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Abbreviations and Acronyms

CDR	Council for Development and Reconstruction
CoC	Code of Conduct
CoM	Council of Ministers
DLIPS	Department of Labour Inspection, Prevention and Safety
EHS	Environment Health and Safety
ESMP	Environmental and Social Management Plan
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EMoP	Environmental Monitoring Plan
ESMF	Environmental and Social Management Framework
EU	European Union
GBV	Gender Based Violence
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GOL	Government of Lebanon
GRM	Grievance Redress Mechanism
IFC	International Finance Cooperation
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
ILO	International Labour Organization
LULC	Land Use Land Cover Map
MoA	Ministry of Agriculture
MOE	Ministry of Environment
MoIM	Ministry of Interior and Municipalities
MoL	Ministry of Labour
MOPH	Ministry of Public Health
MOPWT	Ministry of Public Works and Transportation
MoSA	Ministry of Social Affairs
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organizations
OP	Operational Plan
OHS	Occupational Health and Safety
PAPs	Project Affected Persons
PAs	Protected Areas
PHS	Public Health and Safety
PIU	Project Implementation Unit
PM	Particulate Matter
REP	Roads and Employment Project
SAP	Safeguards Action Plan
SEA	Sexual Exploitation and Abuse
SH	Sexual Harassment.
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
WB	World Bank
WBG	World Bank Group
WEF	World Economic Forum
WWTP	Waste Water Treatment Plant

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Introduction

Lebanon Roads and Employment Project (REP) funded by the World Bank (WB) aims to improve the roads conditions and traffic safety by rehabilitation of road networks in Lebanon, especially in rural lagging regions and to create job opportunities for displaced Syrians and Lebanese citizens through the labor-intensive works of rehabilitation.

The project works will be executed on the main road network which is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation (MoPWT). In this context, the Lebanese Council for Development and Reconstruction (CDR) will implement Lebanon REP on behalf of the government/MoPWT.

Considering that the anticipated civil works will result in environmental and social impacts, an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) shall be prepared under the requirements of OP4.01 that classifies the project as Category B to limit potential implications. Accordingly, Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners developed in this report a specific ESMP for Kesrouane Caza.

The objective of the ESMP is to identify and assess the potential environmental and social impacts of REP and consult relevant stakeholders to prepare a management plan that includes mitigation measures for the expected social and environmental risks and a monitoring plan, as well as to define responsibilities in the operationalization of the ESMP.

Project Description

The project covers classified roads in 25 Cazas throughout Lebanon with an expected total length of 835 km. Four of the proposed roads fall in Kesrouane Caza.

This ESMP is specific to four selected roads for rehabilitation in Kesrouane with a total length of around 32.63 km.

- **Kesrouane Road 2a (R2a)** consists of a single alignment that has a total length of 19.1 km. It starts at Boukak El-Dine continues upward, passing through El-Ekaibe Nammoura et Kfar Jerif and Ghodrace, until it reaches El-Kfour. Then, it descends, passing through Fatka and Edma et Defne, until it ends in Kferyacine.
- **Kesrouane Road 2b (R2b)** consists of a single alignment with a total length of 2.4 km. It starts at Ghosta reaching Maarab.
- **Kesrouane Road 2c (R2c)** is located in Kesrouane Caza and consists of a single alignment with a total length of 5.13 km. It starts at El-Kfour, at an elevation of 687 m, ascends to a maximum elevation of 796 m, then descends while passing into Herhraya et Kattine to reach a minimum of 597 m and end there at an elevation of 603 m.
- **Kesrouane Road 7 (R7)** consists of a single alignment with a total length of 6 km. It starts at Mazraet Kfardebiane, passes by Bekaatouta and ends at Bekaatet Kenaan.

Road upgrading activities are limited to maintenance, minor construction, as well as to traffic management and regulation. In the case of Kesrouane Caza, rehabilitation activities to be performed vary between Kesrouane R2a, Kesrouane R2b, Kesrouane R2c and Kesrouane R7; depending on the current state of each surveyed road. In summary, activities to be performed Kesrouane Caza include pavement works (complete reconstruction when needed and milling and overlay for roads that are in better condition); improvement and installation of drainage facilities, construction of retaining walls and installation of safety barriers, marking and signing. The rehabilitation works for Kesrouane roads will involve 176 workers and require a total of 18 months.

Legal Framework

This ESMP was conducted in accordance with the World Bank safeguards and the Lebanese laws and regulations namely Law No. 444 (2002) about Environmental Protection.

Two World Bank safeguards policies apply to Lebanon Roads and Employment Project: OP 4.01 Environmental Assessment and OP 4.12 Involuntary Resettlement. Given that the planned project will mainly focus on the rehabilitation of roads, the work in these areas will be done under OP 4.01.

Despite that OP 4.12 was triggered by this project, in the case of Kesrouane and in accordance with site specific plans, no involuntary resettlement or land acquisition will take place. In other words, there will be no displaced persons by the project activities (this includes locals and Syrian refugees).

Consultation

Consulting with the main stakeholders and ensuring they agree on sensitive issues improve the chances that the project will not be subject to last-minute dispute.

This ESMP was publicly consulted where three public participation meetings were arranged for Kesrouane Caza. The first public participation meeting was held at the Municipality of Jounieh on Thursday December 12 addressing all Kesrouane roads. However, given the circumstances in the Country (revolution started in October 17, 2019 and roads were obstructed), only 10 people attended the meeting. In this context, two additional public meetings were set for Kesrouane caza. The first meeting was held in Kfour Municipality on Friday December 27 addressing Kesrouane R2a and R2c, whereas the second meeting was held at Kfardebiane Municipality on Friday January 3, 2019 addressing Kesrouane R2b and R7. The number of attendees at Kfour was 27, of which 9 were women. At Kfardebiane, the total number of attendees was 18, of which 5 were women.

During the meetings, attendees were informed about the project objectives, the identified natural, economic, and social resources of importance in the area, the project's possible environmental and social risks, the planned mitigation measures and Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM).

During the meeting at Kfour Municipality, generally, attendees were worried about the start day of the project. More specifically, the female attendees were worried about the coordination with relevant authorities, especially with respect to public works (i.e. wastewater and water infrastructure, etc.). Women were worried whether there would be coordination among ministries

and infrastructural institutions before the project implementation to avoid re-excavations of roads and further disturbances and pressures. In this context, the public was informed that CDR will ensure that a full coordination among municipalities and authorities prior to project execution. Finally the consultant mentioned that the implementation of the project is expected to start in spring 2020.

During the second meeting held at Kfardebiane, the main concern was in relation to the road starting at Feytroun leading to Kfardebiane that is not integrated in this project. According to the attendees, namely the head of Kfardebiane Municipality, Ajltoun-Feytorun road is a key entry road to Kesrouane villages and in great need for rehabilitation. Similarly, the Mekhtar of Maarab mentioned as well the road from Maarab to Dlebta that needs rehabilitation and is not integrated in REP. In this context, attendees asked if they can still suggest alternative roads for rehabilitation under the project. Accordingly, the consultant and the CDR Representative explained that the project cannot integrate any alternative roads, however, they can send their requests in relation to alternative roads to the MoPWT for future projects.

During both meetings, attendees were worried about the monitoring process of rehabilitation works. In this context, the consultant and CDR Representative explained the monitoring process for this project and highlighted the role of municipalities and local communities in monitoring the process of work during rehabilitation. Further, the CDR explained that this ESMP include a GRM to ensure the management of any project-related complaints. This GRM was communicated to the attendees.

As for NGOs Consultation, this ESMP has targeted them according to their position in Lebanon. They consist of two levels as follows: (1) Local: they are specific to each Caza. Their mission is to address different concerns and issues among the local society including social, economic, gender equality, environment, poverty, women empowerment, etc. and (2) International: They are covering the whole country and their consultation will be applied to all the ESMPs of the REP. When the crisis in Syria erupted in early 2011, numerous International NGOs responded to the humanitarian crisis and worked directly with the Syrian in Lebanon by providing aid and responding to their critical situation.

Baseline assessment

The environmental and social assessment recorded the existing conditions within the project area including physical, biological and socioeconomic conditions prior the project implementation and operation. Baseline data and field surveys were conducted to describe the status of the following environmental and socio-economic receptors: air quality, water quality, soil quality, geological conditions, climate and meteorology, natural habitats and biodiversity, land-use/land-cover, acoustic environment, cultural resources, and socio-economic conditions (employment opportunities, labor influx, social tensions, labor induced Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (SEA) Sexual Harassment (SH), occupational health and safety).

The geology of the studied roads was investigated for outcropping formations, subsurface stratigraphy, structure (faults, folds, seismic, etc.), hydrogeology (groundwater and sea water intrusions) and hydrology (surface water). Assessments showed that Kesrouane roads mostly fall on a karstic limestone formation. The system is characterized by a significant amount of groundwater flowing in channels, faults and fractures. The transmissivity of these formations is

generally high and water table is shallow. In other words, the studied roads in Kesrouane lie on permeable formations which expose the groundwater aquifers to possible contamination.

More specifically, the outcropping lithological formations in and around the study area belong to multiple geological time periods namely, to the Cretaceous and Quaternary geological time periods (R2a), Cretaceous and Jurassic geological time periods (R2b and R7) and Cretaceous geological time period (R2c). The area surrounding R2a and R2c is very rich in winter drainage channels that discharge downstream to “Wadi Tabarja” and “Wadi Ghazir”. In specific, Kesrouane R2a is in close proximity to “Wadi Tabarja” and to Ibrahim River. Kesrouane R2b as well encounters several drainage channels that discharge to “Wadi Jounieh”. Moreover, Kesrouane R7 is surrounded by several surface winter drainage channels which lead downstream to “El Kaleb” river, in addition to the presence of many nearby springs namely Ain el Qattara, Ain el Libne and Ain Bqaatouta.

Air quality is also an essential component in assessing social wellbeing and health status of a community. The study relied on UNDP/MoE project “Air quality assessment in an East Mediterranean country: the case of Lebanon” and showed that the levels of CO, SO₂, O₃, NO₂, and PM10 are within the national limit values (Decision 52/1 dated 1996) confirming that the studied areas for the four roads do not include major air polluting activities.

Regarding natural habitats and biodiversity, given the nature of the project, the direct influence area concerns existing roads. Consequently, a rapid biological assessment has been carried out to draw the ecological profile of the adjacent areas to the concerned roads to assess habitats and species that are at added risk from the proposed project. The assessment showed that Kesrouane R2a and Kesrouane R7 involve rich ecosystems. More specifically, some adjacent areas to Kesrouane R2a and Kesrouane R7 consist of wild pine forests (short segment in Edma et Defne), oak woodlands (in Ghodracc), and riparian forest where the road and river intersect (i.e Kesrouane R7 and Naher el Kaleb River intersect). These ecosystems constitute a dynamic hideout for numerous reptiles, mammals, and birds.

Finally, a socio-economic survey was conducted in the project area to map the demographic, social and economic baseline conditions at the level of Kesrouane Caza. A set of social indicators were investigated including Kesrouane’s demographic profile (age and gender distribution), employment and livelihood, the availability of public and private education and health institutions, the global level of education (educational attainment) and standards of public health, access to public utility and community services, land use patterns, archeology and cultural heritage, and impacts of the Syrian crisis. The assessment allowed drawing conclusions regarding the project’s potential impacts on the socioeconomic conditions of the study area. In specific, Road 2a is surrounded by residential agglomerations and other nearby sensitive receptors (schools and places of worship) at a distance of less than 10 m. Similarly, residential units, schools and places of worship surround Kesrouane R7 and Kesrouane R2c. However, regarding Kesrouane R2b, the recorded sensitive receptors (school and church) are not directly adjacent to the road and the noted residential units are concentrated in a very short segment of the road. Finally, Kesrouane R7 is critical as it is surrounded by agricultural lands.

Impacts Evaluation

The purpose of this section is to identify and quantify all potential impacts, both adverse and beneficial, of the project on the existing environment during both rehabilitation and operational

phases. The assessment studied the impacts of the proposed project on air quality, water quality, soil quality, acoustic environment, visual intrusion, land-use/land- cover and socio-economic impacts.

Regarding the operation phase, the assessment entails the “**Defects Liability Period**’ during which the Contractor is responsible for maintenance activities.

Given that the project aims to upgrade existing roads, the environmental impacts are expected to include dust raised during rehabilitation, increase in noise pollution derived from construction machinery, degradation of water quality, disruption to traffic movement, potential damages to existing utilities, and disturbance of local biodiversity. During the rehabilitation phase, impacts on air and water quality have been evaluated as direct and irreversible. The rehabilitation phase requires the use of many heavy machinery and equipment which are usually associated with impacts on air quality. Dust and odor emissions are expected to be high during this phase. Moreover, potential impacts on water quality from rehabilitation activities are aligned with accidental spillages and contaminated storm water runoff.

Finally, in addition to the expected temporary disturbance of the natural ecosystems (noise pollution and potential soil and water contamination), direct destruction of vegetation and population might occur if waste (excavated materials) was discharged directly into the roadside shrub-lands and riparian ecosystems. However, given that the concerned roads generally involve paths that are already under anthropogenic influences, the potential impacts of the project on the local biodiversity are expected to be limited to disturbance of the natural ecosystems and local fauna (noise pollution) when roads are surrounded by forest and maquis ecosystems (short segments in Kesrouane R7 and Kesrouane R2 a, potential illegal dumping and discharge of wastes into streams and river (all roads namely R7) that can lead to direct destruction of local biodiversity and natural habitats (including reproduction sites for amphibians), and finally, dust accumulation on nearby vegetation and agricultural lands (namely Kesrouane R7).

Potential social risks related to this project include (1) labor influx (in case the contractor doesn't recruit labor from the surrounding community) and potential risk of labor induced SH towards female workers and SEA towards women in the surrounding community (due to the close proximity of residents and schools to the roads to be rehabilitated); (2) Potential risk of child labor; (3) Poor labor conditions; (4) Dissatisfaction with job allocation; (5) Risk of under-participation or underemployment of women; (6) Nuisance and traffic disturbance; and (7) Temporary obstruction of access routes to sensitive receptors, specifically, residential units and churches along Kesrouane R2a.

Whereas, the potential positive impacts of the project are to create direct and indirect short-term jobs for Lebanese and Syrians living in the surrounding community and enhance the economic development and livelihood opportunities.

Once roads are rehabilitated, the project is expected to improve drainage systems (less runoff water), road safety conditions, reduce traffic accidents and traffic congestion, and ultimately enhance livelihood opportunities. On the other hand, the main expected environmental impacts on water and soil could result in from maintenance activities during the “**Defects Liability Period**’ during which the Contractor is responsible for maintenance activities, if not managed properly.

Development of the ESMP

An ESMP is essential to ensure that the identified impacts are maintained within the allowable levels, unanticipated impacts are mitigated at an early stage, and the expected project benefits are realized. Thus, to mitigate the identified impacts/risks, the prepared ESMP for roads in Kesrouane Caza was prepared before initiating any civil works. The aim of this ESMP is to assist in the systematic and prompt recognition of problems, encouraging effective actions to correct them and ultimately achieve the goal of good environmental and social performance. A sound understanding of environmental priorities and policies, properly managing the project, acknowledging the regulatory requirements and keeping updated operational information are fundamental to ensure the effective and satisfactory environmental performance.

A proper management plan was provided for specific concerns regarding the roads in Kesrouane, as shown in the conducted environmental and social assessment. The plan includes measures and equipment to control exhaust emissions, dust and odor emissions, and soil manipulation activities during the rehabilitation phase. Moreover, proper measures and guidelines on the control of accidental spills of construction material were provided to prevent soil contamination. Any accidental spillage of wastewater onto open ground can easily infiltrate the karstic limestone and is highly likely to pollute water present in the subsurface. Moreover, any discharge of wastewater into the winter channels will mainly lead to adverse impacts to the downstream “Wadi Tabarja”, “Wadi Ghazir”, Ibrahim River (R2a, R2c), to “Wadi Jounieh” (R2b) and to “El Kaleb” river (Kesrouane R7).

Regarding biodiversity, recommendations are provided to guide the project contractor in reducing the negative impacts on natural habitats and biodiversity. Mitigation actions suggested in this ESMP included recommendations regarding rehabilitation work and solid waste management in order to avoid degrading the sites or disturbing the local fauna. Despite that the concerned roads are mainly under anthropogenic influences, contractors must be careful during the rehabilitation work so that the direct impacts (direct destruction) on ecosystems and associated fauna would be minimal. Waste management plan must be adopted to avoid soil and water contamination that could have irreversible impacts on biodiversity. More specifically, rehabilitation debris should not be dumped into the natural habitat (e.g. streams and water channels encountered in Kesrouane Caza along the studied roads).

The social risks of this project can be mitigated through periodic monitoring of labor conditions, specific required clauses within contracts that will be required to protect workers and the Code of Conduct (CoC) for Gender Based Violence (GBV) issues. This ESMP guides the contractor (1) to preferably hire local workers, (2) not to hire individuals below the legal working age in accordance with the labor law of Lebanon (3) ensure proper compliance and implementation of the CoC. Similarly, close coordination with the affected municipalities is recommended in relation to road obstruction issues. In addition, a robust GRM must be clearly communicated to all project affected persons during and before project implementation.

Further, the ESMP generated key project indicators to monitor project implementation success. It is designed to guarantee effectiveness in the measurement of major project outcomes and outputs based on measurable indicators. The risk of environmental and social impacts can be monitored (e.g. monitoring of solid waste disposal and wastewater discharge, monitoring of underage labor, and monitoring of workers behaviors during the rehabilitation work.). Project monitoring will be undertaken by the implementing agency (CDR) to ensure the project is being

implemented in line with the proposed objectives and is on track to achieve expected results. Project progress reports will be prepared by CDR and submitted to the Bank for review.

Finally, a multi-layer GRM was established for the concerned roads in Kesrouane Caza. Procedures of GRM were explained during consultation session. It will ensure that any complaint is identified and handled properly.

Conclusion

Assessments showed that the proposed project has potential implications, both adverse and beneficial, on the social and environmental frameworks. In this context, the contractor shall be committed to putting in place several measures to mitigate the negative environmental and social, safety, health and social impacts associated with the development cycle of the project adhering to WB social and environmental standards and policies.

ملخص تنفيذي

مقدمة

يهدف مشروع الطرق والعمالة في لبنان الممول من البنك الدولي إلى تحسين أحوال الطرق والسلامة المرورية من خلال إعادة تأهيل شبكة الطرق في لبنان، وخاصة في المناطق الريفية النائية، كما ويهدف إلى خلق فرص عمل للمواطنين اللبنانيين والنازحين السوريين من خلال مشاركة العمالة في أعمال إعادة التأهيل.

سيتم تنفيذ أعمال المشروع ضمن شبكة الطرق الرئيسية الخاضعة لسلطة وزارة الأشغال العامة والنقل. في هذا السياق، سينفذ مجلس الإنماء والإعمار المشروع بالنيابة عن الحكومة / وزارة الأشغال العام والنقل.

تجدر الإشارة إلى أن الأعمال المتوقعة قد تؤدي إلى آثار بيئية واجتماعية سلبية مرافقة لأعمال التنفيذ، وعليه يجب إعداد خطة إدارة بيئية واجتماعية وفقاً لمتطلبات سياسة العمليات في البنك الدولي رقم (OP4.01)، والتي تصنف المشروع على أنه الفئة B وذلك من أجل الحد من النداعيات الممكن حدوثها وتخفيف الآثار السلبية وتطوير الآثار الإيجابية. وبناءً على ذلك، طورت شركة دار الهندسة نزيه طالب وشركاه في هذا التقرير خطة إدارة بيئية واجتماعية مخصصة لتأهيل الطرقات ضمن قضاء كسروان.

إن الهدف من خطة الإدارة البيئية والاجتماعية هو تحديد وتقييم التأثيرات البيئية والاجتماعية المحتملة للمشروع والتباحث مع الأطراف المعنية لإعداد خطة إدارة تتضمن تدابير وسبل التخفيف من المخاطر الاجتماعية والبيئية المتوقعة، كما وتطوير خطة رصد ومراقبة، بالإضافة إلى تحديد المسؤوليات في تفعيل خطة الإدارة البيئية والاجتماعية.

وصف المشروع

يشمل المشروع الطرق المصنفة في ٢٥ قضاء في جميع أنحاء لبنان بطول إجمالي يصل إلى حوالي ٨٣٥ كم تقريباً، بحيث يوجد أربعة طرق مقترحة في قضاء كسروان.

تم تطوير خطة الإدارة البيئية والاجتماعية مخصصة لأعمال التأهيل ضمن هذه الطريق في قضاء كسروان بطول إجمالي يصل إلى حوالي ٣٢,٦٣ كم تقريباً، مقسمة على الشكل التالي:

١. طريق كسروان المسمى (Kesrouane R2a) بحيث يمتد على طريق واحد بطول إجمالي يبلغ ١٩,١ كم تقريباً. إن الطريق يمر عبر يستمر بفاق الدين مروراً بالقبية نمورة وكفار جريف وغدرايس حتى يصل إلى الكفور. ثم تنحدر لتمر عبر فتقا وإدما الدفن وتنتهي في كفر ياسين.
٢. طريق كسروان المسمى (Kesrouane R2b) بحيث يمتد على طريق واحد بطول إجمالي يبلغ 2.4 كم تقريباً. إن الطريق يبدأ عند غوسطا وينتهي بمعراب.
٣. طريق كسروان المسمى (Kesrouane R2c) بحيث يمتد على طريق واحد بطول إجمالي يبلغ ٥,١٣ كم تقريباً. إن الطريق يبدأ في الكفور على ارتفاع حوالي ٦٨٧ م ويصل إلى أقصى ارتفاع عند حوالي ٧٩٦ م ومن ثم ينحدر أثناء إلى حرايا وقطنين ليصا إلى ارتفاع حوالي ٥٩٧ م على الأقل وينتهي عند ارتفاع حوالي ٦٠٣ م.
٤. طريق كسروان (7) المسمى (Kesrouane R7) بحيث يمتد على طريق واحد بطول إجمالي يبلغ 6 كم تقريباً. إن الطريق يبدأ عند مزرعة كفر ديبان ويمر في بفتوتة وينتهي في بفعاعة كنعان.
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تقتصر أعمال تطوير الطرق على الصيانة وبعض أعمال الإنشاء البسيطة، وكذلك على إدارة وتنظيم حركة المرور. في قضاء كسروان، تتنوع أنشطة إعادة التأهيل بين كسروان R2a وكسروان R2b وكسروان R2c وكسروان R7؛ نظراً لحالة الحالية للطرق التي تم مسحها.

لذلك فإن الأنشطة التي يتعين القيام بها في قضاء كسروان تشمل أعمال الرصف الإسفلتي (على مثال رصف كامل الطريق عند الحاجة وإزالة الأسفلت القديم)؛ أعمال الإنارة (إعادة تأهيل أعمدة الإضاءة وتوفير أعمدة جديدة عند الحاجة)، وتحسين

وتركيب مجاري الصرف الصحي، وبناء الجدران الدعم، وتركيب حواجز الأمان، ووضع العلامات وإشارة المرور. سوف توفر أعمال إعادة التأهيل فرص عمل لحوالي ١٧٦ عاملاً وسوف تتطلب حوالي ١٨ شهراً لإنهاء الأعمال.

الإطار القانوني

سوف يتم تنفيذ خطة الإدارة البيئية والاجتماعية وفقاً لسياسات البنك الدولي وبحسب القوانين والأنظمة اللبنانية، ولا سيما القانون رقم ٢٠٠٢/٤٤٤ (قانون حماية البيئة).

إن مشروع الطرق والعمالة في لبنان يتبع سياستان وقائمتان من سياسات البنك الدولي هما سياسة التقييم البيئي رقم (OP 4.01) وسياسة إعادة التوطين القسري (غير الطوعي) رقم (OP 4.12). وحيث أن المشروع المنوي إنشائه يركز بشكل رئيسي على إعادة تأهيل الطرق موجودة سابقاً، فإنه سوف يتم العمل في إتباع سياسة العمليات المرتبطة بالتقييم البيئي رقم (OP 4.01).

وفقاً لمكونات مشروع التأهيل في قضاء كسروان فإنه لن تتم إعادة التوطين القسري أو إستملاك أراضي. وعليه، فلن يكون هناك أي نازحين و/أو مهجرين بسبب أنشطة المشروع (وهذا يشمل السكان المحليين واللاجئين السوريين) مما لا يتطلب تطبيق سياسة إعادة التوطين القسري (غير الطوعي) رقم (OP 4.12).

مشاورة العامة

إن الهدف الرئيسي للتشاور مع أصحاب العلاقة المعنيين هو التأكد من مدى موافقتهم على القضايا الحساسة لأجل تحسين فرص عدم تعرض للمشروع وخلق نزاعات تؤدي لتوقفه و/أو إلغائه.

تمت المناقشة والتباحث في خطة الإدارة البيئية والاجتماعية بشكل علني مع المعنيين بحيث تم ترتيب ثلاثة اجتماعات مشاركة عامة لقضاء كسروان. عُقد أول اجتماع للمشاركة العامة في بلدية جونيه في يوم الخميس الموافق بتاريخ ١٢ كانون الأول / ديسمبر، وتناول الشرح كافة الطرق المقترح تأهيلها ضمن قضاء كسروان. إلا أنه نظراً للظروف الراهنة المرتبطة بقطع اسير على الطرقات ضمن أحداث الإحتجاج الشعبي على غلاء المعيشة الذي بدأ بتاريخ ١٧ تشرين أول/أكتوبر ٢٠١٩، لم يتمكن أكثر من عشرة أشخاص من حضور الاجتماع. في هذا السياق، تم تحديد اجتماعين علنيين إضافيين لقضاء كسروان. عُقد الاجتماع الأول في بلدية كفور يوم الجمعة الموافق بتاريخ ٢٧ كانون الأول / ديسمبر لعرض مكونات طريقي كسروان R2a و R2c ، ومن ثم عُقد الاجتماع الثاني في بلدية كفرديان يوم الجمعة الموافق بتاريخ ٣ يناير ٢٠١٩ لعرض مكونات طريقي كسروان R2b و R7 . بلغ عدد الحاضرين في إجتماع الكفور ٢٧ شخصاً بحيث كان من بينهم ٩ سيدات وبلغ عدد الحاضرين في إجتماع كفرديان ١٨ شخصاً بحيث كان من بينهم ٥ نساء.

تم إبلاغ الحضور بأهداف المشروع خلال الاجتماعات وتم عرض الموارد الطبيعية والاقتصادية والاجتماعية المحددة ذات الأهمية في المنطقة، كما والمخاطر البيئية والاجتماعية المحتملة للمشروع وإجراءات التخفيف المخطط لها وآلية معالجة المظالم.

خلال اجتماع الأول الذي عقد في بلدية كفور، كان المشاركون قلقين لناحية تاريخ بدء المشروع. وبشكل أخص كانت اعدد من الحضور لنسائي قلقين بشأن التنسيق مع السلطات المختصة وخاصة فيما يتعلق بالأشغال العامة (مثل مياه الصرف الصحي والبنية التحتية للمياه وما إلى ذلك). كما وأبدوا قلقهم بشأن ما إذا كان سيكون هناك تنسيق بين الوزارات ومؤسسات العامة قبل تنفيذ المشروع لتجنب إعادة حفر الطرق والمزيد من الإزعاج. وعليه تم إبلاغ الجمهور بأن مجلس الإنماء والإعمار سيضمن التنسيق الكامل بين البلديات والسلطات كافة قبل تنفيذ المشروع. أخيراً تم الإشارة إلى أنه من المتوقع أن يبدأ تنفيذ المشروع في ربيع ٢٠٢٠.

أما خلال الاجتماع الثاني الذي عقد في كفرديان، كان الشغل الشاغل للحضور يتعلق بطريق يبدأ في فيطرون إوبصل لى كفرديان ولم يتم إدراجه في هذا المشروع. بحسب الحضور ومنهم رئيس بلدية كفرديان، فإن طريق عجلتون-فيطرون هو طريق دخول رئيسي إلى قرى كسروان وبحاجة ماسة لإعادة التأهيل. وبالمثل، أشار مختار معراب أيضاً إلى طريق يمتد من معراب إلى دلبتا الذي يحتاج إلى أيضاً إلى إعادة تأهيل وهو غير مدمج ضمن طرق المشروع المقترحة. وفي هذا السياق، سأل الحضور عما إذا كان لا يزال بإمكانهم اقتراح طرق بديلة لإعادة التأهيل في إطار المشروع، وتمت الإجابة من قبل

الإستشاري وممثل مجلس الإنماء والإعمار أنه لا يمكن إضافة و/أو إستبدال أي طرق جديدة ضمن هذا المشروع، إلا أنه يمكن للمعنيين إرسال طلباتهم فيما يتعلق بطرق بديلة إلى وزارة الأشغال العامة لتلحظ ضمن المشاريع المستقبلية.

خلال الاجتماعين، أبدا الحاضرون قلقهم بشكل رئيسي من فعالية خطة المراقبة، مما أوجب تقديم شرح من قبل الشركة الإستشارية بمساعدة ممثل مجلس الإنماء والإعمار عن عملية المراقبة لهذا المشروع، كما وتم التذكير بدور البلديات والمجتمعات المحلية في المراقبة خلال مرحلة إعادة تأهيل المشروع لزيادة نسبة الفعالية. علاوة على ذلك، أوضح ممثل مجلس الإنماء والإعمار أن خطة الإدارة البيئية والاجتماعية تتضمن آلية لمعالجة الشكاوى من أجل ضمان متابعتها بشكل صحيح ومرضي.

وصف البيئة المحيطة

تمت دراسة البيئة الفيزيائية والكيميائية والبيولوجية والاجتماعية والاقتصادية ضمن منطقة المشروع في الوضع الحالي وقبل تنفيذ المشروع. إذ قام فريق العمل بجمع البيانات الأساسية وإجراء المسح الميداني للعناصر البيئية التالية: جودة الهواء وجودة المياه وجودة التربة والظروف الجيولوجية ووضع المناخ والأرصاء الجوية والموائل الطبيعية والتنوع البيولوجي واستخدام الأراضي / الغطاء الأرضي ونسبة الضوضاء والموارد الثقافية والظروف الاجتماعية الاقتصادية (فرص العمل وتوفر اليد العاملة والمشاكل الاجتماعية والاستغلال و/أو الانتهاك الجنسيين الناجمين عن العمل والتحرش الجنسي والصحة والسلامة المهنية).

نصت الدراسة على أن الوضع الجيولوجي ضمن الطرق المقترحة لناحية الطبقات الصخرية المتكشفة والطبقات الجوفية والتكوينات التكتونية (فوالق، طبقات، الوضع الزلزالي، إلخ)، الهيدروجيولوجيا (المياه الجوفية ومياه البحر) والهيدروجيولوجيا (المياه السطحية والأنهر). أظهرت الدراسات بأن التكوينات الصخرية البارزة في منطقة الدراسة وحولها تنتمي إلى الحقة الزمنية الجيولوجية المسماة الحجر الجيري الكارستي. تتميز هذه الطبقات بكميات كبيرة من المياه الجوفية المتدفقة عبر الشقوق والكسور الناتجة عن عوامل التعرية والتجوية وبالأخص على المرتفعات. إن قابلية انتقال المياه ضمن هذه الطبقات هي عالية بشكل عام والمياه الجوفية موجودة على أعماق قريبة من السطح. بعبارة أخرى فإن الطرق المدروسة في كسروان تقع على تشكيلات قابلة للنفوذ تعرض طبقات المياه الجوفية إلى تلوث محتمل.

بشكل أكثر تحديداً، تنتمي الطبقات الصخرية البارزة في منطقة الدراسة وحولها إلى فترات زمنية جيولوجية متعددة. بحيث يمر الطريق (R2a) ضمن طبقات جيولوجية تنتمي إلى الفترات الزمنية الجيولوجية الطباشيرية والتموضعات الرباعية، أما الطريقين (R7 و R2b) فإنها تم عبر الطبقات التي تنتمي إلى الفترات الزمنية الجيولوجية الطباشيرية والجوراسية. أم الطريق (R2c) فيمر عبر طبقات جيولوجية تنتمي إلى الفترة الزمنية الجيولوجية الطباشيرية. تعتبر المنطقة المحيطة بالطريقين R2a و R2c غنية جداً بقنوات التصريف الشتوية التي تصب في اتجاه مجرى نهر "وادي طبرجا" و"وادي غازير". على وجه التحديد، تقع طريق كسروان R2a على مقربة من "وادي طبرجا" ونهر إبراهيم. كما يتواجد بالقرب من طريق كسروان R2b العديد من قنوات الصرف التي تصب في "وادي جونيه". وبالإضافة فإن كسروان R7 محاط بالعديد من قنوات الصرف السطحية الشتوية التي تؤدي إلى مجرى النهر إلى نهر "الكلب"، كما ويوجد العديد من الينابيع القريبة وهي عين القطارة وعين اللبن وعين بقتوتة.

تعتبر جودة الهواء أيضاً عنصراً أساسياً في تقييم الرفاهية الاجتماعية والحالة الصحية للمجتمع. اعتمدت الدراسة على معطيات مشروع برنامج الأمم المتحدة الإنمائي / وزارة البيئة "تقييم جودة الهواء في دولة شرق البحر الأبيض المتوسط: الوضع في لبنان"، والتي أظهرت أن مستويات أحادي أكسيد الكربون وثاني أكسيد الكبريت والأوزون وثاني أكسيد النيتروجين و نسبة تباير الغبار PM10 هي ضمن القيم الحدية الوطنية (المحددة بموجب القرار ١/٥٢ بتاريخ ١٩٩٦). تجدر الإشارة إلى أن الأنشطة الرئيسية ضمن أعمال التأهيل لن تشمل أعمال تؤدي لتلوث الهواء.

فيما يتعلق بالموائل الطبيعية والتنوع البيولوجي ونظراً لطبيعة المشروع، فإن منطقة التأثير المباشر تتعلق بالطرق القائمة حيث تم إجراء تقييم للوضع البيولوجي بشكل سريع لرسم الصورة عن الموارد البيئية للمناطق المجاورة للطرق المقترحة. أظهر التقييم أن طريق كسروان R2a و R7 يشتملان على أنظمة بيئية غنية. كما وتتكون بعض المناطق المجاورة لطريق كسروان R2a وطريق كسروان R7 من غابات الصنوبر البرية (Edma et Defne) وغابات البلوط في غدراس والغابات النهرية عند طريق كسروان R7 ونهر الكلب. تشكل هذه النظم الإيكولوجية ملجأ للعديد من الزواحف والثدييات والطيور.

أخيراً ، تم إجراء مسح اجتماعي اقتصادي في منطقة المشروع لرسم خرائط لخط الأساس الديمغرافي والاجتماعي والاقتصادي على مستوى قضاء كسروان. تم التحقيق في مجموعة من المؤشرات الاجتماعية بما في ذلك ملامح كسروان الديموغرافية (العمر والجنس) ، والعمالة وسبل العيش ، وتوافر التعليم العام والخاص والمؤسسات الصحية ، والمستوى العالمي للتعليم (التحصيل العلمي) ومعايير الصحة العامة ، والوصول إلى المرافق العامة والخدمات المجتمعية وأنماط استخدام الأراضي وعلم الآثار والتراث الثقافي وآثار الأزمة السورية. سمح التقييم باستخلاص استنتاجات بشأن الآثار المحتملة للمشروع على الظروف الاجتماعية والاقتصادية لمنطقة الدراسة. على وجه الخصوص ، يحيط بالطريق ٢ أ تجمعات سكنية ومستقبلات حساسة أخرى قريبة (المدارس وأماكن العبادة) على مسافة أقل من ١٠ م. وبالمثل ، تحيط الوحدات السكنية والمدارس وأماكن العبادة بكسروان R7 وكسروان R2c ومع ذلك ، فيما يتعلق بكسروان R2b ، فإن المستقبلات الحساسة المسجلة (المدرسة والكنيسة) ليست مجاورة مباشرة للطريق وتتركز الوحدات السكنية الملحوظة في جزء قصير جداً من الطريق. وأخيراً ، فإن كسروان R7 أمر بالغ الأهمية لأنه محاط بالأراضي الزراعية.

وصف الآثار البيئية والاجتماعية

إن الهدف من هذا القسم هو تحديد وتقدير جميع الآثار المحتملة، السلبية والإيجابية للمشروع على الوضع البيئي خلال مرحلتي إعادة التأهيل والتشغيل. ولذلك تم دراسة تقييم آثار المشروع المقترح على جودة الهواء وجودة المياه وجودة التربة وجودة الهواء ونسبة الضوضاء والتلوث النظري واستخدام الأراضي / الغطاء الأرضي والآثار الاجتماعية والاقتصادية.

فيما يتعلق بمرحلة التشغيل ، يستلزم التقييم "فترة الضمان" التي يتحمل خلالها المقاول مسؤولية أنشطة الصيانة.

كون المشروع يهدف بشكل أساسي إلى تحديث الطرق القائمة، فمن المتوقع أن تشمل الآثار البيئية الغبار الناتج أثناء أعمال إعادة التأهيل وزيادة التلوث الضوضائي الناتج عن آلات البناء وتدهور جودة المياه وتعطيل حركة المرور والأضرار المحتملة للمرافق القائمة واضطراب التنوع البيولوجي.

وعليه فإنه تم تقييم الآثار خلال مرحلة إعادة التأهيل على نوعية الهواء والماء على أنها مباشرة ولا يمكن عكسها. تتطلب مرحلة إعادة التأهيل استخدام العديد من الآلات والمعدات الثقيلة التي ترتبط عادة بالتأثيرات على جودة الهواء مما يؤدي إلى توقع حدوث انبعاثات للغبار والروائح المزعجة خلال هذه المرحلة. أما الآثار المحتملة على جودة المياه من أنشطة إعادة التأهيل فهي مرتبطة بحدوث تسرب ملوثات عرضية وعند جريان المياه السطحية.

بالإضافة إلى بعض الاضطراب المؤقتة المتوقعة على الأنظمة البيئية الطبيعية (التلوث الضوضائي والتلوث المحتمل للتربة والمياه)، فإنه قد يحدث تأثير سلبي مباشر على النباتات والسكان إذا تم إلقاء النفايات (الحفريات) بشكل مباشر ضمن الأراضي على جانبي الطريق وعند النظم البيئية الشاطئية. إلا أنه ونظراً لأن الطرق المقترحة تتضمن عمومًا نشاطات بشرية، فإن من المتوقع أن تقتصر التأثيرات المحتملة للمشروع على التنوع البيولوجي المحلي عبر حدوث اضطراب للنظم البيئية الطبيعية والحيوانات المحلية عندما تكون الطرق محاطة بالغابات والنظم الإيكولوجية هلى مثال أجزاء قصيرة في طريق كسروان R7 و R2 a. كما وقد تنتج تأثيرات سلبية من جراء إلقاء الردميات والنفايات بشكل غير قانوني في الجداول والأنهار (على طول الطريق R7) والتي يمكن أن تؤدي إلى تدمير مباشر للتنوع البيولوجي المحلي والموائل الطبيعية (بما في ذلك مواقع التكاثر للبرمائيات) وأخيراً تراكم الغبار على النباتات والأراضي الزراعية المجاورة.

تشمل المخاطر الاجتماعية المحتملة المتعلقة بالمشروع:

(١) تدفق اليد العاملة (في حالة عدم توظيف المقاول للعمالة من المجتمع المحيط بها) والمخاطر المحتملة تجاه العاملات من النساء في المجتمع المحيط (بسبب قرب السكان والمدارس من الطرق المراد إصلاحها) ؛ (٢) الخطر المحتمل لعمل الأطفال ؛ (٣) ظروف العمل السيئة ؛ (٤) عدم الرضا عن تخصيص الوظائف ؛ (٥) خطر نقص مشاركة المرأة أو قلة تقدير دور النساء ؛ (٦) الإزعاج بشكل عام واضطراب المرور ؛ (٧) عرقلة مؤقتة لسهولة الوصول إلى المواقع الحساسة، خاصة المناطق السكنية والكنايس على طول طريق كسروان R2a.

أما من الناحية الإيجابية فإنه من المتوقع أن تخلق الآثار الاجتماعية الإيجابية للمشروع فرص عمل قصيرة الأجل للسكان المحليين واللاجئين السوريين الذين سيقومون بأنشطة إعادة التأهيل.

بمجرد إتمام أعمال التأهيل، فإنه من المتوقع أن يؤدي المشروع إلى تحسين ظروف السلامة على الطرق والحد من حوادث المرور وازدحام المرور وفي نهاية المطاف تعزيز فرص كسب العيش. من ناحية أخرى ، يمكن أن تنتج الآثار البيئية المتوقعة

الرئيسية على المياه والترربة من أنشطة الصيانة خلال "فترة الضمان" التي يتحمل خلالها المقاول مسؤولية أنشطة الصيانة إذا لم تتم إدارتها بشكل صحيح.

خطة الإدارة البيئية

تعتبر خطة الإدارة البيئية والاجتماعية ضرورية لضمان الحفاظ على التأثيرات المحددة ضمن المستويات المسموح بها وتخفيف الآثار السلبية غير المتوقعة في مرحلة مبكرة وتحقيق فوائد المشروع المتوقعة. وبالتالي فإنه من أجل التخفيف من الآثار السلبية و/أو المخاطر المحددة، فقد تم إعداد خطة الإدارة البيئية والاجتماعية لطريق كسروان قبل الشروع في أي أعمال مدانية. إن الهدف من خطة الإدارة البيئية والاجتماعية هو المساعدة في التعرف السريع على المشكلات وتشجيع الإجراءات الفعالة لتصحيحها وتحقيق الهدف من تطبيق الخطة البيئية والاجتماعية في نهاية المطاف. إن الفهم السليم للأولويات والسياسات البيئية وإدارة المشروع بشكل صحيح وتحديد المتطلبات التنظيمية وتحديث المعلومات المتعلقة بفترة التشغيل هي أمور أساسية لضمان الأداء البيئي الفعال والمرضي.

قد تم توفير خطة إدارة مناسبة لمتطلبات محددة ضمن مشروع طرق كسروان الموضحة في التقييم البيئي والاجتماعي الذي تم إجراؤه. تتضمن الخطة تدابير ومعدات للتحكم في انبعاثات العوادم وانبعاثات الغبار والروائح وأنشطة معالجة التربة خلال مرحلة إعادة التأهيل. علاوة على ذلك، تم توفير التدابير التوجيهية المناسبة للسيطرة على التسربات العرضية لمواد البناء لمنع تلوث التربة والمياه الجوفية.

إن أي تسرب عرضي لمياه ملوثة (كالصرف الصحي و/أو الزيوت و/أو الوقود) على أرض مفتوحة يمكن أن يتسلسل بسهولة عبر الطبقات الجيرية الكارستية ويسبب تلوث للمياه الجوفية الموجودة في باطن الأرض. كما وأن أي تصريف لمياه ملوثة إلى القنوات الشتوية سيؤدي بشكل رئيسي إلى تأثيرات ضارة على مجرى نهري "وادي طبرجا" و "وادي غازير" ونهر إبراهيم و"وادي جونية و نهر "الكلب" ضمن قضاء كسروان.

فيما يتعلق بالتنوع البيولوجي ، يتم تقديم التوصيات لتوجيه مقاول المشروع في الحد من الآثار السلبية على الموائل الطبيعية والتنوع البيولوجي. تضمنت إجراءات التخفيف المقترحة في خطة الإدارة البيئية والاجتماعية توصيات بشأن أعمال إعادة التأهيل والجدول الزمنية وإدارة النفايات الصلبة لتجنب تدهور المواقع أو إزعاج الحيوانات المحلية. يجب أن يلتزم المقاولون بالحذر أثناء أعمال إعادة التأهيل حتى تكون الآثار المباشرة على الأنظمة البيئية والحيوانات المرتبطة بها ضئيلة. يجب اعتماد خطة إدارة النفايات لتجنب تلوث التربة والمياه التي يمكن أن يكون لها آثار لا رجعة فيها على التنوع البيولوجي. وبشكل أخص، لا يجب إلقاء بقايا حفريات في الموائل الطبيعية (مثل الجداول المائية والقنوات المائية في قضاء كسروان على طول الطرق المؤهلة).

يمكن التخفيف من المخاطر الاجتماعية لهذا المشروع من خلال المراقبة الدورية لظروف العمل والبنود المحددة المطلوبة ضمن العقود لحماية العمالة وتجنب العنف القائم على نوع الجنس. توجد الخطة القواعد السلوكية البيئية والاجتماعية للمقاول على النحو التالي:

(١) الأفضل توظيف عمال محليين ، (٢) عدم توظيف أفراد دون سن العمل القانوني وفقاً لقانون العمل في لبنان (٣) ضمان الامتثال والتنفيذ المناسبين لقواعد السلوك وبالمثل ، يوصى بالتنسيق الوثيق مع البلديات المتضررة فيما يتعلق بقضايا عرقلة الطرق. بالإضافة إلى ذلك ، يجب إبلاغ آلية معالجة المظالم بوضوح لجميع الأشخاص المتأثرين بالمشروع أثناء تنفيذ المشروع وقبله.

علاوة على ذلك، أنتجت خطة الإدارة البيئية والاجتماعية مؤشرات رئيسية للمشروع لرصد نجاح تنفيذ المشروع وهي مصممة لضمان الفعالية في قياس النتائج الرئيسية للمشروع على أساس مؤشرات قابلة للقياس. يمكن رصد مخاطر الآثار البيئية والاجتماعية (مثل مراقبة التخلص من النفايات الصلبة وتصريف مياه الصرف الصحي ومراقبة العمالة القاصرة ومراقبة سلوكيات العمال أثناء أعمال إعادة التأهيل). ستقوم مجلس الإنماء والإعمار بمراقبة المشروع لضمان تنفيذ الخطة بما يتماشى مع الأهداف المقترحة وأنه يسير على الطريق الصحيح لتحقيق النتائج المتوقعة. كما وسيقوم بإعداد التقارير المرحلية للمشروع وتقديمها إلى البنك الدولي للمراجعة.

وأخيراً ، تم إنشاء آلية معالجة المظالم متعددة البنود للطرق المعنية في قضاء كسروان. بحيث تتضمن تحديد أي شكوى والتعامل معها بشكل صحيح وضمن الجدول الزمني المحدد.

الخلاصة

أظهرت التقييمات أن للمشروع المقترح آثارا محتملة، سلبية وإيجابية على حد سواء على كافة الأطر الاجتماعية والبيئية .
وعليه، يجب أن يلتزم المعتهد بتنفيذ التدابير التخفيفية للآثار السلبية البيئية والاجتماعية والصحية والسلامة العامة والاجتماعية
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1. Introduction

1.1 Project Background

The Roads and Employment Project (REP) funded by the World Bank (WB) aims to improve the efficiency of road sector expenditures through the prioritization of road works and the improvement of road asset management techniques.

The project will have the following components:

- Component 1: Roads Rehabilitation and Maintenance
- Component 2: Improving Road Emergency Response Capacity
- Component 3: Capacity Building and Implementation Support

This ESMP report only deals with the first component of the REP project. This includes the rehabilitation and maintenance of primary, secondary, and tertiary roads, including road safety and spot improvements. The investments under this component will improve transport connectivity and create jobs for Lebanese and Syrians.

A set of criteria were decided upon to objectively select the roads to be rehabilitated. The main criteria are pavement and road safety condition; traffic level; road functional classification; fairness in road distribution between different towns; and finally, potential for job creation and other socioeconomic benefits.

The project covers classified roads in 25 Cazas¹ throughout Lebanon with an expected total length of 835 km and grouped into six lots as follows:

- Lot 1: roads in Cazas of Jbeil, Kesrouane and El Metn
- Lot 2: roads in the Cazas of Aley, Baabda, Chouf and Zahle.
- Lot 3: roads in the Cazas of Bent Jbeil, Hasbaya, Jezzine, Marjaoun, Nabatiye, Rachaya, Saida, Sour and Bekaa West.
- Lot 4: roads in the Cazas of Akkar, Minieh-Danniyeh and Zgharta.
- Lot 5: roads in the Cazas of Batroun, Bcharre, Koura and Tripoli.
- Lot 6: roads in the Cazas of Baalbeck and Hermel.

The maintenance and rehabilitation activities include asphalt overlays, drainage works, base and subbase reconstruction on selected sections, slope stabilization works, retaining walls, road safety activities (edge safety barriers, marking, signing, etc...) as well as roadside improvements.

Considering that the anticipated civil works will result in environmental and social impacts, an environmental and social management plan (ESMP) shall be prepared under the requirements of OP4.01, that classifies the project as Category B. Accordingly, Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners will develop an Environmental and Social Management Plan for Lot 1 and Lot 2 as it

¹ Caza is a synonym of District: Second largest administrative division below the national level. Each governorate is divided into districts or cazas (REACH, 2015). Lebanon is divided into six administrative regions (called Governorate or Mouhafaza) and 25 sub-regions (called Caza) not including Beirut.

was assigned by the CDR to prepare all the tender documents needed for the rehabilitation of roads included in these lots under CDR contracts No.20373 and No.20374.

This report is the specific ESMP for Kesrouane Caza (LOT 1) and is structured as follows:

Executive Summary

Chapter 1 – Introduction;

Chapter 2 – Existing Policies and Regulatory Framework

Chapter 3 –Description of the Proposed Project

Chapter 4 – Description of the Environment and Social Context

Chapter 5 –Potential Environmental and Social Impact

Chapter 6 – Mitigation of Environmental and Social Impacts

Chapter 7– Environmental and social Management and Monitoring Plan

Chapter 8 – Consultation, Disclosure and GRM

Chapter 9–Conclusion

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Annexes

1.2 Project Rationale

According to the World Economic Forum’s (WEF) Competitiveness Index 3 Lebanon’s infrastructure is the second main restriction to growth and its supply and quality is substantially below various sets of comparator countries. This situation can further threaten the country’s delicate political, social, and economic situation. As the influx of Syrian refugees continues to increase, the capacity of the existing and rotting infrastructure will no longer be appropriate to meet the excess demand, and pressing public investments will be needed. In other words, road rehabilitation needs have been heightened by the influx of Syrian refugees, which has substantially increased traffic demand and the utilization of the road network.

More specifically, according to the Global Competitiveness Report of the World Economic Forum in year 2018, Lebanon ranks as the 127th for quality of roads out of 140 studied countries, and achieved a very low score of 2.6 out of 7. Moreover, in terms of road connectivity, Lebanon ranked 95 and achieved a poor connectivity score index of 48.7 out of 100 (Schwab, 2017). In terms of road conditions, approximately 95% of the roads are paved but lack proper maintenance. In Lebanon, road traffic injuries are growing to be a public health and developmental concern. Yearly, more than 1,000 people are killed due to road conditions, where one-third of the mortality cases happen to pedestrians, motorcyclists, and other vulnerable groups (Choueiri et al., 2013). Moreover, Lebanon has one of the highest per capita rates of road accidents in the world. The World Health Organization estimated that the total number of road traffic fatalities in 2015 to be 1,088, and their associated economic cost is between 3 percent and 5 percent of GDP (World Bank, 2017).

To deal with increasing road traffic and safety challenges, the Lebanese Government announced the implementation of “Road and Employment Project” which aims to improve transport connectivity and to create direct and indirect jobs for Lebanese and Syrians.

However, infrastructure projects can exert a substantial strain on the environment and natural resources. Sustainable infrastructure designs are the only solution to reduce the built-up pressure and promote the well-being of local communities. With sustainable practices and proper waste

management plans enforced, the burden on the environment can be reduced. Sustainable construction can generally be defined and achieved by satisfying the following criteria: increase the lifetime; limit material consumption; use durable materials; and; consider the environmental impact of the construction process (Hoeckman et al, 2012). Similarly, the socio-economic effects of infrastructure projects can be reduced through transparency and fair compensation processes (Morris, 2007). In this context, integrating environmental and social issues and concerns in development plans and strategies would be crucial in the context of Lebanon's commitment to sustainable development. This ESMP prepared for economic decisions and development to go hand in hand with environmental and social protection. Accordingly, the developed ESMP should be viewed as a decision-making instrument for growth and environmental protection and should not be considered as a development restraint.

1.3 Report Objectives

The main aim of this study is to bring into focus all the environmental and social aspects that could affect directly and indirectly the project area and the society. This study will enable the project developers and the authorities to consider the potential environmental and social consequences, and accordingly ensure that mitigation measures, monitoring plans and contingency strategies are provided to mitigate these identified negative impacts.

This ESMP for Kesrouane Caza was developed in accordance with environmental laws and regulations in Lebanon and WB guidelines to ensure that all environmental and social requirements related to the project are properly implemented by the selected contractor during the rehabilitation phase of the project and by the concerned municipalities and MoPWT during the operation of the project.

The specific objectives of this ESMP are to:

1. Establish environmental and socio-economic baseline
2. Set the Legal, Institutional, Standards & Policies Frameworks
3. Conduct an inclusive public consultation session that takes into consideration the views of PAPs to feed into project design
4. Identify potential social and environmental impacts caused by the project
5. Manage the various environmental and social impacts by specifying several project specific mitigation measures, as stated in the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) document prepared by CDR;
6. Achieve feasible and applicable mitigation measures during all the project's phases;
7. Provide appropriate compensation for any loss caused by project implementation;
8. Emphasize, improve, and enhance the positive outcomes of the project;
9. Guide on creating short term jobs for communities within a gender workforce equality environment;
10. Identify the responsible authorities and assign roles for different organizations in the efficient implementation of this ESMP.
11. Ensure transparency throughout the project preparation and implementation
12. Implement a robust GRM that is clearly communicated to all project affected people.

1.4 Methodology

This ESMP report was prepared by Geoflint s.a.r.l at the request of Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners, as a fulfillment of the environmental and social requirements stated in component 1 of the REP project (Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance).

The report (1) provides the relevant information regarding the environmental and social baseline conditions prevailing along the chosen roads to be rehabilitated in Kesrouane (Kesrouane R2a, R2c, R2b, R7 that are part of Lot1 and have a total length of 32.63 km, refer to Figure 1-1, (2) discusses the project activities, (3) identifies the possible adverse impacts during both roads rehabilitation and operation, and (4) sets out an ESMP for the four roads within Kesrouane Caza to alleviate or prevent any likely negative impacts on the local environment.

The methods used for data collection and stakeholders' engagement are elaborated in this chapter.

1.4.1 Collection of Environmental and Social Baseline information

Baseline data (environmental and social baseline information) were collated in conjunction with the project design concept and plans to highlight issues and opportunities identified within the site location and to inform the project proponents about any constraints or potential impacts.

Available data was collected from concerned municipalities, literature review, and field survey and side meetings when needed for the social assessment.

Meteorological data, which play a vital role in transport and dispersion of air pollutants, were investigated and collected in shape of a statistical distribution of weather conditions over a period of time. Also, the ambient air quality for the targeted areas was acquired from the Ministry of Environment (MoE) in order to assess the social wellbeing and health status of the communities. In addition, water quality of nearby water resources was investigated in order to accurately assess the potential impacts of the rehabilitation works. The geology, hydrogeology and seismicity of the targeted areas were studied in order to identify any viable water resources and define the level of seismic hazards of the area.

Site visits were conducted for road, social, acoustic environment and natural habitat assessments. Regarding natural habitat assessment, a single field visit was set for each road (given the limited timeframe of this study). The field investigation did not aim for an exhaustive inventory of the biodiversity of the project area but a general overview of present species (mainly flora) and key habitats. This general approach allows the identification of the conservation status of the natural habitats. Walking transects were recognized to obtain an understanding of the vegetation communities in the area and record existing species. Knowing that a single visit is not enough, the study had to consider some species as potentially present and it was difficult to perform a complete faunal survey. Further, Land Use Land Cover (LULC) maps were generated for the concerned areas.

Regarding the social assessment, socio-economic information about the area was obtained from several national sources and studies, as well as from the Ministry of Social Affairs (MoSA), and informal meetings with municipal council members during the field visits. Moreover, sensitive receptor maps were generated for the concerned roads in Kesrouane for a better understanding of the project potential social implications.

1.4.2 Methodology for Stakeholders Engagement

According to Bourne (2016), every stakeholder and every stakeholder community is unique and has their own distinct set of expectations and perceptions. Engaging with and influencing such diverse parts within a community through a traditional “one-size-fits-all” approach is no longer deemed effective. As a result, an operative communication strategy was set, accounting for the complexity of the people whose support and involvement are vital to project success.

Multiple communication means were used to secure stakeholder involvement. The aim was that project’s stakeholders become aware of the project’s components and results, and that they get prepared to have the needed involvement in the work.

The Stakeholder Circle methodology was used as it provides a flexible approach for defining the stakeholder community, and recognizing the information and communication needed to influence each stakeholder’s prospects and actions.

The five steps to the Stakeholder Circle methodology (Bourne, 2016) were conducted and are listed below.

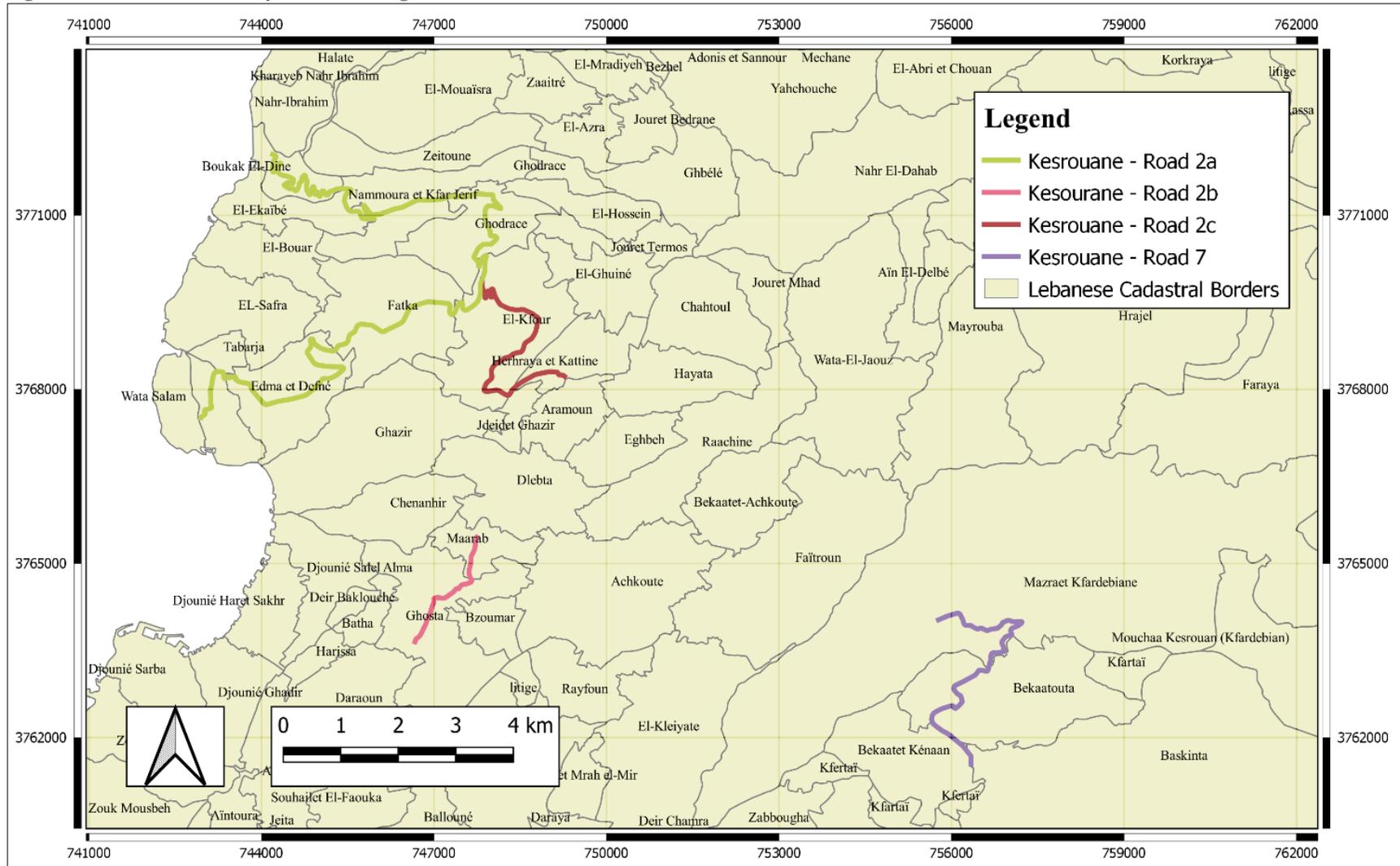
1. Identification of all stakeholders
2. Prioritization to determine who is important
3. Visualization to understand the overall stakeholder community
4. Engagement through effective communications
5. Monitoring the effect of the engagement.

The aim was to understand stakeholders’ needs, identify support from the key positive stakeholders, disseminate Project design and reduce opposition from negative stakeholders.

Subsequently, a directed communication with the identified important stakeholders was conducted. The aim was to make as much information as possible easily accessible. Additional different channels to deliver information were used (this includes formal and informal channels like phone calls and whatsapp messages).

Emails and direct phone calls to personalize the direct communication with identified stakeholders were adopted. Further, formal invitation letters were sent to these stakeholders for the arranged two public meetings in Kfour and Kfardebiane.

Figure 1-1 Lot 1 – Roads Key Plan Drawing (Kesrouane roads)



Source: Geoflint s.a.r.l. & Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners, 2019

2. Existing Policies, Legal and Administrative Framework

The environmental, economic and social implications of the proposed project must be addressed within the context of applicable legal and policy framework impacting the decision-making process at the national, regional and international levels. More specifically, the ESMP is conducted in accordance with the World Bank Safeguards and national and international laws/regulations that are related to social and environmental impact assessments.

The project must comply with environmental regulations, labor and occupational health and safety laws to avoid adverse impacts on the environment, health and safety of workers and affected communities. More specifically, it must comply with Lebanese Labor laws, ILO Labor standards, applicable collective agreements and international Human rights conventions.

2.1 Applicable Legal and Regulatory Framework

This section detailing the applicable legal provisions aims to provide a review of relevant national and international legal instruments as well as legislation, regulations, and policy documents, which are applicable to the proposed project in the Republic of Lebanon. The following table presents an overview of the main Lebanese environmental legislations dealing with the management of natural resources, solid waste and wastewater as well as air quality and pollution control. Moreover, laws, decisions in relation labors, human rights and biodiversity are elaborated in this section as well.

Table 2-1 National Applicable Legal Framework

Relevant Sector	Legislation	Date	Brief Description	Relevance to The Project
Environment	Decree 2761	19/12/1933	Guidelines related to Wastewater Management and Disposal	Wastewater generated by the project activities should be managed and disposed of according to this decree. This decree provides guidelines related to wastewater management and disposal to avoid pollution caused by the discharge of liquid waste illegally into water streams and valleys.
	Decree 8735	23/08/1974	All generated rehabilitation solid wastes are to be properly collected, handled and disposed	Solid wastes generated by project activities should be managed according to guidelines set in this decree.
	Law 558	24/07/1996	Law for the protection of forests	The requirements of the law shall be adhered to for the protection of forests.
	MoE Decision 52/1	29/06/1996	Environment quality standards and criteria for air, water and soil pollution. Revised standards for water, air and soil pollution (partly updated in Decision 8/1 dated 30/1/2001).	Decision 52/1 was referenced in the study to specify the National Standards for Environmental Quality and the Environmental Limit Values for Air and Water. The described decision (Annex 12 in decision 52/1) was used for monitoring air emissions.
	MoE Decision 8/1	30/01/2001	Amendment to part of MoE Decision 52/1 dated 29/6/1996. National Standards for Environmental Quality (NSEQ) that covered air and liquid emissions for all sectors.	This decision will be used to monitor air and water quality during implementation of project activities.
	Law 444	29/07/2002	Environment Protection Law: Fundamental principles and public rules (7 parts, 68 articles), Organization of environmental protection, Environmental information system and participation in the management and protection of the environment, Environmental Impact Assessment, Protection of environmental	It is essential for the proposed project as the protection of the environment is a must throughout all of the steps of the project.

			media, Responsibilities and fines, Other regulations (miscellaneous, institutional).	
	Decree 8803/2002 and its amendments	04/10/2002	Organizes the activity of quarries and crushers, licensing procedures, as well as the operation, management and rehabilitation of quarries.	Ensures the provision of construction material and the disposal of construction waste comply with the decree
	Law 77	13/04/2018	Water Resources Law	Penalizes unauthorized discharges or disposal of any kind of waste in water resources
	Law 78	13/04/2018	Law for the protection of air quality	The requirements of the law shall be adhered to for the management of air emissions from the project
	Law 80	10/10/2018	Integrated Solid Waste Management which sets integrated solid waste management principles and provides guidelines for the management of waste.	Solid waste generated during the project should be managed in accordance with Law 80, which includes limiting quantities generated when possible, as well as properly disposing of any generated waste.
Health and safety	Law 64	12/8/1988	Protection against hazardous wastes that could harm air, water, biodiversity, soil, and people.	Precautionary measures should be taken to limit any potential damage from generated hazardous wastes (if any)
	Decree 11802	30/01/2004	Occupational health and safety decree	The occupation health and safety conditions during the rehabilitation period should comply with this decree.
Labor Laws	Labor Law	23/09/1946	Labor Law that sets basic labor rights in Lebanon including minimum working age, working and resting hours etc....	It protects employees from any sort of violations dictated in this law
	Law 335	2/8/2001	This law is the ratification of ILO convention No. 182: The agreement required the ratifying country to take immediate and effective measures to prohibit the worst forms of labor and eliminate it and specify the types of work that harm the health, safety or ethical behavior of children and their location.	Does not allow the employment of children and protects them from engaging in any work activities that could harm their health and safety.

	Law 400	5/6/2002	This law is the ratification of ILO convention No. 138: This agreement aims to develop a general instrument on the subject of minimum age for employment to gradually replace the instruments applied in specific economic sectors, aiming to completely eliminate child labor	Minimum age of employment on tasks and works that pose risks or hazards to health and safety
	Decree 8987	29/09/2012	Prohibition of employment of minors under the age of 18 in work that may harm their health, safety or morals	Adhere to the requirements of this decree with regards to employment for this project.
	Decree 3791	30/06/2016	Sets minimum wage for employees and workers	Adhere to the requirements of this decree with regards to wages of employees on this project.
Traffic	Law 243	22/10/2012	Aims at the elimination of any kind of traffic violations such as: exceeding the speed limit, driving without a license or driving under any substance alternating the normal mental and physical state.	All transportation vehicles utilized during project implementation should abide by the general rules specified in Law 243.
General	Decree law 166	7/11/1933	Antiquity law	Defines chance find procedures that should be followed in case antiquities were identified in the project site
	Decree 340	01/03/1943	The text of Article 522 of the Lebanese Penal Code, applies to cases of assault of women, by force, violence, and manipulations which are acts that affect a woman's dignity, physical health, psychological state, and moral integrity.	This law was mentioned as the project may hold risks on women during rehabilitation work.
	Law 118	30/06/1977	Municipalities Law. It stipulates the role of the Municipalities and Municipalities councils.	Defines the roles of municipalities in the provision of environmental services such as solid waste management, wastewater management, etc.
	Law 58	29/05/1991	Law of properties and expropriation	Despite that no expropriation activities will be done; this law is added because OP 4.12 was triggered by the project

	Law 53	14/09/2017	Abolishment of article 522 of the penal code that exempts a rapist from punishments if he marries a victim	This law was mentioned as the project may hold risks on women during rehabilitation works (influx of workers (men) to the concerned area).
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*Lebanon's legislative body is represented by the Lebanese Parliament that approves and issues Laws. Lebanon's executive body is represented by the Council of Ministers (COM) and is headed by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers. The COM enacts regulations in the form of Decisions (denoted COM Decision Number) and Decrees. Decisions are issued by a specific minister and are limited to the affairs of the ministry that promulgated it. Ministerial Decisions are subject specific.

2.2 Institutional Framework

The project works will be executed on the main road network which is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MoPWT). MoPWT is in charge of the construction and maintenance of the main road network, consisting of the primary, secondary, and tertiary roads.

In Lebanon, donor-funded road works projects are implemented by CDR upon the request of the Council of Ministers (CoM). Therefore, in the context of REP project, CDR will execute the project on behalf of the government/MoPWT.

The main national institutions that are in relation to this project and their corresponding mandates are presented in the table below.

Table 2-2 National Institutions in relation to REP project

Institutions	Roles and Responsibilities
MoPWT	<p>MoPWT is responsible for the management of public roads, and for developing a sustainable strategy for the transportation sector within the urban and rural areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MoPWT will work closely with CDR during project implementation to ensure that important decisions on road (selection priorities, road designs, equipment specifications, and road asset management) are well coordinated. MoPWT will be responsible to manage the rehabilitated roads upon the completion of the project.
CDR	<p>The Council for Development and Reconstruction is a public institution established through Decree No. 5 dated 31st January 1977. CDR's main responsibilities is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate with relevant government agencies and with the relevant government agencies, particularly MoPWT, regarding roads priorities, technical aspects, and project's requirements. Monitor the project. In particular, every six months CDR must submit to the Bank project progress reports summarizing all project aspects and progress achieved in project implementation.
Municipalities²	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipalities are responsible for their municipal area. According to Decree 118/1977, municipalities are responsible for supervising projects' implementation in their municipal territories. In this context they were consulted for this project.
Ministry of Environment (MoE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MoE is responsible for planning and monitoring of environmental issues. MoE is in charge of protecting the environment in general, setting regulations and standards, and advising on implementing projects and programs in a sustainable manner. Accordingly, this ESMP must comply with the Lebanese environmental standards and regulations issued by MoE.
Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MoA is responsible for monitoring all activities related to forestry and agriculture. It regulates the introduction of new species in agriculture and livestock, protects, supervises and manages natural resources and provide technical assistance whenever necessary. The REP will not involve the construction of new roads or widening of existing ones (i.e. no tree cutting will occur). However, in the context of building retaining walls, if the contractor had to cut native trees, the MoA must be consulted. Tree cutting permits are provided by MoA.

² Concerned Municipalities in Kesrouane Caza: Kesrouane R2a: Boukak El-Dine, El-Ekaibe Nammoura et Kfar Jerif, Ghodrace, El-Kfour, Fatka, Edma et Dfne, and Kferyacine. / Kesrouane R2b: Ghosta and Maarab. / Kesrouane R2c: El-Kfour, Herhaya et Kattine / Kesrouane R7 Mazraet Kfardebiane, Bekaoutouta and Bekaetet Kenaan.

Ministry of Labour(MoL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MoL is responsible for all labour and employment issues. Labour inspection is the responsibility of the Department of Labour Inspection, Prevention and Safety (DLIPS) under the Labour Relations Authority of the MoL. DLIPS supervises the implementation of all laws, regulations, decrees and rules pertaining to the terms and conditions of employment, and the protection of workers in the workplace, including the provisions of international labour Conventions ratified. Labour inspectors ensure the supervision of compliance with regulations regarding conditions of employment and protection of workers including occupational safety and health. This ESMP must be in accordance with labor laws, regulations and conventions.
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In addition to the national public insitutions, the local community represented by the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) were consulted (refer to Table 8-1 and 8-2 in Section 8.1).

2.3 Environmental Standards

The National emission levels for effluent discharges, ambient noise, and ambient air quality are provided in this section.

Wastewater Discharge Targets

The allowable contaminants concentration for wastewater when discharged into the sewage network, sea or surface water are indicated in the MoE decision 8/1 dated 30/1/2001. The table below shows a list of allowable contaminants concentrations.

Table 2-3 The allowable contaminants concentration for wastewater when discharged into different bodies

Contaminants	Surface Water	Sewage Network	Sea Water
pH	6 – 9	6 – 9	6 – 9
BOD mg/l	25	125	25
COD mg/l	125	500	125
temperature Co	30	35	35
Total nitrogen mg/l	30	60	30
Total phosphorus mg/l	10	10	10
Oil and grease mg/l	30	50	30
Mercury mg/l	0.05	0.05	0.05
Total suspended solids mg/l	60	600	60
Total coliform bacteria (Most Probable Number/100 ml)	2,000	-	2,000

Air Emissions Targets

The maximum allowable limits for outdoor air pollutants are specified in Annex 14 of the MoE Decision No. 52/1 dated 1996. The table below shows the list of allowable criteria pollutants concentrations.

Table 2-4 Maximum allowable limits for outdoor air pollutants

Pollutants	Maximum Limit ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Exposure duration
Sulphur dioxide (SO ₂)	350	1 hr
	120	24 hrs
	80	1 yr
Nitrogen dioxide (NO ₂)	200	1 hr
	150	24 hrs

	100	1 yr
Ozone (O ₃)	150	1 hr
	100	8 hrs
Carbon monoxide (CO)	30,000	1 hr
	10,000	8 hrs
Total Suspended Particles (TSP)	120	24 hrs
PM ₁₀	80	24 hrs
Lead (Pb)	1	1 yr
Benzene	5 ppb	1 yr

Noise Emissions Targets

The expected noise pollution levels should not exceed the values listed in the MoE Decision 52/1 dated 1996. The limited; values are presented in the table below.

Table 2-5 Sound pressure limits according to MoE Decision 52/1, 1996

Phase	Sound Pressure Level dB(A)
Working Location (less than 8 working hrs.)	90
Working Location (requires good speech hearing)	80

Therefore, the maximum national standard of 90 (dB) for occupational noise exposure limits should not exceed an average duration of 8 hours working days. If the limits are higher than the acceptable limits, then the exposure duration should be reduced as mentioned in the table below.

Table 2-6 Noise exposure limits

Sound Pressure Level dB(A)	Exposure Duration (hrs.)
95	4
100	2
105	1
110	0.5
115	0.25

Moreover, the following table indicates the Lebanese noise guidelines in different zones and at different periods of the day.

Table 2-7 Lebanese noise guidelines for different zones (MoE 52/1, 1996)

Area classification	Maximum accepted noise level dB(A)		
	Day ¹	Evening ²	Night ³
Residential area with few construction sites, activities or on a highway	50 – 60	45 – 55	40 – 50
Urban residential area	45 – 55	40 – 50	35 – 45
Residential suburb	40 – 50	35 – 45	30 – 40
Rural residential, hospital, public garden	35 – 45	30 – 40	25 – 35

⁽¹⁾ 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

⁽²⁾ 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

⁽³⁾ 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.

2.4 World Bank Policies and Guidelines

2.4.1 Safeguard Policies

In addition to the Lebanese legislation, two safeguards policies apply to Lebanon Road and Employment Project (1) OP 4.01 Environmental Assessment and OP 4.12 and (2) Involuntary Resettlement.

OP 4.01 Environmental Assessment.

The ESMP for the selected roads in Kesrouane should comply with the safeguard policy of the World Bank, specifically, the OP/BP 4.01 regarding Environmental Assessment. The OP 4.01 is triggered as the project could have impacts on the environment due to the rehabilitation of roads infrastructures and associated civil works.

Under the requirements of OP4.01, the proposed project is classified as Category B (impacts are localized, short-term, and reversible and have no severe effects on the environment). Simple and low/moderate cost mitigation measures will be sufficient to restore the potential damage or keep it to the lowest possible) since the environmental impacts are expected to be minimal, during the rehabilitation phase, and can be mitigated via an environmental management plan.

OP 4.12 Involuntary Resettlement.

Despite that OP 4.12 was triggered by this project, in the case of Kesrouane and in accordance with site specific plans, no involuntary resettlement or land acquisition will take place. In other words, the project will be implemented primarily within the existing “right of way” there will be no displaced persons by the project activities (this includes local and Syrian refugees).

2.4.2 Consultations and Disclosure Policy

Transparency is essential to building and maintaining communal dialogue, and increasing public awareness about the WBG’s development role and mission. It is also critical for enhancing good governance, accountability, and development effectiveness.

Openness promotes engagement with stakeholders, which, in turn, improves the design and implementation of projects and policies, and strengthens development outcomes. In this context, a formal consultation process with the public took place during the preparation of this ESMP for Kesrouane Caza. Two public meetings were set for Kesrouane caza. The first meeting was held in Kfour Municipality on Friday December 27 addressing Kesrouane R2a and R2c, whereas the second meeting was held at Kfardebiane Municipality on Friday January 3, 2019 addressing Kesrouane R2b and R7. The number of attendees at Kfour was 27, of which 9 were women. At Kfardebiane, the total number of attendees was 18, of which 5 were women (*see more details in Section 8.1*)

Finally, this ESMP will be disclosed on CDR’s and concerned municipalities’ website.

2.4.3 Useful Guidelines and Manuals

This ESMP was based on Environment Health and Safety (EHS) Guidelines that are referred to in the WB’s Environmental and Social Framework. The EHS Guidelines contain the performance levels and measures that are normally acceptable to the WB Group, and that are generally considered to be achievable.

The management plan must meet as well the IFC Performance Standard 6 (PC6) in relation to Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources (IFC, 2012). Finally, guidelines from World Bank handbook on roads and environment were used for this ESMP.

2.5 Gap Analysis

The only national Decree 8633 in relation to social and environmental impact assessment does not impose any environmental study for road rehabilitation projects, however, WB guidelines impose conducting an ESMP for such projects.

Moreover, some of the WB's policies and emission limits are more stringent than those of the Lebanese Government. The Lebanese wastewater emission standards are less strict than World Bank standards, but more strict for ambient air quality and similar for noise. In this context, the more strict limits will prevail. Refer to the tables below.

Table 2-8 Comparison of ambient air quality standards between Lebanese and WB standards

Pollutants	Lebanese Standards		WHO Standards	
	Maximum Limit ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Exposure duration	Maximum Limit ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Exposure duration
Sulfur dioxide (SO ₂)	350	1 hr	500	10 mins
	120	24 hrs	20	24 hrs
	80	1 yr	-	-
Nitrogen dioxide (NO ₂)	200	1 hr	200	1 hr
	150	24 hrs	-	-
	100	1 yr	40	1 yr
Ozone (O ₃)	150	1 hr	-	-
	100	8 hrs	100	8 hrs
Carbon monoxide (CO)	30,000	1 hr	30,000	1 hr
	10,000	8 hrs	10,000	8 hrs
Total Suspended Particles	120	24 hrs	-	-
PM _{2.5}	-	-	25	24 hrs
	-	-	10	1 yr
PM ₁₀	80	24 hrs	50	24 hrs
Lead (Pb)	1	1 yr	0.5	1 yr
Benzene	5 ppb	1 yr	1.7	1 yr
Benzo[a]Pyrene (BaP)	-	-	0.00012	1 yr

Arsenic (As)	-	-	0.0066	1 yr
Cadmium (Cd)	-	-	0.005	1yr
Nickel (Ni)	-	-	0.025	1 yr

Table 2-9 Comparison of allowable noise level standards between Lebanese and WB standards

region type (receptor)	limit for ambient noise levels dB(A)					
	Day time (7 a.m. - 6 p.m.)		Evening time (6 p.m. - 10 p.m.)		Night time (10 p.m. - 7 a.m.)	
	Lebanese standards	WB standards	Lebanese standards	WB standards	Lebanese standards	WB standards
commercial an administrative area in town centers	55-65	70	50-60	70	45-55	70
residential areas with some construction sites or along a main road	50-60	55	45-55	55	40-50	45
urban residential areas	45-55	-	40-50	-	35-45	-
residential suburbs with slight traffic	40-50	55	35-45	55	30-40	45
industrial area	60-70	70	55-65	70	50-60	70
rural residential areas, public gardens and hospitals	35-45	-	30-40	-	25-35	-

Table 2-10 Comparison of allowable wastewater discharge levels standards between Lebanese and WB standards

Parameters/pollutant	Wastewater Effluent Pollutants Threshold				WB requirements
	Lebanese requirements				
	Surface Water	Sewage Network	Sea Water		
pH	6 – 9	6 – 9	6 – 9	6 – 9	
BOD mg/l	25	125	25	30	
COD mg/l	125	500	125	125	
temperature Co	30	35	35	-	

Total nitrogen mg/l	30	60	30	10
Total phosphorus mg/l	10	10	10	2
Oil and grease mg/l	30	50	30	10
Mercury mg/l	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.01
Total suspended solids mg/l	60	600	60	50
Total coliform bacteria (Most Probable Number/100 ml)	2000	-	2000	400

2.6 International treaties and conventions

The main international treaties and conventions in relation to REP are listed in this section.

Table 2-11 International Treaties and Conventions in relation to REP.

Date	Convention/Agreement	Status	Relevance to Project
1992	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.	Covered by Law No. 359 dated 11th August 1994.	This project must control activities that release green-house gases such as emissions from machineries used (most of which rely on fuel) and excavation activities, among others (refer to section 5.3.1.3).
1992	Rio de Janeiro Convention on Biological Diversity.	Covered by Law No. 360 dated 11th August 1994.	This project should abide by this convention to avoid or control activities that may pose a threat on biodiversity at all levels, since improvement of roads sometimes leads, directly or indirectly, to the loss and degradation of natural habitats and biodiversity (refer to section 5.3.1.6).

Table 2-12 Labors conventions

ILO Convention	Name	Entry into force	Ratification Date	Description	Relevance to Project
ILO no. 29	Convention Concerning Forced or Compulsory Labor	01/05/1932	25/06/1977	Its object and purpose are to suppress the use of forced labor in all its forms irrespective of the nature of the work or the sector of activity in which it may be performed. With some exceptions such as military service.	This project should abide by this convention to protect employees from being forced into any type of work activity that they do not want to engage in.
ILO no. 105	Abolition of Forced Labor Convention	17/01/1959	25/06/1977	Aims at the elimination of forced labor and cancels certain forms of forced labor still allowed under the Forced Labor Convention of 1930	This project should comply with the guidelines of this convention in order to protect employees from being forced into any type of work activity without their will.
ILO no. 111	Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention	15/06/1960	25/06/1977	Enable legislation which prohibits all discrimination and exclusion on any basis including of race/color, sex, religion, political opinion, national or social origin in employment.	This project should abide by this convention to ensure a healthy environment between the employees and between the employer and employees in the

					work place by enforcing equality and respect between them.
ILO no. 122	Employment Policy Convention	09/07/1965	25/06/1977	Aim at ensuring that there is freedom of choice of employment and the fullest possible opportunity for each worker to qualify for, and to use his skills and endowments in, a job for which he is well suited, irrespective of race, color, sex, religion, political opinion, national extraction or social origin.	This project should comply with the guidelines of this convention to ensure that employees are given the right opportunities, based on their qualifications, irrespective of their origin, affiliations.
ILO no. 138	Minimum Age Convention for Admission to Employment and Work	19/06/1976	25/06/1977	It stipulates that States should progressively raise the minimum age to a level consistent with the fullest physical and mental development of young people. It establishes 15 as the minimum age for work in general and 18 as the minimum age for hazardous work.	This project should abide by this convention in order to abolish the employment of children below the specified minimum age.

3. Description of the Proposed Project

The first element of the REP includes the rehabilitation and maintenance of primary, secondary, and tertiary roads, including road safety and spot improvements. As mentioned before, the subject of this report is the selected roads for rehabilitation in Kesrouane Caza.

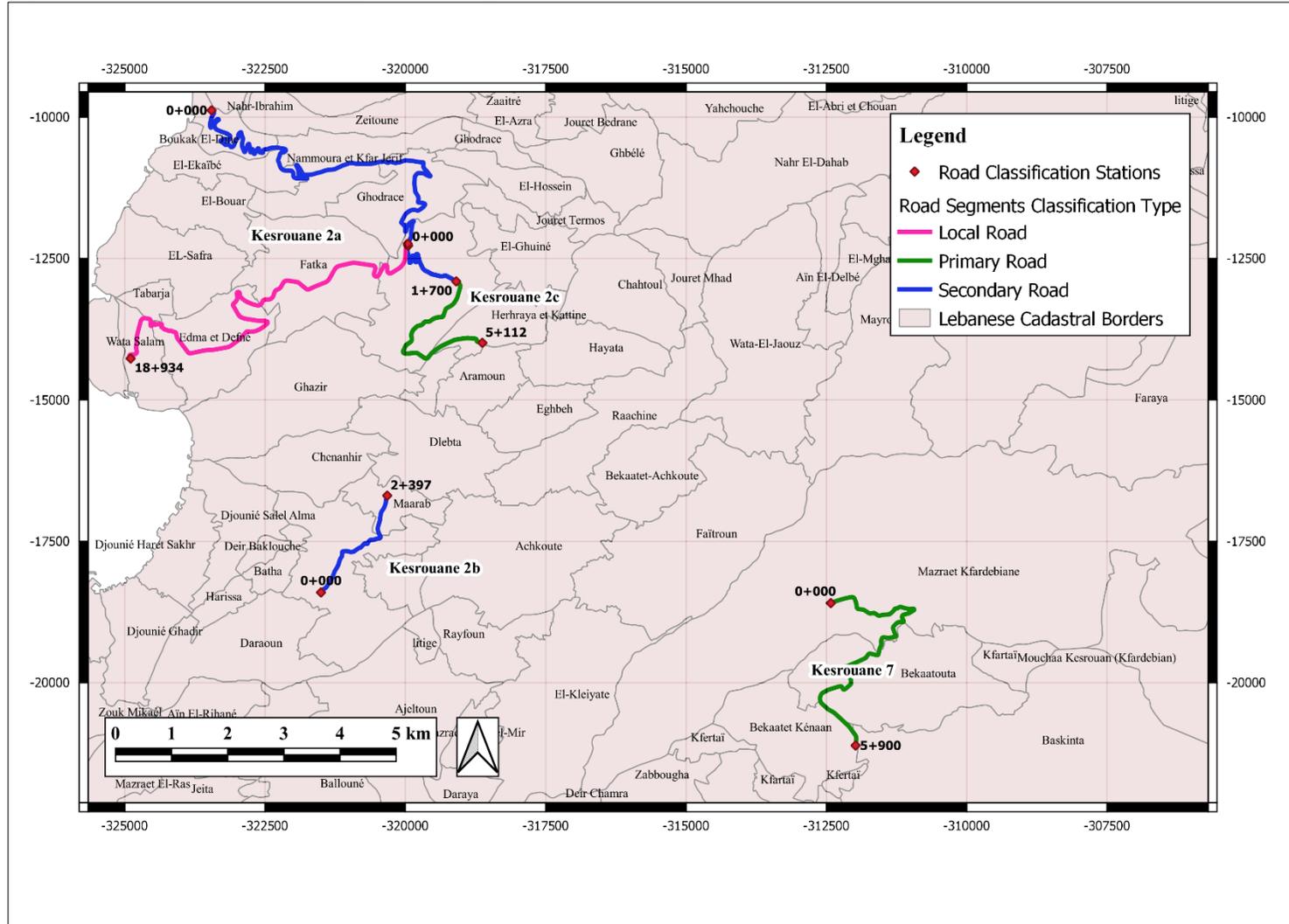
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Four roads with a total length of 32.63 km will be rehabilitated in Kesrouane caza, the subject of this report (Table 3-1).

Table 3-1 Roads to be rehabilitated within Kesrouane Caza (refer to Figure 3-1 for road map classification)

Caza	Road Code	Cadastral Borders	Length (km)	Road Classification
Kesrouane	2a	Boukak El-Dine – El-Ekaibe – Nammoura et Kfar Jerif – Ghodrace – El-Kfour – Fatka – Edma et Defne – Kferyacine	19.1	Secondary & Local
	2b	Ghosta – Maarab	2.4	Secondary
	2c	El-Kfour – Herhraya et Kattine	5.13	Primary & Secondary
	7	Mazraet Kfardebiane – Bekaatouta – Bekaetet Kenaan	6	Primary

Figure 3-1 Classification of road segments among Kesrouane roads



Source: & Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners, processed by Geoflint, 2019

3.1 Roads Location and Classification

3.1.1 Kesrouane R2a (Boukak El-Dine – El-Ekaibe – Nammoura et Kfar Jerif – Ghodrace – El-Kfour – Fatka – Edma et Defne – Kferyacine)

Kesrouane R2a is located in Kesrouane Caza and consists of a single alignment that has a total length of 19.1 km. It starts at Boukak El-Dine at an elevation of 23 m and continues upward, passing through El-Ekaibe, Nammoura et Kfar Jerif, and Ghodrace, until it reaches El-Kfour at an elevation of 685 m. Then, it descends, passing through Fatka and Edma et Defne, until it ends in Kferyacine at an elevation of 47 m.

It is classified as a Secondary road for around 10 km and a Local road for around 9 km, that passes through residential areas and other less populated areas, where secondary roads have a roadway width varying between 5 m and 8 m, and local sections have a width varying between 4 m and 6 m, as shown in Table 3-2. Refer to Figure 3-2 for the road alignment.

Table 3-2 American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials AASHTO 2018

Classification	Width (m)
International Roads	10-14
Local Roads	4-6
Primary Roads	8-10
Primary Roads (highways)	10-14
Secondary Roads	5-8

Figure 3-2 Satellite image showing Kesrouane R2a alignment with surveyed stations



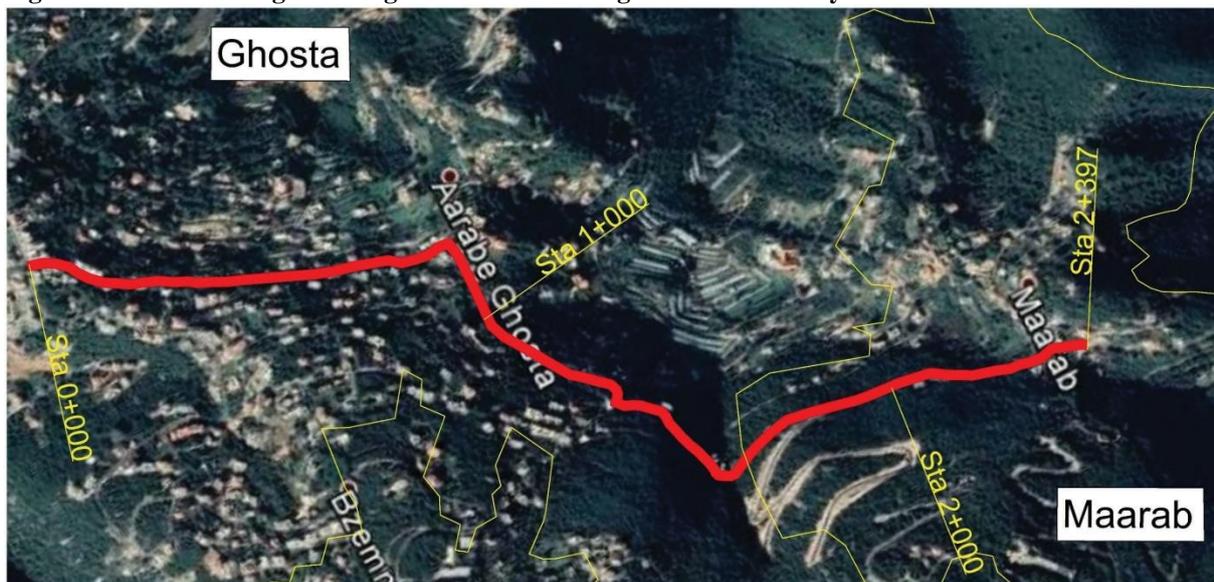
Source: & Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners, 2019

3.1.2 Kesrouane R2b (Ghosta – Maarab)

Kesrouane R2b is located in Kesrouane Caza and consists of a single alignment with a total length of 2.4 km. It starts at Ghosta at an elevation of 762 m, descends to a minimum of 747m then ascends to a maximum elevation of 799 m before reaching Maarab and passing there to end at an elevation of 790 m.

The road passes through residential areas and other less populated areas and is classified as a secondary road. Refer to Figure 3-3 for the road alignment.

Figure 3-3 Satellite image showing Kesrouane R2b alignment with surveyed stations



Source: & Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners, 2019

3.1.3 Kesrouane R2c (El-Kfour – Herhraya et Kattine)

Kesrouane R2c is located in Kesrouane Caza and consists of a single alignment with a total length of 5.13 km. It starts at El-Kfour, at an elevation of 687 m, ascends to a maximum elevation of 796 m, then descends while passing into Herhraya et Kattine to reach a minimum of 597 m and end there at an elevation of 603 m.

The road is classified as a primary road for around 3.5 kilometers and a secondary road for around 1.6 kilometers. It passes through residential areas and other less populated areas. Refer to Figure 3-4 for the road alignment.

Figure 3-4 Satellite image showing Kesrouane R2c alignment with surveyed stations



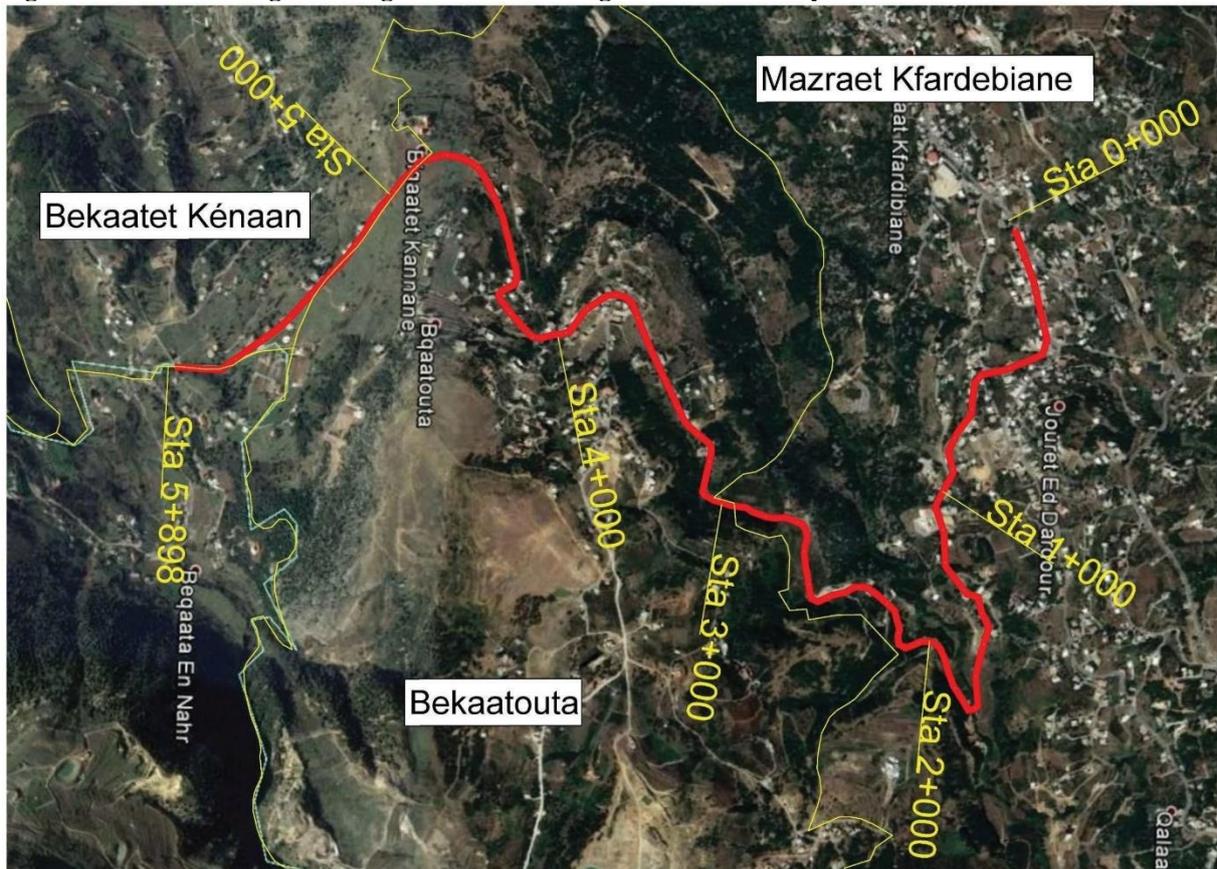
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3.1.4 Kesrouane R7 (Mazraet Kfardebiane – Bekaatouta – Bekaatet Kenaan)

Kesrouane R7 is located in Kesrouane Caza and consists of a single alignment with a total length of 6 km. It starts at Mazraet Kfardebiane, at an elevation of 1,285 m, passes by Bekaatouta where it reaches a maximum elevation of 1,298 m, and descends until ends at Bekaatet Kenaan at its lowest elevation of 1,178 m.

The road passes through residential areas and other less populated areas and is classified as a primary road. Refer to Figure 3-5 for the road alignment.

Figure 3-5 Satellite image showing Kesrouane R7 alignment with surveyed stations



Source: & Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners, 2019

3.2 Project Activities

3.2.1 Kesrouane R2a

The road cross sections and safety conditions assessment are provided in a separate technical report provided by the engineers (Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb).

In summary, most sections of the road have a narrow width which classifies this road as very critical from the safety point of view. The improvement of this section requires widening the existing road from the cut side, however the existing project is limited to road rehabilitation

which excludes road widening activities. It consists of primary and local roads and of urban and rural areas. It also has a single carriageway all throughout.

Moreover, regarding the safety assessment:

- The sight distance in both horizontal and vertical alignments is not respected at some curves and some crests.
- A lack of safety barriers is observed along the road (especially between Nammoura et Kfar Jerif and El-Kfour) as well as the need to build new retaining walls, footwalls and slope protection on the cut side of the road.
- The absence of signing and marking all over the road, including relevant intersections, is well noticed.
- The absence of proper lighting is witnessed, most notably in the final 4 km (between Edma et Defne and Kferyacine).

As for pavement conditions, most sections require milling and overlay, barring the final part (from Edma et Defne onwards) which is good condition and in Choueir which is deemed to have its pavement in a good condition and a few other sections which require pavement reconstruction.

For relevant data regarding this road, refer to Table 3-3 and Figure 3-6.

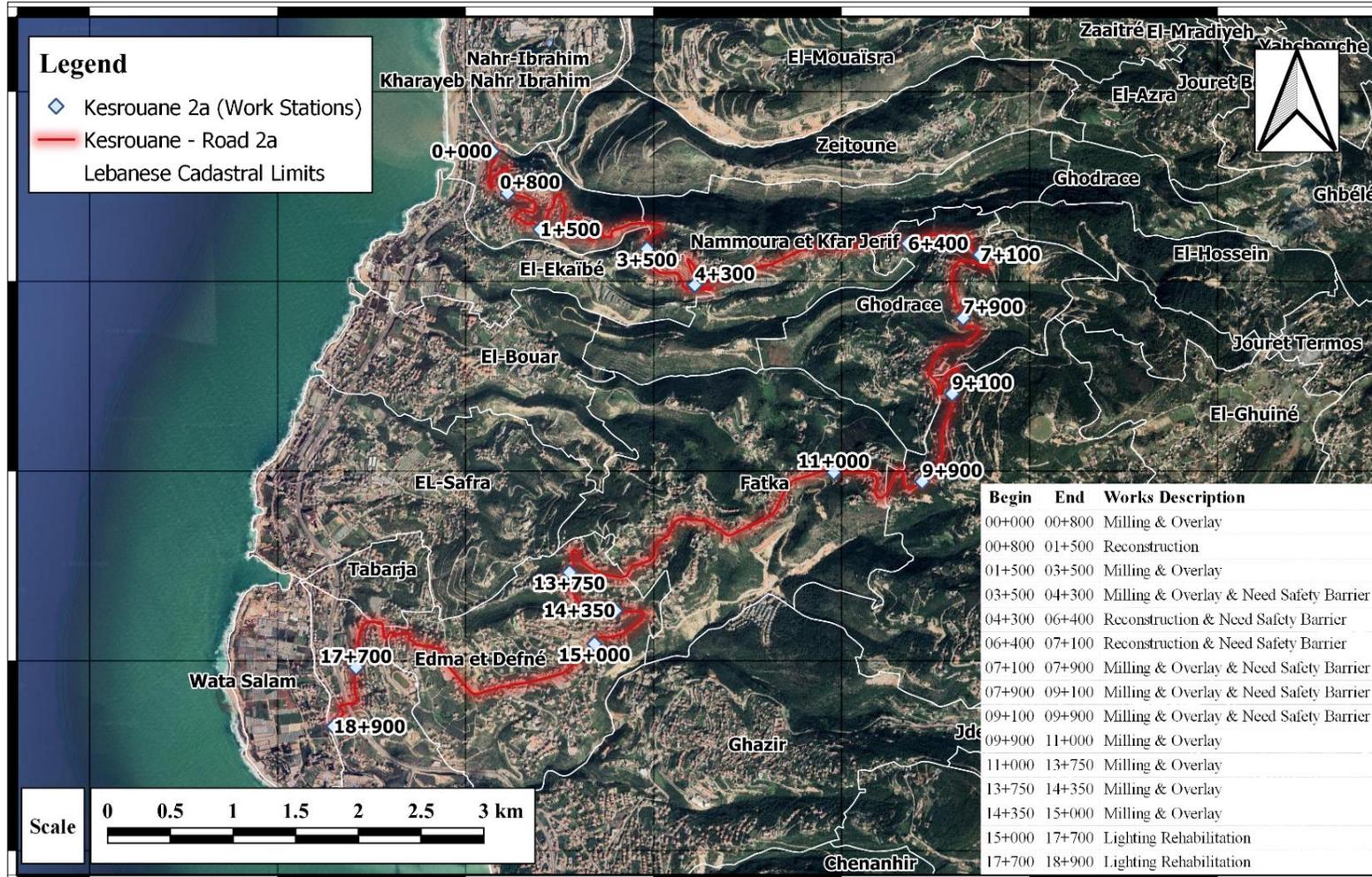
Table 3-3 Existing road condition survey – Kesrouane R2a

Beg	End	Cadaster Location	Road Classification	Urban / Rural	Existing Road Width (m)	Single / Dual Carriageway	Traveled Way Width (m)	Cross-Sections Assessment	Pavement Assessment	Road Assessment	Safety
00+000	00+800	Boukak El-Dine	Secondary	Urban	5.6 - 6	Single	5.6 - 6	Critical width at some locations	Milling & Overlay	Acceptable	
00+800	01+500	Boukak El-Dine	Secondary	Urban	3 - 4.5	Single	3 - 4.5	Critical width < 4.5m	Reconstruction	Acceptable	
01+500	03+500	Boukak El-Dine	Secondary	Urban	4.5 - 5.5	Single	4.5 - 5.5	Critical width at some locations	Milling & Overlay	Acceptable	
03+500	04+300	El Ekaibé	Secondary	Urban	5.5 - 6	Single	5.5 - 6	Critical width at some locations	Milling & Overlay	Needs Barrier	Safety
04+300	06+400	Nammoura et Kfar Jerif	Secondary	Rural	variable width 5	Single	3 - 5.5	* 4+500 to 5+100: width 4m * 5+900 to 6+400 width: 2.5-3m	Reconstruction	Needs Barrier	Safety
06+400	07+100	Ghodrace	Secondary	Rural	≈ 4-5	Single	≈ 4	Critical width < 4.5m	Reconstruction	Needs Barrier	Safety
07+100	07+900	Ghodrace	Secondary	Rural	5 - 6	Single	5 - 6	Critical width < 4.5m	Milling & Overlay	Needs Barrier	Safety
07+900	09+100	Ghodrace	Secondary	Rural	5 - 6	Single	5 - 6	Critical width < 4.5m	Milling & Overlay	Needs Barrier	Safety

09+100	09+900	El-Kfour	Secondary	Rural	5 - 6	Single	5 - 6	Critical width < 4.5m	Milling Overlay &	Needs Safety Barrier
09+900	11+000	El-Kfour	Local	Rural	14	Single	2*3.5	Acceptable	Milling Overlay &	Acceptable
11+000	13+750	Fatka	Local	Rural	14	Single	2*3.5	Acceptable	Milling Overlay &	Acceptable
13+750	14+350	Edma et Defné	Local	Rural	14	Single	2*3.5	Acceptable	Milling Overlay &	Acceptable
14+350	15+000	Edma et Defné	Local	Urban	7	Single	7 - 8	Acceptable	Milling Overlay &	Acceptable
15+000	17+700	Edma et Defné	Local	Urban	7	Single	7 - 8	Acceptable	Good Condition	Acceptable
17+700	18+900	Kferyacine	Local	Urban	7	Single	Under study	Acceptable	Good Condition	Acceptable

Source: Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners

Figure 3-6 Work stations along with road rehabilitation activities along Kesrouane R2a alignment



Source: Geoflint s.a.r.l. &
 Dar Al Handasah Nazih
 Taleb & Partners, 2019

3.2.2 Kesrouane R2b

In summary, the road section is very narrow at some points. A lack of safety barriers and the absences of signing and marking are both observed all along the road. The need to build new retaining walls, footwalls and slope protection on the cut side of the road has also become necessary. As for pavement condition, milling and overlay is required throughout the road's length.

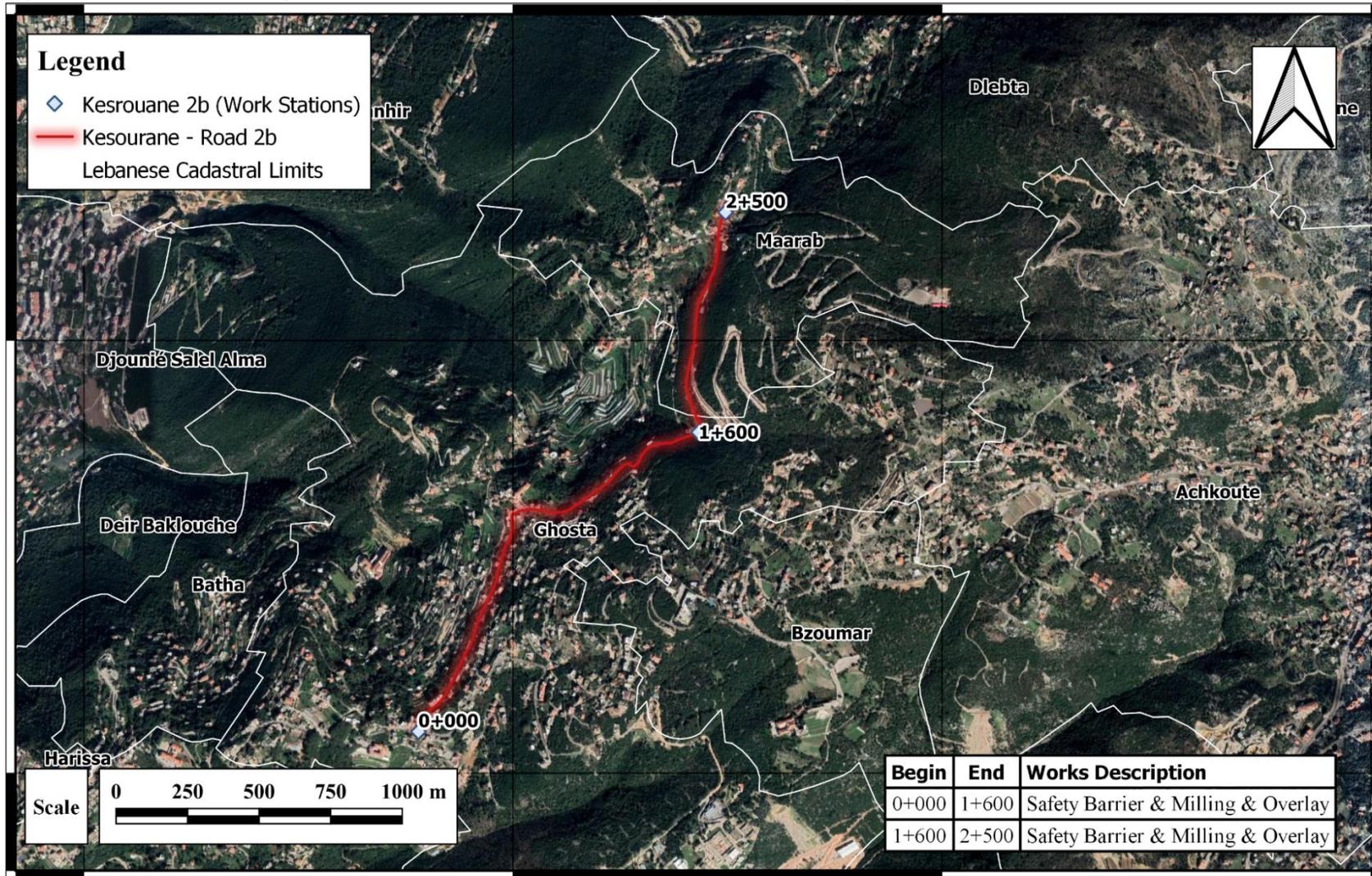
For relevant data regarding this road, refer to Table 3-4 and Figure 3-7.

Table 3-4 Existing road condition survey – Kesrouane R2b

Beginning	End	Cadaster Location	Road Classification	Urban / Rural	Existing Road Width (m)	Single / Dual Carriageway	Traveled Way Width (m)	Cross-Sections Assessment	Pavement Assessment	Road Safety Assessment
0+000	1+600	Ghosta	Secondary	Rural	5.5 - 6	Single	5.5-6	Critical Width	Milling & Overlay	Needs Safety Barrier
1+600	2+500	Maarab	Secondary	Rural	5.6 - 6	Single	5.6-6	Critical Width	Milling & Overlay	Needs Safety Barrier

Source: Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners

Figure 3-7 Work stations along with road rehabilitation activities along Kesrouane R2b alignment



Source: Geoflint s.a.r.l. & Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners, 2019

3.2.3 Kesrouane R2c

In summary, some sections of the road have a very narrow width. A lack of safety barriers and slope protection is observed along the road. Moreover, the need to build new retaining walls and footwalls on the cut side of the road is obligatory. As for pavement conditions, milling and overlay is required all throughout the road's length.

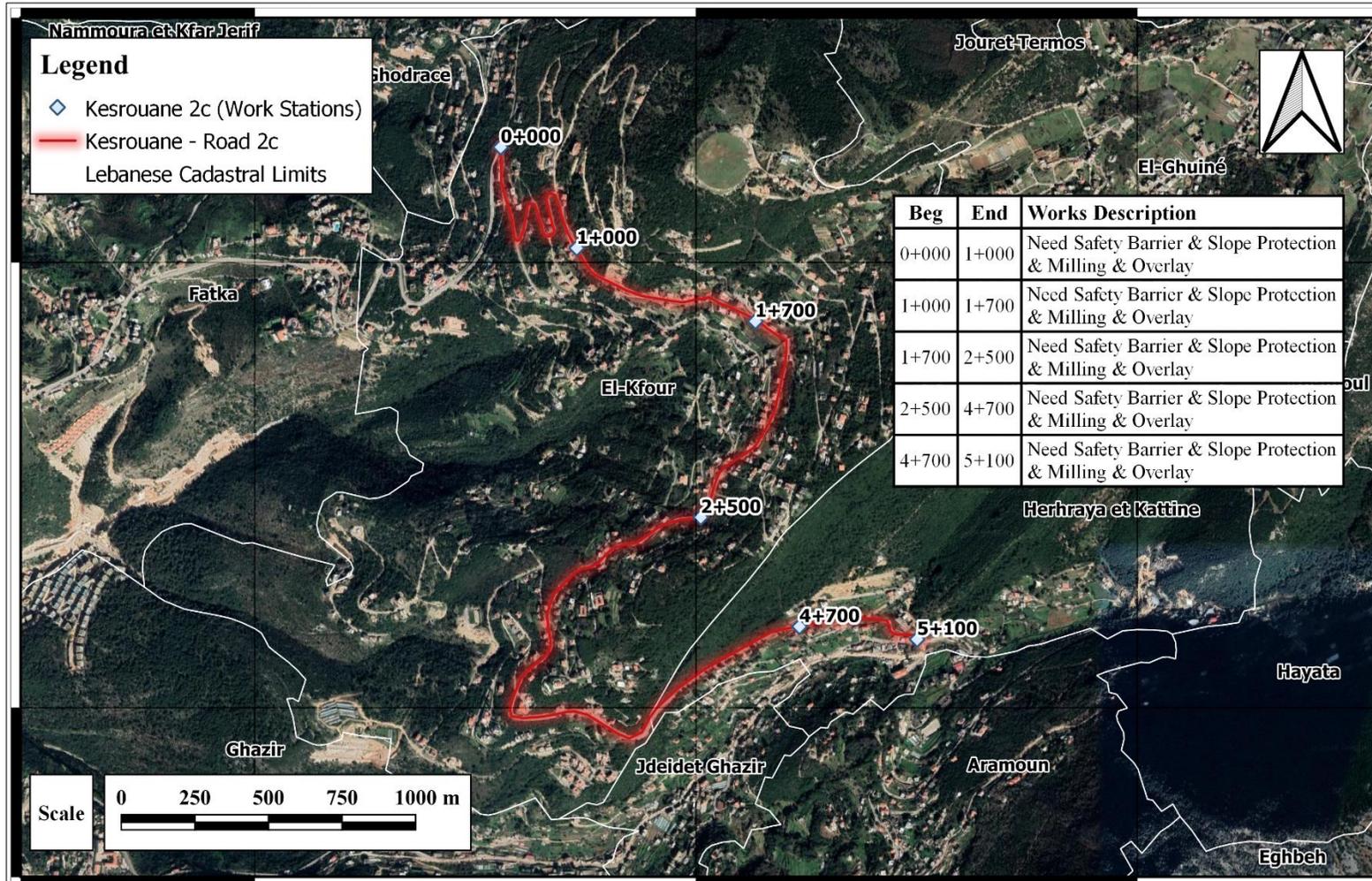
For relevant data regarding this road, refer to Table 3-5 and Figure 3-8.

Table 3-5 Existing road condition survey – Kesrouane R2c

Beg	End	Cadaster Location	Road Classification	Urban / Rural	Existing Road Width (m)	Single / Dual Carriageway	Traveled Way Width (m)	Cross-Sections Assessment	Pavement Assessment	Road Assessment	Safety
0+000	1+000	El-Kfour	Secondary	Urban	≈ 10 - 12	Single	7 - 8	Acceptable	Milling & Overlay	Needs Barrier & Protection	Safety Slope
1+000	1+700	El-Kfour	Secondary	Rural	10	Single	6 - 7	Acceptable	Milling & Overlay	Needs Barrier & Protection	Safety Slope
1+700	2+500	El-Kfour	Primary	Rural	7 - 6	Single	5.5 - 6	Critical Width	Milling & Overlay	Needs Barrier & Protection	Safety Slope
2+500	4+700	El-Kfour / Herhraya et Kattine	Primary	Rural	4	Single	≈ 11	Acceptable	Milling & Overlay	Needs Barrier & Protection	Safety Slope
4+700	5+100	Herhraya et Kattine	Primary	Urban	7 - 6	Single	5.5 - 6	Critical Width	Milling & Overlay	Needs Barrier & Protection	Safety Slope

Source: Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners

Figure 3-8 Work stations along with road rehabilitation activities along Kesrouane R2c alignment



Source: Geoflint s.a.r.l. & Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners, 2019

3.2.4 Kesrouane R7

In summary, the road is a bit narrow (critical width) at some locations. A lack of safety barriers and footwalls is observed along the majority of the road length. Sight-distance is inadequate and needs improvement, especially from station 02+800 onwards. As for pavement condition, most of the road pavement is in good condition, barring most of the section that falls in Mazraet Kfardebiane where pavement reconstruction is required.

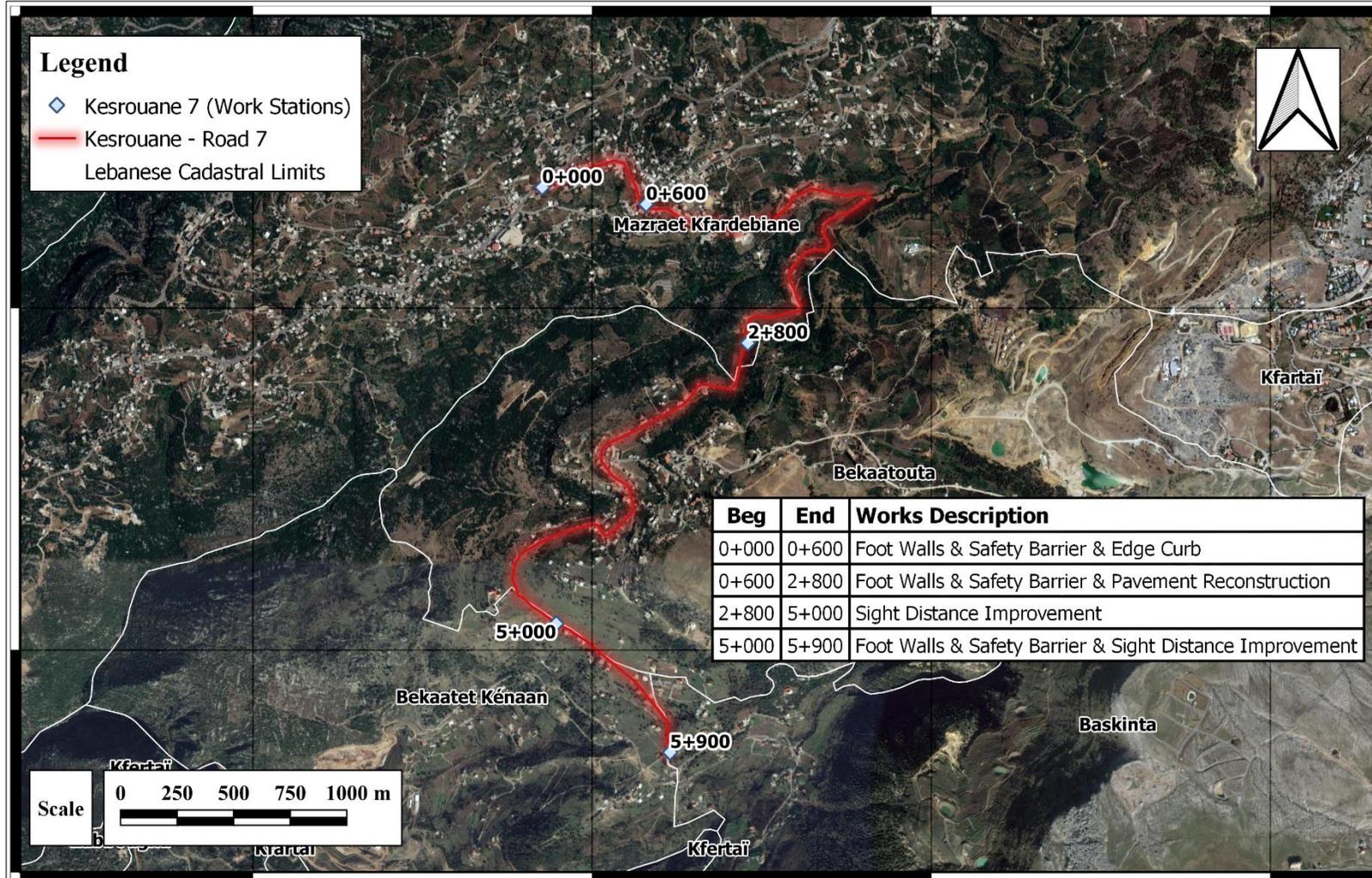
For relevant data regarding this road, refer to Table 3-6 and Figure 3-9.

Table 3-6 Existing road condition survey – Kesrouane R7

Beginning	End	Cadaster Location	Road Classification	Urban / Rural	Existing Road Width (m)	Single / Dual Carriageway	Traveled Way Width (m)	Cross-Sections Assessment	Pavement Assessment	Road Safety Assessment
0+000	0+600	Mazraet Kfardebiane	Primary	Rural	-	Single	-	Acceptable	Good Condition	Needs Safety Barrier
0+600	2+800	Mazraet Kfardebiane	Primary	Rural	5.5-7.5	Single	5.5-7.5	Critical Width	Reconstruction	Needs Safety Barrier
2+800	5+000	Bekaatouta	Primary	Rural	-	-	-	Acceptable	Good Condition	Acceptable
5+000	5+900	Bekaattet Kenaan	Primary	Rural	10	Single	8	Acceptable	Good Condition	Needs Safety Barrier

Source: Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners, 2019

Figure 3-9 Work stations along with road rehabilitation activities along Kesrouane R7 alignment



Source: Geoflint s.a.r.l. & Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners, 2019

3.3 Contractor's Equipment and Materials

The contractor's equipment needed for the rehabilitation activities are presented in Table 3-7. The quantities of raw materials to be used during the rehabilitation phase are presented in Table 3-8).

Table 3-7 Contractor's Equipment to be used

Contractor's Equipment	
Description	No
Excavator	4
Shovel	4
Bob cat	4
Pick-up	4
Truck	6
Water tank	4
Steel roller	3
Conc. transit mixer	3
Asphalt cutter	4
4x4 Vehicles	4
Vehicles	6
Plate compactor	6
Asphalt Paver	1
Jack Hammer	3

Table 3-8 Quantities of main materials to be used during the whole period of the rehabilitation works

Material	Unit	Quantity
Sub-base and base Course	m ³	30000
Bituminous Material	m ³	70500
Reinforced Concrete	m ³	5400
Clearing and Grubbing	m ²	61000
Lighting Columns	Number	41
Lighting Brackets	Number	15

3.4 Site Rehabilitation Staffing

It is estimated that rehabilitation works for Kesrouane roads will require a total of 18 months (with 12 months defects liability period subsequent to end of works). It is estimated that 176 workers will be involved in the rehabilitation work. Refer to Table 3-9.

Table 3-9 Contractor's Personnel

Contractor's Personnel	
Project Manager	1
Civil Engineer	4
Surveyor	4
Foreman	4
Watchman	4
Skilled labor	30
Labor	80
Steel fixer	10
Carpenter	10
Operator	25

Office boy	4
Total	176

3.5 Site Facilities & Infrastructure

The Project site will not include any facilities on-site including site offices for Engineers and for the Contractor, laborers camps, lodging on site, containers, power generators and repair garages.

During the work implementation, the Contractor will have to rent a flat located in the Project area to serve as a Project Offices. These offices will be used by the Contractor Engineers, technical skilled workers and Supervising Consultants. The flat will be equipped with toilet, kitchen (including drinking water and appliances), lockers and other supplies needed for the daily administrative activities. It might also serve as a meeting point for all Project workers at the start and end of their shifts.

The work implementation will also require unskilled workers (laborers) needed to perform earthworks on-site. The Contractor will be encouraged to hire laborers from the local community living in the Project area. During working hours, laborers will be entitled with a one-hour break on-site. Usually, every laborer brings from home his own food and drinking water. The on-site rest point will be decided by the Contractor at the time of works.

The Contractor will have to service the on-site with portable cabin toilet. The porta cabin will be mobile and its placement depends on the length of the work zone. Accordingly, the Contractor will have to move it based on the progress of rehabilitation works. The Contractor should link the porta cabin toilet to the existing wastewater network. In case the network is not available within the work zone, the Contractor will need to link it to a polyethylene storage tank and the Supervising Consultant shall inspect it on a regular basis and ensure the application of proper mitigation measures.

For vehicles and equipment, the Contractor will have to rent a land within the Project area. This land should be fenced and used for parking purpose only. The Contractor shall not perform any repair on site and is obliged to execute vehicles and equipment maintenance in a repair shop preferably located within the Project area.

4. Description of the Environment and Social Context

The environmental and social baseline assessment is a key component in any ESMP study. This assessment will grant an initial assessment of all existing phenomena and conditions in the study area and within the area of influence before the implementation of the project. The aim is to identify key environmental and social issues/impacts that need to be mitigated and monitored during project implementation.

4.1 Physical Environment

4.1.1 Topography

Roads under consideration are Kesrouane Roads 2a, 2b, 2c, and 7 located in Kesrouane caza. The variation in elevation of the vertical alignments are shown in Table 4-1 and the elevation contour lines are shown in Figure A, Figure B, Figure C, and Figure D (in Annex 1).

Table 4-1 Mean sea level elevations of Kesrouane roads

Road	Altitude approximate range (m)
Kesrouane Road 2a	0 – 695
Kesrouane Road 2b	745 - 805
Kesrouane Road 2c	560 - 820
Kesrouane Road 7	1180 - 1300

4.1.2 Geology

The geology of the studied roads was investigated for outcropping formations, subsurface stratigraphy, structure (faults, folds, seismic, etc.), hydrogeology (groundwater and sea water intrusions) and hydrology (surface water).

(1) Kesrouane R2a

The outcropping lithological formations in and around the study area belong to the Cretaceous and Quaternary geological time periods (Figure E in Annex 1). The road crosses the formations shown in Table 4-2.

Table 4-2 Geological outcrops exposed along Kesrouane R2a alignment

Geology	Name	Description
C ₄	Sannine Limestone, of Cenemonain age	(C ₄); this unit is divided into three subunits: C_{4a} : Dolomitic Limestone, within this formation, geodes of different sizes filled or voided can be recorded. Thickness of this unit is about 300 meters. C_{4b} : Bluish marl and shale containing crystals of quartz, chert nodules and bands form. Thickness of this unit is about 100 meters. C_{4c} : Limestone and dolomitic limestone white to brown in color. Limestone is highly karstified. Thickness of this unit is about 300 meters.
C ₅	Maameltain / Ghazir Limestone	Mainly composed of hard crystalline and micritic limestone to dolomitic limestone, creamish white to brown in color, while the weathered color is mainly gray. Limestone / dolomitic limestone are highly karstified and within this formation, geodes of different sizes filled or voided are recorded. This formation is combined with C _{4c} outcrop and can only be distinguished by microfossils.
Q	Quaternary formation belonging to the Quaternary age	This formation can reach a thickness of 100 m and typically consists of sandy beaches, detrital LS, conglomerates, volcanic coastal or alluvial deposits

Source: Dubertret, (1945)

(2) Kesrouane R2b

The outcropping lithological formations in and around the study area belong to the Cretaceous and Jurassic geological time periods (Figure F in Annex 1). The road crosses the formations shown in Table 4-3.

Table 4-3 Geological outcrops exposed along Kesrouane R2b alignment

Geology	Name	Description
J ₆	Bikfaya Limestone, Portlandian epoch	Finely crystalline, massive, cliffy Limestone that includes trace to abundant brown chert nodules. This formation is chemically deposited with smooth fresh fracture. The thickness of this unit is ranging from 60 to 65 m and Type section is Bikfaya.
C ₁	Chouf Sandstone (Grés de Base),	Varicoloured, cross bedded Sandstone with inter-beds of shale; contains heavy minerals; color depends upon percentage of hematite and presence of volcanics giving purplish color; Sand is sometimes white; contains coal seams and traces of brittle amber. This formation can reach 300 meters in thickness.

	Neocomian- Barremian	
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Source: Dubertret, (1945)

(3) Kesrouane R2c

The outcropping lithological formations in and around the study area belong to the Cretaceous geological time period (Figure G in Annex 1). The road crosses the formations shown in Table 4-4.

Table 4-4 Geological outcrops exposed along Kesrouane R2c alignment

Geology	Name	Description
C ₄	Sannine Limestone, of Cenomanian age	(C ₄); this unit is divided into three subunits: C_{4a} : Dolomitic Limestone, within this formation, geodes of different sizes filled or voided can be recorded. Thickness of this unit is about 300 meters. C_{4b} : Bluish marl and shale containing crystals of quartz, chert nodules and bands form. Thickness of this unit is about 100 meters. C_{4c} : Limestone and dolomitic limestone white to brown in color. Limestone is highly karstified. Thickness of this unit is about 300 meters.
C ₃	Hammana Formation, Albian	Green Marl (containing glauconite) intercalated with thick layers of marly Limestone forming cliffs 3 - 4 m in height; may contain some thin sand layers in the lower part of the formation. This formation can reach 150 meters in thickness.
C _{2a}	Abey Formation, Lower Aptian	Clastic: mixture of clay, sand and calcareous material in varying proportions forming clay, sandy clay, marl, marly limestone etc. The calcareous material may be slightly to moderately indurated. Where marl prevails, its fresh color is bluish, weathering to creamish brown. This formation can reach 125 meters in thickness.
C _{2b}	Hammana Formation, Upper Aptian	Marl intercalated with marly Limestone with thick layers of Sand on top; layers of ferro-oolitic limestone sometimes overlie the sand. This formation can reach 20 meters in thickness.
C ₁	Chouf Sandstone (Grés de Base), Neocomian-Barremian	Varicoloured, cross bedded Sandstone with inter-beds of shale; contains heavy minerals; color depends upon percentage of hematite and presence of volcanics giving purplish color; Sand is sometimes white; contains coal seams and traces of brittle amber. This formation can reach 300 meters in thickness.

Source: Dubertret, (1945)

(4) Kesrouane R7

The outcropping lithological formations in and around the study area belong to the Cretaceous and Jurassic geological time period (Figure H in Annex 1). The road crosses the formations shown in Table 4-5.

Table 4-5 Geological outcrops exposed along Kesrouane R7 alignment

Geology	Name	Description
J₆	Bikfaya Limestone, Portlandian epoch	Finely crystalline, massive, cliffy Limestone that includes trace to abundant brown chert nodules. This formation is chemically deposited with smooth fresh fracture. The thickness of this unit is ranging from 60 to 65 m and Type section is Bikfaya.
J₇	Salima Limestone, Portlandian epoch	Composed of Chocolate brown Shale and bluish Marl, in many parts it's intercalated with thick oolitic Limestone bed. The marl weathers to a creamish, ochre color and Crinoids fossil can be recorded in this formation. Thickness varies from zero-few meters to 150 m. Type section is Salima.
C₁	Chouf Sandstone (Grés de Base), Neocomian-Barremian	Varicoloured, cross bedded Sandstone with inter-beds of shale; contains heavy minerals; color depends upon percentage of hematite and presence of volcanics giving purplish color; Sand is sometimes white; contains coal seams and traces of brittle amber. This formation can reach 300 meters in thickness.
B_{j6}	Black Basalt	Volcanic formation with about 50 m of thickness, overlapping J ₆ (Bikfaya Limestone). This type is an impermeable rock, aquiclude layer that results in seasonal spring discharges.

Source: Dubertret, (1945)

4.1.3 Hydrogeology

Geological units can be defined as aquifer or aquiclude in terms of storing and transmitting water, and these types depend on the geological environment in which they occur.

An aquifer can be a subsurface rock or sediment unit that is porous and permeable, high enough that it stores and transmits useful quantities of water. Aquifers are divided into the following categories:

- Confined: overlain by an impermeable rock unit,
- Unconfined: that is not overlain by an -impermeable rock unit, where the water in this aquifer is under atmospheric pressure and is recharged by precipitation that falls on the land surface directly above the aquifer,
- or Semi-confined: partially confined, or overlain, by gravel, sand, silt or soil layers of low permeability through which recharge and discharge can still occur.

Aquiclude is a geological formation which, although porous and capable of absorbing water, does not permit its movement at rates sufficient to furnish an appreciable supply for a well or spring. Alternatively, it could be an impermeable body of rock or stratum of sediment that acts as a barrier to the flow of groundwater.

The study area for Kesrouane caza roads is characterized by the presence of aquifer, aquiclude and open semi-aquifers within the various formations:

- Aquifers in the area are Sannine Limestone (C₄) and Mdeirej Limestone, Lower Aptian (C_{2a2}). The limestone formation forms a main part to the study area and is the most important karstic system in the study area characterized by a significant amount of groundwater flowing in channels, faults and fractures. These fractures include solution joints, solution pits, lapiaz, grooves and sinkholes. Cavities in the rocks are often filled with calcite and cave deposits.
- Aquicludes formations along the area are the Hammana Formation, Albian (C₃). These deposits constitute an aquiclude due to the presence of marls and marlstones with low hydraulic conductivity. However, low to medium discharge springs are present in this formation.
- Semi-Aquifers in the area are the Chouf Sandstone (C₁), Abey Formation, Lower Aptian (C_{2a1}) and Hammana Formation, Upper Aptian (C_{2b}), and Bikfaya Limestone (J₆), which is composed of sand, with very high permeability, and clay, with low permeability are present within these deposits. In relation to permeability and porosity, there are no important fractures or joints within these formations that is why they are classified as a semi-aquifer.

(1) Kesrouane Roads 2a & 2c

The area surrounding Kesrouane R2a is very rich in winter drainage channels that discharge downstream to “Wadi Tabarja”, “Wadi Ghazir”, and Ibrahim rivers. At some sections, the road is less than 40m away from Tabarja river, and about 60 m and 135 m from Ghazir and Ibrahim River. Kesrouane R2c also is rich in winter drainage channels and at one section, the road is less than 30m away from “Wadi Ghazir”.

In terms of hydrostratigraphy, the road falls on a karstic limestone formation represented as 2 in Figure I and Figure J (in Annex 1) and described in Table 4-6, which is the most important karstic system in the study area. The system is characterized by a significant amount of groundwater flowing in channels, faults and fractures. The transmissivity of these formations is generally high and water table is shallow. Any accidental spillage of wastewater onto open ground can easily infiltrate the karstic limestone and is highly likely to pollute water present in the subsurface. Moreover, it is prohibited to discharge any solid waste or wastewater into the winter channels as this will lead to adverse impacts on the neighboring rivers.

(2) Kesrouane Road 2b

Similar to Kesrouane R2a, Kesrouane R2b road encounters several drainage channels that discharge to “Wadi Jounieh” river as shown in Figure K (in Annex 1). Discharge of solid waste or wastewater at these locations is prohibited.

(3) Kesrouane Road 7

This road (Figure L in Annex 1) falls on a highly karstified Jurassic formation rich in subsurface water aquifers. The surrounding is characterized by very high permeability and subsurface transmissivity, with a high and shallow water table.

Moreover, the road is surrounded by several surface winter drainage channels which lead downstream to “El Kaleb” and “Wadi Jounieh” rivers, in addition to presence of many nearby springs namely Ain el Qattara, Ain el Libne and Ain Bqaatouta. Further, the road and El Kaleb River intersect (between stations 0+600 and 2+800, Kfardebiane Culvert/bridge location). Therefore, accidental spillages of any polluting material are highly likely to infiltrate and degrade the surface and groundwater quality in the area. Special attention should be taken to limit discharge of contaminated water or random disposal of solid waste generated from the rehabilitation works.

It is important to mention that Naher Ibrahim and Naher el Kaleb rivers are both protected by the MoE under decision No. 34 (dated 1997) and decision No. 97 (dated 1998) respectively.

Table 4-6 Legend of the hydrogeology maps shown in Figure I, Figure J, Figure K, and Figure L (in Annex 1)

Geology Class	Groundwater Sheets	Lithology	Age	Flows of the sources l/sec.	Probable instantaneous flows of the works l/sec.	Transmissivity m ² /sec
		Facies				
1	In karstic formations Wide and rich water table	Massive limestones and dolomitic limestones with intercal. Marls Thickness: >1000 m.	JURASSIC Bathonien-Portlandien	<100 100-1000 >1000	>100	$10^{-2} \leq T \leq 1$ Generally high
2		Limestone regularly bedding Thickness: 800 to 1,000 m.	Cretaceous Cenomanian - Turonian	< 100 100-1000 >1000	>100	$10^{-2} \leq T \leq 1$ Generally high
10	Local or discontinuous water table	Sandstone Thickness : 150 à 250 m.	Cretaceous	<10	<10	$10^{-5} \leq T \leq 10^{-4}$ Poor with weak
16	Areas generally without water table or a very local water table	Alternations of clay-sandy, limestone beds and marl Thickness: 300 to 400 m.	Cretaceous aptian-albian	<5 (Sources intermittentes)	<5	Weak with very weak
22		Basaltes Variable thickness	Cretaceous inf. Miocene pliocene QUATERNARY	-	Very weak	Very weak
Road (Kesrouane)	Geology Class					
	1	2	10	16	22	<i>The roads lie on the following geology classes</i>
2a		✓				
2c		✓		✓		
2b	✓	✓	✓	✓		
7	✓		✓		✓	

4.1.4 Climate and Meteorology

The climate and meteorological parameters play a vital role in transport and dispersion of pollutants in the atmosphere. Thus, the collection and analysis of meteorological information, including primarily precipitation, ambient temperature, wind direction and speed, are essential data for adequately assessing environmental impacts. The most significant meteorological parameters that influence the direct environmental impacts at the proposed project are: wind due to its ability to carry dust and odors to nearby communities; and precipitation due to its ability to enhance the infiltration of accidental spills and contaminated rehabilitation wastewater within the area depending on site operation procedures. Meteorological data are obtained either from the closest available stations and whenever not available satellite data are used and referenced in the text.

(1) Kesrouane R2a & R2c

Precipitation rates

Precipitation in the summer season between the month of June and September are negligible (~11 mm) along the road (Figure M in Annex 1). The highest precipitation is recorded in January with an average value of 202 mm and the total annual precipitation is approximately 1,040 mm.

Temperature (Land Surface)

The hottest month in the area is August (30.1 °C) and coldest month is January (7.7 °C). Fluctuations in the temperature values are shown in Figure N (in Annex 1).

(2) Kesrouane R2b

Precipitation Rates

Precipitation in the summer season between the month of June and September are negligible (~11mm) along Kesrouane R2b (Figure O in Annex 1). The highest precipitation is recorded in January with an average value of 191 mm and the total annual precipitation is 926 mm.

Temperature (Land Surface)

The hottest month in the area is August (29.7 °C) and coldest month is January (6.8 °C). Fluctuations in the temperature values are shown in Figure P (in Annex 1).

(3) Kesrouane R7

Precipitation in the summer season between the month of June and September are negligible along Kesrouane R7 (Figure Q in Annex 1). The highest precipitation is recorded in January with an average value of 209 mm and the total annual precipitation is 950 mm.

Temperature (Land Surface)

The hottest month in the area is August (28.6 °C) and coldest month is January (1.6 °C). Fluctuations in the temperature values are shown in Figure R (in Annex 1).

Wind records

In general, wind speed and direction vary with time and location depending on season and location. Dominant winds directions on the Lebanese coast are westerly and southern westerly (blowing from west to east and south-west directed to the north-east). Wind speed varies throughout the year and is as low as 2.5 m/s to a high of 4.15 m/s.

Table 4-7 Wind direction, average monthly wind speed, and wind probability recorded at Tripoli meteorological station from 6/2005 until 7/2011

Month of year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dominant Wind direction	↖	↖	↖	➤	➤	➤	➤	➤	➤	➤	↖	↖
Wind probability > = 4 Beaufort (%)	9	13	13	12	8	11	13	16	10	7	6	7
Average Wind speed (m/s)	3.1	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	4.15	4.15	4.15	3.6	3.05	2.5	3.05

Source : Tripoli Meteorological Station

4.1.5 Air quality and Noise

Air Quality

Air quality is an essential component in assessing social wellbeing and health status of a community. Developing baseline information will help in comparing the impacts of the project relative to the existing conditions. Ambient air quality data was gathered from the UNDP project “Air quality assessment in an East Mediterranean country: the case of Lebanon” which is based at the Ministry of Environment. The UNDP/MoE monitors the criteria pollutants: Particulate Matter (PM), Ozone (O₃), Carbon monoxide (CO), Nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), Sulfur dioxide (SO₂) which are recognized by national and international organizations as good indicators of anthropogenic emissions.

Figure 4-1 Air quality cells of Roads R2a, R2b & R2c



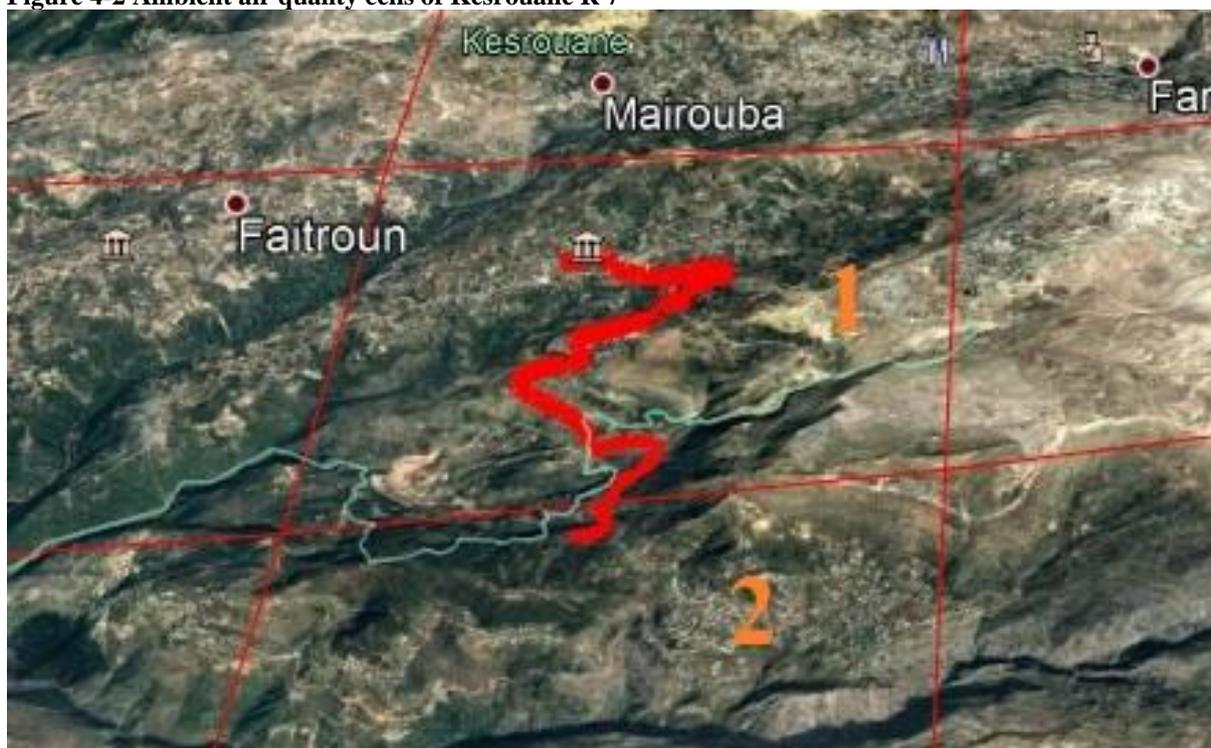
Source: MoE, 2019

Table 4-8 Ambient air quality in $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ for Kesrouane R2a, R2b & R2c

Cell ID	NO ₂	O ₃	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	SO ₂	CO
2	41.129	65.620	23.887	20.403	21.871	832.666
4	34.112	74.886	24.891	20.799	25.733	497.242
5	50.259	59.031	26.234	22.809	27.304	1013.951
6	24.086	78.958	20.634	18.005	17.082	447.778
Lebanese Ambient Air Quality standards,	100	100	80	-	80	10,000

Decision 52/1						
NAAQS, EPA	107.6	147.7	150	35	84.6	11,070
Exposure Duration	1 year	8 hours	24 hours	24 hours	1 year	8 hours

Figure 4-2 Ambient air quality cells of Kesrouane R 7



Source: MoE, 2019

Table 4-9 Ambient air quality in $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ for Kesrouane R7

Cell ID	NO ₂	O ₃	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	SO ₂	CO
1	14.604	86.468	18.077	15.811	11.993	311.692
2	15.251	86.880	18.128	15.870	11.832	327.293
Lebanese Ambient Air Quality standards, Decision 52/1	100	100	80	-	80	10,000
NAAQS, EPA	107.6	147.7	150	35	84.6	11,070
Exposure Duration	1 year	8 hours	24 hours	24 hours	1 year	8 hours

Concentrations of chosen criteria pollutants presented in Table 4-8 and Table 4-9 show that ambient air quality concentrations along Kesrouane roads are compliant with the national guidelines (Decision 52/1) and the international USEPA National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) standards.

Noise

Noise levels were measured at each of the road sections using a handheld decibel meter. The meter used is of type Nady DSM-1X Specs having an accuracy of ± 1.4 dB with a frequency range of 31.5 to 8,000 Hz.

Regarding Kesrouane roads, measurement were taken based on the working stations assigned by Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb. The schedule of the acoustic survey was planned based on availability of transportation, availability of the handheld decibel meter, availability of staff, and availability of time.

Kesrouane Roads 2a & 2c

Results are reported in Table A (in Annex 1), showing minimum, equivalent continuous A-weighted sound level, maximum, allowable noise level according to Lebanese guidelines, and date and time of acquisition per road work station. Measured sound exposure levels varied from as low as 34.7 decibels (dB) to as high as 88.3 (dB), where the equivalent continuous noise level (L_{eq}) varied between 38.5 (dB) and 76.2 (dB) along the whole road section. The road has an average L_{eq} of 64 (dB).

A study done in 2004 aimed at comparing magnitudes of different sound pressure values (dB) with the noise generated from an ordinary conversation (refer to Table D in Annex 1). In this context, on average, a person maneuvering Road 2a&2c will experience an average sound magnitude of 64 (dB), which is approximately equivalent to the sound pressure generated by an ordinary conversation.

Kesrouane R2b

Similar to the above, measured sound exposure levels (Table B in Annex 1) varied from as low as 38.1 decibels (dB) to as high as 83.6 (dB), where the equivalent continuous noise level (L_{eq}) has an average of 62 (dB).

Similarly, with reference to Table D (in Annex 1), a person maneuvering Kesrouane road 2b will experience a sound magnitude of 62 (dB), which is equivalent to the sound generated by an ordinary conversation.

Kesrouane R7

Similar to the above, measured sound exposure levels (Table C in Annex 1) varied from as low as 36.6 decibels (dB) to as high as 72.4(dB), where the equivalent continuous noise level (L_{eq}) varied between 53.2 (dB) and 79 (dB) along the whole road section. The road has an average L_{eq} of 70 (dB).

On average, a person maneuvering Kesrouane R7 will experience a sound magnitude of 70 (dB), which is approximately twice as loud as the sound pressure generated by an ordinary conversation (refer to Table D in Annex 1).

4.2 Biological Environment and Land use/Land Cover

In the context of this ESMP for the road rehabilitation project in Kesrouane Caza, the direct influence area concerns existing roads. Consequently, a rapid biological assessment has been carried out to draw the ecological profile of the adjacent areas to the concerned road, assess key habitats and flora diversity to identify those species endangered or IUCN-listed that are at added risk from the proposed project. This will serve the management plan and the mitigation measures that will be taken in order to reduce the project's potential impact on the local environment.

The assessment was based on field surveys and generated Land use/Land Cover (LULC) maps for each studied road.

4.2.1 Field Survey

Dates, Methodology, and Limitations

Given the limited timeframe of this study, a single field visit was set for each road (not necessarily during the best period for field visits due to time limitations). The field investigation did not aim for an exhaustive inventory of the biodiversity of the project area but a general overview of present species (mainly flora) and habitats. This general approach allows the identification of the conservation status of the natural habitats.

Moreover, LULC maps were generated for each road and compiled with site visits observations with respect to adjacent key habitats to the concerned roads.

Walking transects were recognized to obtain an understanding of the vegetation communities in the area and record existing species. Knowing that a single visit is not enough, the study had to consider some species as potentially present. Moreover, it was difficult to perform a complete faunal survey. Thus, information on fauna does not only include the encountered species during the field visit, but also potential species were considered in this assessment (fauna listing is only provided for roads that involve rich habitats). The potentiality of presence of a species was based on: (a) the occurrence of the species habitat; (b) observations of the species near the study area; (c) the fact that the study area is in the distribution range of the species; and (d) related scientific papers.

4.2.2 Evaluation Criteria

Various regulatory and scientific criteria allow organizing in a hierarchy the importance of habitats and species observed in a given area. These criteria include the endemism, rarity, the ecological importance (key species, specialized species, etc.); the biological status (migratory species, breeding species, etc.); and the biological susceptibility.

There is no list of protected species in Lebanon. The protected species are therefore considered based on international conventions for which Lebanon is part of and the IUCN Middle East red list. In this assessment, the ecological value of species was based on their local ecological importance (distribution of species and degree of endemism (Tohmé and Tohmé, 2014) and IUCN classification).

4.2.3 Results

4.2.3.1 Kesrouane 2a Boukak El-Dine – El-Ekaibe – Nammoura et Kfar Jerif – Ghodrace – El-Kfour – Fatka – Edma et Defne – Kferyacine)

Study Area

Project settlement

The studied Kesrouane 2a consists of a single alignment that has a total length of 19.1 km. It starts at Boukak El-Dine at an elevation of 23 m and continues upward, passing through El-Ekaibe, Nammoura et Kfar Jerif and Ghodrace, until it reaches El-Kfour at an elevation of 685 m. Then, it descends, passing through Fatka and Edma et Defne, until it ends in Kferyacine at an elevation of 47 m.

The road is settled at an altitude ranging between 23 and 685 meters, thus the studied area covers ‘Thermo-Mediterranean’, ‘EU-Mediterranean’ and ‘Supra-Mediterranean’ zones. According to CORINE classification, ‘Thermo-Mediterranean’ zone ranges from 0 to 500 meters, ‘EU-Mediterranean’ zone ranges from 500 to 1000 meters, whereas, Supra-Mediterranean zone ranges from 1,000 to 1,500. The altitudinal range plays an important role in plant composition (Abi Saleh, 1996).

Natural Habitats, Flora, and Fauna

Key Habitats

The main encountered habitats that are adjacent to Kesrouane R2a are primarily artificial areas, woodlands, and grasslands as per field visit and the LULC map provided by the National Center for Scientific Research. Refer to Figure S (in Annex 1) and Table 4-10.

At two segments of Kesrouane Ra, the road is surrounded by rich woodlands. In specific, a wild pine forest was recorded in Edma et Defne (Figure 4-4) and a dense woodland dominated by oak was recorded in Ghodrace at station 7+100 (Figure 4-3).

Wet habitats (grasslands) were noticed near Wadi Tabarja and along the road as it is rich in streams mainly in Edma et Defne (after station 15+000) and Nammoura et Kfar Jerif stations 7+700 and 7+900.

Table 4-10 Key Habitats adjacent to Kesrouane R2a

Habitats types in LULC Map	Field visit observation
Wooded lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediterranean oak woodland • Wild pine forest • Open garrigue vegetation, discontinuous bushy associations of the Mediterranean calcareous plateaus. • Riparian thickets including species such as <i>Platanus orientalis</i>, <i>Salix sp.</i>, <i>Celtis australis</i> intermixed with <i>Hedera helix</i>, and shrubby vegetation including <i>Rubus hedycarpus</i>
Grasslands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wet meadows and dense grasslands
Artificial areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential and industrial areas

In terms of flora, the two segments of the road that involve rich habitats are mostly bordered by Calabrian pine (*Pinus brutia*), Viscous inula (*Inula viscosa*), Kermes oak (*Quercus calliprinos*), Tanner's sumac (*Rhus coriaria*), and Pistachio trees (*Pistacia palaestina*). The list of main species recorded at the study area is presented in Table 4-11.

Table 4-11 List of main plant species recorded at the project area

Species	Habitat	Distribution (Tohmé)
<i>Quercus calliprinos</i>	Woodlands and rocky hill slopes	EMR *
<i>Pinus brutia</i>	Various soils	EMR
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Sandstone	Mediterranean
<i>Pistacia terebinthus palaestina</i>	Woodlands and rocky hill slopes	EMR
<i>Rhus coriaria</i>	Roadsides	Common
<i>Inula viscosa</i>	Roadsides and waste ground	Very common
<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Riparian and lacustrine	Common
<i>Rubus hedycarpus</i>	Wet Soil common	Common

* Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR)

Regarding the local fauna, the recorded pine forest is likely to harbor a large variety of fauna including the Free-tailed Bat (*Tadarida teniotis*) and the weasel (*Mustela nivalis*) that are critically endangered mammals in Lebanon. Regarding reptiles, the Bridled Mabuya (*Trachylepis vittata*), categorized as being of least concern in the IUCN list of threatened species, is potentially present in the study area. Moreover, the potential birds (passage migrant through the studied area) include the Common Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*), Common Quail (*Coturnix coturnix*), Yellow-vented Bulbul (*Pycnonotus xanthopygos*), and the Dunnock (*Prunella modularis*), present during the winter up to mid-February. According to Birdlife, the common Cuckoo and the Dunnock are rare species at the local level, whereas, the common Quail is an introduced species that is near threatened at the local level.

Figure 4-3 Dense woodland recorded in Ghodrace (Station 7+100)



Figure 4-4 Wild pine forest surrounding the road in Edma et Defne



4.2.3.2 Kesrouane R2b (Ghosta-Maarab)

Study area – Project settlement

Kesrouane R2b consists of a single alignment with a total length of 2.4 km. It starts at Ghosta at an elevation of 762 m, descends to a minimum of 747m then ascends to a maximum elevation of 799 before reaching Maarab at an elevation of 790 m.

According to CORINE classification, this makes the studied area a ‘Supra-Mediterranean’ zone since its altitude falls between 1000 and 1,500 meters.

Distance regarding Nature reserve

Chnaniir Nature Reserve is 1km away from the concerned Kesrouane R2b. the reserve was founded in July 29, 2010 following Law no. 122. It covers a surface area of 300,000 m² and is situated between 450 to 700 m above sea level. Chnaniir represents an important stop for migratory birds. It contains mainly wild pines (*Pinus brutia*), umbrella pines (*Pinus pinea*), oak (*Quercus calliprinos*) and arbutus trees. Little is known regarding its flora and fauna.

Natural Habitats, Flora, and Fauna

Kesrouane R2b passes through woodlands and artificial areas as per field visit and the LULC map provided by the National Center for Scientific Research (Table 4-12 and Figure T in Annex 1, 2017).

The segment of the road that passes through Ghosta is surrounded by degraded lands due to human activities (agricultural and residential area), whereas, in Maarab the road is surrounded by wooded lands intermixed with residential areas and cultivated lands (mainly olive groves).

Table 4-12 Key Habitats adjacent to Kesrouane R2b

Habitats types in LULC map	Field visit observation
Wooded lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediterranean oak woodland, dominated by the evergreen oak species <i>Quercus calliprinos</i>, with a scattering of deciduous oak <i>Quercus infectoria</i> and other tree species. • Open garrigue vegetation • Riparian thickets including species such as <i>Platanus orientalis</i>, <i>Salix sp.</i>, <i>Celtis australis</i> intermixed with <i>Hedera helix</i>, and shrubby vegetation including <i>Rubus hedycarpus</i>
Artificial areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural settlements (agricultural and residential areas)

In terms of flora, the road is mostly bordered by species of the Supra-Mediterranean zone including Kermes oak (*Quercus calliprinos*) and its degradation stages Pistachio trees (*Pisatcia palaestina*), Cyprus oak (*Quercus infectoria*) and Whitehorn (*Cartageous monogyna*). Mediternean buckthorn trees (*Rahmnus alaternus*) were recorded as well in the study area. The list of main species recorded at the study area is presented in Table 4-13.

Table 4-13 List of main plant species recorded at the project area

Species	Habitat	Distribution (Tohmé)
<i>Quercus calliprinos</i>	Woodlands and rocky hill slopes	EMR *
<i>Quercus infectoria</i>	Forests, woodlands	EMR
<i>Cartageous monogyna</i>	Woodland	EMR
<i>Celtis australis</i>	Roadsides and near streams	Mediterranean
<i>Pinus brutia</i>	Various soils	EMR
<i>Pinus pinea</i>	Sandstone	Mediterranean
<i>Populus tremula</i>	Roadsides	Cultivated
<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Riparian habitats	Common
<i>Rubus hedycarpus</i>	Wet Soil common	Common
<i>Pistacia terebinthus palaestina</i>	Woodlands and rocky hill slopes	EMR
<i>Rhus coriaria</i>	Roadsides	Common
<i>Rhamnus alaternus</i>	Woodlands	Mediterranean

* Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR)

Regarding the local fauna in adjacent ecosystems to the studied roads, namely in the recorded wild pine forest and dense woodland, mammal species of ecological interest believed potential include the European Hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus concolor*), the European badger (*Meles meles*), and the squirrel (*Sciurus anomalus syriacus*). These species are rare and threatened at the local level.

Olive orchards resemble natural Mediterranean ecosystems and many species have been adapted in this manmade habitat. Species like Olive-tree Warbler (*Hippolais olivetorum*), Olivaceous Warbler (*Hippolais pallida*) and Blackcap (*Sylvia atricapilla*) are very common and characteristic species on these habitats.

Figure 4-5 Adjacent ecosystem to the road segment passing in Ghosta (residential houses)



Figure 4-6 Station 1+600 – Maarab (riparian habitat)



Figure 4-7 Umbrella pine tree bordering the road



Figure 4-8 Road segment in Maarab bordered by olive groves and Km away from Chnaniir Nature Reserve



4.2.3.3 Kesrouane R2c (El-Kfour – Herhraya et Kattine)

Study Area

Project settlement

Kesrouane R2c consists of a single alignment with a total length of 5.13 km. It starts at El-Kfour, at an elevation of 687 m, ascends to a maximum elevation of 796 m, then descends while passing into Herhraya et Kattine to reach a minimum of 597 m.

The road is settled at an altitude ranging between 597 and 796 meters which makes the studied area an Eu-Mediterranean zone ('EU-Mediterranean' zone ranges from 500 to 1000 meters, Corine classification). The altitudinal range plays an important role in plant composition (Abi Saleh, 1996).

Natural habitats and Associated Flora

The main habitats encountered along Kesrouane R2c fall into two main types (wooded lands and artificial areas) as per field visit (refer to Table 4-14) and LULC map provided by the National Center for Scientific Research (2017). Refer to Figure U (in Annex 1).

The studied road involves a path that is already under anthropogenic influences. The road is mainly bordered by human settlements, wild pine (*Pinus brutia*) patches intermixed with cultivated trees including umbrella pine trees (*Pinus pinea*), olive trees (*Olea europaea*) and cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*), or degraded ecosystems with low vegetation cover (garrigues vegetation mainly characterized by dwarf shrubs).

Table 4-14 Key Habitats encountered along Kesrouane R2c

Habitats types in LULC map	Field visit observations (
Wooded lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open woodland with some scrubby vegetation • Wild pine dense patched intermixed with cultivated trees
Artificial areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential areas and commercial shops • Cultivated lands

Figure 4-9 Road surrounded by cultivated trees and residential houses (station 1+000)



Figure 4-10 Road surrounded by residential and commercial buildings



Figure 4-11 Wild pine patch intermixed with cultivated umbrella pine (overall ecosystem between stations 2+500 and 4+700)

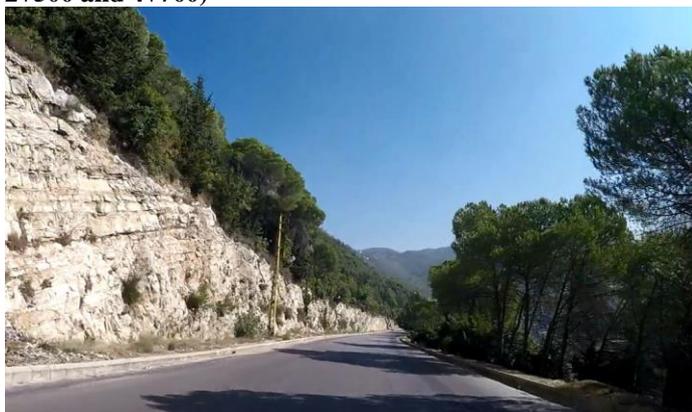


Figure 4-12 Wild pine, cypress, and cultivated trees bordering the road (station 4+700)



4.2.3.4 Kesrouane R7 (Mazraet Kfardebiane – Bekaatouta – Bekaatet Kenaan)

Study Area

Kesrouane R7 consists of a single alignment with a total length of 6 km. It starts at Mazraet Kfardebiane, at an elevation of 1285 m, passes by Bekaatouta where it reaches a maximum elevation of 1,298 m, and ends at Bekaatet Kenaan at its lowest elevation of 1,178 m.

According to CORINE classification, this makes the studied area a ‘Supra-Mediterranean’ zone since its altitude falls between 1,000 and 1,500 meters.

Natural habitats and Associated Flora and Fauna

According to site visits and the LULC map provided by the National Center for Scientific Research (2017), the main habitats encountered along Kesrouane R7 include agricultural areas and wooded lands (open or dense woodland and riparian habitats). Refer to Table 4-15 and Figure V (in Annex 1).

Generally, the concerned community is a rural community where adjacent ecosystems to the road are comprised of agricultural lands (i.e. agricultural terraces and exploited lands). The overall ecosystem is under clear anthropogenic influences with a resulted monotonous vegetation cover (involving resilient species). This includes, fruit trees (mainly apple trees), Kermes oak (*Quercus calliprinos*), Cyprus oak (*Quercus infectoria*), Calibrian pine (*Pinus brutia*), Furrowed thorny broom (*Callicotome villosa*) and evergreen Cypress (*Cupressus sempervirens*).

In Kfardebiane, Mediterranean maquis intermixed with residential and agricultural areas were recorded. Maquis or shrub-lands, remain critically rich ecosystems throughout the country. Due to their density and difficulty of access, they constitute a dynamic hideout for numerous reptiles, mammals, and birds. The mix between wooded slopes, calcareous outcrops, *Quercus cerris* stands, and wet meadow is particularly remarkable in Kfardebiane. Calcareous rock cliffs are expected to harbour endemic and rare vegetal species typical to the mountainous area.

Further, when the road and river (Naher el Kaleb) intersect (between station 0+600 and station 2+800), and near springs in Bekaatouta (near Ain Bekaatouta) and in Kfardebiane (near Ain el Qattara and Ain el Libne, station 0+000), particular biotopes, riparian forests including Oriental Plane (*Platanus orientalis*) and Willow trees (*Salix spp.*) were noted. Further, vegetation was that of mountainous wetlands dominated by *Juncus spp.*, *Scirpus spp.* and *Equisetum*. Riparian habitats are important refuge for amphibians, birds and reptiles.

Table 4-15 Key Habitats recorded along Kesrouane R7

Habitats types in LULC map	Field visit observations
Agricultural Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agricultural lands (namely terraces)
Wooded lands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dense woodland dominated by Kermes Oak (<i>Quercus calliprinos</i>) and the Karst in Kfardebiane • Riparian habitats including species such as <i>Platanus orientalis</i>, <i>Salix sp.</i>, <i>Celtis australis</i> intermixed with <i>Hedera helix</i>, and shrubby vegetation including <i>Rubus hedycarpus</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wet habitats covered by willows and grassland
Artificial areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural residential areas Resorts and hotels in Kfardebiane Agricultural lands

The main plant species recorded at the project site are listed in Table 4-16.

Table 4-16 Main tree species recorded in the study area

Species	Habitat	Distribution (Tohmé)
<i>Quercus calliprinos</i>	Woodlands and rocky hill slopes	EMR *
<i>Quercus infectoria</i>	Forests, woodlands	EMR
<i>Cotoneaster nummultria</i>	Rocks at altitude	Common
<i>Celtis australis</i>	Roadsides and near streams	Mediterranean
<i>Platanus orientalis</i>	Riparian and lacustrine	Common
<i>Rubus hedycarpus</i>	Wet Soil common	Common
<i>Pistacia terebinthus palaestina</i>	woodlands and rocky hill slopes	EMR
<i>Callicatome villosa</i>	Degraded woodland	Common
<i>Salix acmophylla</i>	riparian	Common

* Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR)

Concerning the fauna, the area is expected to be rich especially with respect to invertebrates (insects and butterflies) and vertebrates specifically birds of various habitats (mid-mountain, forests, open lands), reptiles and amphibians. This study will list reptiles, amphibians and birds that are likely to present in the study area (based on recorded natural habitats and previous biological assessment of the area). Concerning mammals, no species were spotted on site. Bats are the most sensitive mammal species. However, no cutting of trees will occur to affect this group of animals.

During the field study, suitable habitats for the reproduction of amphibians were encountered where the river and road intersect (at the culvert location). Species that are likely to be present in the study area include the Eastern Green frog (*Pelophylax bedriagae*), the Middle East Green toad (*Bufo viridis* = *Bufo variabilis*), the Savigny Frog-tree (*Hyla savignyi*), which are common species throughout Lebanon and the terrestrial salamander (*Salamandra infraimmaculata*).

The study area is expected to be rich from an herpetological point of view. In fact, rocky habitats in Kfardebiane are important refuge for reptiles. Species that are likely to be present are common throughout Lebanon and occur from the coast line to the mountainous ecosystems, as long as their habitat is present. Species, habitat, and status are as follows:

- **Star Agama** (*Laudakia stellio*) - Well-exposed rocky habitats, rivers banks-Least Concern (IUCN)
- **Levant lizard** (*Phoenicolacerta laevis*), Treed areas, Least Concern (IUCN)
- **Oriental Green lizard** (*Lacerta media*), meadows, Least Concern (IUCN)
- **Eastern Montpellier snake** (*Malpolon insignitus*), Wooded slopes, Least Concern (IUCN)

Bird species that are potentially present in the study area along with their habitat are presented in table Table 4-17. These birds are common in Lebanon and all of them of least concern according to IUCN.

Table 4-17 List of bird species present in the study area

English name	Scientific name	Habitat
Great tit	<i>Parus major</i>	Forest and woods
Sombre tit	<i>Poecile lugubris</i>	woods
Eurasian Jay	<i>Garrulus glandarius</i>	Oak forest
Eurasian Blackbird	<i>Turdus merula</i>	Clearing woods
House Sparrow	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	Near habitations
Northern Wheatear	<i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Rocky slopes
Common Whitethroat	<i>Sylvia communis</i>	hedgerow
Cetti's Warbler	<i>Cettia cetti</i>	River banks
Western Rock Nuthatch	<i>Sitta neumayer</i>	Rocky slopes
Northern Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Woods
Short-toed Snake-eagle	<i>Circaetus gallicus</i>	Passenger bird

Figure 4-13 Kfardebiane overall ecosystem



Figure 4-14 Riparian thickets near Naher el Kaleb River (culvert/bridge location)



Figure 4-15 Riparian habitat where the road and river intersect (between station 0+600 and station 2+800)

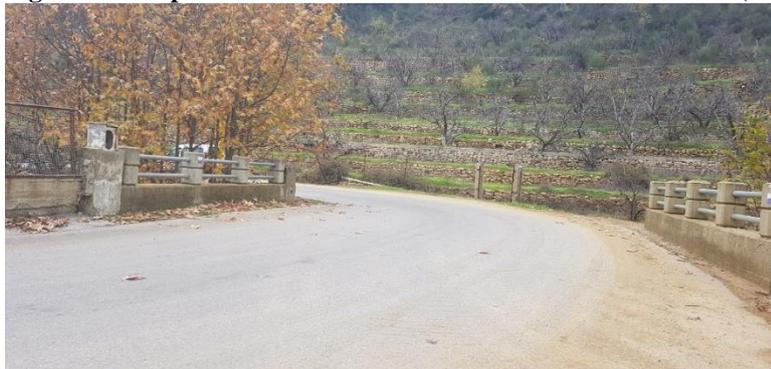


Figure 4-16 Agricultural terraces bordering the road in Kfardebiane



Figure 4-17 *Quercus infectoria* tree adjacent to the road (wooded slope)



Figure 4-18 The overall ecosystem in Kfardebiane



Figure 4-19 Rural settlements surrounding the road in Bekaatouta



Figure 4-20 Cultivated lands surrounding the road in Bekaatouta



4.2.4 Summary of Results

In summary, the assessment showed that two segments of Kesrouane R2a are surrounded by rich woodlands. In specific, a wild pine forest was recorded in Edma et Defne and a dense woodland dominated by oak was recorded in Ghodrace. Further, wet habitats (grasslands) were noticed near Wadi Tabarja and along the Kesrouane R2a as it is rich in streams mainly in Edma et Defne and Nammoura et Kfar Jerif. Regarding Kesrouane R2b, the segment of the road that passes through Ghosta is surrounded by degraded lands due to human activities (agricultural and residential area), whereas, in Maarab the road is surrounded by wooded lands intermixed with residential areas and cultivated lands (mainly olive groves). The road involves a path that is already under anthropogenic influences. It is mainly bordered by human settlements, wild pine patches intermixed with cultivated trees including umbrella pine trees, olive trees and cypress or degraded ecosystems with low vegetation cover (garrigues vegetation mainly

characterized by dwarf shrubs). Finally, Kesrouane R7 road consists of critical segment in Kfardebiane, where Mediterranean maquis intermixed with residential and agricultural areas. Maquis or shrub-lands, remain critically rich ecosystems throughout the country. Due to their density and difficulty of access, they constitute a dynamic hideout for numerous reptiles, mammals, and birds. The mix between wooded slopes, calcareous outcrops, *Quercus cerris* stands, and wet meadow is particularly significant in Kfardebiane. Calcareous rock cliffs are expected to harbour endemic and rare vegetal species typical to the mountainous area. Further, when the road and river (Naher el Kaleb) intersect, and near springs in Bekaatouta (near Ain Bekaatouta) and in Kfardebiane (near Ain el Qattara and Ain el Libne, particular biotopes, riparian forests were noted. Riparian habitats are important refuge for amphibians, birds and reptiles.

4.3 Socio-Economic Condition

This section describes the social and economic conditions of Kesrouane Caza where Kesrouane R2a, R2b, R2c, and R7 will be rehabilitated.

4.3.1 Summary of Relevant Caza Background

The district of Kesrouane is one out of the 26 districts of Lebanon, occupying 344 km² out of the 10,452 km² surface of Lebanon.

One of the major problems facing Lebanon is the proper management of its wastewater. According to the Central Administration of Statistics (ACS), less than 60% of the buildings have connections to public sanitation (Geara-Matta, 2010). Since the civil war, pre-existing wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) were destroyed and remained non-operational. As such, the habit of directing the wastewater directly from septic tanks and dumping it in the sea drastically increased (Geara-Matta, 2010). Although the government, with the help of the MOE, MOEW, and CDR, have developed an action plan for the construction of WWTP's, the wastewater management is still ineffective and needs a lot of work.

The absence of appropriate infrastructures for the wastewater disposal in most areas of Kesrouane district leads to small floods and runoff of wastewater, releasing unpleasant odors, visual pollution and environmental degradation. The presence of heavy metals, pathogenic organisms and other pollutants within the effluents have contaminated the water in the area, imposing health threats and a variety of diseases on the residents.

According to a survey done in 2000, there are approximately 53 outfalls along the coast, 16 of which are located between Dbayeh (North of Beirut) and Ghadir (South of Beirut). Six of the outfalls are located in Kesrouane district.

(1) Demographical Aspect

In 2017, Kesrouane caza has a total population of 168,176 (excluding Syrians displaced), accounting for 11.26 % of the total national population. A total of 16,326 Syrians are displaced in Kesrouane caza and Palestinian camps are absent. According to UNDP (2008), the overall headcount poverty within Kesrouane is 15%, compared to Lebanon's average of 27%. Approximately 25,978 Syrian refugees are registered in Kesrouane (MOE/EU/UNDP, 2014), with absence of displaced Palestinians (OCHA, 2016). The average family size is around 3.96 individuals. The percent of total population of Kesrouane compared to the total population in Lebanon decreased from 4.15% in 2010 to 3.81% in 2017 (refer to Table E in Annex 1). This decrease in population number is attributed to immigration of Kesrouane's citizen to other regions/countries. Local inhabitants are mainly from the active population with the majority are in the middle age (Figure W in Annex 1). Finally, according to MoPH in 2016, it was registered that 53.2% of the population belongs to the male group and the remaining 46.8% are females.

(2) Housing Conditions

The majority of the houses in Kesrouane caza are either owned by the families or rented. The majority of the housing infrastructure is used for residential purposes. Negligible number of housing infrastructure is used for commercial, non-residential use. Around 50% of the non-residential units are used for commercial/ industrial purposes. Refer to Table F (in Annex 1).

(3) Transport

According to the Analysis of Accident Patterns in Lebanon in 2010, 50% of road traffic accidents occurred on two-way undivided roads. The least number of road traffic accidents (21%) occurred on divided roads. About three quarters of the road traffic accidents in Lebanon take place on urban roads, due to the fact that, with a centralized government, people are forced to drive to cities to take care of their businesses.

Similar to other districts in Lebanon, the road network in Kesrouane caza suffers from inadequate maintenance, low traffic capacity leading to slow traffic flows and congestion, and poor road safety conditions. The majority of roads in the caza are paved. The major roads sustain a medium-high load during weekdays and more traffic jam during weekends, since the area is occupied with many commercial, educational, residential and touristic facilities.

Although major roads in the district are well-developed and maintained, a transportation vision is absent for the caza. Public transportation is not considered and the number of private cars is significantly increasing. Currently, the only forms of public transport include small privately-run minivans and limited public taxis or so-called "services". Moreover, the rural roads in the villages of the caza are suffering from poor conditions and limited maintenance.

(4) Electricity

Similar to other regions in the South, the electricity network suffers from poor distribution, in addition to the problems of power shortages. In general, electricity is supplied through Electricité du Liban (EDL), an autonomous state owned entity under the jurisdiction of the

Ministry of Energy and Water (MoEW). Although EDL provides the electrical power to Kesrouane, however not all houses are connected to the electricity grid. The region witnesses frequent power outages and weak electricity supply. Significant instabilities and power supply interruptions are common.

(5)Water Infrastructure

Kesrouane district is one of the advantaged districts in Lebanon in terms of water supply. The district has the highest rate of connection to the water network, 94% (Matta, Darine, et.al. 2010). The connection rates for the caza are listed in Table G (in Annex 1).

It is important to mention that the one of the major dam, Chabrouh Dam, in Lebanon is located within Kesrouane caza. Chabrouh Dam helped solve the chronic water shortage in the upper Kesrouane region. With a static storage capacity of 8 million m³ and a dynamic storage capacity of 15 million m³ (and a total cost of about \$60 million), the dam is expected to meet drinking water demand until 2025.

(6)Wastewater Infrastructure

In Lebanon, most towns and villages lack public wastewater drainage and infrastructure. In Mount Lebanon, which includes Kesrouane caza, the rate of connection to sewerage network is 74.9% (CAS, 2004). The non-connected areas drain wastewater in wells or use septic tanks.

Two major wastewater treatment units exist in Kesrouane caza. Refer to Table G, Table H, and Table I (in Annex 1). Finally, several projects are to be implemented or under construction as reported by the CDR progress report (refer to Table P in Annex 1).

(7)Solid Waste Management Infrastructure

Municipal solid waste management practices vary in the different regions in Lebanon. Illegal dumping and open burning of MSW are common where most towns or cities operate open dumps within their jurisdictions. Kesrouane caza used to depend on two sanitary landfills for the management of solid waste, Naameh and Bsalim landfills. Moreover, open dumping is also practiced where 12 open dumps exist in 12 different villages in the caza. However, since June 2015, the Naameh landfill has closed leading to a solid waste crisis in the country. Solid waste is now being sent to Burj Hammoud landfill.

(8)Health Services

The health services in Kesrouane caza are relatively good compared to other districts in Lebanon. The number of health services registered in Kesrouane region is listed in Table J (in Annex 1).

(9)Education

According to a study conducted by UNDP and Ministry of Social Affairs (1998), Kesrouane caza is the least deprived Caza in Lebanon. It is characterized by low illiteracy rate (7.9%),

high school enrollment ratios for children aged 6-12 years (90.1%). There are 82 schools in the caza of Kesrouane. Closest schools in the are reported in section 4.3.2.

(10)Economic Background

According to a study conducted by UNDP and Ministry of Social Affairs (2010), Kesrouane caza is the least deprived caza in Lebanon. It is characterized by high incomes, low average household size of 3.96 and a low age dependency rate according to others cazas in Lebanon (43.7 %).

Types and number of commercial/industrial institutes in Kesrouane are:

- Farming and metal extraction = 81
- Hotels and restaurants = 908
- Health and social services = 508
- Tobacco and food production = 217
- Manufacturing of metallic goods = 212
- Furniture manufacturing = 191
- Leather production (tanneries) = 193
- Fishing =160
- Wood and pulp manufacturing = 69
- Printing press = 72

Total number of productive institutes = 8,740

- 14.75% are in the high lands area.
- 37.6% of total number of institutes in the caza of Kesrouane deal with trading,
- 10.7% are hotels and restaurants,
- 5.9% deal with health and social works,
- 5.1% general services.

(11)Impacts of Syrian Crisis

The Syrian crisis had detrimental effects on Lebanon (UNHCR, UNDP & MoSA, 2016). The increase in the population, due to the Syrian displaced influx in addition to the Palestinian camps, raised financial burdens on the Municipalities in the Kesrouane area. The sudden increase in the population surge is inevitably exerting pressure on the public services which were already deficient.

Based on national study conducted by UNDP in 2013, the most significant impact of the displaced people, as graded by the host community, is on electricity, cost of goods and services, education, solid waste, and sanitation (UNDP, 2013). Refer to Table K (in Annex 1) for displaced Syrians.

4.3.2 Road Sensitive Receptors

Sensitive receptors were collected during the field visits and previous surveys for similar projects. The data was analyzed using ArcGIS. Categories considered as sensitive receptors during road rehabilitation are schools, churches, hospitals, mosques, closest residential

buildings, and other archeological features (refer to Figure X, Figure Y, Figure Z, and Figure AA in Annex 1).

The main sensitive receptors encountered along the Kesrouane roads are presented as follows:

Kesrouane Road 2a:

- Two archeological sites
- Residential agglomerations and nearby schools and places of worship specifically from station 0+000 to 4+300 and from station 14+350 to 18+900 (urban settlements)
- Dispersed residential units and places of worship from station 4+300 to 14+350 (rural settlements)

Kesrouane Road 2c:

- Residential units surrounding both urban and rural areas
- Nearby churches and places of worship from, specifically, from station 1+700 to 2+500

Kesrouane Road 2b:

- Residential units specifically from station 0+000 to 1+600
- Sensitive receptors (school and church) are located in the surrounding communities of the road and not directly along the borders of the road

Kesrouane Road 7:

- Nearby residential units in addition to schools and places of worship from station 0+000 to station 0+600 and from station 2+800 to 5+000
- Agricultural terraces

A summary of the nearby schools and places of worship surrounding the studied roads along with their respective distances is shown in Table L, Table M, Table N, and Table O (in Annex 1).

4.3.3 Traffic Survey

For the purpose of road rehabilitation; which requires pavement analysis and design, a traffic survey was conducted by Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners. The survey focused on the gathering of baseline data for the existing road conditions, and the Average Daily Traffic (ADT) was the main parameter collected. In addition, the types of vehicles maneuvering the two roads were also examined.

The data collection program consists of automatic classified counts with wide range of traffic count conditions and road characteristics. All long road segments (more than 10 km) required more than one count station one at the beginning and at the end as well an intermediate location where this road link intersect with a higher rank road (example: Secondary intersecting with

Primary) while for short road segments one classified count is carried out at the middle of the road link, which is defined as follow:

- For Primary roads, a link is defined as the road section between two consecutive intersections with primary or secondary roads.
- For secondary roads, a link is defined as the road section between two consecutive intersections with primary, secondary or tertiary roads.

The distribution of the ATC Stations throughout Kesrouane caza is shown in Figure BB (in Annex 1).

Kesrouane 2a & 2c (R2a & 2c)

Three ATC stations were installed along Kesrouane roads 2a & 2c in order to determine level of traffic. The ADT counts showed a minimum of 135, a maximum of 5,250, and an average of 2,232 vehicles per day (refer to Table Q in Annex 1). Moreover, the type and classification of vehicles were determined, where it was revealed that a passenger car was the main vehicle type (91.8 %) maneuvering the road, followed by a motorcycle (3.9 %) (refer to Table R in Annex 1).

Kesrouane road 2b (R2b)

One ATC station was installed along Kesrouane road 2b in order to determine level of traffic. The ADT counts showed a minimum of 918, a maximum of 922, and an average of 920 vehicles per day (refer to Table S in Annex 1). Moreover, the type and classification of vehicles were determined, where it was revealed that a passenger car was the main vehicle type (92.7 %) maneuvering the road, followed by a motorcycle (4.5 %) (refer to Table T in Annex 1).

Kesrouane Road 7 (R7)

One ATC stations was installed along Kesrouane road 7 in order to determine level of traffic. The ADT counts showed a minimum of 987, a maximum of 1,009, and an average of 998 vehicles per day (refer to Table U in Annex 1). Moreover, the type and classification of vehicles were determined, where it was revealed that a passenger car was the main vehicle type (90.7 %) maneuvering the road, followed by a four-tire truck (3.2 %) (refer to Table V in Annex 1).

5. Potential Environmental and Social Impacts

The expected social and environmental impacts were assessed during both the rehabilitation and operation phases of the project. Regarding the operation phase, this assessment entails the “**Defects Liability Period**” during which the Contractor is responsible for maintenance activities.

Regarding the social assessment, potential beneficiaries of the project and the adversely affected groups, including Lebanese and Syrians involved in the project and/or living in the surrounding communities of Kesrouane R2a, R2b, R2c and R7 were considered in this assessment.

Moreover, during the site visits to Kesrouane R2a, R2b, R2c and R7, refugee camps of vulnerable groups such as Syrians were not observed. As such, impacts on socio economic conditions of vulnerable groups were assessed as part of the impacts on the surrounding residential areas, as in this case displaced Syrians are not living in specific camps, and thus are considered as part of the local communities of Kesrouane. Moreover, it is important to mention that rehabilitation and maintenance works in Kesrouane R2a, R2b, R2c and R7 will not require land acquisition, therefore, vulnerable groups along the roads to be rehabilitated in Kesrouane Caza will not be resettled.

5.1 Assessment Methodology

The assessment followed the Lebanese MoE grading methodology stated in Decree 260/1, dated 2015. The impact grading methodology is explained in this section.

This approach was adopted in order to address the several sources of impacts from the project’s rehabilitation and operational phases. The stages of the evaluation process are the following:

1. Identification of project-related activities (sources) and environmental aspects.
2. Identification of potential impacts to the environment (physical, biological, human, cultural).
3. Evaluation and assessment of the related unmitigated impact significance.

Impacts are first classified as shown in the table below:

Table 5-1 Classification of impacts

Matrix	Classification	Criteria
N (Nature)	P (Positive)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed activity offers benefits for the overall project
	N (Negative)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacts having minimal to major negative influence
	D (Direct)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact arising directly from the project activities
	I (Indirect)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacts arising from activities not directly related to the project development

Matrix	Classification	Criteria
M (Magnitude)	L (Low)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High potential to mitigate negative impacts on the physical, biological or human environment to the level of insignificant effects. Disturbance of degraded areas with little conservation value. Minor changes in species occurrence or variety. Simple mitigation measures may be needed to minimize impacts
	M (Moderate)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medium range (beyond site boundary but restricted to local area). Medium-term (reversible over time, duration of operational phase). Potential to mitigate negative impacts on physical, biological or human environment. However, the implementation of mitigation measures may still not prevent some negative effects. Destruction/Disturbance of areas with potential conservation value. Complete changes in species occurrence or variety. Mitigation measures will help minimize impacts
	H (High)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disturbance to areas of high conservation value. Destruction of rare or endangered species. Mitigation is required. Largely irreversible impacts on the physical, biological or human environment. Has a massive impact on the surrounding livelihood. Potentially irreparable damage to a site of social and/or cultural importance
E (Extent)	L (Local)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited to the project area Locally occurring impact within the locality of the proposed project
	G (Global)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extend beyond the local area National impact affecting resources on a national scale
T (Timing)	S (Short-term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities and their related impacts are characterized by a short duration of effect
	M (Medium-term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities and their related impacts are characterized by a medium duration of effect
	L (Long-term)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities and their related impacts are characterized by a long duration of effect
D (Duration)	C (Construction)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impacts arise during the construction phase of the proposed project
	O (Operation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impacts arise during the operational phase of the project
R (Reversibility)	R (Reversible)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impacts may be reversible, or able to be rehabilitated upon the decommissioning of the proposed project
	I (Irreversible)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impacts may not be reversible, or able to be rehabilitated upon the decommissioning of the proposed project
	L (Low)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The classified impact is unlikely to occur under normal operating conditions

Matrix	Classification	Criteria
L (Likelihood of occurrence)	M (Medium)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The classified impact may possibly occur
	H (High)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The classified impact is unlikely to occur under normal operating conditions
S (Significance)	L (Low)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results in no substantial adverse change to existing environmental conditions
	M (Medium)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial adverse change to existing environmental conditions Can be mitigated to less-than-significant levels by implementation of proposed potentially feasible mitigation measures or by the selection of an environmentally superior project alternative
	H (High)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial adverse change to existing environmental conditions Cannot be fully mitigated by implementation of all feasible mitigation measures

The environmental significance matrix adopted is based on the well-known “weighted scoring” or “weighing and scoring” method used as a tool in various decision analysis applications. In this method, the following steps takes place:

1. Attributes relevant to the project are chosen
2. Weights or numerical values are assigned to each attribute depending on its importance (values should be based on objective data or expert opinion to exclude subjectivity during the process).
3. Scores are allocated to each option to reflect its status with respect to each attribute

The final result is a single weighted score for each option, which is used to quantify its overall performance/significance. As such, the adopted matrix is designed to allow subjective conclusions to be numerically recorded or quantified, therefore providing at the same time an impact evaluation and quantitative record to revert to in the future:

Table 5-2 Significance Impact Matrix

		Magnitude x Extent x Duration								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Likelihood x Frequency	1	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
	2	4	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27
	3	6	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36
	4	8	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
	5	10	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54
	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	

Yellow: Negligible / Green: Low significance / Blue: Medium significance / Red: High significance

5.2 Potential Positive Impacts during Rehabilitation

5.2.1 Potential Positive Social Impacts

Positive socio-economic impacts, during rehabilitation, is creating direct and indirect short term jobs for Lebanese and Syrians living in the community around the selected roads. In turn, local economic development and livelihood opportunities will be enhanced. Direct job opportunities at the selected road rehabilitation sites will be offered to poor communities and vulnerable groups (low skilled Lebanese and Syrians) in order to enhance their socio-economic conditions. The roads rehabilitation project will also create indirect jobs for low skilled Lebanese and Syrians in supporting industries and services (such as production of construction materials at local shops and factories, transportation of materials, maintenance of equipment).

Moreover, the road rehabilitation project will also enhance the local economic development of the surrounding community in the following three cases:

- Knowing that the Contractor will not perform vehicle and equipment repair onsite, preferably maintenance activities will be done in repair shops surrounding the selected roads in Kesrouane.
- The Contractor will rent a fenced land in the surrounding area of the selected Kesrouane roads
- The Contractor might rent an apartment for the low skilled workers (in case hiring of low skilled workers from the surrounding community is not possible) from the nearby community.

Further, Lebanese and Syrian workers' skills and experience in road rehabilitation and maintenance will be strengthened, as a result of the learning and training programs of the job onsite.

5.3 Potential Negative Impacts during Rehabilitation

5.3.1 Potential Negative Environmental Impacts

Negative impacts that may derive from the project rehabilitation phase are namely adverse impacts on the local environment. This section elaborates the potential impacts on each environmental component.

5.3.1.1. Impacts on Water Quality

The outcropping lithological formations in and around the study area belong to multiple geological time periods namely, to the Cretaceous and Quaternary geological time periods (R2a), Cretaceous and Jurassic geological time periods (R2b and R7) and Cretaceous geological time period (R2c).

The area surrounding R2a and R2c is very rich in winter drainage channels that discharge downstream to "Wadi Tabarja" and "Wadi Ghazir". In specific, Kesrouane R2a is in close proximity to "Wadi Tabarja" between stations 14+350 and 15+000 and to Ibrahim River at stations 0+000 and at station 0+800. Kesrouane R2b as well encounters several drainage channels that discharge to "Wadi Jounieh".

Moreover, Kesrouane R7 is surrounded by several surface winter drainage channels which lead downstream to “El Kaleb” river (the river and road intersect between stations 0+600 and 2+800 – Culvert location), in addition to the presence of many nearby springs namely Ain el Qattara, Ain el Libne and Ain Bqaatouta.

Further, most of the roads in Kesrouane Caza fall on karstic formations and are characterized by significant amount of groundwater flowing in channels, faults and fractures. The transmissivity of these formations is generally high and water table is shallow.

Thus, direct pollution (accidental spillages of any polluting material) of the surrounding streams leading to downstream rivers namely, “Wadi Tabarja”, “Wadi Ghazir”, “Wadi Jounieh” and “El Kaleb” river (shown in Figure X, Figure Y, Figure Z, and Figure AA in Annex 1) and of groundwater resources in the study area is anticipated, if proper management practices are not practiced.

The major impacts on groundwater and surrounding streams and rivers during the rehabilitation works can be associated with the following activities:

- During installation of concrete barriers, on-site concrete pouring may leach and get deposited in nearby streams and the intersection of Nahr el Kaleb in R7.
- During paving of road, any accidental deposition of toxic asphalt substances into nearby streams can cause pollution of surface water and underground aquifers since most of the road alignments fall on a karst aquifers (shown in Figure X, Figure Y, Figure Z, and Figure AA in Annex 1)
- During installation of road markings, spillage of chemical paint substances can also pollute open channel watercourses.
- Excavations, drilling, and milling produce substantial amounts of dust and scattered pavement materials. Dust can enter water courses when it is mixed and directed by rain or it can be deposited naturally. This can cause cloudiness and increased water turbidity.
- The portacabin toilet is a source of wastewater generation. Improper management of the generated waste will pollute nearby surface water bodies, streams and underground aquifers since most of the road alignment falls on a karst limestone aquifers. This means that transmissivity is high in the project area, thus, proper management practices should be implemented to avoid contamination of surface and groundwater resources.
- Contaminated storm-water runoff along with sediment transport from the rehabilitation site into the surrounding streams is possible. Storm water runoff or a direct point source discharge can transport pollutants, deposits and residues as well as eroded materials from the site into the receiving environment. Storm water may carry with it the following:
 - Spilled fuels
 - Slurry from pavement milling, drillings, and excavations for drainage ditches
 - Suspended particles, such as sand, slits, bentonite, cements
 - Solid waste, such as plastic, paper, bottles, wood

All of the aforementioned discharges can significantly impact water quality in the area. Proper management modalities would be crucial in order to reduce and prevent contamination of water resources surrounding the roads to be rehabilitated in Kesrouane Caza.

Accordingly, the impacts on water quality are assessed as: direct, moderate, local, short-term, irreversible, of high likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance.

5.3.1.2. Impacts on Soil Quality

Excavation

Excavation of soil to install new drainage ditches will result in disturbance of soil structure and thus may cause an increase in soil erosion and release of sediments. This will permanently change the structure of the soil and surface geology.

Mismanagement of Solid Waste and Wastewater

Rehabilitation activities, specifically pavement reconstruction will result in the generation of solid and hazardous wastes; mainly rehabilitation waste such as old asphalt layers, crushed sub base aggregates, etc... Improper management of the waste generated from the rehabilitation works and direct disposal of the domestic-like solid waste (mainly plastic, paper, bottles...) and the direct discharge of domestic-like wastewater (from the portable toilet) generated by the engineers and workers onsite will significantly impact soil quality.

Accidental Leakages

Accidental spills of bituminous materials with construction runoff and storm water might result in soil quality deterioration.

Accordingly, the impacts on soil quality are assessed as: direct, moderate, local, short-term, irreversible, of high likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance.

5.3.1.3. Impacts on Air Quality

Exhaust emissions

Impacts on air quality during the rehabilitation works include exhaust emissions of CO, CO₂, NO_x, and SO₂ due to increased traffic flow, combustion of diesel for the movement of vehicles/machinery. Construction vehicles involved in pavement works include but are not limited to:

- Excavators (emission factors presented in (Table 5-3)
- Vehicles transporting workers to/from site (i.e. buses, mini-vans, cars).
- Delivery vehicles (i.e. aggregate delivery trucks, and light delivery vehicles)

Combustion and vehicle exhaust gases constitute a complex mixture of organic and inorganic substances such as: PM₁₀, NO₂, SO₂ Toluene, Xylenes, and Ozone. These combustion sources

are likely to be extremely difficult to quantify due to the unpredicted operational needs throughout the rehabilitation process.

Table 5-3 Emission factors for construction equipment (Ahn, Pan, et.al, 2010)

Equipment	HC (g/hr)	CO (g/hr)	NO _x (g/hr)	PM (g/hr)	CO ₂ (g/hr)
Bulldozer	130.09	270.01	806.53	5.56	55.13
Dumper	100.53	272.45	962.29	8.78	83.44
Excavator	56.78	128.26	385.64	2.94	28.84
Grader	75.52	200.45	655.43	5.86	56.48
All equipment	18.34	63.00	105.96	0.367	6.72

Dust emissions

Dust is an almost inevitable consequence of roadwork. Gravel and crushed gravel and hard rock aggregates always contain a proportion of fines, and if the material is dry, a fairly heavy dust cloud can be raised when it is mobilized.

The following activities associated with the rehabilitation phase are anticipated to lead to the generation of dust:

- Excavation and leveling works
- Movement of raw materials transporting vehicles on unpaved surfaces
- Unloading of raw materials
- Open storage of raw materials
- Disturbances to material stockpiles by local winds and material handling, which is of great significance depending on the road location.
- Wind blow during transportation of materials by vehicles and specifically when transporting on unpaved roads.

Dust emissions from each of the sources described above will be largely dictated by the wind conditions in the area. Emission of large quantities of fugitive dust may adversely impact air quality, construction workers and surrounding communities.

Nearby receptors such as churches, schools and residential buildings (shown in Figure X, Figure Y, Figure Z, and Figure AA in Annex 1) to be disturbed by the generated fugitive emissions are presented in section 4.3.2.

In specific, Road 2a is surrounded by residential agglomerations and nearby schools and places of worship from station 0+000 to 4+300 and from station 14+350 to 18+900 (urban settlements). The sensitive receptors that are at a distance of less than 10 m namely, Mar Gerges Church (3 m away), Mzar Mar Rafqa (4 m away), Mar Charbel Church (8 m away), Mzar Al Saydet (10 m away) are highly impacted by the fugitive emissions. As for the two archeological sites in the surrounding area of Kesrouane R2a, rehabilitation works will not impact these sites, knowing that Fatqa Archaeological House 1 and Fatqa Archaeological House 2 are 494 m and 363 m away from R2a respectively.

Other residential units, nearby schools and places of worship that might be impacted by the generated air emissions surround the roads from station 0+000 to station 0+600 and from

station 2+800 to station 5+000 of Kesrouane R7, from station 1+700 to station 2+500 of Kesrouane R2c. Moreover, regarding Kesrouane R2b, sensitive receptors (school and church) are located in the surrounding communities of the road and not directly along the borders of the road and residential units are found specifically from station 0+000 to station 1+600.

Further, it is important to note that Kesrouane R7 is surrounded by agricultural lands. Therefore, fugitive dust emissions might highly impact the nearby agricultural areas.

Odor emission

Odors from asphalt fumes can cause unpleasant smells to the surrounding. Sensitive receptors such as churches and schools near the roads at a distance of less than 10 m (Table L in Annex 1) can be highly affected.

Accordingly, the impacts on air quality can be assessed as: direct, high, local, medium-term, irreversible, of high likelihood of occurrence and of high significance.

5.3.1.4. Impacts on Acoustic Environment

A significant increase in noise is expected during pavement reconstruction along the road sections. Rehabilitation activities may create a problem of noise and vibration generated by construction equipment, truck traffic, and other similar sources. Noise will be mainly generated while mobilizing equipment for the transportation, excavation of land, and raw material transportation.

The road rehabilitation noise and vibration levels highly depend on the type of the equipment/heavy machinery, magnitude and duration of the rehabilitation activities. The main sources of noise are heavy machinery such as, excavators, bob cat, steel roller, pick- up, dump trucks, etc... Noise generating activities, such as pavement milling and drilling, can cause unpleasant noise levels and disrupt teaching activities at nearby schools. The potential impact depends on the magnitude and duration of rehabilitation-related activities. Works such as road markings, signing, etc..., do not generate high noise levels and do not disturb the surrounding environment.

Nearby receptors such as churches, schools and residential buildings (shown in Figure X, Figure Y, Figure Z, and Figure AA in Annex 1) to be disturbed by the generated noise are presented in section 4.3.2. For instance, residential agglomerations, nearby schools and places of worship from station 0+000 to 4+300 and from station 14+350 to 18+900 (urban settlements) of Kesrouane R2a will be adversely impacted by the noise emissions of the rehabilitation works. In specific, the sensitive receptors that are at a distance of less than 10 m (refer to) namely, Mar Gerges Church (3 m away), Mzar Mar Rafqa (4 m away), Mar Charbel Church (8 m away), Mzar Al Saydet (10 m away) will be highly impacted by the noise emissions. As for the two archeological sites in the surrounding area of Kesrouane R2a, rehabilitation works will not impact these sites, knowing that Fatqa Archaeological House 1 and Fatqa Archaeological House 2 are 494 m and 363 m away from R2a respectively.

Other residential units, nearby schools and places of worship that might be impacted by the high noise levels surround the roads from station 0+000 to station 0+600 and from station

2+800 to station 5+000 of Kesrouane R7, from station 1+700 to station 2+500 of Kesrouane R2c. Moreover, regarding Kesrouane R2b, sensitive receptors (school and church) are located in the surrounding communities of the road and not directly along the borders of the road and residential units are found specifically from station 0+000 to station 1+600. Therefore, impact of noise emissions on the surrounding schools and places of worship of Kesrouane R2b will be minimal.

Therefore, high noise levels should be minimized to avoid nuisance of the surrounding residents and minimize the health effects of vibration and high noise levels on the construction workers.

Accordingly, the impacts on the acoustic environment are assessed as: direct, moderate, local, short-term, reversible, of high likelihood of occurrence and of moderate significance.

5.3.1.5.Impacts on Visual Intrusion

Visual impacts relate to changes in available views of the landscape, and the effect of those changes on the surrounding environment. Visual intrusion during road rehabilitation works is unlikely to be significant. The road already exists and no major excavation works will be taking place to block a natural scenery view. Impacts on visual intrusion are of very low significance.

Accordingly, the impacts on visual intrusion are assessed as: direct, low, local, short-term, reversible, of low likelihood of occurrence and of negligible significance

5.3.1.6.Impacts on Biodiversity

Given that the project aims to upgrade existing roads by improving drainage, slopes, embankments, traffic signs, shoulders, and other structures; strengthening pavements; and completing resurfacing (i.e. no widening of roads will take place), expected impacts on natural habitats are potential spillages of wastes, dust raised, and increase in noise, light, and traffic movement during rehabilitation work.

In particular, direct effects on wildlife include the generation of emissions and disturbances such as noise, dust, and pollutants in the soil and vegetation (Rajvanshi *et al.* 2001). In fact, it was shown that dust particles reduce the pigmentation in plant leaves (affect photosynthesis and growth rate of plants) and dust fall on open lands reduces their fertility (Supe et al, 2013). Similarly, noise from construction equipment influences animal behavior, altering activity patterns, and causing stress, loss of reproductive success, and physiological disturbance. Normally, some animals may vacate the area, while, others may get used to the noise (responses may vary among species). Further, wastewater discharge and illegal dumping of solid waste into the roadside scrublands and riparian habitats can severely affect the local fauna and flora and eventually lead to population destruction. In addition, given that lighting poles will be rehabilitated when needed, additional lighting might affect local fauna in sensitive habitats.

Finally, during rehabilitation, there is an increase in traffic movement; this can induce increased roadkills (i.e. mortality due to vehicular collisions). Animals that are attracted to roads or that need to cross them are more vulnerable.

However, given that the concerned roads generally involve paths that are already under anthropogenic influences, the potential impacts of the project on the local biodiversity are expected to be limited to disturbance of local fauna only when roads are surrounded by wild pine forest (Kesrouane R2a in Edma et Defne), dense woodland dominated by oak (Kesrouane R2a in Ghodrace and Kesrouane R2b in Maarab), potential illegal dumping and discharge of wastes into streams (namely Kesrouane R2a, Kesrouane R2b and Kesrouane R7 when the road and river (Naher el Kaleb) intersect (between station 0+600 and station 2+800), and near springs in Bekaatouta (near Ain Bekaatouta) and in Kfardebiane (near Ain el Qattara and Ain el Libne, station 0+000)) and dust accumulation on nearby vegetation and agricultural lands (mainly Kesrouane R7 and Kesrouane R2b).

Accordingly, the impacts on biodiversity are assessed as: direct, moderate, local, short-term, irreversible, of medium likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance

5.3.1.7. Impacts on Existing Infrastructure

The road rehabilitation works might have adverse impacts on the existing infrastructure including underground cables, sewage network, and water network existing under the road pavement. Random digging and milling of deteriorated road pavement, without previous investigation of possible existence of underground appliances, may interfere with any existing infrastructure; that is possibly serving nearby surrounding residential and agricultural areas. Damage of existing infrastructure, for instance wastewater infrastructure or water networks, can cause several undesirable impacts such as cutting off water supply for irrigation, generation of bad smells, and attraction of water borne diseases and vectors due contaminated water accumulation.

Several measures must be taken to alleviate traffic in the area. This includes dividing the roads into segments in a way not to block the whole route. Moreover, a well-defined schedule based on traffic movement must be set for rehabilitation works.

Accordingly, impacts on existing infrastructure are assessed as direct, moderate, local, short-term, reversible, of medium likelihood of occurrence, and of low significance

5.3.1.8. Impacts on Resources Consumption

Freshwater Demand

During the rehabilitation phase, water will be supplied by the Water Establishment of Mount Lebanon by tankers, if needed. Freshwater will be mainly used for dust suppression of the temporary stockpiles onsite.

Worker camps will not be installed since the Contractor will employ low skilled Syrians and Lebanese from the surrounding communities of Kesrouane R2a, R2b, R2c and R7. As a result, the unskilled workers will get their food and water supply from their homes. In addition, the nearby office will provide water for the Contractor's engineers, technical/skilled labor, and the supervising consultants. Consequently, water resources will not be required for domestic purposes.

Water consumption varies and it cannot be estimated as it highly depends on the rehabilitation activities, working days per year and other factors. Rehabilitation activities will consume moderate volumes of water; it will only be for a relatively short finite period.

Energy Demand

During the rehabilitation phase, required works will require the use of several heavy equipment/machinery that highly consume energy in the form of fossil fuel, leading to the depletion of fossil fuel resources. However, the rehabilitation phase will be of short-term.

Raw Materials Demand

During the rehabilitation phase, required works will require the use of raw material (refer to Table 3-8), leading to depletion of natural resources.

Accordingly, the impacts on resources are assessed as: direct, moderate, local, short-term, irreversible, of high likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance.

5.3.1.9. Impacts on Public and Workers Health and Safety

(1) Occupational Health and Safety

Occupational hazards during the rehabilitation works are associated with working in all weather conditions, handling heavy machinery and other sophisticated rehabilitation equipment and long hours of work. In addition, continuous exposure to environmental emissions resulting from the rehabilitation activities can induce health problems. Moreover, a badly planned site can increase the risk of accidents and injuries from falls of materials and collisions between workers and machinery or equipment. Finally, prevention and protective measures should be introduced according to priorities. The potential types of occupational hazards that might occur during the rehabilitation works of the roads include the following:

Physical hazards

Physical hazards are potential accidents or injuries or illnesses that occur due to repetitive exposure to mechanical action or work activity (IFC, 2007). Forms of physical hazards are but not limited to the following:

Slips, Trips and Falls: Slips, trips and falls have been identified as being the most hazardous feature of survey sites. Occasionally, as a survey progresses, increasing numbers of people crossing these areas results in gradually worsening conditions.

Unplanned Trenching: Vibration may be caused from heavy equipment or from street traffic. Moving heavy equipment may include bulldozers, backhoes, loaders, and/or dump trucks. Equipment and materials may collapse trench walls if operated or stored too close to the trench edge. Water and temperature changes can pose a serious threat to excavations and trenches. Sources of water on job sites include surface water, the level of the water table, moisture content, rain, and cities with existing utilities in the right-of-way.

Environment Hazard: those types of hazards are due to environmental factors like the weather, sun and similar factors and they may lead to the following:

- Hypothermia and Hyperthermia due to sun exposure or sudden temperature change
- Hypotension and Hypertension due to lack of nutrients and medical history
- Dehydration lost due to lack of fluids and excess loss of body water through urine, tears, stool and sweat. An individual can sweat an average of 1.1 liters / hour when exposed to sun.
- Fire caused by accident or ignited by outsiders that will lead to external and internal burns.
- Bites and stings from the wilderness and most common are bees and snakes.

Noise: Extended exposure to excessive noise levels can cause noise-induced hearing loss specifically noise levels above 85 (dB) can cause hearing loss.

Vibrations: Earthwork activities and material loading / unloading activities generate levels of vibrations. Exposure to high level of vibrations for a significant duration will affect workers' health such as carpal tunnel syndrome and permanent damage to the nerves. Whole-body vibration can occur from operating large mobile equipment such as drillers, air hammers, pile drivers, tractors, graders, excavators and many more. Hand-arm vibration can result from using hand-held equipment such as drills, hammers and disc grinders. Hand-arm vibration may cause carpal tunnel syndrome, a disease that affects the fingers and hands.

Vehicle Hazards

Vehicles transporting personnel and equipment to the study area are subject to vehicle hazards (transport impacts, road accidents, vehicle crashes). Vehicle crashes can be divided into the following types:

- Frontal and rear impact
- Rotational impact
- Rollover

Chemical Hazards

Chemical hazards occur due to exposure to toxic, corrosive, sensitizing or oxidative substances. During rehabilitation activities, employees are mainly at risk of being exposed to asphalt fumes from pavement works among other solvents. Exposure to asphalt fumes is linked to acute effects such as headache, fatigue, reduced appetite, breathing problems, and skin irritation (Norseth et al, 1991).

Ergonomic Hazard

Ergonomic factors, such as repetitive motion, overexertion, and manual handling lead to occupational injuries such as strains, low back pain, fatigue and others. According to Sang et al (2007), there has been, for years, an increase in rates of work-related musculoskeletal

disorders in highway construction specifically and the construction industry in general. Common causes are manual material handling and awkward postures, especially when lifting.

(2) Public Health and Safety

Most of the potential impacts on public health and safety comprise of those described in the previous sections. For instance, the impacts on water quality and availability, air quality soil quality, etc... all have consequences on human health. Nonetheless, some potential impacts, which were not yet discussed, are addressed in this section. First, during the rehabilitation activities, risk of road traffic accidents might increase in between vehicles, pedestrians and vehicles, specifically in highly populated areas surrounded by residential buildings and schools. Second, the proximity of the roads to communities and the open access to rehabilitation sites consist of a potential risk to the public, namely the risk of injuries as a consequence of falls or contact with heavy equipment. This might occur in case of unauthorized or accidental entry of residents into areas where the rehabilitation activities are taking place. This risk, however, is commonly encountered in cases of road rehabilitation projects and will be addressed through a standard set of best practices. This includes the usage of proper signage and barriers, in addition to flagmen and temporary traffic signs when necessary (refer to section 6.1.8)

Accordingly, impacts on health and safety are assessed as: negative, moderate, local, short-term, irreversible, of high likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance

5.3.2 Potential Negative Social Impacts during Rehabilitation

Generally, during the rehabilitation activities, adverse impacts on socio-economic conditions are associated with nuisance, traffic disturbance, potential labor influx and increase in GBV risks mainly SEA and SH, inappropriate labor conditions and obstruction of temporary access routes to sensitive receptors and others. Therefore, the potential impacts on socio-economic conditions of laborers onsite and the residents of the surrounding communities of Kesrouane R2a, R2b, R2c and R7 are presented below.

These expected adverse impacts of the project on socio-economic conditions will be temporary in nature, however, implementing appropriate measures to mitigate these impacts is the core responsibility of the Contractor.

5.3.2.1. Impacts on Socio-Economic Conditions of Surrounding Communities

(1) Traffic Disturbance and Nuisance

During the rehabilitation works of Kesrouane R2a, R2b, R2c and R7, potential socioeconomic impacts include, nuisance and traffic disturbance from the rehabilitation activities onsite. The most significant sources of noise and traffic are heavy machinery and the movement of transport vehicles into and from the rehabilitation site, leading to increase in commuting time and inconvenience to roads users.

(2) Labor Influx and Labor Induced SEA

Potential labor influx will increase the risk of labor induced SEA towards women in the surrounding communities. SEA is defined as “any actual or attempted abuse of a position of vulnerability, differential power, or trust, for sexual purposes, including, but not limited to, profiting monetarily, socially or politically from the sexual exploitation of another”. Sexual abuse is further defined as “the actual or threatened physical intrusion of a sexual nature, whether by force or under unequal or coercive conditions” (World Bank, 2018). In this context, project beneficiaries or members of project-affected communities may experience SEA (World Bank, 2018).

Knowing that the project is expected to employ low skilled Syrians and Lebanese already living in the community around the selected roads for rehabilitation, large labor influx of outsiders into the communities might not occur. Therefore, SEA risks towards women in the surrounding community is anticipated to be low.

(3) Obstruction of Access Routes to Sensitive Receptors

Moreover, impacts on sensitive receptors include temporary obstruction of access routes to residential units, schools, places of worship and hospitals (refer to Figure X, Figure Y, Figure Z, and Figure AA in Annex 1), as presented in section 4.3.2.

The assessment showed that the most urbanized roads to be affected by the temporary obstruction of sensitive receptors are from station 0+000 to 4+300 and from station 14+350 to 18+900 of Kesrouane R2a, from station 0+000 to station 0+600 and from station 2+800 to station 5+000 of Kesrouane R7, from station 1+700 to station 2+500 of Kesrouane R2c, and from station 0+000 to station 1+600 of Kesrouane R2b.

In specific, the sensitive receptors that are at a distance of less than 10 m (refer to Figure X in Annex 1) namely, Mar Gerges Church (3 m away), Mzar Mar Rafqa (4 m away), Mar Charbel Church (8 m away), Mzar Al Saydet (10 m away) of Kesrouane R2a will be highly impacted by the temporary obstruction of routes. As for the two archeological sites in the surrounding area of Kesrouane R2a, temporary obstruction of these sites is not anticipated, knowing that Fatqa Archaeological House 1 and Fatqa Archaeological House 2 are 494 m and 363 m away from Kesrouane R2a respectively.

5.3.2.2. Impacts on Socio-Economic Conditions of Labor

(1) Labor Induced SH

The employment of both men and women in REP project might increase the risk of SH towards female employees at the workplace. SH is defined as “Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other unwanted verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature occurring between personnel/staff working on the project” (World Bank, 2018).

(2) Child Labor

The immense needs of vulnerable communities may result in underage workers making themselves available for work. This could result in the employment of child laborers. Employment of underage labors is a violation of the Lebanese Law No. 0 dated 1946. Given the type of planned rehabilitation works, children can get injured in the workplace. In this context, employers are subject to the youth employment provisions under Law No. 0.

(3) Inadequate Labor Conditions

The project can result in poor labor conditions in the case of the violation of labor law. The project beneficiaries, Lebanese and Syrian communities, might not have work permissions or contractual protections with contractors and their wages are to be set by the market. While Contractors should follow local labor laws, in Lebanon, monitoring of whether local labor laws are followed is not always performed. Therefore, large and vulnerable population of beneficiaries may be at risk of working for wages that are less than those recognized by the law and may be forced into accords that are not consistent with the law (e.g. work schedules or rest periods).

(4) Social tensions and conflict over job-sharing and dissatisfaction with allocation of project-generated jobs.

The project is expected provide job opportunities for both Syrians and low-skilled Lebanese in host communities. Syrians already tend to work in low-paid work, often decreasing the rate of salaries in the formal labor market and inducing conflicts within local communities. Moreover, potential perceptions that project employment ratios favor Syrian communities might further worsen the social tensions between the two groups.

(5) Risk of under-participation or underemployment or discrimination of women

The risk of under-participation or underemployment or discrimination of women in the context of REP project will be high, if the Contractor doesn't set specific percentage of women employment to benefit from the project. Moreover, women's engagement in construction works is not common and also not encouraged, according to Lebanon's social and cultural norms.

5.4 Potential Positive Impacts during Operation

5.4.1 Potential Positive Environmental Impacts

The potential positive environmental impacts of the project are associated with enhanced road conditions.

First, improved drainage helps in decreasing contaminated storm water run-off and consequently helps limit the impact on the streams surrounding Kesrouane R2a, R2b, R2c and R7. Further, slope stabilization activities will result in a positive impact as it decreases the chances of soil erosion. Improved drainage decreases likelihood of run-off water to reach and contaminate nearby soil. As a result, the project is expected to have a positive impact on soil quality during operation. Finally, the proposed rehabilitation works will result in less congestion and delays. Moreover, it is predicted that the project will increase the average speed

per vehicle and reduce travel time which would typically improve the overall air quality through potential reduction in CO₂ emissions.

5.4.2 Potential Positive Social Impacts

The social benefits of the rehabilitation works, during operation, include transport connectivity and easier access to rural, peri-urban and urban areas. Additionally, the rehabilitated roads will result in potential reduction in traffic congestion, reduced travel time and transport cost. The improvement in the safety conditions of the roads (due to improved drainage and lighting, additional safety barriers, and slope protection measures) will lead to potential reduction in road accidents, during the operation of the Kesrouane R2a, R2b, R2c and R7. In turn, this will result in economic savings from the reduced cost of road crash injuries and fatalities. Moreover, employment opportunities will be offered for a short period of time, knowing that the Contractor will be responsible for the routine maintenance of the roads, during the one year of Defects Liability Period (post rehabilitation phase).

5.5 Potential Negative Impacts during Operation

The negative impacts assessment, during the operation phase, mainly focuses on the maintenance activities that might be required during the Defects Liability Period (one-year period). However, it is important to mention that the Contractor might not perform any maintenance activities, if not necessary.

5.5.1 Potential Negative Environmental Impacts

5.5.1.1. Impacts on Water and Soil Quality

Potential impacts on water quality should be considered due to the particularity of the project area, knowing that Kesrouane R2a, R2b, R2c and R7 are surrounded by streams and most of the roads fall on karstic formation that generally has high transmissivity. Spills of chemicals and pollutants during maintenance activities can affect soil and water quality, if such activities are not managed properly.

Accordingly, impacts on water and soil quality are assessed as: direct, moderate, long-term, local, irreversible, of medium likelihood of occurrence, and of medium significance

5.5.1.2. Impacts on Air Quality and Odor Emission

During the operation phase of the project, impacts on air quality are associated with maintenance activities and movement of vehicles. This includes dust and exhaust emissions. The extent of the impact will depend on type and duration of required maintenance activities.

Moreover, the main expected vehicle emissions are (World Bank, 1997):

- Nitrogen oxides (NO_x) which is a by-product of fuel combustion in combustion chambers, under conditions of extreme heat and pressure,

- Hydrocarbons (HC) which are produced due to the incomplete combustion of fuel and its evaporation. The emissions of hydrocarbons are strongly correlated with the type of fuel used. The most notorious HC produced are benzene and ethylene.
- Carbon monoxide (CO) which is the result of incomplete combustion in engines
- Sulfur dioxides (SO_x) emissions which are directly linked to the sulfur content of the fuel.

Accordingly, impacts on air quality are assessed as: direct, moderate, short-term, local, and irreversible, of medium likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance

5.5.1.3. Impacts on Acoustic Environment

The operational phase is expected to be associated with increased noise levels during maintenance activities. Noise is mainly associated with four main sources: a) vehicles noise, b) friction between vehicles and the road surface, c) driver behavior, and d) maintenance activities (Table 5-4) (World Bank, 1997).

Table 5-4 Sources of acoustic pollution during road operation

Noise Source	Impacts
Vehicle noise	Transportation vehicles generally produce noise from the engine, transmission, suspension, braking, and stop-and go traffic conditions. The noise levels are expected to increase with the poor maintenance of vehicles accessing the road.
Road noise	Contact between tires and pavement significantly contributes to overall traffic noise. The level depends on the type and condition of tires and pavement. The frictional noise increases with higher speed and during sudden braking.
Driver behaviour	Vehicles' horns, loud music, shouting, sudden braking or accelerating contributes to traffic noise.
Road maintenance	Periodically, road maintenance is generally required. Such activities will utilize heavy machinery which will contribute to noise pollution.

The exposure to increased noise levels can affect the welfare of local residents, both physiologically and psychologically. Noise exposure is considered a source of annoyance which might result in increased stress levels and health impacts. It can cause auditory fatigue, temporary and permanent lessening of hearing ability and sleep disorders (World Bank, 1997).

Accordingly, impacts on acoustic environment are assessed as: direct, moderate, short-term, local, and reversible, of high likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance

5.5.1.4. Impacts on Biodiversity

During the operation phase of the project, in general, the impacts on biodiversity are expected to be very limited as no additional roads will be built. On the contrary, rehabilitation of existing roads will probably improve the conditions of adjacent lands and plant communities (the impacts of vehicle-generated dust from unpaved roads will be reduced).

The main expected impacts during operation on the local ecosystem include (1) the potential sedimentation of heavy metals due to surface runoff (Batool et al, 2012) if drainage systems

were not fixed; (2) the potential spills during maintenance activities, and (3) the increase in light pollution levels, when roads are equipped with additional light (the project will involve the rehabilitation of lighting poles on all Kesrouane roads and additional poles will be provided for Kesrouane R2a, R2b, and R7).

However, light pollution can be reduced if the contractor used green lights when new lights deemed necessarily. Moreover, given that the concerned roads generally involve paths that are already under anthropogenic influences, potential impacts are expected to be of low significance. Only limited segments of ecological significance can witness further disturbance from the project. These segments are surrounded by wild pine forest (short segment, Kesrouane R2a in Edma et Defne (Figure 4-4), dense woodland dominated by oak (Kesrouane R2a in Ghodrace (station 7+100 (Figure 4-3), Kesrouane R2b in Maarab), and when the road and river (Naher el Kaleb) intersect (Kesrouane R7 between station 0+600 and station 2+800).

Accordingly, impacts on biodiversity are assessed as: direct, moderate, local, long-term, irreversible, of high likelihood of occurrence, and of medium significance

5.5.1.5.Impacts on Energy Consumption

Energy consumption is expected to be high during the operation phase of the project due to additional lightings. Moreover, maintenance works will require the use of several heavy equipment/machinery that highly consume energy in the form of fossil fuel, leading to the depletion of fossil fuel resources.

Accordingly, impacts on energy consumption were assessed as: direct, low, short-term, local, reversible, of moderate likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance.

5.5.1.6.Impacts on Public and Workers Health and Safety

During the operation phase of the project, occupational health hazards can be attributed to maintenance-related accidents. Proper supervision and the implementation of adequate safety measures will limit the occurrence of accidents from maintenance activities. Any maintenance works and their potential impacts are expected to be similar in nature to those of this project's rehabilitation phase (disturbance of traffic and road accidents).

Accordingly, impacts on health and safety are assessed as: direct, moderate, local, short-term, reversible, of medium likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance

5.6 Summary of Potential Environmental Impacts

Rehabilitation phase

During the rehabilitation phase of the project, the impact on air quality is expected to be of high significance.

Table 5-5 Summary of potential negative environmental impacts during rehabilitation

Environmental Receptor	Impact														Significance	
	Accidental leakages of concrete pouring, toxic asphalt substances , chemical paints	Excavations , milling and drillings	Contaminated storm water runoff	Domestic-like solid waste (plastic, paper, bottles and others)	Waste such as old asphalt layers, crushed sub base aggregates	Vehicles transporting workers	Delivery vehicles	Unloading and open storage of raw materials	Odors from asphalt fumes	Mobilization and use of are heavy machinery	Changes in available views of the landscape	Exposure to environmental emissions	Road traffic accidents	Handling heavy machinery		Physical, chemical, biological and ergonomic hazards
Water Quality	x	x	x	x												
Soil Quality	x	x	x	x	x											
Air Quality		x				x	x	x	x							
Acoustic Environment		x				x	x			x						
Biodiversity	x	x	x	x	x						x					
Visual Amenity											x					
Existing Infrastructure		x														
Resources Consumption										x						
Health and Safety												x	x	x	x	

Operation phase

Summary of negative environmental impacts during the operation phase are presented in Table 5-6.

Table 5-6 Summary of potential negative environmental impacts during operation

Environmental Receptor	Impact						Significance
	Accidental spills of chemicals and pollutants	Dust and exhaust emissions	Use of vehicles heavy equipment and machinery	Accidents from Handling of heavy machinery	Disturbance of traffic and road accidents	Light and noise pollution	
Water and Soil Quality	x						
Air Quality		x	x				
Acoustic Environment			x				
Biodiversity	x	x				x	
Resources Consumption			x				
Health and Safety				x	x		

Significance	
High	
Medium	
Low	
Negligible	

During the operation phase of the project, the main environmental positive impacts are presented in Table 5-7.

Table 5-7 Summary of positive environmental impacts during operation

Environmental Component	Positive Impacts
Water quality	Decreased contaminated storm-water runoff due to the improved drainage
Soil quality	Decreased chances of soil erosion due to slope stabilization
Air quality	Improvement in the overall air quality through potential reduction in CO ₂ emissions, as a result of increased the average speed per vehicle and reduced travel time

5.7 Summary of Potential Social Impacts

Rehabilitation Phase

Summary of expected positive and negative social impacts of the project during its rehabilitation are presented in Table 5-8.

Table 5-8 Summary of potential positive and negative social impacts during rehabilitation

Potential Positive Social Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating direct and indirect short term jobs for Lebanese and Syrians living in the surrounding community • Enhancing economic development and livelihood opportunities • Strengthening Lebanese and Syrian workers' skills and experience in road rehabilitation and maintenance
Potential Negative Social Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor influx (in case the contractor doesn't recruit labor from the surrounding community) and potential risk of labor induced SH towards female workers and SEA towards women in the surrounding community (due to the close proximity of residents and schools to the roads to be rehabilitated). • Potential risk of child labor • Poor labor conditions • Dissatisfaction with job allocation • Risk of under-participation or underemployment of women • Nuisance and traffic disturbance • Temporary obstruction of access routes to sensitive receptors

Operation Phase

Summary of expected positive social impacts of the project during its operation are presented in and Table 5-9.

Table 5-9 Summary of potential positive social impacts during operation

Potential Positive Social Impacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced transport connectivity • Potential reduction in traffic congestion, reduced travel time and transport cost • Potential reduction in road accidents • Economic savings from the reduced cost of road crash injuries and fatalities • Short-term employment opportunities for routine maintenance (during the first year of operation)

6. Mitigation of Environmental and Social Impacts

6.1 Mitigation Measures during Rehabilitation

As part of the ESMP, mitigation refers to the set of measures taken to eliminate, reduce, or remedy potential undesirable effects resulting from the rehabilitation of the proposed project.

Generally, mitigation measures are to be considered in all the developmental stages of the project. Mitigation is a description of the measures visualized in order to avoid, reduce and where practicable remedy significant adverse impacts. Moreover, it includes decisions about the modification of proposed development avoid, reduce or remedy the adverse environmental impacts that are identified.

6.1.1 Water and Soil Quality

Impacts on water and soil quality were assessed as: direct, high, local, short-term, irreversible, of high likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance. Thus, the proposed mitigation measures include:

Control of Soil Manipulation Activities

- Installation of retaining walls before starting with drainage ditch excavations to block soil erosion
- Excavations for drainage channels should be carried out in complete precision
- Placement of geotextile silt traps as appropriate, especially in areas close to water bodies (when Kesrouane R2a, R2b, R2c and R7 are in close proximity to nearby streams and rivers).

Control of Accidental Spills

- All refueling and maintenance operations shall take place off-site, vehicles should be fueled up before arriving to the road section
- A spill response plan shall be in place and all workers should be trained on its implementation.

Management of Solid Waste and Wastewater

- Good site practices including the effective disposal of all wastes generated on-site should be adopted.
- The generated waste onsite should be properly segregated at source into recyclables and organic waste in appropriately labelled waste bins. Sorting at source of domestic and general waste should be implemented.
- Sufficient waste disposal points must be provided and regular collection for disposal must take place near the road.
- Adequate bins for collection and storage of waste materials should be provided.
- Prevent the overfilling of the waste containers.

- Wastewater shall not be discharged onto the open ground or into any water body. In case the portacabin toilet is not close enough to the existing network to be linked directly to it, the portacabin toilet will be linked to a polyethylene storage tank. If so, the following should be done:
 - A specialized contractor will be selected to periodically collect (pump out) the wastewater from the polyethylene tank.
 - The supervising consultant should inspect it regularly to check for any leakages and to ensure that the generated wastewater is properly collected before it's full.
- Domestic-like waste shall be removed daily from the site.
- Excavated soil should be stored and transported offsite to a nearest licensed dumpsite due to possible heavy metal contamination.
- Any excavated unsuitable material should be removed from site within 24 hours. Reuse of contaminated soil material is prohibited and random disposal of this material in open abandoned areas is never allowed.

Control of Storm-water Runoff

- In case of temporary storage of excavated materials, accidental contamination or spills of the removed soil should be avoided to limit contamination of storm water runoff and in turn the surrounding streams.
- Any stockpiled construction material should be covered with an impermeable layer to avoid contamination of storm-water runoff.

6.1.2 Air Quality

Impacts on air quality were assessed as: direct, high, local, medium-term, irreversible, of high likelihood of occurrence and of high significance. Thus, the proposed mitigation measures include:

Control of Exhaust Emissions

- Ensuring maintenance of all construction equipment regularly, at least once a month.
- Machinery and equipment should be equipped with air pollution control equipment that should be monitored regularly to ensure its effective operation.
- Avoiding idling time of machinery.
- Ensuring regular maintenance of vehicles.

Control of Dust Emissions

- Using dust-suppression methods to reduce emission of particulate matter into the surroundings.
- Prohibit dust-generating activities during excessively windy periods.
- Prohibit burning of generated waste material.
- Covering raw materials stockpiles with plastic impermeable layers, when raw materials are not in use.
- Avoid excessive vehicular movement on unpaved roads.

- Vehicle maximum speed limit in work zones should be decreased to 25 km/hr.
- Trucks hauling raw materials into the rehabilitation site should be covered properly with tarpaulins.
- All trucks and vehicles exiting the rehabilitation site should be dust-free.
- Stockpiles of fine material such as topsoil material, aggregates etc. shall be protected from wind.
- In case of asphalt milling, spray water on exposed surfaces during dry periods especially near schools, hospitals, rural communities, agricultural areas, etc...
- Maintaining stockpiles at minimum heights
- Contractors shall regularly inspect stockpiles, exposed work areas and rehabilitation work practices.
- Spills or leakages are effectively recorded and reported to the adequate management entity, along with immediate clean-up.
- Daily cleaning of streets and pathways in vicinity of rehabilitation site that are affected by soil and dust

Control of Odor Emissions

- Transport trucks, specifically trucks transporting asphalt, are to be tightly covered at all hauling times to reduce as much as possible release of unpleasant odors.

6.1.3 Acoustic Environment

Impacts on acoustic environment were assessed as: direct, moderate, local, short-term, reversible, of high likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance. Thus, the proposed mitigation measures include:

During the road bypass rehabilitation works, excessive noise emissions can be reduced by adopting the following measures:

- Applying an appropriate schedule to avoid any works that may cause noise and vibration, specifically during 8 am to 4 pm. Any nighttime activities should be done using noise reducing means or low-noise technologies.
- Using vehicles and equipment that meet national standards for noise and vibration.
- Regular maintenance of the machinery, equipment and vehicle should be carried out to prevent excessive noise.
- Publishing and registering allowed working time of construction machines with local authorities and ensuring strict compliance with set times.
- Restricting the use of noisy machines and/or adopting noise-reducing means (silencers) for construction machines, especially near sensitive areas.

6.1.4 Biodiversity

Impacts on the biodiversity were assessed as: direct, moderate, local, medium-term, irreversible, of medium likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance. Thus, the proposed mitigation measures are:

Induced negative impacts of road projects on biodiversity can be minimized by taking special care when passing through rich or critical natural ecosystems (valleys, wooded lands, rivers...etc.).

- A waste management plan must be adopted to avoid contaminating the soil and water and hence affecting the local biota;
- Workers should be instructed to protect flora and fauna when feasible as well as their habitats;
- Washing of vehicles and machinery should be done offsite and away from particular biotopes (wooded lands and riparian ecosystems);
- Solid waste, rehabilitation debris should not be dumped into the natural habitat;
- Restricting the use of noisy machines and/or adopting noise-reducing means (silencers) for rehabilitation machines, especially near sensitive areas (maquis ecosystems and riparian habitats (short segment, Kesrouane R2a in Edma et Defne, dense woodland dominated by oak (Kesrouane R2a in Ghodrace, Kesrouane R2b in Maarab, and when the road and river (Naher el Kaleb) intersect (Kesrouane R7 between station 0+600 and station 2+800));
- Water spraying must be done frequently in order to avoid dust accumulation on adjacent vegetation (namely for Kesrouane R7 that involves numerous agricultural lands).
- Green lights are recommended (when additional lighting is deemed necessary during the rehabilitation phase) for the road segments that are bordered by;
- Road cross-section must be fixed during the rehabilitation phase to reduce the impact on biodiversity, for example, by flattening side slopes. This makes crossing easier for animals that find roads a physical barrier (WB). Also, providing longer sight lines for drivers is recommended as it can reduce collisions with animals by allowing more reaction time.

6.1.5 Existing Infrastructure

The impacts on the existing infrastructure were assessed as direct, moderate, local, short-term, reversible, of medium likelihood of occurrence, and of low significance. Following are the mitigation measures:

- Prepare procedures for rapid notification to the concerned Municipality or public entity and assistance with re-instatement, in the event of any disruption of public utilities.
- Splitting works into the road segments will be done to ensure quick progression through road while causing minimal disruption to traffic.

6.1.6 Visual Amenity

The impacts on visual intrusion were assessed as of negligible significance. Thus, the proposed mitigation measures are:

- Covering of temporary stockpiled excavations on the side of the road
- Ensuring that the light source is the minimum intensity for the required purpose;
- Ensuring that lights are turned off by timer or manually when they are not needed;
- Ensuring that fittings are chosen that direct light accurately to where it is needed;

- Ensuring that the type of light chosen is the least likely to cause light pollution;

6.1.7 Resources Consumption

Impacts on resources consumption were assessed as: direct, high, moderate, short-term, irreversible, of high likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance. Thus, the proposed mitigation measures include:

Energy Demand Control

- Ensuring that equipment that are not in use are turned off.
- Conducting regular maintenance and efficient operation of machinery.
- Vehicles should not be allowed to remain idle for long periods.
- Recording monthly fuel consumption.

Raw Material Demand Control

In the context of the project, the Contractor must acquire the required raw materials from a licensed quarry.

6.1.8 Health and Safety

6.1.8.1. Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)

Impacts on health and safety were assessed as: negative, moderate, local, short-term, irreversible, of high likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance.

According to IFC (2007), preventive and protective measures should be introduced according to the following order of priority:

- Elimination through eradicating the activity or source of risk from the work process, such as by substituting a hazardous chemical by a safer chemical.
- Control through adopting engineering controls at the source of impact, such as by acoustic insulation.
- Minimization through designing safe work systems and administrative or institutional control measures, such as by job rotation or training safe work procedures.
- Limitation through providing, using, and maintaining appropriate PPE in conjunction with training, such as by using masks and gloves.

Specific measures according to IFC (2007) to limit impacts due to the open nature of rehabilitation sites and their proximity to the community include:

- Measures to prevent unauthorized access to dangerous areas should be in place
- Openings should be sealed by gates or removable chains
- Fall prevention and protection measures should be implemented, such as the installation of guardrails with mid-rails and toe boards at the edge of any fall hazard area

- Signage should be in accordance with international standards and be well known to, and easily understood by workers, visitors and the general public as appropriate
- Marking all energized electrical devices and lines with warning signs
- Establishing rights-of-way, site speed limits, vehicle inspection requirements, operating rules and procedures, and control of traffic patterns or direction

Training of Personnel

Training is an essential component of safety and health management since workers who perform tasks without adequate training can cause themselves or others serious injuries or even death. Therefore, the following trainings should be implemented (Muiruri & Mulinge, 2014):

- Ensure that all workers are given proper site-specific instructions on occupational health and safety prior to commencing work.
- The Occupational Health and Safety training should consist of hazard awareness and control measures.
- The training should ensure proper usage of personal protective equipment (PPE).
- The trainees should acquire knowledge of emergency procedures and preventive actions.
- There should also be job-specific health and safety training.
- Additional training should be provided if risks change.
- Refresher training should be provided periodically, if skills are not frequently used.

Noise Emissions

According to IFC (2007), the following should be implemented:

- Employees should not be exposed to a noise level greater than 85 dB (A) for a duration of more than 8 hours per day without hearing protection.
- Another way of protection can be achieved through limiting the duration of noise exposure. For instance, for every 3 dB (A) increase in sound levels, the allowed exposure period should be reduced by 50 percent.
- Periodic medical hearing checks should be performed on employees who are exposed to high noise levels.

Health and Safety Signs

Examples of signs that must be present at the rehabilitation site include but are not limited to the following (DOLIDAR, 2017):

- Wear safety helmets and reflective jackets
- Permit to work areas
- Falling Hazard, Use safety belt
- Watch for moving equipment
- Wear safety footwear
- Wear hearing protection

- Wear eye protection
- First aid
- Danger of electricity
- No smoking
- Work in progress
- Stop and go

First Aid and Injuries

The availability of first aid kits and the adoption of the following recommendations is essential in order to respond quickly and efficiently to any accident or injury:

- At least one laborer per each group of workers onsite should be appointed to respond to emergency cases, on condition that adequate first aid training is provided.
- One employee for every 25 employees on site should be trained in first aid. The assigned personnel should be provided with appropriate identification, including a red hard hat with a white "red cross" symbol and an identification badge (CDR, 2007).
- All workers onsite should know where the first aid facilities are located and how to adequately use first aid kits.
- A full list of nearby hospitals, medical centers and emergency contact numbers should be provided to workers onsite.
- All injuries or accidents at the rehabilitation site should be reported immediately and the contractor should maintain and keep a record of accidents or illnesses.
- Designing machines to eliminate trap hazards and ensuring that extremities are kept out of harm's way under normal operating conditions.
- Turning off or disconnecting machinery with exposed moving parts.
- Marking all energized electrical devices and lines with warning signs.
- Checking all electrical cords, cables and hand power tools for frayed and exposed cords and following manufacture recommendations for maximum permitted operational voltage.
- Protecting power cords and extensions from physical damages like traffic and environmental factors like getting wet from rain.
- Use mechanical assists to eliminate or reduce exertions required to lift heavy material, hold tools and work objects.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Proper use of PPEs is essential to limit the occurrence of occupational hazards. Accordingly, the following should be implemented (DOLIDAR, 2017):

- An adequate supply of suitable personnel protective equipment (PPE) such as hard hats, safety boots, reflective jackets, and others should be maintained.
- The PPEs (specifically hard hat and reflective jacket) provided to managers and safety officers should have a different color than the PPEs of the rehabilitation workers onsite.
- Ensure that workers wear PPEs all the time during working hours.

- Workers must be trained on the proper and effective use of personal protective equipment.
- Workers should be aware of the potential risks that they might encounter, in case of not wearing their PPEs.
- Where there is a risk of injury from falling objects, safety helmets must be provided, and worn by the workers.
- Adequate eye protection should be provided and worn whenever there is a possibility of eye injuries.
- When working in an area or with machines that have high noise levels, hearing protection must be worn.
- Gloves must be provided to the workers and the type of the gloves must be appropriate to the type of work being executed.
- Respiratory protection appropriate to a given working activity should be provided to the workers who are exposed to respiratory hazards.

The following PPE should be used when handling and working with asphalt (NIOSH, 2003):

- Wearing thermally insulated gloves to keep asphalt from burning or irritating the skin.
- Wearing long-sleeve shirts and long pants without cuffs and keeping the sleeves rolled down and close to the collar.
- Wearing Steel-toed safety shoes.
- Wearing a face shield, not just safety glasses.

The following mitigation measures should be adopted by labor when handling and working with asphalt (NIOSH, 2003):

- Never stick your head in an asphalt tank or mixing container.
- Never lean over a kettle. Stay upwind from asphalt if possible.
- Enclosing mixing and stirring operations.
- Stop what you're doing if you notice symptoms. Ask your foreman for advice.
- Keep asphalt off your skin and out of your eyes.
- If you do get asphalt in your eyes, flush with water for 15 minutes.
- Eating, drinking and smoking are prohibited during any asphalt activity.

6.1.8.2.Public Health and Safety (PHS)

Site Layout and Planning

- Designing carefully the rehabilitation site in order to avoid or reduce accidents due to trips, slips, and collisions (General layouts are set in Annex 2).
- Providing roads within the zones being rehabilitated with speed limits signs of 25 km/hr to decrease risks of collisions and accidents.
- Restricting access to the zones of unfinished works and providing guards to control entrances and exits.

- No work activities are to be conducted without the presence of barriers, temporary traffic lights, and flagmen if necessary, which are required to warn the public of the existing rehabilitation site and its activities.

Traffic Diversion

Exact locations and distances of detours are to be set by the site engineer. These points are set according to work progress, location and traffic. Moreover, illustrated detour signage should be displayed around the site as necessary. In addition, the approximate location of signs is shown on the drawings (Annex 2). Exact locations are to be determined on site upon engineer's approval.

- The contractor has to ensure access diversions for traffic at each stage of work and to provide all necessary requirements to facilitate the continuity of traffic circulation.
- Prior to any works, the contractor shall submit to the engineer a detailed method statement showing and describing the following:
 - The division of the works into phases and sections
 - The various traffic diversions related to each phase of the works.
 - The temporary diversion of the different services and utilities (avoid continuous disturbance).
- Adequate warning signs and security of the site, namely through barriers, should be provided during non-working hours.
- Where the pavement crosses service entrances (houses or shops) which are higher or lower than the pavement edge level, the contractor has to construct concrete steps as directed by the engineer on site. Steps are constructed wherever the difference in elevation between the entrance and pavement levels are more than 250 mm.
- In case where the pavement edge limit crosses a parking or a pedestrian footpath, a depressed sidewalk curb shall be applied as shown on drawings (Annex 2) and directed by the engineer.

Noise Emissions

- Noise levels should be maintained within the national permissible limits (presented in Table 2-4) and limited to working hours as allowed by obtained permits.
- Transportation of rehabilitation material during regular working hours should be minimized, when possible.

6.2 Mitigation Measures during Operation

6.2.1 Water and Soil Quality

The impacts of the project on water and soil quality were assessed as: direct, moderate, long-term, local, and irreversible, of medium likelihood of occurrence and of moderate significance. Therefore, the proposed mitigation measures include the following:

- All refueling and maintenance operations shall take place off-site, vehicles should be fueled up before arriving to the road section
- A spill response plan shall be in place and all workers should be trained on its implementation.
- Provision of adequate bins for collection and storage of waste material including litterbins and waste skips
- Preventing the overfilling of the waste containers placed on the road

6.2.2 Air Quality

The impacts on the air quality were assessed as: direct, moderate, short-term, local, and irreversible, of medium likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance. Therefore, the proposed mitigation measures include the following:

- Ensuring maintenance of all construction equipment regularly, at least once a month.
- Machinery and equipment should be equipped with air pollution control equipment that should be monitored regularly to ensure its effective operation.
- Avoiding idling time of machinery.
- Using dust-suppression methods to reduce emission of particulate matter into the surroundings.
- Prohibit dust-generating activities during excessively windy periods.
- Vehicle maximum speed limit in work zones should be decreased to 25 km/hr.

6.2.3 Acoustic Environment

The impacts on the acoustic environment were assessed as: direct, moderate, short-term, local, and reversible, of high likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance. Therefore, the main proposed mitigation measure includes applying an appropriate schedule for maintenance activities to avoid any works that may cause noise and vibration, specifically during 8 am to 4 pm. Any nighttime activities should be done using noise reducing means or low-noise technologies.

6.2.4 Biodiversity

Impacts were assessed as direct, moderate, local, long-term, irreversible, of high likelihood of occurrence, and of medium significance. In this context, mitigation measures include:

During the operation of the project, maintenance activities must be conducted properly in order to avoid spillages and natural habitats contamination. Moreover, given that light pollution will increase as lighting poles will be fixed, however, if green lights are to be used, the local fauna will be less disturbed.

Finally, road cross-section must be fixed during the rehabilitation phase to reduce the impact on biodiversity when roads are operational, for example, by flattening side slopes. This makes crossing easier for animals that find roads a physical barrier (WB). Also, providing longer sight lines for drivers is recommended as it can reduce collisions with animals by allowing more reaction time.

6.2.5 **Energy Consumption**

The impacts on energy consumption were assessed as: direct, low, short-term, local, reversible, of moderate likelihood of occurrence, and of medium significance. Therefore, in order to reduce energy consumption, the following should be applied:

- Equipment should be turned off when not in use.
- Vehicles should not be allowed to remain idle for long periods.
- Recording monthly fuel consumption.

6.2.6 **Public and Workers Health and Safety**

The impacts on health and safety are assessed as: direct, low, local, short-term, reversible, of medium likelihood of occurrence and of medium significance. Thus, in order to reduce the impacts on health and safety, the following mitigation measures should be applied:

- Ensure that during maintenance all employees utilize appropriate personal protective equipment (e.g. hard hats, steel toe boots, respirators) and are well trained on occupational health and safety.
- Ensure public safety by informing local citizens of the maintenance activities to be performed provided through the use of media, public announcements, and signage.

6.3 Social Mitigation measures during rehabilitation

6.3.1 **Mitigation Measures on Socio-Economic Conditions of Surrounding Communities**

(1)Traffic Disturbance and Nuisance

In order to reduce the impact of traffic disturbance and nuisance on the surrounding communities, the following measures should be implemented:

- Adequate warning, signing, delineation and channeling at least 500 m down and up-gradient from the rehabilitation site must be provided by the project proponents.
- Movement of delivery vehicles outside the site should be restricted to off-peak traffic hours.
- Speed limitation signs should be installed at the access points.
- Full road closures won't be done as all closures will be of partial nature; detours will comprise of merely temporary diversions. In this context, the contractor has to prepare rehabilitation methods and program of work taking into consideration safety and non-stop traffic along the road (refer to Annex 2).
- Commencement works should not be allowed prior to placing all the required temporary signs, traffic lights, flagmen, etc... wherever and whenever required. Typical signs used are those that indicate the presence of a diversion ahead, the end of diversion, in addition to signs indicating there are works ahead, among others.
- The contractor has to ensure access diversions for traffic at each stage of work and to provide all necessary requirements to facilitate the continuity of traffic circulation.

(2) Labor Influx and Labor Induced SEA

Although SEA risks towards women in the surrounding community is anticipated to be low, implementing measure to avoid the risk of SEA is essential.

Avoiding the risk of SEA will ensure that labor uphold acceptable behavioral manners when interacting with local communities. Therefore, in order to avoid the risk of SEA incidents towards female inhabitants of the surrounding communities, the following measures are highly recommended:

- Providing workers with the necessary training and awareness raising session on issues regarding SEA, prior to signing the CoC
- Obliging employees to attend an induction training course prior to commencing work on site to ensure they are familiar with the company's commitments to address GBV, in specific, SEA and the project's CoC.
- Repeating training and awareness raising on a regular basis as new staff commence work on the project.
- Informing laborers regarding national laws that prosecute perpetrators of SEA
- Providing CoC in a language understood by the workers who will sign the CoC.
- Ensuring requirements in CoCs are clearly understood by those signing it.
- Ensuring that the sanctions embodied in the CoC are be clearly explained.
- Ensuring that workers at the rehabilitation site sign the Code of Conduct (CoC) (refer to Annex 3) that targets GBV risks, specifically SEA induced by labor influx, and penalizes the perpetrators of SEA.
- Verifying that GRM (refer to section 8.2) is adequately implemented to record complaints from the surrounding communities, to find adequate resolutions and implement corrective actions.

(3) Obstruction of Access Routes to Sensitive Receptors

In order to minimize the temporary obstruction of access routes to residential units, schools, places of worship and hospitals, the contractor should ensure adequate and timely communication with the concerned municipalities and dissemination of project-related work schedule with the surrounding community. In other words, the nearby communities will be informed of the exact timing of activities prior to the commencement of works. Additionally, GRM should be clearly communicated and adequately disseminated.

Further the rehabilitation works should not be performed during peak traffic hours (e.g. works can take place when students are already at school). It is preferable to perform some of the works that are not noisy at night to ensure that access to surrounding schools and residential areas is not hindered. Also, during rehabilitation of long roads, the contractor should work on one small segment at a time, to avoid disturbance of the surrounding sensitive receptors for a long period of time.

6.3.2 Mitigation Measures on Socio-Economic Conditions of Labor

(1) Labor Induced SH

Although women participation in rehabilitation works is expected to be low, adequate measures should be addressed to avoid the risk for labor induced SH.

Therefore, laborers should be provided with training sessions and awareness campaigns on SH to ensure that they are aware of issues related to women, social norms and the importance of maintaining and respecting gender equality.

The CoC should be enforced to project laborers (in a language understood by all workers). Additionally, the Contractor should ensure that CoC requirements and sanctions to be applied, if breached, are well understood by signatories, prior to signing the CoC. Further, it is important to ensure that a proper GRM is established to address any kind of violations to the signed CoC.

(2) Child labor

The project should closely monitor the risk of child labor and should have measures in contracts to ensure that those below the working age are not hired and ensure that labor law of Lebanon is followed. In this context, a labor registry and age verification must be maintained during the whole rehabilitation phase. Also, penalty provisions should be available for hiring child labor.

Additionally, during the employment procedure, the contractor or subcontractor should abide by the Lebanese Law No.0 dated 1946.

(3) Inadequate Labor Conditions

Safety and protection of workers should be ensured within the contracts provided by the contractor and continuous monitoring is required to maintain adequate labor conditions. Further, in order to counter inadequate working circumstances that would make both Syrian and low-skilled Lebanese worker at higher risk of exploitation, appropriate rules and regulations should be implemented in order to ensure the protection of laborers.

Contractors should be forced to abide by the specified Lebanese law determining the minimum wage and minimum working age for children, as per the law, and to comply with, working conditions and hours (as specified in the legal section). Further, the Contractor must comply with Decision 29/1 dated 2018 which restricts significant number of jobs to Lebanese only and allows Syrians to occupy jobs that are not restricted to Lebanese.

(4) Social tensions and conflict over job-sharing and dissatisfaction with allocation of project-generated jobs.

Clear criteria for job selection and allocation should be adopted accounting for the ratio of Syrian and Lebanese community workers in Kesrouane Caza and types of positions available. Moreover, it is important to avoid competition between Syrian workforce willing to accept lower wages and skilled Lebanese labor. Hence, the Contractor should ensure a fair allocation of job opportunities, and most importantly non-discrimination and fair treatment (such as equal wages/benefits and working conditions) should be ensured among workers. In this context,

clear communication with all affected workers and a robust GRM are essential to mitigate the potential risk of social tensions or dissatisfaction among Syrian and Lebanese workers.

(5) Under-participation or underemployment or discrimination of women

The following measures should be adopted to ensure women employment by the Contractor:

- Setting minimum percentage of women at the employment phase.
- The project should ensure that gender equality is attained when it comes to recruitment, salary levels and others
- Promoting the employment of females in appropriate jobs such as managerial or administrative positions and giving the opportunity to women to decide the suitable operations that they can perform
- Encouraging women through awareness campaigns on the importance of employment in such project in order to enhance their livelihoods.

6.4 Social Mitigation Measures during Operation

Rehabilitation works under RAP will lead to positive social impacts due to improvement in road conditions such as lighting. This will increase visibility which will contribute to safer environment for women and reduce the probability of SEA. However, some measures are necessary to ensure that positive impacts are maximized. These measures include the following:

- Ensure that workers during the maintenance phase are trained and well understood prior to signing the CoC that targets GBV risks (mainly SEA and SH) and penalizes the perpetrators of GBV.
- Ensure that GRM mechanism is functional to receive any public concerns throughout this phase and to address the receive complaints within the set timeframe (specified in section 8.2)

7. Environmental and Social Management and Monitoring Plan

Environmental and social management and monitoring are essential to ensure that the identified impacts are maintained within the allowable levels, unanticipated impacts are mitigated at an early stage, and the expected project benefits are realized. Thus, the main aim is to assist in the systematic and prompt recognition of problems, encouraging effective preventive and mitigation measures and ultimately achieving the goal of good environmental and social performance. A sound understanding of environmental priorities and policies, properly managing the project, acknowledging the regulatory requirements and keeping updated operational information are fundamental to ensure the effective and satisfactory environmental performance.

7.1 Institutional Setup and Capacity Building

The project works will be executed on the main road network which is under the jurisdiction of the MoPWT. In Lebanon, donor-funded road works projects are implemented by CDR upon the request of the Council of Ministers (CoM). Therefore, in the context of REP project, CDR (Road and Transport Department) will execute the project on behalf of the government/MoPWT.

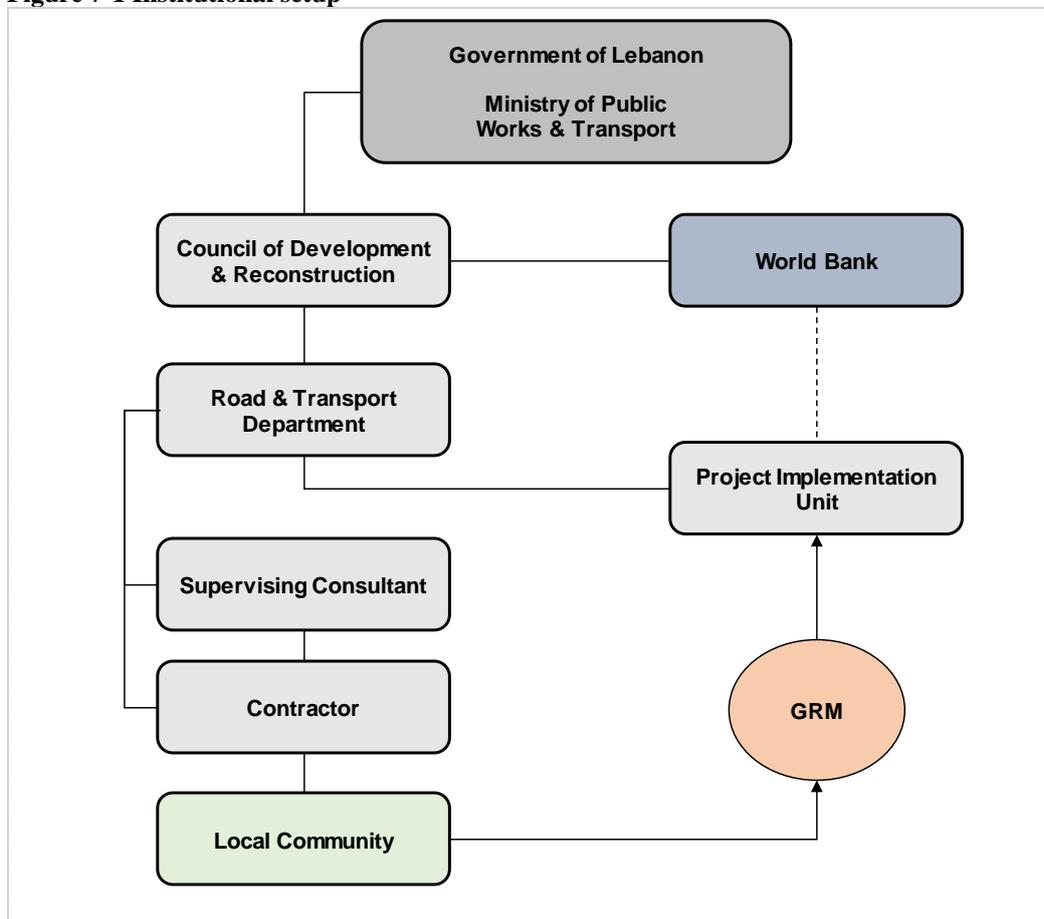
In order to achieve proper environmental management and monitoring, a clear, functional institutional structure was defined (refer to Figure 7-1). During the rehabilitation phase, the contractor would be the primary actor; ensuring compliance of works with the different items specified in the environmental and social management plan. Accordingly, the contractor will be supervised by several entities appointed by CDR. CDR will be responsible for constant monitoring of the rehabilitation works through weekly reports (sent by the contractor) and site visits, ensuring and enforcing mitigation measures.

More specifically, the CDR will develop a Project Implementation Unit (PIU) dedicated to the project, which includes social and environmental specialists to monitor and evaluate the project. Moreover, it will engage a supervising consultant to directly monitor the contractor. In this context, planning, implementation and supervision of environmental safeguards will thus take place at different stages (a) PIU, (b) Supervising Consultant, and (c) Contractor.

PIU will be responsible for providing the overall plan direction, technical support, appraisal and validation of environmental and social management plans, and monitoring of environmental compliance and progress reporting to the World Bank. The responsibility of implementation and management of environmental/social safeguards by the PIU will be coupled with the assignment of supervising consultant (focal point(s) for environmental and social safeguards) who will be in charge of ensuring sound application of the ESMP. Finally, implementation of the ESMPs will mainly be the contractors' duty and consequently the contractor will have to appoint qualified environmental, health and safety consultant and a social development consultant in order to ensure compliance with the ESMPs during the rehabilitation phase of the project.

The main concerned municipalities will be involved in managing and communicating citizens' potential complaints to the CDR (PIU).

Figure 7-1 Institutional setup



7.1.1 Training

Despite the institutions' previous experiences in implementing similar projects, institutional capacity development would be beneficial to ensure proper implementation and supervision of the suggested mitigation measures and monitoring program. For instance, human resources can be improved through training and regular follow-up.

In order to ensure safeguard procedure, instruments and monitoring needs of the REP are well understood by the contractor staff, CDR (i.e. the supervising consultant) will provide trainings. Trainings will aim to familiarize the contractor's staff on the following guidelines and instruments:

- (i) World Bank's safeguard policies;
- (ii) National environmental regulations (the main social and environmental legal texts listed in the legal section of this ESMP);
- (iii) Safeguards planning, management and monitoring requirements of the REP as specified in the ESMP;

(iv) GRM

7.2 Mitigation Plans

7.2.1 Environmental and Social Mitigation Plans

Table 7-1 Environmental Management Plan in Rehabilitation Phase

Source of Impact	Project Activities	Proposed Mitigation Measures	Responsibility	Cost Estimation (USD)
Emission				
Air Emissions/Odors	Generation of dusts, exhaust gases, and odors from pavement reconstruction and others activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring maintenance of all construction equipment regularly, at least once a month. • Machinery and equipment should be equipped with air pollution control equipment that should be monitored regularly to ensure its effective operation. • Avoiding idling time of machinery. • Ensuring regular maintenance of vehicles. 	Project contractors / consultant	Included in the rehabilitation Cost
Acoustic Environment	Construction equipment noise and vibrations, earth manipulating activities from pavement milling and drainage excavations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying an appropriate schedule for maintenance activities, for instance from 8 am to 4 pm in order to avoid any works that may cause noise and vibration during nighttime. • Nighttime activities should be done using noise reducing means or low-noise technologies. • Using vehicles and equipment that meet national standards for noise and vibration. • Regular maintenance of the machinery, equipment and vehicle should be carried out to prevent excessive noise. • Publishing and registering allowed working time of construction machines with local authorities and ensuring strict compliance with set times. • Restricting the use of noisy machines and/or adopting noise-reducing means (silencers) for construction machines, especially near sensitive areas. 	Project contractors / consultant	Included in the rehabilitation Cost
Solid Waste and Wastewater Generation	Generation of rehabilitation wastes and domestic-like wastes and wastewater	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good site practices including the effective disposal of all wastes generated on-site should be adopted. • The generated waste onsite should be properly segregated at source into recyclables and organic waste in appropriately labelled waste bins. Sorting at source of domestic and general waste should be implemented. • Sufficient waste disposal points must be provided and regular collection for disposal must take place near the road. 	Project contractors / consultant	Included in the rehabilitation Cost

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate bins for collection and storage of waste materials should be provided. • Prevent the overfilling of the waste containers. • Domestic-like waste shall be removed daily from the site and should be collected by either the concerned municipality or the waste collection company (either RAMCO or City Blue).. • Excavated soil should be stored and transported offsite to a nearest licensed dumpsite to possible heavy metal contamination. • Any excavated unsuitable material should be removed from site within 24 hours. Reuse of contaminated soil material is prohibited and random disposal of this material in open abandoned areas is never allowed. • In case of linking the portacabin toilet to a polyethylene storage tank, the following should be done: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A specialized contractor should be selected to periodically collect the wastewater from the polyethylene tank. ○ The supervising consultant should inspect it regularly to check for any leakages and to ensure that the generated wastewater is properly collected before it's full. 		
Accidental Releases	Accidental spills of construction materials, and storm water runoff	<p>Control of Accidental Spills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All refueling and maintenance operations shall take place off-site, vehicles should be fueled up before arriving to the road section • A spill response plan shall be in place and all workers should be trained on its implementation. <p>Control of Stormwater Runoff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In case of temporary storage of excavated materials, accidental contamination or spills of the removed soil should be avoided to limit contamination of storm water runoff and in turn the surrounding streams. • Any stockpiled construction material should be covered with an impermeable layer to avoid contamination of stormwater runoff. 	Project contractors / consultant	Included in the rehabilitation Cost
Soil Manipulation	Soil erosion and sedimentation from	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of retaining walls before starting with drainage ditch excavations to block soil erosion • Excavations for drainage channels should be carried out in complete 	Project contractors / consultant	Included in the rehabilitation Cost

	drainage or sidewalks excavations	precision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placement of geotextile silt traps as appropriate, especially in areas close to water bodies (namely Kesrouane R7) 		
Existing Infrastructure	Interference of pavement drilling and milling with infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare procedures for rapid notification to the concerned Municipality or public entity and assistance with re-instatement, in the event of any disruption of public utilities. • Splitting works into the road segments will be done to ensure quick progression through road while causing minimal disruption to traffic. 	Project contractors / consultant	Included in the rehabilitation Cost
Resources Consumption	Increase energy demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that equipment that are not in use are turned off. • Conducting regular maintenance and efficient operation of machinery. • Vehicles should not be allowed to remain idle for long periods. 	Project contractors / consultant	Included in the rehabilitation Cost
Biological Resources	Changes in natural habitat and biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A waste management plan must be adopted to avoid contaminating the soil and water and hence affecting the local biota; • Workers should be instructed to protect flora and fauna when feasible as well as their habitats; • Washing of vehicles and machinery should be done offsite and away from particular biotopes (wooded lands and riparian ecosystems); • Solid waste, rehabilitation debris should not be dumped into the natural habitat; • Restricting the use of noisy machines and/or adopting noise-reducing means (silencers) for rehabilitation machines, especially near sensitive areas (maquis ecosystems and riparian habitats (short segment, Kesrouane R2a in Edma et Defne, dense woodland dominated by oak (Kesrouane R2a in Ghodrache, Kesrouane R2b in Maarab, and when the road and river (Naher el Kaleb) intersect (Kesrouane R7 between station 0+600 and station 2+800)); • Water spraying must be done frequently in order to avoid dust accumulation on adjacent vegetation (namely for Kesrouane R7 that involves numerous agricultural lands). • Green lights are recommended (when additional lighting is deemed necessary during the rehabilitation phase) for the road segments that are bordered by; • Road cross-section must be fixed during the rehabilitation phase to reduce the impact on biodiversity, for example, by flattening side slopes. This makes crossing easier for animals that find roads a physical barrier (WB). Also, providing longer sight lines for drivers is recommended as it can reduce collisions with animals by allowing 	Project contractors / consultant	Included in the rehabilitation Cost

		more reaction time.		
Visual intrusion	Day time and night time rehabilitation works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covering of temporary stockpiled excavations on the side of the road • Ensuring that the light source is the minimum intensity for the required purpose; • Ensuring that lights are turned off by timer or manually when they are not needed; • Ensuring that fittings are chosen that direct light accurately to where it is needed; • Ensuring that the type of light chosen is the least likely to cause light pollution; 	Project contractors / consultant	Included in the rehabilitation Cost
Social Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Labor influx and Labor-induced SH and SEA • Workers tension (Syrian/Lebanese ratio) • Child labor • Inadequate labor conditions • Traffic disturbance • Obstruction of Access Routes to Sensitive Receptors 	<p>Socio-Economic Conditions of Surrounding Communities</p> <p><u>Traffic Disturbance and Nuisance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adequate warning, signing, delineation and channeling at least 500 m down and up-gradient from the rehabilitation site must be provided by the project proponents. • Movement of delivery vehicles outside the site should be restricted to off-peak traffic hours. • Speed limitation signs should be installed at the access points. • Full road closures won't be done as all closures will be of partial nature; detours will comprise of merely temporary diversions. In this context, the contractor has to prepare rehabilitation methods and program of work taking into consideration safety and non-stop traffic along the road (refer to Annex 2) • Commencement of works should not be allowed prior to placing all the required temporary signs, traffic lights, flagmen, etc... wherever and whenever required. Typical signs used are those that indicate the presence of a diversion ahead, the end of diversion, in addition to signs indicating there are works ahead, among others. • The contractor has to ensure access diversions for traffic at each stage of work and to provide all necessary requirements to facilitate the continuity of traffic circulation. <p><u>Labor Influx and Labor Induced SEA</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing workers with the necessary training and awareness raising 	Project contractors / consultant	Included in the rehabilitation Cost

		<p>session on issues regarding SEA, prior to signing the CoC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Obliging employees to attend an induction training course prior to commencing work on site to ensure they are familiar with the company’s commitments to address GBV, in specific, SEA and the project’s CoC. • Repeating training and awareness raising on a regular basis as new staff commence work on the project. • Informing laborers regarding national laws that prosecute perpetrators of SEA • Providing CoC in a language understood by the workers who will sign the CoC. • Ensuring requirements in CoCs are clearly understood by those signing it. • Ensuring that sanctions embodied in the CoC are be clearly explained. • Ensuring that workers at the rehabilitation site sign the Code of Conduct (CoC) (refer to Annex 3) that targets GBV risks, specifically SEA induced by labor influx, and penalizes the perpetrators of SEA. • Verifying that GRM is adequately implemented to record complaints from the surrounding communities, to find adequate resolutions and implement corrective actions. <p><u>Obstruction of Access Routes to Sensitive Receptors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to minimize the temporary obstruction of access routes to residential units, schools, places of worship and hospitals, the contractor should ensure adequate and timely communication with the concerned municipalities and dissemination of project-related work schedule with the surrounding community. • Nearby communities should be informed of the exact timing of activities prior to the commencement of works. • The rehabilitation works should not be performed during peak traffic hours (e.g. works can take place when students are already at school). • It is preferable to perform some of the works that are not noisy at night to ensure that access to surrounding schools and residential areas is not hindered. • During rehabilitation of long roads, the contractor should work on one small segment at a time, to avoid disturbance of the surrounding 		
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		<p>sensitive receptors for a long period of time.</p> <p>Socio-Economic Conditions of Labor</p> <p><u>Labor Induced SH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laborers should be provided with training sessions and awareness campaigns on SH • CoC should be enforced to project laborers (in a language understood by all workers). • The Contractor should ensure that CoC requirements and sanctions to be applied, if breached, are well understood by signatories, prior to signing the CoC. • The Contractor should ensure that a proper GRM is established to address any kind of violations to the signed CoC. <p><u>Child Labor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project should closely monitor the risk of child labor and should have measures in contracts to ensure that those below the working age are not hired and ensure that labor law of Lebanon is followed. • Labor registry and age verification must be maintained during the whole rehabilitation phase. • Penalty provisions should be available for hiring child labor. • During the employment procedure, the contractor or subcontractor should abide by the Lebanese Law No.0 dated 1946. <p><u>Inadequate Labor Conditions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety and protection of workers should be ensured within the contracts provided by the contractor • Continuous monitoring is required to maintain adequate labor conditions. • Appropriate rules and regulations should be implemented in order to ensure the protection of laborers. • Contractors should be forced to abide by the specified Lebanese law 		
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		<p>determining the minimum wage and minimum working age for children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor must comply with Decision 29/1 dated 2018 which restricts significant number of jobs to Lebanese only and allows Syrians to occupy jobs that are not restricted to Lebanese. <p><u>Social tensions and conflict over job-sharing and dissatisfaction with allocation of project-generated jobs.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear criteria for job selection and allocation should be adopted accounting for the ratio of Syrian and Lebanese community workers in Kesrouane Caza and types of positions available. • It is important to avoid competition between Syrian workforce willing to accept lower wages and skilled Lebanese labor. • The Contractor should ensure a fair allocation of job opportunities, and most importantly non-discrimination and fair treatment should be ensured among workers (such as equal contractual wages/benefits and working conditions) should be also ensured among workers). • Clear communication with all affected workers and a robust GRM are essential to mitigate the potential risk of social tensions or dissatisfaction among Syrian and Lebanese workers. <p><u>Under-participation or underemployment or discrimination of women</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting minimum percentage of women at the employment phase. • The project should ensure that gender equality is attained when it comes to recruitment, salary levels and others • Promoting the employment of females in appropriate jobs such as managerial or administrative positions and giving the opportunity to women to decide the suitable operations that they can perform • Encouraging women through awareness campaigns on the importance of employment in such project in order to enhance their livelihoods. 		
Occupational Health and Safety Hazards	Rehabilitation activities	<p>Specific measures according to IFC (2007) to limit impacts due to the open nature of rehabilitation sites and their proximity to the community include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measures to prevent unauthorized access to dangerous areas should be 	Project contractors / consultant	Included in the rehabilitation Cost

		<p>in place</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Openings should be sealed by gates or removable chains • Fall prevention and protection measures should be implemented, such as the installation of guardrails with mid-rails and toe boards at the edge of any fall hazard area • Signage should be in accordance with international standards and be well known to, and easily understood by workers, visitors and the general public as appropriate • Marking all energized electrical devices and lines with warning signs • Establishing rights-of-way, site speed limits, vehicle inspection requirements, operating rules and procedures, and control of traffic patterns or direction <p><i>Training of Personnel</i></p> <p>The following trainings should be implemented (Muiruri & Mulinge, 2014):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all workers are given proper site-specific instructions on occupational health and safety prior to commencing work. • The Occupational Health and Safety training should consist of hazard awareness and control measures. • The training should ensure proper usage of personal protective equipment (PPE). • The trainees should acquire knowledge of emergency procedures and preventive actions. • Refresher training should be provided periodically, if skills are not frequently used. <p><i>Noise Emissions</i></p> <p>According to IFC (2007), the following should be implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees should not be exposed to a noise level greater than 85 dB (A) for a duration of more than 8 hours per day without hearing protection. • Another way of protection can be achieved through limiting the 		
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		<p>duration of noise exposure. For instance, for every 3 dB (A) increase in sound levels, the allowed exposure period should be reduced by 50 percent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Periodic medical hearing checks should be performed on employees who are exposed to high noise levels. <p><i>Health and Safety Signs</i></p> <p>Examples of signs that must be present at the rehabilitation site include but are not limited to the following (DOLIDAR, 2017):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear safety helmets and reflective jackets • Permit to work areas • Falling Hazard, Use safety belt • Watch for moving equipment • Wear safety footwear • Wear hearing protection • Wear eye protection • First aid • Danger of electricity • No smoking • Work in progress • Stop and go <p><i>First Aid and Injuries</i></p> <p>The availability of first aid kits and the adoption of the following recommendations is essential in order to respond quickly and efficiently to any accident or injury:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one laborer per each group of workers onsite should be appointed to respond to emergency cases, on condition that adequate first aid training is provided. • One employee for every 25 employees on site should be trained in first aid. The assigned personnel should be provided with appropriate identification, including a red hard hat with a white "red cross" symbol and an identification badge (CDR, 2007). 		
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All workers onsite should know where the first aid facilities are located and how to adequately use first aid kits. • A full list of nearby hospitals, medical centers and emergency contact numbers should be provided to workers onsite. • All injuries or accidents at the rehabilitation site should be reported immediately and the contractor should maintain and keep a record of accidents or illnesses. • Turning off or disconnecting machinery with exposed moving parts. • Marking all energized electrical devices and lines with warning signs. • Checking all electrical cords, cables and hand power tools for frayed and exposed cords and following manufacture recommendations for maximum permitted operational voltage. • Use mechanical assists to eliminate or reduce exertions required to lift heavy material, hold tools and work objects. <p><i>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)</i></p> <p>Proper use of PPEs is essential to limit the occurrence of occupational hazards. Accordingly, the following should be implemented (DOLIDAR, 2017):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An adequate supply of suitable personnel protective equipment (PPE) such as hard hats, safety boots, reflective jackets, and others should be maintained. • The PPEs (specifically hard hat and reflective jacket) provided to managers and safety officers should have a different color than the PPEs of the rehabilitation workers onsite. • Ensure that workers wear PPEs all the time during working hours. <p>The following PPE should be used when handling and working with asphalt (NIOSH, 2003):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wearing thermally-insulated gloves to keep asphalt from burning or irritating the skin. • Wearing long-sleeve shirts and long pants without cuffs and keeping the sleeves rolled down and close to the collar. • Wearing Steel-toed safety shoes. 		
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wearing a face shield, not just safety glasses. <p>The following mitigation measures should be adopted by labor when handling and working with asphalt (NIOSH, 2003):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Never stick your head in an asphalt tank or mixing container. • Never lean over a kettle. Stay upwind from asphalt if possible. • Enclosing mixing and stirring operations. • Stop what you're doing if you notice symptoms. Ask your foreman for advice. • Keep asphalt off your skin and out of your eyes. • If you do get asphalt in your eyes, flush with water for 15 minutes. • Eating, drinking and smoking are prohibited during any asphalt activity. 		
<p>Public Health and Safety</p>	<p>Rehabilitation activities</p>	<p>Site Layout and Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designing carefully the rehabilitation site in order to avoid or reduce accidents due to trips, slips, and collisions • Providing roads within the zones being rehabilitated with speed limits signs of 25 km/hr to decrease risks of collisions and accidents. • Restricting access to the zones of unfinished works and providing guards to control entrances and exits. • No work activities are to be conducted without the presence of barriers, temporary traffic lights, and flagmen if necessary, which are required to warn the public of the existing rehabilitation site and its activities <p>Traffic Diversion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exact locations and distances of detours are to be set by the site engineer. These points are set according to work progress, location and traffic. Moreover, illustrated detour signage should be displayed around the site as necessary. In addition, the approximate location of signs are shown on the drawings (annex 2). Exact locations are to be determined on site upon engineer's approval. • The contractor has to ensure access diversions for traffic at each stage of work and to provide all necessary requirements to facilitate the 	<p>Project contractors / consultant</p>	<p>Included in the rehabilitation Cost</p>

		<p>continuity of traffic circulation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior to any works, the contractor shall submit to the engineer a detailed method statement showing and describing the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The division of the works into phases and sections ○ The various traffic diversions related to each phase of the works. ○ The temporary diversion of the different services and utilities (avoid continuous disturbance). • Adequate warning signs and security of the site, namely through barriers, should be provided during non-working hours. • Where the pavement crosses service entrance (houses or shops) which are higher or lower than the pavement edge level, the contractor has to construct concrete steps as directed by the engineer on site. Steps are constructed wherever the difference in elevation between the entrance and pavement levels are more than 250 mm. • In case where the pavement edge limit crosses a parking or a pedestrian footpath, depressed sidewalk curb shall be applied as shown on drawings (annex 2) and directed by the engineer. <p>Noise Emissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise levels should be maintained within the national permissible limits (presented in Table 2-4) and limited to working hours as allowed by obtained permits. <p>Transportation of construction material during regular working hours should be minimized, when possible.</p>		
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Table 7-2 Environmental Management Plan in Operation Phase

Source of Impact	Project Activities	Mitigation Measures	Residual Impacts	Responsibility	Cost Estimation (USD)
Emission					

Air Emissions	Dust and exhaust emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring maintenance of all construction equipment (eg. Shovel, steel roller, excavator) regularly, at least once a month. • Machinery and equipment should be equipped with air pollution control equipment that should be monitored regularly to ensure its effective operation. • Avoiding idling time of machinery. • Using dust-suppression methods to reduce emission of particulate matter into the surroundings. • Prohibit dust-generating activities during excessively windy periods. • Vehicle maximum speed limit in work zones should be decreased to 25 km/hr. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential health-related problems • Air quality deterioration 	Project contractors / consultant	Included in the rehabilitation Cost
Acoustic pollution	Vehicle and equipment noise from maintenance activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applying an appropriate schedule for maintenance activities, for instance from 8 am to 4pm, in order to avoid any works that may cause noise and vibration during nighttime • Nighttime activities should be done using noise reducing means or low-noise technologies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health-related problems (i.e. hearing loss, stress, high blood pressure, sleep loss, distraction...) • Wildlife disturbance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor during the first year • Municipalities and MoPWT after the one-year period 	Secured by responsible party
Solid waste and Wastewater Generation	Accidental spills and Generated domestic solid waste and wastewater during maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All refueling and maintenance operations shall take place off-site, vehicles should be fueled up before arriving to the road section • A spill response plan shall be in place and all workers should be trained on its implementation. • Provision of adequate bins for collection and storage of waste material including litterbins and waste skips • Preventing the overfilling of the waste containers placed on the road • Proper disposal of any generated wastewater during maintenance activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Degradation of water and soil quality • Negative implications on public health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor during the first year • Municipalities and MoPWT after the one-year period 	Secured by responsible party

Depletion of Resources					
Biological Resources	Light and noise pollution – negative effect on biodiversity (fauna and flora)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When conducting maintenance activities, a waste management plan must be set to avoid contaminating the nearby streams and affecting the local biodiversity. Moreover, restricting the use of noisy machines, especially near sensitive areas (wooded lands and riparian habitats). • Install silencers to the maintenance machines • Light pollution will increase as lighting poles will be fixed, however, if green lights are to be used, the local fauna will be less disturbed. • Road cross-section must be fixed during the rehabilitation phase to reduce the impact on biodiversity when roads are operational, for example, by flattening side slopes. This makes crossing easier for animals that find roads a physical barrier (WB). Also, providing longer sight lines for drivers is recommended as it can reduce collisions with animals by allowing more reaction time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disturbance of the surrounding environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor during the first year Municipalities and MoPWT after the one-year period 	Secured by responsible party
Resources Consumption	Energy Consumption	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment should be turned off when not in use. • Vehicles should not be allowed to remain idle for long periods. • Recording monthly fuel consumption. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploitation of energy resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project contractors / consultant 	Included in the rehabilitation Cost
Other Impacts					
Health and Safety Hazards	Maintenance related accidents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that during maintenance all employees utilize appropriate personal protective equipment (e.g. hard hats, steel toe boots, respirators) and are well trained on occupational health and safety. • Ensure public safety by informing local citizens of the maintenance activities to be performed provided through the use of media, public announcements, and signage • Signage should be in accordance with international standards and be well known to, and easily understood by workers, visitors and the general public as appropriate • Marking all energized electrical devices and lines with warning signs • Establishing rights-of-way, site speed limits, vehicle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health related impacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor during the first year • Municipalities and MoPWT after the one-year period 	Secured by responsible party

		<p>inspection requirements, operating rules and procedures, and control of traffic patterns or direction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all workers are given proper site-specific instructions on occupational health and safety prior to commencing work. • The Occupational Health and Safety training should consist of hazard awareness and control measures. • The training should ensure proper usage of personal protective equipment (PPE). 			
Social	GBV risks and public complaints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that workers during the maintenance phase sign the CoC that targets GBV risks and penalizes the perpetrators of GBV. • Ensure that GRM mechanism is functional to receive any public concerns throughout this phase 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacts on workers and local community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor during the first year • Municipalities and MoPWT after the one-year period 	Secured by responsible party

7.3 Monitoring Plan

Environmental and social monitoring is one of the most important parts of an efficient and coherent operation of a project. All environmental and social requirements and restrictions from authorities, project owners and local communities are interlinked and form the primary reference for monitoring and evaluation. In other words, monitoring aims to ensure that all project activities undertaken are environmentally and socially sound, while considering the mitigation measures discussed in the previous section.

It does so by defining a clear set of measurable indicators in an attempt to properly evaluate the project's performance from both an environmental and a social aspect. These indicators, also known as Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), can then be used to assess the project's implementation in a timely manner. Consequently, they assist in the early detection of any deviations from the project's goals. It is important to note that the assessment of all proposed measures is vital to ensure their proper implementation and the optimal operation of the project.

This allows the involved parties to take any corrective measures and limit any unsatisfactory performance if such a case arises. It also allows them to accurately communicate the performance of the project with regulators, the public, or other stakeholders.

Monitoring involves the observation, review, and assessment of onsite activities (including parameters) to ensure adherence to regulatory standards and the suggestions made to lessen negative impacts.

7.3.1 Monitoring Plan Implementation

Contractors shall employ qualified environmental and health officers/inspectors responsible for monitoring project activities. Their aim is to ensure that the proposed activities, including the suggested mitigation measures, are properly implemented during the rehabilitation phase. The relevant ministries would also be expected to follow up, if deemed necessary, on the proper implementation and abidance by the relevant laws and regulations.

Monitoring during the operational phase is mainly the responsibility of CDR and any concerned local authorities, namely the relevant municipalities.

The KPIs for this project are listed in Table 7-3.

Table 7-3 Key performance indicators for the monitoring plan

Parameter	Standard/Indicator	Phase
Air quality	Lebanese Stack Emission Standards Lebanese Exhaust Emissions Standards for Vehicles	Rehabilitation and post rehabilitation phase
Occupational health and safety	Number of accidents and working days lost Health and Safety Guidelines Compliance with Lebanese Labor Law	
Public safety	Number of accidents involving public safety	
Noise levels	Lebanese Noise Emission Limits for Outdoor Areas	
Soil and water quality	Compliance with Lebanese Standards for the Discharge of wastewater to sewage network/ surface water	

Others	Labor age, labor wage, percentage of women in labor, work injuries, code of conduct trainings, number of grievances (internal and/or external)	
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The monitoring requirements associated with the management strategies which should be implemented during rehabilitation and operation are outlined in Table 7-4 and 7-5

Table 7-4 Environmental Monitoring Plan in Rehabilitation Phase

Impact	Parameters to Monitor	Frequency	Monitoring Location	Monitoring Method	Standard/Guidelines National/International	Institutional Follow-up	Approximate Cost (USD/year)
Air Emissions/GHG/Dust	PM2.5-10, SO _x , NO _x , O ₃ , CO, Total Suspended Particles (TSP)	Testing once during the project life and weekly inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction vehicles exhaust Around rehabilitation site for dust 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single point sampling (at one quarter the diameter across the stack/source) Visual opacity measurement (smoke inspection) 	Particulate Matter (PM _{<10}) 80 µg/m ³ Sulfur dioxide (SO ₂) 120 µg/m ³ Nitrogen dioxide (NO ₂) 150 µg/m ³	CDR	104,000 (2000 per test)
Noise	Noise levels (Lmin, Lmax, and Leq)	Monthly during noisy operation	Around the rehabilitation site, especially near loud machinery and major rehabilitation activities	One sample per location (near sensitive receptors)	Refer to Table 2-7	CDR	Included in rehabilitation Cost
WW Generation	pH, Temperature: max, BOD, COD, Sulfate, Fecal Coliform, Total Coliform, Suspended solids, Oil and grease	Before commencement of work and bi-annually	Sediment trap at downstream assigned for contaminated stormwater runoff	Two samples at effluent of chosen sediment trap	pH: 6-9 Temperature: max 30 °C BOD: 25 mg/L COD: 125 mg/L Sulfate: 1 mg/L Fecal Coliform: 0 CFU/100ml Total Coliform: 0CFU/100ml at 37 ⁰ C Suspended solids: 60 mg/L Oil and grease: 50 mg/L	CDR	600

Impact	Parameters to Monitor	Frequency	Monitoring Location	Monitoring Method	Standard/Guidelines National/International	Institutional Follow-up	Approximate Cost (USD/year)
	Domestic-like wastewater	Daily	Polyethylene storage tank (in case portacabin toilet is not linked to WW network)	Visual inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prohibit leaks from tank Prohibit overfilling of tank 	CDR	Included in rehabilitation Cost
Accidental Releases	Number of spills/leaks (of lubricants, oil, fuel, or other chemicals)	Weekly	Around the rehabilitation site, especially near equipment, material, and storage tanks	Visual inspection	N.A.	CDR	Included in rehabilitation Cost
Energy Resources	Fuel consumption rates	Monthly	At fuel storage tanks area	Respective to fuel consumed	N.A.	CDR	Included in rehabilitation Cost
Biological Resources	Ecological audit for particular biotopes	Weekly	Riparian habitats near water channels and streams	Samples and photos per location and GPS point	N.A.	CDR	Included in rehabilitation Cost
GBV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Code of conduct trainings Signed forms Dates of training 	Bi-annually	At training locations	Respective to the amounts of trainings conducted	N.A.	CDR	Included in rehabilitation Cost
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GBV-related internal grievances 	Monthly	At each rehabilitation zone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Received complaints and GRM records 	N.A.	CDR	Included in rehabilitation Cost
OHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total number of work injuries OHS-related internal grievances 	Continuously	At each rehabilitation zone	Visual inspection Employee records	N.A.	CDR	Included in rehabilitation Cost

Impact	Parameters to Monitor	Frequency	Monitoring Location	Monitoring Method	Standard/Guidelines National/International	Institutional Follow-up	Approximate Cost (USD/year)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OHS-related trainings 						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual field inspections Verbal complaints by workers Ensure use of PPE 	Continuously	Around rehabilitation site and used roads	Continuous visual inspection	N.A.	CDR	Included in rehabilitation Cost
Social Tensions and Conflicts over Job-Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of related grievances Percentage of workers (based on gender, nationality) 	Monthly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Around the rehabilitation sites Employee records 	Received complaints and records	N.A.	CDR	-
Obstructing Access to Amenities	Type, location, and duration of amenity to which access was obstructed	Daily	At rehabilitation sites	Visual inspection	N.A.	CDR	Included in rehabilitation Cost
Working conditions	Labor's wages	Monthly	Laborers' contracts	Workers complaints records Labor law verification	N.A.	CDR	-
Child labor	Labor's age	Monthly	Laborers' records/ files	Labor registry and age verification Labor law verification	N.A.	CDR	-

Impact	Parameters to Monitor	Frequency	Monitoring Location	Monitoring Method	Standard/Guidelines National/International	Institutional Follow-up	Approximate Cost (USD/year)
Underemployment of Women	Percentage of female employees in workforce	Bi-annually	Laborers' records/ files	Labor registry	N.A.	CDR	-
Other Grievances	Internal and external grievance reports	Weekly or upon grievance occurrence	At each rehabilitation zone	Complaints records	N.A.	CDR	Included in rehabilitation Cost
Visual intrusion	Dust pollution (opacity)	Daily	At dust generating activities	Several photographs per location + opacity measurement	N.A.	CDR	Included in rehabilitation Cost
Damage to existing infrastructure	Type, size, and number of damaged infrastructure entities	Daily	Around the rehabilitation site.	Visual inspection	N.A.	CDR	-

Table 7-5 Environmental Monitoring Plan in Operation Phase

Impacts	Parameters to Monitor	Frequency	Monitoring Location	Monitoring Method	Standard/Guidelines National/International	Approximate Cost (USD/year)
Noise	Noise levels (Lmin, Lmax, and Leq)	Bi-annually or upon complaints	Along the two concerned roads near sensitive receptors and complainers	One sample per location	Refer to Table 2-7	Included in rehabilitation Cost
WW Generation	Leakages, spillages, improper discharges, etc.	Annually	Upon maintenance routine, at wastewater piping system	Visual Inspection	N.A.	Included in rehabilitation Cost
Social Satisfaction	External complaints or grievances	Bi-annually or upon complaints	Along the two concerned roads	Received complaints and records	N.A.	Included in rehabilitation Cost
Road Safety	Accidents: number, dates, frequency, and causes	Annually	Along the two concerned roads	Visual inspection (of accident logs containing the mentioned data)	N.A.	Included in rehabilitation Cost

7.3.2 Documentation and Reporting

Monitoring yields lots of data regarding project performance. As a result, proper documentation is necessary for two reasons: first to prepare and send performance reports to the concerned parties and second to analyze the acquired data and implement changes when necessary. In this context, monitoring reports will take place as described below.

- Contractor's Health and Safety officers submit compliance reports to the Environmental Supervision Consultants on a monthly basis.
- The Environmental Supervision Consultants review and approve contractor reports and submit them to PIU on a monthly basis.
- PIU submits environmental/social progress as part of their quarterly project progress reports to the WB on a quarterly basis.
- In case of severe incidents (eg. Fatality on-site), immediate reporting within 24 hours to CDR and within 48 hours to the WB must be done.

7.3.3 Guidelines for Health and Safety Plan during Rehabilitation

An effective Occupational Health and Safety Plan, in line with World Bank guidelines, for rehabilitation be submitted by the Contractor and approved by the appointed supervising Consultant prior commencement of works. The plan should include at least the following components:

- Proper signage in and around the sites (local language to be understood by all);
- Fire response and spill response measures;
- Proper storage and signage of materials including Material Safety Data Sheets;
- Safety measures according to type of equipment;
- Train workers on lifting and material handling techniques;
- Plan work site layout to reduce the need for manual transfer of heavy objects,
- Personal safety equipment;
- Medical services which includes first aid kits;
- Mobile sanitary facilities;
- Safe drinking water in accordance with regulations.

In addition, the plan should also incorporate all of the previously mentioned measures stated in section **Error! Reference source not found.** which address in great detail OHS and PHS measures. All rehabilitation staff should be trained on the Health & Safety Plan and the specific safety measures related to their own activities.

8. Consultation, Disclosure and GRM

8.1 Public Consultation

Project-affected groups, mainly municipalities and NGOs were consulted on the project's environmental and social aspects.

Three public participation meetings were arranged for Kesrouane Caza. The first public participation meeting was held at the Municipality of Jounieh on Thursday December 12 addressing all Kesrouane roads. However, given the circumstances in the Country (revolution started in October 17, 2019 and roads were obstructed), only 10 persons attended the meeting. In this context, two additional public meetings were set for Kesrouane caza. The first meeting was held in Kfour Municipality on Friday December 27 addressing Kesrouane R2a and R2c, whereas the second meeting was held at Kfardebiane Municipality on Friday January 3, 2019 addressing Kesrouane R2b and R7. During the meetings, attendees were informed about the project objectives, Project Design, the identified natural, economic, and social resources of importance in the area, the project's possible environmental and social risks, and the planned mitigation measures.

Invitations were sent by the consultant on behalf of CDR to concerned municipalities and NGOs through official letters, emails and direct phone calls. The invitation letter that was sent to the concerned stakeholders is attached in Annex 4. Invitations were sent at least one week (between one and two weeks) prior to the public participation meeting.

During the public participation, project details and design, impacts and mitigation measures were presented in a 35-minute presentation (see more details in Annex 4), which has followed by an open discussion with the attendees. In particular, the consultant informed the attendees about the project objectives, the identified natural, economic, and social resources of importance in the area, the project's possible environmental and social risks, and the planned mitigation measures.

The main attendees of the meeting were namely the heads of concerned municipalities, citizens and relevant NGOs (refer to the lists of attendees in Annex 4). The number of attendees at Kfour was 27, of which 9 were women. At Kfardebiane, the total number of attendees was 18, of which 5 were women.

As for NGOs Consultation, this ESMP has targeted them according to their position in Lebanon. They consist of two levels as follows:

- a) Local NGOs: they are specific to each Caza. Their mission is to address different concerns and issues among the local society including social, economic, gender equality, environment, poverty, women empowerment, etc.

Local NGOs were invited to the public hearings. Table 8-1 represents the name of the invited NGOs and their field of activity. Those local NGOs may play a role of advocates to reduce projects' social and environmental risks.

Table 8-1 List of Contacted Local NGOs

Organization	Phone Number	Activities
Women in Front	04-521096	Created in 2012, "Women in Front" aims at empowering women and increasing their participation in political and public life
Les Scouts du Liban (SDL), Kfardebian	76-102937	Spread throughout Lebanon, SDL is generally composed of groups from the local community and for the local community. Their various activities allow the young volunteers to explore their community and help the locals around them.
Amel Association	01-317293	Since its creation, in 1979, Amel has opened field hospitals, maternities, development and medical centers in addition to cooperatives in several areas, regardless of their political or religious affiliations. As part of its support to refugees program, it provides humanitarian aid to refugee communities, irrelevant of nationality, across the entire country.
Frontiers' Rights (Rouwad Houkook)	01-383556	Ruwad was founded in 2014 after long years of advocacy work launched by its activists in 1999. The association defends the fundamental rights of marginalized groups in Lebanon, focusing on three areas: statelessness, right to asylum, and right to personal freedom, safety and non-refoulement (non-forced return to home country).

b) International NGOs: they are covering the whole country and their consultation will be applied to all the ESMPs of the REP. They provide relief and developmental aid to many developing countries. They support the society in responding to crises and helps people whose lives and livelihoods are shattered by conflict and disaster to survive, recover and gain control of their future. When the crisis in Syria erupted in early 2011, numerous International NGOs responded to the humanitarian crisis and worked directly with the Syrian in Lebanon by providing aid and responding to their critical situation.

This ESMP consulted International NGOs (see Table 8-2) to inform them about the Project, disseminate it, ask them to circulate its impacts and activities among Syrian and tell them that they can inquire about additional information and/or submit a complaint (if any) by contacting the Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) Unit on 01980096 ext:317 or send an Email to rstephan@cdr.gov.lb or register by hand an official letter at the CDR .

In Kesrouane Caza, the total number of registered Syrian is 16,326 individuals (UNHCR, 2017). They were contacted through the International NGOs to seek their feedback about the Project. Accordingly, this ESMP did not receive any concern about the Project.

Table 8-2: Consulted International NGOs and their Activities

NGO Name	Contacts	Intervention Sector(s)	Comments
ANERA Lebanon	Mrs. Dima Zayat Deputy Country Director T: 01382590 (ext: 105) M: 70051813 E: dzayat@aneralebanon.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children & Youth • Development • Education • Relief Services • Water sanitation and hygiene 	Mrs. Zayat received the Project information sheet and explained that recently Anera operations in Lebanon have grown substantially to cope

			with the Syrian crisis. they have six offices throughout Lebanon. She welcomed the idea of the Project and will disseminate it across her organization.
ACTED	Mr. Jack French Deputy Country Director T: 01324331 M: 79160375 E: jack.french@acted.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development • Infrastructure & Services Rehabilitation • Labor & Livelihoods • Shelter • Water sanitation and hygiene 	Mr. French received the Project information sheet and explained that ACTED is working with Syrian in Beirut and northern districts of Mount Lebanon (Baabda, Metn, Keserwane and Jbeil), as well as in Akkar District. He welcomed the idea of the Project and will disseminate it across his organization.
Danish Refugee Council (DRC)	Mr. Rickard Hartmann Country Director T: 01339052 (ext: 201) E: rickard.hartmann@drc.ngo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Assistance • Protection • Shelter • Community Empowerment and Livelihoods 	Mr. Hartmann Mr. French received the Project information sheet and explained that DRC is working with Syrian on many sectors in different locations across Lebanon including Beirut, Tripoli, Kobayat and Zahle. He welcomed the idea of the Project and will disseminate it across his organization.

8.2 Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)

The project will include a project-wide GRM that will register and address grievances and complaints from individuals and households who are affected by the project. Anonymous

grievances will be addressed in both GRMs for communities and workers. The maximum anticipated time needed to close a GRM case is 45 days.

8.2.1 GRM for Surrounding Communities

The primary purpose of the GRM will be to provide clear and accountable means for project beneficiaries and affected persons to raise concerns of possible tensions and feelings of exclusion and complaints and seek solutions when they believe they have been harmed by the project. As such, the GRM will allow citizens to directly voice concerns or grievances to the implementing agency and ensure that these concerns are responded to and addressed in a timely manner.

The key objectives of the GRM are:

- Record, categorize and prioritize the grievances;
- Resolve the grievances via consultation with all stakeholders (and notify those stakeholders of the resolutions)
- Relay any unresolved cases to the relevant authority.

The GRM will be accessible to all relevant stakeholders who can use this mechanism to send their suggestions, concerns and complaints related to the project. The complaints, suggestions and concerns can be sent by email, mail, phone (through a hotline), in person and other means such as a grievance compliant logging sheet where grievances are registered in writing and maintained as a database. The phone number, e-mail address, and address for receiving complaints will be disclosed among the population and will be posted at the rehabilitation sites in Kesrouane Caza, before commencement of project implementation. Moreover, the information on how to access the GRM should be available through billboards, CDR website, etc.

The GRM levels of the project are the following (Figure 8-1):

Level 1: If any person has any complaint, concern or suggestion regarding the project implementation, he or she can lodge an oral or written grievance through e-mail (GRM.REP@cdr.gov.lb), phone call or text message (01980096 ext:317), or website link (<http://www.cdr.gov.lb/study/RoadsEmp/RoadsEmp.htm>) to the site engineer or manager of the roads to be rehabilitated in Kesrouane Caza. In case an oral complaint is made, it should be written on paper by the receiving unit. The above issue will be resolved within a maximum duration of one week.

Level 2: If the person is not satisfied with the action of the site manager's Office, he or she can bring the complaint to the attention of the Social Specialist of the PIU for the project. The issue shall be resolved within a maximum of two weeks.

Level 3: If the person is not satisfied with the decision of the Social Specialist of PIU, he or she can bring the complaint to the attention of the PIU Director's Office. Once the PIU Director receives the complaint, it needs to be resolved within a maximum of two weeks.

Meanwhile, it is recommended that the aggrieved party is consulted and be informed of the course of action being taken, and when a result may be expected.

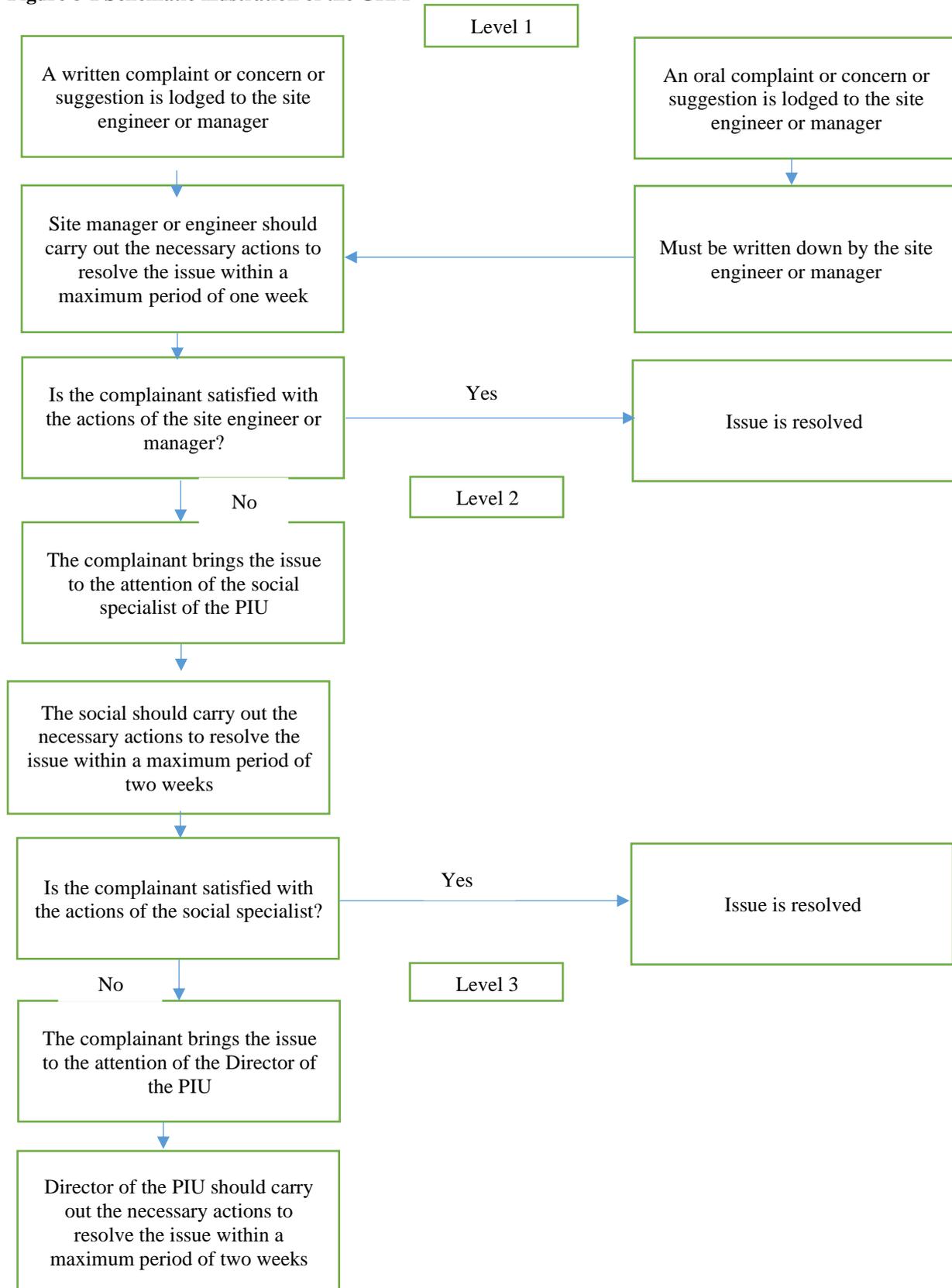
Moreover, reporting of the complaints to the PIU should be done regularly. The designated person at each level should report to the PIU on the number and subject of new complaints received, and the status of the already existing complaints, if any. The report should also inform the PIU of complaints that could not be resolved at the lower levels and are being elevated to the PIU Director's attention. The PIU aggregates information received into a status report each quarter, indicating the number and subject of complaints. The quarterly status report also provides up-to-date information on the number and subject of complaints that have been resolved, and the manner in which they have been resolved. This information will be shared with the Bank.

The Complaints Register form (refer to Annex 5) includes the following:

- i) details and nature of the complaint
- ii) the complainant name and their contact details
- iii) date
- iv) Corrective actions taken in response to the complaint.

The GRM does not exclude the formal legal process of the national law. If a grievance remains unresolved following application of the project GRM process, the affected person can initiate legal proceedings in accordance with national law and may have recourse to the Appeals Court as warranted.

Figure 8-1 Schematic illustration of the GRM



8.2.2 GRM for Workers

Similar to the GRM for surrounding communities, a GRM for internal employees, namely the labors onsite is also necessary. It aims to allow labors to report any wrongdoings in their favor or important concerns they might have. This internal GRM is similar in nature to the one previously discussed (in terms of accessibility, reporting means, etc...). The only main difference is the contact people for each level. In this context, the first level involves reporting to the health and safety officer and has a duration of one week. The second level involves reporting to the PIU Director and should be resolved within one weeks. It also follows the Complaints Register form (refer to Annex 5).

9. Conclusion

The ESMP identified and assessed the potential environmental and social impacts of REP and consulted relevant stakeholders when preparing the management plan.

In specific this ESMP report addresses four selected roads for rehabilitation in Kesrouane with a total length of around 32.63 km. Activities to be performed include pavement works (complete reconstruction when needed and milling and overlay for roads that are in better condition); improvement and installation of drainage facilities, construction of retaining walls and installation of safety barriers, marking and signing. The rehabilitation works for Kesrouane roads will involve 176 workers and require a total of 18 months.

Road rehabilitation activities are expected to incur environmental impacts that are similar among all Kesrouane roads. Common impacts include fugitive dust emissions, increase in noise, contamination of water quality, disruption to traffic movement, potential damages to existing utilities, and disturbance of local biodiversity. Once roads are rehabilitated, the project is expected to improve drainage systems (less runoff water), road safety conditions, reduce traffic accidents and traffic congestion, and ultimately enhance livelihood opportunities. On the other hand, the main expected environmental impacts on water and soil could result from maintenance activities if not managed properly during the “**Defects Liability Period**” during which the Contractor is responsible for maintenance activities.

In this context the contractor must implement proper waste and safety plans and all the environmental mitigation measures provided in this ESMP.

A proper management plan was provided for specific concerns regarding the roads in Kesrouane. The plan includes measures to control exhaust emissions, dust and odor emissions, and soil manipulation activities during the rehabilitation phase. Moreover, proper measures and guidelines on the control of accidental spills of construction material were provided to prevent soil contamination. Any accidental spillage of wastewater onto open ground can easily infiltrate the karstic limestone and is highly likely to pollute water present in the subsurface. Moreover, any discharge of wastewater into the winter channels will mainly lead to adverse impacts to the downstream “Wadi Tabarja”, “Wadi Ghazir”, Ibrahim River (R2a, R2c), to “Wadi Jounieh” (R2b) and to “El Kaleb” river (Kesrouane R7). Regarding biodiversity, recommendations are provided to guide the project contractor in reducing the negative impacts on natural habitats and biodiversity. Although the concerned roads are mainly under anthropogenic influences, contractors must be careful during the rehabilitation work so that the direct impacts (direct destruction) on ecosystems and associated fauna would be minimal. Waste management plan must be adopted to avoid soil and water contamination that could have irreversible impacts on biodiversity. More specifically, rehabilitation debris should not be dumped into the natural habitat (e.g. streams and water channels encountered in Kesrouane Caza along the studied roads).

The social risks of the project include potential risk of labor induced SH towards female workers and SEA towards women in the surrounding community, potential risk of child labor and poor labor conditions; unfair job allocation; underemployment of women; traffic disturbance; and provisional obstruction of access routes to sensitive receptors specifically,

residential units and churches along Kesrouane R2a. In this context, the ESMP provided measures to mitigate these risks through periodic monitoring of labor conditions, specific required clauses within contracts that aim to protect workers, and the CoC for GBV issues. In addition, a robust GRM must be clearly communicated to all project-affected persons before and during project implementation.

Moreover, a monitoring plan was set along with defined responsibilities for the operationalization of the ESMP. In other words, the ESMP generated key project indicators to monitor project implementation success. It is designed to guarantee effectiveness in the measurement of major project outcomes and outputs based on measurable indicators.

Lastly, a Construction Environmental and Social Management Plan must be prepared once the contractors are appointed. This CESMP must account as well for the recommendations and guidelines provided within this ESMP to ensure protection of the surrounding environment and the society.

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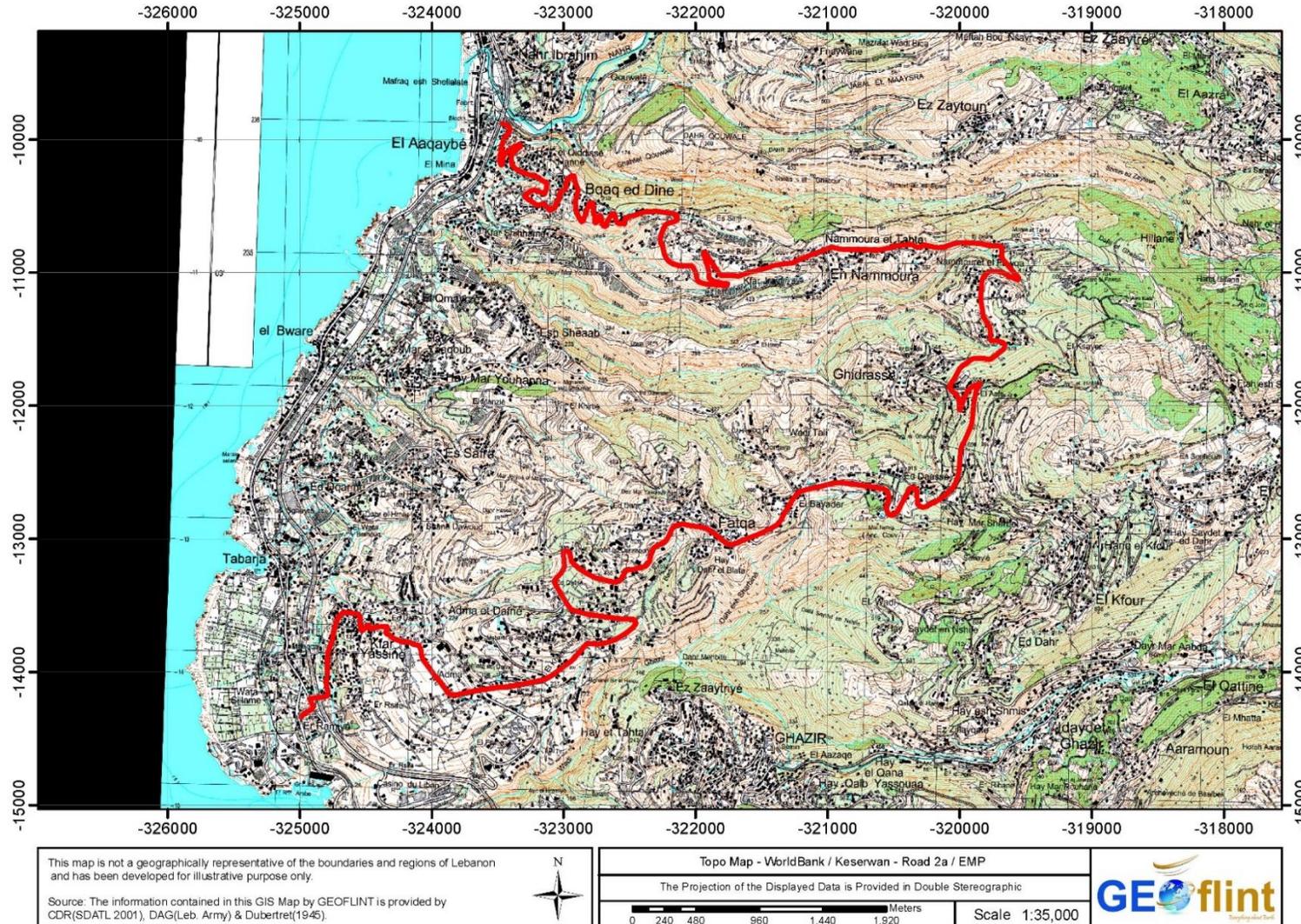
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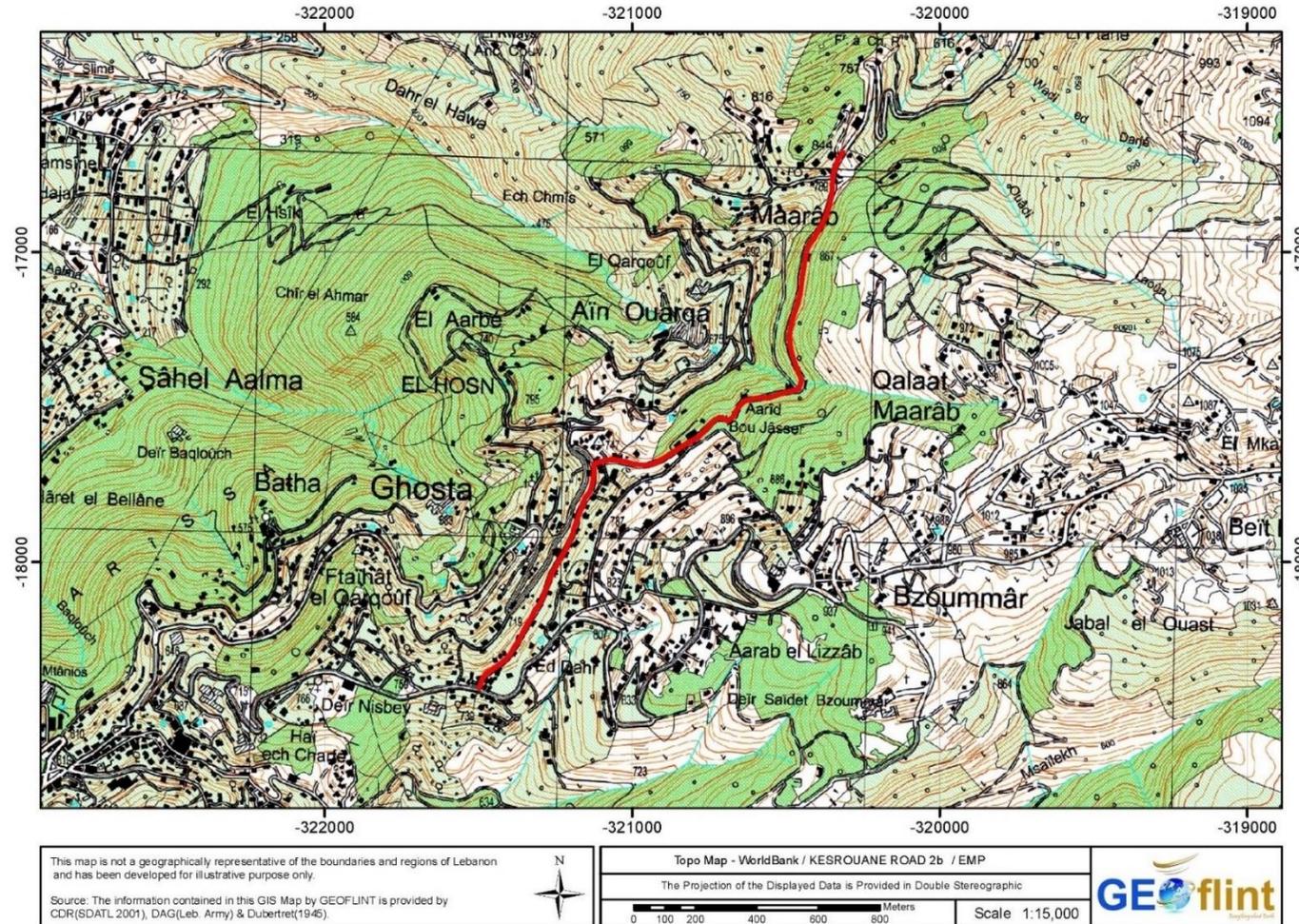
Annex 1: Figures and Tables Related to Chapter 4

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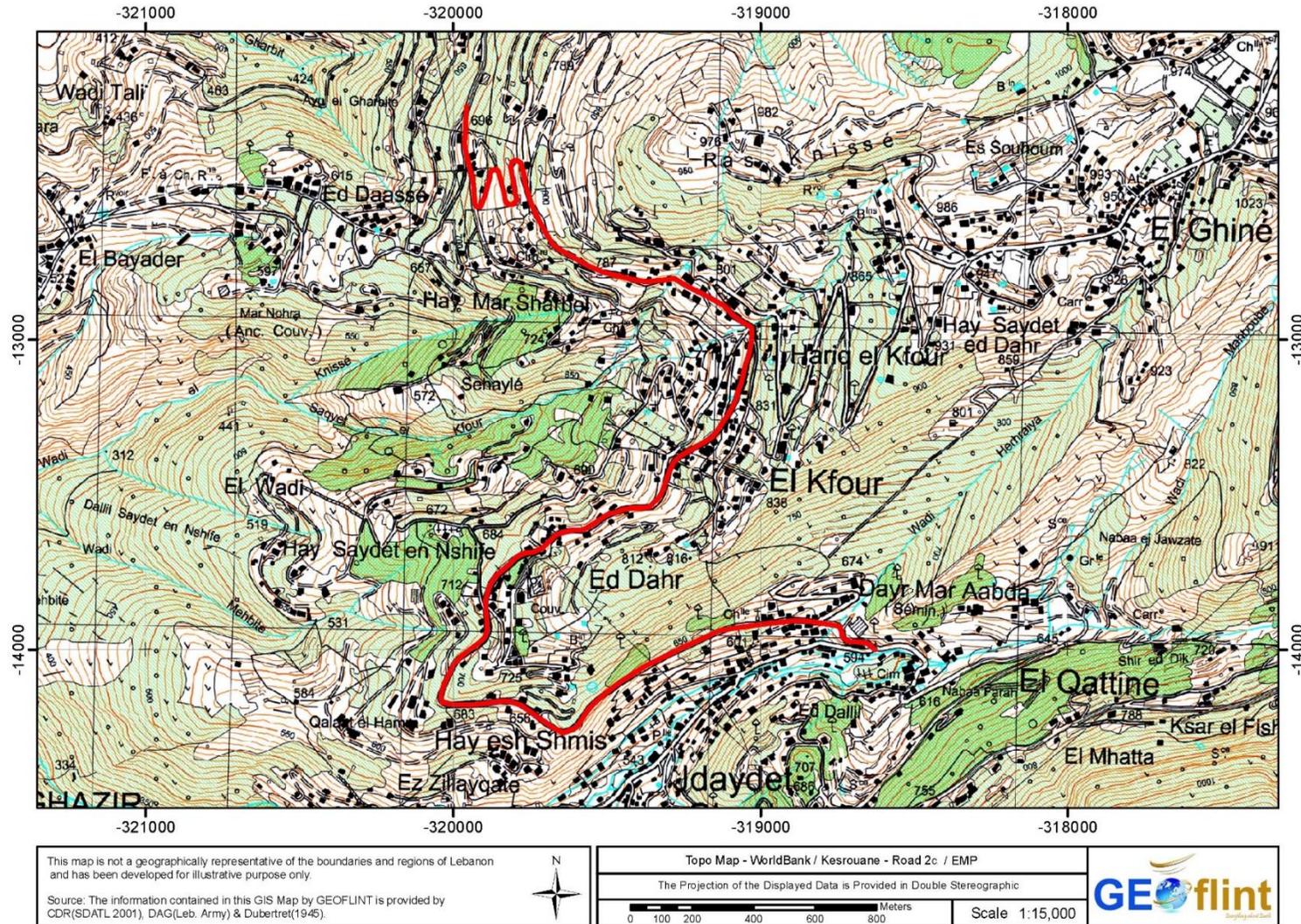
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Figure B Elevation contour lines for Kesrouane R2b and its surrounding



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Figure C Elevation contour lines for Kesrouane R2c and its surrounding



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Figure D Elevation contour lines for Kesrouane R7 and its surrounding

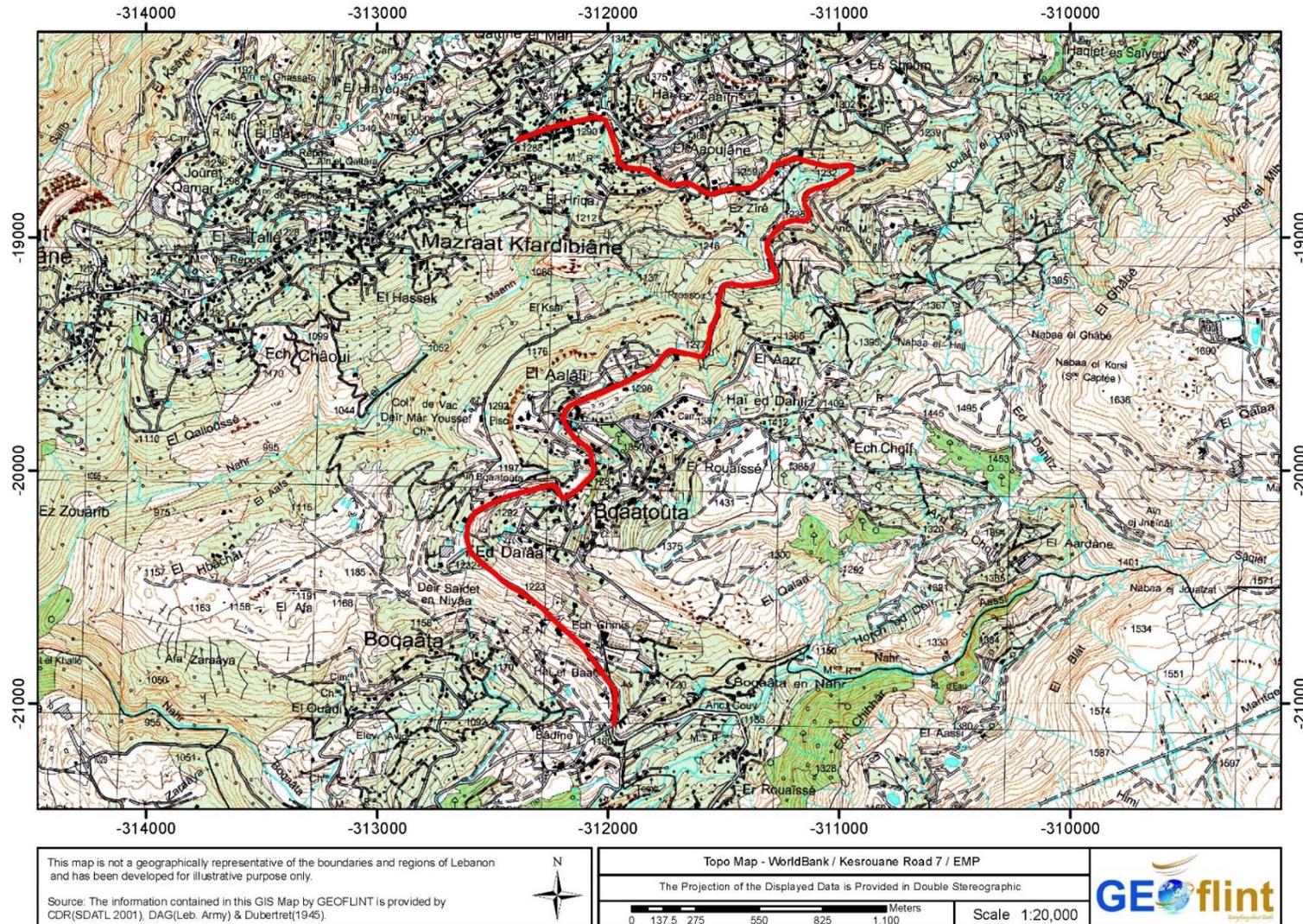
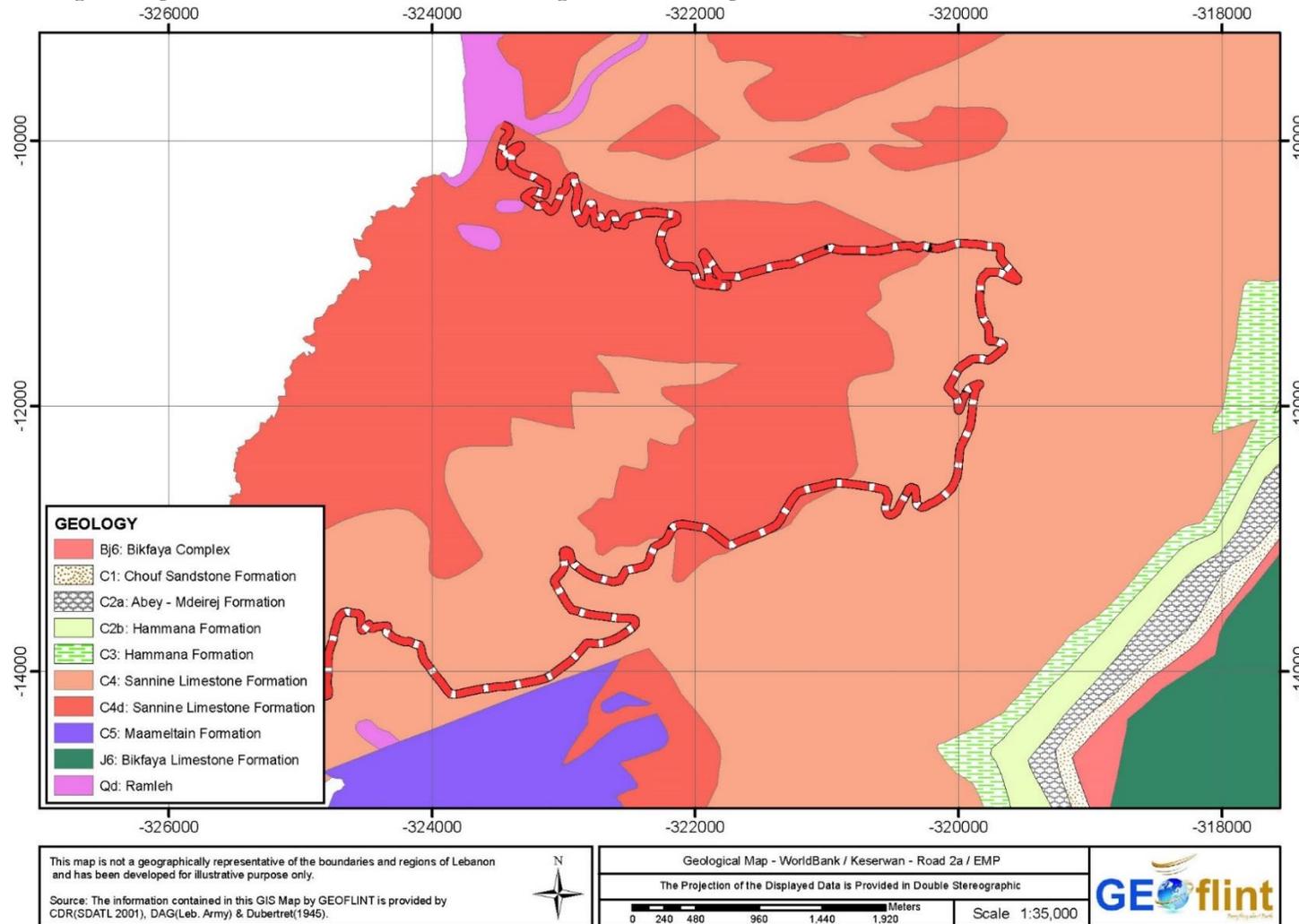
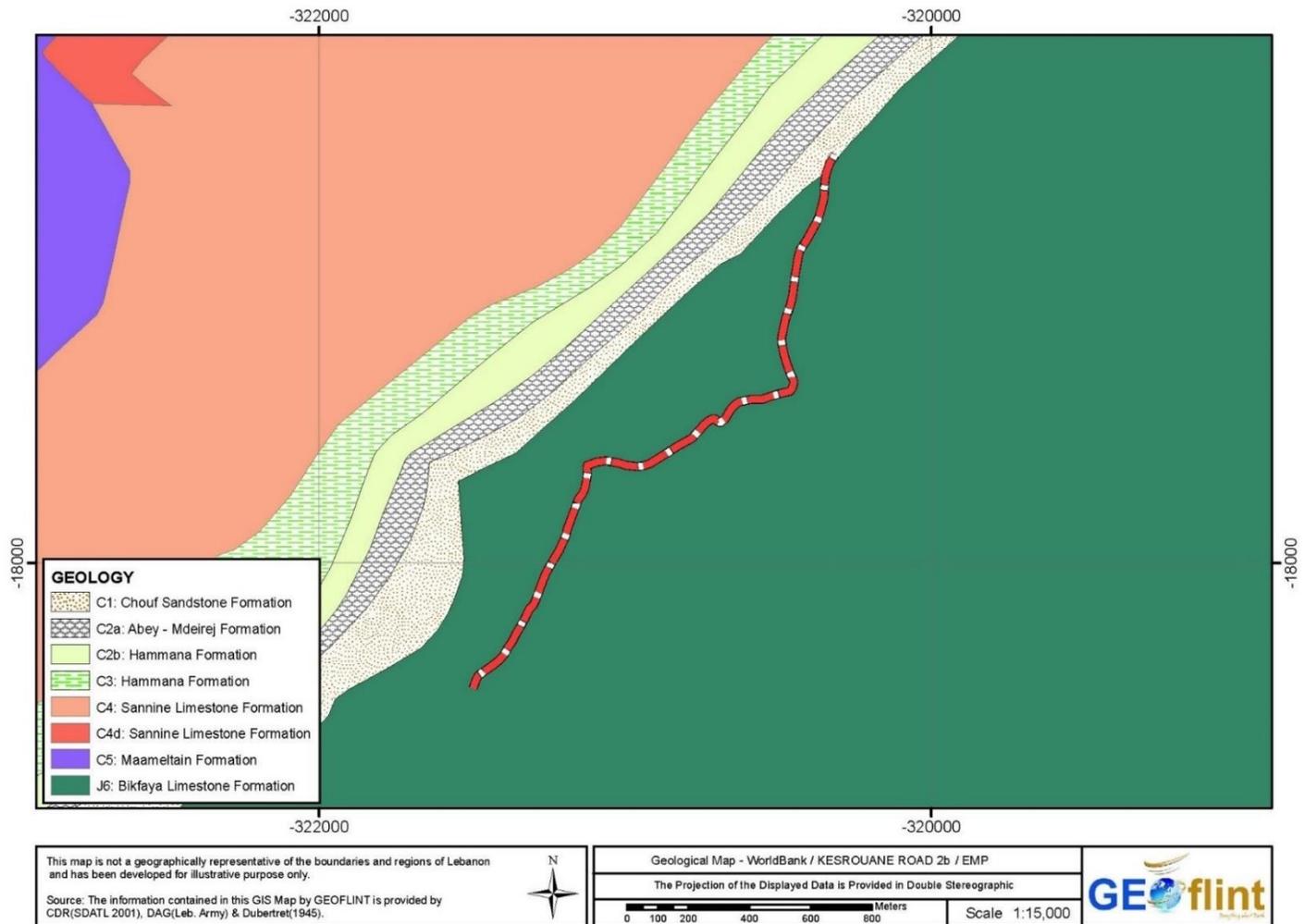


Figure E General Geological map of Kesrouane R2a and its surrounding (surface outcrops)



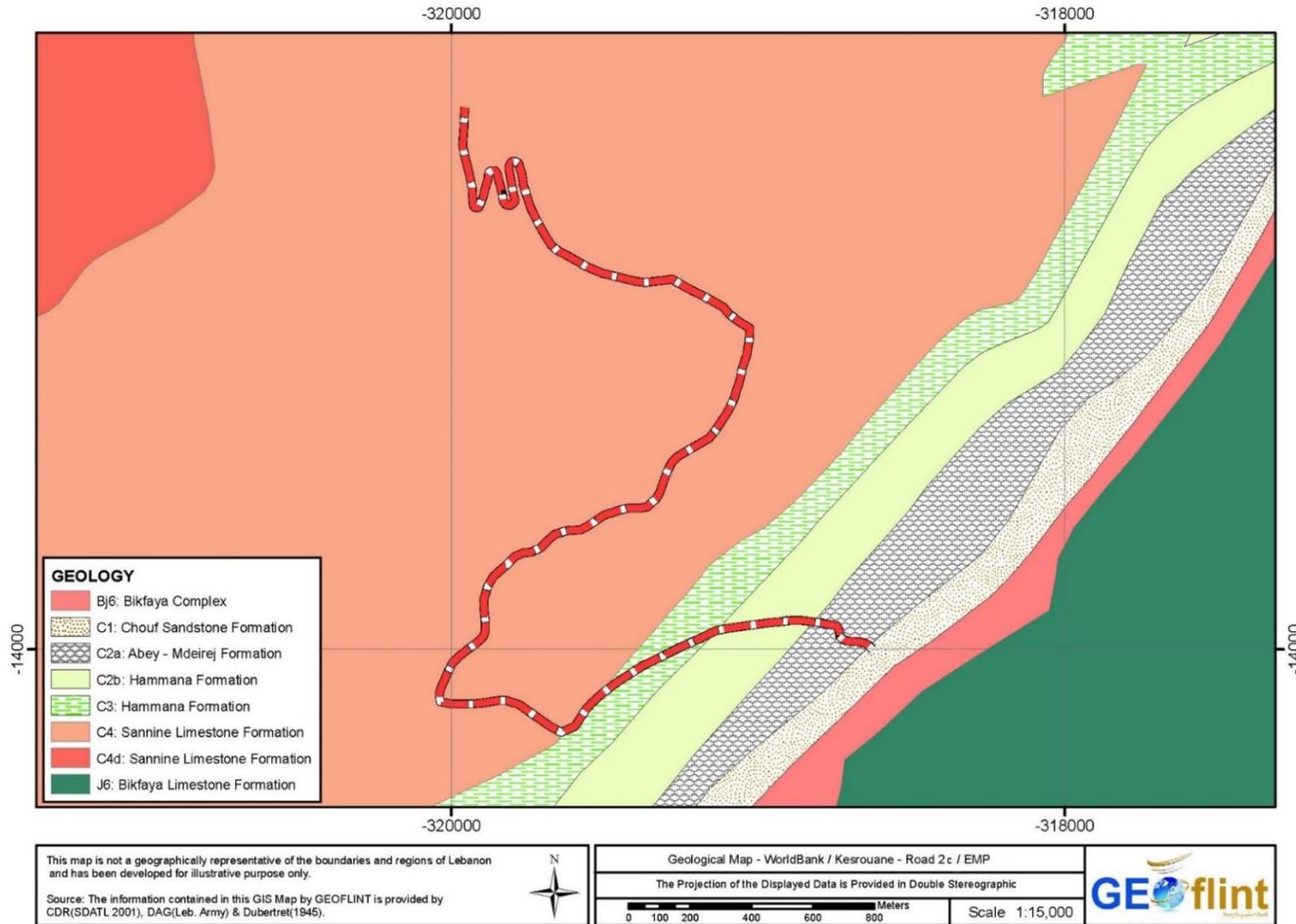
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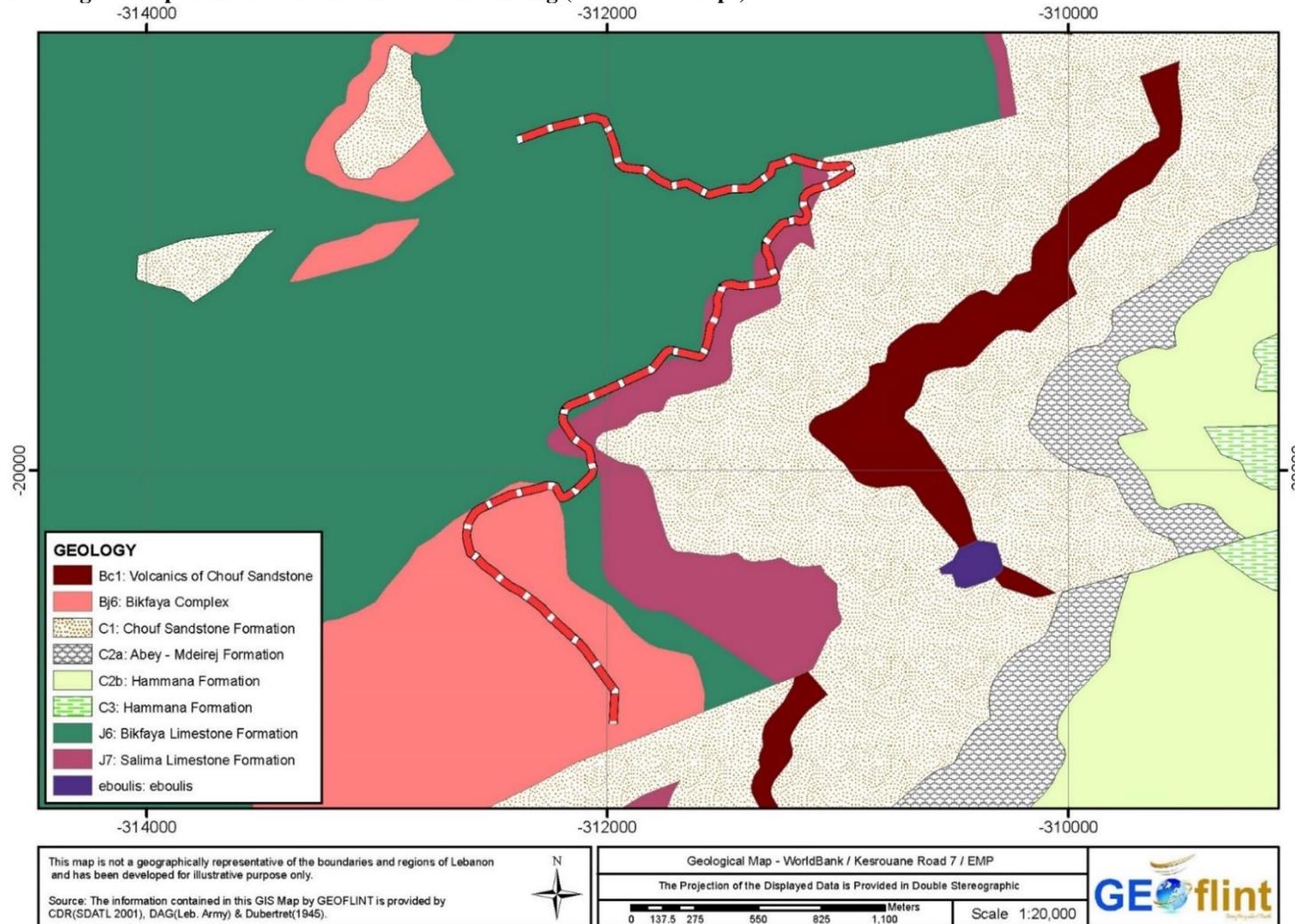
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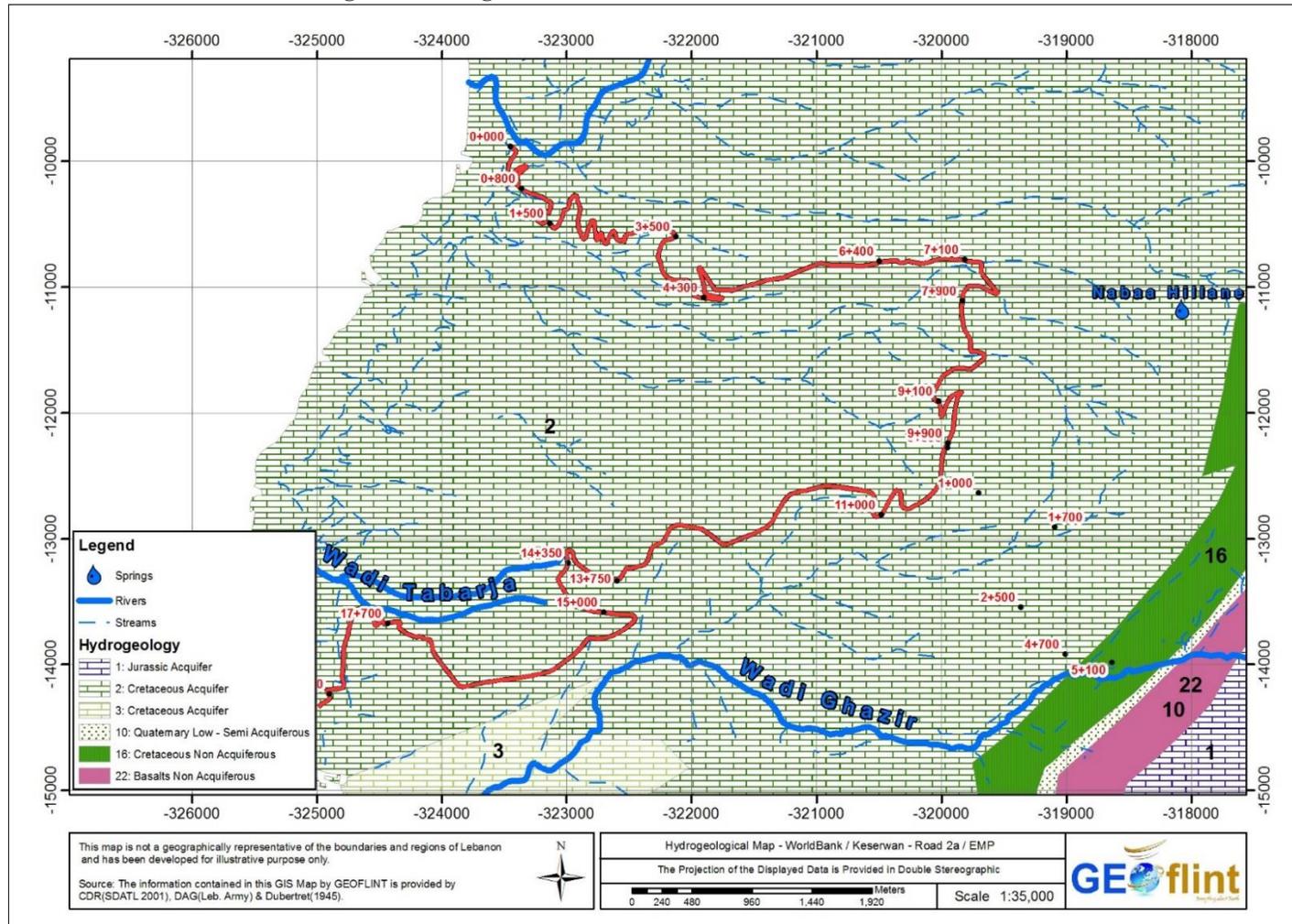
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Figure H General Geological map of Kesrouane R7 and its surrounding (surface outcrops)



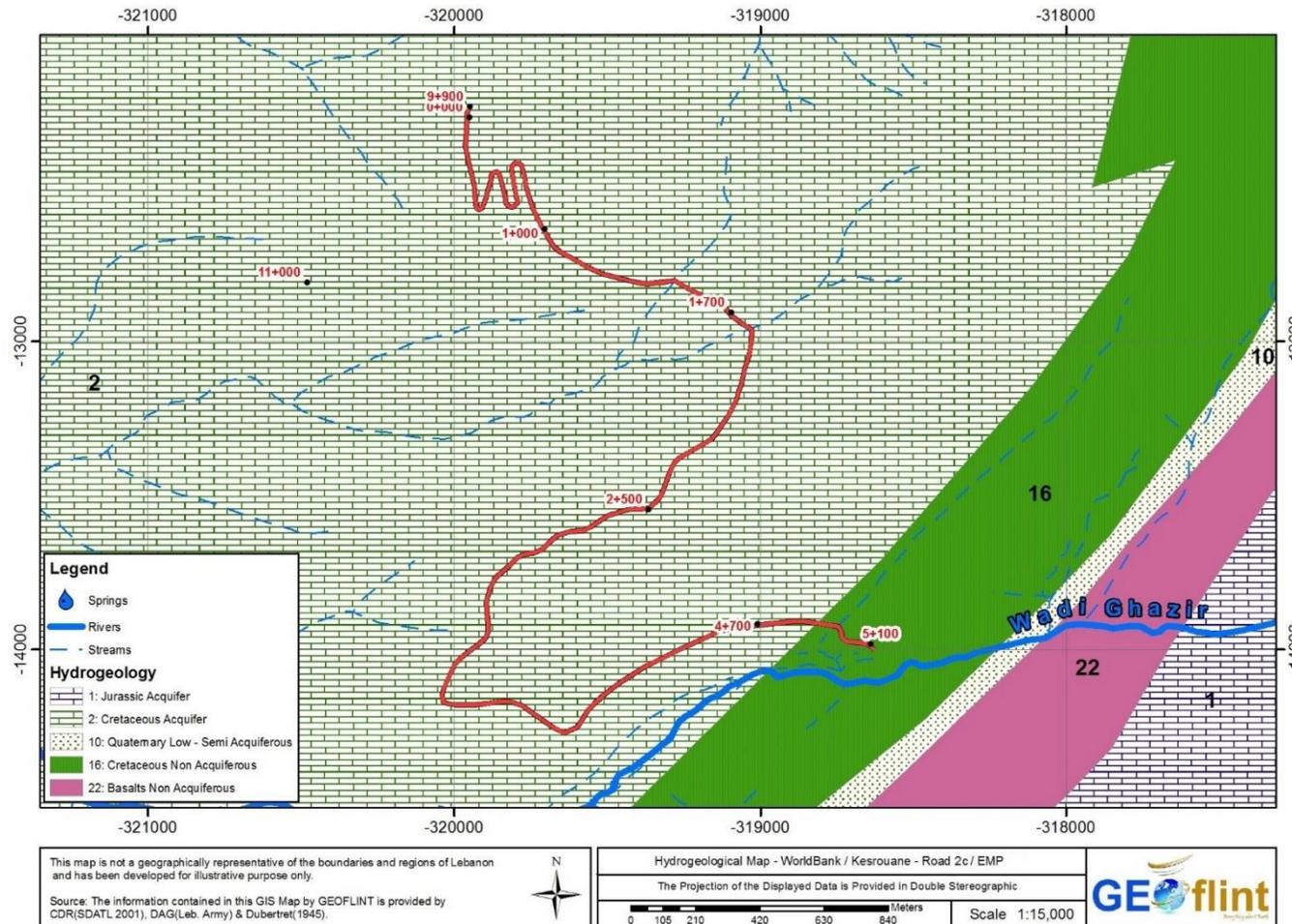
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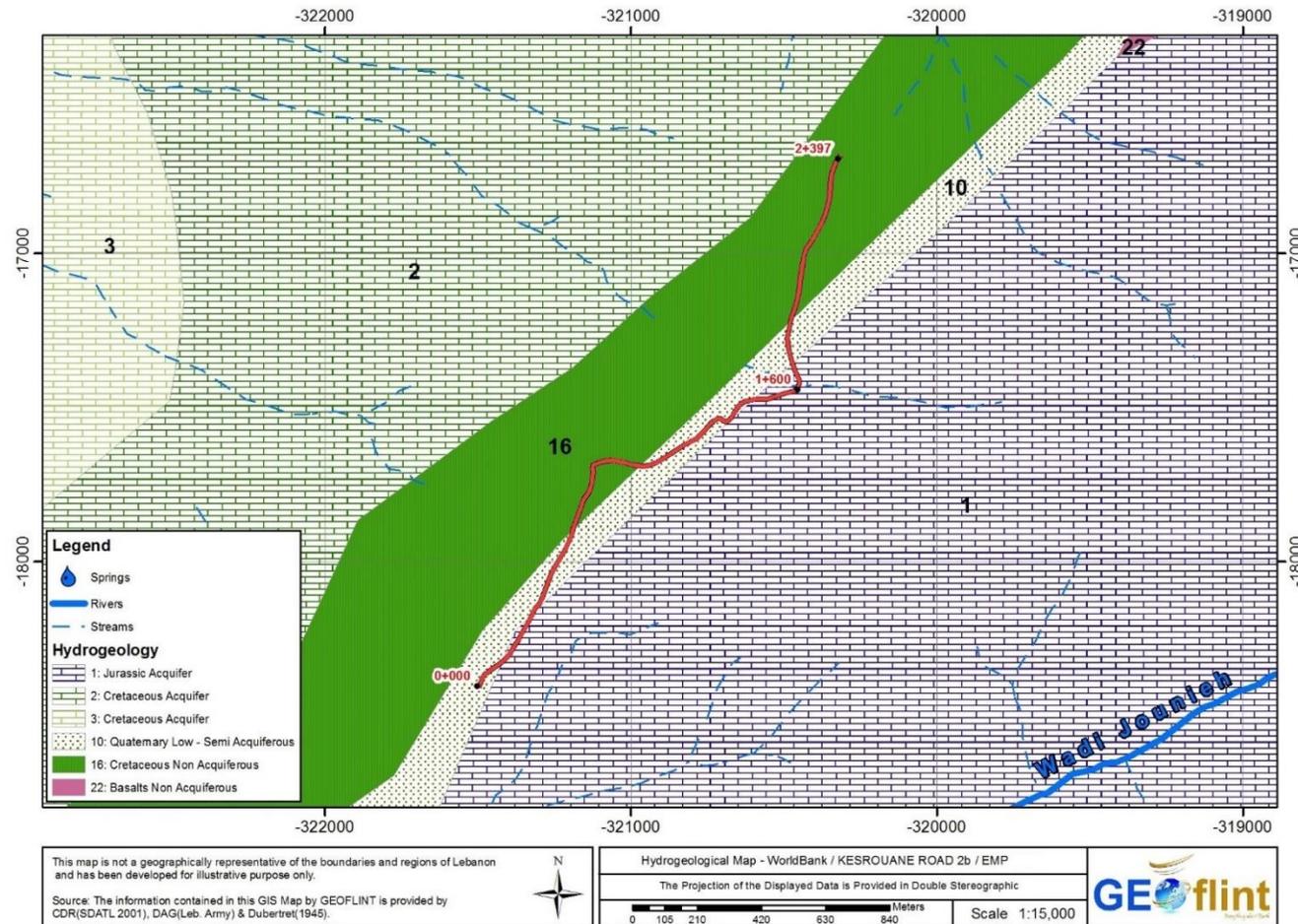
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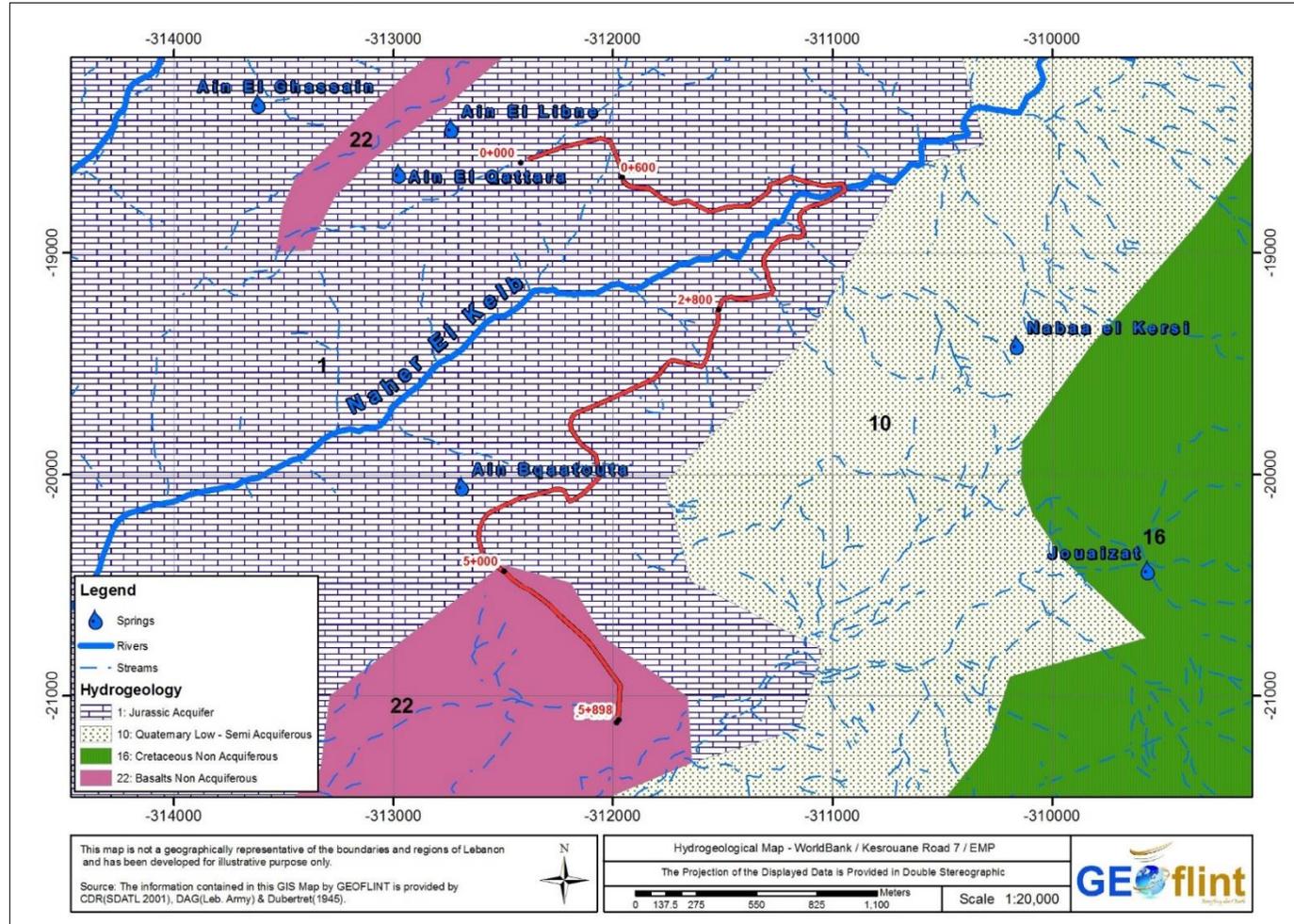
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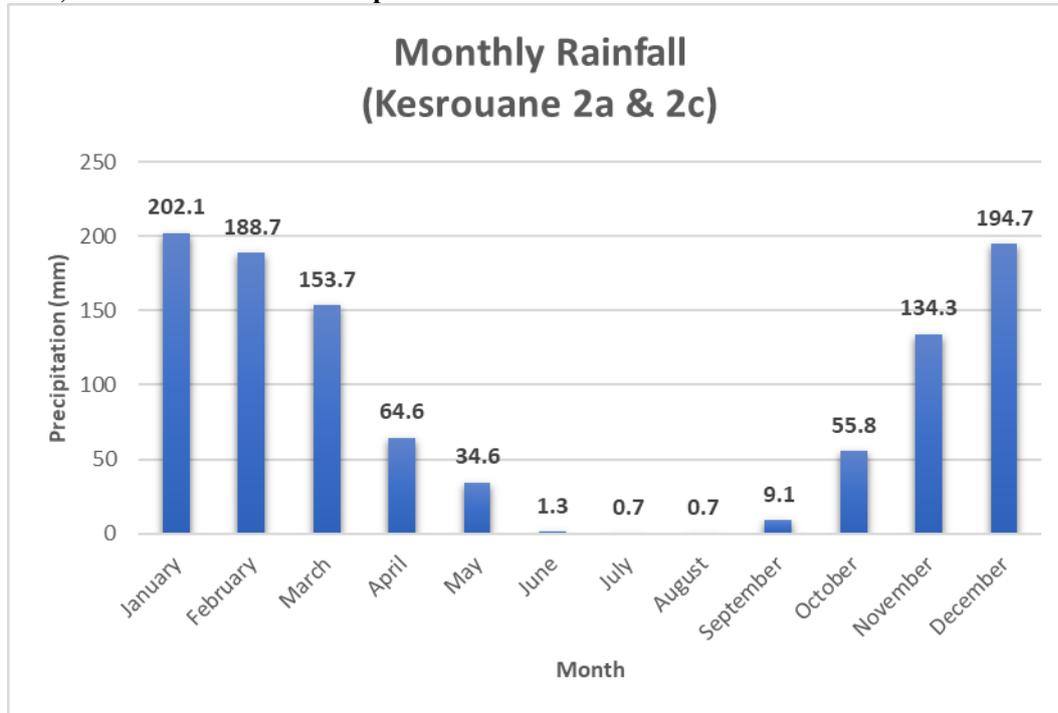
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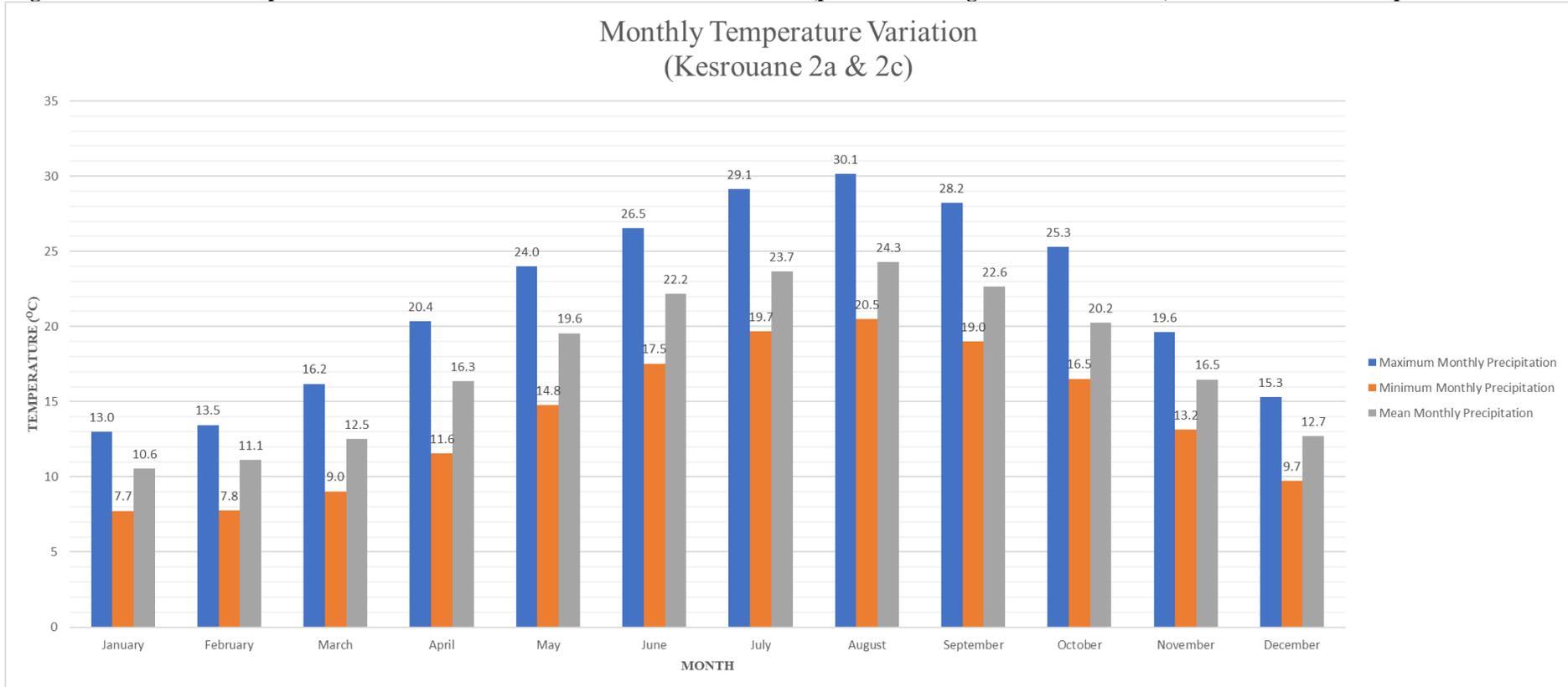
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Figure M Precipitations values along Kesrouane R2a & R2c alignments (period extending between 1996-2018) CHIRPS satellite 4.5 km spatial resolution



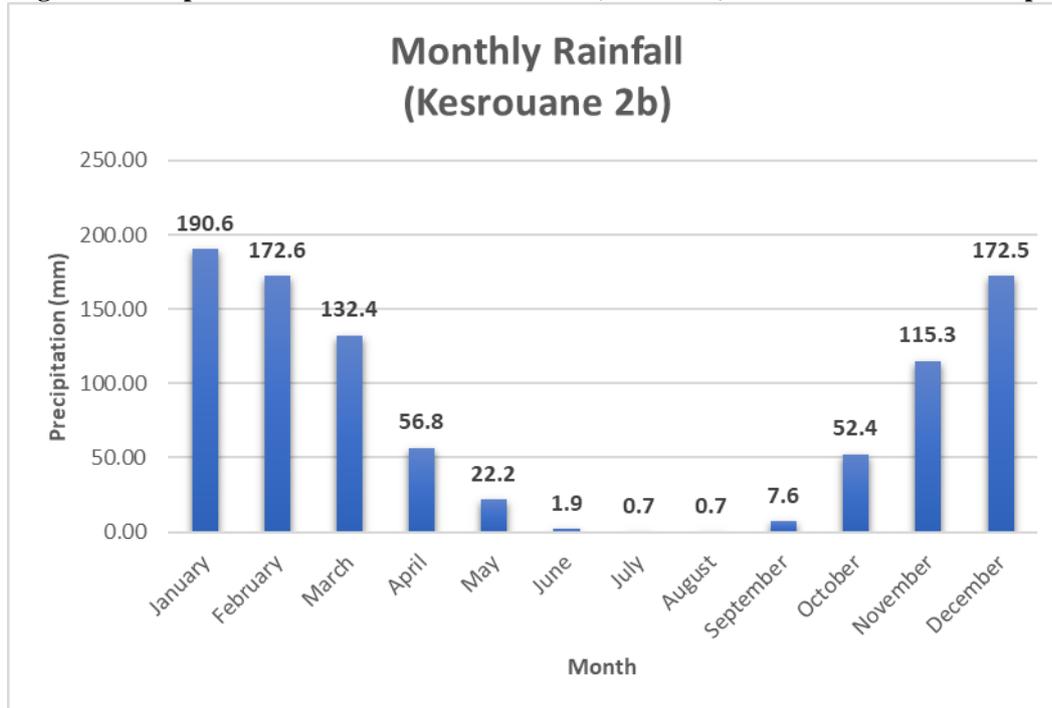
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Figure N Land surface temperature variation for Kesrouane R2a & Kesrouane R2c (period extending between 2000-2018) MODIS satellite 1km spatial resolution



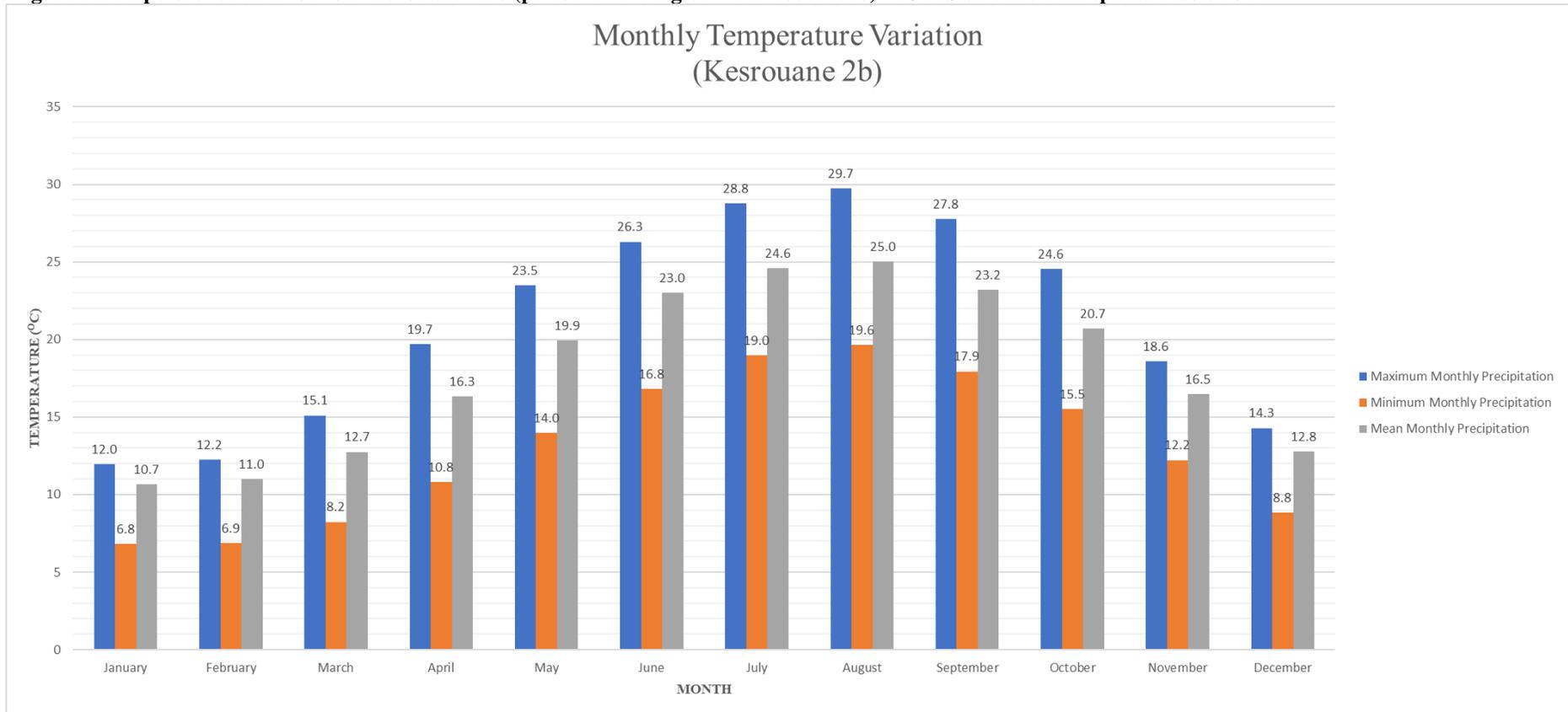
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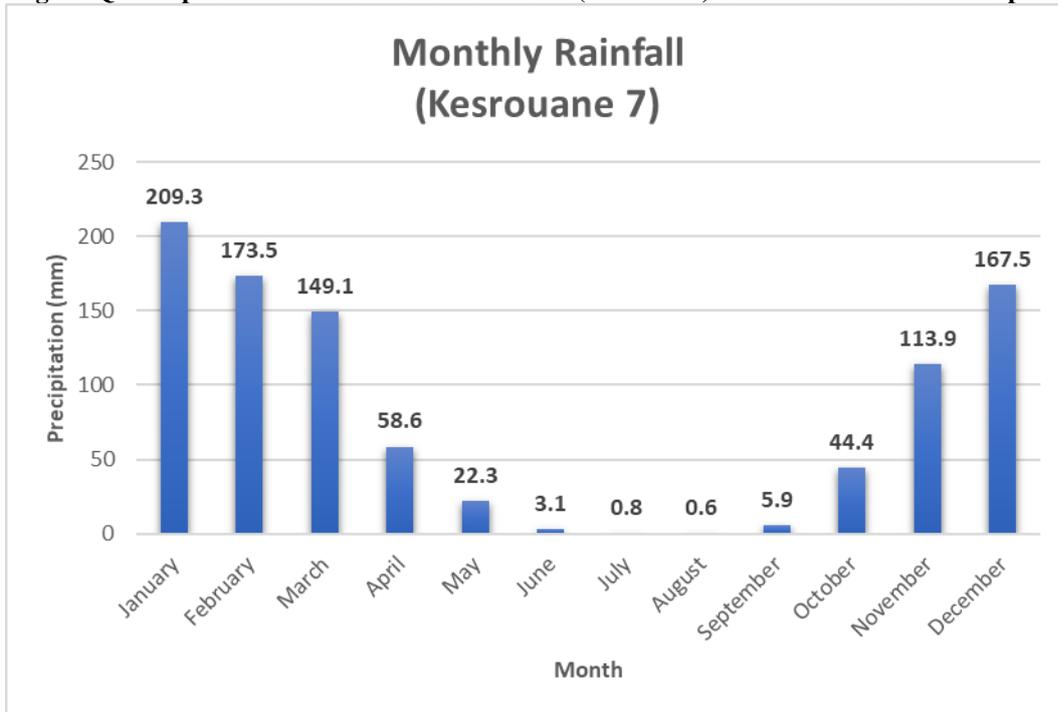
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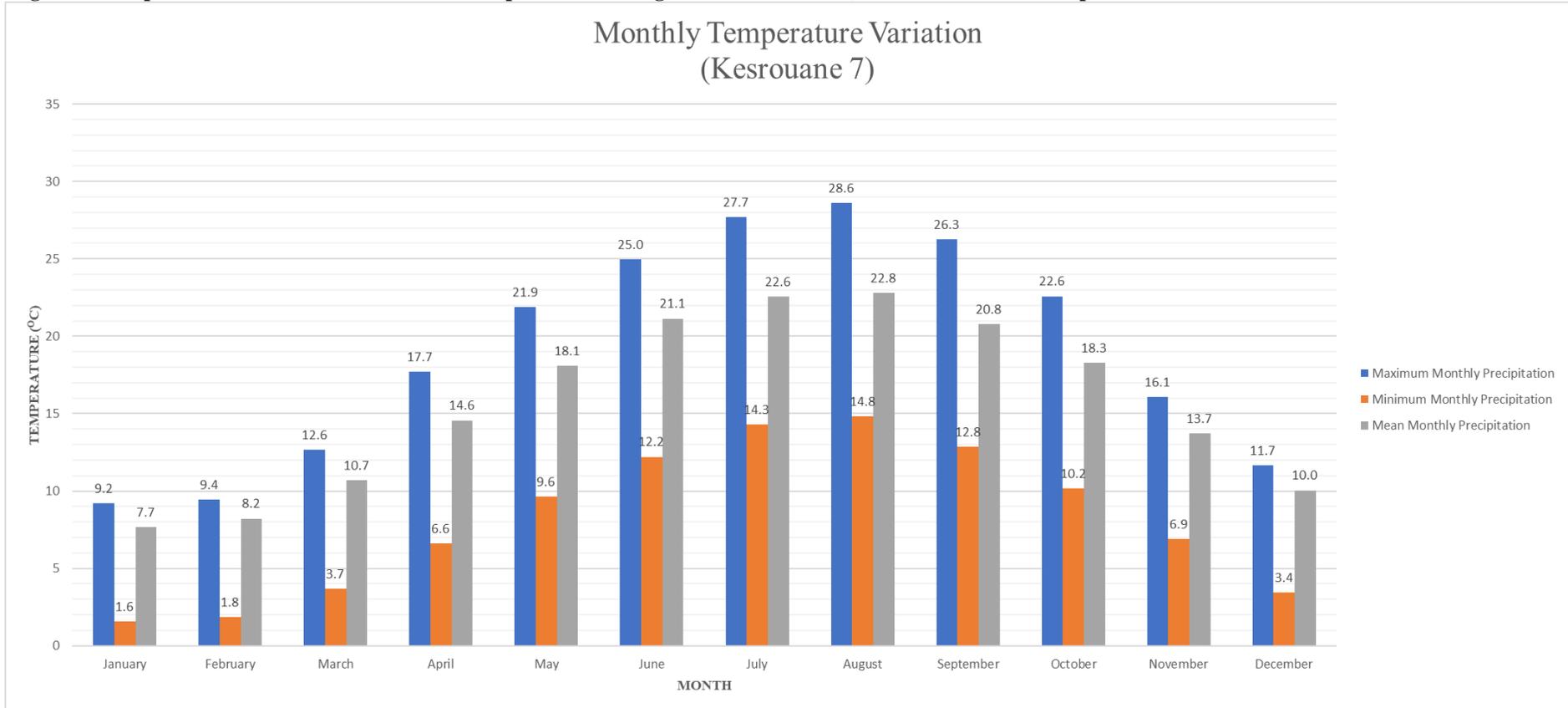
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Figure R Temperature variation for Kesrouane R7 (period extending between 2000-2018) MODIS satellite 1km spatial resolution



Source: MODIS satellite

Table A Kesrouane R2a & Kesrouane R2c existing acoustic conditions (location of stations shown in Figure S and Figure U)

	Time	Road Section	Station	Min (dB)	Leq (avg) (dB)	Max (dB)	Allowable Noise Level
December 3, 2018	11:10	Road 2a	00+000	47.1	68.2	77.4	Refer to Table 2-6
	11:18		00+800	50.7	63.7	72	
	11:28		01+500	46.1	61.6	70.9	
	11:36		03+500	45.8	59.8	67.7	
	11:44		04+300	40.5	59.6	70.8	
	11:57		06+400	47.5	61.3	72.1	
	12:05		07+100	50.1	65.5	75.1	
	12:31		07+900	58	74.2	82.9	
	12:43		09+100	38.6	63.1	78	
	12:59		09+900	40.7	47.6	54.2	
	13:23		11+000	39.7	60.5	72.2	
	13:42		13+750	33.5	38.5	46.2	
	14:00		14+350	51.5	61.8	70.5	
	14:49		15+000	58.1	76.2	88.3	
	15:24		17+700	34.7	45.6	53.9	
	15:44	18+900	44.1	62.5	71.2		
	16:25	Road 2c	0+000	40.7	55	64.8	
	16:36		1+000	42.9	55.5	62.1	
	16:56		1+700	46.2	73.5	82.2	
	17:04		2+500	60.5	76.3	82.6	
17:15	4+700		70.3	78.3	83.5		
17:30	5+100		56.2	63.5	72.2		

Source: Geoflint acoustic survey, 2018

Table B Kesrouane R2b existing acoustic conditions (location of stations shown in Figure T)

	Time	Section	Min (dB)	Leq (avg) (dB)	Max (dB)	Allowable Noise Level
November 29, 2018	11:09	0+000	44.9	64.4	76.5	Refer to Table 2-6
	11:27	1+600	38.1	47	57.9	
	12:16	2+500	45.4	74.3	83.6	

Source: Geoflint acoustic survey, 2018

Table C Kesrouane R7 existing acoustic conditions (location of stations shown in Figure V)

	Time	Section	Min (dB)	Leq (avg) (dB)	Max (dB)	Allowable Noise Level
November 30, 2018	12:05	0+000	58	79	72.4	Refer to Table 2-6
	12:18	0+600	36.6	77.3	71.5	
	12:34	2+800	52.7	73.8	71.8	

	12:58	5+000	55.3	68.1	64.9	
	13:14	5+900	38.9	53.2	51.5	

Source: Geoflint acoustic survey, 2018

Table D Comparing decibel measurements to an ordinary conversation (Trace R&D Center University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2004)

Sound Environment	Sound Pressure Level (dB)	Approximate loudness with regard to ordinary conversation
Threshold of hearing	0	Don't hear anything
Broadcast studio interior or resulting leaves	10	1/32 nd as loud as conversation
Quiet house interior or rural night-time	20	1/16th as loud
Quiet office interior or watch ticking	30	1/8th as loud
Quiet rural area and small theatre	40	1/4th as loud
Quiet suburban area of dishwasher in next room	50	½ as loud
Office interior or ordinary conversation	60	Ordinary conversation
Vacuum cleaner at 10 ft	70	Twice as loud
Passing car at 10ft or garbage disposal at 3ft	80	4 times as loud
Passing bus or truck at 10ft or food blender at 3ft	90	8 times as loud
Passing subway train at 10ft	100	16 times as loud
Nigh club with band playing	110	32 times as loud
Threshold of pain	120	64 times as loud as conversation

Source: Trace R&D Center University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2004

Figure S LULC map with work stations shown in red along Kesrouane R2a alignment

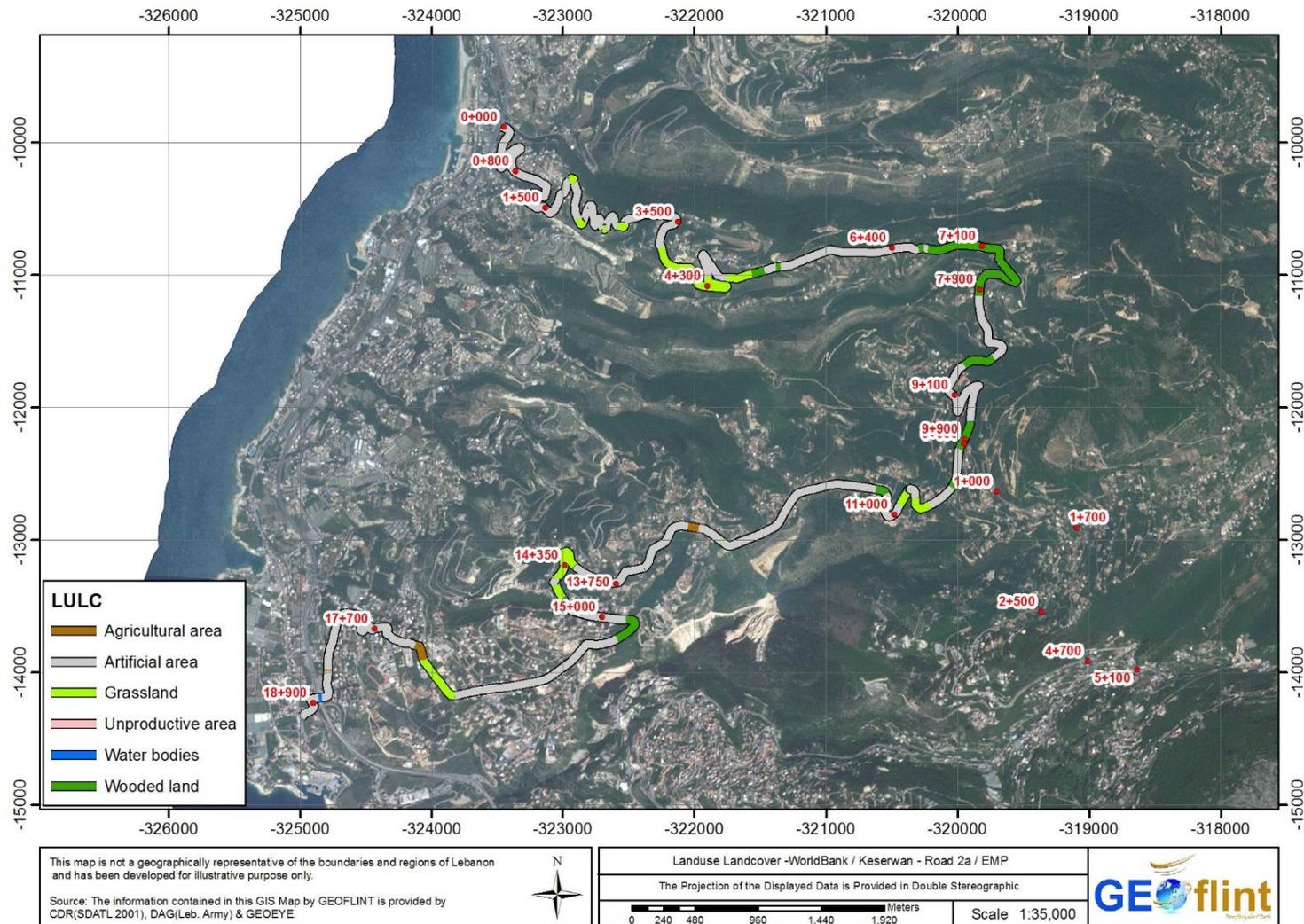


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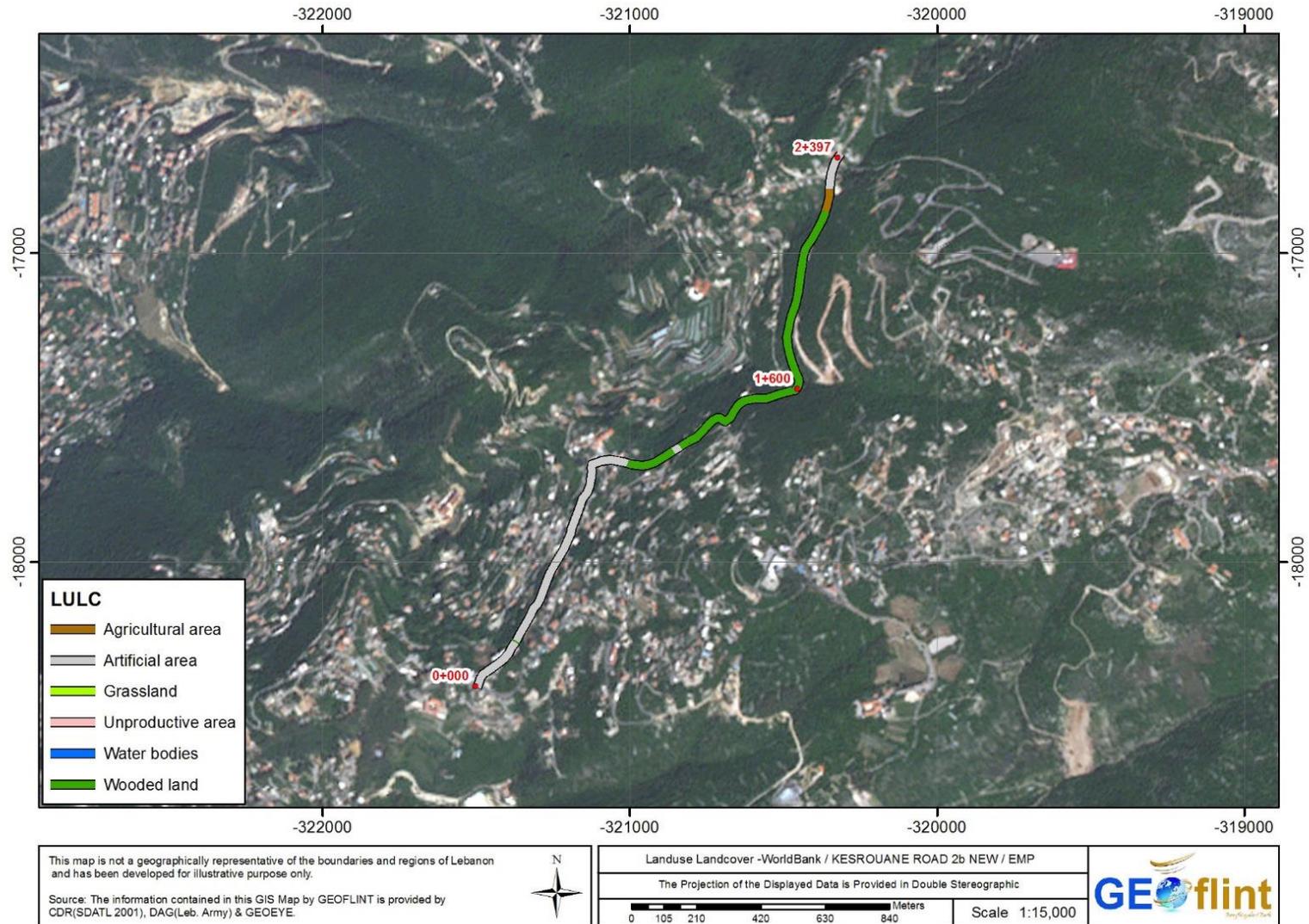


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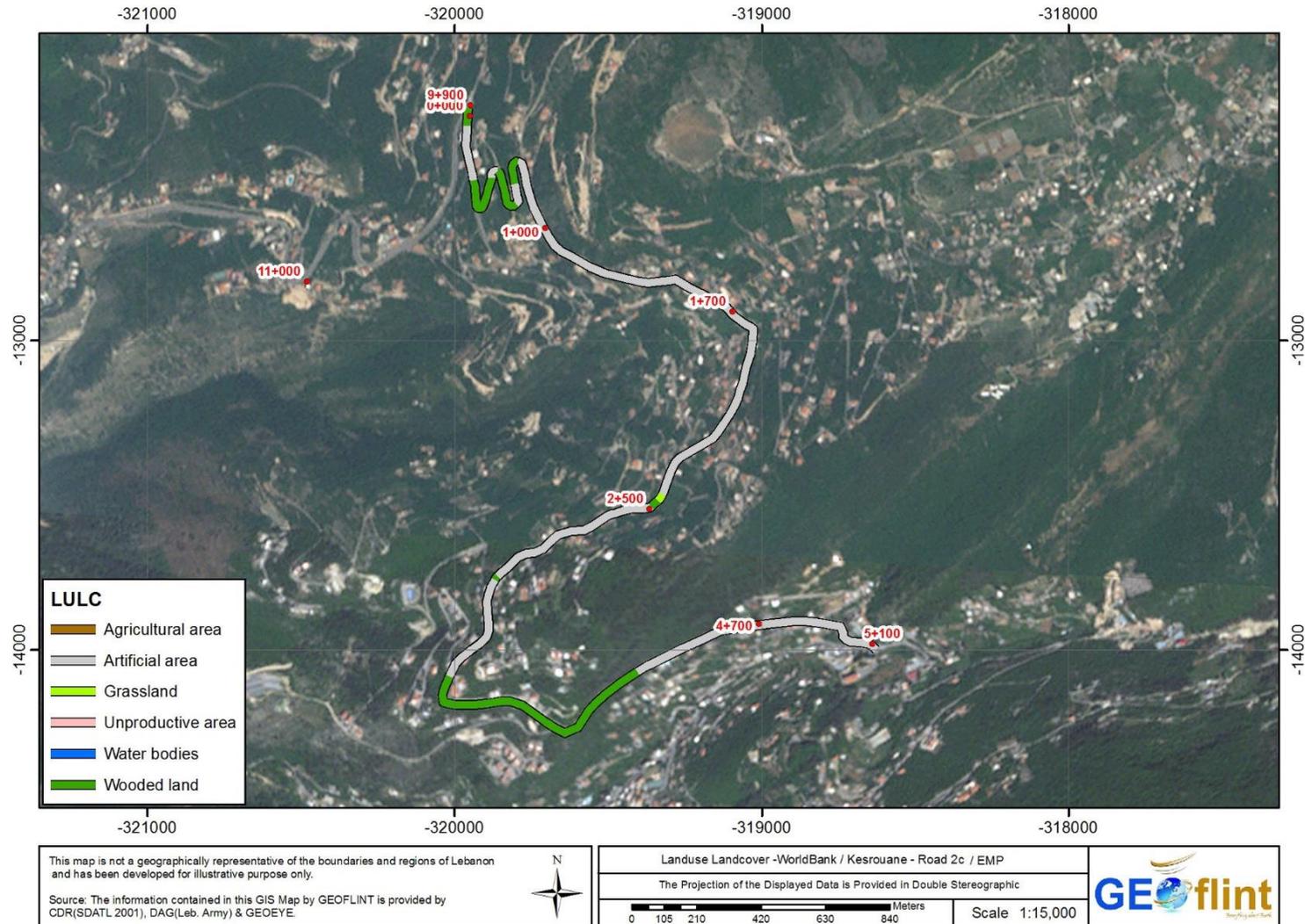


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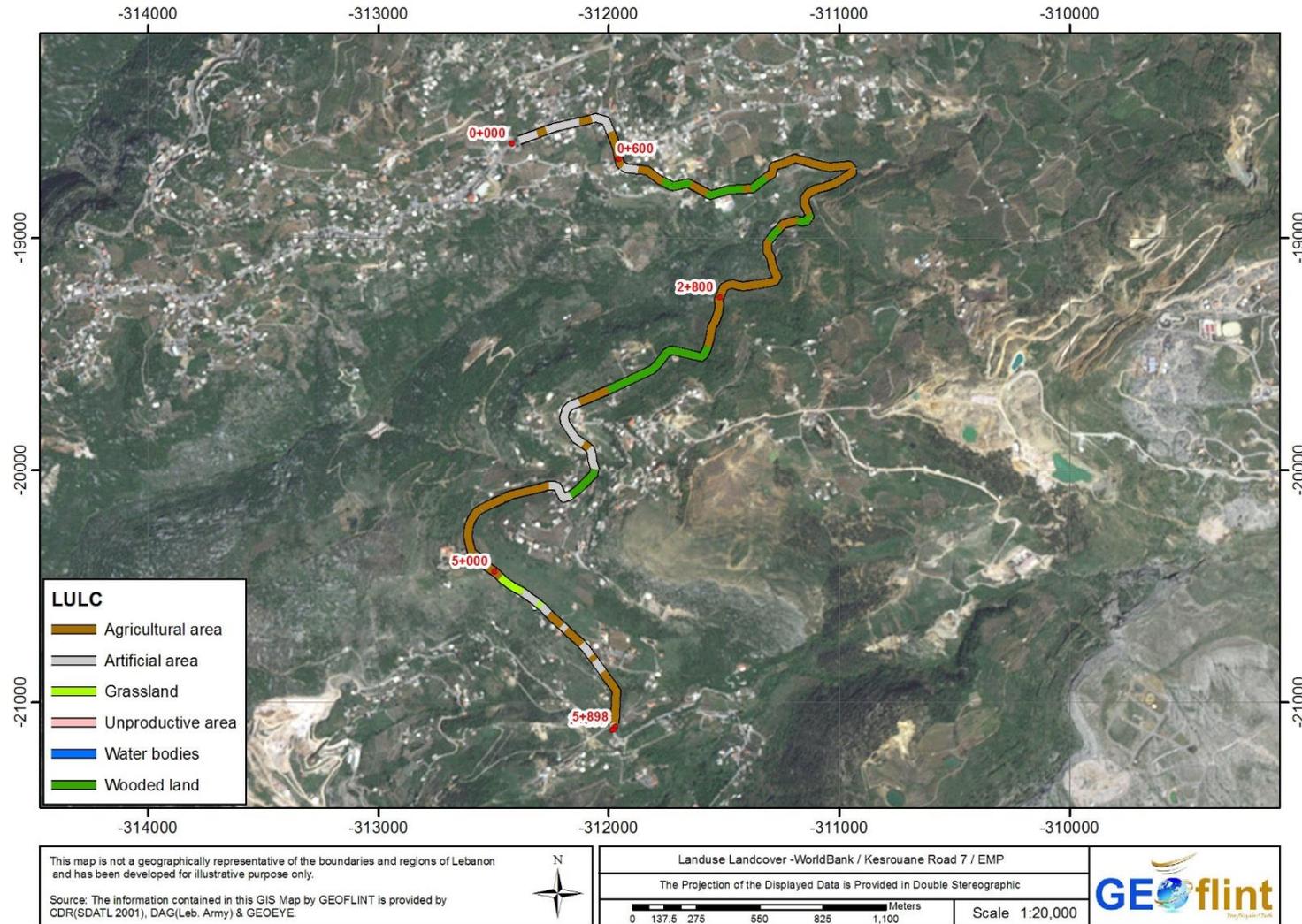


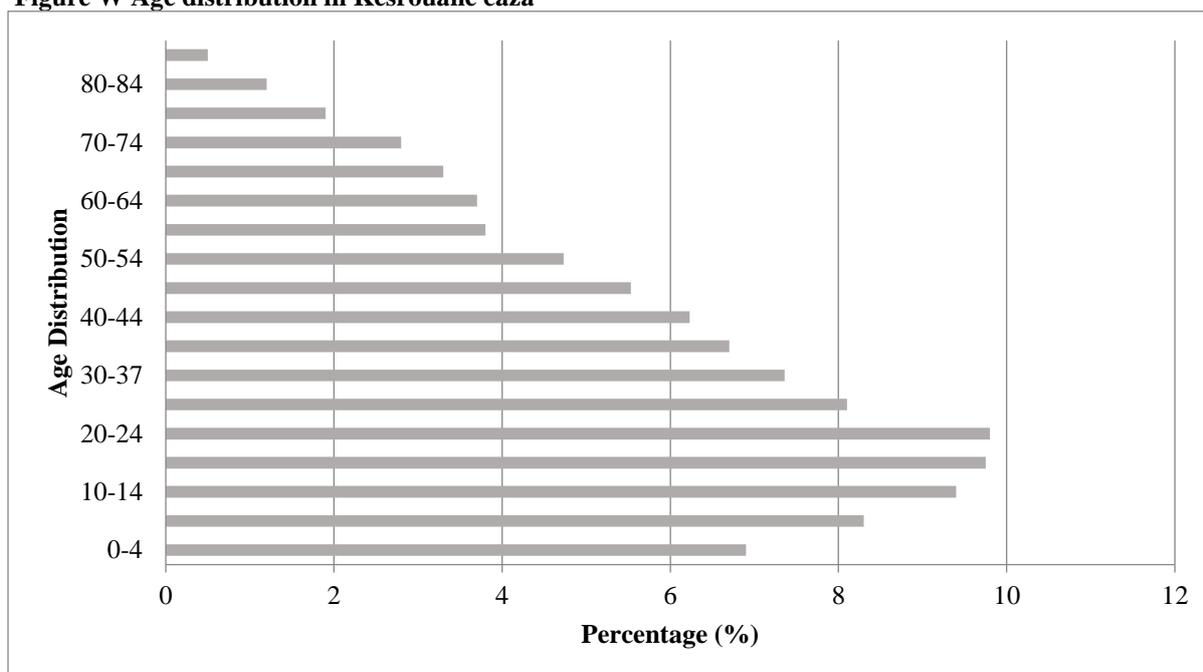
Table E Resident population, 2010-2017

Kesrouane Caza Demographic Profile*		
	Year	Value
Percent of total population	2010	4.15%
	2017	3.81%
Population	2010	164,489
	2011	165,216
	2012	165,875
	2013	166,480
	2014	167,039
	2015	167,584
	2016	168,176
	2017	168,678

*Excluding Palestinian camps and Syrian displaced

Source: MoPH; 2017

Figure W Age distribution in Kesrouane caza



Source: MoPH; 2017

Table F Distribution of families in accordance with type of housing and occupancy

Item	House				Total	
	Building		Detached			
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Owned by family	17781	71.91	5496	85.65	23287	74.58
Partly owned	331	1.34	135	2.1	466	1.49
Rented	5268	21.31	414	6.45	5693	18.23
Other	1345	5.44	373	5.81	1780	5.70
Total	24726	100	6417	100	31226	100

Source: RELK, 2017

Table G Kesrouane connection rates

Caza	Well		Water Network		Sewerage Network		Unknown
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Kesrouane	508	23,576	23,657	427	5,772	18,312	789

Source: RELK, 2014

Table H Wastewater management in Kesrouane caza

Source	House				Total	
	In a building		Detached			
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
Public wastewater network	11458	46.34	838	13.06	12297	39.38
Septic tank	12668	51.23	5537	86.03	18278	58.26
Open channels	103	0.42	21	0.32	124	0.40
No network	24726	100	6417	100	31226	100

Source: RELK, 2014

Table I Major wastewater treatment units

Location	Treatment Level	Capacity (m ³ /day)	Population Served
Hrajel	Secondary	6,000	37,000
Mairouba	Secondary + biofiltration	70,000	505,000

Source: Geoflint, 2016

Table J Health services in Kesrouane

Item	Count
Hospitals number	2
Pharmacies number	29
Infirmaries number	15

Source: Geoflint, 2016

Table K Number of Syrians Displaced as per UNHCR

Caza	Total No. of Persons	Total No. of Families
Kesrouane	16,326	4,608

Source: UNHCR, 2016

Table L Relevant sensitive receptors encountered along and near Kesrouane R2a

Category	Label	Distance (m)
Church	Mar Gerges Church (St George Church)	3
Shrine	Mzar Mar Rafqa (Saint Rafqa Shrine)	4
Place of worship	Church	7
Church	Mar Charbel Church (St Charbel Church)	8
Shrine	Mzar Al Saydet (Our Lady Shrine)	10
Church	Church	13
Shrine	Mzar Al Saydet (Our Lady Shrine)	31

School	First Bishopric School	31
Church	Mar Youhanna Church (St John Church)	32
Church	Saydet Al Maounate Church (Our Lady Of Care Church)	33
Church	Mar Gerges Church (St George Church)	36
Church	Saint Jane Church	38
Church	Saydet Al Aataya Church (Our Lady Of Al-Aataya Church)	80
School	Adma International School - Mar Nouhra	156
Church	Saydet Al Wardieh Church (Our Lady Of The Rosary Church)	165
School	School of Adma	231
Church	Saydet Al Najat Church (Our Lady Of Deliverance Church)	277
Church	Sayde al kwali Church	308
Place of worship	Georges Nakhoul	314
Monastery	Deir Mar Yaaqoub (St Jacob Monastery)	322
Place of worship	Church	324
Hospital	Qartbawi For Medical Rehabilitation Hospital	333
Church	Mar Sassine Church (St Sassine Church)	343
Archeological	Fatqa Archeological House 2	363
Shrine	Mzar Saydet Al Khalass (Our Lady Of Salvation Shrine)	367
Church	Mar Elias Church (St Elias Church)	374
School	Nahr Ibrahim Mixed Public Middle School	460
School	Garderie Baby Power	486
Archeological	Fatqa Archeological House 1	494
Church	Al Saydeh Church (Our Lady Church)	499

Source: Geoflint s.a.r.l. survey results, 2019

Table M Relevant sensitive receptors encountered along and near Kesrouane R2b

Category	Label	Distance (m)
Church	Church	111
Church	Church	162
Church	Saydet Nisbay Church (Saydet Al Nasser Church)	165
Church	Mar Elias Church (St Elias Church)	173
Church	Mar Gerges Church (St George Church)	191
School	Ain Al Waraka Convent And School	216
Church	Mar Joachim Church (St Joachim Church)	235
School	Ghosta Public Secondary School	247
Church	El Moukhalles Church (Holy Savior Church)	444
Monastery	Deir Al Karim (Al Karim Monastery)	458
Church	Saydet Al Ouata Church (Our Lady Of Al-Ouata Church)	498

Source: Geoflint s.a.r.l. survey results, 2019

Table N Relevant sensitive receptors encountered along and near Kesrouane R2c

Category	Label	Distance (m)
Church	Mar Gerges Church (St George Church)	18
Monastery	Deir Mar Abda (St Abdon Monastery)	61

Church	Al Saydeh Church (Our Lady Church)	70
Church	Mar Charbel Church (St Charbel Church)	80
School	Kfour Mixed Public School	88
School	Kfour Mixed Public Secondary School	100
Place of worship	Saaideh Church	102
Church	Mar Antonios Church (St Anthony Church)	172
Church	Al Saydeh Church (Our Lady Church)	191
Church	Mar Youhanna Church (St John Church)	203
Church	Mar Mikhael Church (St Michael Church)	352
Monastery	Deir Mar Nqoula (St Nicholas Monastery)	468
Church	Mar Nicolas Church (St Nicolas Church)	470
School		484

Source: Geoflint s.a.r.l. survey results, 2019

Table O Relevant sensitive receptors encountered along and near Kesrouane R7

Category	Label	Distance (m)
Church	Saydet Al Najat Church (Our Lady Of Deliverance Church)	19
Church	Deir Saydet Al Wardieh (Our Lady Of Al Wardieh Convent)	42
School	Kfar Dibiane Public Middle School	87
Church	Saydet En Niyah Monastery	107
Church	Mar Gerges Church (St George Church)	151
School	Sayedat Al Niyah Mixed Public School Bqaatouta	206
Church	Mar Antonios Church (St Anthony Church)	215
Church	Mar Ifram Al Syriani Church	318
Place of worship	Mar Ephrem Church	327
Church	St. Youssef El Ksar Church	405

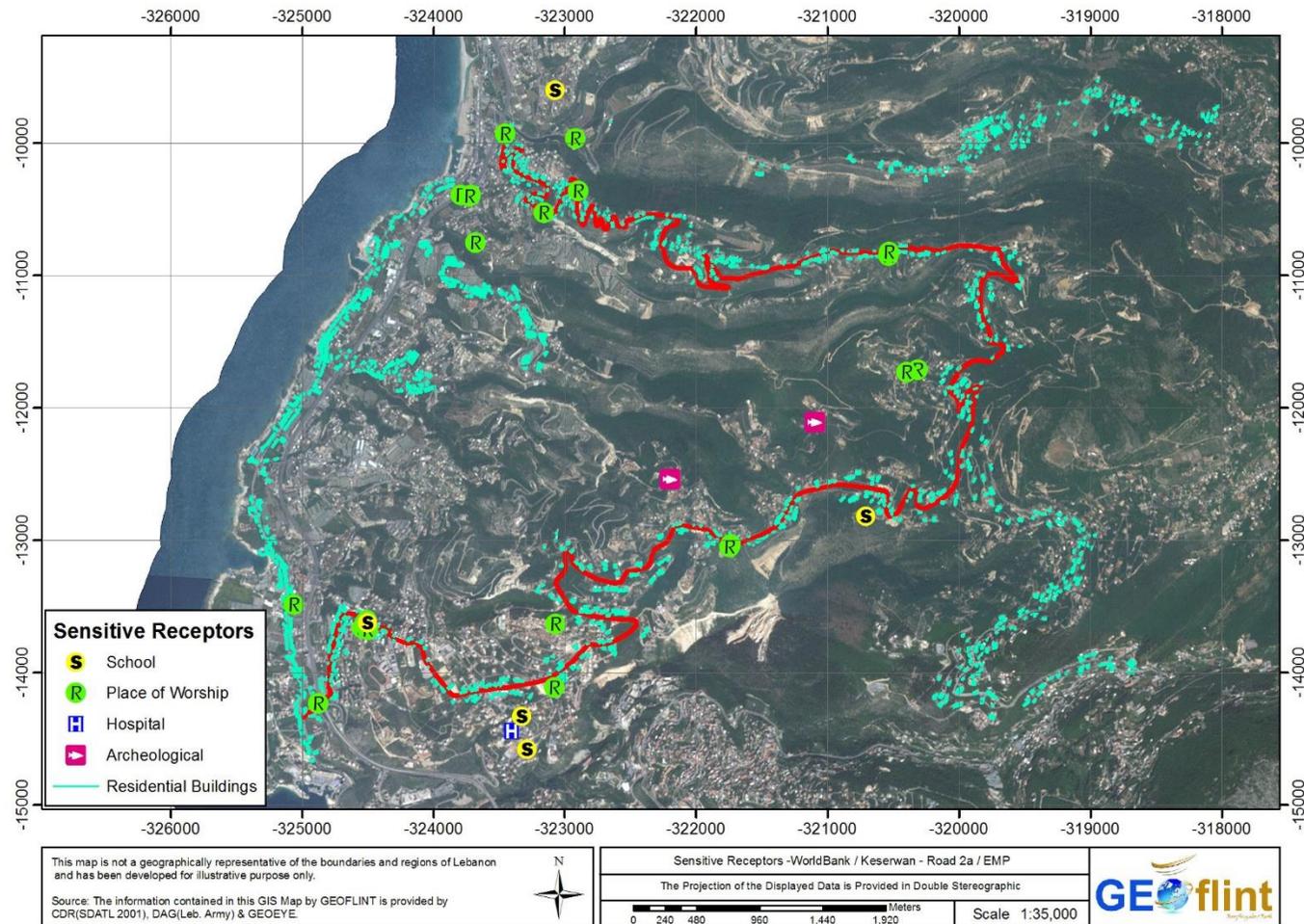
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Table P Wastewater related activities in Kesrouane caza

Project Estimated	value (US\$ million)	Source of Funding	Start Date	Estimated Completion Date
Execution of the emergency wastewater sea outfall in the coastal region of Kesrouane	1,563	Local Funding	December 2017	Nov-19
Construction of sewer networks and two wastewater treatment plants in Kesrouane coastal region (Ghazir)	175	European Investment Bank and French Development Agency + EU + NIF	Jun-19	Dec-22
Construction of sewer networks and a treatment plant for Hrajel region - Kesrouane	24	Italian Protocol	Sep-18	December 2021
Construction of sewer networks and a treatment plant for Jeita region - Keserwan (Sections 1, 2 and 3)	38	German Agency, KFW and local, funding	Dec-18	Jun-21

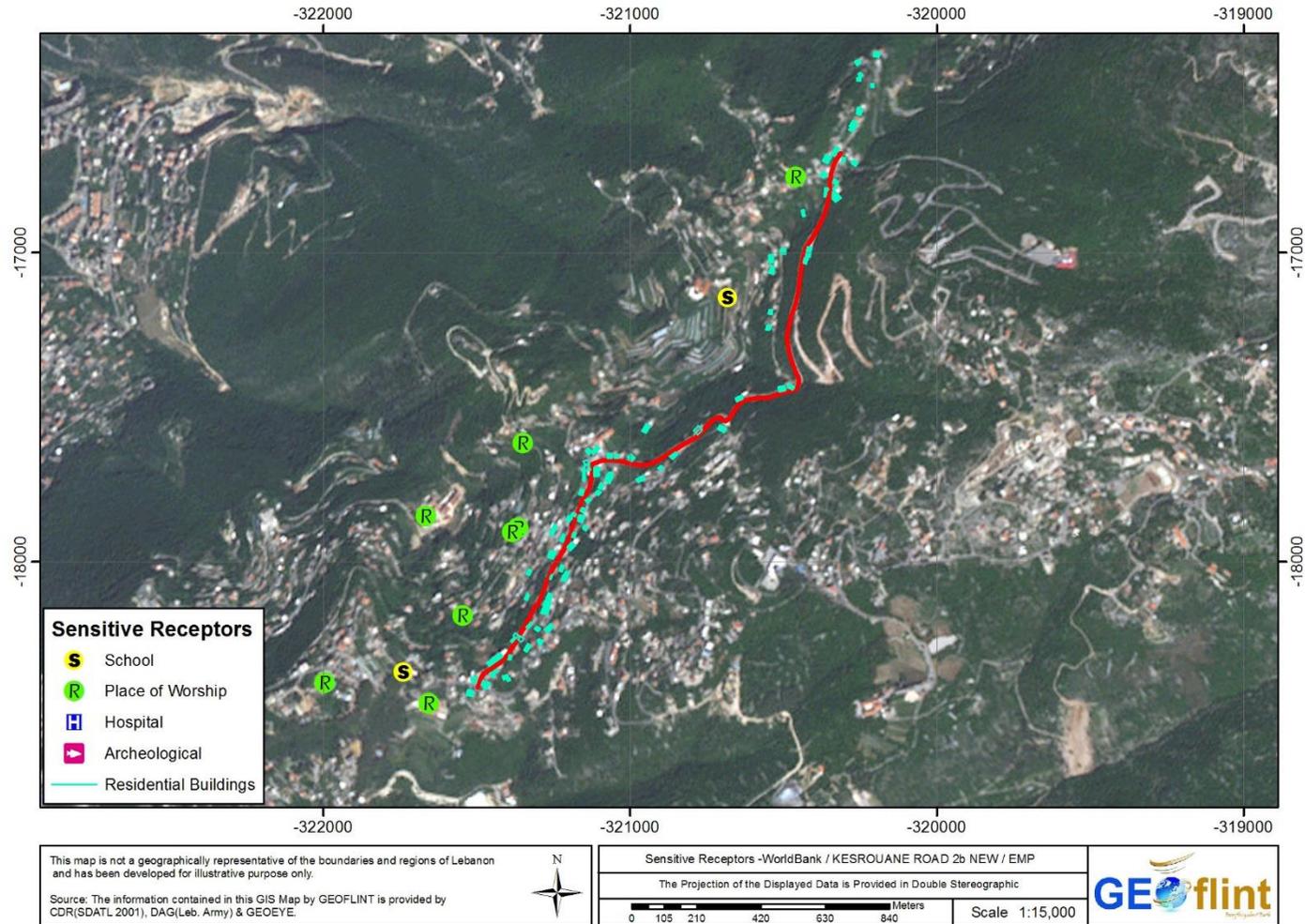
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Figure X Closest sensitive receptors along Kesrouane R2a



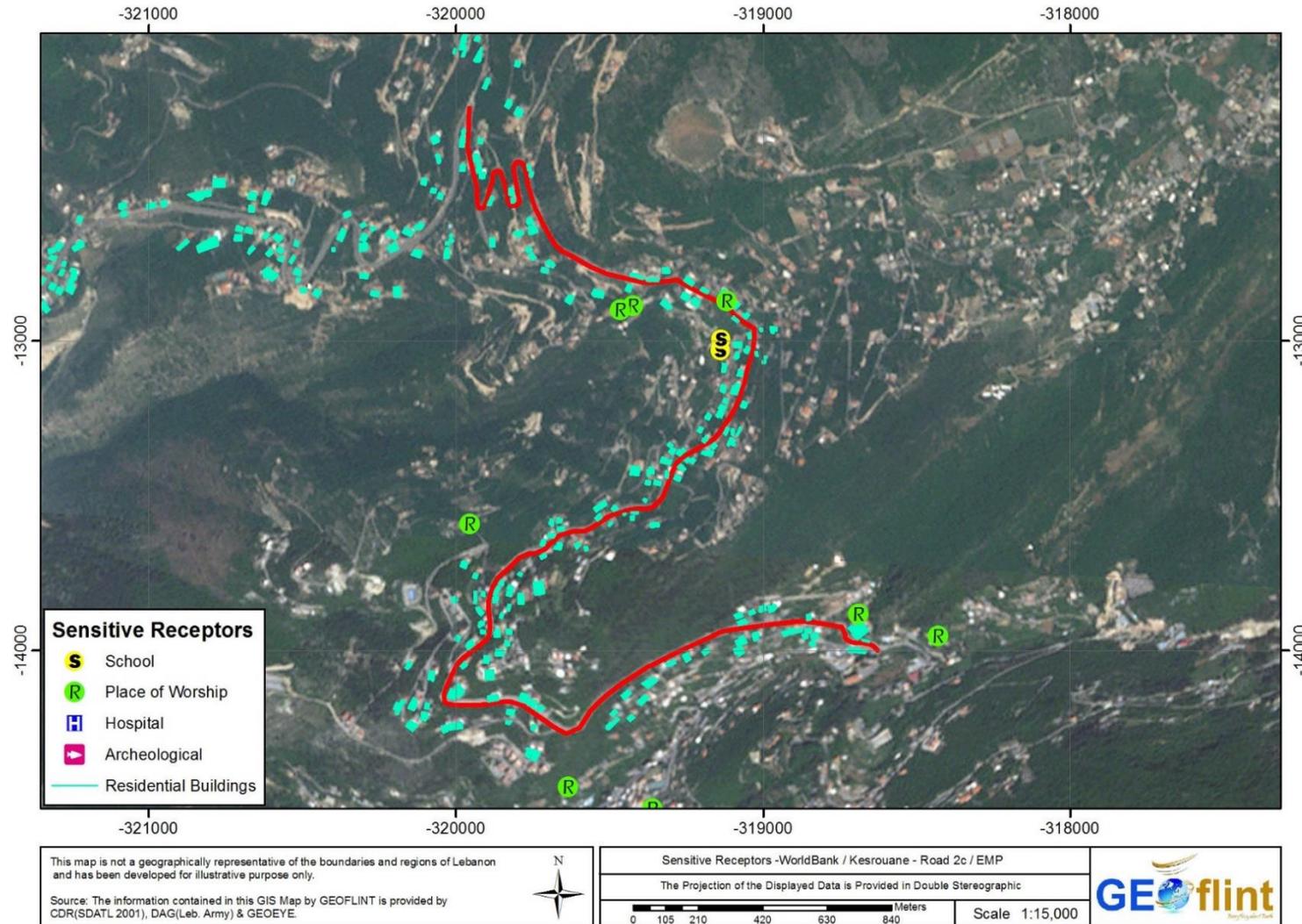
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Figure Y Closest sensitive receptors along Kesrouane R2b



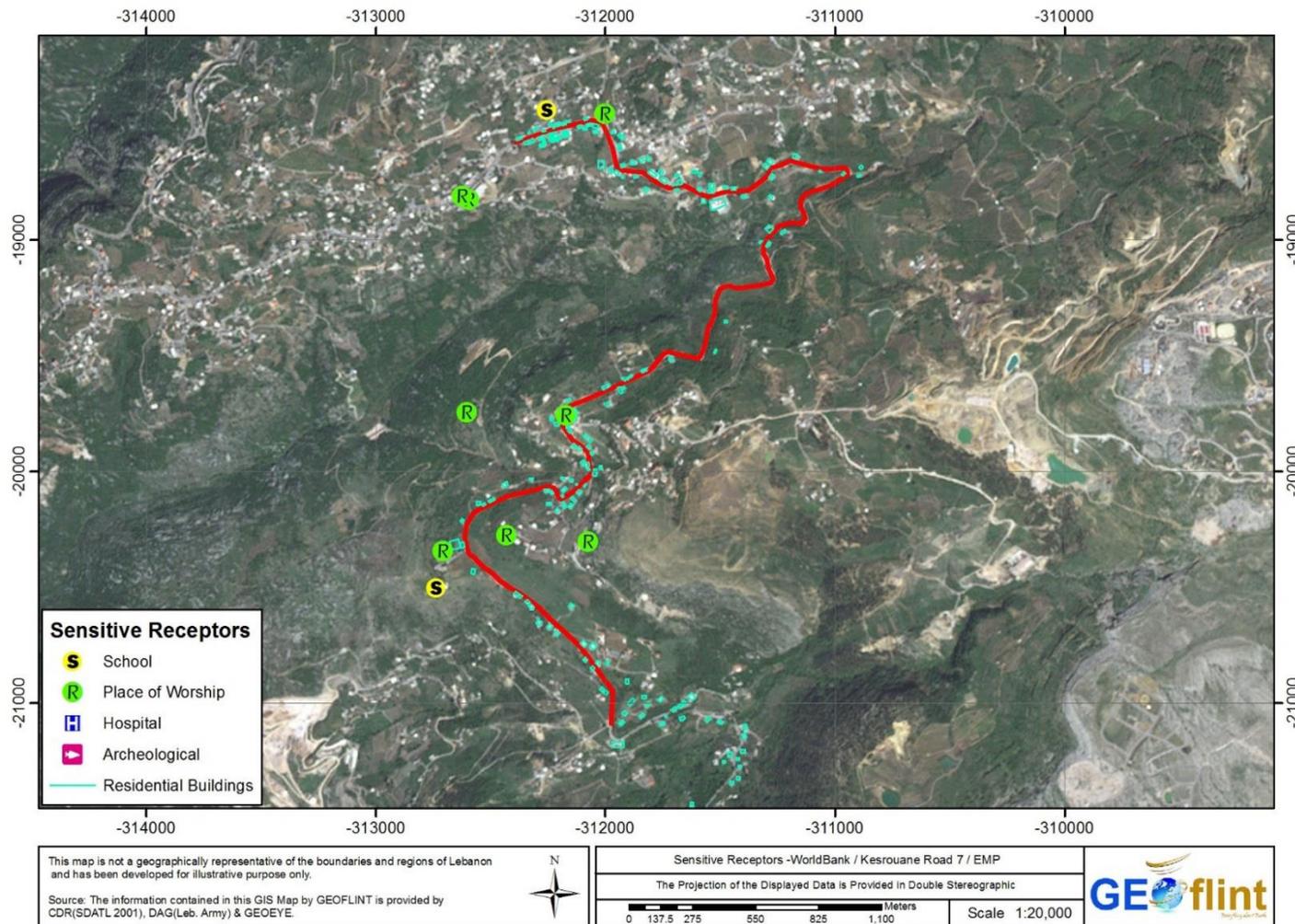
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Figure Z Closest sensitive receptors along Kesrouane R2c



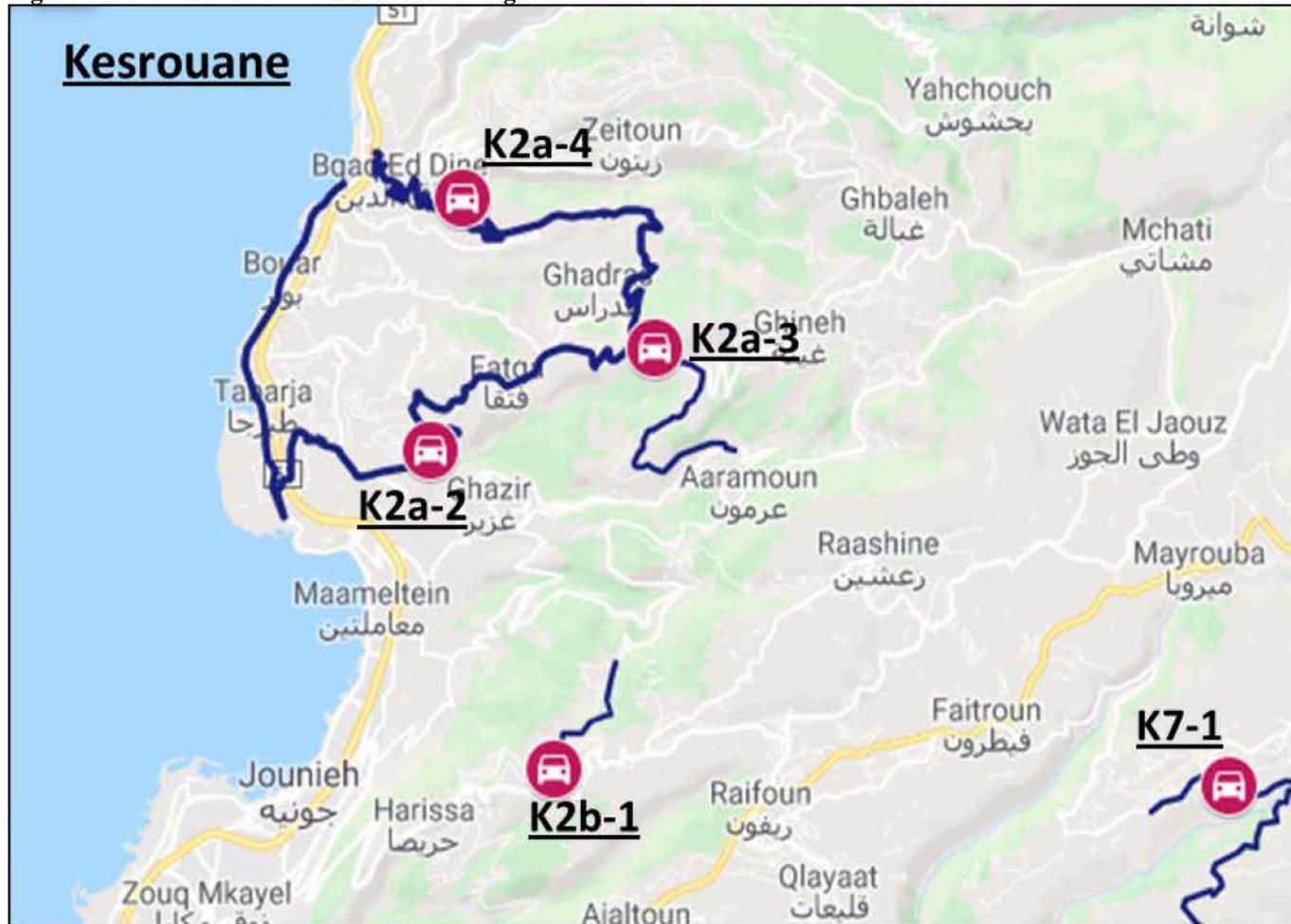
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Figure AA Closest sensitive receptors along Kesrouane R7



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Figure BB Distribution of ATC Stations throughout Kesrouane Caza



Source: Dar Al Handasah Nazih Taleb & Partners, 2019

Table Q ADT values for Kesrouane roads 2a & 2c

Caza	Road	Station	Direction	ADT (veh/day)
Kesrouane	Roads 2a & 2c	K2a-2	Eastbound	5,250
			Westbound	5,006
		K2a-3	Northbound	1,415
			Southbound	1,435
		K2a-4	Eastbound	149
			Westbound	135

Table R Type of vehicles passing Kesrouane Roads 2a & 2c

Kesrouane roads 2a&2c	Vehicle Class	Type	Percentage (%)
	Class 1	Motorcycles	3.9
Class 2	Passenger Cars	91.8	
Class 3	4-tire trucks	2.7	
Class 4	Buses	0	
Class 5	2-axle (6 tire trucks)	0.8	
Class 6	3-axle trucks	0.3	
Class 7	4+ axle trucks	0.3	
Class 8	3-4 axle single-trailer combinations	0.1	
Class 9	5-axle single-trailer combinations	0	
Class 10	6+ axle single-trailer combinations	0	
Class 11	5- axle multi-trailer combinations	0	
Class 12	6- axle multi-trailer combinations	0	
Class 13	7+ axle multi-trailer combinations	0	
Others	-	1.5	

Table S ADT values for Kesrouane R2b

Caza	Road	Station	Direction	ADT (veh/day)
Kesrouane	Road 2b	K2b-1	Northbound	918
			Southbound	922

Table T Type of vehicles passing Kesrouane R2b

Kesrouane road 2b	Vehicle Class	Type	Percentage (%)
	Class 1	Motorcycles	4.5
Class 2	Passenger Cars	92.7	
Class 3	4-tire trucks	1.7	
Class 4	Buses	0	
Class 5	2-axle (6 tire trucks)	0.8	
Class 6	3-axle trucks	0.1	
Class 7	4+ axle trucks	0.1	
Class 8	3-4 axle single-trailer combinations	0	
Class 9	5-axle single-trailer combinations	0	

	Class 10	6+ axle single-trailer combinations	0
	Class 11	5- axle multi-trailer combinations	0
	Class 12	6- axle multi-trailer combinations	0
	Class 13	7+ axle multi-trailer combinations	0
	Others	-	1.7

Table U ADT values for Kesrouane R7

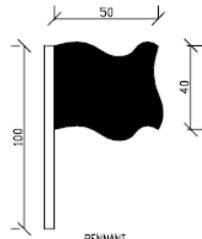
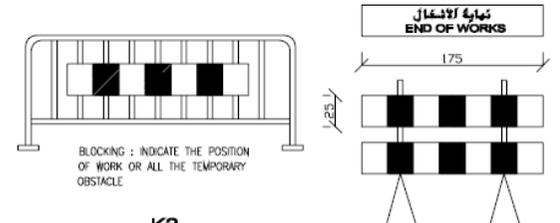
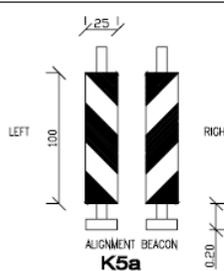
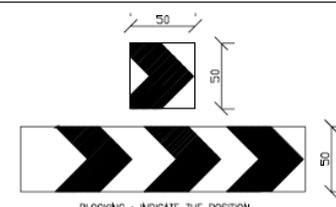
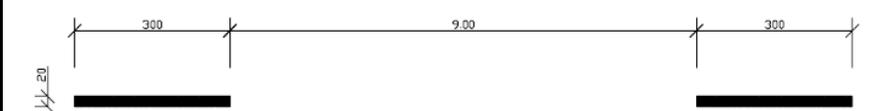
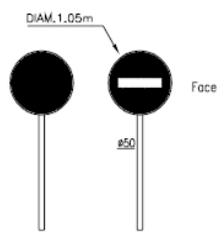
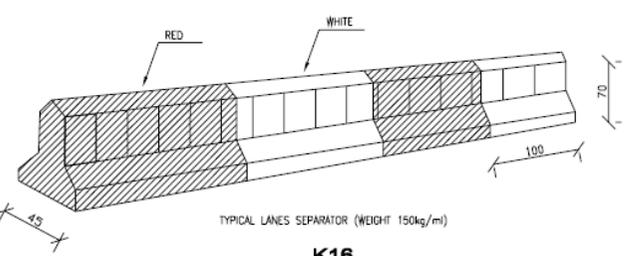
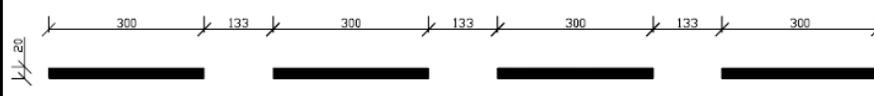
Caza	Road	Station	Direction	ADT (veh/day)
Kesrouane	Road 7	K7-1	Eastbound	1,009
			Westbound	987

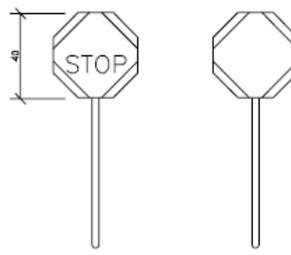
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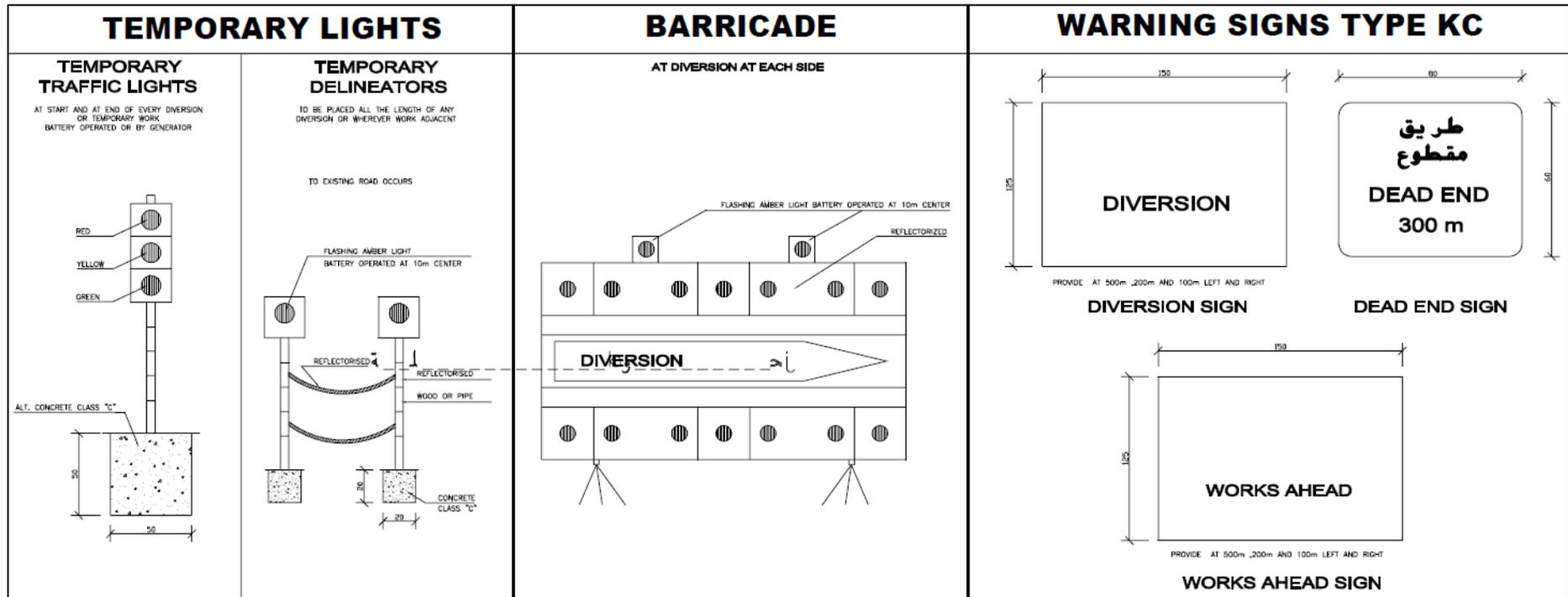
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	Class 4	Buses	0
	Class 5	2-axle (6 tire trucks)	1.8
	Class 6	3-axle trucks	1.4
	Class 7	4+ axle trucks	0.6
	Class 8	3-4 axle single-trailer combinations	0
	Class 9	5-axle single-trailer combinations	0
	Class 10	6+ axle single-trailer combinations	0
	Class 11	5- axle multi-trailer combinations	0
	Class 12	6- axle multi-trailer combinations	0
	Class 13	7+ axle multi-trailer combinations	0
	Others	-	0

Annex 2: Road Signs, Markings, Lights, and Barricades to be Used during Rehabilitation Works

GUIDE SIGNS TYPE KD					REGULATORY SIGNS TYPE B		
SUPPORT IS YELLOW AND SYMBOLS, LETTERS AND LISTEL ARE BLACK					DIAMETER 085m		

SIGNS TYPE K		TEMPORARY MARKING	
 <p>PENNANT K1</p>	 <p>K2</p>	<p>THESE LINES ARE YELLOW AND REFLECTORISING. THEY CAN BE ERASED OR REMOVED WITHOUT ANY RESIDUAL TRACE.</p>  <p>FOR CONTINUOUS EDGE LINE AND FOR SEPARATING THE TRAFFIC IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS</p> <p>MR2 TEMPORARY</p>	
 <p>K5a</p>	 <p>ALIGNMENT BEACON K5a</p>	 <p>BLOCKING : INDICATE THE POSITION OF DIVERSION OR THE TEMPORARY PAVEMENT NARROWING</p> <p>K8</p>	 <p>FOR SEPARATING THE TRAFFIC IN THE SAME DIRECTION</p> <p>TYPE T1</p>
 <p>K10a</p>	 <p>TYPICAL LANES SEPARATOR (WEIGHT 150kg/m)</p> <p>K16</p>	 <p>FOR SEPARATING THE TRAFFIC IN THE SAME DIRECTION</p> <p>TYPE T3</p>	

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Annex 3: Code of Conduct

Table W Contractor Code of Conduct Form

Contractor Code of Conduct:

1. All employees, associates, and representatives commit to treating women, children (under the age of 18), and men with respect, regardless of race; color; language; religion; political or other opinion; national, ethnic or social origin; sexual orientation or gender identity; disability; birth or other status.
2. GBV constitutes acts of gross misconduct and is therefore grounds for sanction, which may include penalties and/or termination of employment. All forms of GBV are unacceptable, regardless of whether they take place on the worksite, the worksite surroundings, or off-site. In addition to the potential sanctions listed above, legal prosecution will be pursued, if appropriate, for any employees, associates, and representatives alleged to have committed GBV.
3. Demeaning, threatening, harassing, abusive, or sexually provocative language and behavior are prohibited among all company employees, associates, and representatives.
4. Sexual favors, making promises or favorable treatment dependent on sexual acts are prohibited.
5. Unless there is the full consent by all parties involved, sexual interactions between the company's employees (at any level) and members of the surrounding communities are prohibited. This includes relationships involving the withholding or promise of any kind of reward.
6. All employees, including volunteers and sub-contractors are expected to report suspected or actual GBV by a fellow worker, whether in the same company or not. Reports must be made in accordance with GBV allegation procedures.
7. All employees are required to attend an induction training course prior to commencing work on site to ensure they are familiar with the GBV Code of Conduct.
8. All employees must attend a mandatory training course once a month for the duration of the contract starting from the first induction training prior to commencement of work to reinforce the understanding of the institutional GBV Code of Conduct.
9. All employees will be required to sign an individual code of conduct confirming their agreement to support GBV activities.

I do hereby acknowledge that I have read the foregoing GBV Code of Conduct, and on behalf of the company agree to comply with the standards contained therein. I understand my role and responsibilities to prevent and respond to GBV. I understand that any action inconsistent with this Code of Conduct or failure to take action mandated by this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action.

Company Name:

Signed by:

Title:

Date:

Table X Individual Code of Conduct Form

- This individual Code of Conduct should be signed by all employees, from senior managers through the operational staff, and should also be required from any contractors working with the company.
- I, _____ acknowledge that preventing gender-based violence (GBV) is important, and that preventing it is my responsibility. At [Company], GBV activities constitute acts of gross misconduct and are therefore grounds for sanctions, penalties or potential termination of employment. All forms of GBV are unacceptable, be it on the worksite, the worksite surroundings, or in the community. Prosecution of those who commit GBV may be pursued if appropriate.
- I agree that while working on the [Project], I will:
- Consent to a police background check.
- Treat women, children (persons under the age of 18), and men with respect regardless of race; color; language; religion; political or other opinion; national, ethnic or social origin; sexual orientation or gender identity; disability; birth or other status.
- Not use language or behavior towards women, children or men that is inappropriate, harassing, abusive, sexually provocative, demeaning or culturally inappropriate.
- Not request or engage in sexual favors—for instance, making promises or favorable treatment dependent on sexual acts.
- Understand that unless there is the full consent by all parties involved, sexual interactions between the company’s employees (at any level) and members of the surrounding communities are prohibited. This includes relationships involving the withholding or promise of monetary or non-monetary reward.
- Attend and actively partake in training courses related to HIV/AIDS and GBV as requested by my employer.
- Report through the grievance redress mechanism or to my manager any suspected or actual GBV by a fellow worker, whether in my company or not, or any breaches of this Code of Conduct.

Sanctions

[Company] has established a grievance redress mechanism for receiving, reviewing, and addressing allegations of GBV. If an employee has breached the Code of Conduct, the employer will take disciplinary action which could include:

- Informal warning
- Formal warning
- Additional training
- Loss of up to one week’s salary
- Suspension of employment (without payment of salary), for a minimum period of one month up to a maximum of six months
- Termination of employment

In addition to the above, if warranted, [Company] will report the employee to the police as per local legal regulations.

I understand that it is my responsibility to use common sense and avoid actions or behaviors that could be construed as GBV or breach this Code of Conduct. I do hereby acknowledge that I have read the foregoing Code of Conduct, do agree to comply with the standards contained therein and understand my roles and responsibilities to prevent and respond to GBV. I understand that any action inconsistent with this Code of Conduct or failure to take action mandated by this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action and may affect my ongoing employment.

Individual Name:

Signed by:

Title:

Date:

Annex 4: Public Consultation Notes, Presentation, Invitation Letters, and Attendance Sheets

Notes:

Kfour Meeting

During the meeting at Kfour Municipality, generally, attendees were worried about the start day of the project. More specifically, Women, who were consulted separately after the meeting, were worried about the coordination with relevant authorities, especially with respect to public works (i.e. wastewater and water infrastructure, etc.). Women were worried whether there would be coordination among ministries and infrastructural institutions before the project implementation to avoid re-excavations of roads and further disturbances and pressures. In this context, the public was informed that CDR will ensure that a full coordination among municipalities and authorities prior to project execution. Finally, the consultant mentioned that the implementation of the project is expected to start in spring 2020.

Some technical concerns were revealed as well during the meeting including whether the scope of work encompasses installing new drainage systems when needed and fixing retaining walls that are in bad conditions. In this context, the consultant explained that, when needed, proper drainage systems will be installed and existing retaining walls will be improved.

Kfardebian Meeting

During the second meeting held at Kfardebiane, the main concern was in relation to the road starting at Feytroun and leading to Kfardebian and the concerned towns and villages that is not integrated in this project. According to the attendees, namely the head of Kfardebiane Municipality, Ajaltoun-Feytroun road is a key entry road to Kesrouane villages and in great need for rehabilitation. Similarly, the Mekhtar of Maarab mentioned as well the road from Maarab to Dlehta that needs rehabilitation and is not integrated in REP. In this context, attendees asked if they can still suggest alternative roads for rehabilitation under the project. Accordingly, the consultant and the CDR Representative explained that the project cannot integrate any alternative roads, however, they can send their requests in relation to alternative roads to the MoPWT for future projects.

The common concerns of attendees in the two arranged meetings for Kesrouane caza include:

- (1) The concerned municipalities were firstly interested regarding their main role in this project and in monitoring any potential law violations by the contractor during the rehabilitation phase. The heads of municipalities mentioned that during previous projects, they faced problems with contractors dumping rehabilitation wastes near the rehabilitation site (e.g. near streams). They were worried to witness similar behavior during the REP project. In particular, they asked about the procedure of sending their complaints in case the contractor did not abide by the ESMP guidelines. In this context, the consultant and the representative of CDR explained that as head of municipalities their main role is to inform people about the project and at a later stage, they have a major role in assisting CDR in monitoring the

contractor during project implementation. Any violation observed must be reported to CDR. Moreover, the representative of CDR explained to the concerned parties that:

- The project will include a grievance redress mechanism (GRM) that will register and address grievances and complaints from individuals and households who are affected by the project. Any complaints must be reported to CDR.
- Project monitoring and verification will be undertaken by CDR, the implementing agency, to ensure the project is being implemented in line with the proposed objectives (a supervisory consultant will be monitoring the contractor during the rehabilitation phase ensuring he is abiding by the ESMP). Moreover, it was explained that if the contractor did not comply with the set social and environmental guidelines, they will face penalties.
- Progress reports will be prepared by CDR to the Bank for review. Moreover, the World Bank will ensure continuous implementation support.
- World Bank specialists who are based in Beirut will have regular interaction with CDR. This will allow the Bank to perform continuous monitoring of works.

(2) Second, local authorities present at both meetings were not satisfied about the selection of roads within the scope of REP. According to them, there are roads that are in greater need for rehabilitation. They asked about the selection process as they were not consulted at the beginning of the project. In this context, the consultant explained that the Government prioritized roads in Kesrouane Caza based on municipalities' official requests beside several technical criteria.

Photos:

Public Participation meeting at Jounieh Municipality



Public Participation meeting at Kfour Municipality (1)



Public Participation meeting at Kfour Municipality (2)



Public Participation meeting at Kfardebiane Municipality



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مقدمة

- يخطط مجلس الانماء والاعمار لتنفيذ مشروع الطرق والعمالة في لبنان عبر تمويل من البنك الدولي
- يشمل المشروع أعمال تأهيل عدة طرق في بلدات من كافة الأفضية اللبنانية
- أعمال المشروع محصورة بالطرق المصنفة
- يهدف هذا المشروع إلى تحسين كفاءة قطاع الطرق من خلال تحديد أولويات أعمال الطرق وتحسين تقنيات إدارة شبكة الطرق والسلامة العامة

مقدمة

- تتمتع شبكة الطرق في لبنان بنطاق وتغطية كافيين بشكل عام
- لكن نسبة كبيرة من تلك الطرق في حالة سيئة وهو الأمر الذي يؤدي إلى إعاقة التنمية المحلية والاقتصادية، خاصة في المناطق الريفية التي تعتبر فيها حالة شبكة الطرق أدنى مستوى من حالة الطرقات على المستوى الوطني ككل

2. الجهات المعنية بالمشروع

الصفة	الجهة
ممول المشروع	البنك الدولي
إدارة وتنفيذ	مجلس الانماء والاعمار
استشاري هندسي وشركاه	دار الهندسة نزيه طالب وشركاه
استشاري بيئي	جيوفلنت ش.م.م .

1. أهداف اللقاء

- تحقيق الشفافية عبر إعلام الرأي العام بالمشروع لإبداء ملاحظاتهم وذلك وفقاً لسياسة ضمانات البنك الدولي (سياسة تشغيلية رقم 4.01)
- عرض لأهم الآثار البيئية والاجتماعية والتدابير التخفيفية المرتبطة بتنفيذ المشروع
- مناقشة خطة الإدارة البيئية والاجتماعية للمشروع التي تهدف لحماية الصحة البشرية، السلامة العامة والموارد البيئية

3. وصف المشروع

Road 2a: 19.10 km

بفاق الدين - العقيبه - نمورة - غدراس - الكفور (دعسه) - فققا - أدما والدفنه - كفر ياسين



3. وصف المشروع



Road 2b: 2.40 km
غوسطا - معراب



3. وصف المشروع



Road 2c: 5.13 km
الكفور (دعسه) - هر هريا



3. وصف المشروع

Road 7: 6.00 km

مزرعة كفرديبان - بقعتوته - بقعاة كنعان



5. الآثار البيئية والاجتماعية الإيجابية للمشروع

مشاريع الطرق:

- تقلل أو تمنع الغبار، وتحسن التصريف، وتقلل العبءات المرورية
- تضمن سلامة الطرق وخاصة القريبة على المدارس والمحلات
- تحد من الحوادث المرورية
- تشجع الناس على الحفاظ على نظافة وأمانة أحيائهم
- ترفع قيمة الأراضي وتزيد الخيارات للأنشطة التجارية على طول الطريق

4. ماذا يتضمن المشروع خلال مرحلة التنفيذ؟

الأنشطة خلال مرحلة التنفيذ:

- استبدال أو تأهيل طبقات الإسفلت بحسب نتائج اختبار من أجل إعادة تأهيل
- إعادة تأهيل شبكة تجميع مياه الأمطار عند الحاجة
- وضع إشارات السير وتخطيط الطرقات
- بناء جدران دعم وحاجز السلامة عند الحاجة



6. الآثار البيئية والاجتماعية السلبية المحتملة للمشروع خلال مرحلة التنفيذ

التدابير التخفيفية	الآثار المحتملة على المجتمع
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> التخطيط والتشغيل السليمين للتحويلات المرورية إعادة تأهيل الطريق بشكل تدريجي وضع علامات سير وأنظمة إضاءة في الأماكن الحساسة لضمان سلامة النقل 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> تغير في حركة السير
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> تطوير خطة للتأكد من التزام المقاولين بالمبادئ التوجيهية للصحة والسلامة المهنية توفير المعدات المناسبة للحماية الشخصية توفير التدريب على الصحة والسلامة المهنية للعمال توفير إرشادات السلامة فيما يخص الأضواء والشرائط البرتقالية والبيضاء... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> خطر على الصحة والسلامة المهنية والعمامة (في حال حصول اي حادث)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> تسريع العمل من خلال الوضع والالتزام بأهداف ومقاييس واضحة لتقييم الأداء ومتابعة سير العمل إعادة تأهيل الطريق بشكل تدريجي 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> تأثر الحركة التجارية للمؤسسات والمحال القائمة على جانبي الطريق
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> حصر الأعمال في ساعة محددة ومصرح عنها سابقاً صيانة دورية للمعدات وتجنب تعطلها الحد من استخدام الأجهزة والمعدات التي تسبب الضوضاء خصوصاً بالقرب من المنشآت الحساسة (المدارس وأماكن الصلاة) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> الضوضاء

6. الآثار البيئية والاجتماعية السلبية المحتملة للمشروع خلال مرحلة التنفيذ

التدابير التخفيفية	الآثار المحتملة على البيئة
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> إستخدام آلات ذات انبعاثات منخفضة توجيه مصادر الانبعاثات بعيداً عن المساكن المحيطة رش الطرق بانتظام بالمياه لمكافحة الغبار تغطية مركبات نقل المواد الأولية والمخلفات من وإلى موقع المشروع تحديد سرعة الشاحنات والمركبات 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> تلوث الهواء
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> استخدام حواجز لمنع وصول الترسبات الرملية الى قنوات المياه تغطية مواد البناء لتجنب غسلها الى المسطحات المائية تطبيق ممارسات ترشيد المياه من قبل عمال البناء 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> تلوث المياه
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> التأكد من صيانة المركبات والمعدات ومن عدم وجود أي تسرب للوقود توفير أطقم في الموقع لمعالجة أي انسكاب عرضي على الفور تعيين مسؤولين عن الممارسات الجيدة في الموقع بما في ذلك العلاج السريع لأي انسكاب عرضي 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> تلوث التربة
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> تدريب الموظفين على إدارة النفايات إزالة المخلفات الصلبة من الموقع خلال 24 ساعة، والتخلص منها في مكبات قانونية محددة. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> إنشاء المخلفات الصلبة

7. خطة الإدارة البيئية والاجتماعية

هدف الخطة الإدارة البيئية: مراقبة المشروع والتأكد من مطابقته مع جميع المعايير البيئية. بعد دراسة الآثار المحتملة للمشروع، تقوم الدراسة باقتراح اساليب تخفيفية لهذه الآثار وسبل لمراقبتها.

خطة الإدارة البيئية تتضمن:

- مراقبة نوعية المياه
- مراقبة نوعية التربة
- مراقبة نوعية الهواء
- مراقبة نوعية التنوع البيولوجي
- مراقبة الصحة والسلامة العامة
- خطة طوارئ في حال حدوث اي حادث مفاجئ.

6. الآثار البيئية والاجتماعية السلبية المحتملة للمشروع خلال مرحلة التشغيل

التدابير التخفيفية	الآثار المحتملة على البيئة
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> استخدام مصادر الإضاءة الصديقة للطيور بدلاً من الأضواء الصناعية للطرق العامة 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> اضطراب الأنظمة الأيكولوجية (زيادة مستويات التلوث الضوئي)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> إعادة تأهيل شبكة تجميع مياه الأمطار عند الحاجة 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> زيادة الجريان السطحي (Increased runoff) وتسرب محتمل للمعادن الثقيلة
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> وضع إشارات المرور وتعيين الحد الأقصى لسرعة المركبات 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> زيادة سرعة السائقين

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