

SITUATION ANALYSIS

The past two months have seen significant progress in the results of the sector in all its different areas of work, as well as a remarkable increase in number of partners active in livelihoods (19 for September and October – the highest number to date),.

Partners notably supported 14 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (4 in Akkar and 10 in Mount Lebanon) through counseling, business plan development, and support in preparing a micro-grant application for up to \$3,000, to address a specific need or offer a new service/product. In addition, 10 entrepreneurs benefitted from business management training.

Progress in the areas of support to value chains are also finally evident, with two interventions completed to strengthen the potato and green leaf value chain in the Akkar region: the first one focused on promoting internship opportunities for youth within the agriculture sector and expanding the Ministry of Agriculture – Technical Education department network of partnerships with key stakeholders in areas of vocational training and agriculture; and the second linked relevant Lebanese actors with a large Dutch supplier so as to enlarge export opportunities. Other interventions by partners to address the weakest links in the tomato and goat herder value chains in Bekaa as well as the handicraft value chain in Akkar are also well underway. The former is expected to benefit up to 270 Lebanese farmers through cooperatives.

In the area of rapid-income generation, progress of the sector has also been spectacular, with more beneficiaries in the last two months than since the beginning of the year. Overall, labour-intensive projects completed by partners led to the creation of nearly 27,000 workmen days and contributed to the rehabilitation of infrastructures in 19 new villages in the most vulnerable cadastres. It should also be noted that 35% of beneficiaries in the last two months were women, a sign that partners are diversifying their activities to offer opportunities to both genders.

FUNDING

(in Million \$)

Original **176**

Revised **156**

Received **22**

PEOPLE

(In Need/Target)

700,000 (People in Need)

242,536 (People Targeted)

PARTNERS

18 in Lebanon

partner per area

- 10
- 6 - 9
- 5
- 1 - 4

