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Key highlights

Partners in action

Auberge Beity Association



Auberge Beity engaged partners and female leaders during a workshop on 'Good Governance,' to improve and enhance their participation in governance processes and national disaster management systems.

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Dar Al Amal



Dar Al Amal has begun to implement activities with 50 women service providers to map, assess and create open dialogue within their communities on gender sensitive interventions in areas affected by the Beirut Blast.

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Madaynat & ONDES



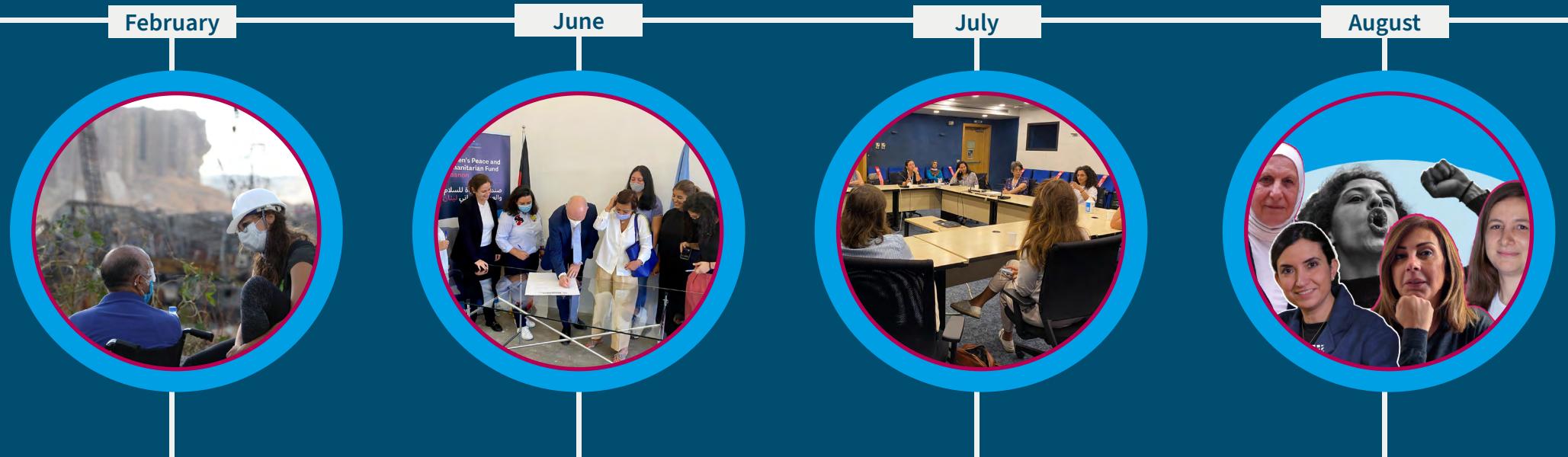
Reclaiming public spaces and sparking interactive dialogues: Madanyat and Ondes hosted an outdoor political cafe with Ghida Frangieh a Lawyer from Legal Agend to engage members of the public in a discussion around strategies to achieve justice for the Beirut Blast.

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2021 Timeline

2021 marked the launch of the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) in Lebanon. Supported by the Government of Germany, the WPHF is channelling rapid financing to local civil society organizations to enhance women's participation in the response and recovery processes in the wake of Beirut's August 2020 port explosion.



Call for Proposal

The UN in Lebanon launched a window of the WPHF, with UN Women serving as the Fund secretariat, the Call for Proposal was issued to identify partners to support women's participation in the Beirut's Port Explosion response and recovery process.

Launch

The WPHF together with the UN in Lebanon and UN Women announced the launch of six grassroots projects to enhance women's participation in the Beirut Port Explosion's response and recovery process – alongside the official launch of the WPHF in Lebanon, generously supported by the Government of Germany.

Induction highlights

Based on the needs identified in the capacity assessments, UN Women conducted various capacity building trainings for the grantees to ensure high-quality project implementation. This included trainings on operational processes, communications, monitoring and evaluation as well as reporting.

#BeirutBlast Campaign

In commemoration of the Beirut Port explosion, UN Women developed a dedicated campaign to highlight the testimonies of the six local women's rights organizations and their role in humanitarian response to the Beirut Port explosion under the WPHF.

CFP Highlights

On February 4th 2021, the UN in Lebanon launched a window of the WPHE, with UN Women serving as the Fund secretariat. Funded by the Government of Germany, with participation from the Government of Canada and the European Union, this window aims to fund small and emerging women-led or women's rights organizations from across Lebanon and seeks to compliment the work of the Lebanon Humanitarian Fund.

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Female-led organizations have played an impressive role in response to the port explosion. But all too often, female activists tell me that they struggle because demand keeps growing relentlessly as a result of rising poverty and rampant inflation.”

H.E. Andreas Kindl,
Ambassador of Germany to Lebanon



Photo: Dar Al Mussawir

Launch Highlights

On June 10th 2021, the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF) together with the United Nations in Lebanon announced the launch of six grassroots projects to enhance women's participation in the Beirut Port Explosion's response and recovery process – alongside the official launch of the WPHF in Lebanon.

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Congratulations to the six women-led organizations that will carry out a challenging, yet a much-needed and powerful mission to bring about transformative change in Lebanon,”

Najat Rochdi,
United Nations Deputy Special Coordinator,
Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Lebanon.

Seven women-led organizations

Selected organizations: Auberge Beity, Dar Al Amal, Fe-Male, Haven for Artists (HFA), Madaniyat, ONDES and, Seeds for Legal initiatives (SEEDS).

Visibility



Joint
Press release



27
Media clips



Social
media campaign



Photo: Dar Al Mussawir

Launch media campaign

27
Media clips

UN Women Lebanon, the United Nations in Lebanon, and the Government of Germany marked the launch of the WPHF in Lebanon and the selection of the six women-led grassroots organizations under the fund, through the dissemination of a joint press release and a series of social media assets, including the launch coverage.

14
Joint social media posts

Over 20,000
Impressions

Over 450
Positive engagements

72
Retweets



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Induction Highlights

In July, UN Women conducted three capacity building sessions for the grantees to ensure high-quality project implementation. This included trainings on operational processes, communications, monitoring and evaluation as well as reporting.

Four

Sessions

Seven

Organizations

31

Participants

Operational
processes

Communications
& advocacy

Monitoring
& evaluation

Reporting



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Campaign highlights

UN Women Lebanon led on an online media campaign to commemorate the first anniversary of the Beirut Explosion. The campaign featured insightful testimonies from the women-led grassroot organizations selected under the WPHF. In addition, the campaign showcased the efforts underway to provide women and marginalized groups with an opportunity to participate meaningfully in the Beirut explosion recovery efforts.

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Seven
Inspirational testimonies

47
Social media posts¹

88,000
Social media impressions/reach²

2,300
Social media enagements³

¹: UN Women Lebanon, UN Women Arabic and WPHF social media channels.

²⁻³: UN Women Lebanon and UN Women Arabic social media analytics - Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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Campaign testimonies

The campaign featured testimonies from seven women leaders under the selected WPHF women-led grassroots organizations, including Seeds for Legal initiatives (SEEDS), Haven for Artists (HFA), Fe-Male, Auberge Beity, Madaniyat and, Dar Al Amal. The testimonies were developed into a series of graphic quote cards in Arabic and English and disseminated on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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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.

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