

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

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Project Name:	Community-based Wildfire Risk Management in Lebanon's Vulnerable Landscapes
Countr(ies):	Lebanon
Implementing Agency:	World Bank

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Community-based Wildfire Risk Management in Lebanon's Vulnerable Landscapes

Country

Lebanon

GEF ID

11117

Implementing Agency

World Bank

Executing Entity

Ministry of Environment

Trust Fund

GET

Project Type

FSP

PIR Submission

9/3/2026

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2026 , 2nd PIR

Objective

The project objective is to reduce wildfire risks in selected hotspots in Lebanon by improving forest landscape management.

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Moderately Satisfactory

Development Objective

Moderately Satisfactory

Overall risk

Moderate Risk

Project Financing

3,786,510.00

Cumulative Disbursement

2,657,239.00

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

7/18/2024

Agency Approval

8/27/2024

Implementation Start

8/27/2024

First Disbursement

4/30/2025

Expected MTR 12/1/2026	Actual MTR
Expected Completion 7/31/2028	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Progress: Information on progress and outcomes of project implementation activities

The project has disbursed 77% of the total budget of \$3.46 million, and steady progress in the project implementation is noted. All the project activities are under implementation and the project is contributing to the sustainable forest management agenda in Lebanon. MoE contracted Association for Forests, Development and Conservation (AFDC) to implement priority activities including: (i) launching an awareness campaign ahead of the wildfire season; (ii) developing and delivering a training plan prior to the delivery of equipment to municipalities to support the work of first responders; and (iii) initiate the update of the forest fire prevention action plans at the national and local levels.

MoE also contracted UNOPS to implement in a swift approach the procurement of early response equipment for community-based first responders, which is expected to be delivered by end-August 2026 for distribution to the project target areas. The equipment for first responders was identified based on a needs assessment conducted by MoE. MoE is working closely with local authorities to develop forest management plans which will constitute a basis for sustainable forest management and ensure close engagement of local communities in forest fire prevention.

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

The main challenges faced by the project resulted from the security situation in FY26, which prevented regular field visits to be conducted. Procurement of goods was also slightly disrupted by the regional conflict, however, this will not significantly affect the project implementation.

C. Stakeholder Engagement

Several modalities for stakeholders engagement are organized by the project: (i) the Project steering committee is meeting regularly and ensure cross-sectoral coordination among key central level institutions; and (ii) the project team is conducting continuous field visit to the beneficiary local authorities as art of the preparation of the Forest Management Plans and ensure close engagement of local stakeholders in the project.

D. Gender Equality

The project is following up on the Gender Action Plan prepared at appraisal and is advancing key activities to ensure gender mainstreaming including the following: (i) inclusion of men and women, at national and local levels, in consultations and decision-making processes from design to implementation and monitoring of the coordination mechanism on integrated wildfire risk management; (ii) raising awareness of local communities across all hotspot areas, involving men, women, universities and schoolchildren, following relevant social and cultural aspects are appropriately considered; and (iii) integrate gender-inclusive training and budget to promote the role and sustainable livelihoods and green jobs for men, women, youth and persons with disabilities.

E. Knowledge Management

The project has developed an ambitious communication plan to support community engagement and

awareness regarding forest fire prevention. The communication activities have been initiated in FY26 through the preparation of a National Forest Fire Awareness Campaign which will be launched in August 2026. The project is also initiating the preparation of a documentary and 3 shorts (covering the 3 hotspots included in the project). Other communication tools are also being developed and will be released through different channels in FY27

III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	
Components and Cost	
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	
Financial Management	
Implementation Schedule	
Executing Entity	
Executing Entity Category	
Minor Project Objective Change	
Safeguards	
Risk Analysis	
Increase of GEF Financing up to 5%	
Co-Financing	
Location of Project Activity	
others	

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Aakkar	34.49668	36.17565	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Aley-Shouf	33.80747	35.60302	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Minieh	34.40756	36.10054	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Chouf	33.68385	35.64871	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

V. ANNEX

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