

# GDRM : Project to support Lebanese communities in major risk management governance (2022-2024)

## Thematic

### Local governance



### Development local



### Social link



## Partners



## Context:

Lebanon is facing a violent economic, political, financial and social collapse. Security risks have increased dramatically. A reduction in the number of hours of electricity per day, an amplification of the waste crisis, a lack of medical personnel in hospitals, a shortage of medicines and in recent months, Lebanon has experienced numerous fires where hundreds of hectares of forests have gone up in smoke. In general, Lebanese population is experiencing a real trauma, which, the municipalities placed in the front line, must face. However, they also struggle to ensure the continuity of public services, due to a lack of financial resources and staff. At present, the municipalities have to face the same vital problems as the whole population.

## Overall objective:

The project's objectives are to support and help strengthen the readiness and response of Lebanese municipalities to major hazards, by testing a governance model on a sample of 4 local authorities, through the proposal and implementation of a project for each, addressing their specific needs..

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## Innovation and sustainability:

This project aims to create and sustain a crisis management unit that will improve risk prevention and management in the Lebanese community. The involvement of key actors in the field, including the population, in the definition of decision-making and operating protocols, is the guarantee of a rapid, coordinated and effective mobilization of the active forces in case of crisis. This will facilitate the achievement of objectives in terms of securing people and strategic infrastructures. The readiness of the population and the private sector will be improved. This governance model will be designed to be applicable for all types of major risks. These consultation units will constitute a hard core on which the communities can continue to rely after the implementation of the project, thus ensuring its sustainability.

## Action plan:

- Complete of the survey of the situation and needs in terms of major risk management of a sample of 20 local authorities.
- Conduct a survey of the Lebanese Mayors Committee to identify and weight the major risks.
- Select of a test sample of 4 local authorities.
- Develop a crisis management unit in each of the 4 local authorities.
- Train the 4 local authorities and the 4 crisis units on the risk and disaster prevention and management plan.
- Organise an exchange workshop with the French experts in order to make the Lebanese local authorities benefit from the "Nice" experience.
- Implement 4 action plans responding to specific needs in risk management.