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Project Factsheet

LINKED: Linking Vulnerable Populations and Inclusive Market Networks to Advance Sustainable Economic Development in Lebanon

OBJECTIVE

Linking vulnerable populations and inclusive market networks to advance sustainable economic development in Lebanon.

BUDGET
EUR 14.5 million

START DATE
01/08/2020

DURATION
32 months

EXPECTED RESULTS

- Employment opportunities for vulnerable job seekers and their households are improved
- The capacities of selected local economic actors to provide decent income generation opportunities are strengthened.

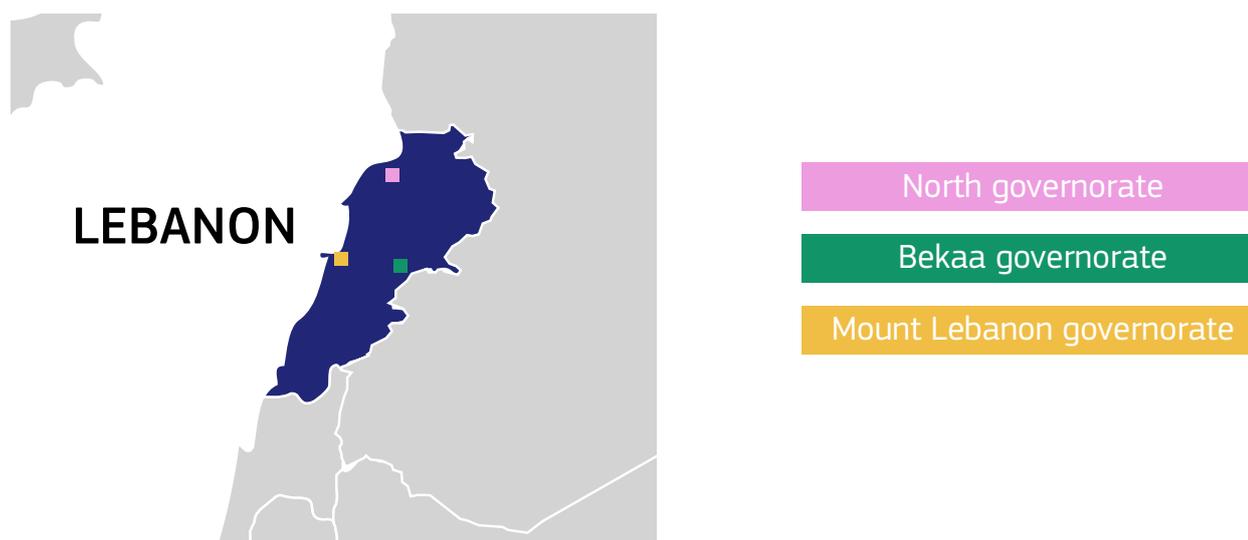
BENEFICIARIES

33,125
vulnerable refugee & Lebanese populations in the Bekaa, Mount Lebanon and North Governorates

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS



PROJECT LOCATIONS



OUR IMPACT

LINKED has been designed to address the identified needs of socioeconomically vulnerable populations throughout Lebanon, with a particular focus on those negatively impacted by the Syrian crisis.

The consortium will assess individual capacities of vulnerable households, using a socioeconomic profiling tool. Individuals from the qualifying households will then be supported with tailored career counselling to identify contextualised livelihoods pathways that jobseekers can pursue within and beyond the activities of the action. Based on the profiling and counselling, beneficiaries will be referred to a suitable set of activities offered within and beyond the scope of the action. Additionally, the consortium will provide short-term income generating opportunities for beneficiaries demonstrating immediate and urgent need for access to income.

As a result of these activities, it is expected that vulnerable individuals and their households will have enhanced capacities to identify and pursue decent livelihoods pathways.

Vulnerable job seekers will participate in a combination of services including information sessions on Decent Working Conditions (DWC), soft skills trainings in relation to employability, vocational trainings and work based learning opportunities based on market needs as well as an entrepreneurship program including trainings, individual coaching and grant distribution. This will allow them to improve their capacities to identify

and access self-employment opportunities or employment opportunities in accordance with the Lebanese labour law.

The LINKED consortium will also select and provide support to technical & vocational education and training institutes to increase their capacity to deliver high quality training services responding to local market needs. Consequently, access to employment opportunities of vulnerable job seekers is expected to improve through enhanced marketable skills and linkages with employers and opportunities to build social capital and trust and develop practical and technical skills.

The second component of the action aims to stimulate the creation of new jobs and maintain existing ones. Local Business Clusters strategies with high potential for growth and employment will be developed and supported.

The action will also seek to improve knowledge of vulnerable individuals and local businesses about financial literacy and to facilitate access of LINKED and other Trust Fund-funded consortia participants to adapted and sustainable financial services.

All LINKED consortium members will be able to identify beneficiaries who can be referred to financial services to boost their chances for sustainable livelihoods and ascent from poverty. This is particularly relevant at a time when the banking sector provides limited financing opportunities.