



UN AGENCY JOINT PROJECT “INTEGRATED SUPPORT TO THE REHABILITATION OF NBC ADJACENT AREA”

Under the ECHO funded project “*Integrated support to the rehabilitation of NBC adjacent area*”, UNICEF, UNRWA, UN-Habitat, ILO, UNDP, and UNRC are working together in the surrounding area of Nahr El Bared (NBC) Palestinian refugee camp, referred to as the *New Camp*. The project, implemented under the auspices of One UN, seeks to enhance the living conditions of the population in the camp through three major components i) Coordination of recovery efforts ii) Rehabilitation of basic infrastructure and iii) Capacity building of the Municipality of Mhammara in terms of service provision and joint Lebanese-Palestinian committees.

I) COORDINATION OF RECOVERY EFFORTS

The relevant agencies have taken on the task of co-chairing the Cluster System with UNRWA. Responsible for overall coordination, UNRCO has the role of ensuring functionality of the Clusters through liaising with local authorities, CSO’s and national and international NGOs, in order to ensure overall coherence of recovery interventions through a systematic approach. At present, 7 clusters are taking place on a bi-weekly basis covering the following sectors, Education, Health, Water & Sanitation, Shelter, Food and Non-Food Items, Protection and Livelihood. Also, UNRC organizes 1 inter-cluster meeting every month to discuss a cross-cutting topic between all 7 clusters.

Under this intervention, ILO is leading the livelihood cluster with UNRWA which is taking place on a bi-weekly basis. This cluster aims at gathering all national and international organizations to share information about their activities and to develop and mainstream decent work and livelihood standards in NBC. Furthermore, UNICEF is responsible for co-chairing the WATSAN cluster.

II) REHABILITATION OF BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE

As a result of the conflict, severe damages have taken place in terms of basic infrastructure. In an attempt to improve basic living conditions, this component targets Water and Sanitation in the camp as well as basic infrastructure such as asphaltting. The component is a joint collaboration mainly between UNICEF and UNRWA.

Water and sanitation

UNICEF is working through its implementing partner Islamic Relief, to rehabilitate water network system in order to deliver 80 l/ per day of potable water per household at completion of the project. In total, 437 household connections have been implemented so far and 60 reservoirs of 1m² have been distributed. Furthermore, UNICEF and UNRWA are coordinating with the North Lebanon Water Establishment and the Army in order to approve the demolition of destroyed reservoirs and the construction of new ones. UNICEF and UNRWA are also taking water samples of boreholes for testing purposes and in order analyse and supply assistance as necessary. UNICEF through their implementing partner, Islamic Relief, is also conducting Awareness Sessions where hygiene and environmental concepts are being disseminated among the beneficiaries in the *New Camp*.

Asphaltting and clearance of alleyways

Under this component, UNRWA is improving access within the *New Camp* through the rehabilitation of 4km of roads. Furthermore, the agency also aims to demolish severely damaged buildings and clear alleyways in order to improve general access in the area.

III) CAPACITY BUILDING OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MHAMMARA

The aim of the third component is to establish 6 Joint Lebanese-Palestinian Working Groups (JWG) to work within the Municipality of Mhammara, to extend municipal service provision to the *New Camp* (which traditionally has not been covered by the Municipality) and enhance communal problem solving by the two communities. Furthermore, members of the JWG will implement 5 Quick Impact Projects (QUIPs). The JWG’s include the following sectors: Works, Recovery, Youth (co-chaired by UN-HABITAT and UNDP), Education and Health/Social. Under this activity, UNHABITAT is also allocating support to the Municipality of Mhammara to improve municipal service delivery in order to cover the needs of both Palestinian and Lebanese communities in terms of equipment. The component on capacity building is led by UNHABITAT with UNDP working specifically with the Youth JWG.

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