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# Our impact highlights from Lebanon for 2023

## IMPACT BRIEF

**International Alert's peacebuilding work is built on research and conflict analysis that enables us to understand the root causes of violence and long-term solutions to conflict, and to work with our partners to support peaceful change.**

Our team provides context-specific insights on the drivers of conflict across the different targeted areas of Lebanon. We work in partnership with local, national and international organisations to facilitate dialogue, provide training, learning and recommendations, and influence policies.

## Education on site, stability in sight



**3 partner organisations** were coached on integrating **social cohesion** into their WASH and/or education activities **in 20 public schools** – from North, Bekaa, Beirut and Mount Lebanon.

- **83%** of the participants reported that they can correctly replicate key skills/methods covered in the trainings and coaching.



**270 educators and 180 practitioners** across all targeted schools learned about and received our **Social Cohesion Toolkit**, helping to strengthen their capacity.

- **75%** of the teachers were observed using the toolkit materials for educational purposes.



Schools enhanced to offer an **inviting and inclusive space for students and parents/caregivers**.

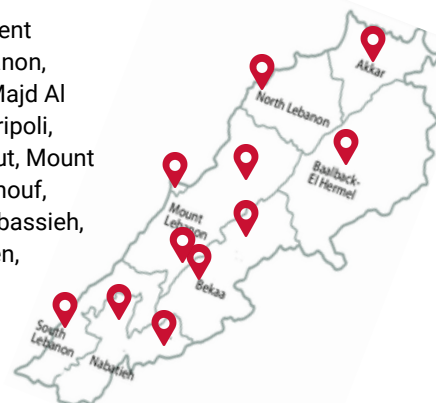
- **70%** of students reported being satisfied with schools' efforts to address and prevent violence and discrimination.



Through increased access to school and enhancing social cohesion, targeted school communities are better able to identify and address their needs **to support students' access to and retention in public school, and contribute positively towards social cohesion within and across groups.**

## Our targeted areas

We targeted different areas across Lebanon, including Bekaa, Majd Al Anjar, Baalback, Tripoli, Akkar, Chouf, Beirut, Mount Lebanon, Upper Chouf, Hasbaya, Tyre, Abbassieh, Ein El Helwe, Maten, Keserouan and Marjayoun.



## SHE builds peace

International Alert, funded by UN Women and in partnership with CPM/USJ, initiated communication with women mediators/peacebuilders from 11 networks across Lebanon who took part in the previous project phase of **Women, Peace and Security in Arab States**, to assess their continued interest in participating and their availability to commit to the new project.


- **97%** of the women we contacted **expressed their interest** in persevering on this mediation journey in **phase III of the project.**



Our women mediators meeting with the Ambassador of Finland in Beirut, Anne Meskanen, and sharing their contributions to conflict prevention within their local communities. © UN Women

## Integration of peacebuilding approaches and conflict sensitivity

During 2023, we channeled our efforts into improving horizontal social cohesion in target communities through ensuring greater capacity of civil society organisations (CSOs) to conduct conflict-sensitive activities.

 CSOs are today better able to **implement social cohesion projects/integrate social cohesion into their current work.**

- 70% of CSO participants achieved an increase in scores between the pre- and post-tests on trainings related to governance, safeguarding and financial management.

2 context analysis reports conducted

3 social cohesion training sessions conducted for 32 CSOs

Organisation capacity assessments conducted for 32 CSOs from central Bekaa/Zahle-West Bekaa and Upper Chouf

23 CSOs were selected and had tailored capacity building trainings (13 CSOs in West Beqaa and Zahle and 10 CSOs in Upper Chouf)

Up to 7 training sessions were conducted for each CSO. Trainings covered topics related to financial management, safeguarding, governance, monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning (MEAL), strategic planning, project management, risk management and fundraising.

## Events and publications

- Published a **gender alert**, which highlighted the struggles of women in South Lebanon amid the conflict.
- On Peace Day (21 September) and the anniversary of the adoption of UN Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace and security (31 October), we **highlighted the stresses and challenges women are experiencing in South Lebanon** due to the conflict across the border.
- Published **Promoting social stability through education: Guidance for educators**, which we promoted with a **video campaign**.
- Our **women mediators met with the Ambassador of Finland** in Beirut, Anne Meskanen, and shared their contributions to conflict prevention within their communities.

## Our partners

