

Country Brief

UN WOMEN Lebanon 2018



In 2018 UN Women worked across the **humanitarian, development, peace and security** nexus to support national efforts to accelerate the Sustainable Development Goals. UN Women worked with national actors, development partners, civil society and academia in building an enabling policy and social environment for women's empowerment, and in addressing root causes of gender inequality. This included gender-responsive service delivery interventions for Lebanese and refugee communities.

IMPACT 2018

Economic Empowerment

UN Women supported women's productivity and control over and access to economic resources (targeting Lebanese and refugees). This included: strengthened women entrepreneurs' access to markets and financial products; creation of mentorship programmes and job placements within private sector companies; the development of social enterprise business models and technical support to women led cooperatives.

Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

UN Women rolled out comprehensive referral services, psycho-social support, rights awareness-raising and prevention sessions for Lebanese nationals and refugees. This was paired with work on engaging men and boys as allies in violence prevention.

Women's Political Participation

UN Women led the development of evidence-based information on administrative measures to boost women's candidature ahead of the parliamentary elections. Capacity building, including public speaking and campaign strategies was provided for women candidates, both party-affiliated and independents. Engagement with journalists on gender-sensitive and responsive elections coverage.

Strategic Partnerships for Gender Equality

3 Academic Institutions	3 INGOs	7 Government Ministries	8 National NGOs	9 CBOs
13 Social Development Centers in 5 Regions	15 Municipalities	68 Private Sector Companies		

Women, Peace and Security

UN Women supported the development of Lebanon's first National Action Plan (NAP) on UNSCR 1325, led by the National Commission for Lebanese Women (NCLW) and in partnership with UNDP, ESCWA, UNFPA, UNIFIL and OHCHR; the NAP is a national commitment to women's inherent leadership role in reconciliation, peacebuilding and mediation. In partnership with UNIFIL in South Lebanon, UN Women supported women's engagement in conflict resolution and facilitated the creation of conflict-related early warning systems.

Policy Advocacy and Addressing Social Norms

UN Women worked with men and women to address root causes of inequalities, assess masculinities and implement community-based initiatives and dialogues that further gender equality and break down harmful stereotypes and social norms. UN Women supported national coalitions to increase advocacy on revision of laws and policies, notably child marriage and women's nationality rights which have both been submitted to parliament.

2018 REACH



15,904 women and men

directly reached with services to promote **gender equality** and address needs.



30 women leaders

engaged as local mediators.



12,124 people

reached through in community based and national actions **targeting social norms and masculinity.**



350 female candidates

supported to run for the 2018's parliamentary elections; **23 of the 86** final candidates supported.



2,429 women

Lebanese and refugees, supported through the provision concrete **employment opportunities and quality skills training**, with a focus on rural women including



450 female entrepreneurs

from under-served areas linked to **five international designers** to mentor them in the **upgrading and marketing of their products.**

616 women

placed in the private sector through job placements.



68 private sector companies

engaged in **supporting women's economic empowerment** through UN Women's job placement programme.



1,351 women and men

engaged on **eliminating gender-based violence.**



5 women-led cooperatives

established and strengthened focusing on the agricultural sector; 2 production units established.

SOCIAL DIALOGUE AND CAMPAIGNS

Half of Society, Half of Parliament

Advocacy campaign launched pre-parliamentary elections:



Over **219,300 views**; aired 1,162 times on TV.



18 Unipole billboards and **77 LED screens** across the country.

My Nationality, a Right for Me and My Family

Social media campaign '**my voice equals my right**'



24,000 interactions on Facebook. Resulting in a revised bill on women's nationality rights submitted to parliament.

#NOTBEFORE18 Campaign

An online petition calling on Lebanese politicians and MPs to support a proposed law raising the legal age for marriage.

The online advocacy campaign #Because_Iam_a_man

engaged men and boys in achieving gender equality.

The UN Lebanon BAKIRR3LAYA Campaign

(for 16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence, in partnership with NCLW)



generated **1,209,153 impressions on social media** and triggered a social discussion on violence against women.

DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS



NATIONAL PARTNERS



INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS



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