

Mapping Study

Online database of initiatives addressing human rights violations during armed conflict in Lebanon

1) Context

Recent years have seen an upsurge in activities in the field of Dealing with the Past (DwP) in Lebanon. Today, more than 30 NGOs have taken up work and initiated projects in this field. Nevertheless, implementing organisations and activists frequently are not aware of each others' projects and rarely work together. An overview and mapping of past and present projects dealing with the past in Lebanon is missing. As a consequence, resources and projects have been developed, but remain unknown by the public and thus outputs are produced repeatedly. Beyond that, NGOs work with similar target groups but on independent projects, which in some cases creates competition and leads to weariness in the target group.

2) Our approach

In the programme area Dealing with the Past forumZFD initiates projects to improve networking activities, collaborations and discussions among civil society organisations (CSOs), scholars, politicians and relevant ministries in order to reflect on what has been done in terms of DwP and memory of war.

3) What we do

In partnership with Lebanon Support and with the support of AUB's Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Media Studies, forumZFD developed an online database on initiatives addressing war and conflicts in Lebanon since 1990. 30 organisations were interviewed and about 100 initiatives were mapped.

Screenshot of online database:

Type of Organisation	Overall Objective	Initiative's Appro	
INGO	Truth and Reconciliation	- Any -	
Target Group	Geographic Target	Launched In	Status
Youth	- Any -	- Year	- Any -

INITIATIVE'S TITLE	ORGANISATION	TYPE OF ORGANISATION	OVERALL OBJECTIVE
Peace Puzzle and Yalla Peace	War Child Holland	INGO	Truth and Reconciliation
We Want to Know -Badna Na'raf	International Centre for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)	INGO	Truth and Reconciliation
"THE WAR AS I SEE IT"	International Centre for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)	INGO	Truth and Reconciliation

Programme area	Dealing with the Past (DwP)
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The resulting online database is now easily accessible to the public on Lebanon's Support "Civil Society Knowledge Centre" (CSKC) website. It encompasses a search engine which can be used to filter initiatives by specific categories, such as type of activity, overall objective, region etc. By providing an overview and description of DwP initiatives, whether governmental or non-governmental, as well as initiatives responding to contemporary conflicts, the database serves practitioners and scholars who wish to explore the various paradigms and approaches to dealing with the past in Lebanon. By doing so, the database strengthens the collaboration between CSOs and actors in the field of DwP and creates synergies to complement each other's work.

4) Our theories of change

If we foster networking and collaboration among stakeholders to critically reflect on what has been done to deal with past and present day violence by mapping and reflecting on previous and existing initiatives, this will lead to a critical reflection on what has been done in terms of DwP in order to envision a comprehensive DwP process.

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