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Beirut Social & Protective

Mitigating Social and Protection Issues Encountered
by Vulnerable Populations within the City of Beirut



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WHAT IS THE MUNICIPAL SOCIAL CELL?

The Municipal Social Cell (MSC) is a unit established under the Municipality of Beirut (MoB) with the aim to **mitigate social and protection issues encountered by vulnerable urban host and migrant populations within the city of Beirut**. The MSC will be working closely with different concerned parties such as local civil society organizations (CSOs), international and national non-governmental organizations (I/NGOs), social development centres (SDCs), local communities and committees within the most vulnerable neighbourhoods of Beirut to: (1) identify key social and protection challenges, (2) gather and analyze corresponding needed data, (3) propose responding solutions to the Municipal Council, and (4) implement pilot project(s) by the Municipality of Beirut or other actors.

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WHAT IS THE MAIN GOAL AND OBJECTIVES OF THE MUNICIPAL SOCIAL CELL?

The MSC's goal is to mitigate social and protection issues resulting from urban migration through enhancing targeting and active engagement of the Municipality of Beirut.

This will be done through the following main objectives:

- **Enhancing the capacity of the Municipality of Beirut** to manage and address urban migration issues.
- **Increasing municipal investments in social projects** through improved access to reliable social and protection field data.
- **Improving the well-being of vulnerable population groups** through increased municipal social interventions. This includes, but is not limited to, building community social centres, rehabilitating safe and inclusive public spaces, equipping health centres and schools, enhancing sanitation within the neighbourhoods and more.

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WHY WAS THE MUNICIPAL SOCIAL CELL ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BEIRUT?

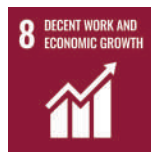
The MSC will be under the supervision of the Mayor of Beirut with the support of UN-Habitat, to **enhance and ensure the engagement and commitment of the Municipality of Beirut** in addressing social and protection issues encountered by vulnerable host and migrant populations living within the city.

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WHAT IS THE STRUCTURE OF THE MUNICIPAL SOCIAL CELL?

The MSC unit is comprised of social workers and community mobilizers.

- **The community mobilizers** are responsible for liaising with representative focal persons from local communities in the field to gather data on issues encountered by vulnerable population groups.
- **The social workers** are responsible for coordinating with the community mobilizers and local communities to analyze and collect data that informs the development and implementation of capacity building and awareness raising activities.



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WHAT ARE THE MAIN TASKS/FUNCTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL SOCIAL CELL?

- **Identify local “antennas”** comprising of community representative focal persons, CSOs, (I)NGOs, SDCs and others in the selected neighbourhoods who will liaise with the Municipality of Beirut to exchange data on migration needs and emerging issues.
- Liaise with the identified local “antennas” to have **access to reliable data**, including previously collected data by partners within targeted communities.
- Agree with community representative focal points on **division of tasks** to ensure relaying priority issues to the municipality in a timely manner.
- Propose a list of **priority interventions** to the Municipality of Beirut based on the feedback from the field and findings from collected and analyzed data.
- Verify, through field visits, that the **identified recovery interventions** are in line with social rights and protection of host, refugee and migrant communities.
- **Conduct awareness raising and capacity building trainings** with local authorities and relevant stakeholders in protection and social issues.
- **Monitor and evaluate** the implementation of the priority intervention(s) funded by the Municipality of Beirut or other actors.

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