

EU-MADAD supports WASH interventions across Lebanon with 8million USD project

WAAD (Water Access and Development) Consortium will provide 200,000 people improved access to clean water

Beirut, November 16, 2018. The EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis 'MADAD' is providing its support to the Water and Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sector across Lebanon by awarding WAAD (Water Access and Development) consortium a fund of about 8million USD to improve water and wastewater services across Lebanon. The consortium is comprised of three international humanitarian non-governmental organizations (INGOs), ACTED, Action Against Hunger and INTERSOS, which have significant experience in implementing WASH interventions in Lebanon.

Lebanon's stressed water sector is a result of decades of under-investment policies, withering infrastructure, local population growth, and the drastic influx of displaced Syrians, which has resulted in a 30% increase in the number of individuals' in-country who require access to safe water. With the aim of ensuring humanitarian assistance, sustaining development and the fostering of social cohesion, the EU Regional Trust Fund 'MADAD' has provided funding to the sector in order to alleviate Lebanon's water matters and ensure that both local and displaced populations are able to respond to their basic human needs.

WAAD is tasked with providing Lebanese communities hosting Syrian refugees with improved WASH infrastructure and facilities at community and institutional levels. All three INGO's were present in Lebanon in 2006 and returned to the country to support Lebanon's Crisis Response Plans (LCRP) in the sectors of WASH, Shelter, Protection, Health, Education, and Environment. In line with LCRP's objective of increasing the number of people in Lebanon who are accessing sufficient safe water for drinking and domestic use and who have an increased knowledge of hygiene practices, WAAD's 25 infrastructure interventions will take place in Akkar, Bekaa, North, Mount Lebanon, South and Nabatieh governorates and will benefit around 200,000 people with improved access to water.

In parallel, WAAD partners will support the Bekaa, North and South Lebanon Water Establishments with capacity building programs, and implement institutional interventions to improve WASH services in 19 schools, five health centers, and six detention centers. Through various awareness sessions and events, the project will aim to highlight the importance of messages revolving around water conservation, water pollution, illegal connections and subscriptions in order to impact behavior, promote sustainability, and activate members of the community.

EU MADAD Trust Fund is supporting more than 23 projects in Lebanon in different sectors including basic education, livelihood and local development, higher and further education, health services, protection and water and sanitation. Specifically for the Water and Sanitation Services EUTF is actually financing 4 different interventions around the Country to improve access to services for Lebanese communities and Syrian Refugees.

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Notes to Editors:

WAAD: WAAD - Water Access and Development is consortium composed of ACTED, Action Against Hunger and INTERSOS, funded by the EU "MADAD" Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis. The Consortium is currently implementing a multi-country program in Jordan and Lebanon aiming at improving water and sanitation infrastructures, and enhancing the capacity of institutions and communities to manage these services in a participatory and inclusive manner. Through a multi-level approach targeting infrastructures, communities and households, the project provides a holistic response to multi-layered challenges

EU Regional Trust Fund 'MADAD': Since its establishment in December 2014, an increasing share of the EU's non-humanitarian aid for Syrian refugees and their host countries (Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey) is provided through the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis, the 'MADAD' Fund. With contributions and pledges from 22 EU Member States and Turkey, amounting to now more than €150 million, and contributions from various EU instruments, the Fund has reached a total volume of €1.5 billion to date.

ACTED: has been present in Lebanon since 2006 and implements projects to rehabilitate infrastructure, improve WASH services, and support civil society and micro-enterprises in the health, education and environment sectors. www.acted.org  @ngoACTED  @ACTEDLebanon

Action Against Hunger: has worked in Lebanon since 2006 and currently delivers emergency WASH services in the North, West Bekaa and Central Bekaa and works on WatSan infrastructure and solid waste management interventions in the South of Lebanon. www.actionagainsthunger.org

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INTERSOS: began working in Lebanon in 2006 and expanded its operation country-wide in response to Syrian Crisis. The organization works across the country in the sectors of WASH, protection, solid waste management and rehabilitation. www.intersos.org  @intersos.lebanon  @INTERSOS_Lebanon

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