



Improving Living Conditions in PALESTINIAN GATHERINGS Host Communities

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The household survey in Palestinian Gatherings maps different types of vulnerabilities across different communities.

In December 2018, UNDP published the report **“Assessing Vulnerabilities in Palestinian Gatherings in Lebanon: Results of the 2017 Household Survey”**, analyzing the results of a survey conducted by Statistics Lebanon with 2,000 households. Commissioned to the Lebanese Center for Policy Studies (LCPS) and aiming to generate reliable data to guide response strategies in the Gatherings, the report assesses living conditions and vulnerabilities in Palestinian Gatherings.



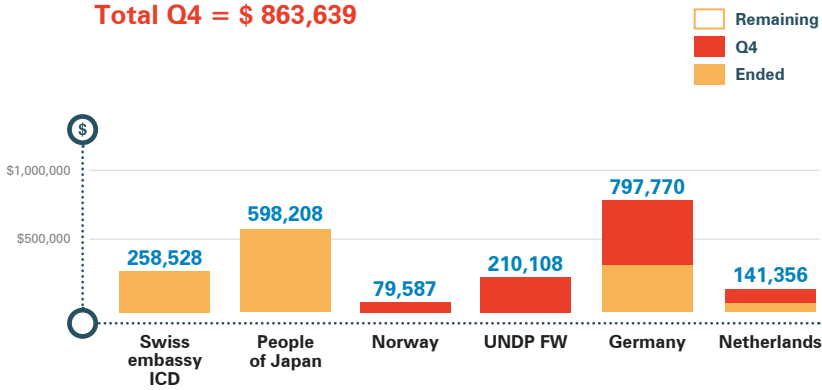
The report presents findings at the levels of housing and basic services, education and health, income generating opportunities, and safety and mobility. Giving particular attention to youth, the report focuses on their transition to adulthood and the main challenges they face in the gatherings. The vulnerability assessment provided by this report constitutes a comparative tool for humanitarian actors, highlighting different types of vulnerabilities across Gatherings as well as critical differences among nationalities and age and gender groups.

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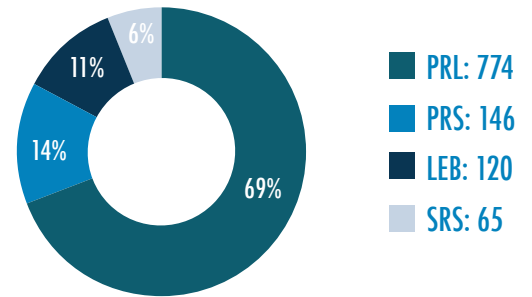
FUNDS (Year 2018)

Total Q4 = \$ 863,639



BENEFICIARIES

This quarter, we reached **1,075** direct beneficiaries in the Gatherings across Lebanon



Empowering WOMEN and YOUTH

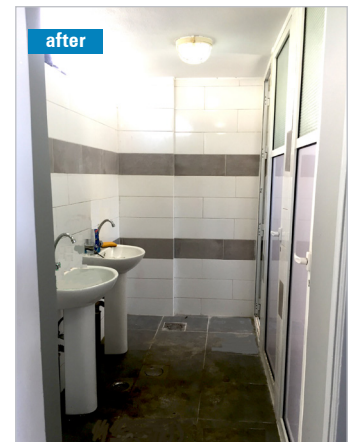


Embroidery Hub for Palestinian Women in Beirut

In its effort to encourage self-sustained livelihood community projects, the UNDP project supported local NGO Association for the Development of Palestinian Camps (INAASH) to transform its center in Mar Elias into a permanent embroidery training school and production hub, aiming to economically empower Palestinian refugee women in Beirut and preserve the cultural heritage of Palestinian embroidery.

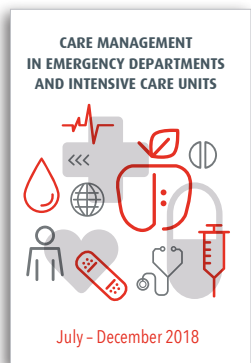
Thanks to Germany funding, the UNDP project fully rehabilitated the three-floor center, through tiling, painting, waterproofing, electrical works, plumbing, ventilation and other works. The space has been organized to include meeting areas, classrooms, design library, archive area as well as design and sewing studios.

With the rehabilitation works complementing equipment provided earlier by the People of Japan, the embroidery hub can now train young Palestinian women to become future artisans, feeding the center's production. The six-month training provided by INAASH will include pattern cutting, sewing, upkeep of fabric as well as complementary courses in IT, English, Health Education, Ethics, Social Issues and Palestinian History.



“ We and the women in the area have been waiting for this center for so long. It is now safe and equipped. We can't wait for the future young artisans to fill its rooms with Palestinian embroidery patterns and designs. We expect to become fully operational by this summer. ”

Mohammad Hassan
INAASH General Manger



Strengthened Emergency Medical Response in Ain El Helwe Adjacent Areas

Supporting Human Call Association (HCA) Hospital's efforts to strengthen emergency response in Ain El Helwe Camp and its eight adjacent gatherings, **9** doctors and **16** nurses working in the hospital have successfully completed this quarter a six-month training on "Care Management in Emergency Departments and Intensive Care Units". Funded by Germany, the training included theoretical and practical curricula. With the aim of increasing trained staff in the hospital, **7** youth continue in parallel a certified nursing programme at Jinan University or the Lebanese Red Cross in Saida.

Life Skills for Women and Children in Tyre Gatherings

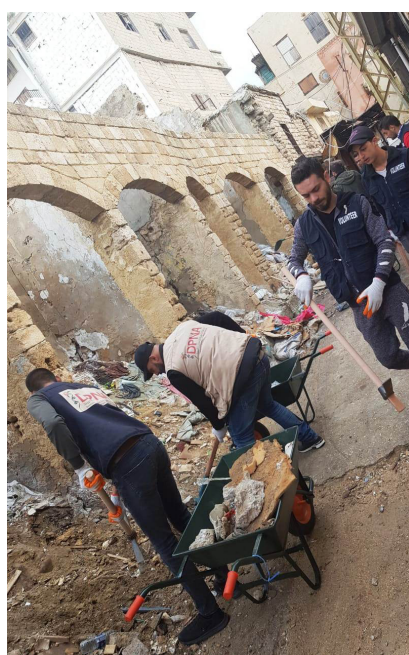
Since its establishment in September 2017, the community center and recreation ground in Shabriha has been hosting psychosocial, educational recreational and activities for women and children from Tyre Gatherings. Thanks to Germany support, local NGOs Beit Atfal Assumoud and PARD have completed the second phase of their programmes at the center.

While Beit Atfal Assumoud reached to **200** children and **55** caregivers through diverse psychosocial life skills, PARD provided football, folk dance, English and first aid trainings for **125** children in Shabriha. A women committee - bringing together Palestinian, Lebanese and Syrian women, was also established to support in designing and implementing public activities.

This quarter, additional children were identified as suffering from psychological distress or occupational difficulties and were referred to Beit Atfal Assumoud's Family Guidance Centre, which brings the number of children benefitting from specialized services to **35**.



Youth Lead Empowerment Initiatives in Old Saida



Capitalizing on the municipal center it rehabilitated in Old Saida, the UNDP project partnered with local NGO DPNA to design and implement empowerment community initiatives, through participatory approaches with children, youth and women. Possible thanks to the UNDP Funding Window, activities kicked-off this quarter with a participatory community mapping with **13** children, **30** youth and **23** women. The focus groups aim at helping participants re-visit their neighborhoods, visualize changes or opportunities they wish to see and translate these perceptions into three community initiatives.

In parallel, a series of "active citizenship" trainings was organized for **25** young women and young men in old Saida who are neither working nor learning (NEET). Input from trained participants will later feed into the community initiatives. Another **30** unemployed youth were actively engaged in a 30-day "cash for work" program, aiming at shifting previous engagement in risky behaviors to productive activities. Following a number of awareness and training sessions on risks of drugs and armed conflicts, solid waste sorting, first aid and filling questionnaires, the volunteering youth engaged in community activities, such as mapping neighborhood needs, implementing clean-up campaigns and promoting waste sorting among dwellers and local shops.

Upgrading WASH Infrastructure



Sewage-free Streets in Shabriha this Winter

Flood waste water was a common scene in Hay Beit Hazza'a in Shabriha Gathering in Tyre. Because of undersized corroded sewage pipes, waste water flooded and contaminated water well and agricultural lands, posing risks to the health of **30** households. Thanks to Germany funding, the UNDP project replaced the main sewage lines in the neighborhood and connected them to the main network in the Gathering.



before



after

“ We used to walk through flood water and sewage to reach our homes. Water-borne diseases have spread among our kids. The situation is much different this fall. Our streets are clean, even after the heaviest rain. ”

Mazen, Resident of Shabriha

Active in Palestinian Gatherings across Lebanon since 2012, **Improving Living Conditions in Palestinian Gatherings Host Communities** is a UNDP project designed to strengthen the resilience of these communities, home to 120,000 vulnerable dwellers, whose great majority are Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, in addition to poor Lebanese and Palestinian and Syrian refugees displaced from Syria.

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