

Non-Government Organization (NGO) Need Assessment Survey

Responding to Food Security and Livelihood

Welcome to My Survey

Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is important.

The National Human Security Forum (NHSF) in collaboration with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and Lebanese Organization for Studies and Training (LOST) are conducting this nationwide NGO need assessment survey in order to identify civil society groups' capacities to respond to emerging food security and livelihood challenges in the different regions of Lebanon. The aim is to compile national data toward determining NGOs' need priorities ahead of devising a national action plan to respond to emerging threats. The result of the survey will be shared with survey participants and will be discussed during an October meeting that will assemble international organizations, donors, NGOs, and various stakeholders toward formulating and endorsing an action plan.

Hence, completing this survey will help us identify your needs and will address "NGO's Response to Food Security and Livelihood in Lebanon". Your participation in this survey is voluntary and should not take more than 15-20 minutes of your time to complete. The result of the survey will be shared with you after completion.

If you have any question or comments, please do not hesitate to contact NHSF Director Dr. Imad Salamey: isalamey@hotmail.com or NHSF Coordinator Dr. Maria Noujaim: marianoujaim@gmail.com.

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NGO information and Relevance to Food Security

* 1. What is the official name of your NGO?

* 2. What year was it established?

* 3. What is the number of staff and volunteers working for your organization?

* 4. What region is mostly active?

- North
- Akkar
- South
- Nabatieh
- Mount Lebanon
- Jbeil-Keserwan
- Baalbeck- Hermel
- Bekaa
- Beirut

* 5. What sector it mostly serves [select most relevant]

- Environmental protection and climate change
- Food Security
- Livelihood
- Agriculture
- Humanitarian Relief
- Other (please specify)

* 6. Who are your typical beneficiaries? [Select no more than 3]

- Farmers
- Agriculture Workers
- Cooperates
- SMEs
- Industrialists
- Municipalities
- Government
- Refugees
- Marginalized Community
- People with disability
- Community at large
- Other (please specify)

* 7. How best do you describe your NGO's objectives? Please explain

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NGOs Effectiveness to Food and Livelihood Security

* 8. What are the typical activities you pursue to reach objectives [Multiple Answers]?

- Training and Capacity-Building
- Advocacy and Awareness
- Project Developments
- Financial Assistance and Fundraising
- Community Engagement and Support
- Other (please specify)

* 9. How do you typically ensure that your activities are achieving results [Multiple Answers]?

- Conduct frequent monitoring and evaluation exercises
- Revise the activities when impacts are proven marginal
- Review frequent reports from field officers and make necessary adjustment
- Conduct frequent visits to sites and make sure results are achieved
- Conduct frequent surveys and make sure objectives are achieved
- Other (please specify)

* 10. What typically help(s) you succeed in implementing your activities [Multiple Answers]

- Collaboration with international and donor organizations
- Localization
- Resources optimization
- Engagement with local stakeholders and other NGOs
- Partnership with local stakeholders and other NGOs

11. Do international organizations help or support your ability to implement your projects?

- Yes
- No

12. How many international organization(s) do you collaborate with?

- 1
- 2-4
- more than 4
- Not applicable

13. Please rate how important is the support of international organizations is for the success of your organization

- Very Crucial
- Crucial
- Helpful to some extent
- Doesn't make a difference

14. What kind of support do you receive? [Check all that applies]

- Financial
- Technical
- Political
- In-kind

Other (please specify)

* 15. How would you recommend improving relations with international organizations?

(Please check most important)

- Simplify application/reporting requirements
- Establish more flexible and responsive approval process
- Expand support to technical assistance in project implementation
- Expand support to project management
- Increase engagement to accompany project implementation
- Establish follow-up activities to sustain project
- Other (please specify)

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Challenges

* 16. What usually hinders your ability to implement your activities? [Check most relevant]

- Political instability
- Financial restrictions
- Social repercussions
- Security concerns
- Shifting the NGO's priorities
- Other (please specify)

* 17. How do you identify the appropriate measures to mitigate the risks? [check the most used measure(s)]

- Consult with local security agencies
- Consult with local municipal leaders and discuss risks
- Consult with local political parties and evaluate situations
- Rely on own knowledge and expertise in local affairs
- Hold frequent meetings with local authorities to assess situations
- Other (please specify)

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NGOs Sustainability to Food and Livelihood Security

* 18. What are the 3 most important resources that best help you maintain your activities?

- Grants and/or sub-grants
- Materials such as food items, health kits, agriculture kits, etc
- Equipment
- Qualifications of the staff
- Data
- Other (please specify)

* 19. How do you ensure continuous support to maintain your activities?

- Rely on income generated by the activities
- Funds from municipalities and government
- Partnership with diaspora, cooperatives, and local donors
- Partnership with private sectors and entities
- Support from international donors and organizations
- Other (please specify)

* 20. How do you develop cooperation and collaboration with different actors of similar or complementary objectives?

- Hold coordination meetings with donors and NGOs
- Develop partnership to consolidate resources
- Explore joint ventures and sources of support to expand work
- Communicate once a while to avoid duplicate efforts
- Other (please specify)

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NGOs Needs for Food and Livelihood Security

* 21. List the four most important priorities that your NGO requires to effectively respond to food security in your community.

- Capacity-building
- Equipment, facilities, and materials
- Financial support
- Staff
- Media and Reach-out Campaigns
- International engagement
- Coordination with other stakeholders
- Other (please specify)

* 22. List four most important priorities that your NGO requires to effectively respond to livelihood of your beneficiaries [Check 4].

- Capacity-building
- Equipment, facilities, and materials
- Financial Support
- Staff
- Media and Reach-out Campaigns
- International engagement
- Coordination with other stakeholders
- Other (please specify)

* 23. List one to four capacities and resources that your NGO can provide and support other NGOs with.

- Food Aids
- Cash-based interventions
- Agricultural Training
- Evidence-Based: Research and Analysis
- Policy Engagement
- Knowledge Exchange
- Other (please specify)

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NGOs Recommendations for Food and Livelihood Security

* 24. What are, in your opinion, three main priorities that should be included in any national food security action plan?

- Promote contract farming for agricultural production development.
- Ensure the access of marginalized community groups to highly nutritional food.
- Ensure the quality of food support in social institutions that help marginalized groups
- Encourage domestic production of high-quality improved varieties.
- Promote integration of livestock into smallholder farming systems.
- Create conducive environment for private sector investment and local community participation in irrigation development.
- Promote environment, land and water management for sustainable agricultural development.
- Promote off-farm employment opportunities through economic empowerment.
- Establish community grain banks.

Other (please specify)

* 25. What are, in your opinion, three main priorities that should be included in any agri-food livelihood action plan?

- Preserving or increasing agricultural productivity
- Securing the nutritional needs of marginalized groups: children - elderly - women - poor- etc
- Making use of weather and climate forecasts to engage in better and risk-informed seasonal and long-term livelihoods adaptation
- Empowering women along the value chain
- New business models for smallholder agriculture and rural development
- Improving agricultural system management to increase resource efficiency and reduce environmental degradation.
- Shorten and localize food supply chains to reduce costs
- Reducing food losses and waste
- Promoting shift towards healthier diets
- Other (please specify)

* 26. List the three most important actors/organizations that should be included in discussing such action plans. Please name

* 27. Are you interested to join the October meeting to discuss such an action plan with other NGOs and international organizations?

Yes

No

28. If Yes, please provide us with the name and contact information of the person (s) to join.

Name (s)

Email Address (es)

Phone Number (s)

Thank you for completing this survey! We look forward to share with you the survey result and to have you join our October meeting. If you have any question or comment, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Imad Salamey: isalamey@hotmail.com or Dr. Maria Noujaim: marianoujaim@gmail.com.