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## Project Factsheet

### Water and Wastewater Programme for Host Communities and Syrian Refugees in Lebanon

#### OBJECTIVE

Facilitate host and Syrian refugee communities' access to sustainable water and sanitation services in Lebanon.

**BUDGET**  
EUR 25 million

**START DATE**  
27/01/2021

**DURATION**  
36 months

#### EXPECTED RESULTS

- The capacity of water establishments (i.e., regionally based water service providers) to provide water and wastewater services is strengthened.
- The participation of civil society and local authorities in sector governance is increased.
- Refugee protection space is improved.

#### BENEFICIARIES

**147,805**  
Syrian  
refugees and  
Lebanese local  
communities

#### IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



## PROJECT LOCATIONS



Nabatiyeh, Bekaa, Baalbek-Hermel, Beirut and Mount Lebanon

## IMPACT

### **Strengthening the provision of water and wastewater services by water establishments**

Previous projects have shown how even when sufficient water supply is guaranteed, the delivery of services to end-users can be inefficient. This is one of the reasons why the project pilot an integrated capacity building programme which prioritises the achievement of sustainable improvements to services at the local level and through water establishments.

In addition, by directly engaging with receiving communities, the project will work on (re)building trust and ensure community ownership and cooperation.

At the same time, infrastructure support at different levels will improve domestic water services by ensuring efficient and equitable production, storage and delivery as well as reduced contamination by improving sewage networks.

### **Fostering the participation of civil society and local authorities in sector governance**

Ensuring equitable and sustainable access to water and sanitation services requires promoting inclusive dialogue about water management at a local, regional, and national level. To allow for this to happen, the project will implement approaches that will help local communities understand water-related rights and responsibilities, to promote collaborative water governance.

### **Improving refugee protection**

One of the main objectives of this component of the project is focusing on improving refugee protection space, in particular to change the narrative that wastewater pollution is primarily caused by the refugee community.

In addition decentralised wastewater treatment systems will be delivered to informal tent settlements, supported by technical assistance. The systems designed will allow a significant reduction of pollution generated by domestic wastewater.

To further improve the refugee protection space, the project will document and share the research and lessons learned through the implementation of the programme with key stakeholders, in particular as they support the discussion around the impact of the Syrian crisis in Lebanon.

To support the protection space of refugees at a local level, ACTED will coordinate with UNHCR as well as other actors operating at the local level, to mutually reinforce the project being implemented and the benefit of the community. It will also promote joint advocacy initiatives to improve the communication between actors intervening in the informal settlements.