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Quick Facts

Countries	Lebanon
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2022-02-22
Borrower	United Nations Human Settlements Programme
Sectors	Construction
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Project Cost (USD)	$ 12.75 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the project aims to support rehabilitation of prioritized historic housing for the most vulnerable people and to provide emergency support to creative practitioners and entities in areas affected by the Port of Beirut explosion.

The project has three components:

1. Component 1. Resilient Housing Reconstruction
    i. Subcomponent 1.1 Residential Heritage Buildings Rehabilitation. This subcomponent will finance the rehabilitation of a select number of severely damaged buildings that have been directly impacted by the blast and have not been addressed yet.
    ii. Subcomponent 1.2 Technical Assistance for Rental Support. The Rental Support subcomponent will provide: (i) support to beneficiaries (tenants and owners) of subcomponent 1.1 to achieve sustainable rental agreements; and (ii) capacity development to renters in the districts of Rmeil and Medawar for them to advocate for renters' rights and minimize eviction risk.
2. Component 2: Emergency Support for Cultural and Creative Industries (CCI) Recovery
    i. Subcomponent 2.1 Technical Support for Cultural Actors. An extensive outreach and communication campaign will be conducted to reach out to cultural entities and practitioners operating in Beirut to raise awareness about the project.
    ii. Subcomponent 2.2. Provision of Grants for Cultural Production. To access support, cultural entities and practitioners will apply for grants under component 2.
3. Component 3. Project Management. This component will ensure coordinated, effective, and efficient management of the project. It will support the overall coordination and management of the proposed activities, including, inter alia: (i) track project costs to meet the budget; (ii) develop and manage a detailed project schedule and work plan; (iii) provide project updates on a consistent basis to the World Bank task team about strategy, adjustments, and progress; (iv) manage contracts with vendors and suppliers by assigning tasks and communicating expected deliverables; (v) utilize industry best practices, techniques, and standards throughout the entire project execution; (vi) monitor progress and adjust as needed; and (vii) measure project performance using agreed upon results framework and indicators to identify areas for improvement. Under Component 3, Project Management will ensure adequate resources for implementation and monitoring of gender related activities (for instance, gender expert/focal point for UN-Habitat to support implementation and monitoring).

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