

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

Rene Moawad Foundation

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: **2020** To: **2023**

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

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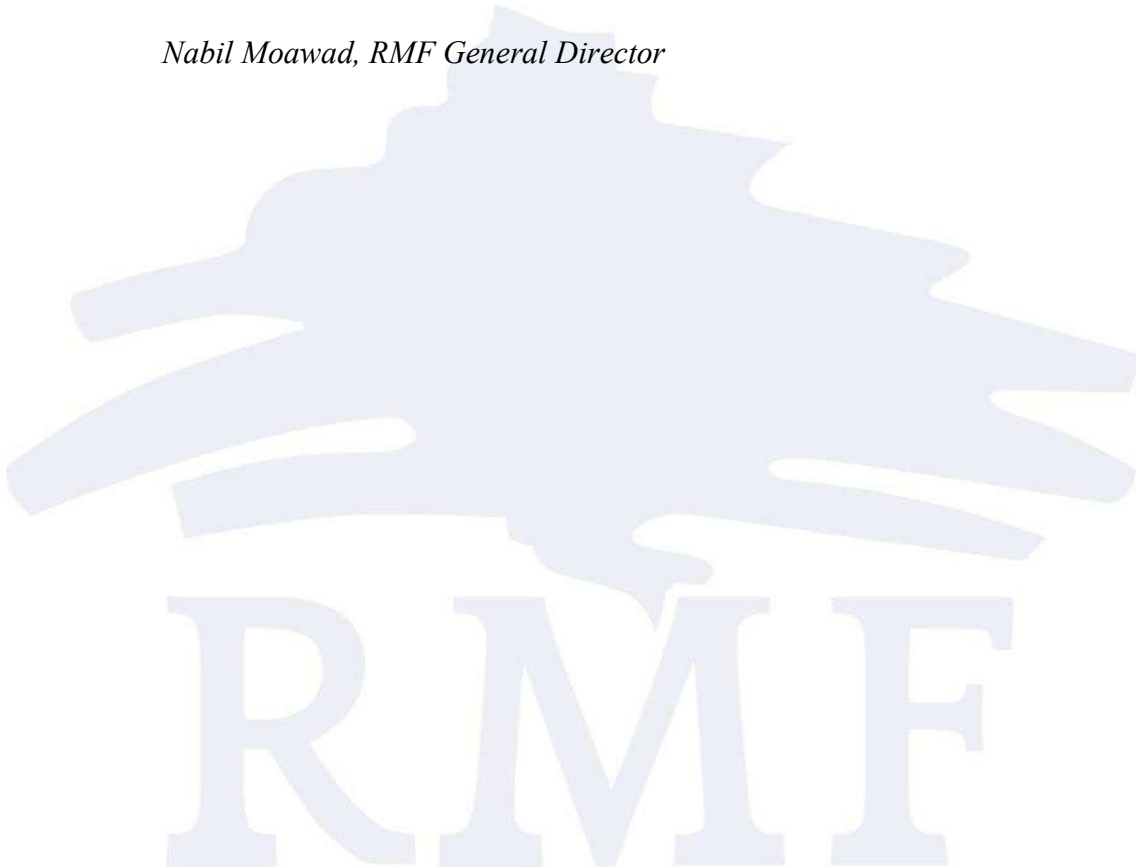
To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that Rene Moawad Foundation reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Sincerely yours,

Nabil Moawad, RMF General Director



Part II. Description of Actions

The René Moawad Foundation (RMF) is a national Lebanese non-profit NGO that has been working since 1991 for over 31 years across Lebanon with the mission to promote social, economic, and rural development in Lebanon and the MENA region. RMF aims to improve the quality of life of residents in Lebanon, and has reached 316,731 beneficiaries in 2021, through 278,276 services, with a yearly budget of 22 million USD, mainly targeting vulnerable segments including farmers, youth, children, cooperatives, SMEs, and municipalities. Under RMF's core areas of work, RMF ensured the following:

Under the **Protection** sector: Community Psychosocial Support Activities, Focused Psychosocial Support Activities, Case Management, Positive Parenting, Social and Behavioral Change Activities, Awareness Sessions, Emergency Cash Assistance, and Safe Spaces.

Under the **Education** sector: Homework Support, Basic Literacy and Numeracy, Youth Basic Literacy and Numeracy, Competency Based Training, Youth Functional Skills, Social and Emotional Learning, Positive Leadership and Employability Skills, Rehabilitation of Educational Infrastructure, Cash Support for Education, and Establishing school clubs.

Under the **Livelihoods** sector: Securing Job Opportunities with Competitive Wages, Improving Productivity via new Technologies and Trainings, Enhancing competitiveness and market access for SME's, Promote youth-led initiatives and entrepreneurship, as well as Networking and building linkages between businesses and markets in similar urban economies.

Under the **WASH** sector: water supply, wastewater management, solid waste management, and solarisation of water supply stations.

Under the **Agriculture** sector, RMF ensures a Value Chain Approach, Market Led Approach, Enhance Cooperatives, provide Capacity Building for Farmers, as well as Global GAP Certification.

Under the **Health** sector: Basic Assistance, Support to Healthcare Institutions, Establishment and Rehabilitation of Medical Facilities, Covid-19 Containment, Medicine Provision, Mobilization of Mobile Clinics, and Subsidized Medical Testing.



Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Outcome 1. Human rights and Labor Principles are incorporated in all of RMF's processes, notably the HR recruitment process and procurement process.

- Output 1.1. All Staff has the right to rest and leisure, including 8 hours of work (from 8 am to 4 pm) of working hours and periodic holidays with pay (15 days of paid leave).
- Output 1.2. Job vacancies are posted on websites and social media
- Output 1.3. All candidates follow a standardized recruitment process
- Output 1.4 Everyone, as a staff member at RMF, has the right to social security and is entitled to realization.
- Output 1.5. RMF comprises a gender representation rate at the staff level; where female staff constitutes 37% of RMF's total employees and at all projects levels

Outcome 2. Local residents and refugees in Lebanon are more resilient in light of the country's multiple crises.

- Output 2.1. Humanitarian and Development projects are implemented to enhance resilience and living conditions

In relation to basic assistance RMF:

- Operates three mobile clinics visiting 109 rural villages on a regular basis since 2003, and a community clinic catering to 2500 patients monthly
- Distributed in 2021 over 2500 food boxes on a monthly basis, 1230 hygiene kits, 66 medical supply boxes serving 40,000 beneficiaries
- Distributed 9,094 Food Parcels in North-Lebanon in partnership with Plan International under the SAWA Campaign.
- Distributed 94,203 ready to eat meals Lebanese families in partnership with UNICEF
- Distributed 630 Food Boxes per month, 100 Elderly Kits, 100 Baby Kits, and 350 food vouchers in partnership with CARE International

In relation to shelter RMF has rehabilitated 134 households affected by the Beirut Explosion in August 2020

In relation to water and sanitation infrastructure improvement, RMF is the official WASH partner for UNHCR-North Office, and has ensured the establishment and rehabilitation of several water supply networks, wastewater networks, solarization of water pumping systems, and establishment of new water points.

In relation to street lighting, RMF ensured street lighting for 9 villages under the USAID funded BALADI Program

In relation to economic development on the individual and MSME levels, RMF in 2022 has:

- Assisted 255 MSMEs with capacity building, coaching, and in-kind / cash grants through funding from UNDP, US Department of State, and World Bank
- Is enhancing the MINJARA Woodworking platform in Tripoli through funding from the EU through Expertise France



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- Assisted over 270 individuals through TVET and paid internships through funding from GIZ and UNICEF

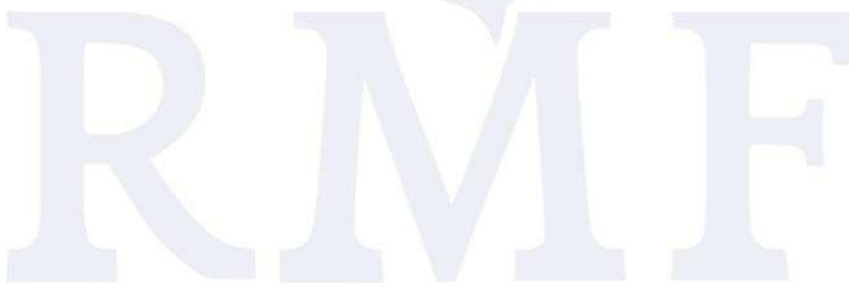
In relation to cash for work, RMF has benefitted in 2021 and 2022 over 200 individuals through the establishment of irrigation canals, rubble removal, and farming, through funding from BMZ / EU through WFP, ILO, UNDP, and USAID through Chemonics.

Within the USAID funded “Building Alliance for Local Advancement, Development, and Investment (BALADI)”, RMF ensured the establishment of:

- Concrete irrigation canals
- Recreational and sports centres rehabilitation
- Hiking trail creation / rehabilitation
- Medical center equipping (testing equipment, mammography machines, echography machines, dental treatment machines)
- Cold storage facilities
- Fish market construction
- Public parks development
- Briquetting facility equipping
- Installation of solar panels, solar street lights, LED lights, solar water heaters, and solar pumping equipment
- Camping sites
- Chocolate production, bread production, and olive production facilities
- Provision of backup power generators
- Provision of electric transformers
- Rural foods processing centres construction

Through the Kingdom of Netherland funded “Strengthening Exports of Fruits and Vegetables from Lebanon to European and Regional Markets”

- Work with 115 farmers to acquire Global GAP certification that will enable them to export their produce to international markets.
- Conduct capacity building and coaching for 2760 farmers from 4 value chains
- Create income generating activities for 8,580 local and foreign workers who assist farmers on field.
- Empower 15 cooperatives with tools and equipment.
- Develop farmers’ mobile application that supports farmers' pre-harvest capacities and disseminates alerts.
- Enhance the capacities of 20 post-harvest facilities through a co-finance model to purchase new equipment that enables them to export.
- Establish MoET online platform for export.
- Work with 1365 children and 500 caregivers to benefit from awareness on child labor.



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Under the UNDP and Canada fund, the Women Economic Participation project targeted 1300 women individuals (Lebanese and Syrians) to strengthen their capacity to integrate into the labour market, 28 women led small and medium enterprises (SMEs), start-ups and Cooperatives (COOPs) have improved productivity and competitiveness and have increased access to assets, spurring innovation and addressing unfavorable resource control and ownership dynamics, 10 Municipalities and 6 union of municipalities and local economic development agencies have increased skills, knowledge and means to be more actively involved in local economic development and are implementing interventions to support women economic empowerment, with a national increase in public support and improved enabling environment for women's economic empowerment at household, community, business and municipal level.

Under the World Bank group, the access to market had targeted 75 women led SMEs and 25 Business advisors to build the capacity and ability of these WSMEs to position their products and services for exporting to regional and global markets and aims to improve their access to local markets via local expansion and scale up.

Through ENI CBC MED funding, the "Skills4Sports" project aims to train at least 1200 NEETs (through min.240 days of training), providing them with skills to increase their employability, focusing on the sports industry. Furthermore, the project will build institutional capacity for at least 160 representatives of organisations, NGOs and local authorities via specialised workshops. Finally, a large number (60+) of sports sector employers and stakeholders will be involved, via their participation in the "Strategic Alliance for Skills4Sports", allowing them to influence the policies and activities that will create additional employment opportunities in the near future.

Through the ENI CBC MED funded project "MEDUSA", RMF developed a competitive form of Adventure Tourism (AT) in the Mediterranean region that is based on environmental and economical sustainability values and will create more business opportunities and new jobs.

Through the ENI CBC MED funded project "SIRCLES", RMF ensured to:

- Train 24 eco-trainers on proper sorting practices
- Eco-trainers will train commercial institutions on proper wastes sorting
- Eco-trainers will train farmers on the proper use of compost
- Establish one 540 ton / year composting plant
- Recruit one driver and one facility operator
- Implement a green-label campaign

Through funding from UNOCHA under the Lebanon Humanitarian Fund, beneficiaries will directly benefit from enhanced access to water, through the installation of PV systems on water pumping stations. The PV systems will serve a combined population of 20,502 Lebanese and 8,904 Syrian refugees, totaling 29,406 beneficiaries. Furthermore, vulnerable people will also benefit from:

- Community based psychosocial support, with the proper referral of identified cases for 540 segments,
- Social behavioral change activities for 900 segments
- Awareness and capacity building activities for 30 segments
- Focused Psychosocial Support (FPSS) sessions to 216 children
- Case management for 120 children
- Provision of Emergency cash assistance to 100 children
- Positive parenting to 240 parents

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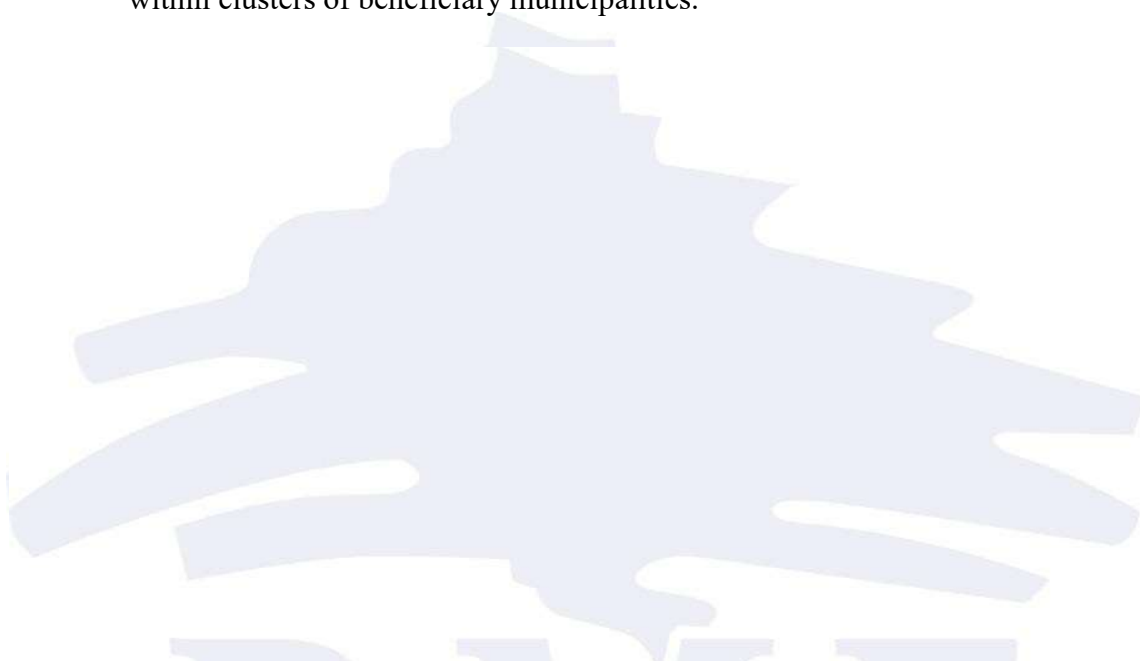
Through the MALALA fund, RMF ensured

- School support classes for 60 schooled at risk to drop out adolescents focusing on girls during two consecutive academic years,
- Provision of Social and Emotional learning activities for 300 crisis affected vulnerable adolescents (80% of them are girls) and for 200 of their caregivers,
- Organizing Social and Behavioural Change (SBC) activities related to protection concerns with special focus on educating girls for the whole targeted community, delivery of daily meals for 233 crisis affected adolescents registered in Bab Al Tebbaneh Complementary school
- Giving the opportunity to previously trained female youth on cooking to generate income through preparing the meals for the targeted adolescents.

Through funding from the Norwegian Church Aid, RMF ensured:

- 7 Schools are supported with Environmental Health Clubs creation
- 63 awareness sessions are implemented on subjects related to waste management, water efficiency, hygiene promotion, and menstrual hygiene management
- Provision of 1750 hygiene kits and 700 Menstrual hygiene management
- Provision of 231 cardboard boxes for recycling, and 21 sorting bins
- Installation of 7 solar PV systems
- Rehabilitation of wash facilities in each school
- Installing 210 low flow faucets for schools

Through the USAID funded “PSL Program”, RMF seeks to improve the livelihoods of more than 31,500 households in 105 municipalities across Lebanon by providing specialized technical expertise and training, as well as by creating or improving existing municipal infrastructure and other physical assets within clusters of beneficiary municipalities.



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