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Several projects were undertaken in Lebanon on water and soil conservation. They targeted at improving the lifestyle of the people living in rural areas where floods affect negatively. In this context pilot activities for sustainable land management have been carried out within the framework of two projects on Flood Risk Management

The first project **Flood Risk Management El Qaa Watershed – Lebanon** was planned and carried out in close cooperation with

- The Arab Center for the Studies of Arid zones and dry lands (ACSAD)
- Ministry of Agriculture - Lebanon (MOA)
- El Qaa Municipality - Lebanon
- German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)

It introduced techniques for Specific soil and water conservation and positive impacts of such activities rural areas.

The second project funded by the UNDP on **Flood Risks Management and Water Harvesting for Livelihood Recovery in Baalbeck El Hermel – Lebanon**. This project aims at assisting the government of Lebanon in its effort in the desertification prone region of Baalbeck El Hermel through better land management practices, namely: flood risk reduction, restoration of vegetation cover and improved availability of irrigation water needed to increase crop productivity and improve standards of living.

A Project contributing to the support of the income of the rural communities was executed after the 2006 war by the Italian Directorate- General for cooperation and development. **The cooperation project Activation of Mechanisms to sustain Rural Territories and communities** in Lebanon aimed at supporting the income of the Lebanese communities through undertaking and developing strategies to:

- provide technical assistance for improvement of agricultural production quality
- support the creation of pilote initiatives for the promotion of local products and land enhancement.