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UPDATE 1

This multi-level dialogue project, working on three tracks/ work packages, includes the formation of Neighborhood Committees (NC) in the four areas of Lebanon selected for intervention (shown in the side map). These areas have witnessed various conflicts in the wider Lebanese crisis context (please refer to the inception report for more info on the selection criteria). With a focus on local-level dialogue and cooperation initiatives, the NCs include representatives from civil society organisations, community activists, the cultural and business sector, local administrative memers and local-level political actors. Their main deliverable will be the selection and implementation of four service delivery projects for social cohesion.



The NCs were formed in 2022, then a call for proposals was published soliciting project ideas from each region within a €20,000 budget. A participatory approach was followed to bring communities together to evaluate their immediate needs, select the initiatives, and then to oversee their implementation. This local participatory approach was necessary due to the absence of state resources as a result of

nation-wide financial collapse. To facilitate this, the Berghof Foundation planned a capacity building process to support the integration of local actors and develop their capacity to achieve the goals of their projects. The first meeting in focused on discussions around the Berghof Foundation's approach to conflict transformation, the details of project implementation, and expected roles and responsibilities of everyone involved.

The most recent meeting went into further detail, acclimatising the members to dialogue formats and anti-corruption strategies, as well as standards of ethics and the rule-of-law in the public domain. This aimed to promote a culture of accountability to ensure the project goals were achieved according to best-practises and hence suitable for national scale-up.



There are roughly 80 projects being evaluated for funding, with four per region to be selected by the beginning of November. Project implementation will begin shortly after selection.