Community Security and Access to Justice
Project 00095045

General Information

Short Title: UNDP Programme/Portfolio: CPR and Peacebuilding
Geographic Coverage: Lebanon
Project Status: Ongoing
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Implementing Agency: UNDP (Direct Execution) (UNDP)
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Classification

SDG Goal: 16. Peaceful and inclusive societies

Project Details

Background
The project is joint with UNHCR. It provides justice/security and human rights components to the main UNDP ongoing programme –Lebanon Stabilization and Recovery Programme – and contributes directly to the stabilization efforts. The project supports Ministries of Interior and Justice, as well as municipalities/Unions of municipalities, to deliver better security and legal aid services to the most vulnerable in host communities (both Lebanese and Syrian refugees, with an emphasis on women notably).

The projects supports notably the professionalization of municipal police, better service delivery by ISF, and a community security approach in 7 pilot municipalities. It also supports the Ministry of Interior, governorates offices, and ISF to develop their capacities to analyze and prevent risks. Besides, the project works with the Ministry of Justice to develop a legal assistance scheme for vulnerable Lebanese (in pilot municipalities). The project also works in improving the basic needs of prison population at risk (pretrial detainees that are among the poorest households in the country, but also women). This is done through rehabilitation of infrastructure, social reintegration of detainees and improved external and oversight mechanisms (including support to the National Preventive Mechanism against Torture). In order to translate the access to justice and community security approach into longer-term policies, the project will work with national authorities and civil society in developing a framework for goal 16 that is people-centered.

Achievements & Expected Results
• Output 1: Host communities and Syrian refugees have access to basic security services that respond to their needs
• Output 2: MOIM Governorate/District authorities and ISF provide support to municipalities to respond to basic security needs
• Output 3: Vulnerable groups, including women, have access to basic justice services
• Output 4: Basic needs of prison population at risk are addressed

Issues & Difficulties
• There is a momentum and strong interest of national partners to work on torture prevention and improve human rights compliance of ISF;
• Strong demand from municipalities to professionalize the municipal police; and interest of ISF to work on community policing;
• Need for increased financial resources from donors in order to seize current opportunities;
• Need for increased policy dialogue by the UN with government counterparts, notably on the establishment of the National Human Rights Commission/National Preventive Mechanism (torture prevention); and access to justice