



EU resources on Gender 2013 in Lebanon and beyond



1. Bilateral - EU-funded Gender-related support to Lebanon

The EU is the main supporter of the private sector initiatives in the region including gender empowerment, which we see as the major engine for job creation and economic development. The main EU-funded initiatives in Lebanon are:

- **CAFOD-Empowerment, Employment and Advocacy: Addressing Gender Inequality for Palestinian Women Refugees in Lebanon**

On 1st January 2011, the EU Delegation to Lebanon launched the project "addressing to Inequality for Palestinian Women Refugees in Lebanon". This project is conducted for 36 months. The overall objective is to increase women's empowerment through providing women with access to skills training, employment and participation in decision making structures. The specific objective is to combat negative gender stereotyping through advocacy work at national and local level and through awareness-raising on women's rights and issues concerning domestic violence. It aims at building capacity, promote learning and information sharing with Association Najdeh (AN), CAFOD and through the gender networks AISHA and PWF Target regions: Lebanon: Bazourieh (South, Tyre caza), Khiam (Nabatieh, Marjayoun caza), Hay es Sellum (Mount Lebanon, Baabda caza).

- **OXFAM Great Britain: Promoting working with men and boys to end violence against women in the Middle East**

"Promoting working with men and boys to end violence against women in the Middle East" is a project funded by the EU Delegation to Lebanon and launched on 1st January 2011. The objective is to contribute to the efforts of civil society organisations in the Middle East in countering gender stereotypes to combat the root causes of VAW. The specific objective is to improve attitudes and practices of men and government policies to end domestic violence in the Middle East".

- **René Moawad Foundation : Improve livelihoods for underprivileged women in Lebanon**

On 1st December 2012, René Moawad Foundation launched a project to "improve livelihoods for underprivileged women in Lebanon" financed by the EU Delegation to Lebanon. This project will enhance the social and economic wellbeing of women living in rural underserved areas in North Lebanon through facilitating their access to existing services in the country. This will lead to improved economic rights for women and will also enhance their contribution to economic growth in the region.

- **CIVES MUNDI: Economically empowering vulnerable Palestinian refugees in risk of social exclusion in Lebanon**

"Economically empowering vulnerable Palestinian refugees in risk of social exclusion in Lebanon" is a project launched on 1st December 2012 by CIVES MUNDI and financed by the EU Delegation to Lebanon. It is conducted for 24 months to address the problem of economic dependence of Palestinian women refugees living in camps in Lebanon and to promote equal access and control over economic resources in order to enhance Palestinian women refugees' socio-economic rights.

- **Organización Navarra para Ayuda entre los Pueblos – ONAY : Social and economic advancement of Lebanese women in rural areas, through the development of tourism, hospitality and networks of micro-entrepreneurs**

The EU Delegation to Lebanon launched on 15th December 2012, a project entitled "Social and economic advancement of Lebanese women in rural areas, through the development of tourism, hospitality and networks of micro-entrepreneurs" which will last 30 months. It is aimed to empower women to become active agents to reduce poverty in their respective rural communities namely in three targeted cazas in Lebanon: Byblos, Bcharreh and Batroun. Through training, entrepreneurial initiatives and business networking, the action will

contribute to generating additional family income and providing better access for women to the various financing instruments available.

- **Business Incubation**

www.berytech.org



<http://biatcenter.org/>



<http://southbic.org/>



- **Facilitation of Access to Credit**

Kafalat, which is successfully providing credit guarantees to new innovative entrepreneurs

<http://www.kafalat.com.lb/>

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- **Funding of Innovation**

The Technological Innovation Center at the Industrial Research Centre, providing funding to innovative Lebanese companies and cutting-edge technologies aimed at enhancing their competitiveness (Innovation Vouchers).



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2. Regional

- **Euro-Med Gender Issues Webpage**

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<http://www.enpi-info.eu/thememed.php?subject=12>

- **Anna Lindh Foundation President: Women as central players for re-launching Regional Dialogue**

Women are driving forces for the promotion of intercultural dialogue and social change, the President of the Anna Lindh Foundation André Azoulay has underlined at a Euro-Med gathering of cultural leaders in Casablanca.

<http://www.enpi-info.eu/medportal/news/latest/31200/Anna-Lindh-Foundation-President:-Women-as-central-players-for-re-launching-Regional-Dialogue>

- **Promoting Women's & Youth Participation in Local Development Processes**



This project is implemented by the Union of Municipalities of Hermel in partnership with Tangiers in Morocco and the Provincia de Rome in Italy. The overall objective of the proposed Action is to contribute to fighting poverty and achieving sustainable economic development through the promotion of women's empowerment and gender equality. The specific objective of this initiative is to increase women's and youth active participation within local development processes through enhancing their participation into the social, economic and political spheres. Actually, the unequal participation of women in the economy hinders economic growth and does not allow equal distribution of public resources. Both Lebanon and Morocco, where this project is implemented, are characterised by a high dependency ratio. Furthermore, while population pyramids show clear predominance of youth, this age group encounters difficulties in finding qualified job. In this context, the project seeks to transfer knowledge and experience from the successful experience of the Province of Rome that developed a specific model - Women and Youth desk - offering job and vocational training orientation, counseling and business support services to unemployed youth and women. To date almost 250 women and youth in Hermel, and 250 in Tangiers have addressed the Women and Youth desk in order to receive business/career development information.

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/where/neighbourhood/regional-cooperation/irc/documents/3_lot_1_enpi_south_lebanon_en.pdf

- **EU committed to leading action to eradicate violence against women**



The European Union is committed to leading action to eradicate violence against women, *"arguably the most widespread human rights violation of our time"*, said EU High Representative Catherine Ashton in a statement to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, 25 November, 2010.

- **ENPI Info Centre feature stories on gender issues**



Women seek freedom and respect. They have been trained and empowered. Today they run small business, they manage shoe shops, they even teach aerobics at ladies' gyms. Palestinian women living in six villages throughout the West Bank were given the chance to set off on a journey of self-accomplishment.

http://www.enpi-info.eu/list_type_med.php?id_type=6&subject=12

- **Algeria: EU supports women through the promotion of local craft industry**



The European Union has funded the creation of a learning and support center for women in Algeria, through the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights. A representative of the EU Delegation to Algeria has paid a visit to the town of Remka, Ghelizane province, to enquire about the progress of the project.

<http://www.enpi-info.eu/medportal/news/latest/31252/Algeria:-EU-supports-women-through-the-promotion-of-local-craft-industry>

- **Egypt: Ashton announces four million euro boost to EU funding to support women's rights**



EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Catherine Ashton has announced €4 million of new funding for women's rights in Egypt, bringing EU support on gender equality in the country to €11 million. She announced the new funding at a speech in Cairo yesterday, to an EU conference entitled 'Egyptian Women: The Way Forward' in Cairo.

http://www.enpi-info.eu/mainmed.php?id=29770&id_type=1&lang_id=450

- **EU External Action – Euromed and Women**

Guidelines for the improvement of women's status and situation in the Euro-Mediterranean area were developed by the inclusion of specific recommendations in the Five-year work plan adopted at the Barcelona Summit of Heads of State and Government, in November 2005.

http://www.eeas.europa.eu/euromed/women/index_en.htm

- **Spring Forward for Women: EU and UN team up for new Mediterranean gender programme**

The European Commission and UN Women today launched 'Spring Forward for Women', a new joint regional programme for the Southern Mediterranean region. The programme aims to support national and regional stakeholders to empower women economically and politically in the context of the progress that has followed the Arab Spring.

<http://www.enpi-info.eu/medportal/news/latest/30650/Spring-Forward-for-Women:-EU-and-UN-team-up-for-new-Mediterranean-gender-programme>

- **EU action to protect and promote women's rights**



The EU's political will to protect and promote women's rights is evident in the Guidelines, agreed in 2008, addressing discrimination as well as violence against women.

The Guidelines on violence against women and girls and combating all forms of discrimination against them_promote gender equality, put in place effective, coordinated strategies, and address the impunity of those who have perpetrated violence against women. The document also prioritises women's rights within the EU human rights policy towards

third countries and sets out a strategy for dealing with individual cases of human rights violations.

http://eeas.europa.eu/human_rights/women/index_en.htm

- **UfM webpage – Women as Job Creators**



The Union for the Mediterranean is now targeting women as job creators, in an effort to support young women in the southern Mediterranean starting up their own business. I urge you today, all Lebanese women entrepreneurs, to make the best use and take advantage of these EU tools and networks

<http://www.enpi-info.eu>