

Acted pursues a triple mandate as a **humanitarian, environmental and development aid actor**. For the past 17 years in Lebanon, Acted has relied on an in-depth knowledge of local territories to develop actions with a wide range of local and international partners, building together a **3ZERO world: Zero Exclusion** (because nobody should be left behind), **Zero Carbon** (because we only have one planet) and **Zero Poverty** (because poverty should not hold back potential).

Our action contributes to the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, recognizing that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that reduce inequality and injustice and spur inclusive, low-carbon economic growth – all while tackling climate change and the deepening environmental crisis.

This factsheet highlights our key impact achievements from 2023.

Acted's broad programmatic portfolio in Lebanon embodies the 3ZERO strategy, benefiting **112,799 individuals** across the country in 2023.

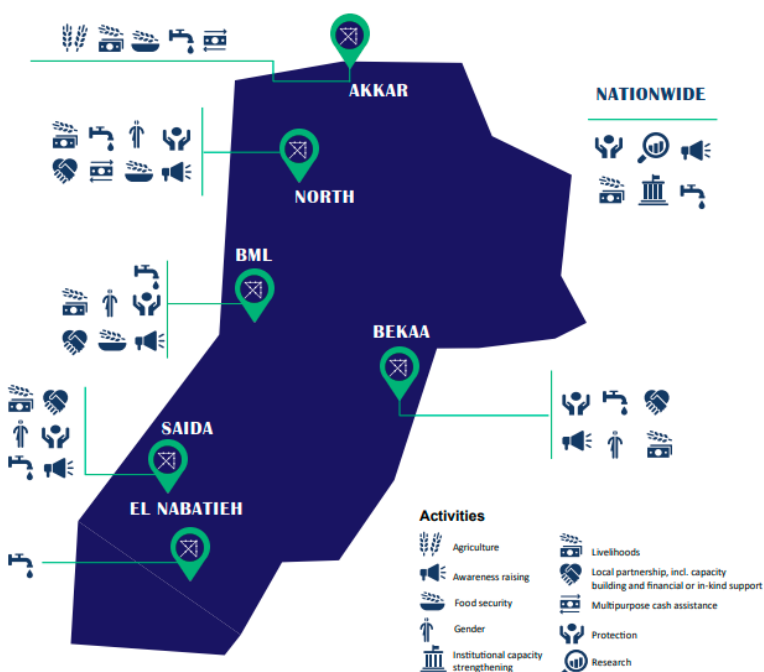
Our holistic approach contributed to reducing multidimensional poverty while ensuring no one was left behind. Our efforts advanced sustainable, low-carbon development while addressing the immediate needs of all vulnerable communities and local partners, towards a 3ZERO World.

This was achieved by working with a wide range of stakeholders, including local **authorities, civil society, academia** and the **private sector**, to address the needs of all communities in need, while prioritizing **marginalized groups** (such as women, migrants and persons with diverse SOGI).

One main area of focus is sustainable, efficient, and equitable **management of water resources**. Our approach provides communities with access to water, strengthens the capacity of public water governance actors for sustained service, and promotes water-wise management. Projects seek to enhance community resilience and reduce pressure on groundwater resources.

In the **agriculture** and **livelihood** sectors, Acted prioritises **circular economy**. This includes offering cost-efficient and alternative water sources to vulnerable farmers. In addition to **technical assistance**, Water Establishments and MSMEs were equipped with **solar** energy, contributing to **green economic recovery**. Interventions were designed to address **gender** inequalities, through awareness raising for men and women, and access to **income-generation** opportunities for women, while addressing specific needs and gender norms.

Map of Acted interventions in Lebanon





85,743 crisis-affected individuals supported by Acted with relevant assistance covering their basic needs

19,405 individuals obtained support in the form of cash

579 households reported an increased income



Multipurpose cash and cash-for-food transfers



Emergency hygiene and baby kits distributions



Cash-for-work & skill development opportunities



Access to menstrual hygiene



Access to safe water and sanitation systems



Focus on **menstrual poverty reduction**

Acted supported the establishment of **two menstrual hygiene facilities** building on the support given to one pre-existing facility in Tripoli. This involved the recruitment and training of **more than 330 vulnerable women cash-for-workers** on production, sales and marketing. More than **30,000 women and girls** residing in vulnerable neighbourhoods received free or low-priced sanitary pads complemented by information on menstrual hygiene and health, puberty, sexual and reproductive health, and available GBV services.



Following the escalation of the armed conflict in South Lebanon, Acted provided hygiene kits to over 400 displaced individuals in Nabatieh district.

Acted supported 1,600 host and migrant vulnerable households with the provision of 8 months of multipurpose cash and cash-for-food assistance. This assistance helped them afford basic necessities and reduce their reliance on negative coping strategies.



45,022 individuals with access to basic services

22 WASH facilities built or rehabilitated

68,667 individuals have benefited from WASH activities



Raising awareness about improved water management



Installation of rainwater harvesting systems



Strengthen the capacity of water governance actors



Construction and upgrading of water and sanitation systems



Focus on Water Establishment-led service improvement & cost recovery

To improve the management and operation of the distribution network, Acted focused on improving water services through a tailored modality targeting distribution systems at the local level.

In 2023, with consortium partners, more than **400kms of water network were mapped**, enabling **hydraulic models** to be developed and critical problems to be identified.

Water Establishments' local sections and teams in Baabda were also assisted in **budgeting** for key equipment and material requirements, **procurement** procedures and network **maintenance**.



In Ouzaii, an approximate 22,000 Lebanese and Syrian individuals benefited from the installation of the potable water network and a stormwater network that reduces flooding.

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



3 micro, small and medium enterprises supported

More than **640,000** menstrual hygiene pads produced



Capacity building and cash grant/in-kind support

Two new menstrual hygiene pads production facilities were established in Saida and Beirut, in addition to the scale up of support to the already established Tripoli manufacturing line. They built their capacity in **business management** with **ESA Business School**. Acted then provided cash grant/in-kind support coaching and mentoring.

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



22 infrastructure units constructed made resource-efficient

51 of kilowattpeak (kWp) of solar panels installed in one well as well as in facilities.



Solarization of buildings and wash infrastructure



Installation of rainwater harvesting systems



Focus on Rainwater Harvesting systems

Acted supported small-scale farmers, located in villages of the Al Oustuan river basin characterized by water-stress, economic vulnerability and local tensions, with the installation of rainwater harvesting systems. The systems offer a **low-cost solution** for the collection, storage and use of rainwater for agriculture purposes. By reducing competition over access to wells, they also contribute to **reducing tensions** among neighbours and communities.

The project also increased farmers' capacity to **cope, adapt and/or recover from shocks** caused by **climate-change induced water-stress**.





5,098 individuals benefitted from campaigns promoting sustainable lifestyles



Our teams provided door-to-door water management sessions to households and schools to showcase the added value of installing water-saving fixtures.



Raising awareness about improved water management



Distribution of water-saving fixtures



Acted gathered students and community members to participate in its interactive “water-wise” sessions, to raise awareness on responsible water consumption and management.



20 CSOs and government institutions have enhanced their capacities



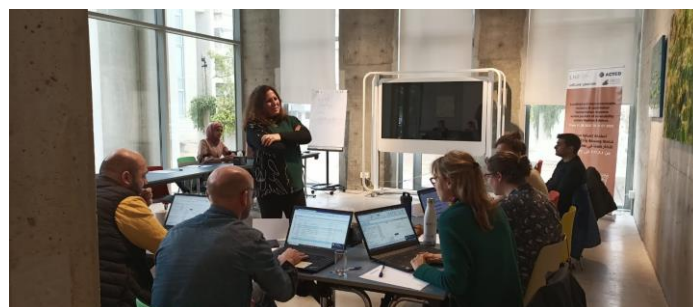
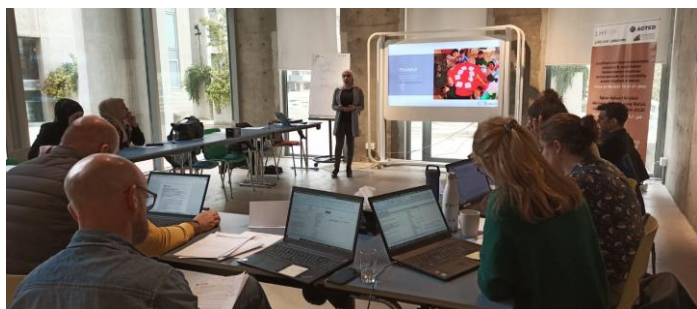
Subgrants and in-kind donations



Capacity strengthening of local NGOs and CSOs

Focus on innovative localization approach

Acted supported 8 CSOs in Beirut and Baalbek with **contextualized and tailored** organizational and technical capacity-building through **training, mentoring, and coaching** activities. These trainings aim to strengthen the CSOs’ humanitarian response in order to enable more participation in local decision-making and service delivery. Four also received sub-grants and in-kind donations to implement emergency response projects benefiting vulnerable communities.



Acted is an international NGO present in Lebanon since 2006.

Acted respects a strict political and religious impartiality and operates based on following the Principles of non-discrimination, transparency, according to its core values: responsibility, impact, enterprising-spirit and inspiration. Working closely with local authorities and civil society stakeholders at the community level, Acted is committed to immediate humanitarian relief to support those in urgent need and protect people’s dignity, while co-creating longer term opportunities for sustainable growth and fulfilling people’s potential.

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