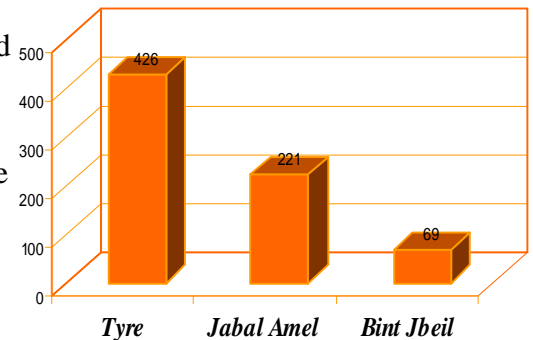


Post-war Reconstruction: An entry point for municipal strengthening and community empowerment

UN-HABITAT is implementing a two-year reconstruction project in Southern Lebanon targeting around 4,000 families whose houses were totally destroyed as a result of July war 2006.

Since September 2007, the project successfully established three Regional Technical Offices (RTOs) in Tyre, Taybe and Aitaroun municipalities in cooperation with ACTED, Beit Bil Jnoub and the American University of Beirut. The RTOs are set up within the three unions of municipalities of Tyre, Jabal Amel and Bint Jbeil and play an instrumental role in assisting municipalities and affected communities in planning, guiding, monitoring and evaluating the reconstruction process of totally destroyed houses.



Number of beneficiaries according to regions

The project is also building the capacities of local elected leaders in order to improve municipal service delivery in 21 villages and towns. In this context, UN-HABITAT is providing the needed financial and technical assistance to enable municipalities rehabilitate communal services while making sure that proposal and technical studies are properly developed by concerned municipalities.

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UN-HABITAT is profiling the urban situation in 21 towns in Southern Lebanon affected by July war 2006

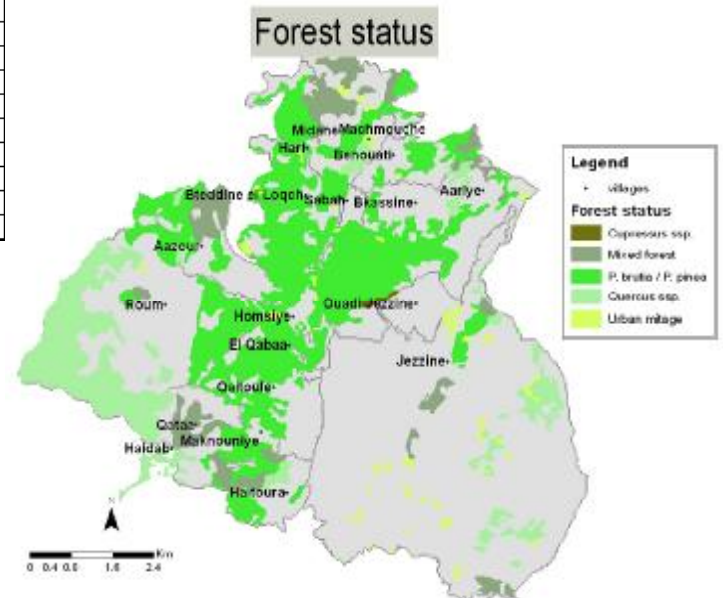
In an attempt to respond to the planning requirements for the reconstruction and the long term development of destroyed villages and towns on Southern Lebanon, UN-HABITAT is launching a comprehensive intervention that has dual objectives:

- To assess the current state of 21 villages and towns and identify development needs and gaps.
- To build the capacity of local authorities and concerned stakeholders to plan for the strategic development of their localities.

The assessment exercise will be carried out using the UN-HABITAT *Rapid Urban Sector Profile* approach (RUSP) which covers several sectors, mainly: shelter, infrastructure, environment, governance, youth & gender. The process will gather, verify and synthesize data by indicators to be incorporated in a Local Urban Observatory (LUO) using the Geographical Information System (GIS) application, which would be established at the level of the Union of Municipality.

The main purpose of this initiative is to establish a systematic information system to enhance decision making and policy planning with high accuracy. The indicator system will assist to build a data analysis platform to support awareness building among stakeholders concerning the need and significance of monitoring advances and drawbacks in development projects. It is also a system to support local stakeholders as it provides accurate answers to the requests of qualified information made by researchers, analysts and local institutions. It also contributes to transparent local management, providing a tool for policy monitoring.

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Deir El-harf	Deir El-Harf	Baabda	Mount Lebanon		
Jouret Arsoun	Jouret Arsoune	Baabda	Mount Lebanon		
Btekhmay	Btekhmay	Baabda	Mount Lebanon		
Aarbanaye	El-Erbaniyeh	Baabda	Mount Lebanon		



UN-HABITAT wraps up two projects that helped thousands recover from 2006 war

UN-HABITAT is winding down two operations in Lebanon funded by the European Union humanitarian aid department (ECHO) that have rebuilt and renovated thousands of homes hit in Israeli air raids during the summer 2006 war. Some 3,640 families or about 18,200 individuals were the beneficiaries of the 1.2 million-euro (\$1.78 million) projects in various areas of Beirut, South Lebanon and Bekaa Valley.

In the first project, costing approximately 700,000 euros, UN-HABITAT teamed up with the Municipality of Choueifat, the Social Affairs Ministry and the local neighborhood committees and entailed the rehabilitation of building and communal infrastructure. It closed in February 2008. The second project, which wound up February 15, and worth about 400,000 euros, was implemented in cooperation with the Danish Refugee Council and other partners working in 17 municipalities in South Lebanon and the Bekaa Valley.

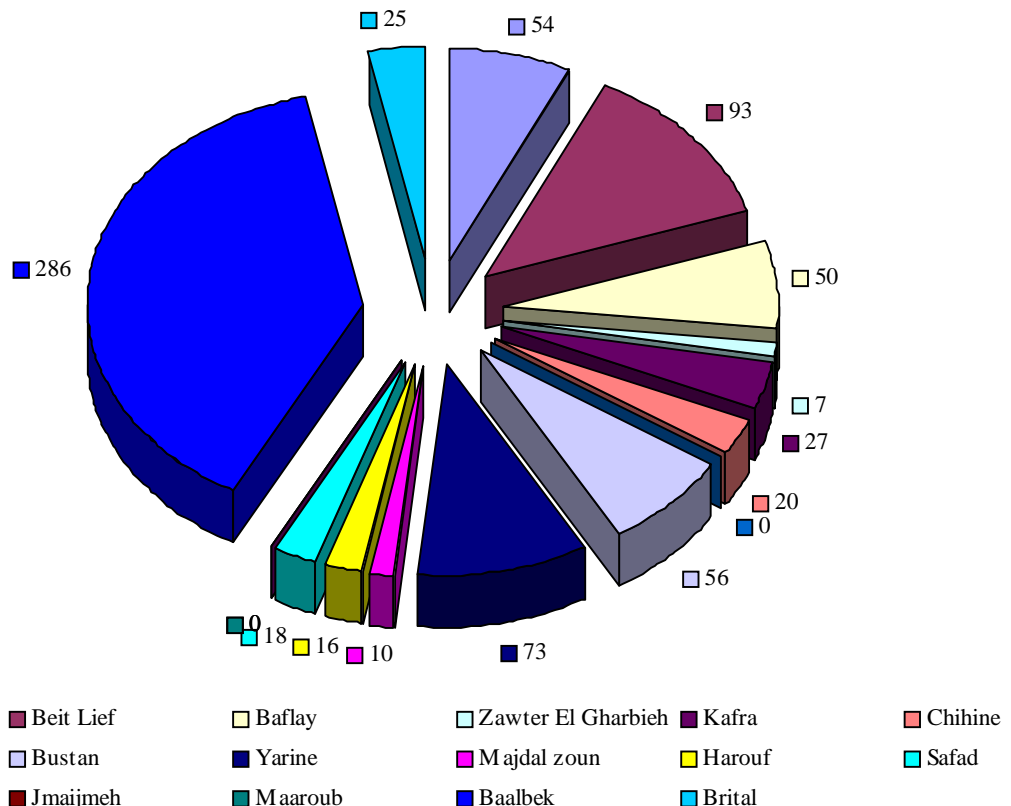
“The project has achieved what we were dreaming of. Lands were surveyed and maps were drawn ... we can do nothing but thank them for what they did,” Adnan Hammoud, a beneficiary in the village of Beit Lif, said. “We consider this project essential, It came in response to a devastating war,” Bassam Raad, mayor of Baalbek, said.

Handing over of reconstruction documents to Municipalities



Project closure ceremony in Choueifat Municipality

Number of assisted families in corresponding villages



The City Development Strategy of Al Fayhaa Union of Municipalities

UN-HABITAT is partnering with the Union of Municipalities of Al Fayhaa (Tripoly, Mina, and Beddawy) and the World Bank to assist in the formulation of the first City Development Strategy (CDS) in Lebanon. The CDS is a process devised and owned by local stakeholders to formulate a holistic vision for their city. It involves analysis of the city's prospects for economic and social development and redress of poverty. It is therefore both a process and a product to enhance the competitiveness, liability, management and bankability of the respective city.



CDS launching ceremony

The project, which is funded by Cities Alliance, was able to gather a

pool of international partners, namely; the World Bank, Medcities Network, Marseille and Barcelona cities, Agence Française de Développement and UNEP, would see the development of a strategic development framework with the aim of achieving three main objectives:

- To promote the economic growth of Al Fayhaa cities and encourage investments.
- To contribute to poverty alleviation and increase employment.
- To improve urban governance and management.



Participants in the conference

In cooperation with the Union of Municipalities, UN-HABITAT would be providing capacity building and training activities dealing with participatory planning, municipal governance and CDS approaches and methodologies. UN-HABITAT, through the Training and Capacity Building Branch, would utilize the wide range of training modules that were developed, adapted and tested in more than 40 countries worldwide.



UN-HABITAT samples of training modules

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