



News from HawkaMaa-EU Project

PARTNERS' ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS

The HawkaMaa-EU project, funded by the European Union, continues its activities to enhance water governance and public water and wastewater services in Lebanon, benefiting all communities in need in Lebanon. A Consortium comprising various organizations is actively involved, with ACTED, ACF, WW-GVC, LebRelief, and Solidarités International serving as implementing partners, supported by IMPACT, LCPS, Nahnoo, and LEWAP. During this quarter, infrastructure works completed or are nearing completion in Tleil (Akkar), Lehfed (BML) and Brak (South), adding to the infrastructure schemes that had been completed in previous periods in the Bekaa and South Beirut. The partners will dedicate the following months in monitoring service improvements and rolling-out payment and subscription campaigns, in collaboration with the regional Water Establishments, and to support the sustainability of the schemes. In addition, network improvements and maintenance works have been conducted throughout the quarter in more than 20 locations across Lebanon. Consortium partners also launched works to solarize 11 pumping stations in BML, the North

and the Bekaa.

Lastly, the Consortium also partnered with Convergences to organise the first edition of the [Convergences](#) Forum in Lebanon, centering on water and wastewater solutions. The Forum will be in late September, a multistakeholder event, open to all water professionals and to the public, and aims to advance discussions on SGD 6. The programming for the Forum is being co-designed through actors consultation (Working Groups), which gather non-governmental organisations, academia, institutional and private sectors actors. You can reach out to Convergences (nassim.slimani@convergences.org) or Acted (lea.mascaro@acted.org) to identify how to participate: through co-organising a session, being a panel speaker or having a booth at the market fair.

LEWAP has ended their contract as part of the HawkaMaa-EU project accomplishing 9 workshops throughout the period of 2021-2024 on the activities conducted by the implementing partners in the consortium.

MEETING WITH LCSW

The Lebanese Civil Society for Water (LCSW), implemented by LEWAP and LebRelief as part of the HawkaMaa-EU project is a network of Lebanese NGOs and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) active in the water and environment sector, who are willing to increase

their knowledge and intervention capacities for water and wastewater. The LCSW meets regularly on a monthly basis to discuss updates from the sector as well as strategic topics, and receives capacity building trainings provided by the project's partners.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATORY INCLUSION - CEPI 17 APRIL 2024

On 17 April 2024, a workshop on the Community Engagement and Participatory Inclusion (CEPI), was conducted in partnership with implementing partners in the consortium, and presented by WeWorld showcasing their experience.



On the agenda:

- Introduction by LEWAP – 2 minutes
- Presentation of Chapter 1: Social Outreach & Community Engagement – 30 minutes
- Questions – 10 minutes

- Presentation of Chapter 2: Environmental & Water Conservation Awareness – 30 minutes
- Questions – 10 minutes
- Coffee Break – 15 minutes
- Presentation of Chapter 3: Water Establishment Cost Recovery Campaigns – 30 minutes
- Questions and Closure – 20 minutes

To know more about the workshop, check [the report here](#)



DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS (DEWATS) - 2 JULY 2024

On 02 July 2024, a workshop on the Decentralized Wastewater Systems was conducted in collaboration with ACF supported by Solidarité Internationale that consists on reflecting critically on decentralized wastewater treatment systems and their actual and potential impact within the various Lebanese contexts.



On the agenda:

- Introduction by LEWAP – 2 minutes
- Presentation by ACF – 1h:30min
- Background and History of DEWATS
- Purpose

and Objectives

- Phases of implementation: challenges and lessons learnt

- Coffee Break: 15 minutes

- Presentation by Solidarité internationale: DEWATS in Menjez – 1h:00

- Wrap up and conclusions

To know more about the workshop, [check the report here](#)



JOINT WORKSHOP: UPDATED NATIONAL WATER SECTOR STRATEGY 2024-2035 + SOCIO ECONOMIC BARRIERS TO SUBSCRIPTION STUDY - 18 JULY 2024

On 18 July 2024, a joint workshop combining two sessions was conducted in BDD from 10:00AM till 4:00PM.

The first part revolved around the new national water sector strategy for 2024-2035 presented by M. Suzy Hoayek advisor of the Ministry of Energy and Water followed by an interactive discussion co-led by Alain Maroun the technical team leader for the Water Reform Programme. This session revolved around presenting the newly launched 2024-2035 National Water Sector Strategy (NWSS), aligned with Sustainable Development Goals and integrated water resources management to

emphasize reform implementation, infrastructure development and system optimization to ensure water security and quality service.

The second part consisted on presenting the study of the socio economic barriers to subscription payment and servicing in the Lebanese water sector in partnership with LebRelief, IMPACT and Information International. This conducted study aims to explore opportunities for water policies that promote the inclusion of economically vulnerable populations in Lebanon.



The presentation of the study revolved around answering the following questions:

- What are the socioeconomic barriers – for rights holders - to subscribe to public water supply in Lebanon (physical, financial, legal...)
- What is the perception of rights holders on institutional capacity

to deliver water, (comparing Water Establishments and other institutions)?

- What is the right holders' willingness/ capacity to pay for services considering the new revised tariffs of the 5-year recovery plan?

To know more about that day, check the [conference report here](#)



ESTABLISHMENT LED, SERVICE IMPROVEMENT & COST RECOVERY (ELSICR) – OBJECTIVES & METHODOLOGY - 30 JULY 2024

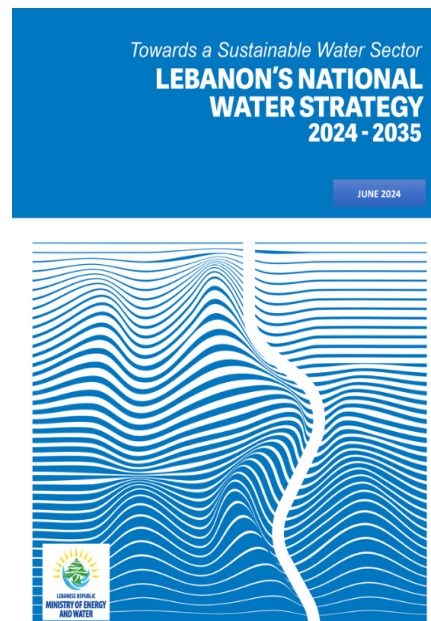
On 30 July 2024, LEWAP in partnership with WW-GVC and members of the consortium are organizing a workshop on the Establishment Led, Service Improvement and Cost Recovery EL-SICR modality on Tuesday 30th July 2024 from 10:00am till 1:00pm at EPIC Hub

The workshop revolved around presenting the new approach of EL-SICR in the EU funded water action with the Water Establishments across Lebanon. A presentation of the objectives, the method of implementation and the 4 case scenarios from different areas of intervention was conducted on that day.

To know more about the workshop, check the [conference report here](#)

UPDATES FROM THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND WATER

The ministry of energy and water has presented the updated National Water Sector Strategy 2024-2035 in a joint workshop conducted by LEWAP on July 18, 2024. To know more about the pillars of the strategy, check the [executive summary here](#).



NEWS FROM THE WASH SECTOR

The WaSH sector has initiated the Advocacy Thematic Group to address significant challenges such as a declining budget and increasing needs across various population groups. This group's activation, highlighted in our recent sector alert paper, maps, and presentation at the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) meeting, aims to integrate cross-cutting themes like disability, protection, conflict sensitivity, energy, and the environment, as adopted in the Lebanon Response Plan (LRP). With participants representing these themes and WaSH experts, the group is tasked with developing advocacy papers to support our sector in overcoming current challenges. Additionally, the sector has produced an annex focusing on the difficulties women

face in accessing WaSH services in informal settlements, exacerbated by funding cuts over the past four years. The updated Waterborne Diseases (WBD) risk map for 2024 builds upon the 2022 cholera risk map, identifying high-risk areas and guiding emergency interventions such as vaccination campaigns, water quality monitoring, sanitation improvements, and community education.

Latest publications

More publications on LEWAP and pS-Eau [database](#). To share a publication, send it via email to contact@lewap.org.

STAKEHOLDER NETWORK ANALYSIS STUDY -IMPACT

Under the HawkaMaa-EU project, IMPACT initiative have conducted a study on the stakeholder network analysis over three river basins: Al Assi, Al Oustouan and Al Ghadir.

The research aimed to understand the relationships between key water actors and other stakeholders within three river basins in Lebanon: Al Ghadir (Mount Lebanon), Al Ostuan (North Lebanon), and Al Assi (Beqaa). The objective was

to better inform the management plans for the catchment areas. Additionally, it aimed to inform the implementation of relevant measures concerning roles, responsibilities and barriers associated with river basin management.

To know more about the methodology conducted and results of the study, you can find [the report here](#)

ASSESSMENT OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE COMPOST IN LEBANON

A research study was conducted by Lebanese University on municipal solid waste compost in Lebanon. The basic objective of this study was to determine the characteristics of the Lebanese municipal solid waste compost on a yearly basis and compare these characteristics amongst the years. Hence, each parameter was tested and compared to the BNQ international Canadian standards for proper classification of the compost and adequate identification of its usages.

The study was carried out in the experimental composting plant referred to as greensite situated in Karantina area pertaining to Beirut district. Representative samples were collected and tested for 11 years (2005-2016) and differences in the results came in but all showed conformity with the international standards.

To know more about the study and the results, [check the report here](#)

The United Nations reports that almost all developing countries under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) have a national adaptation plan (NAP) process underway as a subsequent crucial step to enhance their strategy and policy-making for climate change adaptation. The Government of Lebanon is in the early stages of its NAP process. In preparing to launch work

through a Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness Program grant with the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the Ministry of Environment requested support from the NAP Global Network to prepare a review of good practices and lessons from 12 peer countries' NAP processes. This briefing note shares highlights from that analysis. To access the adaptation plan, check the [link here](#)

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