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Norway provided funding to the reconstruction of the Nahr El-Bared Camp

On 10 May 2011, the Embassy of Norway and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) announced a grant of \$1,033,699 as a contribution from the Kingdom of Norway to the construction of a school in Nahr El-Bared Camp. The co-funding by Norway for the construction of a fourth school complex will allow 900 elementary and preparatory school students to pursue their education in a sound, healthy and proper environment. The Kingdom of Norway has supported NBC refugees since the onset of the Nahr El-Bared crisis by donating \$4 million to both NBC reconstruction and relief operations.

Kuwait approved funding for the construction of a Museum of Archeology in Saida

On 19 May 2011, representatives of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Council for Development and Reconstruction and the Directorate General of Heritage at the Ministry of Culture approved the final drawings for a \$4 million Museum of Archeology in Saida. The museum will be located near the St-Louis Citadel, and will encompass a courtyard to protect exposed archaeological pieces as well as a building to accommodate visitors. The project aims at showcasing Saida's heritage and at supporting tourism and cultural activities in the city.

United Nations Development Program supported the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities

On 19 May 2011, the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities and the United Nations Development Program launched a capacity development project for municipalities in the local administration in collaboration with the Basil Fuleihan Institute of Finance and the Knowledge Development Company. The project, which targets the newly elected municipal council members and the new municipal councils, aims at developing the capacities of municipalities to better manage local resources in order to improve the quality of services provided to citizens.

Italy provided a grant to the Ministry of Social Affairs and the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities

On 24 May 2011, the Ambassador of Italy announced a Euro 1.5 million grant to the Ministry of Social Affairs and the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities for a child protection program which will span three years and which will be allocated to municipalities and civil society groups. The Department of Juvenile Protection will lead the program which will review the national legal framework for child protection, as well as establish a national child helpline, children-friendly cities, and a national center for documentation on children.



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Italy provided funding to the Ministry of Environment

On 27 May 2011, the Ambassador of Italy and the Minister of Environment launched a Euro 775,000 initiative financed by the Italian government aimed at consolidating the use of renewable energies in Lebanon. The plan covers the cost of 900 solar water heaters for 57 public buildings which will save 675 megawatts per hour while limiting carbon emissions and providing hot water for 5,000 people. The public buildings that will benefit from the solar water heaters include the public hospital in Baalbeck, the prison for men and women in Tripoli, the women's prisons in Baabda and Zahle, 33 Lebanese Red Cross centers and several orphanages in different parts of the country.