



## PROGRESS REPORT

<b>Reporting UN Organization</b>	: <b>United Nations Development Programme</b>
<b>Country</b>	: <b>Lebanon</b>
<b>Project No.</b>	: LRF – 19
<b>Project Title</b>	: Socio – Economic Rehabilitation Programme in the Framework of ART GOLD Lebanon.
<b>LRF Signature date</b>	: March 26, 2009
<b>Project Start date</b>	: April 2009
<b>Project Timeframe</b>	: 2009 – 2010 (12 months)
<b>Reporting Period</b>	: April – June 2010

### I. PURPOSE

#### Report Summary:

The months of April until June 2010 witnessed the completion of three additional ART projects financed by the LRF fund. Of these projects, two were finalized in Beirut Southern Suburbs and one in North Lebanon. Hence by the end of June, ART GOLD has finalized the implementation of 80% of the planned projects under the LRF component. Yet, in order to complete the implementation of remaining activities under the LRF component, ART GOLD is requesting an extension until the end of February 2011.

#### Project Summary:

The ART GOLD Lebanon (AGL) was launched in March 2007 in the four neediest areas of the country, characterized by high poverty rates and raging socio-economic problems: North Lebanon, South Lebanon, Bekaa and Beirut Southern Suburbs (BSS). The programme is managed at country level by UNDP in partnership with its national counterpart the Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR).

The ART GOLD is based on a cooperation framework between local, national and international partners interested in combining and coordinating their efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and to contribute to local governance, decentralization and balanced socio-economic development in the medium and long term.

#### ART GOLD Main Donors

Besides Italy, whose funding first helped the establishment of ART GOLD Lebanon, other donors have also announced significant financial contributions to AGL like Belgium, the Principality of Monaco, Les Amis Du Liban a Monaco and Spain. The Lebanese Recovery Fund (LRF) represents 35%

of the total budget of the ART GOLD Programme targeting sectors identified through participatory approach with the local working groups in the four regions (South, Bekaa, North and BSS).

### **Project Objectives:**

The ARTGOLD Lebanon's overall objective is to support the Lebanese national government and the local communities in elaborating and implementing Strategic Development Plans, within the programme's target areas while focusing on the most disadvantaged people, towards the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

More specifically, the programme aims to:

- Increase access to primary public health care services
- Increase sustainable income generation and job opportunities
- Enhance the preservation of the environment
- Increase youth participation in local development and enhance their social integration

### **Project Outcomes:**

- Number of patients with access to primary health care centers increased (Bekaa, North Lebanon, BSS)
- Incomes increased for about 600 beneficiaries (South Lebanon, Bekaa, North Lebanon, BSS)
- Separation of solid waste facilitated (South Lebanon, Bekaa)
- Access to information technology for youth increased and youth offices established within municipalities. (North Lebanon, BSS)

### **Project Linkages to National Priorities and Reconstruction Goals:**

The projects are in line with the Government's goals to support basic social services and primary health care, enhance social integration and support to the youth, enhance the preservation of the environment (waste, water, energy and forestry) and Increase income generation and job opportunities.

### **Project Implementation Partners:**

#### International Partners:

- Government of Italy
- Government of Spain
- Government of Belgium
- Principality of Monaco

DC partners: ART GOLD Lebanon has established partnerships with around 50 local European partners, to name a few: FAMSÍ (Federacion Andaluza de Muinicipios para la Solidaridad Internacional, SPAIN), Diputacion de Barcelona , Catalan Cooperative Agency for Development, Tuscany region, COCOPA (Coordinamento de Municipi de la province de Turino, Italy), Sint-Truiden Municipality (Belgium), and Les Amis du Liban from Monaco.

#### National Partners:

Council for Development and Reconstruction, line ministries and municipalities.

## II. RESOURCES

<b>Total budget approved</b>	\$2,391,450.00
<b>Disbursements</b>	\$1,617,984.34
<b>Available Balance</b>	\$773,465.66
<b>Commitments for next quarter</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>

Account	Amount Disbursed by project					
	00053003 - ARTGOLD Lebanon	00056944 - ARTGOLD BSS	00056945 - ARTGOLD South	00056946 - ARTGOLD Bekaa	00056947 - ARTGOLD North	00073242 - Guarantee fund
71200	21,000.00	-	-	-	-	-
71300	Local Consultants	-	-	5,200.00	-	-
71400	Contractual Services - Individ	49,181.06	46,395.51	48,379.33	47,063.08	21,175.98
71600	Travel	20,559.49	15,957.00	5,517.40	1,225.09	-
72100	Contractual Services- Companies	1,100.00	172,897.00	8,044.00	30,850.00	-
72200	Equipment and Furniture	-	5,571.00	-	10,239.55	48,587.05
72300	Materials & Goods	-	-	-	48,557.00	22,720.00
72400	Communic & Audio Visual Equip	(423.75)	1,577.52	1,862.64	2,389.90	1,692.22
72500	Supplies	-	479.85	275.49	-	-
72600	Grants	-	-	116,352.00	53,050.00	104,902.46
72800	Information Technology Equipmt	-	22,365.30	1,385.00	159.50	9,812.77
73100	Rental & Maintenance- Premises	-	-	-	7,994.43	1,073.60
73400	Rental & Maint of Other Equip	-	443.30	1,632.72	1,027.85	325.00
74100	Professional Services	1,748.00	1,748.00	1,748.00	1,748.00	1,748.00
74200	Audio Visual&Print Prod Costs	1,980.00	13,449.50	-	530.20	-
74500	Miscellaneous Expenses	-	1,739.00	1,901.36	5,118.83	78.67

75100	Agency Management Support (7%)	6,660.14	19,783.61	13,096.86	15,060.74	14,848.10	36,400.00
	Total Expenditure per project	101,804.94	302,406.59	200,194.80	230,214.17	226,963.85	556,400.00

### III. RESULTS

AGL coordinates closely with line ministries and ensures all projects comply with the national policies on health, water, agriculture and youth.

#### Project Outputs and Indicators:

The main outputs of projects under the LRF component include the following:

##### The Primary Health Care sector

- A primary Health care established in Al-Qaser, Bekaa
- Two Primary health care centers rehabilitated in Abboudieh and in Tebbeneh, North Lebanon
- Equipment provided to the primary health care centers in Haret Hreik, Ghobeiry and Burj Al Barajneh, Beirut Southern Suburbs
- Quality and quantity of the services improved at relevant/targeted PHCCs in Bekaa, North Lebanon and Beirut Southern Suburbs.

##### The Local Economic Development Component

- A soil and water testing facility established in Abdeh, North Lebanon.
- 50 kiosks constructed in Baalbeck, Bekaa

##### The youth sector:

- Two offices for youth development established at Al Hadath and Furn El Chebbak municipalities, Beirut Southern Suburbs.
- Two Cultural Centers established in Halba and Azaki, North Lebanon.
- Four IT centers established in Akkar, Minnieh Dinnieh and Tripoli in North Lebanon;
- Two public parks for children established in Fneidek and Halba, North Lebanon
- A municipal playground built in Kfarchalan, North Lebanon

##### The Environment Sector

- A water irrigation canal of 500 ML constructed in Nahle, Baalbeck
- 7000 trees (for honey bees) planted to increase honey production in West Bekaa and Rachaya
- Two water maintenance centres established in Tyre and Marjeyoun; South Lebanon.

#### Progress in Project Implementation:

Around U.S. \$401,600 has been spent during the months of April until end of June 2010 using the Spanish funds (LRF). This amount covers activities corresponding to projects continued from last year, and to the cost of management support. From April until June 2010, ART GOLD completed the establishment of two youth offices in Al Hadath, and Furn Al Chebbak municipalities. As for North Lebanon (Tripoli), ART GOLD finalized the completion of the Youth vocational training project. Moreover, preparations are underway for the establishment of the women cooperative network in South Lebanon.

**For info pertaining on the progress/status of each project, please refer to Annex (1).**

### **Implementation Constraints and Lessons Learned:**

#### **Constraints:**

Two hindering factors have delayed the timely delivery of projects including:

1. Working groups methodology represent the cornerstone of ART GOLD work and ensuring their active participation is critical to the overall success of the programme. As such, in parallel to activities implementation, several efforts were exerted to capacitate and strengthen the role of working groups in the planning process, particularly in 2009. This delayed the pace of implementation for some activities with local authorities resulting in shifting around 60% of project budget till 2010.
2. The municipal elections which took place in June 2010 led to a practical freeze of partnering local authorities roles for a lengthy duration extending over four months -preparatory work before elections took two months and formulation of municipal councils after the elections took another two months-. This caused an enormous disruption to the rhythm of ART work including the local economic development activities and LEDO opening, which should take place in agreement with municipalities. This interruption was further exacerbated by the changes in partner municipalities' composition, thus working groups' membership; this prolonged the signature of agreements/contracts with new local authorities and eventually the completion of project implementation given the timeframe required to acquaint new members with the ART work and their roles and responsibilities.

**Lessons Learned** are identified under each of the programme's three main components: 1) participatory approach and working groups, 2) Decentralized Cooperation and 3) Local economic Development

#### 1) Participatory Approach and Working groups:

- Moving from numerous local working group (WG) towards regional working group (RWG)
- Local ownership more obvious whenever a bottom-up approach is used

#### 2) Decentralized partnerships:

- The DC Partnerships are sometimes more fruitful if the partners experience similar challenges and contexts
- Working groups' efficient and effective cooperation with decentralised cooperation partners has contributed to sustainable local development
- DC is a learning opportunity for a country such as Lebanon with a strong centralized administration, moving towards administrative decentralization

#### 3) Local Economic Development:

- Innovative solutions: LEDOs instead of LEDAs

## **IV. FUTURE WORK PLAN**

In the next few months, ART GOLD aims among other things at finalizing the implementation of the remaining projects and activities funded by the Spanish Government (LRF).

However, in order to complete its planned activities, ART GOLD is requesting a six-months-extension for LRF contribution duration. With this extension, the projects' new completion date will be February 2011 to ensure expending and/or committing the entire budget and finishing all related project activities.

Annex: 1  
 Projects Status  
 Last Updated 30 June 2010

<i>Mohafaza</i>	<i>Village</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Sector</i>	<i>Starting Date</i>	<i>Expected Ending Date</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Progress to Date</i>	
<b>ART GOLD – South Lebanon, Status of 2009- 2010 Projects</b>								
<b><i>Tyre Caza</i></b>								
1	South Lebanon and Nabatiyeh	Tyre and Union of Jabal Amel Municipalities	Improvement in drinking water distribution infrastructures and the water resource management system in the districts of Tyre and Jabal Amel	Env't/Watr Mng't	Aug-09	Aug 10	<b>LRF</b>	<i>95% completed: the bulk of the work was done, pending final payments after the follow up and monitoring</i>
<b><i>All Cazas</i></b>								
2	South Lebanon and Nabatiyeh		Women cooperative network	LED	Aug-09	Feb-10	<b>LRF</b>	<i>Progress to date: 30% Preparatory work almost completed, assessment, Selection, short-listing food safety experts &amp; selection of products completed</i>
<b>ART GOLD – Bekaa, Status of 2009-2010 Projects</b>								
<b><i>Baalbeck Caza</i></b>								
3	Bekaa	Baalbeck	Construction of Kiosks – Municipality of Baalbeck	Tourism	Aug-09	Oct-09	<b>Belgium</b>	<i>Completed</i>
							<b>LRF</b>	
							<b>Baalbeck Mun.</b>	

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4	Bekaa	Nahle	Nahle irrigation canal	Env't/water Mng't	Oct-09	Jan-10	<b>LRF</b>	<i>Completed</i>
<b>Hermel Caza</b>								
5	Bekaa	Alqaser	Establishment of a PHC (equipment)	Health	Aug-09	Sep-09	<b>LRF</b>	<i>Completed</i>
<b>Rachaya Caza</b>								
6	Bekaa	Khawkaba	Reforestation & Fire Prevention (nursery)	Env't/ Watr Mng't	Sep-09	Oct-09	<b>LRF</b>	<i>Completed</i>
							<b>Kawkaba Mun.</b>	
7	Bekaa		Provision of 10000 pollen trees -eucalyptus & Acacia- to beekeepers in W.Bekaa & Rashaya	LED	Mid Nov. 2009		<b>LRF</b>	<i>Completed.</i>
<b>ART GOLD – North Lebanon, Status of 2009-2010 projects</b>								
<b>Al-Minnieh Al Dinnieh Caza</b>								
8	North	Azqi	Rehabilitation of cultural centre	Social	Nov. 09	Dec. 09	<b>Belgium</b>	<i>Completed</i>
							<b>LRF</b>	
9	North	Bakhoun	Rehabilitation of primary health care centre	Health	Nov. 09	Feb 10	<b>Belgium</b>	<i>Completed</i>
							<b>LRF</b>	
10	North	Deir Nbouh	Establish youth IT center	Youth	Nov. 09	Dec.09	<b>Belgium</b>	<i>Completed</i>
							<b>LRF</b>	
11	North	Kfarchalan	Build a municipal playground	Youth	Dec-08	Sep-09	<b>Italy</b>	<i>Completed</i>



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						<b>LRF</b>		
<b>Akkar Caza</b>								
12	North	Abboudieh	Rehabilitation of Primary health Care center	Health	Nov. 09	Feb.10	<b>Belgium</b>	<i>Completed.</i>
						<b>LRF</b>		
13	North	Akkar	Establishment of a laboratory for soil & water testing & analysis at the LARI- Aabdeh station located in Akkar	Agriculture /LED	Nov. 09	Dec.10	<b>Belgium</b>	<i>70% accomplished.</i>
						<b>LRF</b>		
14	North	Akkar Atika	Establish Youth IT Center 1	Youth	Nov. 09	Dec. 10	<b>Belgium</b>	<i>80% accomplished.</i>
						<b>LRF</b>		
15	North	Fneidek	Establish a public park for children	Social	Oct-09	Dec-09	<b>Italy</b>	<i>Completed</i>
						<b>LRF</b>		
16	North	Halba	Establish a public park for children	Social	Oct-09	Dec-09	<b>Italy</b>	<i>Completed</i>
						<b>LRF</b>		
17	North	Halba	Rehabilitation of cultural center	Social	Nov. 09	Dec. 09	<b>Belgium</b>	<i>80% accomplished.</i>
						<b>LRF</b>		
18	North	Qobayat	Establish Youth IT center	Youth	Nov. 09	Dec. 09	<b>Belgium</b>	<i>80% accomplished.</i>
						<b>LRF</b>		

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<b><i>Tripoli Caza</i></b>								
19	North	Tebbeneh	Rehabilitation of Primary health Care center	Health	Nov 09	Feb 10	<i>Belgium</i> <i>LRF</i>	<i>Completed</i>
20	North	Tripoli	Support the Youth vocational Training project	Youth	Nov. 09	Dec. 10	<i>Italy</i> <i>Italian DC</i> <i>LRF</i>	<i>80% accomplished.</i>
21	North	Tripoli	Establish Youth IT center	Youth	Nov. 09	Dec. 10	<i>Belgium</i> <i>LRF</i>	<i>80% accomplished.</i>
22	North	Mrrah Sreij	Establish Youth IT center	Youth			<i>Belgium</i> <i>LRF</i>	<i>Cancelled</i>

***ART GOLD- Beirut Southern Suburbs, Status of 2009-2010 projects***

<b><i>Baabda Caza</i></b>								
23	Mount Leb	Al Chiah,	Social intervention addressed to youth	Social	Jan-09	Aug-10	<i>LRF</i>	<i>Progress to Date (%): 70% completed. Majority of activities completed however, pending the final payment of the</i>

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							<i>contract for the municipality</i>	
24	Mount Leb	Hadath	Social intervention addressed to youth	Social	Jan-09	Aug-10	<b>LRF</b>	<i>Progress to Date (%): 70% completed. Majority of activities completed however, pending the final payment of the contract for the municipality</i>
25	Mount Leb	Furn El Chebbak	Social intervention addressed to youth	Social	Jan-09	Aug-10	<b>LRF</b>	<i>Progress to Date (%): 70% completed. Majority of activities completed however, pending the final payment of the contract for the municipality</i>
25.1			Provision of equipment for the social programme in Al-Chiah - Al-Hadath - Furn Al Chebbak		2009		<b>LRF</b>	<i>Completed</i>
25.2	Mount Leb	Al-Chiah - Al-Hadath - Furn Al Chebbak	Capacity Building within the 3 projects "Social development addressed to youth"		2009		<b>Tuscany Region -ARCI network</b> <b>LRF</b>	<i>Completed</i>
26	Mount Leb	Al Mreyjeh	Scholastic maps of Risk and Ressources	Social	Feb-08	Oct-08	<b>LRF</b>	<i>Completed</i>
26.1	Mount Leb	Al Mreyjeh	Capacity Building within the project "Scholastic maps of Risk and Ressources"	Social	Feb-09	Oct-09	<b>LRF</b>	<i>Completed</i>
27	Mount Leb	Haret Hreik	Pilot Programme for strengthening the Public Health Care Centers (PHCC) in Beirut Southern Suburbs	Health	Jul-08	Dec-09	<b>LRF</b>	<i>Completed</i>

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28	Mount Leb	Haret Hreik Ghobeiri Burj Al Barajneh	Capacity Building within the "Pilot Programme for strengthening the Public Health Care Centers (PHCC)"				<b>LRF</b>  <b>Arezzo Municipality-Tuscany region</b>	<i>Completed</i>
29	Mount Leb	Haret Hreik Ghobeiri Burj Al Barajneh	Provision of equipment within the "Pilot Programme for strengthening the Public Health Care Centers (PHCC)"	Health			<b>LRF</b>	<i>Progress to Date (%): 70% completed. Majority of activities completed however, pending the final payment of the contract for the municipalities</i>
<b>ART GOLD – Beirut Office, Status of 2009- 2010 staff and logistics:</b>								
	All areas and national office	All areas	Supporting operational cost of staff and logistics for ART GOLD programme	Administrative	Aug 09	Feb - 11	<b>LRF</b> <b>Belg</b> <b>Italy</b>	<i>70% completed</i>
	Beirut Office	100 villages targeted through municipality training	Capacity Development project	Governance	Oct 10	Dec 10	<b>LRF</b> <b>Italy</b>	<i>10% completed: the preparation is taking place to provide training to capacitate the new municipalities to perform their new work</i>