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Photo: The USAID-funded Community Support Program (CSP) installs new LED lights in the streets of Beirut to replace the damaged ones following the August 4 explosion.

Community Support Program in Lebanon

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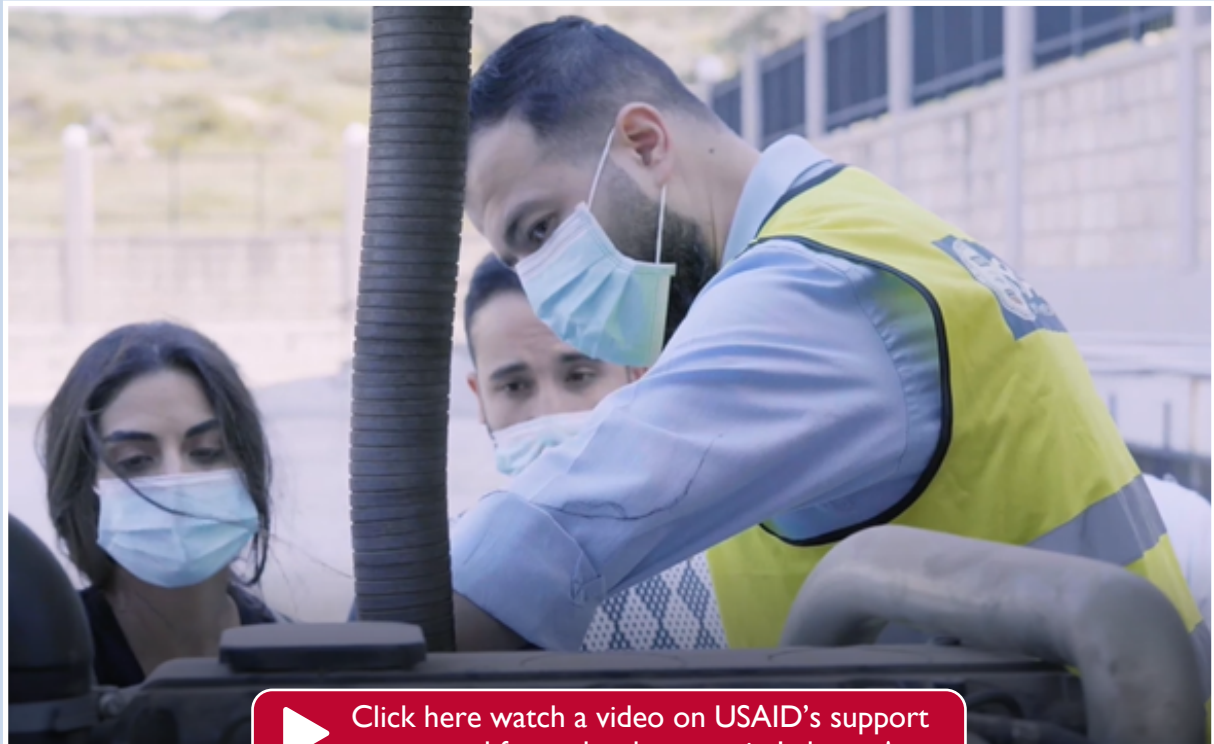
Repairs of Damaged Public Streetlights in Beirut are Underway!

The blast at the Port of Beirut on August 4, 2020, destroyed basic infrastructure including most of the area's street lighting, leaving residents feeling insecure and vulnerable to crime after sundown. In response, USAID's CSP is supplying and installing 500 LED streetlights to replace the destroyed or damaged sodium lights. This month, CSP had so far installed 117 streetlights, pending a second batch of shipment that will arrive to Lebanon in mid July. This intervention is expected to be completed by the end of July 2021 and will benefit around 56,400 people.

"Amidst the unprecedented devaluation of the Lebanese Lira, we were not able to repair all damages caused by the explosion. These types of streetlights are not available locally and we cannot afford to import them. Without USAID's assistance, the streets in our city would have remained unlit," said Ghassan Elias, Beirut Municipal Engineer.

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USAID Enhances Access to Quality Technical and Vocational Education and Training in Lebanon



[Click here watch a video on USAID's support to workforce development in Lebanon!](#)

Since 2019, USAID's CSP has been contributing to workforce development by facilitating quality access to vocational courses in three promising sectors for growth and employment: home-based health care, industrial repair and maintenance, and information & communication technology (ICT). Under the \$7.3 million Workforce Development (WFD) program, CSP has so far awarded 190 scholarships to students in the Beqaa, North, and South Lebanon, pursuing technical and vocational education training (TVET) education. Commenting on the importance of this program in supporting technical and vocational education in Lebanon, especially during the current economic crisis, Father Hanna Kanaan, Principle of the Foyer de la Providence Technical School in South Lebanon, stated: *"It is vital to expand local production and maintenance industries in Lebanon to contribute to a better economy, as well as acknowledge that technical and vocational education is a necessary factor in rebuilding our country"*.

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CSP/USP Intern Puts Her Education into Practice to Support the Residents of Berqayel, North Lebanon



Photo: USP Intern, Marie-Belle Mansour, training Berqayel workers on the operation and maintenance of the mechanical street sweeper broom donated by USAID.

Berqayel is one of the most underserved and densely populated villages in Akkar, North Lebanon. Inadequate delivery of services and facilities to manage solid waste collection has caused the population to suffer from a degraded local environment. In response, USAID through CSP provided the municipality with 60 large garbage containers, a street mechanical broom, and two collection bins for recyclables. In parallel, CSP helped the municipality to implement a “sorting-from-source” awareness campaign.

To complement this package of assistance, and to ensure the sustainability of this intervention and other activities, CSP is collaborating with USAID’s University Scholarship Program (USP) by offering internship opportunities to USP students and using their expertise to support CSP’s partners. Intern Marie-Belle Mansour, a mechanical engineering student at the Lebanese American University (LAU), trained Berqayel municipal workers on the safe operation and maintenance of the mechanical broom and produced related tip-sheets and guidelines.

“My internship with CSP was my first professional experience and it was a life changing one. I worked hard to make it successful, and I am very grateful for such an opportunity that improved my personal and professional skills”, said Marie-Belle.

Watch this video to meet some of CSP’s USP interns and learn about their internship experience!

Fact of the Month: Guess the Village!

On May 22, 2021 28 residents from this village in the district of Batroun, North Lebanon, actively participated in a town hall meeting facilitated by CSP to build awareness about a Recyclables Recovery campaign. This campaign is paralleled with CSP's provision of 400 plastic recycling bins to the village's households and six metal collection points, benefiting around 5,000 residents.

"We will work together to make [our village] a national example for household waste sorting", said Rouba Chalak, resident and member of Namaa' NGO.



Photo: With facilitation support from the USAID-funded Community Support Program, community members discussed recyclables, "sorting-from-source", and preparations for the collection campaign

[Click here to know the village!](#)

Photo Of The Month



Establishing a Pedestrian Walkway Between Qalamoun and Dedde

On March 29, CSP had kicked off its labor-intensive work activity in North Lebanon to establish a pedestrian walkway between the villages of El Qalamoun and Dedde. In coordination with its local partner, the Renee Mouawad Foundation (RMF), CSP provided temporary employment opportunities to 22 workers (11 from Qalamoun and 11 from Dedde). Following the completion of cleaning and clearing activities, CSP will initiate the detailed design phase for the actual construction of the walkway. The intervention is expected to be completed by December 2021.

Photo: 22 local residents begin workers begin working to clean a walkway between the villages of Qalamoun and Dedde, North Lebanon. - Photo by Mohammad Madani, CSP Field Officer