

Strengthening women in decision-making in the Middle East – LEAD

German Development Cooperation supports women's political and formative participation in decision-making in the Palestinian Territories, Jordan and Lebanon.

LEAD has three components:

1. Promoting women in local politics and local government;
2. Conducting gender audits in municipalities and implementing the resulting recommendations; and,
3. Establishing gender platforms and networks and reinforcing existing ones to coordinate the objectives and activities of the affiliated civil-society organizations.

An earlier project in the Palestinian territories developed and piloted measures that are now being scaled-up and mainstreamed in Lebanon and Jordan. LEAD focuses on women who shape community development as civil society actors or hold municipal office (some on a voluntary basis) or technical positions in local government in the selected cities, rural communities, and villages. Furthermore, the project supports women's organizations and networks to strengthen the women's movement and women's representation, voice, and agency in the region.



Women council members filling the questionnaire for the needs assessment
(at the Launching event “Community Projects for Newly Elected Female
Council Members in Palestine”, 18 October 2017, Ramallah).
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