

LEBANON / AL-FAYHAA URBAN COMMUNITY

Urban Community of Al-Fayhaa (UCF) is located within the Governorate of North Lebanon on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea.



PRESENTATION

Urban Community Al-Fayhaa is a union of three municipalities Tripoli, El-Mina and El-Beddawi, these cities occupy a territory of 30km². Like other coastal stretches, urbanization and development projects are rapidly overtaking the area.

These cities occupy a territory composed of 30 km² located in the Governorate of North Lebanon on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean sea and can be described as the easternmost port of Lebanon. Al-Fayhaa community is located 85 km north of the capital Beirut.

Tripoli is considered as a very ancient city. It dates back to the days of phoenians (3000 years BC), it was the center of a Phoenician confederation. Nowadays, Tripoli is the administrative capital of the North of Lebanon, thus, it is considered the center of the Northern governorate where all regional governmental offices and services are very well established.

The Port of Tripoli is the 2nd major port in Lebanon. The port covers an approximate area of 3 square kilometers, with a water area of 2.2 square kilometers, and the land area composing of 320,000 square meters, and a 420,000 square meters dump area adjacent to the current port, reserved for the future Container Terminal and Free Market Zone.

INTENTIONS / EXPECTATIONS

The Al-Fayhaa Urban Community expects from MEDSEATIES project methods and experiences from the partners to apply Integrated Coastal Zone Management practices and to adopt tailored governance process.

ROLE AND VALUE ADDED IN THE PROJECT

Al-Fayhaa Urban Community is the local authority responsible for the activities implemented in Tripoli territory, with the support of Al-Manar University of Tripoli and UNDP.

As such, Al-Fayhaa's role is particularly important in the implementation of the Governance and Capacities Work Packages, which target in the coastal area of the three cities of Tripoli, El-Mina and El-Beddawi.

Al-Fayhaa plays also an important role as leader of the Capitalization Work Package by launching, coordinating and monitoring activities. Following the guidelines from AViTeM, Al-Fayhaa produces action plan, internal and external report including the project results for capitalization. Al-Fayhaa will organize the one of the steering committee in Tripoli.

With the increased population growth expected at UCF, the problem of urbanizing the costal property reserve will arise, bringing to light the issues related to the social structure of the resident populations, the options concerning the transportation and the problems resulting from the access of poor populations to the corniche. The goal is to empower the local authority by identifying new tools and models of governance.

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