



## Small Grants – Project Completion and Impact Report

*Instructions to grantees: please complete all fields, and respond to all questions listed below.*

<b>Organization Legal Name</b>	CEPFS FOR CARE
<b>Project Title</b>	Restoring Cedars for Care Center hit by Beirut Blast on August 4th, 2020
<b>Grant Number</b>	CEPF-111582
<b>Date of Report</b>	20 DECEMBER 2020

**CEPF Hotspot: Mediterranean Basin**

**Strategic Direction: SD5**

**Grant Amount: //3,140.00// US DOLLARS**

**Project Dates: 1/11/2020 TO 30/11/2020**

### **PART I: Overview**

#### **1. Implementation Partners for this Project (*list each partner and explain how they were involved in the project*)**

Cedars for Care (CFC) is the main partner involved in the project “Restoration of Cedars for Care office hit by August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 blast. The part of the office hit was the first floor and main entrance. The rest was safe as it is located underground.

The second partner is Operation Big Blue Association (OBBA). As a daughter NGO, OBBA uses the office for its administrative work as well as promoting ecological packing in CFC showroom.

#### **2. Summarize the overall results/impact of your project**

Cedars for Care’s office is a 2 stories center. Together with its sister organization Operation Big Blue Association (OBBA) provide different social and environmental services.

On August 4<sup>th</sup>, the main part of the center (entrance and showroom) was affected by Beirut Port blast. This part hosted activities related to sustainable agriculture and activities related to awareness to stop sea pollution and protect marine life. Tens of volunteers, students and friends used to visit this center to learn how to minimize plastic pollution, about the importance of protecting bees and about adoption of ecological methods in farming.

With the generous grant of CEPF, CFC managed to restore the office. Now it has opened again its door to:

- Promote pollinators conservation

- Sell farmers healthy and Eco packed produce (an activity that encourage sustainable farming by offering marketing services)
- Promote Eco packing to reduce the use of plastic and thus reduce plastic in the ocean (glass bottles, single use eco plates)

All these different activities are expected to provide more awareness and to prove that ecofriendly alternatives to plastic and alternative to chemicals in farming are available and can be adopted.

The following links are related to the dissemination of the repair on CFC social media outputs:

- <https://www.facebook.com/169155359797775/posts/3662904113756198/?sfnsn=mo>
- <https://www.instagram.com/p/CJp8rQGFKpf/?igshid=7t6lswvjpt9e>
- <https://twitter.com/p/CedarsFor/status/1346364807780458497?s=08>

More information about the work of CFC and OBBA (past and future) related to Sustainable farming and to marine conservation is on the following links:

-  [www.facebook.com/cedarsforcare](http://www.facebook.com/cedarsforcare)
- [www.facebook.com/ecogallery](http://www.facebook.com/ecogallery)
- [www.fecabook.com/habbetelbarake](http://www.fecabook.com/habbetelbarake)
- [www.facebook.com/operationbigblue](http://www.facebook.com/operationbigblue)
-  @cedarsforcare
- @OBBA
-  @cedarsforcare
- @ecogallery
- @OBBA

**3. Briefly describe actual progress towards each planned long-term and short-term impact (as stated in the approved proposal)**

*List each long-term impact from your proposal*

**a. Planned Long-term Impacts - 3+ years (as stated in the approved proposal)**

Impact Description	Impact Summary
Ensuring the continuance of the center in providing social and environmental services	-Ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increase productivity and production, that help maintain ecosystems, that strengthen capacity for adaptation to climate change, extreme weather, drought, flooding and other disasters and that progressively improve land and soil quality. -Double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers, in particular women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishers, including through secure and equal access to land, other productive resources and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment. -Reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse.

	-Prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution off all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution.

b. Planned Short-term Impacts - 1 to 3 years (as stated in the approved proposal)

Impact Description	Impact Summary
To restore the center first floor that was used to display farmers products in addition to receiving volunteers and packing food boxes.	-receive volunteers for awareness on pollinators, plastic pollution and solutions. -display healthy produce to help the farmers who adopt suitable farming practices promote their goods.

**4. Describe the success or challenges of the project toward achieving its short-term and long-term impacts**

Since October 5<sup>th</sup>, CFC faced financial challenges and was not able to receive volunteers and guests as the office was hit by Beirut blast on August 4<sup>th</sup>. The budget CFC had during that period was to restore houses hit by the blast. As houses were priority to working premises, CFC preferred to use this budget to help families by restoring their houses: glass- aluminum frames, doors, construction, saving cultural debris, providing food and other health and medical equipment, as well as recycling wood collected after the blast into furniture).

Now that the office is refurbished, it is secured from robbery and rain as the window and door has been fixed and the security door repaired. In addition, and due to the increasing cut in electricity due to the situation in Lebanon, we managed through the CEPF grant to get a UPS to be able to open the security door when the electricity is cut.

The purchase of a new Laptop (instead of fixing our desktop which was thrown on the floor by the blast) was very important as we can use it during workshops out of the office. It performs as well more efficiently that our old desktop and is much more reliable for our campaign advertising.

**5. Were there any unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?**

The impact of the restoration for CFC team was very positive. It was an encouragement to start again the farmers and ecofriendly market aimed to reduce plastic.

**PART II: Project Components and Products/Deliverables**

**6. Components (as stated in the approved proposal)**

*List each component and product/deliverable from your proposal*

**6.** Describe the results for each deliverable:

Component		Deliverable		
#	Description	Sub-#	Description	Results for Deliverable

	Compensation to farmers for destroyed goods		As the center is a place to promote sustainable agriculture, CFC displays goods for sale to help farmers market their products. 4 jars of honey were broken by the blast.	- Farmer Compensated
	Restoration		Glass- aluminum door and window frames – paint PC- security store	- Lap top bought and programmed - Window, Door and security door repaired -office painted -UPS was purchased to secure opening during electricity cut

**7. Please describe and submit any tools, products, or methodologies that resulted from this project or contributed to the results.**

N/A

**PART III: Lessons, Sustainability, Safeguards and Financing**

**Lessons Learned**

**8. Describe any lessons learned during the design and implementation of the project, as well as any related to organizational development and capacity building.**

Consider lessons that would inform:

- Project Design Process (*aspects of the project design that contributed to its success/shortcomings*)
- Project Implementation (*aspects of the project execution that contributed to its success/shortcomings*)
- Describe any other lessons learned relevant to the conservation community

The project, though not directly related to conservation, taught us how far the conservation institutions such as CEPF cares about not only fauna and flora but also about the people working in conservation. The activists for ecosystem wellbeing are one family.

**Sustainability / Replication**

**9. Summarize the success or challenges in ensuring the project will be sustained or replicated, including any unplanned activities that are likely to result in increased sustainability or replicability.**

The center which was hit by the blast is usually used for different activities: distribution of food for less fortunate, display of healthy agriculture produce to encourage farmers we work with in adopting sustainable farming methods, to promote conservation of pollinators and to promote eco packing (our advocacy campaign to cut down on plastic) and conservation of biodiversity.

This project, which was implemented at a hard time the country was going through (i.e. at the time the Lebanese are busy restoring the damages of Beirut blast and healing the wounds) had a positive impact in rebooting our efforts. Right after the restoration we have:

- rearranged the display of healthy and eco products,
- drafted an agreement with a group of producers to brand and market their products at the center and have started a website for this purpose (www.assour.com),  
This is a vital step for Lebanon nowadays, not only to secure food and income but also to conserve the ecosystem which is being neglected lately since the beginning of the economic crisis,
- met with the chamber of commerce to set an action plan for exporting the farmers goods,
- prepared the promotion of eco packing in order to reduce the use of plastic especially on beaches,
- an office ready to receive students who will take the awareness sessions of Operation Big Blue Association (OBBA); a sister NGO sharing the same center for activities related to the conservation of marine and riverine biodiversity.

**Safeguards**

**10. If not listed as a separate Project Component and described above, summarize the implementation of any required action related to social or environmental safeguards that your project may have triggered.**

The implementation of the project included subcontracting with companies to restore the office. The company subcontracted had followed safety regulations: the workers had insurance, and had safety suits.

**Additional Funding**

**11. Provide details of any additional funding that supported this project and any funding secured for the project, organization, or the region, as a result of CEPF investment**

**a. Total additional funding (US\$)**

N/A

**b. Type of funding**

Please provide a breakdown of additional funding (counterpart funding and in-kind) by source, categorizing each contribution into one of the following categories:

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes
N/A			

\* Categorize the type of funding as:

- A *Project Co-Financing (other donors or your organization contribute to the direct costs of this project)*
- B *Grantee and Partner Leveraging (other donors contribute to your organization or a partner organization as a direct result of successes with this CEPF funded project)*
- C *Regional/Portfolio Leveraging (other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment or successes related to this project)*

**Additional Comments/Recommendations**

**12. Use this space to provide any further comments or recommendations in relation to your project or CEPF.**

N/A

**PART IV: Impact at Portfolio and Global Level**

CEPF requires that each grantee report on impact at the end of the project. The purpose of this report is to collect data that will contribute to CEPF’s portfolio and global indicators. CEPF will aggregate the data that you submit with data from other grantees, to determine the overall impact of CEPF investment. CEPF’s aggregated results will be reported on in our annual report and other communications materials.

**Ensure that the information provided pertains to the entire project, from start date to project end date.**

**Contribution to Portfolio Indicators**

N/A

**13. If CEPF assigned one or more Portfolio Indicators to your project during the full proposal preparation phase, please list these below and report on the project’s contribution(s) to them.**

Indicator	Narrative
N/A	

**Contribution to Global Indicators**

**Please report on all Global Indicators (sections 16 to 23 below) that pertain to your project.**

**14. Key Biodiversity Area Management**

**Number of hectares of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) with improved management**

Please report on the number of hectares in KBAs with improved management, as a result of CEPF investment. Examples of improved management include, but are not restricted to: increased patrolling, reduced intensity of snaring, invasive species eradication, reduced incidence of fire, and introduction of sustainable agricultural/fisheries practices. Do not record

the entire area covered by the project - only record the number of hectares that have improved management.

If you have recorded part or all of a KBA as newly protected for the indicator entitled “protected areas” (section 17 below), and you have also improved its management, you should record the relevant number of hectares for both this indicator and the “protected areas” indicator.

Name of KBA	# of Hectares with strengthened management *	Is the KBA Not protected, Partially protected or Fully protected? Please select one: NP/PP/FP
N/A		

*\* Do not count the same hectares more than once. For example, if 500 hectares were improved due to implementation of a fire management regime in the first year, and 200 of these same 500 hectares were improved due to invasive species removal in the second year, the total number of hectares with improved management would be 500.*

## 15. Protected Areas

### 15a. Number of hectares of protected areas created and/or expanded

Report on the number of hectares of protected areas that have been created or expanded as a result of CEPF investment.

Name of PA*	Country(s)	# of Hectares	Year of legal declaration or expansion	Longitude**	Latitude**
N/A					

*\* If possible please provide a shape file of the protected area to CEPF.*

*\*\* Indicate the latitude and longitude of the center of the site, to the extent possible, or send a map or shapefile to CEPF. Give geographic coordinates in decimal degrees; latitudes in the Southern Hemisphere and longitudes in the Western Hemisphere should be denoted with a minus sign (example: Latitude 38.123456 Longitude: -77.123456).*

### 15b. Protected area management

If you have been requested to submit a Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT), please follow the instructions below. If you have not been requested to submit a METT, please go directly to section 16.

Should you want to know more about the monitoring of protected area management effectiveness and the tracking tool, please click [here](#).

Download the METT template which can be found on [this page](#) and then work with the protected area authorities to fill it out. Please go to the Protected Planet website [here](#) and search for your protected area in their database to record its associated WDPA ID. Then please fill in the following table:

WDPA ID	PA Official Name	Date of METT*	METT Total Score
N/A			

*\* Please indicate when the METT was filled by the authorities of the park or provide a best estimate if the exact date is unknown. And please only provide METTs less than 12 months old.*

Please do not forget to submit the completed METT together with this report.

## 16. Production landscape

Please report on the number of hectares of production landscapes with strengthened management of biodiversity, as a result of CEPF investment. A production landscape is defined as a landscape where agriculture, forestry or natural product exploitation occurs. Production landscapes may include KBAs, and therefore hectares counted under the indicator entitled “KBA Management” may also be counted here. Examples of interventions include: best practices and guidelines implemented, incentive schemes introduced, sites/products certified and sustainable harvesting regulations introduced.

### Number of hectares of production landscapes with strengthened management of biodiversity.

Name of Production Landscape*	# of Hectares**	Latitude***	Longitude***	Description of Intervention
N/A				

*\* If the production landscape does not have a name, provide a brief descriptive name for the landscape.*

*\*\*Do not count the same hectares more than once. For example, if 500 hectares were strengthened due to certification in the first year, and 200 of these same 500 hectares were strengthened due to new harvesting regulations in the second year, the total number of hectares strengthened to date would be 500.*

*\*\*\* Indicate the latitude and longitude of the center of the site, to the extent possible, or send a map or shapefile to CEPF. Give geographic coordinates in decimal degrees; latitudes in the Southern Hemisphere and longitudes in the Western Hemisphere should be denoted with a minus sign (example: Latitude 38.123456 Longitude: -77.123456).*

## 17. Beneficiaries

CEPF wants to record two types of benefits that are likely to be received by individuals: structured training and increased income. Please report on the number of men and women that have benefited from structured training (such as financial management, beekeeping, horticulture) and/or increased income (such as from tourism, agriculture, medicinal plant harvest/production, fisheries, handicraft production) as a result of CEPF investment. Please provide results since the start of your project-to-project completion.



N/A

**17a. Number of men and women receiving structured training.**

# of men receiving structured training *	# of women receiving structured training *
N/A	

*\*Please do not count the same person more than once. For example, if 5 men received structured training in beekeeping, and 3 of these also received structured training in project management, the total number of men who benefited from structured training should be 5.*

**17b. Number of men and women receiving cash benefits.**

# of men receiving cash benefits*	# of women receiving cash benefits*
1 farmer	

*\*Please do not count the same person more than once. For example, if 5 men received cash benefits due to tourism, and 3 of these also received cash benefits from increased income due to handicrafts, the total number of men who received cash benefits should be 5.*

**18. Benefits to Communities**

CEPF wants to record the benefits received by communities, which can differ to those received by individuals because the benefits are available to a group. CEPF also wants to record, to the extent possible, the number of people within each community who are benefiting. Please report on the characteristics of the communities, the type of benefits that have been received during the project, and the number of men/boys and women/girls from these communities that have benefited, as a result of CEPF investment. If exact numbers are not known, please provide an estimate.

N/A

18a. Please provide information for all communities that have benefited from project start to project completion.

Name of Community	Community Characteristics (mark with x)							Type of Benefit (mark with x)							# of Beneficiaries		
	Subsistence economy	Small landowners	Indigenous/ ethnic peoples	Pastoralists / nomadic peoples	Recent migrants	Urban communities	Other*	Increased access to clean water	Increased food security	Increased access to energy	Increased access to public services (e.g. health care)	Increased resilience to climate change	Improved land tenure	Improved recognition of traditional knowledge	Improved representation and decision-making in	Improved access to ecosystem services	# of men and boys benefitting
N/A																	

\*If you marked "Other" to describe the community characteristic, please explain:

**18b. Geolocation of each community**

Indicate the latitude and longitude of the center of the community, to the extent possible, or upload a map or shapefile. Give geographic coordinates in decimal degrees; latitudes in the Southern Hemisphere and longitudes in the Western Hemisphere should be denoted with a minus sign (example: Latitude 38.123456 Longitude: -77.123456).

Name of Community	Latitude	Longitude
N/A		
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**19. Policies, Laws and Regulations**

Please report on change in the number of legally binding laws, regulations, and policies with conservation provisions that have been enacted or amended, as a result of CEPF investment. “Laws and regulations” pertain to official rules or orders, prescribed by authority. Any law, regulation, decree or order is eligible to be included. “Policies” that are adopted or pursued by a government, including a sector or faction of government, are eligible.

**19a. Name, scope and topic of the policy, law or regulation that has been amended or enacted as a result of your project**

No.	Name of Law, Policy or Regulation	Scope (mark with x)			Topic(s) addressed (mark with x)															
		Local	National	Regional/International	Agriculture	Climate	Ecosystem Management	Education	Energy	Fisheries	Forestry	Mining and Quarrying	Planning/Zoning	Pollution	Protected Areas	Species Protection	Tourism	Transportation	Wildlife Trade	
1	N/A																			
2																				
...																				

**19b. For each law, policy or regulation listed above, please provide the requested information in accordance with its assigned number.**

No.	Country(s)	Date enacted/ amended MM/DD/YYYY	Expected impact	Action that you performed to achieve this change
1	N/A			
2				

3				

## 20. Sustainable Financing Mechanism

Sustainable financing mechanisms generate financial resources for the long-term (generally five or more years). Examples of sustainable financial mechanisms include conservation trust funds, debt-for-nature swaps, payment for ecosystem services (PES) schemes, and other revenue, fee or tax schemes that generate long-term funding for conservation.

All CEPF grantees (or sub-grantees) with project activities that pertain to the creation and/or the implementation of a sustainable financing mechanism are requested to provide information on the mechanism and the funds it delivered to conservation projects during the project timeframe, unless another grantee involved with the same mechanism has already been or is expected to be tasked with this.

CEPF requires that all sustainable financing mechanism projects to provide the necessary information at their completion.

N/A

### 20a. Details about the mechanism

Fill in this table for as many mechanisms you worked on during your project implementation as needed.

NO.	Name of financing mechanism	Purpose of the mechanism*	Date of Establishment**	Description***	Countries
1	N/A				
2					
3					

*\*Please provide a succinct description of the mission of the mechanism.*

*\*\*Please indicate when the sustainable financing mechanism was officially created. If you do not know the exact date, provide a best estimate.*

*\*\*\*Description, such as trust fund, endowment, PES scheme, incentive scheme, etc.*

### 20b. Performance of the mechanism

For each Financing Mechanism listed previously, please provide the requested information in accordance with its assigned number.

NO.	Project intervention*	\$ Amount disbursed to conservation projects**	Period under Review (MM/YYYY -MM/YYYY)***
1	N/A		
2			
3			

*\*List whether the CEPF grant has helped to create a new mechanism (Created a mechanism) or helped to support an existing mechanism (Supported an existing mechanism) or helped to create and then support a new mechanism (Created and supported a new mechanism).*

*\*\*Please only indicate the USD amount disbursed to conservation projects during the period of implementation of your project and using, when needed, the exchange rate on the day of your report.*

*\*\*\*Please indicate the period of implementation of your project or the period considered for the amount you indicated.*

Please do not forget to submit any relevant document which could provide justification for the amount you stated above.

## 21. Biodiversity-friendly Practices

Please describe any biodiversity-friendly practices that companies have adopted as a result of CEPF investment. A company is defined as a legal entity made up of an association of people, be they natural, legal, or a mixture of both, for carrying on a commercial or industrial enterprise. While companies take various forms, for the purposes of CEPF, a company is defined as a for-profit business entity. A biodiversity-friendly practice is one that conserves or uses biodiversity sustainably.

### Number of companies that adopt biodiversity-friendly practices

No.	Name of company	Description of biodiversity-friendly practice adopted during the project
1	N/A	
2		
...		

## 22. Networks & Partnerships

Please report on any new networks or partnerships between civil society groups and across to other sectors that you have established or strengthened as a result of CEPF investment. Networks/partnerships should have some lasting benefit beyond immediate project implementation. Informal networks/partnerships are acceptable even if they do not have a Memorandum of Understanding or other type of validation. Examples of networks/partnerships include: an alliance of fisherfolk to promote sustainable fisheries practices, a network of environmental journalists, a partnership between one or more NGOs with one or more private sector partners to improve biodiversity management on private lands, a working group focusing on reptile conservation. Please do not use this tab to list the partners in your project, unless some or all of them are part of such a network / partnership described above.

### Number of networks and/or partnerships created and/or strengthened

No.	Name of Network	Name of Partnership	Year established	Did your project establish this Network/ Partnership? Y/N	Country(s) covered	Purpose
1	N/A					

2						
...						

**23. Gender**

If you have been requested to submit a Gender Tracking Tool (GTT), please follow the instructions provided in the Excel GTT template. If you have not been requested to submit a GTT, please go directly to Part V.

Should you want to know more about CEPF Gender Policy, please click [here](#).

Download the GTT template which can be found on [this page](#) and then work with your team to fill it out. Please do not forget to submit the completed GTT together with this report.

N/A

**Part V. Information Sharing and CEPF Policy**

CEPF is committed to transparent operations and to helping civil society groups share experiences, lessons learned, and results. Final project completion reports are made available on our Web site, [www.cepf.net](http://www.cepf.net), and publicized in our newsletter and other communications.

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