Institutional Strengthening Project for the Implementation of Montreal Protocol in Lebanon (Phases VII - IX)
Project 00077655

### General Information

**Short Title:** National Ozone Unit (IS VII - IS IX)
**UNDP Programme/Portfolio:** Environment & Energy
**Geographic Coverage:** Lebanon
**Project Status:** Ongoing
**Start Date:** 01 April 2011
**Expected End Date:** 31 December 2017
**Implementing Agency:** Ministry of Environment (MoE)
**Last Updated:** 02 August 2016

### Classification

**MDG Goal:** 7. Ensure environmental sustainability

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### Target Groups /Beneficiaries

- Government of Lebanon
- Public at large

### Project Details

#### Background

Lebanon is committed to the complete phase-out of ODS in accordance with the Montreal Protocol control schedule. Lebanon ratified the Vienna Convention and the Montreal Protocol in March 1993. Since the per capita consumption of ODS in Lebanon was less than 300 gm, Lebanon was classified as a country operating under Article-5(1) of the Montreal Protocol and therefore became eligible to receive assistance from the Multilateral Fund (MLF) in order to meet its obligations under the MP. Lebanon received financial assistance from the MLF for the development of a Country Programme and the development of a national strategy for phase-out of ODS in accordance with the milestones applicable to Article 5(1) countries. Lebanon’s CP was completed with the assistance of the UNDP in 1994. The Executive Committee (ExCom) to the Multilateral Fund subsequently approved the Lebanon CP in its 19th meeting in May 1996.

The National Ozone Unit is the National Office responsible for coordinating, monitoring and implementing all Montreal Protocol Activities including ODS Phase-out in Lebanon. The objective of the National Ozone Unit is to assist the Ministry of Environment in the effective and efficient phase out of ODS, the adoption of policies and regulations, monitoring procedures, and overseeing the projects and programmes specified in the country programme in order for the government to meet their commitments under the Montreal Protocol.

#### Achievements & Expected Results

**Objective 1:** Adoption/implementation of ODS legislation and regulation to control and monitor ODS consumption.
- Enforcement of the amended ODS Licensing Decree
- Monitor & evaluate the legislations put in force
- Complete control on the importation / exportation sector
- Maintain the enforcement of the amendments

**Objective 2:** Efficient and timely data collection and reporting
- Update the Database application of ODS users /consumption/ importation in the country
- Submit reports to the Ozone Secretariat & MLF Secretariat under the NPMP and the ISP contexts
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**Objective 3:** Consultations and coordination with other national agencies/stakeholders
- Strengthening the institutional capacity; build an information / network among different agencies & Bilateral
- Strengthening the institutional capacity and network between MoE & the industrial sector Governmental and Non-Governmental authorities

**Objective 4:** Supervision of timely implementation of phase-out activities and reduction in ODS consumption
- Terminal phase-out management plan implementation
- HCFC phase-out management plan preparation/implementation
Objective 5: Awareness raising and information exchange
- Increase of the awareness on the knowledge of the ozone depletion problem (focusing on the HCFCs issues) at the national level: Academic, Industries, Technicians, Children, Stakeholders
- Identify resources for producing awareness materials (Industrial & Private Sector)

Objective 6: Regional cooperation and participation to Montreal Protocol meetings
- Successful implementation of HPMP Phase-I activities through the coordination with the UNEP ROWA CAP team
- Participate in all major international meetings and conferences as necessary (ExCom, ImpCom, OEWG, MOP)

Issues & Difficulties