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► ILO Brief

Storm drains' cleaning and town clearing activities in Bourj Hammoud, along with employability coaching and financial education sessions for beneficiaries

► Project Overview

With funding from the European Union, the International Labour Organization (ILO) is implementing the ENABLE programme, aiming to provide livelihood opportunities to enhance the economic capacity of vulnerable populations. ENABLE's intervention in Bourj Hammoud seeks to bolster livelihood opportunities and enhance economic resilience through the provision of short term opportunities in town clearing activities, along with employability coaching sessions in addition to financial literacy sensitization sessions. Aligned with the Regional ILO Emergency Response Plan, this initiative addresses critical needs amidst the deepening crisis in Lebanon.

ENABLE's intervention in Bourj Hammoud seeks to bolster livelihood opportunities & enhance economic resilience through the provision of short term opportunities in town

Project Title

Storm drains' cleaning and town clearing activities in Bourj Hammoud, along with employability coaching and financial education sessions for beneficiaries

Location

Bourj Hammoud

Donor

European Union
Delegation in Lebanon

Estimated Budget

USD 227,347

Duration

From Dec 2024 to March 2025



► Project Objectives

1. Employability Coaching Sessions

► Enhance participants' soft skills and life skills to improve their employability.

► Equip workers with job finding strategies, CV writing techniques, interviewing skills, stress management, and time management skills.

► Strengthen participants' readiness for project implementation and increase their chances of securing employment opportunities.

► Facilitate better integration in the job market and enhance overall job readiness.

2. Storm drains' Cleaning and Town Clearing activities

► Improve the current state of drainage inlets, streets and public spaces by addressing waste accumulation and maintenance issues.

► Create short term employment opportunities for vulnerable populations, including Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), through labour-intensive construction methods, Local Resource-Based Technology (LRBT), and Decent Work Principles (DWP).

► Strengthen community resilience by implementing effective drainage systems and promoting cleaner urban environments in densely populated and flood-prone areas.

► Provide a source of income and livelihood support for participants through the 40-day engagement period.

3. Enhancing Essential Financial Skills for Crisis Resilience Training

► **Enhance financial literacy:** Equip beneficiaries with essential financial skills to effectively manage short-term income during crises.

► **Support sustainable recovery:** Enable participants to streamline financial goals, paving the way for long-term resilience, recovery and stability.

► **Encourage personal financial management:** Foster a deeper understanding of financial planning to help individuals achieve targeted personal and professional goals.

► **Improve decision-making:** Empower participants to make informed financial decisions related to budgeting, saving and managing debt.

► Project Components

1. Employability Coaching Sessions

- Deliver soft skills and life skills training sessions tailored to selected participants.
- Cover a range of topics including job finding strategies, CV writing techniques, interviewing skills, stress management, and time management.

2. Storm drains' Cleaning and Town Clearing Activities

- Address drainage inlets affected by waste accumulation and inadequate maintenance along with streets' cleaning and green public spaces' maintenance
- Implement town clearing activities following the Employment Intensive Infrastructure modality.
- Involve a total of 200 workers who will implement the cleaning works for a period of 40 days each.

3. Enhancing Essential Financial Skills for Crisis Resilience Training

- Deliver tailored financial education sensitization sessions in collaboration with AEP, addressing specific needs of the crisis context.
- Target an initial batch of 200 beneficiaries participating in emergency short-term job opportunities in Bourj Hammoud. The upcoming trainings will target additional 200 participants in the area
- Facilitate access to essential financial services, empowering beneficiaries to manage their resources effectively, invest in their skills and ultimately transition towards sustainable livelihoods.



► Expected Results

1. Employability Coaching Sessions

- Increased employability of participants through enhanced soft skills and life skills training.
- Improved job search capabilities, CV writing, interviewing skills, stress management, and time management.
- Enhanced readiness of workers for project implementation and employment opportunities.
- Strengthened linkage to the job market and improved overall job readiness for participants.

2. Storm drains' Cleaning and Town Clearing activities

- Improved drainage efficiency, reducing flooding risks and mitigating damage during heavy rains..
- Cleaner streets and better-maintained green public spaces, reducing health risks, and improving local residents' quality of life.
- Enhanced community resilience through improved drainage systems and cleaner town environments.

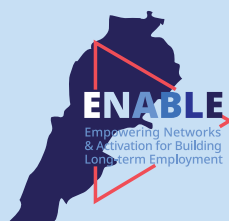
- Greater participation of local workers in community-driven initiatives, fostering ownership, awareness and practice of maintaining local infrastructure.
- Economic empowerment and livelihood support for 200 workers engaged for 40 days each, along with skills development through labour-intensive methods and Local Resource-Based Technology (LRBT)

3. Enhancing Essential Financial Skills for Crisis Resilience Training

- Improved financial management skills through leveraging their ability to budget, save and manage short-term income effectively during and after the crisis.
- Increased financial independence by developing and executing personalized short-term and long-term goals.
- Reduced financial vulnerability by equipping beneficiaries with skills to avoid excessive debt and make informed decisions to address both immediate and long-term financial needs.
- Strengthened resilience to crisis by empowering participants to utilize financial tools and strategies to navigate persisting crisis and future shocks.

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