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### **Improving access to employment for Palestinian refugees in Lebanon**

**Beirut (ILO News)** - The employment services project which opens today in Saida aims to provide job placement services for Palestinian job seekers is funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). The project is managed by the International Labour Organization/Regional Office for Arab States and implemented by the Joint Christian Committee (JCC), in coordination with UNRWA and the Committee for Employment of Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon (CEP).

The “**Employment Service Centre**” aims to collect, analyze and distribute information on the local labour market and to identify employment and training opportunities for job seekers from Palestinian refugee camps. The Employment Services Center offers services to job seekers and employers. The job seeker, whether skilled or unskilled, benefits from career guidance, counseling and job placement services in addition to guidance on training courses and guidance on entrepreneurial programmes. The employers benefit by receiving pre-screened job seekers which match their vacancies.

Vocational training providers will also benefit as their graduates will be served by the employment services in searching for jobs after the training. The vocational training providers can also seek advice which skills are in demand in the local labour market and re-direct their training courses accordingly.

This Employment Service Center benefits from the experiences of a sister project that has operated successfully in the North of Lebanon since 2008 under the umbrella of UNRWA services and technical services through the ILO. **The Employment Service Center will seek to promote decent work and gender equality**

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