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Future Together Now! II (FTN II)

Supporting activists and organisations to establish and facilitate processes for conflict transformation and participatory community development in Tripoli and Baalbek

Lebanon hosts more refugees per capita than any other country in the world and the increasing number has put serious strains on social stability and the economy. In this challenging context of humanitarian efforts and development strategies, civil society is exposed to increasing tensions while facing a lack of much needed coping mechanisms. As an agent for change, civil society needs to respond appropriately to the complex dynamics and challenges in order to reach a constructive coexistence of different communities in Lebanon.

Our approach

Therefore, the project FTN II supports the Lebanese civil society to work towards improving relationships between different communities (Lebanese and Non-Lebanese) and establishing inclusive structures for conflict transformation, community development and relationship-building through community mobilising. Community initiatives by community activists (CAs) and community groups, form a key aspect and encourage the taking of responsibility for and ownership of assessing and addressing their own needs and conflicts.

What we do

Based on the experiences of Future Together Now! I (FTN I), FTN II works towards improving relationships between different communities in the Beqaa Valley (rural context) and in Tripoli (urban context). Furthermore, the project aims at establishing inclusive mechanisms for conflict transformation, social cohesion and joint decision making through commu-



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Partner Organisations	March, RDFL, Ruwwad Al Tanmeya, Shift, WeLove
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nity mobilising. In FTN II forumZFD trains, mentors and accompanies 16 CAs from five partner organisations (March, RDFL, Ruwwad Al Tanmeya, Shift, WeLove) on topics such as conflict transformation, project management, non-violent communication as well as on personal and community development. The CAs support a group from the community in planning and implement activities addressing local conflicts and needs. The implementation is monitored jointly with the partner organisations and mentored by forumZFD. Simultaneously, forumZFD, partner organisations and CAs reach out to key people in the wider community in order to carry out a consultation process to incorporate the community mobilising approach into the local context - adapted to the changing realities on the ground.

Our theories of change

If we build the capacity of CAs on being active focal points for conflict transformative activities and support them with mentoring and training, they will be empowered to develop ideas and solutions to address social cohesion on an individual and community level. Setting up inclusive and participatory community initiatives will create ownership, foster joint decision-making and trigger processes to address local needs and conflicts.

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