Improving Living Conditions in Palestinian Gatherings Host Communities: Towards More Comprehensive and Sustainable Solutions

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General Information

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Classification

SDG Goal: 16. Peaceful and inclusive societies

Project Details

Background
Palestinian Gatherings represent one of the most vulnerable and marginalized host communities in Lebanon. The 140,000 host and new Palestinian refugees live in dire conditions that have long existed in the gatherings, marked by poverty and inequality; lack of service provision; run-down physical environments; and limited access to jobs and income generation opportunities. This situation has been leading to increased tensions and conflicts in the gatherings, undermining stability and promoting relapse to violence and risky behaviors.

Building on on-going efforts of UNDP in Palestinian gatherings in Lebanon, the project will seek to strengthen the resilience of the forty-two Palestinian gatherings host communities through enhancing living conditions. The project will focus on providing adequate WASH services and facilities; promoting healthier physical environments through neighborhood upgrading projects; and avoiding youth risky behavior through community and livelihood initiatives. This shall be carried out using a participatory approach that would bring various actors together and invest in building relationships and capacities of local actors.

This Project, as a component of the broader UNDP Stabilization and Recovery Programme, is anchored in key Governmental and International instruments responding to the impact of the Syria crisis, including the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP).

Achievements & Expected Results

Expected Outputs:
Output 1: Provide environmentally and economically sustainable WASH services at community level in the gatherings.
Output 2: Improve environmental and structural conditions of shelter units in the gatherings.
Output 3: Promote inclusive and safer environments in the gatherings through comprehensive neighborhood upgrading interventions.
Output 4: Improve hygiene conditions for host and new refugee communities in the gatherings.
Output 5: Reduce youth risky behaviors in the gatherings through livelihood interventions.
Output 6: Develop a national coordination and planning platform for response and development in Palestinian Gatherings.

Issues & Difficulties
- Volatile security situation in some gatherings, especially in Saida and North Lebanon.
- Restrictive and time consuming security measures especially in camps' Adjacent Areas.
- Illegal status of land that hinders or delays some interventions especially those related to the built environment.
- Weak governance structures inside the gatherings and with concerned local authorities.