

#14.SPORT FOR PEACE

ANERA (AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID)

Since 2013, Lebanon

www.amera.org/projects/sports-peace/

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Topic relevance

PLAYING TOGETHER / FIGHTING DISCRIMINATION / SPECIFIC FOR REFUGEES / INCLUSION / YOUTH ORIENTED

Factor of success FUNDING STRUCTURES

Type INITIATIVE/PROJECT

Language English

Target population

Refugees and local people in Lebanon

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Synthesis of the good example

Sport for Peace is a program holding by ANERA (American Near East Refugee Aid) in Lebanon. The aim of this initiative is to provide to refugees? community from Syria and Palestine in Lebanon recreational facilities, actions for people interact with one another, develop social skills of tolerance and have fun.

Highlights and outcomes

ANERA identified popular sports clubs in the conflict-prone regions and worked with the clubs to implement joint sporting events and activities. This approach is interesting for you if you are looking for how to provide a local support in your actions (resources, financial assistance, specific training) and working in collobaration with local organisations.

Context and approach

Since the beginning of the Syrian conflict in 2011, over 1 million Syrian refugees have fled to Lebanon and joined an existing Palestinian refugee population. It has contributed to a refugee-to-host population that is now the highest in the world. This situation has revived historic friction between Lebanese, Syrians and Palestinians while increasing tension due to a compete for space, resources and employment. The integration of sport as a tool for peace and development, especially among young people living in refugee's camps, initiates life skills and recreation. Last but not least, this program promotes understanding and peaceful coexistence among these different communities by mixing cultures, gender and activities. Sport courses, community sports days and tournaments for youth ("we play for peace") are organized with local organisations. Moreover, dozens of coaches were trained to foster peace and deal positively with conflict, and facilities and equipment were upgraded.

Information about project/organisation's holder

ANERA (American Near East Refugee Aid) is a non-political organisation working since 1968 in the Middle East. It addresses the development and humanitarian needs of Palestinians and other marginalized communities in Palestine and Lebanon.

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