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Quick Facts

Countries	Lebanon
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Borrower	Beirut Digital District (BDD) Talent Development Hub
Sectors	Law and Government, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Project Cost (USD)	$ 0.35 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the overall objective of the proposed project is to develop a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model for increasing access to market relevant digital skills for youth in Lebanon.\

The project has two components:

1. Component 1: Support to the SUL PPP model (US$150,000). This component will provide financial and technical support to the Beirut Digital District (BDD) Talent Development Hub, to establish the SUL PPP model. The BDD, a tech hub and community hosting about 1,500 members and 135 companies all working in the Tech industry, has been selected as the SUL anchor given its unique position in the Lebanese digital ecosystem as both provider and user of digital skills. It has established an NGO called the BDD Talent Development Hub whose objective is to close the skills gap and upskill the workforce in Lebanon with the necessary and relevant digital skills to thrive in the local and global economy.
2. Component 2: Support to Digital Skills pilots (US$200,000). This component will finance the design and implementation of five pilot digital skills programs by the BDD Talent Development Hub. This Hub will leverage the job market digest methodology and the private sector committee to ensure that the developed programs are based on the real skill needs of the digital economy sector. The training will be delivered by training providers to be selected based on a competitive process. These pilots will equip the BDD with key learnings that will feed into the subsequent development programs of the SUL. It is aimed to train between 800 and 1,000 youth through these pilots. Several options for these pilots have been developed. Suggested criteria to select the pilots are: (i) geographical coverage to cover various areas in Lebanon; (ii) select one pilot per track to include children at school, youth in universities and working or unemployed youth; (iii) possibility to conduct the course in line with health precautionary measures related to COVID-19; and (iv) reach the highest number of beneficaries.

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Bank Documents

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