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USAID/Lebanon Strategic Program (CDCS)

Development Objective One: Improved Capacity of the Public Sector in Providing Quality Services across Lebanon

- Quality Education for Vulnerable Students in Lebanese Public Schools
- Improved Availability of Water-related Public Services for Lebanon
- Improved Governance (at the Municipal Level) in Addressing Citizens' Needs in Public Service Delivery
- Strengthened Civil Society Contributing Effectively to Participatory and Democratic Governance

Development Objective Two: Inclusive Economic Growth Enhanced

- Increased Private Sector Competitiveness
- Increased Access to Finance, Especially for Business Start-ups and Women Entrepreneurs

Will my idea or research help USAID, its implementing partners (including other donors) achieve its Development Objectives?



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Current Strategic Activities

Development Objective One:

- BALADI and BALADI-CAP (Municipalities)
- Lebanon Water Project (Water Users Associations)
- QITABI (“My Book”)
- University Scholarship Program (Public School Students)
- Lebanon Reforestation Initiative (Women and NGOs)
- Embassy Small Grants Program (Various)

Development Objective Two:

- LIVCD (Value Chain Project)
- MENA II (Start-ups and Entrepreneurism)



Working With USAID/Lebanon: Getting your Foot in the Door

- Meet Early—Start with the Program Officer
- Treat Engagement Like a Job Interview: Prepare by Understanding
 - USAID Priorities
 - USAID Mission Priorities
 - Donor Community Initiatives and Priorities
 - Political Limitations (ex. Can USAID work with the Host Government directly?)
 - Synergy and Leverage
- Seek to Understand then Present Your Ideas
- Keep it Simple—We want to help and share your ideas. Help us understand how your ideas are important.