

Food Security and Economic Resilience

Reducing Vulnerability of Syrian Refugees and Lebanese, in Lebanon” (March 2017 – Sept. 2017) (Funded by Near East Foundation - NEF)

Under the project “Reducing Vulnerability of Syrian Refugees and Lebanese in Lebanon” in collaboration with the Near East Foundation, ESDU will build the skills of around 170 Syrian refugees and Lebanese to support the development of home-based productive activities or small businesses related to agricultural productive activities and food processing. The areas of intervention are spread between (1) Minie and Berqayel (North Governorate); and (2) Taanayel (Bekaa Governorate).

A set of interactive training workshops will be delivered between May and September 2017 and will cover the following topics: Food Safety; Production of soft cheeses; Catering Services; Sun drying of Vegetables, Fruit & Herbs and Recipe Standardization & Labeling. The 1st workshop was launched in Berqayel, Akkar where an enthusiastic group of 25 Syrian & Lebanese women were trained to help them develop home-based production lines of sweets, cheeses, mouneh etc.



Building the Food Security and Economic Resilience of Syrian Refugees and Vulnerable Members of their Host Communities in Beirut/Lebanon- Sept. 2015 - Dec. 2016 (Funded by Near East Foundation - NEF)

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Within the framework of the project “Building the Food Security and Economic Resilience of Syrian Refugees and Vulnerable Members of their Host Communities in Beirut/Lebanon” in collaboration with NEF and YMCA, the Environment and Sustainable development Unit (ESDU) is leading the urban agriculture (UA) component. Simple, yet efficient UA kits have been designed to grow vegetables and herbs on the balconies and roofs of the old buildings of 150 families in Bourj Hammoud, Nabaa and Dawra areas, which will contribute to the food security of the poor families living there. Workshops are being prepared and delivered to the selected participants and planting kits as well as composting units made with recyclable materials are being distributed to them.

Families with low income are participating in this project.



ESDU team of agricultural engineers conducts the house assessment, prepares and delivers the workshops, designs the kits and installs them in the households.

