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1001 NIGHTS LIFE SKILLS AND CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAM IN LEBANON TO PROMOTE SOCIAL COHESION

FACT SHEET FOR THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT 'INITIATE' AND RDPP

Duration: 2020 - 2022

Budget: 3,261,185 EUR

Geographical area: Across Lebanon

RDPP thematic area: Protection

Partners: Teach for Lebanon (TFL), Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE)

Direct Beneficiaries:

- 27,750 refugee children (aged 7-12) in 105 safe spaces
- 30,400 host community and refugee children in 150 public schools
- 1,900 teachers
- 84,583 participant in community events

engage their caregivers and siblings into the learning process. In total, children take 40 lesson plans in school, and while all lesson plans include an animated video, classroom discussion, in-class and take home activities, 10 of the 40 lesson plans also include illustrated comic books distributed to every child in order to sustain taught lessons, further engage family members, and support literacy and the development of critical thinking skills and inclusion within the household.

In partnership with Teach for Lebanon, the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE), INITIATE aims to implement this curriculum in public schools, safe spaces hosted by NGOs, and in community events.

• **Public Schools**

The Centre for Educational Research and Development (CERD), and MEHE have already reviewed the curriculum and confirmed interest to modify, adapt and certify it for use in Lebanon on the long-term. For the duration of the project, INITIATE will implement the curriculum in 150 public and semi-private schools, providing them with projectors, screens and sound equipment, training 1,900 teachers and providing each with a teacher kit (teachers' guides, lesson plans, a reader and DVDs), as well as providing 304,000 illustrated books and 30,400 curriculum activity books for children.

• **Refugee Children in Safe Spaces hosted by NGOs**

105 refugee safe spaces will be selected by identifying NGOs serving the maximum number of children aged 7-12 years with a diversity of Palestinian and Syrian refugees; all centers will receive audio visual equipment. 1,050 facilitators will be trained, and each will receive a teacher's kit. 27,750 children will receive 10 illustrated books, and a student activity book.

• **Community Events**

145 community centers across will host 10 community screening events each for up to one year. At these events, 1001 Nights will be screened, and comic books will be distributed. While implementation of the curriculum in schools and refugee spaces will focus on children between the ages of 7 and 12, community screenings will focus on families targeting 84,583 individuals.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

This project aims to improve social cohesion and reduce tension within communities by promoting inclusion, non-violence and empathy by implementing the 1001 Nights Life Skills and Civic Education Program across Lebanon. The program, developed by Big Bad Boo Studios, is a successful and worldwide multi-platform educational entertainment curriculum that uses cartoons to teach 6-12-year old children life skills and civic values, including human rights, democracy, gender equality and the rule of law in formal and informal learning environments. It is also used to provide children in conflict with psycho-social support, promote social cohesion in vulnerable communities, and build resilience amongst vulnerable children as a tool to prevent violent extremism.

The classroom or safe space curriculum entails that children watch a 10-minute animated episode of 1001 Nights that teaches a specific civic value or life skill. Teachers then use a tailored lesson plan to facilitate discussions and activities, and children take activities home to complete with their families to

