



BALADI Program Round 1 of projects - 2012

Applicant	Detailed description	Main Partners	Estimated USAID In-kind Assistance
Municipality of Saida	<p>Promoting Sports as a Tool to Build Linkages between Various CSOs' project will provide low-income groups in the city of Saida in South Lebanon with access to sports through the rehabilitation and extension of the existing Saida stadium. It will also provide a space for interaction between community members from diverse backgrounds. The project will give women an equal opportunity to practice sports and will benefit 2,400 people per year. It will build linkages between various local CSOs to advance local development. With BALADI support, the municipality of Saida will expand and rehabilitate a section of the existing Saida Stadium to include mini-football and basketball courts, a playground area, an aerobics studio and a cafeteria area. The municipality has partnered with 12 relevant local NGOs and clubs that will play a prominent role in the implementation and sustainability of the project. The partners will be responsible for promoting the facility and conducting activities aimed at increasing community participation in public services and fostering collaboration with the local government. The project also includes a series of sports activities that will be implemented in the new facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-Right To Play Organization 2-Ard Toufoula – Shajar w Bashar Association 3-Al Ahli Club Saida 4-Hariri Sports Complex 5-Rafic Hariri High School Sports Club 6-Al Fityan Sports Club 7-AL Zohor Sports and Social Club 8-Ain El Helweh Sports and Social Club 9-Old Saida Sports and Social Club 10-Sirop Sports and Social Club 11-Al Wastani Sports and Social Club 12-MJK Development & Construction Corporation 	\$189,161.00

Municipality of Barouk-Freydis	<p>"Promoting Sustainable Tourism in the Chouf Region" project will promote sustainable tourism in the Chouf region through developing hiking sites that present natural and historic attractions and activities in an eco-friendly manner. The project will also improve the livelihoods and quality of life of the local community and will provide them with employment opportunities.</p> <p>With BALADI support, the Municipality of Barouk-Freydis will build on the famous touristic nature of the Chouf region and will establish a hiking trail in the Barouk region. The trail will pass by the tomb of Rashid Nakhle, the writer of the Lebanese National Anthem and will be called after his name "The Rashid Nakhle Trail". The tomb is part of an existing building that will be rehabilitated to include a library for Nakhle's works and a space for cultural activities. A google-based map will be created for the trail. The project also includes the establishment of a recreational area that will host summer festivals and fairs.</p>	1-Chouf Cedar Reserve 2- Saad Al Safa Sports Club 3-Agricultural Cooperative of Barouk 4-Asdiqa' Al Biala Al Khadraa Association 5-Committee of commemoration of Rashid Nakhle 6-Government Dispensary of Barouk 7-Al Arz Al Khaled Company	\$161,570.00
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<p>Union of Municipalities of Jezzine</p>	<p>Strengthening of Targeted Agricultural Value Chains' project will provide technical assistance, a cold storage facility, equipment, logistical support, and market linkages between farmers and buyers in the region of Jezzine. It will support the expansion and strengthening of targeted agricultural value chains and improve the livelihoods of farmers, their capacities and their economic development. The project will also provide employment opportunities for the local community including women. With BALADI support, the Union of Municipalities of Jezzine will establish an agricultural center that provides consultancy and capacity building activities to the local farmers to improve the productivity and profitability of agriculture in the region. The center will include a cold storage and a packaging area that will help unifying the brand of Jezzine products “Min Jezzine”, as well as maximizing the quality of the produced products. The project will engage a number of farmers (more than a 1,000 in training and services), youth (100) and women (training) as beneficiaries. The project topics include sustainable and value added agriculture, agriculture techniques, farm management, etc.</p>	<p>1-White Land Foundation</p>	<p>\$250,000.00</p>
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<p>Municipality of Abra</p>	<p>Supporting Youth Development Through Vocational Training' project will provide youth of Abra with a space to interact through the expansion of the municipal library and the rehabilitation of the public square. The project will also support youth development through providing them with vocational training and will include a job placement office that will help youth find jobs.</p> <p>With BALADI support, the municipality of Abra will expand its existing municipal library, establish a playground for children in the municipal building and rehabilitate the village main square. The square will be equipped with benches, road signs, WIFI and a cafeteria and will act as an assembly space which will encourage youth to interact. The library will include a computer training center and will host vocational training for 60 school dropouts from Abra and neighboring villages. The project also includes the establishment of a job placement office within the municipal building to help the trained youth find jobs.</p>	<p>1- Qadmous Club, Abra 2- Midade Movement 3- Social Movement</p>	<p>\$225,922.00</p>
<p>Municipality of Sour</p>	<p>The project aims at reviving the handicrafts sector in the region of Sour through the establishment of a permanent center for the handicrafts. The center will provide skills development training for school dropouts and housewives adding value to the tourism industry in the region, and providing employment opportunities to youth and women.</p> <p>With BALADI support, the municipality of Sour will establish and equip a traditional handicraft facility that will also be a training and display center. The project aims at engaging women, youth and people with disabilities in a series of trainings to be able to produce handicrafts. The types of handicrafts include glassblowing, ceramic, pottery and artisanal works. The produced handicrafts will be sold in the center as well as in Sour's traditional market and during exhibitions.</p>	<p>1- Mosan Day Care (Rural Development Association) 2- Khadamati Office</p>	<p>\$168,220.00</p>

Municipality of Qosaybeh	<p>Facilitating Continued Local Dialogue through Public Space' project will provide a much-needed public space in the village of Qosaybeh where people can interact. It will provide recreational areas for children to develop their skills and improve the livelihoods of the local community. The project will also provide employment opportunities to the local community.</p> <p>With BALADI support, the municipality of Qosaybeh will establish a public park and a multi-purpose cultural center. The municipality has partnered with two local NGOs and will form a committee of 30 youth volunteers that will be trained to be able to design activities for the center after the end of the project. The center will include a low-cost library with internet access and computers while the park will be equipped to host cultural events and weddings.</p>	<p>1- Social and Cultural club 2- Qosaybeh Sports Club</p>	\$199,384.00
Municipality of Khinchara	<p>The 'Droubna' project will develop environmental space and cultural heritage. The project consists of eight trails that enable visitors to explore the culture and heritage as Khinchara is an area rich in springs, small museums and churches. Its purpose is to educate the visitor, to provide funds for ecological conservation, to directly benefit the economic development of local communities, and to foster respect for culture and heritage of the village. The project will create 60 job opportunities to residents of Khinchara El-Jwar and surrounding villages, promoting for new business opportunities at the local level.</p>	<p>Partner1: Al Karaoun Municipality Partner2: "Salam" for Community Development and Dialogue</p>	\$237,135.00

Municipality of Kahale	<p>Establish a public park and a touristic point of attraction which includes rehabilitating the traditional water mill. The “Restoration of Water Mill Village Heritage” project will provide citizens a place of tourism and recreation in a green expanse for children to play, and will include a shop for housewives and citizens of village to market their agro-processing products. The project will include also a theater to hold concerts and weddings. project is an ecotourism project which involves visiting the site of the cultural heritage of Kahale village. The pivot of the project is the old water mill which is a historic site and requires renovation. The project will provide a public area for festivals and events, as well as a shop for women to market their homemade agro-processing products. The project is an advocate for environmental, economic and social responsibility. Five job opportunities will be created. 50 women will have the opportunity to sell their processed products.</p>	Partner1: TATWEER NGO	\$247,821.00
Municipality of Kawkaba	<p>Establish a rural tourism venue composed of seven lodging units, and touristic restaurant and point of sale for rural products. The “Model Village” project will enhance the touristic movement of the village and enhance the economic status of farmers and women, housewives in specific. The Model Village project of the Municipality of Kawkaba aims to be a sustainable rural community that is able to generate and maintain the resources necessary to improve its level of citizens without depleting economic, social and environmental values. It aims at engaging rural communities in the development of village that enable the increase of income generation opportunities, provision of adequate services and advancement of social equality and sustainability. The project proposed by the municipality of Kawkaba is a pilot project in the region which will create three new permanent jobs and increases revenues through the commercialization of the agricultural produce.</p>	<p>Partner1: Social and Cultural Club of Kawkaba Partner2: Food Processing Cooperative for Women Partner3: Cooperative of Olive and Olive Oil Processing Partner4: Cooperative for the Agriculture Production</p>	\$250,000.00

Union of Al Bouhayra	<p>Develop a rural tourism center (River House Project) and activity area next to the Qaraoun lake, and continue to implement community water awareness. The “Litani Lee” project carries an environmental dimension by improving neglected aspects of the Litani River. The project carries a social entertainment concept that helps people in the region to participate in a free public space. The project will develop a rural tourism center (River House Project) and activity area next to Quaraoun lake and continue to implement community water awareness. It will promote environmental tourism around the Qaraoun lake through the improvement of the neglected areas around the Litani River. The project carries a social entertainment concept that helps people in the region to participate in free public spaces. The project’s main activities consist on establishing 25 environmental committees in the villages surrounding the lake, and in the creation of the Litani River House, walking and bicycle trails and a traditional food shop. Youth population from 20 villages in the Bekaa District who will benefit from training and will be part of the environmental committee. Karaoun village will benefit from a water management specialized center, that will focus on water pollution solutions in the Litani river. The center will be supported by youth groups. Women from surrounding villages will be responsible for local food production that will be marketed in the Litani River House.</p>	<p>Partner1: Al Karaoun Municipality Partner2: “Salam” for Community Development and Dialogue</p>	\$235,130.00
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Municipality of Ainata El	<p>Establishing a cold storage facility for apples and other fruits in Ainata village. 'The Cold Storage of Ainata' project aims to engage community members, local community groups and local agricultural cooperation to fight urban poverty and promote the socio economic decentralization of Baalbeck el Hermel region, and increase main income of small farmers and their families. The cold storage facility for apples and other fruits will primarily serve small-scale farmers from Ainata El-Arz and other nearby villages in the upper part of Baalbeck district. With the ability to accommodate 15,000 crates, the cold storage will open the opportunity for small farmers to capitalize their cultivated land and sell their preserved products at better prices. Over 1,300 farmers will benefit from this project, in addition to creating 15 job opportunities and promoting public private partnerships with local private distributors to expand the distribution to new markets with higher prices.</p>	<p>Partner1: The Center for Development, Democracy and Governance (CDDG) Partner2: Agricultural Coop of Ainata - Baalbeck</p>	\$249,997.00
Municipality of Ehmej	<p>"Cold storage, sorting and packaging facility for apples and other Fruits." project targets farmers in Ehmej and surrounding villages and aims at solving their marketing problems and overcoming challenges. With an overall capacity of 36,000 crates, the cold storage facility is expected to serve 40 small scale farmers. The facility will also house a sorting and packaging unit. The cold storage facility will enable small scale farmers in Ehmej and 10 surrounding villages from Jbeil and Batroun district to access cold storage services that are non-existent in these districts except on the coast. The farmers will be able to store their produce in this facility and sell them at competitive prices at off-season stages.</p>	<p>Partner: Ehmej Association for Development (Local NGO)</p>	\$250,000
Municipality of Bazbina	<p>"Improvement and Rehabilitation of the Irrigation Water Conveyance Network" project aims at rehabilitating and improving the irrigation water conveyance network in Bazbina and decrease water loss due to seepage. The provision and the conservation of irrigation is expected to enhance the agricultural productivity of 115 farmers with low and medium incomes and indirectly improve the socio-economic conditions of approximately 80 % of the resident families in Bazbina.</p>	<p>Partner 1 :The NGO (The agricultural Cooperative of Bazbina) Partner2 :The North Water Authority</p>	\$158,963

Municipality of Deir Aamar	<p>"Expanding the services of the existing Deir Aamar municipal dispensary (Deir Aamar Charity Dispensary) by establishing a blood testing laboratory" project aims at expanding the services provided to disadvantaged people at the existing Deir Aamar municipality health clinic. Currently, 24 doctors from different specialties attend the clinic and offer a variety of medical consultations at reduced fees of \$5.3. The operations at the clinic however are hindered with the absence of blood testing laboratories in the whole region and the specialists at the municipal clinic are forced to send blood samples taken from patients to Tripoli for analysis, which is around 8 km away. The availability of blood testing services is considered essential in this area especially with the presence of more than 1,300 Syrian refugees in Deir Aamar. The proposed project will help secure additional medical services to beneficiaries and is expected to benefit 600 persons in the first year and an additional 1,000 persons in the second year of operation.</p>	<p>Partner 1: Deir Aamar Youth Association for Social Development Partner 2: Future Scout in Lebanon</p>	\$124,445
Municipality of Edde	<p>The project consists of establishing an ecological adventure park on a 3,000 sqm communal land in the Bentaël Reserve in the village of Bentaël. The project aims at enhancing open-air activities and contact with Nature; contributing to the preservation of the environment; and, promoting hiking as means to good health, leisure and culture. The project which will benefit Edde and 6 surrounding villages entails the establishment of a mini garden for children who will be able to benefit from ecological and educational games on different stations, an adventure park for all ages with several outdoor games, an electronic library and ecological restrooms. The project will provide opportunities for at least 15 women SMEs and short-term work opportunities for 25 youth (women and men) who will be employed as guides and supervisors in the eco-park.</p>	<p>Partner 1: Mayor of Bihdidat – Habib Kyrillos Partner 2: Mayor of Kafer - Joseph El-Kaddoum Partner 3: Mayor of Kfoun - Jean Hawat Partner 4: Mayor of Kfarmashoun – Charbel Souaidan Partner 5: Mayor of Bentaël - Boutros El-Khoury Partner 6: Kfarmashoum National Library Partner 7: Bentaël Natural Reserve committee.</p>	\$80,770

Municipality of Jounieh	<p>The project will re-activate the port as an economic center as part of a broader development strategy for the city of Jounieh. The project comprises: a. Rehabilitating and equipping la Crie to become a centralized wholesale market; b. Equipping a cold storage space; c. Provision of workshops and training for the fishermen, women and cooperative; d. Transforming the current harbor point of sale into a station for frilling and frying fish; e. Creation of jobs for women who will handle the management and operation of the cooking station; and, f. Provision of training sessions for operators and staff in the assisted facilities. The project is expected to directly benefit 40 fishermen and their dependents. In addition, 30 youth from the local scouts club will take part in one side rehabilitation, support with awareness campaign and programs and engage in citizen responsibility awareness activities.</p>	<p>Partner 1: Ministry of Affairs and Transportation Partner 2: Fishermen Cooperative of Jounieh Partner 3: Municipality Support Bodyd Partner 4: Local Scouts youth scouts</p>	\$249,333
Municipality of Kousba	<p>The "Establishing a community public park and specifically implementing phases II and III of the existing park" project will complete 2 additional phases of an existing park in Kousba village. The works include a children’s playground, a soccer field, an outdoor events area, a cafeteria, and a lecture hall. The facility will also serve a rural point of attraction to encourage visitors and Diaspora to come to the area. The project will benefit Kousba residents and surrounding villages.</p>	<p>Partner 1: “Kousba Al Ghad” Partner 2: The Center for Development, Democracy and Governance</p>	\$243,750