

# LEBANON/ UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

UNDP is the UN's global development network, an organization advocating for change and connecting countries to knowledge, experience and resources to help people build a better life. UNDP is working with countries on their own solutions to global and national development challenges as they develop local capacity, they draw on the people of UNDP and a wide range of partners.



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Resilient nations.*



## PRESENTATION

UNDP has been active in Lebanon for over fifty years, supporting the nation through times of war and peace, challenges and successes. UNDP focuses on building effective relationships with national institutions and local communities for lasting change in people's lives.

UNDP partners with people at all levels of society to help build nations that can withstand crisis, and drive, and sustain the kind of growth that improves the quality of life for everyone.

UNDP plans and implements its programs in partnership with key stakeholders, from government, UN agencies, NGOs, international financial institutions and bilateral donors, to civil society, the private sector and universities.

The ART GOLD initiative has been designed to support the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals. It focuses on building capacity for Local Governance and Decentralized Participatory Development Management in programme countries.

UNDP ART GOLD Lebanon was launched in March 2007. It adopts a strategic planning approach to achieve balanced and sustainable development by relying on three main pillars, (i) the participatory approach ensured by the Working Groups, (ii) the Local Economic Development, and (iii) the support of the Decentralized Cooperation.

## INTENTIONS / EXPECTATIONS

UNDP strives to reflect the ability and resilience of the Lebanese to adapt to continuing development challenges. The UNDP's role in the MEDSEATIES project is almost to help Al-Fayhaa Urban Community to develop and identify their needs and priority about costal management.

## ROLE AND VALUE ADDED IN THE PROJECT

As international partner in the project benefiting from a strong experience and action in North Lebanon, UNDP role is two-fold.

First, UNDP supports Al-Fayhaa Urban Community in the implementation of activities in its territory mainly by contributing to the studies.

Secondly, UNDP coordinates the Governance Work Package, helped by its experience on governance models and participative approach. The aim is to elaborate a common governance framework in order to initiate coordination between stakeholders related to urban costal zone management, at territorial and local level on the one hand, at trans-Mediterranean level on the other hand.

Within capitalisation activities, it plays a special role in the dissemination of project's results and approach at Lebanese and international levels.

As an organization, UNDP have had to continually evolve in orientation and coverage to help in the identification of national needs and priorities in an often rapidly changing development and security setting in order to support the achievement of long-term development objectives.



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