AMENDMENT 2
Initial Environmental Examination
IEE Building Alliance for Local Advancement, Development, and Investment (BALADI)

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY DATA:

Country Code-DO: 268-001
Foreign Assistance Objective: Governing Justly and Democratically Economic Growth
Country or Region: Lebanon
Activity Name: Building Alliance for Local Advancement, Development, and Investment (BALADI)

Funding Begin: 2012  Funding End: 2019  LOP Amount: $34,669,465
Sub-Activity Amount: Not applicable

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IEE Amendment (Y/N): Y  If “Yes,” Number @ Date of Original IEE:
ME 12-87 for the BALADI Project, approved on April 18, 2012.
Amendment ME 17-40 for the BALADI Project, approved on April 24, 2017.

Environmental Media and/or Human Health Potentially Impacted (check all that apply):
air  water  land  biodiversity  human health  other none

Environmental Action(s) Recommended: (Check all that apply)
Categorical Exclusion:  Deferral:
Positive Determination:  Negative Determination
Exemption:  With Conditions:

BACKGROUND

USAID is implementing a project entitled Building Alliance for Local Advancement, Development, and Investment (BALADI) since 2012. Under the BALADI project, USAID awarded cooperative agreements to two local Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) to support municipal activities through in-kind competitive grants to improve governance and respond to citizen socio-economic needs. The IEE (Annex 1) for this project was approved on April 18, 2012 and amended (Annex 2) on April 24, 2017 to increase the LOP amount from $25,000,000 to $31,670,000, and to extend the project end date from September 29, 2017 to September 29, 2018

This amendment to the IEE is to reflect the:

a. Increase in the Life of Project (LOP) total funding amount from $31,670,000 to the new LOP amount of $34,669,465.
b. Extension of the BALADI project end date from September 29, 2018 to September 29, 2019.

This IEE amendment is to reflect the increase in the BALADI project LOP amount and the extension of its completion date. All other aspects related to the scope and nature of activities, remain the same. Therefore, the recommendations and the environmental threshold decisions remain the same.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The IEE for the BALADI project was approved on April 18, 2012 (Ref ME 12-87) and amended on April 24, 2017 (Ref ME 17-40). An amendment to the IEE is further needed due to two reasons:

A. Increasing the LOP amount from $31,670,000 to the new expected LOP amount of $34,669,465. The additional funding being provided to the BALADI Project and its time expansion will enable the project to provide more of the same type of assistance in order to support more municipalities in Lebanon.

B. Extending the funding end date from 2018 to 2019. The BALADI project duration will be extended up to an additional year to accommodate for the scope expansion providing it the required time to complete an additional expected 14 new municipal assistance projects and provide ample time for the current ongoing activities to be completed.

This IEE amendment to increase the cost and extend the project’s duration will not change the nature of the activities implemented under the project. Therefore, there are no changes to the findings, recommendation, environmental threshold decisions, and actions approved in the ME 12-87 (Annex 1) and ME 17-40 (Annex 2).
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ANNEXES:
Annex 1: Approved IEE dated April 18, 2012 (Ref ME 12-87)
Annex 2: Approved IEE Amendment #1 dated April 24, 2017 (Ref ME 17-40)