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# Industrial Zones

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**I**taly supports the sustainable development of Lebanon. One of the most important projects is the "Development of Industrial Zones in Lebanon", funded by the Italian Cooperation and implemented by UNIDO in support to the Ministry of Industry, Lebanese enterprises and local communities. The project aims at combining urban

development, infrastructural and service activities provided by the companies to operate in a stable and convenient environment.

According to experiences in several countries, areas can have a significant positive impact on economic reforms, industrial development and policies for employment generation.

The initiative also intends to mitigate the impact of the Syrian crisis, in areas that are hosting a large number of refugees.

The Italian Cooperation financed, through a contribution of € 500.000, the feasibility studies undertaken by UNIDO, while providing technical assistance to the





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Lebanese government in order to make operational the feasibility studies and the master plans, and enhance the capacity of Ministry of Industry in terms of management and development of industrial zones in Lebanon, in line with the financing

opportunities proposed by Italy, the European Investment Bank and the European Bank for Development and Reconstruction. The technical assistance for investment promotion in industrial zones will also be guaranteed thanks to the missions by

representatives of the Lebanese institutions and business associations in Italy. The initiative will support the production capacities of host communities by enhancing the capacity to respond to local and external market demands.

