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FACT SHEET FOR THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ALEF, LEBANON AND RDPP



Duration: 2019 - 2022

Budget: 542,964 EUR

Geographical area: Across Lebanon

RDPP thematic area: Advocacy

Direct Beneficiaries:

- At least 10 civil society organizations (CSOs) for capacity building
- 10 national and international policy decision makers for advocacy: Relevant line ministries, municipalities and other local authorities, foreign governments, UN agencies, relevant European institutions.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The project is a continuation and expansion on the work of the Working Group for Persons Affected by the Syrian Crisis (WG PASC), a protection advocacy network of 26 national and local CSOs. WG PASC was formed in 2016, and works to enhance the capacity and space for civil society organizations in Lebanon to influence their government and international actors to adopt policies that more effectively meet the needs of vulnerable displaced persons and host communities, and implement them effectively. WG PASC is composed of local Lebanese, Syrian and Palestinian NGOs most of which have been working inside Lebanon long before the Syrian crisis. Their work covers different thematic and geographical areas, with a broad range of collective expertise in fields from advocacy and protection, to humanitarian assistance and development.

This project will focus on two main objectives:

I. Enhanced capacity of the Working Group to influence policies and help vulnerable rights holders enjoy rights and access protection

ALEF will aim to strengthen the operational management capacities, collaboration and networking mechanisms for the Working Group. It will develop and implement a capacity building plan to enhance its own capacities in order to effectively manage and coordinate the Group. Furthermore, ALEF will develop a comprehensive governance structure for the WG that will be agreed on by WG members, and strengthen the Group's internal online communication mechanism. Activities will also include designing and conducting tailored capacity-building exercises on issues identified by Working Group members, and tools developed by the Working Group.

II. Influence protection policies and practices to improve affected communities' protection environment and access to basic services and rights.

In concentrating its efforts closely on relevant protection priorities through thematic groups, WG PASC will be able to enhance its participation in advocacy and lobbying platforms, communicating findings and evidence-based recommendations from its work. The Group will conduct strategy update workshops to set relevant national action plans and agree on key advocacy messages, and ten advocacy initiatives informed by a data gathering exercise and analysis framework at the local, national, and international levels.

