



Fast Facts

Country: Lebanon

Duration: April 2004 to December 2006

Implementing UN Agencies: UNDP

Other Implementing Partners: Local NGOs and specialized organizations

Budget: \$740,914

Key Words: Post-conflict peacebuilding; socio-economic rehabilitation

BACKGROUND

During the conflict in southern Lebanon from 1978 to 2000, more than 5,000 people were detained by Israeli or allied forces. Most detainees suffered from psychological traumas, depression and other ailments. Detainees also tended to face economic difficulty

upon release as many were illiterate, and more than half had no more than elementary education. As part of a broader need to rebuild southern Lebanon after years of conflict, assistance for former detainees and their families was required.

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The project sought to contribute to national reconciliation and economic recovery by providing medical rehabilitation, social and psychological counseling, as well as vocational and skills training.

These efforts helped to ensure the reintegration of former detainees back into their families and communities.

BENEFICIARIES

After raising awareness of the project among beneficiaries, individuals were screened and referred for medical treatment. Psychological assessments were then conducted by social workers and psychologists through home visits and support was provided for group or individual counseling sessions. Physical

therapy and socioeconomic rehabilitation were also offered to those in need, in particular, vocational and skills training were provided to former detainees and their wives in micro-credit financing and small-business practices.