



## BML Livelihoods Sector Working Groups Meeting - Minutes

BML Livelihoods WG Minutes of Meeting			
<b>Name</b>	Livelihoods WG / Coordination Meeting	<b>Meeting Date</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023
<b>Meeting Location</b>	Teams	<b>Meeting Time</b>	10:00 am till 11:00 am
<b>Chairperson</b>	Marianne Al Haibe/ UNDP Amir Mounif / MoSA	<b>Meeting Duration</b>	1 h
<b>Minutes Prepared By</b>	Marianne Al Haibe / UNDP		
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<b>Meeting Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Welcome and Introductions</li> <li>-Livelihoods National Updates: BML End-of-Year Results</li> <li>-Foreseen Funding Gaps</li> <li>-Field Updates</li> <li>-AoB</li> </ul>		

### Summary of Discussion Points

<b>I.</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction:</b>
	The meeting started with a round of introductions for all attending partners.
<b>II.</b>	<b>Livelihoods National Updates and BML End-of-Year Results</b>
	Refer to Annex 1
<b>III.</b>	<b>Foreseen Funding Gaps</b>

	<p><b>ADRA:</b> The donor is looking forward to implementing a food-related Livelihoods project in Beirut and Mount Lebanon as they are in the third phase of providing assistance through the food E-Card project that started after the Beirut Blast. They are currently looking into gaps to respond to them.</p> <p><b>Makhzoumi Foundation:</b> Crunch in their liquidity. Might be a challenge in Q2 and/or Q3.</p> <p><b>DCA:</b> As summer is coming it is appreciated to work on solar panels.</p>
<b>VI.</b>	<b>Field Updates</b>
	<p><b>Nusaned:</b> -The project in partnership with UN-Women (details below) and will include a CfW component. 120 women will be targeted in this program where 20 women will be working in operations and 100 will work in sales. -In December 2022 they finished a program targeting shelter-related topics in partnership with Care and funded by AFD where they were training women in three male-dominated sectors. They intend to replicate this in Nabaa targeting displaced Syrians. This is still a proposal for now and they are waiting for funding. -Nudawer is an ongoing Social Stability project with a Livelihoods component where they are working with local vendors in exchange for vouchers in Mar Mkhayel and Gemayze where local vendors would exchange their recycled material and redeem them in points that could be exchanged with local vendors. -Facing general challenges regarding Sayrafa vs Dollar value. They are applying for a project on training women-led Households and vulnerable women on topics related to repairing (carpentry, electric repair, etc.). They are aiming in targeting circularity. Outreaching women to work in the male-dominating sector is challenging for them. They are open to referrals from interested women.</p> <p><b>Farah Social Foundation (FSF):</b> Last month started implementing their new Salam project – they will present it in the upcoming BML WG. The project is in Beirut and the surrounding area among the Caledonian community. Aims to strengthen and promote the social and economic inclusion of members in the Beirut area as they are aiming to improve the living conditions of targeted beneficiaries. They are delivering Vocational Training activities for 125 youth and women refugees (Iraqis and Syrian) on soap making where at the end of the training women will receive start-up kits.</p> <p><b>Basmeah and Zeitooneh (B&amp;Z):</b> Implementing 3 projects in BML. The first project has already started in partnership with SIF and AFD in Chatila Camp and Nabaa where they are delivering Life Skills, Career Counseling, TVET, and MSMEs Support. The second project will be launched next week with Expertise France where they will be delivering CfW and NMSMEs support in Chatila Camp. The third project is an ongoing project in B&amp;Z which is dairy production where they created 6 factories for 60 women to enhance their dairy products and will later hand the women those facilities in Karantina and Burj Hamoud.</p> <p><b>INJAZ:</b> No activities in Beirut and Mount Lebanon – Their activities are in North and Bekaa.</p> <p><b>Bloom:</b> Two ongoing projects, generally targeting MSMEs in the MENA region generally. The first project is called Hear Me Now, targeting women-led social enterprises in the MENA region and Africa. Three of the supported enterprises are in Lebanon and some of them are in Beirut. Last month, they invited all their teams to a retreat and networking event in Dubai which included training and mentorship support. They also provided teams with funding.</p>

The second project includes supporting 11 enterprises from Lebanon.  
Last month they provided enterprises with training and mentorship support in areas relevant to their needs.

**LNE:**

Planning to launch a Vocational Training center in Jounieh for Lebanese and Syrians with BBW group in Germany. They are in the last planning phases and are planning to launch the project in September if funding has been secured.

**UNOPS:**

Not implementing Livelihoods programs at the time being.

**ADRA:**

No activities in BML at the time being. Identifying needs to decide accordingly if they will work in BML.

**NRC:**

Youth program: they have now three centers in Burj Hamoud, Sin EL Fil, and Tariq El Jdideh providing skills training to migrants, displaced, and host communities. Delivering vocational training and soft skills for youth between 18 and 30 years old on embroidery, soap making, English skills, and computer classes. They are also delivering Vocational Training in construction management, tiling, waterproofing, carpentry, and electrical wiring.

**Jafra Foundation:**

In Ain EL Helwe camp they are implementing a food production activity as a CfW program for Lebanese, Syrian, and Palestinian women. Offering 7 USD per day. Food items produced are packed and delivered to other vulnerable women.

In Hamra, they have a learning center for Lebanese, Syrians, and Palestinians where they are delivering courses on NGO management, bakery, solar panel, journalism, and graphic design.

**Caritas:**

Under the ASE project, they are working on empowering Lebanese and Syrian youth from 18 to 30 years old. In Mount Lebanon, they are working in Jbeil and Furn El Chebbak. The first cycle of the project started, and the second cycle will start in March. They will outreach youth for cycle 2 by posting on their social media pages. The project is providing soft skills and TVET training in three sectors: ICT, Agriculture, and construction. They will also help graduates find jobs. If they already have businesses, they will help them to grow their jobs. A new sewing project will be launched soon in Antelias and Furn El Chebak for men and women.

**DCA:**

Two TVET projects in BML in partnership with Amel and Fraternity NGO (Al Burj Camp).

**UN-Women:**

A new community kitchen will open in Beirut at the beginning of April in partnership with Arcenciel.

In partnership with Nusaned, they are piloting a program of manufacturing sanitary pads in Burj Hamoud and they faced challenges in the shipment of machines as they were not available in Lebanon and had to ship them from India. They are now in process of installing the machines.

**Dorcas-Tabitha:**

No major updates. Their livelihoods project in the Beirut blast area is still ongoing till October. They are also delivering sewing training for women in their community center in Achrafieh and are supporting youth technicians with in-kind support.

**ShafaQ:**

No updates.

	Partners are invited to add their upcoming projected activities to the following link: <a href="#">Annex 2. BML LH and SoST 2023 Plans - Google Sheets</a>
<b>VII.</b>	<b>AOB</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Activity Info reporting and Service Mapping updates.</li> <li>- Next Beirut and Mount Lebanon Livelihoods Working Group will be on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2023 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am.</li> </ul>