



Annex 2 FACT SHEET

Lebanon Education Assistance for Development

The Lebanon Education Assistance for Development program provides assistance to public schools to improve their learning environments through physical repair works, provision of equipment and educational extra-curricular activities.

The program carries out rehabilitation works to enhance the physical capabilities of public schools; provides school equipment such as science and computer laboratories, classroom

equipment; implements awareness programs on health, nutrition and social awareness for a better learning environment; and conducts extracurricular activities to enhance the students' skills and learning experience.

To date, 283 public schools located in all Lebanese districts have received assistance under the program. Students have benefited from this program by attending schools that now have improved learning environments as well as participated in extra-curricular activities and awareness sessions.

USAID support for basic education development in Lebanon continues to remain a core program objective. The LEAD program has been extended through September 10, 2010 to provide a comprehensive package of assistance to thirty additional schools throughout Lebanon, creating model schools based on standards set by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education. About 3,750 students are expected to benefit from this additional assistance that includes renovation works and the provision of science and computer laboratories. The Ministry will also receive support in the systemization of their after-school activities program by building the capacity of school staff, in particular headmasters, to run after-school programs.

The program is being carried out by the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and the Cooperative Housing Foundation (CHF) with a total budget of \$11,623,064.

Recent activities supported through this program have included the following:

- Physical repair works took place at schools such as the renovation of bathrooms, potable water fountains, ceilings, playground fences and others;
- The provision of school equipment such as computer and science laboratories including resin tables, science materials and LCD projectors;
- The implementation of community service projects at schools.



Students work on a science experiment in their new laboratory.

(Photo: IOCC)