



IJMAA+ PROJECT

FACT SHEET FOR THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MERCY CORPS, LEBANON AND RDPP



Duration: 2022

Budget: 829,933 EUR

Geographical area: Bekaa

RDPP thematic area: Protection

Direct Beneficiaries:

- 4 to 5 municipalities and their respective public officials
- 3 to 4 local Community Based Organisations (CBOs)
- 75 youth

Indirect beneficiaries: 50,000 and 100,000

individuals

Implementing Partner: Peace Labs

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The project aims to improve collaborative mechanisms among local government and constituents and build local capacities to support stabilisation needs and reduce drivers of tension. This will be done through three outcomes:

I. Improved collaborative mechanisms at community and subnational levels

Mercy Corps (MC) and Peace Labs aim to strengthen community and institutional capacities to help them adopt practices that foster dialogue and address sources of tension. This will be translated through providing 4-5 municipalities in Bekaa with tailored coaching on good governance practices. The municipalities will be assessed for potential needed tools to improve their practices and adopt good governance practices. They will also be supported to implement Town Hall Meetings (THM) to enable

dialogue with the local community. In view to enhance the civic participation of local communities, municipalities will be supported to conduct joint and participatory needs assessments with relevant stakeholders and youth following, at the end of which 1 community intervention in each municipality will be funded. In parallel, Peace Labs will bring different youth in the community together to give them opportunities to engage in collective initiatives, where they will be supported to engage in recreational community activities, and provided with a safe space for expression and interaction.

II. Improved local capacity for collective action in addressing community needs

MC will build up local civil society capacity to address needs through the provision of assessment, training and coaching for CBOs, including the provision of tools to improve management processes, support on writing proposals to address local community needs. Upon completion of the capacity building sessions and the provision of identified materials and tools, MC will support CBOs through proposal writing sessions to develop proposals for community initiatives through a consultative and participatory approach engaging CBOs and municipalities.

III. Better supported emerging subnational stabilisation needs

Mc will promote the development of consistent community profiling and coordinated Rapid Stabilisation Response to address emerging tensions that may lead to instability. This will be accomplished through providing support for the implementation of direct interventions that are tailored to the community context to reduce rising tensions. Activities will be deployed on a needs basis, supported by the consistent community profiling and coordination with local, national and implementing agencies in the area, to create a coordinated response to emerging social tensions to mitigate negative effects and prevent escalation.





