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AUB successfully contributes to D-RASATI project

Over the past three years AUB, through the Office for Regional External Programs (REP), was engaged as a major partner in Developing Rehabilitation Assistance to Schools and Teacher Improvement (D-RASATI); one of the largest Education project in the Arab world. Funded by the United States Agency for Development, D-RASATI aimed at supporting the development of the public education sector in Lebanon.

Between 2010 and 2013 AUB provided expertise to develop and implement a series of trainings targeting secondary public schools teachers and trainers in the aim of strengthening public education. Led by Dr. Saouma BouJaoude, Professor at the Faculty of Education and Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning, AUB’s technical contribution in the project has managed to make quite a difference in the Lebanese public education sector. A series of training activities was conducted on Teaching Methods, Teacher Learning Circles and Subject-Matter Hubs. The three trainings that took place at AUB targeted the same group of trainers from the Center for Educational Research and Development (CERD) and the Ministry of Education and Higher Education (MEHE) who, in their turn, are now expected to convey the knowledge and skills they have acquired to the wider public sector by training public schools teachers. In addition to training implementation, AUB team developed relevant manuals that were submitted to the Ministry of Education and Higher Education for future use.

Moreover a nation-wide series of training workshops on the use of Laboratory Equipment in secondary public schools was conducted between September and November 2013. A group of AUB professors implemented a total of 44 workshops in seven different Lebanese regions reaching more than 770 public schools teachers and expanding the university’s reach from Beirut to Saida, Jounieh, Nabatieh, the Bekaa Valley, North Lebanon and Akkar. 18 teacher manuals and 18 student manuals were developed in both English and French to cater for the use of laboratory equipment within grades 10, 11 and 12 curriculums in Biology, Physics and Chemistry.
A group of trainees in West Hall with Dr. BouJaoude and Ms. Osman during the workshop on TLCs – January 2013

Dr. Nada Sinno leading a group of trainees during one of workshops on Biology Laboratory Equipment use