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THE UNDP Lebanese Elections Assistance Project (LEAP)

started its activity in October 2012 with the main objective to strengthen the institutional capacity of the national institutions and stakeholders in terms of electoral management and administration, for the conduct of credible, periodical, transparent and inclusive elections in Lebanon.

To achieve these objectives, LEAP works closely with the Ministry of Interior and Municipalities (MoIM), which has responsibilities for electoral management, administration and overall electoral operations. The project also supports other electoral stakeholders, such as the Constitutional Council, State Council, Supervisory Commission for the Election Campaign (SCEC) and judicial bodies with responsibilities for electoral disputes, electoral campaign monitoring. In addition, the project works in close cooperation with civil society organizations active in the area of elections.

Within this context, UNDP LEAP is providing electoral technical assistance and advisory support through a multi-component approach focused on the following areas:

01 Management & Administration of Elections

02 Supervision of Election Campaigns

03 Voter Education

04 Resolution of Election Disputes

05 Women's Participation in Elections

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► MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION OF ELECTIONS

LEAP supports the MoIM in building its institutional capacity to prepare, implement and conduct electoral processes in a professional, transparent and inclusive manner. The main activities under this component include:

- ☑ Strengthening analytical capacity for policy engagement on technical electoral issues;
- ☑ Increasing the efficiency of the candidate registration and results management systems;
- ☑ Strengthening electoral officials' professional knowledge and awareness;
- ☑ Increasing access to electoral processes for persons with disabilities;
- ☑ Supporting electoral operations preparations and delivery for elections.



► SUPERVISION OF ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

The project helps build and support the capacity of the institution mandated to supervise and monitor election campaigns in an effective, transparent and credible manner. The main activities enrolled under this component are:

- ☑ Supporting the establishment and operational capacity of the supervisory body for electoral campaigns;
- ☑ Strengthening Supervisory Commission on the Electoral Campaign (SCEC) capacity to implement its mandate;
- ☑ Improving the monitory and regulatory framework for campaign supervision.



► VOTER EDUCATION

Increasing awareness on elections and its procedures through providing access to relevant information and knowledge is the main objective of this component which entails the following main activities:

- ☑ Expanding access of local stakeholders to voter education and electoral knowledge;
- ☑ Putting in place inclusive and informed processes on changes to the electoral framework;
- ☑ Promoting public participation in electoral processes;
- ☑ Developing public civic awareness campaigns including voter registration and voter education campaigns.

► RESOLUTION OF ELECTION DISPUTES

LEAP works on enhancing the capacity of the judicial bodies to perform their mandate in a credible, professional and transparent manner. The main activities under this component contain:

- ☑ Supporting a transparent, effective and accessible election dispute resolution mechanism;
- ☑ Strengthening the capacity for election dispute resolution;
- ☑ Promoting transparency and raising public awareness on the role of the Constitutional Council on election disputes;
- ☑ Increasing awareness amongst stakeholders on how to engage judicial bodies in their attempts to seek protection for their electoral rights.



► WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS

The fifth component focuses on building awareness on the relevant special measures that can be taken by the Lebanese authorities and stakeholders to promote increased representation of women in elections - as voters, or candidates or electoral officials, etc. - under different electoral systems and legislative frameworks. The main activities consist of:

- ☑ Strengthening the knowledge and awareness of women in regard to electoral participation in elections and representation in eligible positions;
- ☑ Providing a comprehensive knowledge base of the appropriate affirmative measures and policies that would enhance the participation of women in electoral processes;
- ☑ Developing knowledge products and toolkits for the effective implementation, and engage in direct initiatives to promote women as candidates and as election officials.

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