The Strong Cities Network
Capacity Building for Stronger Cities: Lebanon and Jordan
Launched at the UN General Assembly in September 2015, the Strong Cities Network is the first ever global network of mayors, governors and local practitioners united in building social cohesion and community resilience to prevent violent extremism (PVE) in all its forms. The network provides support to its member cities and municipalities in developing local strategies and enhanced coordination on prevention of violent extremism. It works closely with national and local partners to establish models tailored to the cultural and institutional contexts of each member.

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The Strong Cities Network capacity building partnership between Lebanon, Jordan and Denmark.

With support from the Government of Denmark’s Peace & Stabilization Fund, the Strong Cities Network is delivering a ground-breaking P/CVE project in Lebanon and Jordan. In Lebanon, under the patronage of the Lebanese Ministry of the Interior and Municipalities, the Strong Cities Network is partnering with member-municipalities of Majdal Anjar, Saida and Tripoli. In Jordan, the Network cooperates with its member-municipalities of Al-Karak, Irbid and Zarqa in partnership with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. The project aims to support municipalities in strengthening their abilities to coordinate and deliver local P/CVE strategies and activities by providing them with the knowledge and tools needed to identify and react to early signs of radicalization, thereby reducing the presence of violent extremism within their communities.

During its inception phase, the partnership with Jordan and Lebanon has led to the establishment of municipal-led Prevention Networks in each of the six Strong Cities Network members across the two countries.
1. Establishing local Prevention Networks: Municipal-led Prevention Networks help secure community cooperation with municipalities and buy-in through the inclusion of key community stakeholders. Each municipality-led Prevention Network consists of a dozen local stakeholders, amounting to over 80 local practitioners. These include teachers, youth workers, religious leaders, youth representatives, community police, NGO representatives and psycho-social intervention providers.

2. Capacity Building: Prevention Networks meet to coordinate on local PVE efforts in their communities. Through capacity building trainings such as co-designing of local PVE models and activities and mentorship workshops, Prevention Network members develop action plans based on the needs of their communities and deliver prevention related projects to prevent youth from engaging in violent extremism.

3. Building local PVE models: Prevention Networks are consolidated to serve as the key local platforms to coordinate and create local PVE action plans and models based on existing infrastructures. Prevention Networks align and shape their localized PVE models in accordance with national PVE efforts and strategies.
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