

Responding to Ecocide in Lebanon: Recommendations for Official and Community Engagement in Sustainable Recovery

Pillar/ Recommendations	Steps/Mechanisms required	Responsible party	Timeframe
Ensure return	Remove mines and explosive remnants of war	Lebanese army in cooperation with international and local organizations (UNIFIL, UNMAS, NPA, etc.) and municipalities	short
	Remove debris	Ministry of Public Works and Transport, South Council, Council for Development and Reconstruction, and debris removal contractors under the supervision of Khatib and Alami	short
	Rehabilitate infrastructure	Council for Development and Reconstruction (through LEAP and World Bank funding) in cooperation with ministries and public institutions (Ministries of Public Works and Transport, Energy and Water, Telecommunications, South Council, Electricité du Liban, South Water Company, National Litani River Authority), and in local coordination with municipalities, municipal unions, and governors	short/medium
	Secure temporary service areas	Municipalities in coordination with local associations (Wata'awanu Association) and town residents	short
	Secure access to agricultural land	Lebanese army in cooperation with UNIFIL, municipalities, and landowners	medium

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Environmental and agricultural rehabilitation	Coordinate and update surveys through a central authority, according to unified methodology and standards	NCSR, in coordination with ministries and public institutions (Ministries of Environment and Agriculture, Council for Development and Reconstruction, Litani River Authority, South Council) and international organizations (UNHABITAT, UNDP, FAO) and local associations (Amel International, Jihad al-Binaa Development Association, Soils, LRI, Order of Malta, Jibal, Green Southerners, Buzuruna Juzuruna, ESDU at AUB, etc.)	short/medium
	Place ecocide high on the government committee's agenda	Ministries of Environment and Agriculture	short
	Implement a plan to address environmental damage based on survey results	MoE in cooperation with the MoA, public institutions, UN organizations, international organizations, and local organizations, municipalities, and residents	short/medium/ long
	Adopt and implement a strategy for monitoring, sorting, and recycling rubble	MoE in coordination with the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, the South Council, the Council for Development and Reconstruction, and debris removal contractors, under the supervision of Khatib and Alami, and in cooperation with municipalities, civil society, and relevant international and local organizations	short/medium

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Support farmers and residents	Support farmers in kind and financially	MoA in cooperation with public institutions, municipalities (South Council), international organizations (WFP, UNIFIL), and local organizations (Amel International, LRI, Agricultural Movement, Wata'awanu Association, Jihad al-Binaa Development Association, etc.)	short/medium
	Secure agricultural land in areas of displacement	Municipalities, ministries, and relevant public institutions	short/medium
	Advise farmers on how to deal with contaminated land, crops, and livestock	Ministries of Agriculture and Environment in cooperation with international and local organizations, municipalities, municipal unions, and governors	short
	Establish agricultural cooperatives for support and guidance	MoA in cooperation with municipalities, farmers, and relevant associations	medium/long
Documentation and judicial and administrative accountability	Document war crimes and build a case against Israel	The government, in coordination with the Ministries of Justice, Environment, Agriculture, and Culture; public prosecutors; and international and human rights organizations (HRW, Amnesty International, The Legal Agenda, Public Works Studio, etc.)	short/medium
	Develop a strategy for litigating and prosecuting Israel	The government, in coordination with the Ministries of Justice and Foreign Affairs	medium/long
	Activate Lebanese diplomacy in international forums regarding the environment and climate	Ministries of Environment, Agriculture, and Foreign Affairs; government; and United Nations agencies (UNDP, UNEP, etc.)	medium/long

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Strengthen environmental and institutional governance for recovery	Ensure transparency and participation in government, ministries, and international and local organizations	Reconstruction Committee, relevant ministries, municipalities, and municipal unions	short/medium/ long
	Establish a national framework for environmental and agricultural recovery	MoE in coordination with the Reconstruction Committee, the MoA, governors/mayors, international and local associations, community initiatives, and representative frameworks of the population	medium/long
	Secure sustainable resources for environmental recovery	Reconstruction Committee, Ministry of Finance, House of Representatives	short/medium/ long
Establish a national vision that promotes natural and residential values to border areas	Implement the NPMP/LT and its guidelines for reconstructing border villages	Higher Council for Urban Planning, government, municipalities and municipal unions, Engineers' Union, resident and farmer representatives	medium/long
	Adopt legislation to limit land sales and enable people to rebuild on their own lands	House of Representatives and Reconstruction Committee	short/medium
	Develop plans and programs to limit social and economic dispersion from border villages	Ministry of Social Affairs in cooperation with the Public Housing Corporation and in coordination with the Reconstruction Committee, municipalities, and municipal unions	short/medium