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Aid Developments

European Union supports promotion of social justice in Lebanon

On 23 September 2013, the European Union and the Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR) signed a new grant of Euro 12 million for a project entitled "Promotion of Social Justice in Lebanon". The objective of the project is to reinforce democratic governance in Lebanon (through enhancing the efficiency of the Parliament), to increase the capacity of Lebanon to fulfill its international obligations in human rights and improve the legal and social protection for vulnerable populations, and to enhance social dialogue and social protection activities.

European Union supports education, capacity building of local Government and community conflict mitigation for Syrian refugees and host communities

On 20 September 2013, the European Union signed a contract with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) of Euro 18,500,000 to provide access to education to a greater number of students and to strengthen the coordination and capacity of the central and local government directly impacted and responsible for the response to the consequences of the Syrian crisis in Lebanon.

European Union supports improving access to inclusive learning and child care opportunities in areas affected by the influx of Syrian refugees to Lebanon

On 18 September 2013, the European Union signed a grant contract with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) of Euro 16,500,000 to support vulnerable Syrian and Lebanese children and their caregivers to have access to inclusive learning and child-focused services.

European Union supports Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon

On 17 September, the European Union signed an agreement with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) for Euro 3 million grant to strengthen the resilience of Palestine Refugees from Syria in Lebanon by providing education opportunities for children of Palestine Refugees from Syria.



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Impact of Syrian Conflict on Lebanon

Economic and Social Impact and Stabilization Assessment of the Syrian Conflict on Lebanon

At the request of the Lebanese Government, the World Bank, in cooperation with the UN agencies, EU and IMF, undertook an "Economic and Social Impact and Stabilization Assessment of the Syrian Conflict on Lebanon". The assessment presents the social and economic impacts and needs in Lebanon as a result of the Syrian crisis through a macro-fiscal and sector-by-sector approach, as well as the impact of the large influx of refugees on service delivery at the community and local levels. The assessment also provides a basis for the Government to frame and define its needs, and underpins partners' and donors' engagement to prevent the Syrian crisis from harming Lebanon's economic and social compact. The report was presented at the meeting of the Lebanon Support Group at the UN General Assembly on September 25, 2013 in New York.

Following the meeting, the United Nations Department of Information published the following note on the meeting... "Participants in the meeting welcomed this assessment which demonstrates the severe negative impact of the crisis, including the significant increase in the country's population resulting from the refugee influx, on economic activity in Lebanon, on government finances and on key sectors such as health and education and on infrastructure, as well as on vulnerable communities affected by the crisis. Participants welcomed discussions between the World Bank, the Government of Lebanon and the United Nations on establishing additional funding mechanisms, including possibly a multi-donor trust fund, to help address Lebanon's immediate and longer-term structural and development needs. They looked forward to the planned discussion of the results of the assessment and the response in the margins of the World Bank/IMF Annual Meetings October 11-13, 2013 in Washington DC...".

To read more visit: <http://www.un.org/News/Press/docs/2013/sg2198.doc.htm>

Ministry of Finance participated in the 15th FEMIP Committee Meeting

On 16 September 2013, a representative from the Ministry of Finance participated in the 15th Meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Facility for Euro-Mediterranean Investment Partnership (FEMIP) in Luxembourg. The agenda of the meeting covered the preparation of the 13th FEMIP Ministerial meeting, the FEMIP conferences and workshops for 2014 and the 2014 committee discussion topics. The next FEMIP Ministerial Meeting will take place in Brussels on November 15, 2013.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: European Union to reinforce the independence of the judiciary Europe

On 9 September 2013, the European Union launched a call for proposals to "Support to reinforce the independence of the judiciary Europe". The call particularly aims at supporting the independence of the judiciary in Lebanon, with the objective to sensitise Lebanon on the importance of an independent and impartial judiciary and on the need to reform the judiciary. It is also proposing follow up actions to consolidate the independence of the judiciary in Lebanon. The overall indicative amount under this Call for Proposals is Euro 1,000,000. Any grant awarded under this call must be euro 1,000,000.



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The reference of this call for proposal is Aid/134-853/L/ACT/LB. The deadline for submission of concept notes is 16 December 2013 at 16:00.

To read more visit: <http://tinyurl.com/qz8cwcc>



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