



# LEBANON NEWSLETTER

February 2022 | Vol. 2

Photo: UN Women/Lauren Rooney



# Oct-Dec 2021

In review

**Seven**  
Organizations

**26**  
Activities

**1,596**  
Participants engaged

**1,454**  
women

**120**  
Social media posts

**Three**  
workshops on  
gender responsive  
service  
interventions

**One**  
new space  
acquired for  
women and LGBTQ  
individuals

**Two**  
Women's  
Committees  
established

**Four**  
Public disaster  
management  
trainings

**Three**  
Political cafés  
organized



# Key highlights

## Partners in action

### Auberge Beity Association



#### Activities

**Four**

Public disaster management trainings

**46**

NGOs, civil society organizations and public service participants engaged

**One**

opening event to mobilize communities

#### Top update

Auberge Beity Association led on an event that gathered 100 Gemayzeh and Mar Mikhael residents, together with the police and civil defense sectors, to commemorate joining efforts to pave the way for improved disaster management, recovery and resilience efforts.



Meet Mira Kawas, a -22year-old civil defense volunteer! Who participated in the event and also in the Auberge Beity trainings.

[Watch here>>](#)

### Dar Al Amal



#### Activities

**Three**

workshops on gender responsive service interventions

**Eight**


marginalized women engaged in designing service evaluation tools

**Two**

workshops on advocacy and community mobilization

#### Top update

Dar Al Amal has led on the selection of eight women to receive training in mapping, monitoring, and advocacy for services supporting affected families following the Beirut blast.



Meet Khadija! Find out why she decided to join the eight women participating in the Dar Al Amal Project.

[Watch here>>](#)

# Key highlights

## Partners in action

### Madaynat & ONDES



#### Activities

**Seven**

Skills building workshops held

**Three**

Political cafés organized

**Two**

Women's Committees established

**1465**

participants engaged in activities

#### Top update

Madaynat and ONDES have established two women's committees in Sin el Fil and Bourj Hammoud formed of 21 members. The members have undertaken a series of trainings to better understand the needs of their communities and lobby for change.

### Haven for Artists



#### Activities

#### Top update

Haven for Artists has acquired the community space and has been working on the following:

- Space design, furnishing, equipped with solar panels, wi-fi and computers.
- Development of the space to make sure that it is inclusive, safe, and accessible to persons with disabilities.
- Communication strategy and design.

Meet Nicole Kassis! Read about her journey of self-development to become a community mobilizer after joining the community women's committee.

[Read here>>](#)



#### Stay tuned!

For updates from the Haven for Artists Space launching on the 19th February.

# Key highlights

## Partners in action

### FE-MALE



#### Activities

FE-MALE has been working on the following:

- Desk review and data collection to produce the gender media audit and bulletin.
- Consultation meetings conducted with actors involved in the Beirut Blast's relief and response work to identify the situation of women and gender equality.

#### Coming soon!

Women activists and survivors of the Beirut Blast share their stories.

### Seeds



#### Activities

Seeds has been working on the following:

- An in-depth literature review.
- Draft study Methodology, study tools and questions
- Mapping of donors

#### Happening soon!

Kicking off the data collection for the study on gender inclusive recovery.



# #WPHFSpotlight

## Impact stories

**Meet Youssef Rafiq Mallah, Head of the Beirut Regional Center Civil Defense Operations Unit.**

**Youssef has enrolled his Civil Defense team of eight women and four men to advance gender-responsive disaster management planning in cooperation with civil society members under the UN Women 'Participation in Disaster Management Accountability' Project led in partnership with the local NGO Auberge Beity.**

**“Women make up half of our society, having their voices heard in disaster response planning is vital.”**

**[Read his story >>](#)**

# Advocacy

## & Knowledge product library

### Dar Al Amal Video - Participatory approaches in health and social service institutions

Dar Al Amal developed a video on participatory approaches in health and social service institutions, which seeks to train participants on designing, implementing, and evaluating services and programmes that benefit recipients.

The video highlights the importance of ensuring the service providers engage recipients in dialogue towards solutions and development processes.

[Watch here>>](#)





**Women's Peace &  
Humanitarian Fund** 

A United Nations & Civil Society Partnership

In Lebanon, WPHF is financing women's rights and women-led civil-society organizations that are supporting women's participation in peacebuilding and recovery processes – ensuring women's knowledge, expertise, skills, perspectives and needs are acknowledged and integrated into the Beirut port explosion response.

**For more information:**

Olivia Schmitz, UN Women WPHF Project Manager | [olivia.schmitz@unwomen.org](mailto:olivia.schmitz@unwomen.org)

Hiba Abbani, UN Women WPHF Project Coordinator | [hiba.abbani@unwomen.org](mailto:hiba.abbani@unwomen.org)

**Generously supported by**

The Government of Germany



Federal Foreign Office