

Project Fact Sheet

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Number and title : GLO/97/627
Local Initiative Facility for Urban Environment

Location : UN House

UNOPS

Executing Agent : _____

Implementing Partners : _____

Duration : 4 years

Date Approved/by : 5 August 1995

Start Date : 15 September 1995

Type of Project :

Capacity building		Direct support		Programme support		Investigation (pilot and demonstration, research)	
X		X					

Target Beneficiaries : Urban poor

Number of Beneficiaries : _____

SUMMARY :

LIFE is a small-scale project initiative that aims at promoting local-local dialogue and action to improve the living conditions in low-income urban communities. It encourages partnership between various local stakeholders as well as it stimulates the efforts of local communities in trying to find local solutions to their local problems. LIFE was launched as a pilot programme at the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro. LIFE was launched in Lebanon in 1995, making Lebanon one of the 12 countries around the globe where the LIFE programme operates.

Following the National Consultations that were held in November 1995, a National Selection Committee (NSC) for LIFE was identified, representing various sectors (central and local governments, NGOs, private sector, academics and UNDP), that in turn formulated the National LIFE Strategy for Lebanon with the help of LIFE's National Coordinator. The NSC identified the following priorities as being the areas of concern: Solid Waste Management, Wastewater Management, Environmental Awareness and Education, Water and Air Pollution, Increasing Green Spaces. LIFE supported 13 small scale initiatives (4 in Solid Waste Management in Besharre, Maghdousheh, Nabatiyyeh and Arabsalim; 3 in Environmental Education and Awareness -TERRE, EIC and Green Forum; 2 in Capacity Building for AFDC and Secours Populaire Libanais in Saïda, 1 in Greening Spaces in Aarsal , 1 in Reducing Health hazards in Ghobeyri and 1 in Environment Friendly Energy Source in Enfeh).

SUMMARY PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

To demonstrate local solutions to urban environmental problems and strengthen institutional capacities and collaboration through small projects involving NGOs, CBOs and local authorities at the neighborhood, city and country levels.

To facilitate policy dialogue and scaling up based on local initiatives through national and local consultations involving NGOs, CBOs and local authorities at the neighborhood, city and country levels.

To promote the exchange of successful approaches and innovations to local urban environmental improvement at the sub-regional, regional and inter-regional levels by NGO networks, cities' associations and international agencies

RELATED PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES

- i. Sustainable Development Networking Programme (SDNP)
- ii. GEF Protected Areas project
- iii. GEF Climate Change project
- iv. GEF Enabling activity for Biodiversity
- v. Capacity 21 project
- vi. The World bank's UPP project
- vii. The European union's SIU III project in the Ministry of Environment
- vii. The European union's Protected Areas project in the Ministry of Agriculture
- ix. SPDD exercise concerning environmental monitoring and education

BUDGET & PROJECT FUNDING PARTNERS:

Donor	In '000 \$	% of total
UNDP-core (TRAC, GEF, etc)		
UNDP/Government		
Sub-total	US\$ 200, 000	
Third party:		
Total	US\$ 200, 000	

PROGRESS/ACHIEVEMENTS

The following progress has been achieved since last February 2000:

1. Identification and approval (signing of MoA) of the three new following projects :
 - a. Fighting and Prevention of Forest Fires through training (AFDC: Association for Forest

Development and Conservation)

- b. Environment Friendly Energy through constructing windmills for traditional salinas and rehabilitation of old salinas (Friends of the Sea Association)
- c. Establishing youth environmental clubs in South Lebanon (Secours Populaire Libanais-Saida Branch)

2. Follow-up on the Strategic Visioning Workshop held previously

3. Follow-up on the Gender Training for all LI FE projects

4. National Policy Dialogue Workshop on Solid Waste Management under the patronage of H.E. the Minister of Environment (April 26, 2000)

5. On-going dialogue with all concerned stakeholders (line ministries, central authorities, NGOs , CBOs, international agencies and programs ,research centers such as CERMOC, LAU, AUB and Lebanese University)

PLANNED ACTIVITIES / FUTURE ORIENTATION

Planned activities till the end of March 2001:

1. Monitoring of the 6 on-going projects
 2. Follow-up on the previous workshops held by LI FE-Lebanon
 3. Resource mobilization
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PROJECT DIMENSION(S) OF SPECIAL INTEREST (BEST PRACTICES, SUCCESS STORIES, UNUSUAL ANGLE), (AS APPLICABLE)

1. Arabsalim SWM project has been considered by UNDP as a best practice
 2. Aarsal Rural Development Association as well as Municipality of Ghobeyri may considered as two success stories for civil efforts in achieving development
 3. LI FE Lebanon Program was pioneer regarding gender training
 4. The National Policy Dialogue Workshop on Solid Waste Management (April 26, 2000) was real success. More than 200 participants attended the whole workshop that lasted one whole day. More than 60 municipal councils (mayors and members) from all over the country were there. It was really impressive and useful.
 5. Secours Populaire Libanais-Saida Branch is extending its efforts to the newly liberated southern zone, targeting the poor, mainly women; while coordinating closely with all local stakeholders
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