



## **Aid Developments**

### **European Union supports education and general community support of refugees from Syria in Lebanese host communities**

On 13 August 2013, the European Union signed a contribution agreement with UNHCR for a Euro 14.5 million project that aims to address medium-term assistance needs of Lebanese host communities and Syrian refugees with support in the areas of education and general community support and empowerment. In addition, the project aims to build the capacity in government institutions and local authorities directly involved in the response to the consequences of the Syrian crisis on Lebanon.

### **European Union assists emergency education and shelter of Palestinian refugees from Syria in Lebanon**

On 12 August, the European Union signed a contribution agreement with UNRWA for a Euro 5 million project that aims to strengthen the resilience of Palestine refugees from Syria , who for a second time have been forced to flee due to war and the risk of violence. The specific objectives of the project are to provide the opportunity to children of Palestine refugees from Syria to continue their education despite their displacement, and to provide housing assistance to Palestine refugees from Syria through cash subsidies and emergency rehabilitation of collective shelters.

### **European Union supports improved access to educational and care services for vulnerable groups in areas affected by the influx of Syrian refugees**

On 1 August 2013, the European Union signed a contribution agreement with UNICEF for Euro 7 million project that aims to “Strengthen education providers and child-care, adolescents and women services to better respond to the needs of the Syrian refugee and vulnerable children in areas affected by the influx of Syrian refugees to Lebanon”. The specific objectives of the project are to provide pre-school and primary school-aged children in areas affected by the influx of Syrian refugees with access quality education in a safe, inclusive environment; and, to provide at-risk children, women, and adolescents with access quality child-care, life skills and Gender-Based Violence services (GBV).

### **European Union supports reforestation and forestation**

On 5 August 2013, the European Union launched a call for tender to support the Ministry of Agriculture of Lebanon to undertake reforestation/forestation works at 26 selected sites. The works contract aims at increasing the forest cover of Lebanon. The works concerned by the tender are to be implemented within the five years following the submission deadline of 30 September 2013. An information meeting was held by the Contracting Authority, Agriculture and Rural Development Program (ARDP) at the Ministry of Agriculture, on 2 September 2013.



### **Aid Coordination**

#### **Lebanese Government forms a committee to coordinate development assistance in Lebanon**

On 7 August 2013, the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, through decision number 147/2013 has formed a Committee for Aid Coordination to improve the level of management of development aid in Lebanon. The Committee includes the Presidency of the Council of Ministers as President, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Economy and Trade, and Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR). The Committee will conduct regular monthly meetings. The Committee is entrusted with the following functions:

- Coordinate among donors on development aid.
- Conduct quarterly meetings with donors.
- Update annually a survey of national priorities at the sector level and direct donors towards the needs for donor funding in accordance with national priorities.
- Review action plans and programs for which memoranda of understanding will be signed with donors.
- Provide appropriate suggestions to activate development aid, including all the necessary data and indicators from all public institutions and donors.

#### **Ministry of Social Affairs established a border reception center for Syrian refugees**

In continued efforts to safeguard Lebanon from the worst impact of increased pressure caused by the Syrian crisis, on 29 August 2013 the Ministry of Social Affairs (MOSA), in collaboration with the UNHCR, the General Security and NGOs, established a reception site at the Masnaa border crossing to help deal increased numbers of people fleeing Syria. The site is equipped with a waiting area and a clinic and emergency ambulances. The center intends to provide arriving refugees with information and counseling services alongside access to water, sanitation and health facilities. More work in this regard is envisioned in the near future. It is recalled that in addition and since May 2013, 27 Social Development Centers mobilized by MOSA to respond to the crisis have assisted more than 18000 people displaced by the crisis.

#### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS: European Union to support mine victims in Lebanon**

On 7 August, 2013, the European Union launched a call for proposals to contribute to the reinforcement of the country's ability to reduce mine risk and to ensure that people continue to be informed about mine risk and benefit from better socio-economic opportunities. The specific objective of this call for proposals is to support the Lebanon Mine Action Centre to fine tune and implement its strategy in terms of Mine Victims Assistance and Mine Risk Education (MRE/MVA), to alleviate mine risk and to support mine victims. The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposals is Euro 732,000. The reference of this call for proposal is EuropeAid/ 134-899/L/ACT/LB. The deadline for submission of full application is 30 September 2013.

To read more visit : <http://tinyurl.com/q56fgaq>

#### **CALL FOR PROPOSALS: European Union launches "Support Actions aimed at promoting an Inclusive and Empowered Society in Lebanon"**

On 6 August 2013, the European Union launched a call for proposals to "support actions aimed at promoting an inclusive and empowered society in Lebanon". Potential actions will be submitted by local authorities or associations of local authorities (Municipalities or Unions of Municipalities), with the objective to encourage their participation in defining and implementing sustainable development strategies leading to inclusive growth at the municipal level in Lebanon. The overall indicative amount under this Call for Proposals is Euro 300,000. Any grant awarded



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under this call for proposals must fall between Euro 50,000 and Euro 80,000. The reference of this call for proposal is EuropeAid/134-947/L/ACT/LB.

The deadline for submission of Concept Notes: 18 October 2013 at 15:00.

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