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Number and title: INT/92/005 Urban Management Program

Location: Makassed Philanthropic Association – Beirut

Executing Agent:

Implementing Partners:

Duration:

Date Approved/by: 1994

Start Date: 1994

Type of Project:

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

Target Beneficiaries: Citizens of cities and towns, particularly urban poor.

Number of Beneficiaries:----

Summary :

The development objective of the UMP is to strengthen the contribution that cities and towns in developing countries make towards human development, including participatory governance, economic efficiency, social equity, poverty reduction and environmental improvement. The programme is in its third phase and currently focuses on three themes : **urban poverty alleviation, urban environmental management and urban participatory governance.** This phase will continue to build capacity at the city, country and regional levels, but will shift emphasis to country and city activities and will add the dimension of follow-up to city/country consultations.

Summary Project Objectives:

To strengthen regional, country and city urban management capacities.
To improve the quality of urban management practices and policies.
To facilitate the implementation of specific follow-up activities to consultations.

Related Projects/Programmes

The Urban Management Programme is closely related to the LIFE Programme and to local governance activities and initiatives, implemented in the framework of UNDP integrated regional development programmes

Budget & Project Funding Partners:

Donor

In '000 \$

% of total

UNCHS-UN office in Nairobi

42.700

Total

42.700

Progress/Achievements

The UMP phase 3 is focusing on the implementation of a "city-consultation" initiative

The UMP Lebanese panel has elaborated and developed a proposal entitled "towards participatory urban governance" in close cooperation with Chhim municipality.

In respect to institutionalization and networking efforts of UMP, an NGO was established

To raise awareness on environmental and developmental issues for mass media. In addition, the UMP national Panel members have submitted a request for establishing an NGO entitled "Urban Forum" which would include experts in urban management issues.

Planned Activities / Future Orientation

The UMP main concentration will be on "city consultation" activities working towards bringing together national and local authorities, the Public Sector, community representatives and other stakeholders to discuss specific needs within the above mentioned UMP thematic areas and to propose feasible solutions.

The UMP will also work on integrating the media component within the city consultation activities

Project Dimension(s) of Special Interest (Best practices, success stories, unusual angle), (as applicable)

The program is involved in the institutionalization of networks at the national and regional levels.

At the national level: the program has established a media NGO focusing on Urban environmental Issues. The National Panel will soon be transformed into a national NGO (Urban Forum).

At the regional level, these 2 institutions here above mentioned are linked to the Near East North Africa Urban Forum, and to the Arab Media Forum for Environment and Development.

Issues (Internal/external), (as applicable)

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