BEIRUT

MAPPING OF MIGRATION:
BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN MIGRANTS AND THE MUNICIPALITY

ABOUT BEIRUT:
- 403,337 (Municipal Beirut, 2012)
- 2,226,000 (Greater Beirut, 2012)
- Estimated refugee/migrant population: 20% of the total
- Number of districts: 13

WHY:
While municipalities can play a key role to improve the living conditions of migrant populations in the city, they are challenged by the lack of precise data and specific knowledge of tools that can address the needs of a group so diverse in terms of demographics and migration backgrounds.

WHAT:
The “Mapping of Migration” project seeks to develop and promote innovative tools to enhance the role of the municipality of Beirut to take a proactive role in addressing the challenges facing migrants in access to the city.

The pilot project, implemented in the framework of the MC2CM project, will provide enhanced information to Beirut Municipality on how migrants access the city and how they have shaped urban development. Gathered data will inform policies through the local Beirut administration to increase effectiveness in reaching communities or groups that are currently being left behind due to their particular, specific, or special needs.

HOW:
UN-Habitat, in collaboration with the Municipality of Beirut will conduct a rapid assessment (mapping) to identify risks and challenges resulted from the presence of large numbers of migrants/refugees in three most vulnerable neighborhoods of Beirut.

AIMS:
1. Enhancing the engagement of the municipality in addressing urban vulnerabilities through the development of an interactive Mapping of Migration report. The report will zoom in on 3 neighborhoods and highlight migrants’ vulnerabilities in the city and how migration has shaped the city.

2. Increasing public awareness on migrant vulnerabilities in Beirut. Through the Mapping of Migration, challenges in relation to migrants will be featured (population density, threat of eviction, racial harassment, lack of affordability, etc.)

MAIN EXPECTED ACHIEVEMENTS OF PILOT:
- Better understanding from the municipal side of risks and challenges concentrated in three of the poorest neighborhoods of the City
- Bridging the gap between the municipality and migrants through access to accurate data on migration figures and challenges
- Better targeting of municipal interventions within highly affected neighborhoods

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