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CALL FOR DISCUSSION AND PARTICIPATION
BY THINKING OUT LOUD

Development for People and Nature Association (DPNA) has lot of challenges at its 14th year, from its strong belief that it is a part of all – a part of the actors of social change, progress and modernization and keeps up struggling toward building a state of law and institutions, modernizing laws, ensuring social justice and administrative decentralization. Struggling to realize a free and quality education for secondary schools and the development of economy for all parties especially the rural ones. Furthermore, provide the required support for the small enterprises and conduct elections on the basis of national developmental programs.

The first challenge: what are the most effective means, ways and programs to work and communicate with children and young people?

Activating the participation and committees, exhibitions of ideas and strategic plans with municipalities and unions, encouraging people to engage in municipal work, especially women and young people, and establishing a new approach by communicating with the losing list and its public.

Activating the role of women agricultural cooperatives through supporting them, building their capacities and helping them write projects that respond to the needs of farmers and women.

Increase the safe areas in the districts, cities and towns playgrounds / theaters / camps parks. The importance of the economic role to the tourism sector in all its fields and needs.

Respect for natural resources and biodiversity.

Contribute to a wide discussion for a sustainable and scientific solution to the problem of waste on the basis of national policies away from improvisation.

Cooperation and building on the other and integration with universities, the private sector and government institutions.

The fundamental challenge is sustainability, continuity and work within a broad team of civil society organizations to overcome all economic and social crises, protect civil peace and dismantle violence.
Projects Started in 2016

Engaging Youth for Human Rights and Social Cohesion

Raise the Voice of Lebanese CSOs Towards an Inclusive and Sustainable Development in Agriculture and Environment Field in North Lebanon
The project’s specific objectives and associated interventions are as follows:

• Strengthening the capacity of youth leaders to design, implement and evaluate effective youth-led Social Cohesion and Human Rights community initiatives, and the support of Municipal authorities for action.

• Strengthening the resilience, social capital and social cohesion and reduce violence among vulnerable youth from several nationalities through safe, positive sport- and art-based peace-building behavior-change activities, amplified by social media interactions and supported by local Municipalities.

• Increase Awareness of human rights and to strengthen the attitudinal and behavioral practical application of its principles towards and amongst vulnerable youth through training and community initiatives, amplified by social media and supported by local Municipalities.

Participants presented several initiatives including:

1- Open day with children who have special needs at Saida Orphanage.

2- Rehabilitation of the public garden at Hasib Abd el Jawad Street beside DPNA office-Saida.
Projects Continuing from 2015

Jabal and Tebben
Enhancing the State-Citizen-CSOs Relationship in Jezzine Caza Lebanon to Foster a Sustainable and Inclusive Socio-economic Development

Yalla ya ShabHUB
A Youth-led Approach to Peaceful Coexistence between Syrian Refugee and Lebanese Host Communities

Access to Water in Vulnerable Lebanese Communities

Youth Peace Leadership Pyramid Part II

Emergency Wash and Protection Response for IDPs and Refugees from Syria Crisis

No Lost Generation: Advancing Adolescents and Improving School Water and Sanitation

Integrated shelter and WASH – based improvements with Gender, Protection and social mainstreamed in urban Tripoli

Enhancing Safe Water Supply and Waste Management for the Vulnerable Population Affected by the Syria Crisis in the South

Youth Environmental Clubs
Jabal and Tebbeni

Summary
The overall objective of the project is: Contributing to the improvement of the living standards of community members in Jabal and Tebbeni through the creation of opportunities.

Areas Targeted
Jabal Mohsen and Beb El Tebbeni, Tripoli (North Lebanon)

The project direct objectives are:

- Increase the knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors of the members of CUTJ on active engagement in the community and socio-economic development.
- Increase the collaboration between economic entities in the two areas.
- Facilitate the collaborative efforts between civil society organizations and the economic platform.
- Increasing the awareness of community members on peacebuilding and engaging them in peacebuilding activities.

The project is unique in the approach that it has used and the impact that it has made:

- Promoting the importance of collaborative efforts between civil society organizations in the development projects in Jabal and Tebbeni.
- Supporting the capacities of the civil society in the two areas.
- Highlighting the importance of the private sector in development work.
- Promoting the development triangle approach through public/private/civil society efforts in the areas.
- Empowering the cadres of the organizations and the private sector companies on civic skills and different values of the participation in the public concern among the community members.

Activities
1. Workshops for private sectors on:
   - Principles of Private Sector
   - Investments and Loans
   - Economic Strategy
2. Capacity building for the CUTJ members on:
   - Needs Assessment and Statistics
   - Good Governance and Transparency
   - Proposal Writing
   - Project Management and Budgeting
3. Creating a smartphone application as a dialogue platform.
4. Final Community Project

Enhancing the State-Citizen-CSOs Relationship in Jezzine Caza Lebanon to Foster a Sustainable and Inclusive Socio-economic Development

Partner
Oxfam Italia

Activities:
- Mapping of existing formal and informal associations;
- Capacity building of mapped associations (PCM, conflict management, internal governance, participatory learning approach, public participation, gender, advocacy, accountability):
  a. Organization and implementation of 4 workshops on PCM, citizen participation, teambuilding, administration and presentation of proposals for. Support for the organization and implementation of one workshop on the management of the Hub.
  b. Implementation of 4 pilot initiatives.
- Increasing the awareness of community members on peacebuilding and engaging them in peacebuilding activities.
- Follow-up visits for monitoring, further coaching and tutoring of the trainees also accompanying them in elaborating their associations strategies.
Yalla Ya ShabHUB

Summary
Stimulate the participation of young people in social, economic and political aspects from the Jezzine area for sustainable human development.

Areas Targeted
Jezzine, South Lebanon

What is an Impact Hub?
• A common space of society, especially young people, to stimulate creative ideas
• Targeting individuals, associations and private sector companies
• Community creativity - ideas and solutions to respond to the needs of the community
• A community center and business incubator
• Encourage local development based on existing resources locally
• Networking with similar centers in the world

Activities
• Rehabilitation of Center
• Capacity Building on Active Citizenship, NGO and Youth Club Management, Project Management, Entrepreneurship, Conflict Resolution, Negotiation, Advocacy, Municipal Work and Elections
• Sharing of experiences with Florence Impact Hub
• Support for creative initiatives proposed by youth
• Sharing of experiences with Dubai Impact Hub

Partner
Oxfam Italia

Donor
Italian Cooperation

Budget
USD 117,991

Duration
Apr 2015
Apr 2018
A Youth-led Approach to Peaceful Coexistence between Syrian Refugee and Lebanese Host Communities

Objective
Syrian and Lebanese youth in Lebanon develop trusting, empathetic and respectful relationships with one another.

Specific objectives of the actions are
• Syrian and Lebanese youth develop non-adversarial relationships to increase trust with one another
• Syrian and Lebanese youth work collaboratively to implement peace-building activities in their communities

Targeted Groups
Primary target group: 160 Syrian refugee youth from the targeted communities and 160 Lebanese youth from the host communities

Secondary target groups: Syrian refugee and Lebanese youth at large

Final beneficiaries: the communities where youth participants come from, as well as audiences of the play, songs, videos and comic strips produced as part of this project

Activities
• Data Collection
• Creation of Youth Advisory Groups (YAG) and training for 20 volunteers
• Summer Camps (6-days)
• Pen pal exchange and life skills workshops
• Art workshops (Video, Music, Theater, Drawing)
• Expressive art workshops
• Art Products
• Community Events

Areas Targeted
South Lebanon (Jeźzine, Tyre, Saida, Nabatieh)

Partner and Donor
Search for Common Ground (SFCG)
Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

Overview
The project has two main components to be carried out over the 3 years plan. In partnership with the municipality of Yater this project will improve the municipalities present water system that is currently made up of above ground piping that is manually controlled from the well. The new system will be set up to provide equal access to available water for all residents.

Long Term Impact
Preserved lives, suffering alleviated and human dignity maintained in communities experiencing humanitarian crisis and/or low life standards, by reducing vulnerability of crisis-affected people in host communities, especially women and children through access to water.

Areas Targeted
Yater, South Lebanon

Targeted Groups
3,100 Syrian and Lebanese family households in the area

Component 1
Rehabilitation of the water infrastructure to provide equal access to improved water.

Component 2
• Awareness sessions for community members on efficient use of water and WaSH procedures.
• Surveys and 2 Training of Trainers (ToT) for local WaSH agent establishments
• Seminars on infrastructures use and water conservation
• Community public events centered on WaSH

Partner and Donor
Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)
European Union

Budget
USD 99,000
USD 132,840

Duration
May 2014
April 2014
April 2016
March 2017

Component

Component
Youth Peace Leadership Pyramid Part II

Summary
The idea of the camp came based on the needs of Lebanese youth to be introduced to the concept of non-violence. Throughout the project, the youth needs were met and acted upon. They were introduced to the concept of non-violence actions as well as being provided with a safe environment for them to express themselves, ask questions and get to know the other side and different point of views. Leading them to widen their knowledge and become more tolerant. After the camp, the youth implemented a peaceful initiative targeting and meeting the needs of the community that they were in Jezzine area and most importantly the children.

The long term impact of the summer camp is to train youth 52 youth on peacebuilding and non-violent skills to support them in reinforcing towards a peaceful and stable society in their Lebanese communities.

Areas Targeted
National

Outcomes
1. 52 young leaders play an effective role in decreasing the conflict on the local level
2. Youth leaders targeted are able to play an important role as mediators, peace supporters, peace promoters and builders on the local and national levels

Activities
1. The 3 days training summer camp on peacebuilding and non-violent skills was implemented through:
   • Mornings sessions of capacity building and world café on Identity and Non-Violence, Conflict transformation, Peacebuilding, Civil war. Trainings were facilitated by experts on non-violence
   • Afternoon sessions that engaged participants activities based on their preferences in order to build relations with each other and express themselves (Music, drawing, theater, handmade crafts and sports).
2. A peace initiative was organized in Jezzine, South Lebanon. The initiative focused on joining together 55 children on a field day from Jezzine along with their families targeting 190 individuals. The peace initiative introduced children on the concepts of solidarity, tolerance and peacebuilding throughout interactive activities and a talent show at night.

Emergency Wash and Protection Response for IDPs and Refugees from Syria Crisis

Partner
Mennonite Central Committee

Donor
Department for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (Canada)

Objective
Lives saved, suffering alleviated and human dignity maintained in countries experiencing humanitarian crisis or that are food insecure.

Immediate outcomes:
Result 1: Affected populations have equitable access to a sufficient quantity of water for drinking, cooking, and personal and domestic hygiene to agreed minimum standards.
Result 2: Affected people have an environment in which health risks are minimised.
Result 3: Beneficiaries have improved awareness about access to basic services and civil documentation with support of community focal points or community support structures.

Areas Targeted
Bar Elias, North Bekaa

Participants
Children from age 9-12

Activities
• 10 protection analysis reports to support with inputs for monthly protection analysis reports
• 7 Peer groups established.
• 105 Awareness and information sessions on legal rights and available services delivered.
• 100 Referrals to service providers done and followed-up on.
• Recreational sessions to children on children’s rights delivered.

Partner
Oxfam Italia

Donor
Department for Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (Canada)

Budget
USD 74,601.847

Duration
Apr 2015 to Mar 2016

Partner and Donor
Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

Budget
USD 52,092

Duration
Apr 2015 to Mar 2017
Youth Environmental Clubs

Summary

The overall objective of the project is: The youth of Tripoli are empowered through the implementation of joint community initiatives.

Areas Targeted

Tripoli, North Lebanon

Objectives

- New environmental youth clubs are established inside four different universities in Tripoli
- The role of youth in Tripoli increases through environmental action at the grass-roots level

Partner Universities

- Beirut Arab University (BAU)
- Université Libano-Francaise (ULF)
- Lebanese University (Law and Political Science faculty, Health and Environmental faculty)

Outcomes

- Producing posters and flyers to introduce visitors to the island in Tripoli to the existing eco-system on the islands and the importance of its preservation.
- Initiating waste management system on the island through raising the awareness on the importance of sorting, recycling and upcycling.
- Planting trees and flowers on the island. These plants were selected according to criteria based on their long term survival and adaptation to the island’s weather.
- Producing a video on the importance and uniqueness of the island of Abdel Wahab and its 8 sister islands.
- Installing protective rubbers on the already existing children’s games on the island.
- Creating an identity, visibility material and new social media channels (Facebook and Instagram) for the project.
- Conducting a workshop for a group of 30 children on upcycling and creative art restoration.
- Installing green technology products to decrease the pollution (two hand dryers for the toilets and LED lamps for lighting).

Target Areas

Tyre and Saida

No Lost Generation II - Bussma
Advancing Adolescents and Improving School Water and Sanitation

Objective

The programme is designed to support adolescent girls and boys in an equitable manner through activities customized to meet their differing needs and interests.

Adolescence is a critical time in one’s life that can put them on a positive or negative trajectory for their future. This project seeks to develop their skills to better prepare them for adulthood and support them during this pivotal time in their lives to make positive decisions and develop productive habits.

DPNA managed Tyre and Saida Busma Youth Community Centers.

Vision

- Build confidence, self-esteem, positivity
- Agency and empowerment
- Sense of community
- Decrease perceptions of tension
- Decrease isolation and feelings of exclusion
- Break misconceptions/stereotypes among ethnic groups
- Promote social cohesion
- Build resilience to shocks and stresses and positive coping mechanisms
- Improve communication and mediation techniques
- Increase sense of hope
- Increase sense of control over life

Partner

Mercy Corps

Donor

DAFTD

Budget

USD 330,669

Duration

Jul2015 - Mar2016

Activities

- Life-skills Development: conflict transformation, computer skills/social media training
- Non-formal Education
- Expression via Art Therapy: Photography, Videography, Art, Theater, Creative Writing/Journalism, Sports
- Community Advocacy Projects

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Target Areas

Tyre and Saida

Partners

Utopia, LCAC and Yours

Donor

U.S. Embassy Beirut Small Grants Program

Budget

USD 71,265

Duration

Sep2015 - May2016

20 Community based protect network members
270 Parents and/or gatekeepers reached
2,400 Adolescents attended psycho-social support and life skills, short-term goal setting and planning sessions
500 Adolescents developing practical economic resilience in the home and the future
Integrated Shelter and WaSH – based Improvements with Gender, Protection and Social Mainstreamed in Urban Tripoli

**Objective**
2,400 vulnerable Syrian refugees and 1,600 Lebanese host community members have access to upgraded, secured housing units and WASH facilities in urban Tripoli.

**Project Objectives**
Objective 1: At least 300 Syrian and 200 vulnerable Lebanese housing units (1,500 Syrian and 1,000 Lebanese individuals) have improved shelter conditions in urban Tripoli
Objective 2: At least 300 Syrian refugee and 200 vulnerable Lebanese housing units have improved WASH related infrastructure and knowledge

**Impact**
- Housing units occupied by vulnerable Syrian refugees and Lebanese host communities are upgraded and improved to offer better living and protection conditions
- Neighborhood Committees: Rehabilitation interventions will be influenced by neighborhood committees, which will be comprised of neighborhood leaders, representatives from community-based organizations, and religious leaders.
- Rehabilitation interventions (doors, windows, ceiling and roofs, floor, wall, connection to electricity, lighting, etc.)
- Vulnerable Syrian refugees are better informed of their tenant rights and better protected
- The “one neighborhood” approach with concentrated upgrades for individual housing units, buildings, and neighborhoods is designed to demonstrate tangible improvements and create a sense of inclusive benefit for all residents.
- 300 vulnerable Syrian and 200 Lebanese families living in urban Tripoli have improved WaSH infrastructure in their homes and buildings
- 3,000 individuals living in urban Tripoli receive life skills, hygiene, and disease prevention awareness

Enhancing Safe Water Supply and Waste Management for the Vulnerable Population Affected by the Syria Crisis in the South

**Overall Objective**
The overall goal of the project is provide sustainable water supply in adequate quantities and contribute to improve solid waste collection service to the most vulnerable populations in Lebanon.

**Objective**
Improve reliable access to safe water and sanitation (solid waste) for highly vulnerable host and refugee communities in areas of Southern Lebanon most affected by the influx of Syrian refugees in a sustainable way.

**Activities**
- Awareness and information sessions at community level addressed to all relevant population groups
- Community Engagement
- Installation, testing and commission of about 16,000 meters of water pipes inclusive of all fittings.
- Capacity Building of relevant staff of the SLWE in water management
- Capacity Building of local actors active in waste collection and recycling

DPNA is responsible for the component of Awareness campaigning and thus targets 3 areas in Lebanon; Ghazieh, Lubieh and Bissaryieh.

**Partner**
Care International

**Donor**
BPRM

**Budget**
USD 567,938

**Duration**
Sep 2015 to Aug 2016

4 New NGOs were supported in building their capacities
87 youth participated in the trainings

**Partner**
Care International

**Donor**
DEVCO

**Budget**
40,096 Euros

**Duration**
Sep 2015 to Sep 2017

40,096 Euros
Activities Implemented in 2016
Layali Baher Ramadan

This festival was held in Tripoli (Mina) on Abdel Wahab Island where all DPNA staff and volunteers have participated in it for 3 consecutive days. The festival attracted almost 18,000 individuals from all nationalities and social segments from Tripoli and its suburbs to ensure social cohesion in this ancient city, this festival was funded by UNDP. DPNA team was fully responsible to implement this festival including all related activities (Food Court by distributing free meals to all people, Theatrical performances and concerts as well as entertainment activities) aiming to bring joy to people on these precious nights. This festival was a safe place for the children to play, dance and interact between each other thus generating love and peace.

This activity was part of LHSP implemented by MoSA and UNDP.

Saida International Festival

25 volunteers from DPNA have participated for 3 consecutive days in organizing before and during this festival with Saida International Festival Association. The festival combined culture, tourism, and art in the most attractive, musical, and fun activities Saida has to offer. This year’s slogan was “Let’s make it happen” as the city has been struggling for years and is in dire need of such a festival to showcase the real Saida and inject some activity to the local economy. From the Sea Citadel to Khan Al-Franj, the Soap museum, the Debbaneh Castle and others, Saida, Lebanon’s third largest city and one of its most ancient ones, is rich with cultural and natural heritage.

Forestation in Rmeileh and Saida Entrance

Forestation at the entrance of Saida, Rmeileh and Saida municipalities participated in the initiative’s execution; the initiative was in partnership with Secours Populaire Francaise (SPF) and the French Embassy in Lebanon, funded by Centre De Crise in Ministry of Foreign Affairs - France.

Capacity Building for LIU Students

DPNA organized a series of capacity building trainings on Employability skills for the students at the Lebanese International University (LIU). These trainings revolved around: emotional intelligence, presentation skills, leadership skills, CV writing and job interview skills, negotiation and communication skills and time management.

Hosting “Fighters for Peace”

DPNA hosted “Fighters for Peace” association where they held a seminar for more than 150 persons and talked about their own experience in the Lebanese civil war. A small exhibition was organized after the seminar showcasing different life stories of past fighters in the war.
DPNA's Creative Spaces
Ein Zaarour Summer Camp Site

Jezzine (70 km from Beirut, 22 km from Sidon/Saida) is the most famous summer and touristic resort of South Lebanon because of its beautiful landscape, fresh climate, its 40m high waterfall and the festivals during the summer. Vital public facilities contributed in making Jezzine the most important town in the area. DPNA and in partnership with Al Shallel Club of Jezzine are managing Ein Zaarour Summer Camp Site, which aims at providing a safe and creative space for children, youth and adolescents. The summer camp also aims at welcoming organizations wishing to organize a summer camp, training, retreat, etc. It was first opened during summer of 2014, and has implemented until now more than 10 summer camps.

Facilities Present

- Accommodates up to 120 people
- Training and Sleeping Tents
- Kitchen
- Campfire area
- Horseback Riding Area
- Campfire area
- Hiking area

Partnerships that Supported the Rehabilitation of the Site

- Secours Populaire Français specifically Fédération du Calvados
- UNICEF
- Union of Municipalities of Jezzine
- The Netherlands Embassy
El Moltaqa

Since its inception back in 2003, Development for People and Nature Association DPNA, was able to create positive relationships with the local community members, stakeholders, private sector, municipalities, local NGOs, and others. DPNA is opening El Moltaqa, an interactive space, which reflects a model of how art, culture and education can create huge impact on youth involvement in public concern, increase their sense of belonging and explore their talents and capabilities.

El Moltaqa's goal is contributing to the improvement of the social and cultural fabric of Saida city and its surroundings through increasing youth involvement and role in art, culture and education. El Moltaqa is equipped with an interactive culture and art center which includes public library, coffee shop, internet access, art gallery, dialogue activities, art workshops, training room, meeting room, cinema club, small theater and vocational training workshops.

El Moltaqa reflects a model of how art, culture and education can create huge impact on youth involvement in public concern, increase their sense of belonging and explore their talents and capabilities.
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