



## 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>	NAHNOO
<b>Project Title</b>	NAHNOO Office Restoration Post Beirut Port Blast of 04.08.2020
<b>Grant Number</b>	CEPF-111581
<b>Date of Report</b>	15-02-2021

**CEPF Hotspot: Med-Basin II**

**Strategic Direction: SD 5**

**Grant Amount: 6000\$**

**Project Dates: November 01, 2020-January 31, 2021**

### **PART I: Overview**

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

NAHNOO was fully responsible for this project from planning to implementation and evaluation, no other implementation partners were involved in this project. We recruited a contractor (Mohammad Nasreddine) as consultant to execute the repair works on the ground with his team of technical workers.

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

The Beirut Port Blast of August 2020 damaged the windows and doors of NAHNOO's office as well as some furniture.

The Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund supported NAHNOO in repairing and fixing the damages that happened, resulting in the office being fully functional and secure again.

In 3 months we managed to restore all 10 broken double-hung windows and 8 impacted wooden doors, making them solid again and keeping their traditional aspect in line with the rest of the facility.

As a consequence, NAHNOO's staff members are able to work efficiently again at the office in a safe and healthy environment. Rehabilitating the opening elements of our work pace made it possible to

bring back protection and stability especially needed after the mental trauma caused by the explosions and during the rainy winter season

**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

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

Impact Description	Impact Summary
Resuming as team work at the office and our projects like for example developing coastal alternative visions, mapping of coastal violations, workshops for grassroots actions in creative advocacy for public spaces in Lebanon, especially the protection of Ramlet al Bayda beach in Beirut (which was delayed due to these circumstances) ...	The relief project reached this objective: it enabled the staff and our volunteers to feel at mentally ease when working in the office, feeling in a safe environment that is “back to normal” helped them to have the space to work efficiently. Since then, we have for example been conducting a series of advocacy sessions with our volunteers to launch an advocacy campaign towards the protection of the Lebanese Public Coast
Do recovery work in the damaged streets and gardens and helping on the ground the residents who were impacted, mentally, physically and materially, by the blast.	NAHNOO has been conducting a series of Psychosocial support workshops to help our volunteers and local communities overcome the trauma caused by the Beirut Port Explosion and the multiple crisis Lebanon has been going through. We are currently planning a pilot project on the use of participatory theatre to address the mental health impact in the affected areas.

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

As a success, we confirm NAHNOO’s office is fully functional and safe again and allows us to pursue our operational activities. All the damages doors & windows have been successfully repaired. We noted the staff was excited to find their spaces back and happy to meet again in a familiar environment. Thanks to the efficient repairs, they have found a peaceful working place again and they are not disturbed anymore by the slamming of doors that could not shut properly (which scared some members since the explosions) or the wind passing through the nylon that replaced the shattered window glass.

The challenges of the project can be summarized in the pandemic (Covid-19) that affected the country. A rapidly increasing number of infections led to a semi-lockdown from 14 till 30 November 2020 which put a strain on the progress of the project due to the restrictions on mobility. Then the government announced a 1 month confinement starting 8 January 2021 which prompted us to accelerate the works to avoid extending. We were able to get permits to enable to finalize the works on time.

The process of obtaining contractors quotations was slowed down by the closure of public and private institutions for successive periods which made it difficult for NAHNOO to communicate with companies and obtain quotations quickly. However we were able to obtain 3 pricings and managed to select the

Component		Deliverable		
#	Description	Sub-#	Description	Results for Deliverable
	Supplies		Construction material & equipment for replacement of damaged wooden windows and broken glass and repairs of damaged wooden doors and cleaning equipment along with all necessary body safety equipment for the workers and fire protection equipment	10 wooden windows and 8 wooden doors were repaired and rehabilitated (painted) with a very satisfying quality at NAHNOO's office. The material were provided by the contractor we hired following a procurement procedure, obtaining 3 different quotations, analyzing the offer
	Equipment		Fire protection equipment	The fire extinguishers were ordered to ensure the safety of the workers and protection of the office.
	Maintenance		Technical professionals (artisans, foremen) for wooden & glassed doors & windows repairs & removal	The contracted team of 5 professional technicians worked during 15 days each to repair, replace and repaint the damaged windows & doors. We confirm they handed over their work with satisfaction

best offer to execute the rehabilitation works.

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

There weren't any unexpected impacts.

## **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:

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

NAHNOO used a monitoring and evaluation tool, based on the workplan we put in place for the proposal, to monitor and evaluate the progress of the work and keep track of the planned activities. It also provides the following: expected project completion time, probability of completion before a specified date, the critical path activities that impact completion time, the activities that have slack time and that can lend resources to critical path activities, and activity start and end dates.

We were able to evaluate and also monitor the quality of the work done thanks to the expertise and observation of part of our staff with an architecture background.

We have also developed a procurement plan with an action plan to ensure we are obtaining the best quotation based on the best quality-price and submit all the financial data and report in an efficient and accurate way.

## **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*)

NAHNOO developed a clear understanding of the project scope, a thorough assessment of the contractor's proposals, a clear understanding of project costs, quality finish of the project, completion within the time frame as well as the budget allocated.

- Project Implementation (*aspects of the project execution that contributed to its success/shortcomings*)

The strategy designed for the project included planning, monitoring, coordinating, controlling, communication and decision-making which made the implementation of the project successful.

**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 sustainability of the project is inherent in its nature of the project since it consisted in repair our office facilities therefore regular maintenance and care is key to ensure the repairs last for a long term.

**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.**

We undertook actions regarding the safeguards of the staff and professionals present during rehabilitation works to avoid any risk of injuries:

- We insisted workers wear protective equipment, according to necessity: hard hats, hard boots, safety spectacles, and gloves
- A first Aid kit was available at all times on site
- Following Covid-19 preventive measures by wearing a mask and disinfectant gel was made available on site. We reviewed with the workers the basic rules & regulations: social distancing and covering coughs, regularly washing hands.
- Waste was being collected and sorted, parts deposited to a recycling bin when possible.
- Fire extinguishers onsite were readily available at all times in case of fire hazard

**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**

No additional funding was transferred to NAHNOO.

**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	N/A	N/A	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.**

*Note: This project made no contributions to any of the portfolio/global indicators, and that all sections of PART IV: “Impact at Portfolio and Global Level” (questions 13 to 20) were removed by the grantee*

Social Media relevant post:

- NAHNOO Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/nahnoo.org/photos/a.857961767563328/5842580612434727/>

- NAHNOO Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/NahnooLeb/status/1366311159683575810/photo/1>

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

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