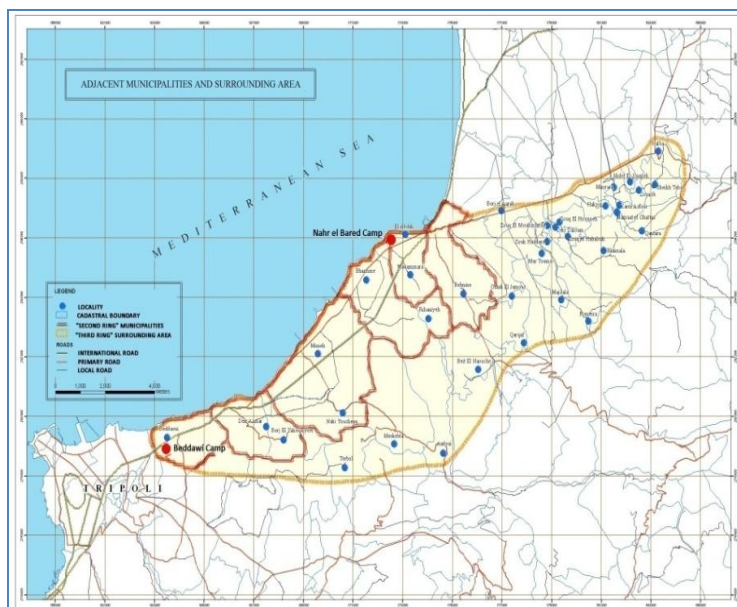




## Nahr el Bared Camp (NBC) and surrounding municipalities Progress and Challenges



*Nahr El-Bared Camp (NBC) and surrounding municipalities*

Briefing Note No. 2 captures donor funding to the Nahr El-Bared Camp (NBC) and surrounding municipalities. The municipalities covered were identified by the Government of Lebanon following the end of the Nahr El-Bared conflict and prior to the donor conference of June 23rd, 2008. The Note presents the status of donor funding for the reconstruction of the 1<sup>st</sup> ring as well as details development aid allocated to the surrounding municipalities (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> rings).

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*The Briefing Note No.2 reports donors' commitment and implementation progress till June 2009*

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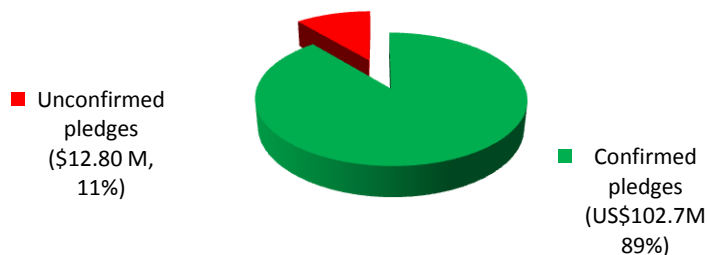
# 1. OLD CAMP RECONSTRUCTION: 1<sup>ST</sup> RING

## 1.1 Donor's Financial Commitment

The amount needed for the reconstruction and recovery process was estimated initially at US\$ 277 million. The revised budget (dated May 2009) reached US\$ 328 million. Confirmed pledges reached only 37% of the initial estimates presented during Vienna conference.

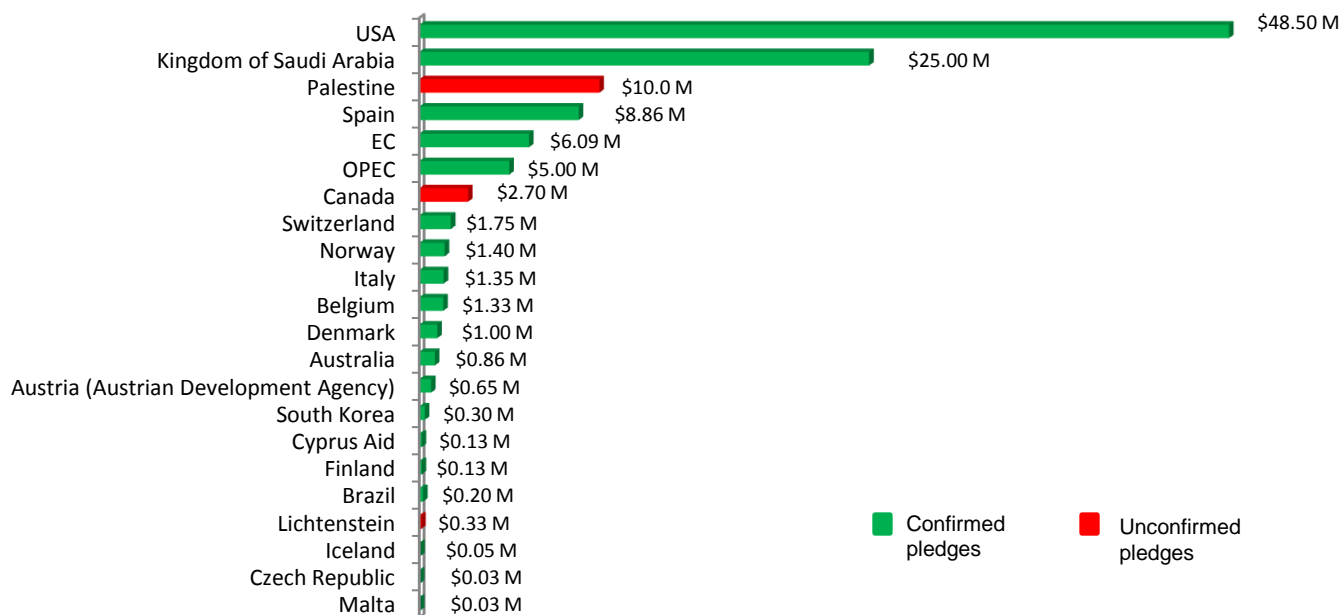
Donor support to the reconstruction efforts are presented below.

**Donor's Financial commitment (in million US\$)**



Source: UNRWA

**Donor Financial commitment for the reconstruction of NBC (Total US\$ 115 million)**



1 euro = 1.3 US\$

Source: UNRWA

## 1.2 Work Progress

NBC: Rubble Removal

### *Rubble removal and demining*

The activities involve : demolition, sorting, removal of steel and other recyclables, transport to the treatment facilities for further sorting and crushing.

Significant progress has been achieved with respect to rubble removal. Rubble removal reached 100% in almost 75% of the packages. To date, 6 out of 8 packages have been cleared and delivered to UNRWA.



Source: UNRWA

Over 8,000 UXOs have been found and cleared, including 4 out of 5 heavy air bombs. The demolition and rubble clearance activities are proceeding in both packages II and IV following the procedure agreed upon and according to Lebanese Mine Action Center standard operating procedures. The works in these two packages are being performed by layers of 10cm so as to allow for Handicap International team to clearly inspect the rubble material in order to avoid any incidents, especially that these areas are known to be heavily contaminated with UXOs.



Source: UNRWA

### *Reconstruction efforts*

The detailed design of Package 1, as well as the NBC master plan and the amendment to the land expropriation decree were all approved by the Council of Ministers. The land expropriation process for Package 1, Package 2, UNRWA compound and UNRWA schools has been already initiated by the Government. The reconstruction of Package 1 started at the end of June 2009, preceded by an archaeological survey led by the Directorate of Antiquities.

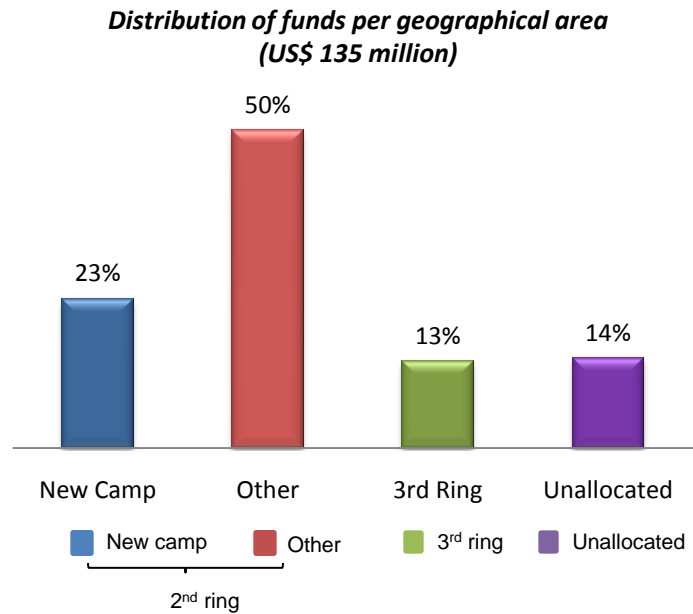
## 2. DEVELOPMENT AID: 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> RINGS

### 2.1 Donor's Financial Commitment

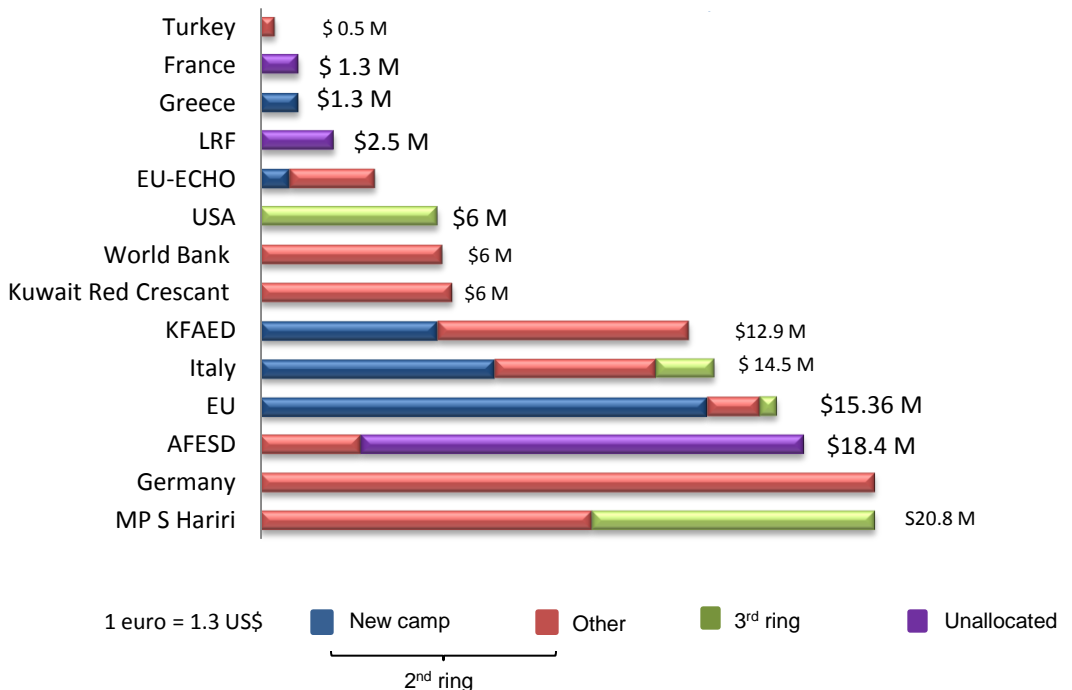
#### Aid allocation per geographical area

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> rings benefited from considerable financial aid exceeding US\$ 135 million, 90% of which were grants.

Around 70 % of the funds were allocated in the post-conflict period prior to Vienna donor conference. Most of the funds (78%) were allocated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ring (New Camp and others).

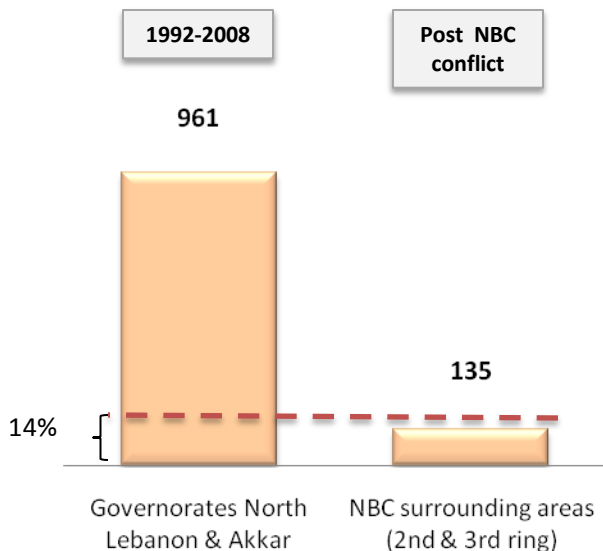


#### Funds allocated to NBC surrounding area (US\$ 135 million)



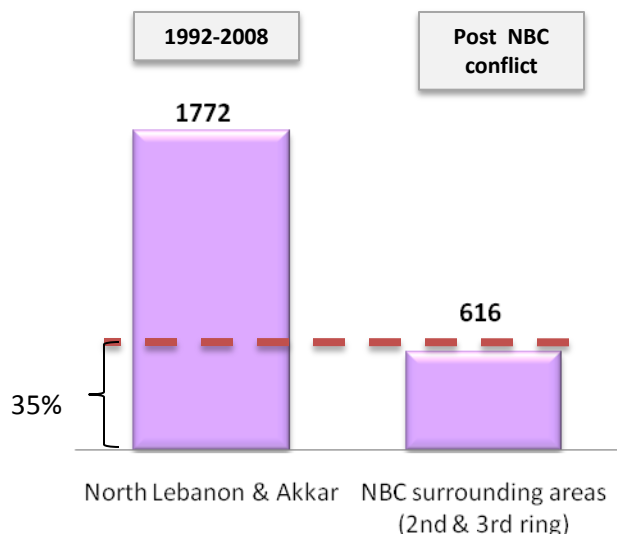
## 2.2 Investment Program in North Lebanon and Akkar

*Investments implemented and under implementation (in million US\$)*



The overall investments committed by both the Government and donors in the NBC surroundings have reached US\$ 135 million since the end of the NBC conflict. This amount represents 14 % of the public investments made by the Government in the Governorates of North Lebanon and Akkar during the past 16 years.

*Investment (US\$) /resident population*

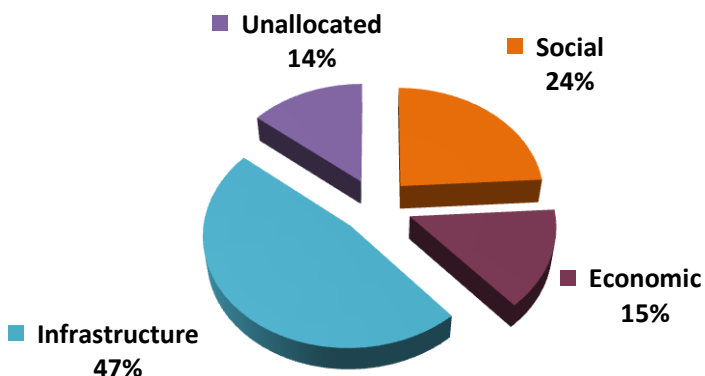


Average investments per resident population in both rings 2 and 3 represent 35% of investments made in the Governorates of North Lebanon and Akkar during the past 16 years.

## 2.3 Sector of Distribution of Funds

The bulk of funds in the NBC surrounding area is allocated to infrastructure projects (43%) reflecting a need to redirect the unallocated funds to social and economic sectors.

*Distribution of funds by sector  
 (US\$ 135 million)*

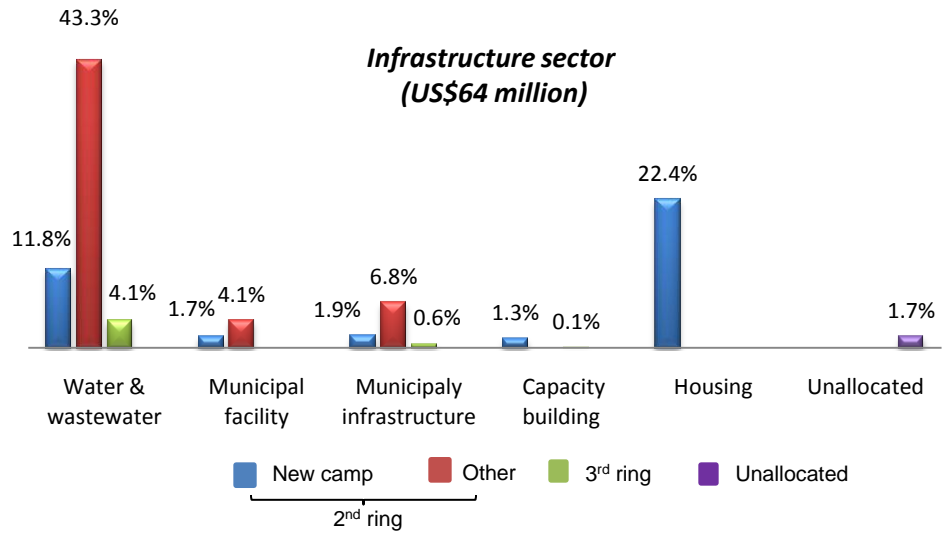


		Out of sector total	Out of total
Infrastructure (43%)	• Housing	22 %	12.5 %
	• Water & wastewater	60 %	33.1 %
	• Municipal assets	6 %	3.2 %
	• Municipal infrastructure	9 %	5.2 %
	• Capacity building	1 %	0.8 %
	• Unallocated	2 %	1 %
	<b>100</b>		
Economic (12%)	• Agriculture & irrigation	51 %	8.9 %
	• Fishery	2 %	0.6 %
	• SME	23 %	3.7 %
	• Microfinance	6 %	1.4 %
	• Capacity building	18 %	2.1 %
<b>100</b>			
Social (25%)	• Education	55 %	15.1 %
	• Health	33 %	8.8 %
	• Community facility	4 %	1.1 %
	• Social activity	0 %	0.1 %
	• Capacity building	1 %	0.3 %
	• Unallocated	7 %	1.9 %
<b>100</b>		<b>100</b>	

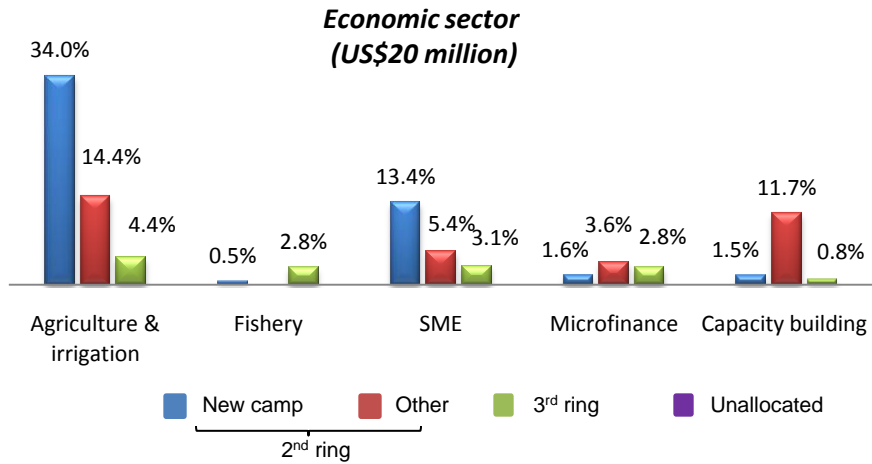
## 2.4 Geographic Allocation and Thematic Distribution of Aid

Most of the Funds were allocated to the Infrastructure sector (47%).

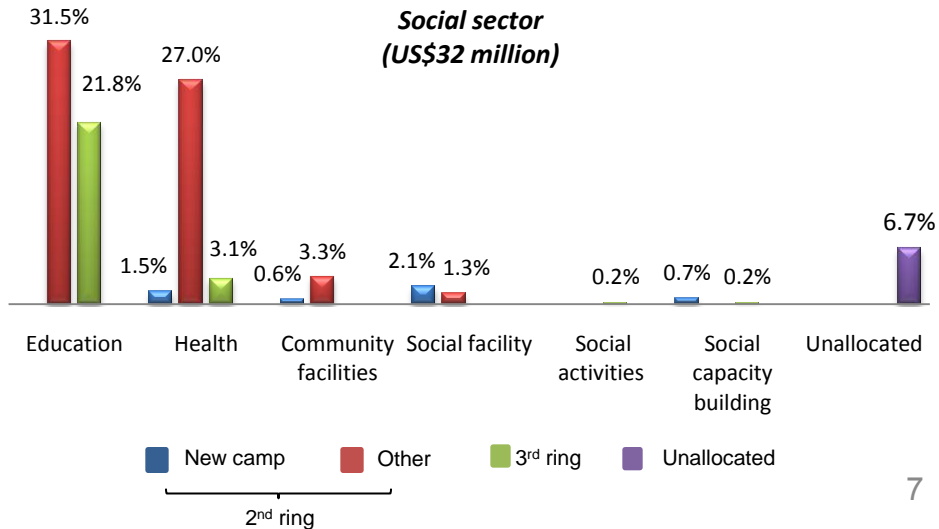
The water and wastewater sectors benefited from the biggest allocation of funds, out of which, 65% were directed towards improving the wastewater infrastructure in the surrounding municipalities (Minnieh, Bebnine, Bhannine, Muhamar, Beddawi and Deir Amar)



Economic interventions were identified and based on local community needs. More than 50% of the projects were agriculture related activities.



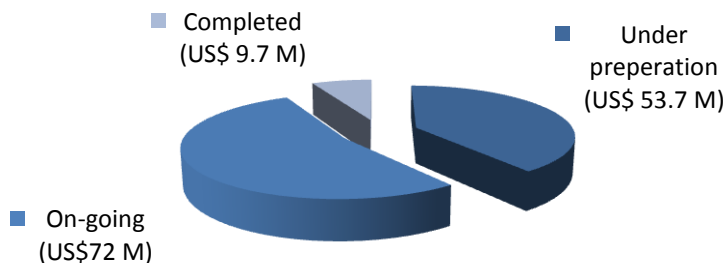
With respect to the social sector, education and health are among the donor priorities and reached about 90% in both the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> ring.



## 2.5 Implementation Progress (2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ring)

Implementation progress has improved significantly (53% of the funds are on-going). The progress is predominantly in the infrastructure sector (47%) where many of the activities are being implemented in close partnership with the municipalities.

*Distribution of funds by project status (US\$ 135 million)*



### *Implementation progress: 2<sup>nd</sup> Ring - New Camp*

#### **Reconstruction planning**

Planning and zoning studies for the New Camp are being carried out by a qualified Palestinian NGO (NRBC) with technical assistance provided by UNRWA. This exercise will focus on an area known as the “prime area” in the New Camp where the housing stock is heavily damaged compared to the rest of the New Camp.

#### **Housing stabilization and emergency repair works**

The target beneficiaries include all the damaged buildings in the new camp that are eligible for housing stabilization and emergency repair (estimated to 149 buildings and 450 housing units). The exercise will be implemented by the Norwegian Refugee Council and the CDR through funding from ECHO and the Italian Cooperation respectively. The implementation will build on lessons learned and experience gained under a similar project funded by ECHO.

**New Camp - Muhamara:  
 Emergency repairs**



Source: EC-ECHO

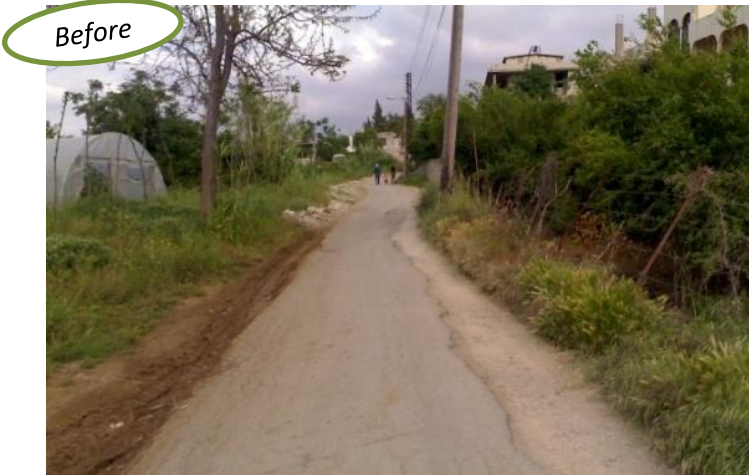
**Implementation progress:**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> ring - Other**

**Infrastructure projects**

As a response to the developmental needs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ring (municipalities Muhammara, Bhannine, Bebnine, Beddawi, Minnieh, and Deir Amar), a number of key infrastructure projects are being implemented by the World Bank and the UNDP. To date, significant progress has been accomplished and most projects have now been completed.

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Implementation Progress</b>
Bebnine	50%
Beddawi	60%
Bhannine	95%
Deir Amar	60%
Minnieh	85%
Muhammara	100%

**Bhanine: Sayyed Ahmad Road Rehabilitation**



Before



After

Source: UNDP

**Muhammara: Rehabilitation of Electric network**



Source: UNDP

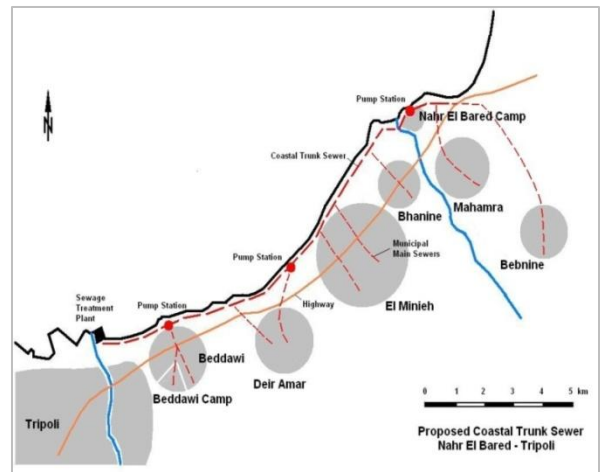
## Water and Wastewater

The main donor's efforts focused on improving the water and wastewater infrastructure in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ring.

Bidding documents for the rehabilitation of secondary and tertiary water networks in Beddawi municipality are being finalized.

The wastewater program funded by Germany and Kuwait is still in the design phase. The program includes the rehabilitation of wastewater main collector (between Tripoli wastewater treatment plant and the Bared River) and related secondary and tertiary wastewater collection networks. Detailed design and tender documents are expected to be finalized by October 2009.

### Main sewer collector



Source: KfW

## Implementation progress: 3<sup>rd</sup> ring

### Infrastructure projects

#### Irrigation Canal in Wadi al Jamous

Families in Wadi Al Jamous live on less than US\$135/month. The construction of an irrigation canal, as proposed by the municipal committee, will improve the agricultural infrastructure, increase agricultural productivity and stimulate economic development. The project is supported by USAID and is expected to provide 67 farmers with water for irrigation purposes. The bidding process is completed and preparations for implementation are on-going.

### Livelihood projects

#### New Business Center in Halba

A new Business Development Center has been established in Halba. The center is hosted by the office of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture office in Halba and serves all businesses and communities in the Governorate of Akkar. The services offered include:

- Feasibility study and business plan preparation,
- Local business geographic mapping ,
- Municipal websites creation ,
- Assist in providing sources of finance
- Technical assistance,
- Capacity building,
- Link to Agriculture development program ,and
- conferences and seminars organization.

### Halba: Business Center



Source: USAID

The center was established in close cooperation with the Union of the Al Shefat Municipalities, particularly Halba's municipality, the Chamber of Commerce Industry and Agriculture in Tripoli and North Lebanon and USAID.

### **Car repairs park in Qarqaf**

The project will establish a car repairs park equipped with sophisticated equipment. The park will help technicians to improve their capacity in identifying mechanical and car problems. It is also expected to create 22 new job opportunities in this field.

**Qarqaf: Car Mechanics Park under construction**



Source: USAID

**Qarqaf:  
After-school Educational Center**



Source: USAID

## **Social projects**

### **After-school educational center**

The after-school educational center provides public school students with tutoring support to help them, achieve higher academic levels and prevent school - drop outs. University students, from the area, will be hired to provide tutoring support to the targeted student population.

## **3. DECREES AND DECISIONS**

- a. Decree no. 1285 dated 29/1/09:** Nahr El-Bared Old Camp land expropriation
- b. Ministerial decision no. 20 dated 26/5/2009:** Exemption of NBC reconstruction project from construction rules and regulations
- c. Decree no. 2147 dated 3/6/09:** the Nahr El-Bared Old Camp expropriation amendments previously approved by the Decree no. 1285 dated 29/1/09
- d. Decree no. 2494 dated 3/7/09 :** Mater Plan for Muhammara cadastral area (Old Camp) in Minnieh-Dannieh Caza.