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Future Together Now! II (FTN II)

Establishing processes for social cohesion, joint decision-making and non-violent conflict transformation and participatory community development within communities

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. Local community initiatives are established and empowered by community activists (CAs) in the conflicting communities, taking 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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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, dialogue and mediation as well as on personal and community development. In order to apply their newly acquired skills, the CAs implement activities addressing local conflicts and needs. The implementation is monitored jointly with the partner organisations and mentored by forumZFD. Simultaneously, forumZFD and the partner organisations reach out to key and other people in the wider community of the target locations. The aim is carrying 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 ongoing coaching and mentoring, they will be empowered to address social cohesion on an individual and socio-political level within communities. 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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