

June Newsletter 2026

Latest WASH news

Due to the ongoing war in the middle east and Lebanon, activities such as workshops and meetings were low in the past couple of weeks; LEWAP continues to publish their quarterly newsletter

In the hopes of the situation getting better, we will continue to inform you of the latest information and what is happening in the water and sanitation sector until things get better

Stay safe everyone

WEAM Roundtable #5 – Water Scarcity and Tensions in the South – 12FEB26

Following the first roundtable on "Water Scarcity and Tensions in the Beqaa", Oxfam in Lebanon, under the EU-funded WE'AM project (Working for Engagement, Acceptance, and Mediation), organized a similar roundtable in South Lebanon to explore water-related challenges and their implications for social stability.

The fifth WE'AM roundtable brought together representatives from public institutions, municipalities, civil society organizations, NGOs, UN agencies, and donor partners. Discussions highlighted a range of interconnected challenges related to water governance, infrastructure maintenance, energy supply, data availability, institutional coordination, and financial sustainability. Participants also emphasized the importance of improved information sharing, stronger stakeholder collaboration, and enhanced community engagement in water management processes.

Key recommendations included strengthening coordination mechanisms, improving monitoring and data systems, supporting sustainable service delivery, investing in infrastructure and renewable energy solutions, and promoting inclusive and participatory approaches to water governance. Overall, the dialogue underscored the value of integrated and conflict-sensitive approaches that contribute to improved water management, strengthened institutional cooperation, and enhanced social cohesion.

To know more about this roundtable discussion, check the link [here](#)

Anera's intervention in response to the war

During the latest war, Anera responded to the urgent needs of thousands of affected individuals by providing food assistance, shelter kits, bedding, and critical WASH interventions. Anera ensured displaced communities had access to safe drinking water and supported dignified living conditions by distributing hygiene kits and installing water filters, emergency latrines and shower facilities.

As part of its emergency response, Anera also supported the rehabilitation of two firefighting and water distribution trucks for the Civil Defense in partnership with the Municipality of Saida. These trucks continue to support displaced populations through water provision and remain available for future emergency response needs.

Anera is currently working closely with the South Lebanon Water Establishment and the Beirut and Mount Lebanon Water Establishment — among the institutions most affected by the war — to support urgent repairs and rehabilitation aimed at restoring and sustaining water services.

Beyond emergency response, Anera has many years of experience in water and energy infrastructure rehabilitation across Lebanon. The organization has rehabilitated multiple water networks and installed renewable energy solutions, including more than 100 solar power systems serving healthcare facilities, community centers, and educational institutions. In South Lebanon specifically, Anera has previously implemented water network installation projects, demonstrating strong familiarity with the geographical, operational, and technical requirements of the region.

SANIHUB AI

The SANIHUB AI is now accessible and free of charge. The platform aims to transform the humanitarian WASH knowledge management by creating a central one-stop shop for knowledge sharing. The new domain-specific AI, builds on the existing SANIHUB architecture and supports humanitarian WASH practitioners with curated, multilingual, field-ready knowledge.

LEWAP has contributed in collecting emergency sanitation projects from across Lebanon with the help and support of humanitarian organizations.

The beta version is available through both the **Humanitarian Sanitation Hub** online platform and WhatsApp, with expert support through a human-in-the-loop help desk.

🔗 Web Version: <https://ai.sanihub.info>

📱 WhatsApp: <https://wa.me/15559884523>

French Decentralized Cooperation Projects and funds

Despite fluctuating security conditions, Lebanese and French partners are continuing their cooperation on water and sanitation projects.

It should be noted that these areas have not been affected by the bombings – so far.

Grand Pic Saint Loup, in partnership with municipality of Zahlé-Maallaqa and Taanayel and Qaa Er Rim – HAUD Berdaouni Project

On May 04, 2026, the HAUD-Berdaouni project held the second meeting of the Technical Committee (Co-tech) of the Berdaouni Basin Forum, reconnecting after the escalation of the war in Lebanon and planning for the next steps.

Partners in the consortium presented the activities that were conducted so far:

- LRI has finalized plantations of hedges/fruit trees/local species in 7 farms and is preparing for training sessions on agroecology, sustainable soil and water management, agroecological pest control, and on-field composting training with the aim of improving their crops growth while preserving the environment.
- A pilot site will be implemented in the backyard of the Zahle Municipality which includes a rainwater harvesting reservoir and a rain garden that will be irrigated by the excess of rainwater harvested from the municipality's roof. This site will improve water retention/infiltration and reduce runoffs.
- ECOMED responsible of rehabilitating a natural habitat conducted their field visits to select the site and decided on 2 sites but still waiting for the approval of the municipality.
- The Lebanese University has allocated a master student to conduct a study on the assessment of farmers perception of agroecological and water management practices in the Zahle watershed; this is done through the Perception Based Regional Mapping.
- The sharing of project documentation, as well as water-related knowledge and initiatives within the Berdaouni watershed, was discussed. LEWAP, the Municipality of Zahle, and LRI expressed their willingness to support the hosting and dissemination of these resources. In the longer term, the Berdaouni Water Forum could benefit from a dedicated online platform, subject to the identification of a sustainable solution in collaboration with key water sector stakeholders.

The Co-tech will be meeting on a monthly basis to follow up on the activities assigned and discuss feasibility of actions given the current context.

To know more about the meeting, you can access the report in [french](#) and [arabic](#)

City of Chambéry and the Aude Department, funded by the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Water Agency and the French Development Agency (AFD) in the districts of Bcharre and Zgharta in North Lebanon – Sustainable Qadisha project

The Water and Sanitation project, a key component of the "Sustainable Qadisha" cooperation program implemented between the districts of Bcharre and Zgharta, with the support of the City of Chambéry and the Aude Department, and funded by the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Water Agency and the French Development Agency (AFD), continues to make steady progress despite a challenging context and inflation, which have significantly impacted service providers and the project budget.

A baseline assessment in the form of a mapping exercise, evaluating the vulnerability of municipalities regarding access to water and sanitation, has been completed. The findings, scheduled to be presented to the municipalities and the North Lebanon Water Establishment at the end of June, will help define the project's next priorities and reinforce the need for stronger collaboration among these stakeholders.

At the same time, infrastructure works are ongoing, including the connection of a new reservoir in Raskifa and the installation of solar-powered systems to supply chlorine dosing pumps at five sites across the Bcharre District. A similar intervention is planned for the Zgharta District.

The project also strengthens awareness of water resource management in schools and is preparing the establishment of a Water Ecomuseum in Rachiine, led by a dedicated steering committee bringing together the Ministry of Energy and Water, the North Lebanon Water Establishment, and the local municipality. To learn more, access the link [here](#).

Hydreaulys, municipalities of Noisy and Bailly in partnership with the municipality of Antoura in Lebanon / Decentralized wastewater stations

The cooperation between Antoura and the municipalities of Noisy and Bailly is making strong progress in 2026.

As part of this three-year program, the first phase focuses on the installation and commissioning of eight autonomous wastewater treatment stations serving 34 priority households, benefiting approximately 170 residents.

Two pilot wastewater treatment stations will soon be installed for the Jano Salem and Abdo Abou Diwan buildings (with treatment capacities of 4 and 5 m³/day, serving 28 residents) to test the proposed solutions before they are rolled out more widely. The recommended systems are based on a multi-stage aerobic biological treatment process, housed in glass fiber-reinforced plastic (GRP) tanks, specifically designed to meet local conditions. Training for municipal staff and beneficiary households on the proper operation and maintenance of the treatment stations will help ensure high-quality effluent discharge and the long-term sustainability of the installations.

Civil engineering works will begin shortly, followed by the installation of the pilot treatment stations, user training, and subsequent monitoring of effluent quality. This cooperation is financially supported by YCID, the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE), and the Seine-Normandie Water Agency, with technical and organizational support provided by the Hydreaulys Sanitation Authority and the NGO HAMAP-Humanitaire.

To learn more, access the link [here](#).

Vendée Eau Trivalis and SYDEV, in partnership with the Municipality of Hammana, Lebanon / improve the operation of both the drinking water treatment plant and the wastewater treatment facilities

Vendée Eau, the departmental public authority responsible for drinking water services in the Vendée region and, in part, for sanitation, is implementing a cooperation project with its counterparts responsible for waste management (Trivalis) and electricity (SYDEV), in partnership with the Municipality of Hammana, Lebanon. A framework agreement was signed in July 2024, and since then the partners have been working closely together to improve the operation of both the drinking water treatment plant and the wastewater treatment facilities. The project has a twofold objective: to restore the drinking water treatment plant to full operation and to provide it with a solar-powered electricity supply, reducing dependence on diesel fuel. This energy diversification will generate savings in operating costs, contributing to the long-term sustainability of the structuring of the Lebanese municipality's service.

Improving the quality of the drinking water supplied to residents is another key priority. To support this effort, Vendée Eau, in collaboration with SYDEV, launched a call for tenders that was awarded to the local consulting firms TRIPLE-E and l'ALME.

The Lebanese partners and consultants (TRIPLE-E and l'ALME) have carried out remarkable work, particularly given the challenging context. The diagnostic assessments completed are of a very high standard, and the project is now moving into the planning phase, building on solid technical and financial foundations.

Following a visit by a delegation from Vendée in September 2025, the partners hope to welcome a Lebanese delegation from 11 to 15 October to strengthen mutual understanding and promote knowledge exchange, particularly in the areas of leak detection and water conservation awareness. Vendée Eau has extensive experience in these fields and looks forward to sharing its expertise with its partners.

This initiative is supported by the DCTCIV, the French Development Agency (AFD), and the Pays de la Loire Regional Council.

For the investment component, funding will also be sought from the Loire-Brittany Water Agency.

To learn more, visit the link [here](#).

FACECO Lebanon

[FACECO](#) (the External Action Fund for Local Authorities) is a grant fund managed by the Crisis and Support Centre (CDCS) of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE). It enables local authorities to contribute to emergency aid for victims of humanitarian crises worldwide, whether sudden (such as disasters) or protracted (such as conflicts). FACECO is currently the only state tool allowing local authorities to participate in a coordinated, rapid, and effective response implemented by the State to emergency situations and the distress of affected people.

This funding is in response to the ongoing war in Lebanon aiming at relieving the areas and populations affected by the bombardments.

No deadline for applications. For more information about the call, visit the link [here](#).

Experts Solidaires call for donations for displaced people in Lebanon

In response to the worsening humanitarian crisis in Lebanon, Experts Solidaires is launching an exceptional solidarity campaign to support families displaced by the war and the local communities hosting them, who are now facing immense challenges.

For this campaign, Experts Solidaires is partnering with two local Lebanese organizations: Sada Al Bekaa and Karama, selected for the quality of their work, their strong community ties, and the immediate impact of their actions.

All funds raised will be distributed to these two partners. Donations are 66% tax-deductible; a €50 donation will effectively cost you only €17.

To donate or know more about this, check the link [here](#).

Webinar: Solidarity with Lebanon – 20 April 2026

In Lebanon, since the resumption of the bombings, nearly one in five people has been forced to flee conflict-affected areas, according to the High Commissioner for Refugees (HCR). In response to this situation, several organizations from the Occitanie region, which have long-standing partnerships with Lebanese counterparts, have mobilized to support the civilian population.

To improve coordination and facilitate information sharing, the regional multi-stakeholder network "Occitanie Coopération" compiled an overview of [the initiatives led by organizations across Occitanie in support of those affected by the crisis in Lebanon](#).

To exchange information and highlight these initiatives, Occitanie Coopération organized an online workshop on Monday, 20 April 2026, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Occitanie Coopération would like to thank the following partners for their valuable contributions to the workshop:

- Jean-Noël Baléo – Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie / University Agency of the Francophonie (AUF)
- Damien Brintet – Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE)
- Claude El Hage – Consulate General of Lebanon
- Sophie Moal-Makame – Prefecture of the Occitanie Region

The workshop report is available upon request: equipe@oc-cooperation.org

Funding mechanism of the Delegation for Local Authorities and Civil Society (DCTCIV) intended for local authorities

The annual Call for Proposals under the Franco-Lebanese Joint Fund is currently on hold due to the security situation.

However, the Delegation for Local Authorities and Civil Society (DCTCIV) has introduced a funding mechanism to enable French local authorities to continue supporting their Lebanese counterparts despite the deteriorating security context. This mechanism, known as the "rolling application" scheme, is designed to provide flexible support throughout the year.

This mechanism is designed to support projects carried out between a French local authority and a Lebanese local authority, aimed at addressing the essential needs of populations in areas that fall within the structural or situational responsibilities of the Lebanese authority. This mechanism, which targets Lebanese local authorities, is complementary to the humanitarian actions implemented by NGOs and supported by France, notably through the FACECO fund.

Given the evolving security situation, applications may be submitted at any time during the year. The mechanism aims to sustain and strengthen existing partnerships between French and Lebanese local authorities through targeted projects that either build on long-term cooperation or help initiate new partnerships.

Projects focusing on water and sanitation, as essential public services, are eligible under this scheme. However, the mechanism is not intended to finance equipment purchases, except in exceptional cases.

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National and institutional news

News from the Ministry of Energy and Water

Due to the continuous bombardment, the Water-Systems were damaged in different regions in the South and Bekaa;

- Sector noted limited access to consolidated, verified damage assessment data for water systems, particularly in the South, due to access and security constraints.
- Preliminary discussions with water establishment counterparts indicated significant network damage; comprehensive assessment to proceed once conditions allow.
- A Google Sheet capturing reported damages/needs was referenced for Bekaa and South; under-reporting in the South remains a limitation.
- For Bekaa Water Establishment, several damage items were reportedly compiled (by the establishment) and many rehabilitation works were largely covered by ICRC (including in Nabi Sheet area).
- CNRS analysis using satellite imagery was referenced as an additional, upcoming information source; findings to be shared when available.

WASH Sector Updates

The latest [WaSH Sector Situation Report #68 \(Post-Ceasefire Update\) \(as of 26 June 2:00 pm\)](#), outlining the ongoing response.

Key highlights (since the start of the emergency):

- A total of **1,112,738** people reached inside, outside shelter, and host communities through emergency, repair & maintenance services.
- **556** collective shelters are currently hosting **70,856** displaced individuals.
- **98.5%** WASH coverage in the collective shelters, adjusted in line with shelter closures and population movements.
- Over **190,782** people have been assisted with emergency water supply.
- More than **188,521** individuals received hygiene support.
- Sanitation services have expanded, reaching over **84,164** individuals.

Key priorities:

- Adjusting response to evolving displacement dynamics.
- Prioritizing high-density shelters and sites with critical gaps.
- Shifting toward more sustainable service delivery approaches.

Latest publications

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Lebanon Response Plan 2026 – Flash appeal March–May 2026

The current escalation is generating rapidly growing humanitarian needs across multiple sectors, affecting displaced populations, communities remaining in conflict-affected areas, and host communities receiving large numbers of displaced people.

The most urgent humanitarian needs include emergency shelter and non-food items and management of collective sites, multipurpose cash assistance, food assistance, health care, water and sanitation services, protection (inclusive of GBV and child protection) services, education, and social stability support.

Humanitarian partners estimate that 1,300,000 people may be directly affected by the crisis during the next three months. These figures include displaced households, projected populations remaining in hard-to-reach areas, and other vulnerable communities impacted by airstrikes and disruptions to services and markets. At least 20 per cent of displaced people are expected to be accommodated in collective shelters.

This prioritized appeal calls for US\$ 308.3 million to provide lifesaving assistance and protection to up to 1,000,000 people, including affected vulnerable Lebanese, displaced Syrians, Palestine Refugees in Lebanon, Palestinian Refugees from Syria, and migrants for a period of three months. An immediate injection of additional funding through the Flash Appeal is needed to address critical lifesaving needs resulting from the renewed hostilities, building on existing Lebanon Response Plan (LRP) coordination mechanisms (and associated financial asks) to support the escalation response.

To know more about the LRP flash appeal, visit the link for [English](#) and [Arabic](#)

DPNA Emergency Response – May 2026



DPNA has been providing multi-sectoral response to address the essential needs of the most affected populations including in hard-to-reach areas such as Tyre, Saida district, Jezzine district, Chouf and Iqlim El Kharroub along with continuous management of a collective shelter in Abra (Saida district).

The key interventions were at the level of distribution of non-food items such as blankets, mattresses, pillows and other basic household items, daily dishes and food parcels and hygiene and cleaning kits with provision of safe drinking water and trucking services in Abra shelter.

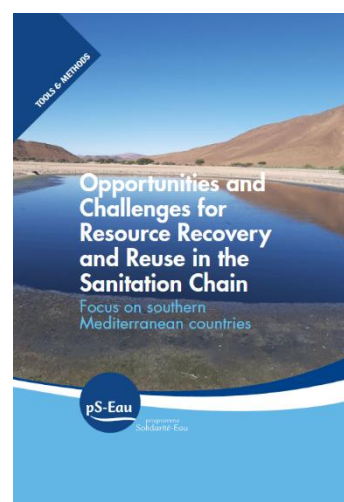
To know more about the work done, check the link [here](#)

Opportunities and Challenges for Resource Recovery and Reuse in the Sanitation Chain – Focus on southern Mediterranean Countries' – pS-Eau May 2026

pS-Eau is delighted to share with you the publication 'Opportunities and Challenges for Resource Recovery and Reuse in the Sanitation Chain – Focus on southern Mediterranean Countries'.

This guide has been developed as part of a partnership with INRAE (French research institute of agricultural science) and has been jointly funded by the Rhône Méditerranée Corse water agency, the French Office for Biodiversity and the French Agency for Development (AFD).

The guide is available in [English](#), [French](#) and [Arabic](#)



The aim of this guide is to provide key principles for understanding and resources in order to identify and take into consideration:

- Opportunities for resource recovery and reuse in the sanitation chain that cover all types of sanitation (sewerage systems, on-site sanitation systems) and treatment processes (intensive, extensive), as well as all output products (water, sludge, other products) and their potential uses (in agriculture, energy, etc.);
- The main challenges that need to be taken into account when designing a

sanitation project that includes reuse/recovery:

- The positive and negative environmental impacts;
- Managing the health risks;
- Organisational and financial models;
- The impact and consideration of sociological aspects.

After discussing the key principles for understanding and action that are applicable to all countries, this guide then focuses on southern Mediterranean countries, specifically Morocco, Tunisia, Palestine and Lebanon, before reviewing examples of decentralised cooperation projects.

**Upcoming events in Lebanon – date and further information
will be sent via email**

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