

DPNA Annual report 2006

Youth and Municipalities: Step forward

Partner / Funded by	National Democratic Institute
Targeted groups	49 university students or recent graduates aged 17 - 25
Geographical coverage	Daroun / Harisa, Rihan, Jezzine, Saida, Aadloon, Abra, Baakleen
Summary of the project	<p>It is a pilot youth leadership program that aims at, empower youth of diverse backgrounds from seven municipalities in Lebanon with skills necessary to actively participate in local government and political life.</p> <p>Program objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Equip youth with concrete knowledge about how municipalities work ▪ Develop youth leadership skills required to work with and run for municipal council elections ▪ Encouraging youth to interact with and develop their municipalities by planning executing a youth-improvement project, and, ▪ Foster team-building and development skills that youth can pass on to peers. <p>Program Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organizing training workshops on general leadership skills and municipalities' issues, including strategic planning, project management, negotiation and conflict resolution, fundraising, resource management, government ethics and municipal code. ▪ Developing a municipality-improvement projects

Crossing the Bridges:

Partner / Funded by	Save the Children, US
Targeted groups	550 children and adolescents aged 12 – 18
Geographical coverage	Rihan, Jezine, Saida, Aadloon, Aabra
Summary of the project	<p>Project Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supporting creative and exemplary CYD initiatives in the targeted areas. ▪ Creating safe spaces and sustaining existing ones for children, adolescents and youth ▪ Raising the awareness of youth on concepts of citizenship, active participation and democracy. ▪ Continue the organizational building process of DPNA ▪ Empowering youth skills and capacities <p>Project Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Supporting five Community children, adolescents and Youth Development initiatives in the targeted areas. ▪ Organizing two training workshops for 3 days each targeting 50 adolescents aged 15 – 18 from the 5 targeted areas. These workshops will aim at empowering youth with skills and knowledge on citizenship, active participation and democracy.

Youth Advocates Citizenship:

Partner / Funded by	Netherlands Embassy
Targeted groups	This project will target 75 youth (university students) aged 18 – 25 from all over Lebanon. I each workshop 25 youth will participate, taking into consideration the gender balance
Geographical coverage	The project will be implemented nationally and will target youth from all over Lebanon
Summary of the project	<p>Project Objectives:</p> <p>This project aims at changing positively the attitudes of 75 youth aged 18-25 from all over Lebanon on concepts of citizenship, democracy and active participation through achieving the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Raising the awareness of youth on concepts of citizenship, active participation and democracy. ▪ Empowering youth with knowledge and skills that will able them to change.

	<p>Project Activities: Holding 3 national training workshops on citizenship, democracy and active participation and focusing on how to convert the concept into a practice in everyday life.</p>
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Providing educational alternatives for limiting Child Labor:

Partner / Funded by	Rene Moawad Foundation
Targeted groups	89 children aged 13 – 18, (59 are laborer children and 30 from public schools)
Geographical coverage	Saida city
Summary of the project	<p>Project Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Decreasing school drop outs from public schools ▪ Empowering laborer children with vocational skills ▪ Empowering laborer children with the capacities of reading and writing <p>Project Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Holding Computer class ▪ Holding Illiteracy class ▪ Holding Remedial class ▪ Holding Air conditioning maintenance

Kawader:

Partner / Funded by	National Endowment for Democracy
Targeted groups	205 youth aged 18 – 25
Geographical coverage	This project is national and will cover all over Lebanon
Summary of the project	<p>Project Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training 180 youth on the mechanisms of political participation and the content of the guide" Youth and Municipalities" ▪ Training 55 trainers from other NGOs on the content of the guide ▪ Raising the awareness of youth on their rights of participation within the local authorities and decision-making. ▪ Enhancing the youth role in developing their surrounding communities <p>Project Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organizing 6 training sessions in the 6 districts of

	<p>Lebanon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organizing Training of trainers workshop on the guide <p>Organizing a one draining workshop targeting social workers in different NGOs</p>
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Adolescents Act for Change:

Partner / Funded by	Mennonite Central Committee
Targeted groups	50 adolescents aged 15 – 18.
Geographical coverage	Saida, Abra, Jezine, Libaa and Adloon
Summary of the project	<p>Main Goal : Introducing peace building and conflict resolution education to adolescents aged 15 – 18 in different schools at South Lebanon.</p> <p>Objective No. 1. Building and empowering the capacities of 50 adolescents of peace building and conflict resolution skills through "Peace Ambassador Program".</p> <p>Activity No. 1. DPNA will launch 5 training meetings (10 adolescents in every meeting) on every Saturday or Sunday over 6 weeks in the five cities, Saida, Abra, Jezine, Libaa and Adloon. These meetings will include training on the following subjects: conflict resolution skills, communication skills, negotiation skills and peer education.</p> <p>Objective No. 2 Achieving wider and better participation of adolescents in specifying and solving their problems, and those of the society to improve living conditions. And Introducing peer education to adolescents at South Lebanon.</p> <p>Activity No. 2. Following the number of initiatives that will implement in schools after the training by field visit .</p> <p>Objective No. 3 Building a hierarchy of collectivism leadership in the schools to participate in planning, implementation, evaluation, and follow-up.</p> <p>Activity No. 3. Long-day training for 25 adolescents from them and have TOT training.</p>

Changing the Life standards of laborer Children:

Partner / Funded by	Karim Rida Said Foundation
Targeted groups	112 Children aged 13 - 18
Geographical coverage	Poverty squares at Saida city: Old Saida, Villet and Taameer, Al Qayaa and Ein El Helweh
Summary of the project	<p>Main Goal : Preventing Child Labor through organizing vocational training on computer skills, accounting and illiteracy classes along with a social program.</p> <p>The objectives of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Empowering children with the needed skills and education to return them to schools or to enhance their working conditions. ▪ Empowering children with life skills and capacities, such as: decision making, participation, strategic planning, conflict resolution, children and human rights.

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