

# Beirut Housing Rehabilitation and Cultural and Creative Industries Recovery

## Objective

The project aims to support the rehabilitation of prioritized historical housing for the most vulnerable people and to provide emergency support to creative practitioners and entities in the cultural sector in the areas heavily affected by the Beirut Port explosion.

## Implementing agency

The United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)



## Funding source

The Lebanon Financing Facility administered by the World Bank

## Project duration

33 months – February 2022 until December 2024

## Project budget

US\$12.75 million

## Project components and subcomponents

### Component 1. Housing recovery (US\$8.28 million)

- Subcomponent 1.1: Residential housing rehabilitation
- Subcomponent 1.2: Technical assistance for rental support

### Component 2: Emergency support for Cultural and Creative Industries (CCIs) recovery (US\$1.95 million)

- Subcomponent 2.1: Technical support for cultural actors
- Subcomponent 2.2: Provision of grants for cultural production



## Targeted beneficiaries

160 households residing in heavily damaged buildings  
85 CCLs practitioners  
65 CCLs entities

## Key outputs

31 residential buildings of heritage value are rehabilitated  
150 CCLs are supported through grants

## The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

Oversees the overall implementation of the project and informs national strategic discussions on housing and CCLs sectors. In addition to UN-Habitat, the TAC comprises the Municipality of Beirut (Governor and Mayor), Directorate General of Antiquities, Public Corporation for Housing, Order of Engineers and Architects in Beirut (OEA), Lebanese Armed Forces Forward Emergency Room (LAF/FER), UNESCO, and representatives from the civil society.



## Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

A GRM will be established allowing communities and individuals who believe that they are adversely affected by the project to submit complaints through the GRM. The mechanism ensures that complaints received are promptly reviewed in order to address project-related concerns.

## Implementation modality

### Component 1: Housing recovery will be implemented through:

- NGO to support in reaching out to tenants (owners and renters)
- Engineering consultancy firms to develop the design of eligible buildings
- Experienced local contracting firms to conduct the reconstruction works

### Component 2: Emergency support for CCLs will be implemented through:

- NGO to support in reaching out to CCLs and in coaching them to develop their proposals
- Money transfer company to disburse grants to eligible CCLs
- Grant Approval Committee (GAC) comprises experts from different cultural and creative sectors

## Partners and stakeholders

Municipality of Beirut  
Directorate General of Antiquities  
Public Corporation for Housing  
OEA  
LAF/FER  
Moukhtars  
CSOs including universities  
Communities



## Third party monitoring

A third party monitoring entity will be contracted by the World Bank to monitor the project, conduct verifications and provide fiduciary assurance for all activities implemented under this project.

The Lebanon Financing Facility (LFF) is a multi-donor trust fund administered by the World Bank to kickstart the immediate socio-economic recovery of vulnerable populations and businesses affected by the Port of Beirut explosion of August 2020 and to support the Government of Lebanon catalyze reforms and prepare for medium-term recovery and reconstruction. The LFF is kindly supported by Canada, Denmark, the European Union, France, Germany and Norway.

