



AID DEVELOPMENTS

Italy and the Ministry of Environment signed grant agreement

On 9 July 2010, the Embassy of Italy, through the Italian Development Cooperation Office in Lebanon, and the Ministry of Environment signed a grant agreement of Euro 2.5 million. The grant aims to contribute to the consolidation and reinforcement of the staff capacity of the Ministry of Environment in land management and the provision of basic services at the local level. The intervention specifically aims to reinforce integrated waste management through the construction of a controlled dump in the Baalbek area as a pilot project.

United States provided scholarship assistance to the Lebanese American University

On 12 July 2010, the Ambassador of the United States of America presented \$1,178,122 to the Lebanese American University (LAU) to support its student financial aid program. Two hundred and forty-nine LAU students with demonstrable financial need from all over Lebanon will be given scholarships with these funds, made available through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

United States provided support to the Ministry of Justice

On 14 July 2010, the Ambassador of the United States of America and the Minister of Justice attended the opening ceremony of the renovated Judicial Training Institute (JTI). USAID provided support amounting to \$1.3 million through its partner the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) in the form of a renovation and refurbishment project. The upgraded facility will enable the Ministry of Justice to expand training capacity through the increased space.

Italy and the Ministry of Social Affairs signed another grant agreement

On 15 July 2010, the Embassy of Italy, through the Italian Development Cooperation Office in Lebanon, and the Ministry of Social Affairs signed a grant agreement of Euro 2,240,500. The grant will contribute to the protection and wellbeing of the most vulnerable groups, minors and youth, with particular regard to gender equality, in order to prevent and combat all forms of exploitation they are exposed to. Three pilot municipalities were selected in North Lebanon and around 1,000 youth will be the direct beneficiaries of this intervention.

United States provided scholarship assistance to Haigazian University

On 16 July 2010, the Ambassador of the United States of America presented \$450,081 to Haigazian University to directly support its student financial aid program. Three hundred and fifty-six Haigazian University students with demonstrable financial need will be given scholarships with these funds, made available through USAID.



Aid Coordination

Reconstruction of the Nahr El-Bared Camp and surrounding areas

In the NBC adjacent areas, the Central Fund for the Displaced has selected two international NGOs (ICU and AVSI/NRC) for the implementation of three Lots of the Italian-funded Housing Repair and Rehabilitation project (Euro 5 million). Furthermore, the Council for Development and Reconstruction is in the process of launching (August 2010) the infrastructure project funded by Greece, amounting to Euro 1 million. In the NBC surrounding municipalities, the Recovery and Reconstruction Cell (RRC) at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers continues to monitor and coordinate the implementation of development projects in the NBC surrounding areas and has issued the fifth Briefing Note in July 2010. The RRC is also pursuing a policy research study on the future governance of the NBC adjacent areas, to be completed in September 2010.