzine (South Lebanon), Riyak, Tebnine ,Baalbek (Beqaa), Tripoli (North Lebanon), Ramleyeh and Ein Zein (Mount Lebanon).

Duration

July 2014 - December 2014

Targeted Groups

The project targeted 500 Syrian refugees' children aged 6 - 18, it involved 100 youth both Syrians and Lebanese aged 15 – 21 and built the capacities of 56 facilitators.

Activities

The project was implemented and ensured outreach with the cooperation and the participation of active NGOs, among these are Nabad Association, Beitokoum and Association for Forests, Development and Conservation.

The psychosocial program developed with the expertise of *Himaya* focused on: Understanding Violence and abuse, child rights, leadership, conflict mitigation, working with youth, bullying, effective communication, creativity, trauma healing, social work, facilitation skills & techniques, facilitation environment, and how to prepare a psychosocial support session.

Topics of activities: Who am I, Who are we, Identity, Communication skills, Listening, Hygiene, Child Rights, Violence, Bullying, Conflict, Discovery and Creative Thinking.





Initiatives

- **Saida Initiative:** Rehabilitation of 3 classrooms and football playground for the children inside the informal settlement – where informal education classes will be delivered
- **Beqaa Initiative:** Equipping a cinema club for the children
- **Mount Lebanon:** Equipping a children library within the school where the PSS activities were implemented in Ein Zein, and rehabilitation of the playground in the public school of Ramlieh.
- **Tripoli Initiative:** Equipping and empowering a sports team among the refugees children and organizing joint games with Lebanese children teams
- **Jezzine Initiative:** Organizing a summer camp for the refugees' children and Lebanese children to break the isolation between the 2 communities.

Budget

\$ 117,384.02

500 Syrian Refugee Children **participated** in activities

100 Syrian and Lebanese youth **involved**

56 Facilitators **trained**

60 Psychosocial activities **implemented** weekly



Sports and Arts for Peace for Syrian Refugee Children

Partner

Generations for Peace - Jordan (GFP)

Objective

Increased acceptance and inclusion among Syrian Refugee Children through Sports and Arts for Peace weekly activities

Areas Targeted

Al Naddef Collective Shelter, Saida

Duration

May 2014 - November 2015

Targeted Groups

Children from age 9-12

Activities

Sports and art activities that promote positive interaction, understanding and stronger relationships. Use of theater, role playing, drawing, story telling and sports games.

Budget

\$ 17,394



Syrian WaSH Program, SWaP

Partner

Mercy Corps

Objectives

Objective 1: Provide safe drinking water for 9,100 Syrian refugees and their host families/community

Objective 2: Increase sanitation for 9,100 Syrian refugees in target areas

Objective 3: Improve hygiene conditions for 9,100 Syrian refugees and host communities

Areas Targeted

Nabatiye, Marajayoun, Hasbaya, Jezzine, Saida, and Chouf Districts in South Lebanon and Mount Lebanon Governorates

Duration

December 2014 - August 2015

Targeted Groups

Refugees: 5,460

Lebanese: 3,640

Activities

The project's main activities:

- 1- Create 10 WaSH Committees formed from Municipal members, community stakeholders, experts, refugee community leaders, etc.
- 2- Rehabilitate 50 existing water systems in the 10 municipalities.
- 3- Train 32 local water utility personnel and WaSH committees and support them in the monitoring of the water systems in the 10 municipalities.
- 4- Provide water trucks for 550 households and for the period of 10 months.
- 5- Rehabilitate 50 sanitary installations in households.
- 6- Support municipalities in the solid waste management for a period of 10 months.
- 7- Implement a sampling KAP survey (Knowledge, Attitude & Practices). This survey will be targeting door-to-door meetings with refugees and host communities, in addition to focus groups with stakeholders and one-to-one meetings with key informants.
- 8- Train 40 volunteers (Hygiene Promotion Agents -HPAs) who will in turn implement 60 events in 15 schools targeting 1,500 children.
- 9- Distribute 1,050 hygiene kits for unregistered refugee households (vouchers) and most vulnerable Lebanese families. This would be on going over the period of 8 months every 2 months.

Budget

\$ 100,000



10 WaSH Committees

50 Existing water systems **rehabilitated** in 10 Municipalities

32 Local water utility personnel and WaSH Committees **trained**

550 Households provided with **water trucking** over 10 months

50 Sanitary installations **rehabilitated**

40 Hygiene Promotion Volunteers **trained**

1,050 Hygiene Kits distributed



Access to Water in Vulnerable Lebanese Communities

Partner

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

Overview

The project has two main components to be carried out over the 3 years plan. In partnership with the municipality of Yater this project will improve the municipalities present water system that is currently made up of above ground piping that is manually controlled from the well. The new system will be set up to provide equal access to available water for all residents.

Long Term Impact

Preserved lives, suffering alleviated and human dignity maintained in communities experiencing humanitarian crisis and/or low life standards, by reducing vulnerability of crisis-affected people in host communities, especially women and children through access to water.

Areas Targeted

Yater, South Lebanon

Duration

May 2014 - March 2017

Targeted Groups

3,100 Syrian and Lebanese family households in the area

Component 1

Rehabilitation of the water infrastructure to provide equal access to improved water.

Component 2

- Awareness sessions for community members on efficient use of water and WaSH procedures.
- Surveys and 2 Training of Trainers (ToT) for local WaSH agent establishments
- Seminars on infrastructures use and water conservation
- Community public events centered on WaSH

Budget

\$ 99,000

200 Survey Collections

10 WaSH agents from local community trained

20 Awareness sessions

400 Community members



Coordinated Assistance to Conflict and Displacement Affected Population in Syrian and Neighboring Countries

Partner

Danish Refugee Council (DRC)

Objective

To provide assistance of Non-food Items (NFIs) to Newcomer Syrian Refugees in Saida (area) and Jezzine (district)

Areas Targeted

Saida area and Jezzine district

Duration

September 2014 – December 2014

Targeted Groups

764 families from the Newcomer Syrian Refugees

Activities

- Assist DRC in the registration of the newcomers
- Provide the newcomer families with NFIs

Budget

\$ 130,990

Winterization

Partner

The Embassy of France in Lebanon

Objective

Meeting the Syrian Refugees needs of Heating and insulation within the arrival of winter

Areas Targeted

Chouf and South Lebanon

Duration

November 2013 - March 2014

Targeted Groups

Syrian Refugees families

- Families supported by women only
- Families with 5 children or more
- Families who are not registered with UNHCR
- Families who have never received any aid

Activities

Purchase and distribution of material, fuel needed for heating insulation and carpets

Budget

Euro 50,000

151 Syrian Refugee families



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