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The EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis

الصندوق الاستئماني الأوروبي 'مدد'

Project Factsheet

Reduce economic barriers hindering access to health services in Lebanon

OBJECTIVES

- Improve access to quality healthcare services for Syrian refugees and other vulnerable populations in Lebanon.
- Provide community healthcare services that focus on health promotion, disease prevention and health-seeking behaviour.
- Improve the well-being of Syrian refugees and vulnerable Lebanese by providing access to mental health and psychosocial support.

BUDGET

EUR 31.8 million

START DATE

01/01/2018

DURATION

26 months

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Provide quality primary healthcare services to an estimated 398,090 people throughout Lebanon.
- Reach an estimated 96,000 people through community health outreach and education activities.
- Provide quality and comprehensive mental health and psychosocial services to an estimated 7,840 people throughout Lebanon.

BENEFICIARIES

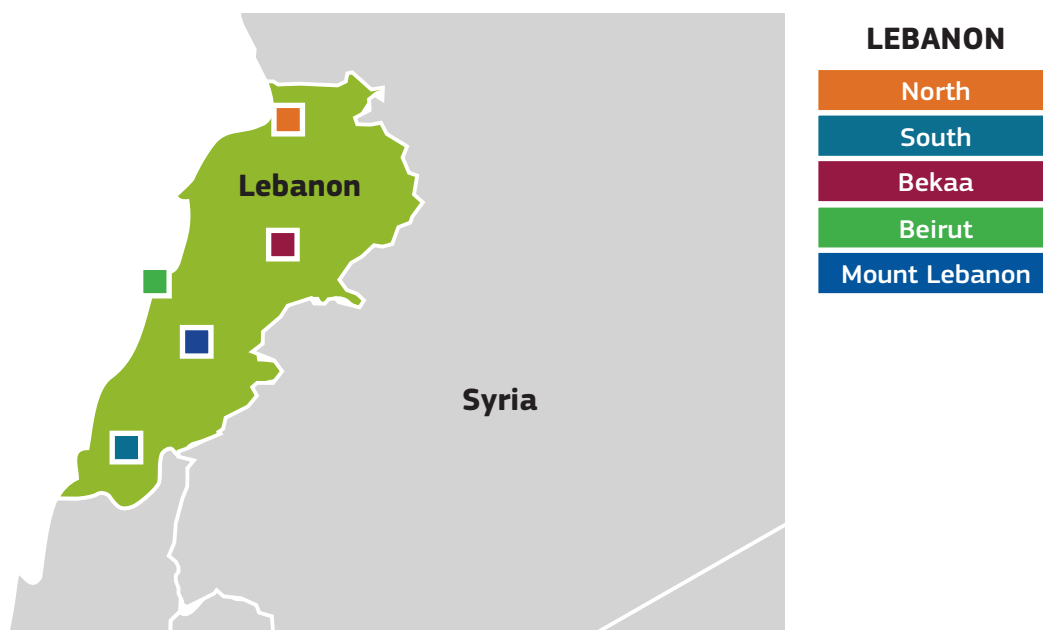
501,930

Lebanese and Syrians

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



PROJECT LOCATIONS



OUR IMPACT



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Alaa is a 14-year-old Syrian refugee who lives in a small village in the Bekaa Valley. When Alaa's family came to Lebanon eight years ago, she was only six years old.

Alaa's mother, Hanadi, works in central Bekaa as a community health outreach volunteer at the health club established by International Medical Corps. Community health clubs educate members of different ages and genders about how to achieve positive health and well-being through a series of awareness sessions and activities.

Alaa considers herself lucky because her mother has such an important job. She says, "I learned and continue to learn so much about how to take care of myself from my mom. Other girls my age don't often have that opportunity."

Rama is a 17-year-old club member who says that she has really benefited from all the sessions. She explains, "I had so many misconceptions about women's health in general, and about menstrual hygiene in particular. I am so glad I participated in these sessions."

Rama speaks of her experience in these clubs as not only enriching in terms of acquiring positive healthcare information but also as a chance for her to socialize in an informal educational setting with some of her peers and friends. She says that "these sessions brought me closer to my friends. We're sharing information but also discussing important issues and topics that are real and significant to us." The sessions also touch on such topics as bullying, child marriage and mental health, to name a few.



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